

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

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District Governor District 105M 2015/16

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“reach out to serve”

PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL MEMBERS

Hello everyone,

[The Midland Newsletter](#)

- I hope that you have all read and enjoyed the excellent newsletter compiled and circulated by Lion Jaap. It is full of news and photographs of what is going on in the district – and what a lot there is!
- As I have said before, I have consciously not put photographs in my own newsletter, so as not to incur printing costs for Club secretaries, but please make sure that you do print out Midland News in all of its glory and share it with every member of your Club.

[Vacancy in the Office of First Vice District Governor, 2015/16, Re Advertisement](#)

- I will shortly formally call again for nominations from Clubs to our Constitutions and Nominations Officer, PDG Ron Cross, of suitably qualified candidates to fill the vacancy for the remaining term of this year.

[Convention Call for District Convention 2016 and Call for Resolutions and Nominations for District Governor Team for 2016/17](#)

- I have recently issued an invitation to our District Convention next March 18th-20th at Sketchley Grange Hotel, Hinckley.
- Convention Chairman Danielle and her team are working hard it will be a really enjoyable event and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.
- We will also be looking to elect the incoming District Governor Team for 2016/17; if you would like to consider standing as 2nd Vice District Governor for 2016/17 please contact me or IPDG Ian Haffner, Chairman of our Leadership Team, for an informal chat.

- We will also be running an information evening for everyone who is interested in becoming a District Governor, so that formal nominations can be made by Clubs to CNRO PDG Ron before 30th November 2015, which is also the date for the submission of Resolutions for debate at our Convention.

Autumn Forum

- Sunday, October 18th will be our Autumn Forum at the St John's Hotel, Solihull.
- This is your event, and the workshops which are being offered are in response to specific requests from Clubs for help and guidance.
- Please come along and join in and find out more about the advantages for Clubs of conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and some really good hands-on workshops on issues where members have asked for some help including:
 - guidance on practical help with the completion of MYLCI and information on how it can be a useful tool for all clubs,
 - on food safety,
 - and a communications update, with a session on tips for dealing with the media from a BBC Local Radio presenter.!
- You can also meet your District Officers and discuss the projects which are running in the district and nationally and internationally as well.
- Lion John Barnes, our District Events Officer, is taking bookings for the event- so please sign up!

The Visit of Immediate Past International President Joe Preston

- Late September saw IPIP Joe , who is the Chairman of the International LCIF committee, and his charming wife Joni visit us here in District 105M.
- I had the pleasure of accompanying him over his 4 day visit when he visited my husband's Dave's project for a hologram in the MRI scanner at the Birmingham Children's Hospital National Acute Centre, then on to the SIFA fireside project, to the Marie Curie Hospice and to Worcester Warriors Rugby Club to discuss sport and young people.
- IPIP Joe took the opportunity to meet with several local members over dinner in the evenings that he was with us, and with the national District Governor Teams and the national LCIF Co-ordinators. I know that he and Joni were delighted with the warmth of his welcome from our District and with the excellent service which members are providing in the community.

Support for the Refugee Crisis in Europe

- As promised, I have enquired about what we can do to help the with refugee crisis in Europe.
- LCIF has opened a designated fund to hold any donations which Clubs would like to

make to support humanitarian assistance through Lions in the affected areas and in refugee camps bordering war zones. I am advised that such donations will attract credit for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

- All such donations should be sent via the District Treasurer, clearly designating what they are for.
- The whole issue of how and what assistance can be offered by Lions in this crisis will be discussed at Europa Forum this coming weekend, and I hope to be able to give you more information very soon.

Payment of Dues – New Time Limits

- As we were all notified this spring, the International Board has tightened up the rules on the collection of payments from Clubs, and they are rigorously enforcing the 90 day rule before applying financial suspension. The deadline for payment is now **12th October**, just one week away, rather than 1st November.
- I know that District Treasurer PDG Brian has been busy reminding Clubs to meet the new deadline for payment of any outstanding amounts from those which were due in July, to avoid formal action against them from Oak Brook.
- If Clubs have any problems in identifying what should be paid, please contact Brian in good time before the next instalment is due in January, and come along to the MYLCI sessions at Autumn Forum to see what help is available.

Possible Redistricting and the Streamlining of Multiple District Organisation and Governance

- I can assure you that no decisions have been taken as yet, and that reports on these issues will be put to the Council of Governors October meeting for consideration.
- There will then be wide consultation about the way forwards, and I will be asking for your views on whatever is proposed.

Myself and VDG2 Chris will continue to visit Clubs and Zone meetings and to attend Club events and Charters over the next month, and we look forwards very much to meeting you while we are out and about.

With kind regards, as always

Heather