

# DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

## November 2015



### District Governor District 105M 2015/16

#### Lion Heather Jeavons

“reach out to serve”

PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL MEMBERS

Hello everyone,

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

- I am delighted to announce that on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Special Election Meeting, PDG Ron Cross has been elected to serve as First Vice District Governor for the remainder of the 2015/16 year.

#### [Autumn Forum](#)

- The Forum was held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 85 Lions from around the District. Excellent presentations included an overview of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation process by Lion Martin Hill, explaining the potential advantages of gift aid on members subscriptions and of limited liability. The work on the CIO changes has been going on for 2 years now, but has only recently been agreed with the Charities Commission and HMRC. Our District will be one of the first to be asked if Clubs would like to participate to become CIO's, and the necessary paperwork has recently been issued to Clubs for consideration.

#### [Reports on Redistricting, Governance and International Convention Costs](#)

- The three reports, concerning the geographic boundaries of present and future districts, the governance processes of the Multiple District, and the costs of MD participation in the International Convention (as raised by District 105M to the Council of Governors in 2014/15), have recently been circulated for consideration by every member.
- These issues are a matter of great importance, as we must take decisions now as to how to take the MD forwards once District 105I, Ireland, leaves the MD on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, as is now almost certain to happen.
- I am sure that we all wish that these issues did not need to be considered at the same time as the CIO changes are with us, but we must address the loss of income to the MD from the departure of our Irish colleagues, and also take a look at the size and governance of the remaining districts before the departure of District 105I potentially

causes LCI to instigate the redistricting process on us rather than doing it ourselves.

- These reports will be discussed at our Cabinet meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, and then at the Zone Meetings in the week or so which follow Cabinet. Please discuss them in your Club, and ensure that your views are fed back to me as soon as possible. The redistricting proposals will of course be subject to reconsideration where necessary to take account of very particular local geographic or cultural circumstances, and I have already discussed one particular situation with one of our clubs.

### Young Ambassador and Peace Poster Competitions

- The 2015/16 Young Ambassador Competition will also be held on 22 November at the St Johns Hotel Solihull. The Young people are always so inspiring, and it is wonderful for them to have an attentive audience, so if you would like to attend, let our District Officer Young Ambassador Officer, Lion Cath Kendall, know.
- We will also have the judging of the 2015/16 Peace Poster Competition. If your Club is entering, please let District Competitions Officer Lion Ken Barker know and arrange with him to have your Club's posters delivered to him before 22 November.

### Out and About

- The month of October was very busy, with a visit to Wolverhampton Club, a visit to fulfil an engagement for the Evesham Club, which has now closed, to Balsall Common's Malcolm Stent and Priory Players Evenings, and Charter dinners at Marston Green, Sutton Coldfield & Erdington, Northampton and Northampton Eighty Clubs. We also had our Autumn Forum and I also attended a three day meeting of the Council of Governors where the three reports mentioned above and the CIO programme were debated in depth and at length over the three day meeting.
- You all made me very welcome as I have visited, and it was a great pleasure to present long service chevrons to members of those clubs. It is clear that there are some wonderful service activities being undertaken by the Lions of District 105M.
- Lion Dave sends his thanks to everyone who has contributed to his project for the Hologram Scanner Appeal, and to everyone for their good wishes following his knee replacement surgery. He is now scuttling about on his crutches, and will be out and about again and good as new!
- Now that we are back up to strength with a full DG Team, Ron, Chris and myself will be contacting Clubs to confirm our visits in the near future.

### Sad News

- This month we learned of the sad death of Lion Bill Ranautta, the District International Relations Officer, whilst overseas on a business trip. He will be sadly missed by us all.

With kind regards, as always

*Heather*