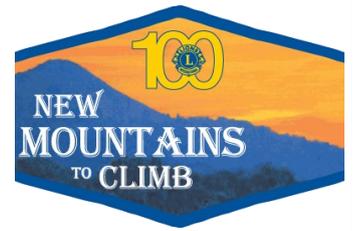




DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF MY YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR - THE SEQUEL

At the time of writing we are about 4 hours away from being picked up and taken to Birmingham Airport to start the flights to Japan for the International Convention. LCI have arranged a heavy schedule of classroom seminars for me prior to being sworn in as your District Governor for 2016-17. However, there are some interesting events in the evenings. Linda will be able to wander with other "partners". Lots of shops I am told. Once you have seen one lot of shops you have seen the Mall! When the Convention is over we will be travelling to Sri Lanka to revisit our old friends from Hikkaduwa Lions. Time for the older Lions in UK to tell younger Lions about Hikkaduwa and North Sea Lions Projects. Hikkaduwa was 1986. We shall be there for a few day holiday before returning to UK on Thursday 7th July. Our webmaster, Joy, says I know how to send photographs from Japan via my Dropbox. If there are any photos in this letter, then I can, but if not, I will need more training in Dropbox technology. *(Note from Webmistress - Yes District Governor more training is required).*



The new International Presidents theme is 'New Mountains to Climb'

yes we do have mountains to climb, but together we can reach the top.

My theme for the year is get me a Lion and we all know how important recruitment and retention is for our future.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for her constant support and encouragement.

Please circulate to all Club Members

Presidents. In your first business meeting, make sure that you sign the Safety Statement of Intent, on behalf of your club, and return it to DO Lion Ray Stephens, by the end of the month. If you do not have a form, then ring him and ask for one. Go for it! 100% returns by the end of July. Let's start the year positively.

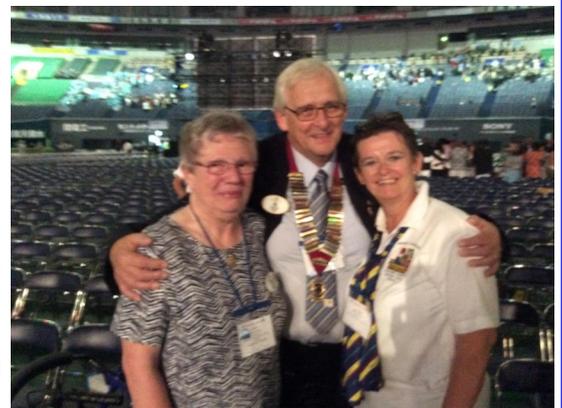


Secretaries. In your first meeting pass a form around asking each member to let you know what they have done towards the Centennial Challenges since the last month. Then, go on to MyLCI and record the totals on behalf of your Club. Let us know what you have done

so that we can tell the public what we can do together. Keep it up all year!

Treasurers. Please make sure that you reply to Oakbrook and our District Treasurer promptly when they ask for subscriptions. The sooner the better, if we are to avoid changes in the conversion rates. Make sure that you are on the ball regarding CIO's, Trust Accounts etc. Keep the Charities Commission happy.

My fellow Lions. I haven't forgotten the rest of you. Keep up the good work serving our communities. Get involved with the Centennial Challenges. Whist you are doing it, Have Fun! May I remind you of the strapline I introduced at our Convention. FIND ME A LION. Or two. More members. More service. Simple equation that should be obvious to every Lion. All I ask is that you do your best for our organisation. Nobody can ask more than that.



Photos. We will see. (Note from Webmistress - but I have other sources.)

Regions and Zones one of my first tasks as DG was to put my cabinet together and I thank all the officers old and new for stepping up to represent our district. You will see there has been some changes to the zone structure and I hope you will work with me to ensure this structure is a better one for the district as a whole.



I look forward to meeting you all as I tour the district in my year as DG

Don't forget to come to the District Hand-over Sunday 10th July, St Johns Hotel Solihull. Events Officer Lion John Barnes will tell you the time when you book.

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