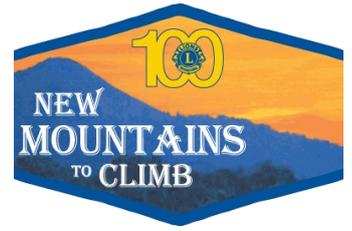




## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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### SECOND NEWSLETTER OF MY YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR - THE SEQUEL



#### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUKUOKA, JAPAN

I don't remember what we were expecting when we landed in Japan. What we do remember is the service that we were given by the young people in the hotel and the buses that were ready for us when we needed them and sometimes when we didn't. We did not see much of the city until the parade. I was too busy, with my fellow DGs attending yet another DG school. Some of it was fun. Mixing with DGs from across the world, demonstrates the size of our organisation and the much bigger picture than our small club patches in the UK. Even though it was my second time, the swearing in of over 700 DGs was as emotional as the first time.

After Japan, we had decided to visit Sri Lanka for a holiday with friends from Hikkaduwa Lions Club that we had met after the tsunami in 2005.

Most of the damage caused by the tsunami has been cleared "OUR" Community Centre stands proud as does the associated school and education offices. We were welcomed by old friends and made some new ones. We were shown the numerous shrines and memorials to the thousands of people who lost their lives after Christmas in 2004. It was hot and humid, not really conducive to relaxation and rest, but we enjoyed it!



#### What has been happening at home?

Membership must always be top of the agenda for all cbs. I am pleased to see that 105M is +3 at the end of July. Remember my strapline, FIND ME A LION or two! More Lions, more service, simple!

**Please circulate to all Club Members**

Some clubs still have not entered their details on MyLCI. Even if you are going forward with the same officers as last year you must enter those officers for the new year because the slate is wiped clean on 1<sup>st</sup> July each year. My LCI is used to compose the new directory, so your details might be missing. Its not too late to enter because our new on-line directory can be updated throughout the year.

### Visits!

DG Visits. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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### District Governor's Partner's Appeal

I looked around the District and could not come up with a project that would cover the whole District that had not been done before. I therefore turned my attention to the Centenary Challenge that had been set for all of us, particularly as this Lion's year includes 2017! We are asked to do something for all 4 of the Centenary Challenges, YOUTH, SIGHT, HUNGER and ENVIRONMENT.

I have therefore turned my attention to a school for blind and partially sighted children in Ndola, Zambia. The school was the project of Lions in Zambia with help from LCIF. The school opened in 1974, (Youth & Sight).

Before Christmas last year the school authorities had to send some of the children home before the end of term because they did not have enough money to buy food for them all, (Hunger).

Local Lions and business people have cleared land around the school so that the pupils and staff can grow vegetables, keep chickens, goats and pigs, (Environment).



I presented my appeal at District Changeover and was overwhelmed by the donation of money there and then.

I am aiming to be able to purchase Braille machines, which are "typewriters" for the blind, (each machine costs about £700) together with the special paper required which is thick enough to take the raised dots and dashes. Money will be dealt with by the Lions Club of Ndola and they will have my blessing to spend money on food if an emergency situation arises.

The school does have a website which is [nlsfvi.blogspot.com](http://nlsfvi.blogspot.com) so that you can investigate it further. I would like you to donate money so that we can purchase as many of the Braille machines as possible. I realise that there are a lot of demands on your funds but I hope that you can help me.

At Cabinet meetings I want to try to hold a raffle to help raise some money. I have the DG's permission to try it but that I must not interfere with the meeting. I am therefore appealing for donations of raffle prizes. These can either be from Cabinet Officers or friends who can pass them to Cabinet Officers to be brought to the meeting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Thanking you in anticipation.

*Linda Cross*



**Together...we can make it!**

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