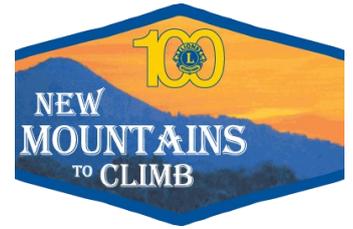




DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH NEWSLETTER OF MY YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR - THE SEQUEL

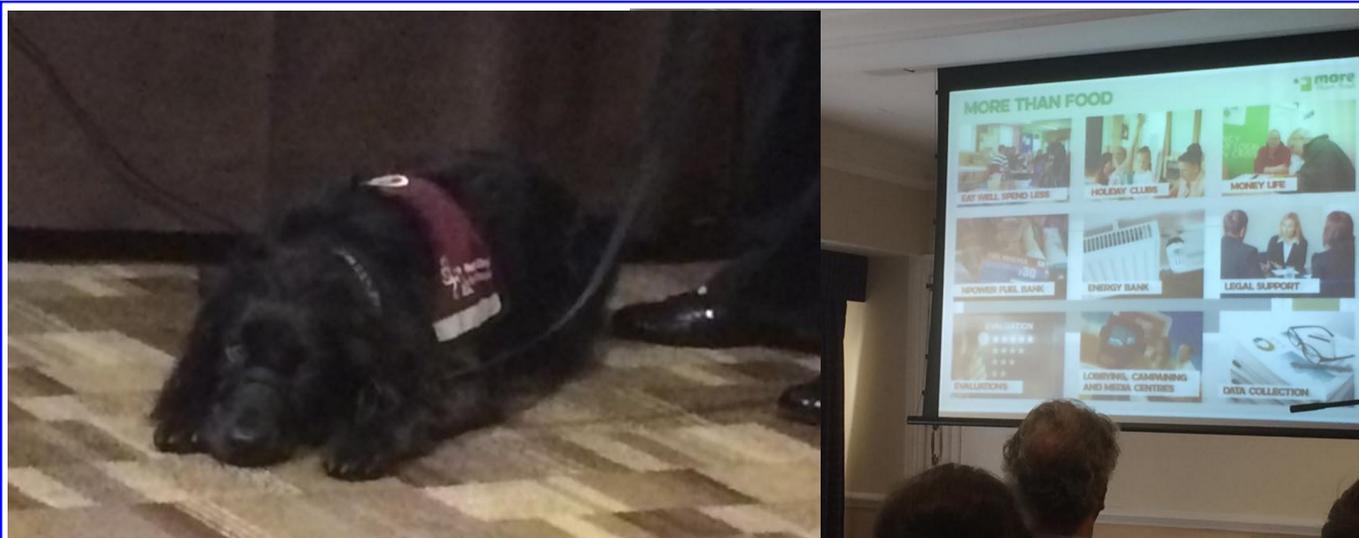
Last month Linda and I managed to complete all of our stated visits and get home safely in spite of the efforts of the Highway Authority. It is quite a surprise to come out of a club meeting, start off on the road home and then find that the A14 is closed in both directions. Then the fun starts, trying to find a route home in strange territory. We managed. Arrived home a bit late some nights but had a lie in, in the morning. One of the benefits of being retired.

There was an extra visit to those published last month. We went to a meeting of District Medic Alert Officers at Milton Keynes where we were shown the offices and workshops of Medic Alert. Quite impressive, both offices and workshop. Small but very professionally managed. I was impressed with the up to date technology, laser engraving, electronic welding control in an inert environment for example. This was supported by excellent software and design technology.

Medic Alert is a Charity but of necessity it is run along business lines and ploughs any profits into new materials and designs as well as into the service available to its clients. Well worth a donation from Lions every now and then.



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I congratulate PDG Lion Ian Haffner and his team on producing the excellent programme at Autumn Forum. I have not heard a grouse or a grumble. I can only conclude that you all enjoyed it as much as I did. How many of you went out and bought a spaniel puppy last week? Just think, if you made enough donations we could give a deaf person something to take care of them. Pass the message to those who were not there and get more donations for the district's Hearing Dog. The centennial challenge demands it. After Lion Melissa's excellent power point presentation, I am sure that you are all now clearer about the amounts that clubs need to provide to amass the numbers set for the MD Centennial Challenges.



No October would not be complete without a Council of Governors week end. A lot of subjects were discussed and decisions agreed. Winner of the longest time of discussion was, of course, redistricting, trying to come up with a solution to satisfy the needs and the desires of a very diverse Lions population. By the time you read this newsletter all Club Presidents and Secretaries should have received a Council of Governors paper on proposals for a resolution at MD Convention in Blackpool. There is a form for feedback. We want to receive that form, where it states it is to be sent, from every club in the country. If you think we have made a "pigs ear" then say so! If there are points you don't agree to, then say so! If you couldn't care less, say so! If you think we have done a wonderful job under the circumstances, then say so. Please! Let the feedback be the clubs feeling, not just a few lions. We want all Lions to participate.

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NEW MEMBERS

It is very pleasing to welcome new members into the family of Lions. Here are those we have persuaded to join in October.

Birmingham Chinatown	Lion John Pottinger
Shirley	Lion Heather Hobson, Lion Ali Kubba and Lion Veronica Ridley
Worcester	Lion Jane Terry

This is good news, but, 105M is still 7 down on the year so far.

Enough of October, where are we going in November? See below

DG Team Travels — November**District Governor Lion Ron**

1 st	Sandwell CV
2 nd	Southam CV
5 th	Worcester CD
9 th	Coventry Mercia CV
10 th	Dudley CV
11 th	Bewdley Rotary Quiz (with Kidderminster)
12 th	Harborough 20 12 CD
13 th	London Cenotaph Remembrance
14 th	Wellesbourne CV
15 th	Solihull CV
16 th	Birmingham Exhibition CV
17 th	Kidderminster Business meeting
20 th	Cabinet
23 rd	Zone E Meeting Worcester

1st VDG Lion Chris

7 th	Bromsgrove CV
14 th	Kettering CV

Partner's Project

Since last month I have had the opportunity to speak to Lion Ramesh Sood, the Lion from Ndola Lions Club who looks after the Ndola School for Blind and Visually Impaired Children. He has been over visiting his son in London. He informs me that the pig that I have shown in my presentations at Autumn Forum and Changeover has been stolen. The sty is too far from the school buildings for it to have been under constant supervision and the result was the theft!

I have sent some money to the school already and will be informed as to the use that has been made of it. I did say that I would like them to purchase a Braille and some of the special paper the machines need, but I did add the rider that if there was a greater need then use the money for or towards that need. All I ask is that they let me know what they have spent it on.

I had not intended to run a raffle at Autumn Forum but one was called for from the floor. An anonymous, generous Lion provided a "posh bottle of booze!", the winner then gave it for auction and £84 was raised. Thank you all.

I intend to run a raffle at the next Cabinet Meeting and I have already been given some prizes, thank you.

Linda Cross

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