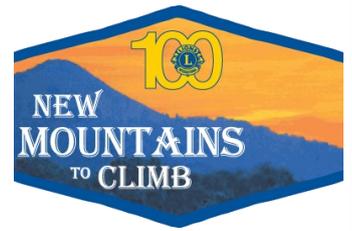




DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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SIXTH NEWSLETTER OF MY YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR - THE SEQUEL

Membership. Still the most important item on your agenda for the month of December. The good news from the figures at the end of November is that we have a net gain on the beginning of July. It's only small but let's not become complacent about it. Traditionally, the month of December is when a lot of Lions decide that they are not going to renew their subscription on January 1st. Please try to talk to them and understand why they are leaving. It may be something trivial that is easily corrected. It may not be trivial and will cause others to follow next June, if not sooner. If you cannot persuade them to stay and give it another go, we, **will need to work harder with less members to do the service. So, it is worth having a shot at conciliation.**

Christmas Activities. Probably the most concentrated activities of the Lions Calendar. Christmas Lights switches-on, parties, puddings and pies. You all know what I mean. This is also probably the time of most concentrated contact with non-lions in the calendar. Is that not the best time to look around at what other people are enjoying? How about joining in? Talk to them and explain what you are doing and how you might get together and help with each other's projects. Ask them if they would like to join you in your social events and try to get to know each other better. Let's face it, our membership figures are so dire that anything is worth trying, isn't it?

Redistricting and MD Convention. I can hear the groans. Promise me two things that you will fit in in the next week or two. The first, discuss with your Club, the latest proposals put forward by Council of Governors on redistricting of MD105. Discuss it seriously and return the feedback to MDHQ before the end of December. Council will consider all your comments so that we can formulate a resolution for Blackpool that will strengthen the MD to provide more service in the community. What is the second one? Start planning to get as many voting delegates to Blackpool to vote on this and other resolutions at the MD Convention. It is no good waiting till the last minute. Come for the day if Social Events are not your thing. Car sharing may be worth looking at or close clubs sharing the cost of a coach.

Governor's Travels. When Linda and I looked at our programme for the year we decided not to seek Dg Club visits in December. The weather and the roads are treacherous in December so we decided that long distance travel was not to be desired. Not that we won't be thinking of you all. However, family, Club and Santa take priority. See you in the New Year and may all the season's greetings be good ones.

DG Ron

Linda's Partner's Project. During the month of November, we have had another Cabinet meeting at which I ran another raffle with many Lions donating prizes. Again, this helped to raise more money for the school. I have been attending club meetings with Ron on his DG travels. I have been given donations for the school and thank those clubs for their generosity.

Each year I organise the PDGs Christmas Lunch. We started off by giving Christmas Cards to all our peers, but we have recently changed to donating to the DG Partner's Appeal. This of course does not stop anyone from giving cards to their close friends. The money that was given for the school was passed to District Treasurer to add to the account.

Friends "who knit" have knitted woolly hats for the pupils to wear in the cooler weather. I have posted off about 80 hats (I lost count when packing them!) and they are on their way to the Lions Club of Ndola. When they arrive in Ndola, they will be passed on to the pupils.

Once more I would like to thank all those Lions and partners that have helped the disadvantaged pupils of this school.

Linda Cross

Please circulate to all Club Members