



DISTRICT HANDOVER

On Sunday 22 July the formal “**Handover**” took place.

I was able to introduce most of the amazing Team who I am honoured to lead and will ensure a great year for **YOUR** District. Thanks to so many of you who came to support the event.

Special thanks must go to **Lions John Barnes, Darren Blenkiron, Joy Haffner** and my Sergeant-at-Arms **Heather Lee** for making us look so good.



WELCOME TO DISTRICT 105M

I am pleased to welcome the following new Members to District 105M:

Bedworth

Stuart MacPherson, Andy Toal

Birmingham Chinatown

John Cooper, Megan Jones

Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath

Johanna Chandler

Knowle & Dorridge

Claire Bartlett, Hayley Franks

Marston Green

Jenny Hall

Northampton 80

David Hawkins

I look forward to working with you in the future.

LCIF APPEAL – FLOODING IN JAPAN

As many of us were returning from the 101st annual Lions Clubs International Convention, Lions from Japan were welcomed home by historic rains in the southwestern part of their country. The massive amount of rain - 14 inches in only two hours - caused immense flooding. Many people lost their lives, others lost their homes, and millions of people have been evacuated.

We know Lions everywhere join us in sending their thoughts and prayers to residents in the flooded area.

As rain continues to fall, Lions in Japan are providing relief in the way of much-needed supplies to people who have been evacuated. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has approved US\$300,000 in designated disaster funding to assist local Lions in their quick response to this disaster.

The generous support of Lions allows LCIF to provide disaster relief funding at a moment's notice. That is why it is important for you to support LCIF.

Can you Club answer the call and send much needed Funds. This should be done via the District Treasurer.



REDISTRICTING

Our new District: A great opportunity

On 23rd September we will get together in Ross-on-Wye to formally create our new District 105CW. Together with our colleagues from 105W and 105E will elect the District Governor and two Vice-Governors for 2019-2020.

We have a great opportunity to examine the way we do Lionism and to build a district that will support our clubs to provide the best possible service to their communities. This won't just happen and it won't be something that someone else will do for us. It will require us all to play our part in electing and supporting the right leaders and to let them know what we need our district to do for us.

We can also meet and work with our new friends to carry out bigger and better projects together.

Please make sure that you take advantage of this opportunity by sending delegates, and other members, to the convention on 23 September.

Let's build the best District in the country – 105CW!

WHERE WILL THE DG TEAM BE?

CLUB VISITS

District Governor

- 5 September –
Coventry Godiva Lions Club
- 18 September –
Worcester Lions Club
- 19 September –
Southam Lions Club

Zone Meetings

- 16 August –
Zone D Meeting
- 22 August –
Zone E Meeting
- 23 August –
Zone C Meeting
- 29 August –
Zone A Meeting

2nd Vice-District Governor

- 6 September –
Castle Bromwich Lions
- 10 September –
Hinckley & Burbage Lions
- 14 September –
Acocks Green Lions

WHERE HAVE I BEEN IN THE LAST MONTH?

- 20 July –
Birmingham Chinatown Lions
Club-Charter Evening
- 1 August –
Northampton Lions Club
- 2 August –
Aldridge Lions Club
- 7 August –
Northampton 80 Lions Club
- 15 August –
Towcester Lions Club



KASH'S PARTNERS APPEAL

My partners appeal this year is a project to raise both awareness and funds for suicide prevention in young people.



My chosen charity is called **PAPYRUS**. Every year many hundreds of young people take their own lives in the UK. Many thousands more contemplate suicide; many harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak openly about how they are feeling.

PAPYRUS exists to give young people hope and to prevent young suicide. The charity was set-up by parents who had lost their children to suicide.

Throughout the year I will be attending zone meetings with Stewart to talk more about what I hope we can achieve and hopefully discuss some ideas with clubs across the region. As part of the appeal I am planning on doing a 'Challenge' every other month, this could be anything from skydiving to super-market bag packing or even having custard pie's smashed in my face (as long as the club president does it too). **I am up for a challenge!** I am currently finalising a dedicated Facebook page which will have all the information everyone will need, including dates and details of events. Although it is a very serious subject, I want to make our efforts as fun as we can. It is not just about raising money, Papyrus also offer **FREE** training for community champions (people who are suicide aware), who are able to spot the signs and hopefully prevent someone from taking their own life and give guidance about where to get help. I have been trained to deliver this training and am happy to visit clubs to train others.

I am looking forward to working with you all and hopefully raising funds and awareness for what I feel is a very worthy cause.

Kash Sherman-Kahn

DG Partner



SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

On 13 October a Social Media Workshop will be taking place at MDHQ from 10am to 1pm.

Should you wish to attend please contact the District PR Officer Dave Blakeman publicity@lions105m.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd September 2018
SPECIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION
The Chase Hotel Ross-on-Wye

14th October 2018
DISTRICT AUTUMN FORUM

16th March 2019
DISTRICT CONVENTION

4th and 5th May 2109
MD105 CONVENTION in Swansea
at Brangwyn Hall and the Convention hotel
is the Marriott

GET IN TOUCH

You can contact me anytime...
Mobile: **07973 833 519**
Email: dg@lions105m.org.uk

I will also be at MDHQ
on the afternoon of
Tuesday 11 September 2018
from 12 noon until 4pm.

If you would like to book an
appointment to see me please
email our District Secretary Brigitte
secretary@lions105m.org.uk

Or you can Facetime, Skype
or phone in.