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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Welcome to your newsletter from the District Governor

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

After the surprising sunshine which we enjoyed over the Easter weekend it seems that many Clubs are busy preparing for events. So great to see.

As I write I am preparing for the MD Convention in Swansea. I have a busy weekend ahead. I hope to see many of you there. I am particularly looking forward to catching up with our International President Lion Gudrun. She inspired me in Las Vegas and hope she will do the same to all who are there to hear her speak on the Saturday Business Day.

On the 19 May we hold the final Cabinet of District 105M. This in many ways will be the end of an era but as I see it we have an exciting opportunity as WE create the new District 105CW.

We have had a great year of Service and growth in Membership and I hope that we can continue that momentum into the new Lions year.

ZONE C CHAIR JAAP CYCLES TO MD CONVENTION IN SWANSEA

Suicide is a big taboo and I can understand why, I myself lost a close relative. A Member of Shirley Lions Club investigates suicides on the railways and the stories he tells tear your heart apart. Whatever we can do to bring the numbers down is important.

Kash has chosen Papyrus for the DG Partner's Appeal. It aims to prevent suicide of younger people. He promotes it with an energy that has seen this charity become the focus of many activities in our District.

I have cycled to our annual national convention a number of times in support of various charities. This time I dedicate my ride to Papyrus.

Please donate generously.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/solihull2swansea-cycle>



WELCOME TO DISTRICT 105M

I am pleased to welcome the following new Members to District 105M. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Corby

Joyce Dangerfield
Mike Taylor

Coventry Godiva

Manoj Patnaik

Coventry Mercia

Daljit Dahal

Kingswinford & Stourbridge

Omar Ali
David Tipper

Shakespeare

Barry Shakespeare

Shirley

Carl Miller

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LCIF EMERGENCY APPEAL



Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are in a state of national emergency and are leading a humanitarian response in their respective countries, supported by humanitarian partners.

Thousands of people are missing, hundreds reported dead, and search and rescue efforts are ongoing. The government and authorities report the need for emergency relief items including tents, food, medicines, and helicopters for rescue operations and delivery of assistance.

Due to the extensive damage to roads from extremely heavy rains, it has been difficult to assist affected people.

To assist local Lions in their relief efforts, LCIF has awarded three grants; two emergency grants of US \$10,000 and a Major Catastrophe Grant of US \$50,000 to provide resources such as maize flour, clothing, tents, blankets, and other needed relief items in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe; with more grants that may follow.

If your Club wishes to support the work of LCIF to assist the area devastated to recover then donations should be made payable to "Lions Clubs International MD105 Appeal Fund" endorsed on the back with "LCIF Disaster Fund" via our District Treasurer.

Donations towards the LCIF Disaster Fund do attract MJF recognition and counts towards the Campaign 100 targets.

DG TRAVELS

Since my last newsletter I have visited the following Clubs... Rugby Rokeby and Thurnby.



I have also attended the Charters of... Kidderminster & District Lions, Acocks Green Lions and Bromsgrove Lions.



It has been great to see you all.

WHERE WILL THE DG TEAM BE NEXT MONTH?

CLUB VISITS

8 May **District Governor**
Marston Green Lions

CHARTERS AND OTHER EVENTS

10 May Marston Green Race Night
11 May Coventry Mercia Lions Charter
17 May Droitwich Lions Charter
18 May Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions Charter
19 May Cabinet Meeting
22 May Zone H Meeting
25 May Coventry Godiva Lions Charter



KASH'S PARTNERS APPEAL

So many of you have worked with me again this month and a special mention must go to Bromsgrove, Ruby Rokeby and Malvern Hills Lions for their donations and fund-raising for the Appeal.

We are approaching the end of the Appeal but I truly hope that you will continue to support Papyrus by raising awareness of such an important issue.

I must also Mention Lion Jaap who cycled to Swansea to support the Appeal. This is a great achievement and hats off to him for his efforts.

Take care of yourself and each other.



As always the **Papyrus HOPELINE** is open to take calls from young people or their families who need help/ support.
0800 068 4141

Help can also be reached through **Samaritans** on: **116 123**

Kash Sherman-Kahn DG Partner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th – 8th July 2109
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Milan

20 July 2019
District CW Launch
Worcester County Cricket Ground

14th – 16th February 2020
CW Convention

21st – 23rd February 2020
MD Young Ambassador Final
The Village Hotel Dudley

GET IN TOUCH

You can contact me anytime...

By mobile: **07973 833 519**

By email: **dg@lions105m.org.uk**

I will also be at MDHQ on **Wednesday 12 June, 2019** from 12 noon until 5.30pm.

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

Or you can Facetime, Skype or phone in.



CW District Governor Elect Lion Ian Gott

It is not long now until 9th July (the official day) for the start of the new District 105CW. There are a few changes happening as we put together the new District - subtle change from Committees to Teams (Teams are committed to the shared goals of the team and promise to be accountable for the end-result). Although we now have more Lions in our new District, membership is still a key area for our survival, so we will have two District Membership Teams, one to help existing clubs and one to form new Lions Clubs.

There will be four Regions and one of the four Zone Chairs in each Region will represent all four Zones. More District events will help to bring together all the Lions in the new District. There are plans underway for a New District Launch in July, an Autumn Forum in November (when for many reasons we may hold DG Elections) and of course our District Convention in February 2020.

The District Governor Team (1st VDG Richard Williams, 2nd VDG Jaap de Jonge and myself) are busy planning our Club visits, which with 95 clubs to visit (from Fishguard to Oakham), is quite a task. We would like to squeeze in as many as possible before the dark nights arrive so once back from International Convention in Milan we are planning a busy August and September.

Dates for your Diary

20th July 2019 (Hog Roast at Worcester)

3rd November 2019 (Autumn Forum)

14th – 16th February 2020 (District Convention)

We are still looking for a few more willing helpers to join the District Teams, particularly for people with communication and IT skills.



Lion Ian Gott

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