



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Sydney 2010 Convention. A good representation from the Multiple District were there and the pictures below show just some of them. If it seems the bus is a long time coming well its last stop was Sydney!



The BIG RED BUS

Well a month seems to of flown by and now is the time when I will commence my club visits. Letters have already been sent out and the first replies are in so my travels begin and I look forward to meeting everyone.

After the International Convention I was duly inducted as your District Governor at the District Handover on Sunday 18th July and after a pleasant meal attended by eighty-nine Lions and friends PID Phil Nathan who had accepted the invitation to lunch read out the Oath of Office and swore me in in front of everyone.



IPDG Femi handing over the DG chain



PID Phil Nathan congratulating your new DG

After lunch the District Officers were introduced to everyone and given their individual chains and/or badge of office. Both the VDGs were there and pictures show their chain of office being presented to your next two governors subject to their re-lection.



The first Council of Governors meeting for this new Lions year took place on July 23-25 and I will reporting back to Cabinet on Sunday 15 August. I hope to see many of you at Autumn Forum where we will have a full programme with some very interesting speakers.

Autumn Forum

Sunday 17th October 2010 - Holiday Inn (Airport)

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Youth Camp - The students arrived in Birmingham on Tuesday 13th July and were all staying at the Queen Alexander College in Harborne, Birmingham. On the following Sunday I accompanied other District Officers to the camp for an excellent Sunday lunch with them all. The students came from Argentina and Mexico to America, Japan and many European Countries, in total 25 different Nationalities.



On the Monday Gaye and I accompanied them to a visit to the Mayor of Dudley (who is a member of Kingswinford-Stourbridge Lions Club.) at the Dudley Council Chamber. From there we went on to the Black Country Museum with a traditional fish and chip lunch. Your DG was apprehended by the local "Bobby" but managed to talk his way out of a custodial sentence! Probably a disappointment for some of you?

On their final Saturday night here we went to a dinner at the school and afterwards the students put on a performance of sketches, singing and dancing. They even managed to have their own group. The finale



was all the students singing the song "we are the world". I must say that it was wonderful to see all these youngsters and what fun we all had. Next time our district hosts a youth camp I thoroughly recommend that you try and find the time to join in the fun and laughter with them and if possible help out. My thanks to John Barnes and his very capable team for a very successful camp.



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District Governor's “Shopping List”

To Help clubs plan early and organise their contributions for District supported projects, please see the following recommendations for your consideration. I leave it up to the individual club to decide which project/s they are willing to support and how much they are prepared to donate.

DG Partners Project - *Music and the Deaf*

The Deaf Youth Orchestra is groundbreaking in many ways. It enables deaf young people to meet regularly and make new friends. They are given the opportunity to take part in orchestral playing with support from an experienced team of both deaf and hearing musicians. Tutors from the local music services learn valuable skills working directly with the deaf young musicians and Music and the Deaf through mentoring support. A full presentation will be given at Autumn Forum.

North Sea Lions

Our District were one of the original partners in the formation of North Sea Lions and as such I believe we have a responsibility to ensure continuity of the projects they sponsor in various parts of the world each year.

Lions Eye Healthcare Programme

The Lions Eye Health Programme is a community-based education programme that allows Lions Clubs, other community organisations, and individuals to promote healthy vision and raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss.

Youth Programmes

To support young people by recognising their efforts and providing them with opportunities to learn, achieve and grow.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Our own organisation that will provide funding in the form of grants to financially assist Lions districts with large-scale humanitarian projects that are too extensive for Lions to finance on their own. The Foundation aids Lions in making a greater impact in their local communities, as well as around the world. Through LCIF, Lions ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide.



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Special Olympics

Provides year round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with learning disabilities giving them the continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of skills, gifts and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

Korle Bu Project

Lions Clubs in the British Isles and Ireland have partnered with Moorfields Eye Hospital (London), with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), and with the Lions of Ghana, to build and run an Eye Hospital in Korle Bu, Ghana. This is our own Multiple District project with a grant from LCIF.

Gift for Living

Gift for Living continues in it's work of rebuilding the infrastructure for the innocent and suffering children of the former Yugoslavia. All these years on the British and Irish Lions, through their own charity, 'Lions Clubs International - a Gift for Living' can truthfully say that they have saved countless lives and brought health and hope not only to the small suffering children of conflict, but also to their families.

Welcome to the following new Lions.

Kettering & District Lions Club

Lion Terry York - Lion Janet York - Lion Andrew Scully - Lion Carol Scully
Lion Mervyn Flawn - Lion Jenny Flawn - Lion Pamela Aston - Lion Chris Clarke

Malvern Hills Lions Club - Lion William Jones

Worcester Lions Club - Lion Kate Wood

It is with great sadness that I have to report the following Lions have gone to higher service.

Lion Frank Fowler - Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath Lions Club
Lion John Law - Solihull Lions Club