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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

news letter

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*Warmest wishes at
Christmas
and
a magical New Year*

Andy and Ann

New Year Message

Half my year as DG has passed and Ann and I wonder where it has gone.

We have enjoyed everything we have done with the District and thanks to every one of you for making it so special.

The resolution for all of us for 2009 is simple MORE SERVICE, make the motto **We Serve** even more important.

The most important aspect of delivering Service is membership, on page four I talk in more detail on what we have to set out to achieve.

In the meantime relax and enjoy Christmas with Family and Friends.

But the work begins for some Clubs on Boxing Day.

So I hope everything is successful next year, you avoid the worst of the economic problems and enjoy good health.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL CLUBMEMBERS

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MUSIC COMPETITION



The Competitors

The 2008/09 105M final for trombone was held on November 30th at Warwick Arts Centre. Three clubs were represented by their candidates.

Tabitha McGrath - Shirley

Daniel Chadwick;
Moseley&Kings Heath

Matthew Edwardson
Birmingham Exhibition

Tabi and Matt were accompanied on the piano by Jo Sealey and Daniel by Rob Williams.

The winner was Daniel (on right of picture) and he will go forward to represent 105M at the MD Final at Birmingham Conservatoire, on April 4th 2009.

My thanks go to everyone who supported the competition and attendees on the day. I must particularly thank Lion Elizabeth Jones for all her hard work.

Having attended both MD and European final I know how good this competition is.

The Judges

The performances were judged by Danny Longstaff and Simon Hogg.

Danny was trombonist with The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra for 30 years.

Since his retirement from the CBSO he has now become the chairman of the executive committee of the Musicians Union.

Simon played trombone for 25 years with The Fine Arts Brass Ensemble and then became a teacher. Currently he is Tutor of Brass at Warwick School, The Royal London College and Warwick University.

After their deliberations they gave a summary of their approach to judging and the points which had been important to the final decision. They were very complimentary about the whole concept of the European Competition and for the opportunity it gives young students to compete against a wide range of musicians.

I found talking to the judges and listening to their enthusiasm for the work Lions do in this competition fantastic. My experiences this year have made me a positive advocate of the competition

P.S Better black and white photos than none at all.

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In my November News letter I summarised the membership position. At mid December, sadly, the position has deteriorated again and currently is

Clubs increasing 11

Clubs losing 21

Clubs static 29

So six months to achieve the objective of PLUS ONE BY 30th JUNE.

Every member we loose reduces our ability to deliver SERVICE.

Increase membership
Increase SERVICE.

Every Club President will be contacted by either Zone/Region/Membership Chairmen in January to discuss the Clubs membership plan to deliver the PLUS ONE.

I will be talking to Club Presidents to understand why members have left, and could we as an organisation prevented the loss.

When you are setting up your diary for 2009 here is a list of dates you might want to mark off.

7th Feb
Cabinet

22nd Feb
MD Young Ambassador

20th March
105M Convention

4th April
MD Music Final

21st April
MD Convention

9th May
Cabinet

6th - 10th July
International Convention

19th July
District Changeover

23rd August
Cabinet

11th October
District Forum

20th November
Cabinet

January 2009

7th Shirley
10th *Balsall Common*
13th Market Harborough
Branch
14th Sheldon
15th Bilston&Wilenhall
18th 105M Young
Ambassadors
21st Northampton
22nd Lion Magazine
23rd Council
24th of
25th Governors
26th *Kettering*
28th Moseley&
Kingsheath
31st *Keniiworth*

February

1st *Exhibition*
4th Sutton Coldfield
5th Corby
7th *Walsall*
8th Cabinet Meeting
9th Bedworth
11th Handsworth Ladies
12th Erdington
17th Solihull
21st *Bushby*
22nd MD Young
Ambassadors
23rd B'ham Chinatown
28th *Bromsgrove*

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In 2008 MD 105 renewed for a further five year period the Lions/Tacade partnership.

The development of a new toolkit is being funded. The Bereavement Toolkit for Schools will enable any member of staff to make an immediate, considered response to a bereavement situation.

The DG list of projects includes Tacade, and contribution will help fund this new toolkit.

The Lion Magazine, on page 42 has fuller details of the project.

There is a new opportunity for Lions Clubs to develop their Life Skills programme using the Lions-Tacade Voucher Scheme.

Whilst many Lions Clubs are happy to pay for the Tacade programmes requested by their schools irrespective of the cost, the purpose of introducing the vouchers is to allow closer cost control for Lions Clubs with limited incomes.

The scheme is also very flexible and some Clubs may prefer this aspect.

This is a simple scheme and works in the following way:-

Lions Clubs wishing to participate can order a number of vouchers either via Lion Mandy or Andrea on 0161 836 6850, or email resources@tacade.co.uk, or by making contact with your Life Skills District Officer Angela Lawton

The Vouchers can be for any value that you specify, for example, £25, £50 or £75

When the Lions Club identifies a school interested in a particular programme, then they donate an appropriate voucher

Either the school or the Lions Club sends the Voucher to Tacade who delivers the programme to the Lions Club for presentation, or direct to the school as requested, usually within 7 working days

Tacade invoices the Lions Club which pays in the usual 30 days (or before).

The Club will only be invoiced if the voucher is used.

Please note the following in relation to the voucher scheme, that:

- 1) they are numbered and bear an expiry date of a year approximately
- 2) there is an opportunity for Club specific information to be placed on the voucher, this is an opportunity for Lions to promote themselves
- 3) if the voucher value is less than the cost of the programme, the school will be invoiced for the difference
- 4) if the voucher value is greater than the cost of the programme then there will be no refund given. In this circumstance the Club will of course be invoiced for the lower cost of the programme and not the face value of the voucher.

If you require further information Please contact District Life Skills Officer Lion Angela Lawton Details in directory

