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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

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The End is Nigh

As I write this my penultimate DG's News Letter it hardly seems a few days since Ann and I started our year.

This month is not a time for reflection that's for Edition 12 when we are setting off for International Convention.

Now is the time all club's should be tiding up the current year and finishing the plans for next year.

Hopefully all clubs will be planning evolution not revolution.

The booking form for District Changeover has been published hopefully as many of you as possible will be there on July 19th to welcome Femi and Anna

June Events

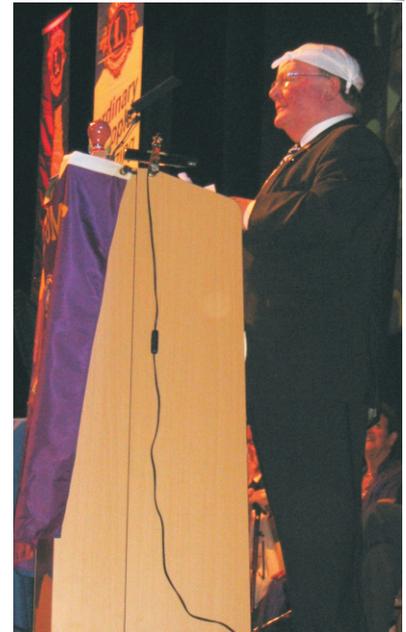
This will not be a quiet end to the year with 5 Charters, as well as Wolverhampton's Top Talent Finals, a Multiple District Youth Symposium to chair, assisting at the training session for Vice District Governors and my own Club's changeover to attend.

But it means I will be able to meet a lot of you during the month.

Midland News

We continue to receive articles to publish, over 55 to date. Ann had hoped to publish articles from every Club but we have not received them.

So if you have not sent us anything one last chance. Why not give us a review of the year?



District Events

Next month we are off to International Convention in Minneapolis.

When we return it will be District Changeover the booking form has been published, so book now.

It's a great opportunity to meet the new District governor and his Officers.

Next it will be the District Forum.

Plan to make sure your Club is there to take part in both these events

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Membership

I will report on the end of year position in my final news letter.

The current numbers are “fluid” as clubs review membership of a number of less active members.

There are also a number of Clubs who have intentions to induct new members in June. Make sure your records are fully updated with LCI by 20th June.

We will not achieve my objective of PLUS ONE at every Club, but a lot of hard work has been done and will bring positive growth next year.

Doug and his team both appointed and co-opted (or is it co-erced) have had promising responses

to membership drives in Alcester, B’ham Erdington and will soon be starting work to establish a new Club in Coventry.

Card drops are being planned in a number of areas through the summer let’s hope they are all successful.

Next year we have to build on our successes and start to work in areas we have been unable to resource this year.

The best means of increasing membership substantially is to stop members leaving. Every Club has to ensure they operate in a way that keeps members. Review the way your club operates and do not ignore the findings of the review, implement them.

Directory

All Cabinet officers, Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will receive a copy of the Multiple District Directory with the June mailing of the Lion Magazine.

Extra editions will be available for distribution on request.

New for this year all MD officers will have a generic email address e.g saa@lions.org.uk and an 0845 telephone number.

Both the above will be redirected to the officer by MDHQ. This means that private numbers and email addresses will not be published in the Directory,

This will increase the protection of private data. Sadly we still have examples of third parties obtaining copies of the Directory and using the data to contact Officers.

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MDHQ

Having spent a few days working in MDHQ I can testify as to the volume of work for them at this time of year.

If you are able to spend a few days helping out please give Bridget a call.

Partners Project

Ann has been out and about enjoying herself.

The picture above shows her meeting Solihull Lions Club ladies who presented her with a cheque for £1100.

At Aldridge Lions Club Charter the ladies presented her with blankets they had knitted for the Precious Memories Boxes.

Zone Chairman Mike Barker made a presentation on behalf of the Zone as well as a personal donation.

