



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Just a few more thoughts on SMILE WE SERVE

You're never fully dressed without a smile.

A smile can brighten the darkest day.

It takes seventeen muscles to smile and forty-three to frown.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

All the statistics in the world can't measure the warmth of a smile.

If you would like to spoil the day for a miser, give him a smile.

Smile! It increases your face value.

Peace begins with a smile.

Most smiles are started by another smile.

A smile is something you can't give away; it always comes back to you.

SERVICE

For most of us we take our sight for granted. It proves difficult enough when there is a power cut and we try to find a torch, but I do not think we know what it is like to have lost your sight or have limited vision. I was fortunate to visit two projects last month which highlighted the problems.



The first was the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind. Eighteen months ago the Centre was going to close until it was taken over as a separate charity trust with the practical help of the Coventry Leofric Lions Club. The Club also agreed to match any money raised by the supporters from the Centre due to their own efforts for the next two years. Following the Walkathon, which is organised by Leofric Lions, a cheque for £2,000 was presented to the Trustees of the Resource Centre which was equivalent to that raised by their supporters.

Walking up Kenilworth High Street without being able to see was a very interesting experience for the Mayor of Kenilworth, David Shilton, and the President of Kenilworth Lions Club, Andrew Cartwright. It was World Sight Day and PDG Henry Woodgate had organised a Cafe Bar Crawl to highlight the difficulties and to hand out leaflets.

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I was escorting the Mayoress, who was also blindfolded, and I was trying to give a running commentary. The Mayor also had a sight test at the local opticians. This is certainly something that clubs

could do this time next year. The Lions Eye Health Programme leaflets (LEHP) are available from MDHQ.

How do you help young people and also obtain some moving advertising?

The answer might be below.

These football shirts were sponsored by the Warwick Lions Club.

There is a large amount of voluntary work that goes into running a football club.



It is hoped that the team will be able to enter the Lions Football Competition next year.

Please circulate to all Club Members

MEMBERSHIP

What do you do when the District Almoner is ill?

You send in the District Governor with a bunch of flowers and a card from everyone in the District.

I know it's not quite the same as having a card from Mavis Cooke.



New Members

I would like to welcome the following Lions to the District:

Worcester	Pamela Instan
Kidderminster	Jeannie Dean
Kidderminster	Paul Harding
Bedworth	Allen Farren
Birmingham Handsworth	Pradreep Pithadia
Coventry Godiva	Tajinder Suri
Thurnby	Atulkumar Lakhani



Who is the ex-member of this District who has a habit of returning and has a connection to my first story?

The additional clue is that he is wearing a white jacket, but what year did he do my job?

The answers will appear at the end of the newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL

It is good news, as some of you know, that an Australian Lion, Bob Wallis, has just been able to fly home. Bob, unfortunately, had a stroke whilst on holiday here and ended up at University Hospital Coventry from the beginning of July until 23rd October.



His wife, Maggie, was at Marston Green Charter Night, where she presented Pauline Hoogerwerf, who had adopted the couple, with a cheque for the Niger Water Wells project.



It is thumbs up from Bob and Maggie as they are on their way home.

Again I would thank all those who had helped over the last few months, showing the true spirit of Lionism.

Tree Planting

Two clubs are spearheading the challenge; with Aldridge, who are planning to plant 420 trees on Saturday 19th November and the following day Sandwell are aiming to plant 987 trees.

This means that my goal of over 1,000 trees will have been achieved. Both clubs are looking for help on the day. I am aiming to be there.

But as they say in a certain advert "Every little helps." So I am still looking for more. At least one tree per member of your club is still my goal.

Please circulate to all Club Members

LEADERSHIP

The Leadership team have just had a training day for Guiding Lions and plans are being made to have a Spring Forum in April 2012 for all incoming officers who will be Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, District Officers, Zone Chairman and Region Chairman.

To achieve this we are looking for Lions who have presentation skills who can help deliver the training. Can you help? If so, please let Pauline Fanti know.

ENJOY

I have heard positive comments about the Autumn Forum.

I was very pleased that my challenge to everybody to speak to somebody they did not know was nearly 100% successful.

It was good to hear from Phil Nathan, the Multiple District endorsed candidate for the post of 2nd Vice International President.

Phil spoke about his involvement with Music for the Deaf, the Signature projects - Lions Eye Health Programme and Young Leaders in Service - and his campaign involving travel throughout the world promoting Lions.

I know that Bob Dutton wanted to inspire others to plant trees and his wife Barbara gave us a moving tribute of a tree with boots!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- District Convention Friday to Sunday 23rd to 25th March 2012 Holiday Inn Corby
- MD Convention 4th to 6th May 2012 Birmingham NEC Hilton Metropole Hotel

Make sure you book early so you don't miss out on these two important events.

DISTRICT SHOPPING LIST 2011- 12

The request was being sent out to those on the mailing list with some additional information last month. Please do have a look at it and see whether your club can support some if not all the items on the list.

Any cheques should be made payable to LCI 105M and sent to the District Treasurer along with a list of the donations.

Club Visits

November Planned Visits are as follows:

1st: Worcester	2nd: Shirley
3rd: Castle Bromwich	8th: Stour Valley
9th: Mosley & Kings Heath	10th: Shakespeare
14th: Hinckley & Burbage	16th: Northampton
21st: Knowle & Dorridge	

This is subject to change.

Other Events

2 nd Nov: "It is a Knockout" Malvern Hills Three Counties Showground.	5 th Nov: Warwick Town Bonfire
11 th Nov: Lord Mayor's Show, London	12 th Nov: March pass the Cenotaph, London
19 th Nov: Aldridge Tree Planting	20 th Nov: Sandwell Tree Planting
20 th Nov: Young Ambassadors District Final Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport	26 th Nov: Worcester Charter Night
27 th Nov: District Cabinet Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport	29 th Nov: Meeting with Vice District Governors.

If you have an event or a community project that you would like me to attend please let me know.

And Finally

Although the International Presidents has been saying "MY CLUB, MY FAMILY" I think that there is one club in the District which can truly say "MY FAMILY, MY CLUB".



The majority of the club members belong to the one family. This is the Richmond family who are all Lions in Bilston and Willenhall Lions Club.

The ex-member of the above club is Past District Governor Jim Rowley, who was District Governor 105M in 1999-2000 and is now a member of Babbacombe and St Marychurch Lions Club.

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