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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

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## District Funds

Last year in response to the feeling expressed at Convention, the Finance & Administration Committee made a number of Grants from the "General" Fund.

The Fund had accumulated over a number of years in the District Balance Sheet.

It was agreed that the funds would be paid at the request of Clubs to projects of a wide ranging nature, rather than purely local projects. The requests for support should be made to the Vice District Governor.

To date eight grants have been made seven of £750 and one of £500.

They have been made to the following Lions Clubs

### **Shirley**

New play equipment for Reynolds Cross Special Needs School, to support a Zone project

### **Hinkley & Burbage**

To support their Swimming Gala for the Disabled

### **Market Harborough**

Support for the Amala Childrens' Home. A project that has received Zone and District support.

### **Zone D**

Moringa Grain appeal to supplement the Zone fund raising sums.

### **Kidderminster**

Kidzfirst Garden Project for disabled children of the area, giving them work experience with plants. This was to repair flood damage.

### **Northampton 80**

Thomas's Fund which provides music therapy in Northamptonshire for children with life limiting illness or a disability and are housebound.

### **Bilston & Wolverhampton**

Coppice Performing Arts to enable youngsters from the Black Country to produce a show for the benefit of Armed Forces charities.

### **Warwick**

New sports equipment for Round Oak School which educates pupils with learning difficulties within Central Warwickshire.

The object is to help projects that support youth and particularly disabled /disadvantaged youngsters both in 105M and abroad.

If you feel your club is involved in a project that needs support then contact VDG Femi Onabolu.

## Midland News

To date ten clubs have submitted copies of articles which have been published

I want all Clubs to send news of what they are doing to:-

[lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk)

Every Club visit I make encourages me to believe Club's have news items, lets hear about them.

**PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL CLUBMEMBERS**

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At the end of August 12 new members had been reported as joining or transferring into Clubs in District 105M.

But we have lost 20 members. Some losses are unavoidable, many are avoidable.

During my Club visits I stress that retention is key to growth. Please make sure you work as hard at retention as looking for new members.

## Welcome to **Southam**

Dave Thomas

## **Dudley**

Susan Bird

## **Sheldon**

Bernadette Fogarty

Clare Fogarty

## **Market Harborough**

Trevor Jones

## **Droitwich**

Andrew Milner

## **Nuneaton**

Ian Jackson

## **Exhibition**

Peter &

Elizabeth Mountford

The objective for all clubs is PLUS one member at the end of June 2009.

## Autumn Forum

Forum is on October 12th, 9.30am for 10.00am at the Village Hotel Coventry.

All Club secretaries have received a mailing which includes a booking form, details are also on the 105M web site.

I hope every club will be represented, as its an important part of the communication process with every club.

## Travelling Lion

As at 12th September the scores were

Shirley

2076 points

Kings Norton/Northfield

1255 points

Bushby

532 points

Aldridge

383 points

Wolverhampton

325 points

Bilston&Wilenhall

320 points

Castle Bromwich

159 points

Dudley

133 points

Solihull

83 points

Kingswinford&Stourbridge

50 points

Bromsgrove

30 points

## Lions re Branding

The roll out of the new Lion branding has begun on the International web site, starting in the USA.

Europe will follow before the year end, MD 105 will be issuing details of how this works soon.

Some new Logos have been published, but not the 4 colour version. Its worth looking at the video on line.

## Lions Awareness

October 11th to 18th is Lions awareness week, the object is to make the best kept secret become the worst kept secret.

I will be issuing an outline press release which I would like all clubs to adapt and send to their local paper.

## World Sight Day

This is on 9th October, Sadly it is not in the same week as Lion Awareness.

There is still time to organise an event or display to promote what Lions do for those with Sight problems.

Look for ideas in the Activity Guide on the LCI web site.

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## Is This a First?

Despite the awful summer we have had so far the sun shone down on those lucky people who attended the wedding blessing of Rob Dutton and Barbara Waldron on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Why could this be a first?

They were both presidents of their respective Lions Clubs on the date of their wedding. Rob Dutton is the new president of Bromsgrove and Barbara was president of Kings Norton and Northfield.

We all know that Lions Clubs bring fun and fellowship and now that has a whole new meaning. We are sure you will all wish the couple health and happiness together.

Imagine my surprise when arriving at the Kingswinford & Stourbridge Have a Go day to find Barbara busy helping, despite the fact it was the day before her wedding

Barbara was one of a number of Lions from other clubs helping Kingswinford & Stourbridge on that day.

Well done to everyone involved, hands on service at its best.

## PR Material

The District has been supplied with 2 display banners. They roll up into a small bag for easy carrying. When fully extended they are 2m high.

They will be on display at Autumn Forum. The District will acquire further versions.

Any club interested in acquiring their own display banner 105MD can supply for £90.

## CSFII

At a reception in central London hosted by PDG Max Mongia VDG Femi was presented with a certificate marking the achievement of 105M in its magnificent support for the Campaign

## Roswitha Lemp

I am saddened to report that Roswitha has died aged 69 after a long illness.

She was the wife of Karl Friedrich Lemp (District 111N, Germany), past NSL Chairman, who died tragically in a car accident in 2003 on his way back from a Lions Convention in Denmark.

Many Lions and their partners will remember them since they were 'regular' visitors to the 105M District Conventions for over a decade

## Cabinet Meeting

All Cabinet reports and the minutes of the September meeting have been posted on 105M website for all Lions to read.

The next Cabinet Meeting is Sunday November 16th at the Village Hotel Coventry. Any Lion is welcome to attend

## 2009 Convention Dates

105M March 20th/21st  
Bromsgrove Hilton  
MD 105 April 24-26 April  
Southport

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## DGs Diary dates

### October

1st Europa Forum  
2nd Europa Forum  
3rd Europa Forum  
4th Europa Forum  
5th Europa Forum  
8th Rowell  
9th Shakespeare  
11th *Marston Green*  
12th Autumn Forum  
13th Lutterworth  
14th Stour Valley  
15th Southam  
16th Aldridge  
18th *Wellingborough*  
20th Knowle&Dorridge  
23rd Dudley  
27th Kingswinford  
31st Council of Governors

### November

1st Council of Governors  
2nd Council of Governors  
4th Northfield  
5th Coventry Godiva  
6th Castle Bromwich  
8th *Northampton 80*  
10th Brixworth Branch  
11th Barwell  
12th Coventry Leofric  
13th Walsall  
15th *Thurnby Charter*  
16th Cabinet  
17th Evesham Vale  
19th Warwick  
22nd *Worcester*  
24th Edgbaston

## Charter Celebrations

The Charter celebrations have begun.

My first Charter as DG was with Evesham Vale. Ann and I enjoyed the company of the club at lunch, I was honoured to present a Bert Mason award from the club to one of its charter members Jim Jarvis.

Our second Charter began with Birmingham Moseley and finished with Birmingham Moseley and Kings Heath.

Lion President John Barnes, announced the change which has been approved by LCI. It reflects the area in which the club operates, and intends to begin a membership drive.

Incidentally Lion John is one of 5 charter members still with the club. PDG Doug, who as extension officer formed the club, presented 25 year chevrons. PDG Mike Jobbins who was DG when the club was formed responded to the toast on behalf of the Guests.

I am only sorry that I cannot attend all club's charter events.

On 15th November the newest club in 105M will

be chartered. If you can please come along and celebrate with Thurnby Club.

On 21st September I attended the charter celebration of the Hellen Keller Internet Club of East Anglia.

The club is officially part of District 105EA, and is the first Internet Club to be formed in 105. The Charter celebration was held in Coventry as it is centrally located. Members are drawn from all over the UK and in some cases beyond.

It's a new concept, which offers housebound people, and those whose work commitments prevent them from attending regular meetings, the opportunity to become Lions.

As Lions we must examine every way of expanding our organisation to enable us to deliver more Service.

At the last Council of Governors it was agreed not to form any more Internet Clubs in 105M until we had learnt from the experience of how this Club evolves.