



Lions Clubs International – District 105D

International Relations Update May 2018

1. Europa Forum.

The 64th Europa Forum will be held in **Scopje** on **25th to 27th October 2018** hosted by our colleagues in **District 132 Macedonia**, at the **Macedonian Philharmonic** and will follow the theme **“Awareness & Empathy”**.

Information with suggestions on accommodation, travel and a link to directly access the official Forum Website have been posted on the Europa Forum page of our District website at www.lions105d.org.uk. Please note that the last date for registration at the current rate is 30th June 2018. An enhanced rate will apply after that date.

If members intending to or are attending let me know I will ensure that they are kept up to date with any email updates.

2. Club Twinning.

I have received two enquiries from Clubs from abroad who wish to twin with Clubs in the British Isles as brief details below. If any Club is interested in pursuing further please let me know and I will forward further information.

- An all women's Club of 39 members located in Bursa, Turkey.
- Enquiry from District 412 on behalf of Clubs situated in Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

3. Freedom Kit Bags.

A very big thank you to those Clubs who have so far contributed to our new District International Project in support of the charity Freedom Kit Bags. Contributions to the end of February totalled £3,175.00 including a sum of £900.00 received from four clubs in District 105C. This sum, sufficient to finance 127 Kit Bags was paid to the charity in the first week of March.

The Trustees of FKB have recently returned from Nepal following an eight-week tour. I have received an update via a brief telephone conversation from which I understand that their visit was extremely successful with several important developments in the offing that they wish to explore with us. They were able to make contact with two Lions Clubs in the area both of whom wish to be involved and are keen to work with us that I am exploring further.

This is an ongoing District Project that will continue to enhance the lives of girls and women in the poorest areas of Nepal that will be developed further in the coming months. In the meantime the funding for more “Kit Bags” is the priority. If your Club has not contributed so far can you please consider doing so? Whatever the amount it will be greatly appreciated! And if you have lost or mislaid the original appeal letter and information issued in the November District Mailing it is still available for download from the District Secretary's section of the District website.

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