

The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - OCTOBER 2010



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“Make your mark on the world”



“Current and Past DGs at Swannick Charter celebration”

October is here and I am just starting into my fourth month as your District Governor for the year. As my schedule of club visits only really started in September and are ramping up this month and next, I have used the time to attend as many committee meetings as I can – not to interfere, but to ensure that I have a clear understanding of the strategy of those groups for this year and possibly beyond and to have the chance to meet with my district advisors. By the end of the 1st week in October I will have attended meetings of the following committees:

- Regional Development Chairs
- Leadership
- Long Range Planning
- Youth
- Finance

and intend to get to the rest at least once this year.

It is clear that all the committees are working well especially the Regional Development Teams who are actively pursuing opportunities for extension and examining with the leadership team, tools for retention. One very positive outcome of the work being done by these ‘local’ development teams was the public meeting held in Trowbridge for the formation of a new ‘younger persons’ club. Eight people signed up on the night which definitely meets the requirements for the formation of a Club Branch and feedback has it there may be even more people who are ready to sign. An additional bonus was that someone also indicated their interest to join the main Trowbridge club. Well done Trowbridge and the other surrounding clubs for this initiative.

Please do not forget the Annual District Service of Rededication to be held at Douai Abbey on Sunday 17th October 2010 – please contact PCC David Hitchins of the Lions Club of Reading if you wish to attend. Can I remind you also of the District Leadership Workshop to be held at Wokefield Park, Reading on Saturday/Sunday 20th

and 21st November – please see last page for details of this event.

Hendy’s Haunts for October

Date	Destination	Reason
1/2/3	Council of Governors - Edinburgh	
4	Wareham	O/V
5	Finance Committee - Eastleigh	
7	Hart	O/V
9	Hayling Island	C/A
10	Alton Club Treasure Hunt	
15	Bradford on Avon	C/A
16	Portsmouth	C/A
17	District Service – Douai Abbey	
18	Sherborne	O/V
23	New Milton	C/A
24	District Cabinet - Winchester	
25	Andover	O/V
26	Bridport	O/V
27	Wokingham	O/V
31	Woolmer Forest	C/A

One of our International President’s global action campaigns for this year is ‘Shine a Light on Preventable Blindness’ and so what time is more appropriate than October with World Sight Day on October 14th (but with a little poetic licence could stretch into the weekend of 16th/17th). Use the opportunity to tell the public in your community what Lions have done over the years to eradicate preventable blindness and that we will not stop until we succeed!

And finally.....

When I first joined the Lions family I was told how the name of Lions was derived which was **“Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety.”** In Sydney at the International Convention and, with 750 other DGE’s, I listened to a speech by IP Sid Scruggs III where he gave us his version of the meaning of the Lions name **“Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service”**. He supported it with the explanation that we joined Lions not to be seen as some sort of heroic figure but because we believe there is a need and we feel that we can do something about it. That is certainly why I joined Lions.

DG Brigid and Mike



Yes we can!



Fleet and Hart Lions Clubs elect new Presidents

Cooperation between Fleet and Hart Lions Clubs has taken on a new dimension with the men of Fleet Lions electing Lion Travis McCall and the ladies of Hart Lions electing his wife, Lion Gill McCall, as their respective Club Presidents for 2010/11. Both Clubs undertake a wide range of charitable and community service activities in Fleet and surrounding areas and join forces for big fund raising events such as the Fleet Fireworks Fiesta.



**Photograph by Tom Kalus:
HMS Greenery and crew**

Swanmore – all at sea!

The fine weather attracted record crowds to this year's Swanmore Carnival and Fete, organised by Meon Valley Lions Club in conjunction with Swanmore Parish Council. We estimate that there were over 1,500 people enjoying the fun and sunshine on the New Road recreation ground on Saturday July 10th. Swanmore is a good twenty minutes drive from the Hampshire coast and so the carnival theme "Swanmore – all at sea", seemed a little incongruous, but prompted some very funny and imaginative interpretations. As you can see the crew from the Greenery Nursery School really got into the mood and deservedly won best parade float with their entry HMS Greenery. The good turn out has boosted income for the event and we expect to clear £2,000 for our charitable causes when all costs are reconciled.



YOUNG LION SET TO ROAR.....

Tim McGonagle becomes the District's youngest Lion

Some of you may remember seeing a picture or reading of Lion Tim before. He was a Charter Member of 'Pride of St Edmunds Leo Club' : He attended a UN Day at Westminster : He spoke about Leos at my Convention on Hayling Island & last January was a candidate for Young Ambassador.

Almost from day one Tim said that when he was old enough he wanted to become a Lion.

And now being just 18 it has happened! He is now a member of Cosham Lions Club with a brief of forming a group of young adults to Fund Raise and take part in Community Service Activities. It is hoped that these young adults will form a club branch.

Lion Tim at his induction informed those present (including DG Brigid & ZC Derek Knight) that he had already had eight possible people to join him. So watch this space!

It was a very proud night for all of us present at the induction.

PDG Pat Nixon President Cosham Lions Club



Fellow Lions! Some of you may have already heard from her, but I would advise you keep your eyes peeled for Becky Bellworthy's name in the national press. This years 105D Young Ambassador winner is currently on a gap year between A levels and university, and she is using it to do something truly remarkable. Next March, Becky is hoping to become the youngest person ever to climb Everest, and in doing so

raise £5,000 for Comic Relief. She has so far climbed Mont Blanc and Aiguille du Tour in the Alps, and in November she leaves for Nepal to ascend Baruntse which stands over 23,000 feet. The trip to Baruntse is an attempt to raise £1,000 for a cause that Becky has supported since she was six years old, the Romsey Gateway Club. This is an organisation that provides a social club for local adults with learning disabilities. They get no external funding, so rely solely on donations, which they use to lay on activity evenings, such as bowling and discos, and day trips to popular tourist destinations. I urge every club in this District to consider backing Becky in her efforts. To make a donation to the Romsey Gateway Club, visit

www.justgiving.com/beckybellworthy (the money raised from this goes straight into the account for the Gateway Club). Please contact District Young Ambassador advisor Richard High for details, either by e-mail at youngambassador@lions105d.org.uk) or by phone on 07813 330360.

Becky is a truly remarkable individual who supports charities local to our District, and thoroughly deserves our support. I sincerely hope we as Lions can offer it.

Richard High Young Ambassador Advisor

A Message from your Editor

Sadly not many articles received for this issue, so please can I ask all PRO's to send me your articles with nice pictures. Although have said this before it is your newsletter and it would be good to share with other Clubs especially new ideas! Sorry for the delay in this issue but hopefully will try to ensure it is sent to Clubs by the first of the month.

Lion Peter Garlick



Leadership workshop designed for future Club leaders



In District 105D we recognise that to have healthy and expansive clubs we need strong leaders.

It is recognised that strong leaders are those who have had the benefit of good leadership training.

In order to promote and give necessary skills to developing Lions we are launching a special weekend-based leadership training initiative. This is designed to benefit Lions with less than 5 years experience.

To be successful it needs the support of as many club Lions as possible.

Those taking part in this weekend-long training will come away fully equipped to meet the challenges of managing a club in these hard times. You will be trained in motivational skills, public speaking, conflict resolution and goal setting, amongst other necessary skills.

So, if you are thinking of taking up a leadership role in your club or if you can identify a future club leader then take up this opportunity.

"Those of us who have attended weekend-long workshops appreciate how much can be gained especially when you spend the evening together and stay in the same hotel overnight. The opportunity to network and bond with others is second to none."

The Weekend Leadership Workshop will take place at Wokefield Park, Mortimer, Reading:

Dates: Saturday-Sunday, 20-21 November 2010

Delegate Rate: £100

Delegate Rate includes: Lunch and unlimited tea/coffee on Saturday; dinner on Saturday night; breakfast, lunch and unlimited tea/coffee on Sunday. Plus use of the sports and leisure facilities.

The charges represent a very good, crunch-time deal with the hotel.

Some clubs may wish to sponsor their members wishing to attend in view of the benefits that will flow to the club as a result of their participation.



To book your place, please respond immediately by email to:

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Yes we can!