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"Make your mark on the world"



My Fellow Lions

As I write this, Ann and I have been home from Seattle for about two weeks, but due to the amount that has been happening it is hard to tell if it has been two or four weeks. The ten days in Seattle were unbelievable, with very little time to think or explore. But we did get some time to take a couple of trips and a ride on the monorail.



One trip was to behave rather silly and ride the duck on a trip around the town and on Lake Union, another was to take the ferry on the 35 minute trip out to one of the larger islands in the Sound, we also went to the top of the Space Needle, just 600 feet high. Most of my time was in training, and mixing with the other DG elects from around the world, all 750 of them. Ann and I also had things to do together, like our photo call with International President Wing Kum Tam. We visited as many of the other countries receptions that were possible, some times as many as three in an evening, The MD 105 being traditionally the last of all the receptions, this was where all the 105 DGs and partners lined up to meet and greet all the invited guests from around the world.



One of the highlights of the visit - all the DGs and their partners gathered with the International Officers to plant the first 800 plus trees, of the pledge to plant a million trees during this year around the world to save the environment! We all planted young Canadian Redwood saplings, into pots to be nurtured locally until they were ready for replanting in and around Seattle. The 2nd highlight was the closing ceremony of convention and the inauguration of Lion Wing Kum Tam as International President, and swearing in all 750 DG's.

Back home it was down to work as your new DG. On Sunday the 17 July I attended the joint SE and D, District training day

for PR at Brands Hatch. This was well attended and very well run and informative. Well done to those members from our District who attended. On Saturday the 23 July my first Cabinet meeting as your DG, we had changed the style and format slightly of the way cabinet is to be run, and it all seemed to go quite well.

This was followed in the evening by the District Handover Dinner, a well attended function and I believe enjoyed by all who came setting the scene for my year of Fun and Fellowship. My sincere thanks goes from Ann and I to all those who organised and set up the evening, lions Linda Picton, Christine Munday and all their family.



What of the year ahead. Well meeting International President Tam, briefly, and listening to his speeches, I found my ideas are not too far from his. President Tams theme of "I Believe" finds him believing in "Service" within our communities both at home and abroad. A belief in youth who are our future and our environment. To this end he wants us all to help plant a Million trees worldwide. I feel we can do our share locally by involving the youth, our community, and making it a service by getting these together to plant trees in our own areas.



Fellow Lions please do not forget the pledge to plant trees. Get involved with your club, or zone, maybe a local school, a local youth group, or community group, it is a chance to get and work alongside these groups doing something to help the environment.

Trees can be available free, by contacting the Woodland Trust. Perhaps you could pay others to plant the trees for you; I believe the National Forest or Woodland Trust will do this for a small fee per tree. Please let us know when and how many trees you plant and where if possible, so that we can monitor the number of trees this District will plant in the year. He also believes in growth, and like the trees he wants us to grow in strength by increasing the number of members and clubs in our communities so that we have more Lions to do even more service. So I ask you all to take up the challenge not only to plant trees, but to retain and recruit members so that we can grow. Perhaps we can gain a member every other month in every club. And maybe by working together even start a new club in each region during this year. IP Tams biggest belief is in Lions as a family, having fun and fellowship whilst we serve, and in looking after each other as well as our community. This is something I am sure you can all believe in. So let us all have a year of fun with our family as we serve and grow.



With Fun and Fellowship

Please do not forget that I am your DG and am here to help if and when I can, so please ask me if you would like me to attend any special function your club is doing, and if I can be there I will.



In keeping with tradition Cabinet have been asked and have approved, the charity my wife Lion Ann and I would like to support during our year. This is "Canine Partners", these are dogs trained specially to help disabled people. Lion Ann will be having "Canine Partners" giving a demonstration of their work, to the cabinet partners, whilst the cabinet is in session on January 15th in Salisbury. We welcome any support you can give us for this worthy group during the coming year.

IN MEMORIAM Sadly the following Lion has passed over to higher service during June, our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

Lion Tony Mundell - Reading Lions Club.

Membership - I would like to welcome the following , who have recently joined us in the family of Lions. I am sure you join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

June: Jill Holmes, Paul Holmes, Anne O'Keeffe - GMS, Christine Bell - Hart, David Newman - Hayling Island, Russell Jones - New Milton, Kirstie Bullard, Bryan Michael Smith - Salisbury, Helen Braid -Westbury, Catherine Mary Slay - Wokingham, Mo Baluchi - Jersey

July: as at 27th

Hazel Georgina White, Timothy Charles White - Andover, Edwina Howell - Crofton, Elaine Leitch - Hart, Rerek Oldham - Ryde, Lena Samuels, - Lymington, John Ramsey, Lynn Bell, Julie Hearne - Maidenhead, Robert Thorne - Southampton, Paul Hallett - Trowbridge, Mike Wawn - Warminster, Stephen Clinch - Westbury, Andrew Quinn - Jersey.

District Governor Roamings

July 29th-31st Council of Governors— Solihull

August

6th Youth Camp Gala Night

8th Reading Lions Club—Club Visit

25th Poole Boat Trip



DG Lion Ron and Ann

LIONS QUIZ RAISES FUNDS FOR ALTON BUCKLE



Alton Lions President Graham Dix presented a cheque for £300 raised from the St Patrick's Day Quiz to Alton Buckle Services Coordinator Alison Cliffe at the recently opened Alton Buckle

Community Building. Named after the Anglo-Saxon Buckle discovered in the Mount Pleasant grave of a 6th Century warrior and recognised as the finest piece of Anglo Saxon craftsmanship to have been found in Hampshire, Alton Buckle has been established to provide support to communities suffering multiple deprivation.



Early intervention is an important strategy and Alton Buckle links with other professional bodies to provide such services as breakfast and afterschool clubs, holiday play schemes and mother and toddler groups. Bushy Leaze was instrumental in establishing Alton Buckle and together form a community hub capable of providing a range of support for children from 0 to 19. Alison expressed her thanks to the Lions and said the funds would be used to kit out the new facilities room.

Bridport Lions Celebrations



The handover meeting of Bridport Lions Club was made special by the attendance of District Governor Brigid and Lion Mike on their last official visit. They were there to help the club celebrate with Lion Peter Garlick who was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Lion Peter has been a Lion for 21 years. He has held club positions of treasurer and president and has

worked ,often behind the scenes, at district level as Sight Officer and Welfare Chairman. He is best known currently as Newsletter editor since 1999. He has been awarded many well deserved honours for his work as a Lion. DG Brigid thanked him for all his excellent work.



The Club also thanked Lion John Lay-Flurrie for two years work as President and congratulated him on his new position as Zone Chair. The club welcomed Lion Don Morley (Left) as the new President. This is the club's 40th year and with a strong team we hope to build on our

successes and achieve even more in 2011 -2012.



'Weymouth and Portland Lions Club have donated a new 'Landeez all terrain wheelchair' for local people and visitors , with disabilities, to use on Weymouth beach for the summer season.

The beach wheelchairs are purpose built to allow a disabled person to be pushed easily on the beach right up to the water's edge. It features extremely large wheels and has rear suspension. They are very popular in America and beaches throughout the world. The Weymouth chairs are valued at £2,600 each, further details can be found at (www.landeez.com)'.

Lions President David Addy said " The Lions are very pleased to be able to do this as part of our stated aim of putting donated funds back into the community".



With Fun and Fellowship



ROCK CHALLENGE

How even the smallest club can help!!

Those of you who attended convention I hope will have seen my ROCK CHALLENGE display. If you are not aware of these events, I will be sending information through the District Mailing as to what this is all about. All your Zone

chairs had the names of schools in your area taking part this year.

Cosham Lions contacted Primary Schools taking part in their area to ask if they needed any help. As a result we became involved with PORTSDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL ...a school set in a poor area of Cosham (North Portsmouth)

On our first visit we discovered that they needed help with costumes and transport of scenery.

So despite the fact that there are only 6 of us around at the moment(plus a cousin of one of our members) we set to work making some costumes. Material was bought and cut ... Lion John put the final touches to the frames that supported the hoods and organising with Portsmouth Lions (who have a van) the transportation of scenery.

My dining room looked like a Victorian sweat shop....we had machine problems ...original designs had to be changed to accommodate the story line (small children were to hide under the Grim Reapers outfits) but we got them finished on time.

May 31st was the date of our heat at Portsmouth Guildhall ... Four of us went .. Eight schools took part that night (including 3 from the IOW and one from Worthing)

What an amazing evening! We didn't win but then I firmly believe that it is one of those occasions when everyone is a winner !

How much did it costmaterial + a donation to Portsmouth Lions... just over £100

YesWe will be helping again next year.....I do hope that you too consider doing the same.

PS ...The Chair of Governors thanked us for our help and told us that if they had not received my email on that day they were about to pull out of the event!

PDG PAT NIXONDistrict Schools and Education Advisor

Alton Lions Eggstravaganza raises £1000 for Bushy Leaze



This year's Alton Lions 'Eggstravaganza' has resulted in a £1000 donation to Bushy Leaze Early Years Centre. Pictured are Alton Lions President Graham Dix and Bushy Leaze Head Mrs. Patti Snook at the Centre together with happy mums and toddlers. The Centre is a

nursery with 60 children attending part time with fifty per cent of the places designated to children with learning difficulties and disabilities. Bushy Leaze also supports some 500 other children and operates a baby clinic. Patti expressed her thanks to the Lions for organising the 'Eggstravaganza' on behalf of all the Centre's users and said it was very pleasing to know that there was so much goodwill in the community for Bush Leaze. The donated funds will be used to further develop Outreach Parent and Toddler support groups especially to Alton's surrounding villages.

Double Celebrations—Lions Club of Christchurch



The Lions Club of Christchurch held their annual Handover Dinner at the Amberwood Inn, Walkford, on Thursday, 23rd June, 2011.

Zone Chairman, Lion Yorky Tuke, attended the event and announced that he had a pleasant duty to perform. He presented Melvyn Jones Fellowship Awards to Lion Barbara Jeremiah – the first time a female member of the Christchurch Club has received this award - and Lion Barrie Kenyon.

Later in the evening Lion President Elisabeth Poole handed the chain of office over to Lion Barrie Kenyon, who will be the President of the Christchurch Club for the coming year.

Lion George Jeremiah

Sunshine and Smiles at Swanmore!



Swanmore Carnival and Fete is a major event in the Meon Valley Lions club calendar and this July saw another great day with hundreds of local residents turning out for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. A short shower freshened up the carnival parade en-route before everyone arrived at the New Road

recreation ground swathed in sunshine. The mayor of Winchester Cllr Barry Lipscomb kindly judged the parade entrants and awarded the prizes.

During the afternoon the crowds were treated to a wonderful flying display from Fallowfields Falconry including an enchanting hands-on experience for the children, flying "Flannel" the barn owl. Jim Bernadine's steel-pan workshop then transformed half-a-dozen young volunteers into able musicians in only half an hour, so that they were later able to put on a virtuoso performance for proud parents and onlookers.

As in previous years, we were delighted to have fantastic support from classic car and motorbike owners who turned out in large numbers to show off their splendid machines. Thanks to The Lions, Swanmore Parish Council and all the local groups and volunteers who worked hard to make such a great event, we have raised over £2,000 for our local charities. During the day we also received a cheque presentation for £1,000 from Janene Scurfield, General Manager of Enterprise Rent-a-Car, southern region. Janene is a resident of Swanmore and has been so impressed by the good local work done by the Meon Valley Lions that she successfully applied for this award through the company's Enterprise Foundation, which is established to invest corporate funds into local community projects and charities as part of its corporate responsibility programme.

Picture shows - Roy Cuthbertson (left), President, Meon Valley Lions club, receives the £1,000 cheque from Janene Scurfield (right), General Manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, southern region.

Photograph: Brian Pancott Photography





Ryde Lions Club have received the highest accolade for food hygiene for our BBQ operations. This is a nation wide assessment of restaurants and suppliers of food direct to the public. Much of the club's annual revenue come from BBQ events and while it takes a lot of work and effort from members of the club the returns and exposure for Lions Clubs are huge.

Ryde Lions are very pleased to retain this rating which was first awarded in 2004. If any Lions Clubs are considering such an event please contact me as I can provide the documentation needed for your food process and give your local authority a 'comfortable feeling'.

Lion PP Barrie Jehan. PRO & H&S Officer for Ryde Lions Club

Country Fayre battles the rain



The sixth Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club Ashley Heath Fayre , combined with horse and dog show, suffered wretched weather this year although the schedules were bravely completed.

The pictures show how Nikki Gudgeon's 2 year old weimaraner bitch Lola sprinted through the hurdles in the "doggie dash", while Andy "stilts" Walker (his real name) juggled balls, wind and rain 9 feet off the ground. This year the funds raised will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice and to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service.

A Lions Tale.....!

Due to our connection with the Cayman Islands, both past and present, Bob and I were honoured to attend a reception for the entire Cayman Islands team held at the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes on 27th June.

At the reception we met Ms Liz Smith the Manager of their Track and Field team who immediately spotted that I was

wearing my Lions President badge, she too is a Lion and a member of the all female, 70 strong, 'Tropical Gardens Lions Club' of Grand Cayman. During the course of the reception, Ms Smith revealed a problem she was experiencing transporting her team from their hotel to the sports ground. She wondered if the Cowes Lions could help - a Lion to Lion plea.



After a couple of phone calls I engaged the help of Lion Roger Huntley (Newport Lions) his daughter Nicola and Lion Ann Huntley, Secretary of the Cowes Lions. Unfortunately Bob and I couldn't assist because we were already committed to assisting the shooting competition by changing targets. Roger, Ann and Nicola, using their own vehicles, did a fantastic job ferrying those young athletes back and forth from hotel to sports ground until the transport issue was eventually solved. They too commented on how well mannered and gracious those young people were and what a pleasure it was to meet such a bunch of great youngster's. This is an outstanding example of how Lions work together across the continents and why we, as Lions, have such enormous pride in our worthy organisation

Just in case folk don't know where the Cayman Islands are (and let's face it, most don't) Might be a good idea to include the fact that the Cayman Islands are a British Overseas Territory located in the Western Caribbean Sea, the territory consists of three islands 195 miles north west of Jamaica.

Lion President Janet Freemantle.

A Message from your Editor

Many thanks for the lovely varied articles this month.

I have now the latest version of Publisher which gives me more designs especially for pictures, so I hope you like it.

Can I please ask all Secretaries that all obituaries should be forwarded to me. The district website also displays these in **date order**, so if you could also let me have the date passed away. The District Almoner also keeps a remembrance book.

Next issue will close on 26th September 2011.

