

The International Association of Lions Clubs

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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"Service before Self"



Hi Fellow Lions

Here we are at the beginning of March, three quarters of the way through my year as your DG, and time is just flying by. Again I must apologise for this March newsletter

being late. Normally I like to have my part of it with Peter by the end of the month. But February has been a busy time, with the March visits starting almost straight away.

Our District Convention will be with us in a couple of weeks, and I am assured by the Host Team it is going to be a Fun Packed Weekend. **Have you booked in yet?** If not, it is not too late to do so; we still have some spaces left. So why not come on over the Solent for a right old "Carry On". Can not make the whole weekend, so why not come for the Business session on Saturday. That is the time when decisions are made that affect this District, and as Lions you all have a say in those decisions and what we do. It is your District and I would love to see you all there. When is it? 23rd to 25th March 2012. Where is it? Norton Grange Holiday Centre, Yarmouth, I O W. Just a 10 minute walk up from the Wightlink ferry. Full details are on the Webb site.



It has come to my notice that at least one Club in the District has planted some trees for IP Tam's Project, and have in fact been sent an award from him for doing it. Well done Meon Valley. So have any more of you planted trees and received an award? Please let me know if you have planted trees during this fiscal year or are going to before the end of

June! Have you reported it to Oakbrook on the Activity page? As DG it would be nice to know if we are getting any where near our target.

Well done to all the Clubs that have been busy recruiting new members. It has been great being able to badge them up on my visits, quite a privilege for me. This was especially so when I helped Fleet and the Zone badge up and swear in the members of the New Branch of Aldershot at the start of the month. (see photo top of page) Another really great privilege during the last couple of months has been the presenting of "Melvin Jones Fellowships" to some of the Lions. Welcome to you all to the MJF group.

Just like we do at Cabinet meetings where the DGs partner helps keep the District Officers partners entertained, the C o Cs partner does the same at the GoG meetings. So at the end of January whilst the DGs were in Council, the partners were being taught how to



make jewellery in a workshop and of course there were twice as many of them at that time as the VDG partners were there also. I do not think any of them are going to change their carers just yet. But Ann said it was good fun and very interesting and they

all finished up with a set of jewellery they had made themselves.

Since last months newsletter, Ann and I have made 12 Club visits, done 4 Charter nights, including Hook and Odiham's 25th, a really great evening with every one enjoying them selves (*although I did manage to upset a table full of jars of cream, fortunately no one had a camera handy, nor hurt, or clothes damaged.Pheew.*)



Also I had the privilege of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Norman Apps at the Weymouth Charter, another great evening; I just do not know where Lions get all there energy from.



The following morning after the Weymouth Charter saw Ann and I driving north to Dudley to be there in time to see the presentations from the 13 YA finalists and to hear the results of the judging. Unfortunately there were only 12 youths present as the girl from District I had been taken unwell and

could not attend, due to having to return to hospital for treatment. The 12 youths attending decided to donate the raffle from their Friday night quiz to the charity that deals with Leukaemia; this is the calibre of these young folk. Not only did these youths get time with each other that they met there, but had to perform in front of the local Mayor and the International 1st Vice President Lion Wayne Madden, who had made a special detour of his world tour, just to see how we do the YA competition. Unfortunately our candidate Laura, from Eastleigh did not win. But she certainly did our District and the Club proud, a brilliant young lady. But as we always say, there are no losers in this competition, because all the youths are winners in their own right, and what they manage to do with their time is so fantastic, so our encouragement really helps them to go on and achieve even more. The winner of the MD competition really was astounding and stood out above the others.



With Fun and Fellowship

This month of March is going to be just as busy, we have at least 6 clubs to visit during the month, along with 4 Charters. Then there is the National UN day in Westminster with the visit of our I P Lion Win Kun Tam. Also of course the month will end with our own Convention, don't forget to be there. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can during that weekend and during the next few months.

Remember for Lions nothing is impossible if "We Believe". Because if we believe we can do it then we will do it and make a difference to somebody, somewhere. I take a quote from the speech of the young lady who won the MD, YA competition, when she said, "it is not what you say, nor what you do, that makes the difference or how you will be remembered. But how you say it and how you do it that makes the difference".



Please do not forget Lion Ann's Charity, Canine Partners, a little from all of you could make a big difference for some people who will get doggy helpers. They will be at convention for the weekend and doing a demo on the Saturday afternoon.

Well enough from me, got to get back to travelling around to meet you all.

All the best from Lion Ron your DG and his spouse Lion Ann.

Membership

I would like to welcome to our district and to Lionism the following new members, as reported to Oakbrook by 29th February 2012.

James Nesbit, of Blackmore Vale Lions,
Graham Halls, and Jane Halls of Christchurch Lions,
Alex Crawford, Carol Cross, Carole Ann Hambleton,
David Ian Hambleton and Janet Elizabeth Jones of the Aldershot branch of Fleet Lions.
Margaret Miles of G M S Lions.
Mike Corbett of Havant Lions.
Diana Angelis and Peter Angelis of Meon Valley Lions.
Briget Theresa Smith of New Milton Lions
Jackie Bowers of Petersfield Lions.
Geoffrey Packman of Reading Lions.
Martyn Graham Douglas, Janet Anne Hammerton, and Stephen Ronald Hammerton of Southampton Lions.
George William Potheary of Wareham Lions.
Paul Skinner of Windsor Lions.
Paul Beaumont, James Corbridge and Mark Duesbury of Wokingham Lions.

I wish them all the best and hope that they have many happy years ahead serving with the family of Lions.

In Memoriam

Unfortunately in amongst all the good things we do, we have to have moments of sadness, and this month I am sorry we have to say farewell to the following Lions who have passed to higher service, I am sure we all have their families in our thoughts.

Lion Colin France of Blackmore Vale Lions Club. And Lion John Wilson-Brown, of Romsey Lions Club.

Also as I write this I have just heard of the death of a great Lion and a friend PID Lion Phillip Daubeney, member of Jersey Lions and associate member of Fleet Lions, he will be greatly missed. I am sure all our thoughts will be with Rita and his family at this time.

I do try my best to get to the funerals but if I am unable to, then I try to get a District Officer to represent myself and the District.

D G travels over the month of March, April and start of May are as follows.

March 2012.

Thursday	1 st Christchurch official club visit.
Saturday	3 rd Hook & Odiham 25 th Charter night.
Monday	5 th Meon Valley Club visit.
Tuesday	6 th Wimborne & Ferndown club visit.
Thursday	8 th Trowbridge club visit.
Saturday	10 th Poole Lions Charter Lunch.
Saturday	10 th Joint Charter Dinner New Milton/Lymington.
Monday	12 th Swanage club visit.
Tuesday	13 th Lions UN day Westminster & London China Town.
Wednesday	14 th G M S club visit.
Monday	19 th Windsor club visit.
Fri/Sunday	23 rd /25 th District Convention. <i>All Lions Welcome.</i>
Saturday	31 st Sandown & Shanklin Swimathon.

April 2012

Sunday	1 st Newport Charter Lunch.
Monday	2 nd Portsmouth official club visit.
Sunday	15 th Melvin Jones Lunch, Bournemouth.
Monday	16 th Waterlooville official club visit.
Friday	20 th Warminster Charter.
Saturday	21 st Gosport Charter.
Monday	23 rd Long Rang Planning, Newbury.
Sunday	29 th Bridport Charter Lunch.

The start of May 2012

Wednesday 2nd to Monday 7th
M D Convention plus Council of Governors meeting

Looking forward to seeing you all on my visits.



*DG Lion Ron
and Ann*



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