



The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER District 105D - SEPTEMBER 2012



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“Service with humility: Fellowship with fun”



Hello Fellow Lions

Since the last Newsletter it has been a quieter time for Christine and me on Club visits as some of the clubs I had scheduled visits asked for a later date due to holidays. However, I have had a lot of Lions office work and administration to do. On the visits further away from home, my club, Fleet, has continued to support me by

providing a “Lion Chauffeur” and Christine accompanies me on most visits. The drivers are ably organized by Lion David Mathews, and in fact he has done most of the driving. I cannot adequately express the enjoyment and satisfaction that I feel on visiting the clubs.

I have asked the District Webmaster, Lion Tom Sayers, to put the latest Blog, from PID Phil Nation, on to the District Website. It is an interesting insight into the life of a Lion who is our endorsed candidate to get on the trail as International President.

http://www.lionphilnathan.co.uk/pid_phil_campaign_home_thoughts.html

Reading Action Programme (RAP)

Lion Carole Gratton, Secretary of Gosport and Lee on Solent has reported that they are embracing the Reading Action Programme. Lion Norma reads twice a week with adults who are unable to read as part of Reading for Growth - a local reading programme.

Lion Carole is the Chair of Governors at a Junior School where the importance of reading is close to her heart and a great emphasis is placed on reading. Lion Norma goes into the school as a volunteer to listen to children read. She is also a Governor at a local Junior School. Lion President Joan Kelly works as a volunteer one day a week in an Infant School and promotes the benefits of reading. So we agree that they are doing their bit. My congratulations to the Club.



President Joan and DG Roger exchanging bannerettes

District Governor	Roger's Rambles
Cosham	3 rd September
Gosport and Lee on Solent	4 th September
Bournemouth	10 th September
Pangbourne, Theale & District	17 th September
Waterlooville	1 st October
Gillingham, Mere & Shaftsbury	10 th October - TBC
Aldershot (Branch of Fleet)	15 th October
1 st Vice Governor	David's Visits
Wareham	3 rd September
Alton	13 th September
Petersfield	13 th September
Burnham (Bucks)	17 th September
Warminster	2 th October
Christchurch	4 th October
Goring, Woodcote & District	8 th October
Romsey	10 th October
Trowbridge	11 th October
Weymouth & Portland	16 th October
Dorchester & District	31 st October
2 nd Vice Governor	Mike's Visits
Havant	4 th September
New Milton	24 th September
Eastleigh	5 th October
Southampton	10 th October
Westbury	11 th October
Poole	18 th October
Maidenhead	23 rd October

Please refer to the list in the district mailing for Charter Anniversaries

There is a pull out section from International President Wayne Madden in the middle of the Lion magazine this month. Please do take it out and have a look at the Reading Action Programme, on line. Is this something your club could do as a hands on Community Service Project? There is a section on the Club Excellence Awards as well and you do not have to apply for the awards or do the whole programme if you do not want to but taking part will help your club grow in service. If you grow in service and are visible in your community you will grow in strength and people will want to join you

There seems to be misunderstanding about the Signature Projects programme. The main purpose has been to combine two programmes that we as Lions are known for. Have you ever stood in a mall trying to attract potential members? I have and when you have "hooked" someone showing interest and trying to answer the question "well what do Lions do?" and you are on a roll with a description of our service projects have you noticed their eyes glaze over and imagined the cartoon like bubble appearing with their thoughts in "that sounds like hard work" etc. Well that is the reason that Signature Projects package consists of two existing projects that demonstrate *what Lions do* as a focal point for our use as a marketing tool. The Signature Projects were felt to be unique to Lions and if our Clubs are seen by the public to be involved in them on regular basis they will eventually identify the Lions as the ones who do the Young Leaders in Service (YLIS) awards or the Lions Eye Health Programme (LEHP). Are you using the boards and the folder as Membership tools when you are running any event where the public are involved and are you supporting and implementing the two programmes? It's your choice but I recommend this Multiple District Membership tool and if you need assistance please contact our Global Membership Chairman Pauline McCreanor email: membership@lions105d.org.uk or your Zone Chairman.

Hart Lions take the Senior Citizens out for Tea at Badshot Lea



One of Hart Lions' regular projects is to take a bus trip with some of the elderly from Fleet and treating them to a Cream Tea. This trip to the Garden Centre at Badshot Lea is a repeat of the trip last year. A walk, or push in a wheelchair, around the centre to look at the plants and the fish in the tanks, a purchase or two, and then a cream tea. I joined the group this year and I thoroughly enjoyed it as much as the guests. I know most of the guests from other events put on by both Hart Lions and Fleet Lions.

I was at my own Club meeting this month and we were visited by representatives of two organisations that have been helped through the Club's Dragons Den Evening:



Last month a cheque for £1400 was presented to Stuart Graham MBE of Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers (SERV) aka the Blood Runners – a particularly worthy cause. This month one of the volunteers brought their new bike up from Waterlooville: -



A cheque for £2500 had been presented to Jeanette Moseley of Community Responders, a totally voluntary organization and she kindly came to the meeting to show us one of the two additional equipment bags and defibrillators that we funded.

Christine and I would really like to hear more about your projects so that we may join you when we can. Thank you for what you do in your communities and for our Multiple District and International Projects. One of my email buddies in South Africa sent me this pearl of wisdom:

"A good life starts only when you stop wanting a better one and start living the one you've got to the fullest"

YOURS IN LIONISM ROGER MUNDAY