# 105M District Governor's Newsletter December 2007

The month of November has been yet another busy month. With 14 visits to clubs including 3 charters, and a cabinet meeting!

What I find most fascinating at my club visits is the way each club conducts its meeting in a very friendly and professional way. Every club without fail has many activities and have membership as priority on their agenda.

I was delighted to induct 2 new members at the Barwell & Shilton Lions Club, another one in Worchester, present Melvin Jones fellowship award to Kelvin Choong at charter held by Northampton China Town in Milton Keynes. Congratulations to Kelvin for receiving the highest award an individual can achieve for humanitarian services through Lionism.

The cabinet approved the twinning of the district with other overseas districts in Sri Lanka, India, and Turkey.
The fellowship competition is beginning to gather momentum. I request all the clubs who have not played their first round to chase the Zone chairman for the details of the fixtures. Let us all make this a success by participating, and having fun and fellowship in the district.

At a recent council meeting, it was agreed to promote the Burt Mason Humanitarian award in each district in memory of our PIP Burt mason. Clubs should identify an individual for such an award. Details can be obtained from Stephen Erentraut, the MD Officer. Clubs should forward the names to me in order that I can present the list at the MD Convention in Aberdeen. A new committee has been set to select one candidate from MD districts who will be awarded the Burt Mason memorial Trophy.

Our District convention is taking place in Northampton from 7th March to 9th march. The host night theme is Medieval. So, fellow lions, start making arrangements for the costumes! The Past International president Dr Ashok Mehta has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker. Remember, you only have till end of January 2008 to book the hotel accommodation at concessionary rates.

The MD Convention takes place from 25th March to 27th March in Aberdeen.

I wish to thank all those clubs who have worked hard to support my main charity this year, Campaign Sight First 11 Please make a note in your diary for the major fund raising event we are holding on 7th June , in aid of the Campaign Sight first 11 appeal.There will be a Gala Ball taking place at the Clarendon Suites, at the Masonic hall on Hagley Road, Birmingham. Details to follow.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. May the New Year bring you joy, good health, and wealth.
**DG Suresh**

**NEW MEMBERS**
Congratulations to the following new members:
Louis Woo
Birmingham China town
Steve Watkins
Wellingborugh & Dist
Paul Ferreira
Knowle & Dorridge
Doreen Preece
Dudley
Ian Black
Rugby Rokeby
Lorraine Atkins
Julie Jackson
Nuneaton
Chris Sutton
Barwell & Shilton

**Charter and Fund raising Visits from 1st January 2008 are**:
**19th Jan** - dinner dance at Jungle Club , Leicester - joint venture by Birmingham Handsworth, Coventry Godiva, Bushby, and Corby - Campaign Sight First II
**9th Feb** - Walsall Lions
**16th Feb** - Birmingham Sheldon
**17th Feb** - Luncheon charter - Birmingham Exhibition
**22nd Feb** - Bushby Lions
**23rd Feb** - Solihull Lions
**29th Feb** - Bromsgrove lions
**1st Mar** - Barwell & Shilton
**29th Mar** - Rowell Lions
**5th April** -Towchester Lions
**19th April** - Hinckley & Burbage Lions
**16th May** - Aldridge Lions
**17th May** - Knowle & Dorridge Lions
**31st May** - Handsworth Lions
**7th June** - District Gala Ball
**14th June** - Corby Lions
**20th June** - Rugby Rokeby lions
**21st June to 1st week of July** - Bangkok -Convention