



Name Heather Hill  
Office Regional Membership Officer  
Date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009

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## DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

## JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

## ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

I have attended at Erdington Lions with MERL Chairman Doug Cross on the first occasion and with Doug and Zone Chair Pauline Hoogerwerf on the second occasion. At the first meeting there were four members present, including the President and it was proposed to take the club forward by way of writing to old members and asking whether they would like to rejoin and also having a drinks and nibbles night. The members were very positive.

The second meeting was only attended by two members of the club, but again they were very positive and another meeting has been arranged at which they will determine which areas of Erdington they can do a card drop – a further meeting is arranged to prepare and discuss events to happen after the card drop, the card drop itself is to be the 29<sup>th</sup> March and the drinks and nibbles evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Help will be requested from the zone, at the next zone meeting – to help with the card drop and to attend on the evening.

I have been requested to go to Hinckley and Burbage on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to discuss them holding a drinks and nibbles evening.

I am to liaise with Sutton Coldfield in respect of previous attendees at their last drinks and nibbles evening, to see if we can interest them any further, with a view to inviting them to events, social etc.

## OBJECTIVES

**To assist DG Andy and Region Chairman Neil on membership matters and try to increase membership within the district as much as possible.**

**I will be available to attend any clubs in the region that require assistance with their membership drives via the drinks and nibbles evenings – if requested to do so.**

# LIONS DISTRICT 105M

# CABINET REPORT

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Name Lion Bill Ranautta  
Office District Membership Chairman Region 3  
Date 20 January 2009



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## DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

## JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

## ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

### Alcester Lions Club

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the Firefighter's Club, Seggs Lane, Alcester at 8pm, after the seasonal break to discuss a further card drop as reported on my last report.

### Coventry Lions Club

Nothing has transpired since the last report because of the Christmas holidays. I intend to concentrate on this matter in due course.

### Region 3 Zone I

I attended the Zone meeting of Zone I organised by Zone Chairperson Lion Josh on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The event was very successful as almost all the Clubs were represented. Various issues on membership was prominently discussed.

### Future action

In the near future I intend to concentrate and communicate with the other Zones in the Region with a view to expand on membership.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To bring Alcester Lions Club to a successful conclusion.
2. Provide assistance to the Clubs in the Region to improve membership numbers.

# LIONS DISTRICT 105M

# CABINET REPORT



Name Phil White  
Office Leadership Development Officer  
Date 23 January 2009



## DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

## JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION(S)

N/A

## ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

I attended a Lions Leadership Institute in Brussels between 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November. It was hard work but well worth attending, despite lost luggage and getting stuck in the hotel lift. I thank District Governor Andy for giving me the opportunity of meeting and working with so many Lions from across Europe.

I participated in a MD MERL meeting on 22 November.

On 10 December I had a meeting with the new Zone B Chairman Lion Barbara Dutton to run through the training programme that was given to all incoming ZC's before the start of this Lionistic year. I also made her aware of her duties and responsibilities and the support mechanisms available to her.

The projector and the new screen are being put to good use around the District. They have been loaned out to several clubs and some district officers.

I am still waiting for a proof copy of the Members Handbook from the printer.

I co-presented three workshops at The MD Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, which took place in Birmingham from 15-18 January 2009. ZC Lion Mike Barker was also on the faculty of the Institute. There were 2 delegates from 105M, Mark Bowden, VP of Birmingham, Sheldon Club and Gary Poole from Knowle and Dorridge Club. Well done to both of these Lions who graduated having fully immersed themselves in the Institute and contributed well to the shared ideas, discussions and support. We need to identify more Lions of this calibre to participate in the institute and move our district forward.

I intend to offer a workshop to all Lions across the District, possibly in March. Details will be circulated shortly.

## OBJECTIVES

To promote the range of workshops/seminars available and encourage ideas for new ones.

To promote Lions Leadership Institutes

To provide information/training as required

To deliver a minimum of one of the offered workshops during this year

To look for potential in all fellow Lions in the District and encourage and develop that potential where possible

To keep up to date my knowledge on leadership and training and attend any courses available to me

# LIONS DISTRICT 105M

# CABINET REPORT

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Name Mavis Cooke  
Office Almoner  
Date February 2009



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## DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

## JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

## ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

I am pleased to report that the system of reporting details to me regarding our fellow Lions and Partners is working well. I am being told not only about the unfortunate passing to higher service of our fellow Lions but also those who are in hospital.

It is also very welcome to be told about good news such as weddings and the arrival of new babies.

A total of 16 cards of condolence, good wishes and congratulations have been sent since the last Cabinet Meeting.

Please keep the news coming so that greetings or condolences can be sent on behalf of District Governor and the Lions of the District.

## OBJECTIVES

To encourage us all to remember that "Lions Caring About People" includes our fellow Lions and their families.

# LIONS DISTRICT 105M CABINET REPORT



Name Douglas Cross  
Office MERL Chairman  
Date February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009



**Following the approved minute from the last cabinet meeting I have made a DRAFT application for additional membership funding and received a reply to say they were looking at it. We can discuss this if I receive a reply before cabinet. I have not included this in my Convention Report because there is no point at this stage.**

We are going through a very disappointing time with a general fall of 36 in the total membership over the whole of District 105M this fiscal year

The worry is that is gradual and not major in any particular place, quite a lot of club have lost 2/3 members which multiplied by the total club losing members adds up to lot of members  
The situation varies from Region to Region and Zone to Zone, but older more established clubs are starting to lose members

A membership meeting as been called at the Arden Hotel on **29<sup>th</sup> January 2009** the date was chosen because it is in the fifth week of the month so hopefully all of the Zone Chairmen can attend to discuss the situation.

It will be tragic if you lose the extra members we gained last year. The current financial situation the whole country will not help of course.

Phil White is controlling Leadership and will report separately, but new clubs and rebuilt clubs would benefit from a detailed presentation by Phil.

In order to keep continuity between MERL Regions & Zones, DG Andy holds meetings before each Cabinet meeting when membership is the main topic.

The situation in Regions & Zones are as follows, individual Region & Zone reports may well bring out differing points

## REGION 1

**Zone A Codsall & Wolverhampton** should plan Yellow Card drops help will be required.  
(7) But they will want help from Zone clubs  
Generally all of the clubs in this Zone are low in numbers.  
Kingswinford did a card drop of their own but have still lost a member.

Yet this most Northern Zone is the area were new clubs within 105M could be formed,  
**Brownhills, Penkridge, Womborne, Tipton** etc .Plus others  
But a dedicated local club or group of Lions are essential for this to work

**Zone B Edgbaston, Handsworth & Handsworth Ladies** ( Have lost 4 members) should (6) consider membership drives  
**Chinatown** have collected two members from the aborted idea of a Nechalls Club.  
**Northfield Kings Norton & Moseley Kings** **Heath** have "added" to their names with LCI approval

**Sandwell Lions Club** formation will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> with Charter in early  
June. Well done Stuart Richmond & Jackie McGuirk acting as guiding Lions.  
Bilston & Willenhall will be the mother club. ( They will lose 5 transfer members)

**Zone C** (5) This Zone only has 5 clubs all fairly strong in numbers. Sheldon have gained 3 following a YC drop  
**Heart of England** Club next meeting is Feb 5th but numbers are still very disappointing and the solution may be to form a Club Branch in the first place.  
Ross Collins & Martin Bye are fronting this one.

## REGION 2

**Zone D** (6) The big problem here is two clubs very weak in numbers.  
**Sutton Coldfield** had a very successful YC drop, but only managed to induct 2 members from it.  
**Erdington** we have now held two meetings with the very few members they have set up a proposed Yellow card drop on March 29th with D/N on April 6<sup>th</sup> RM Heather Hill is organising this with Zone help.  
Most of the other clubs in this Zone have gained numbers.  
**Castle Bromwich** intend to induct 4 ( One from Nechalls)  
**Balsall Common** now have 40 members be careful too many in one year ??

**Zone E** (7) Generally clubs in this Zone are fairly strong but most have lost members over the years and are not replacing them via YC drops.  
There is still a future possibility of **Pershore** in this Zone

The new **Alcester** Club is being worked on and the next meeting is set for January 22nd 2009. Bill R is heading this but Shakespeare have not been given the help promised by other Zone Clubs.

**Zone F** (7) Most of the clubs could do with a membership drive  
**Worcester** have slowly gained members some from Web Site connections.  
**Kidderminster** YC drop was not a success at all.  
Please remember **Teme Valley** still exists as a club a decision should be made to drop this club mainly due to its location

## REGION 3

**Zone G** (7) Two of the strongest clubs are in this Zone, others should be planning YC drop  
But 10 Lions or more have been lost in this Zone from strong clubs  
Heather H is visiting **Hinckley & B** in Feb to discuss a YC drop

The idea of a new **Coventry** Club is not being worked and no action seems to be taken place. DG is discussing this with the existing Coventry Clubs  
A non City centre Club appears a better idea in this area..

**Zone H** **Northampton** have held a YC drop. 18 attended their D/N **Northants 80** are in (7+1) a good position **Rushden** require a YC drop, **Wellingborough** have just had one. **Chinatown** are meeting in 105A at MK Paul A is still keeping check

**Brixworth CB** situation seems to be dormant & will lose them as a CB unless some action is taken presumably by Northants 80.  
Again new clubs have been discussed here at **Silverstone & Brackley**

**Zone I** (7 +1) Again YC drops would help clubs here. **Corby, Lutterworth & Rowell** urgently want a surge in numbers.  
**Market Harbough CB** very little movement only slowly building up numbers..  
**Thurnby Lions Club** were Chartered in November by DG Andy,  
Well done Mother Club Busby.  
But replacement members are now required.

Many of the Yellow Card drops are being paid for by the clubs concerned but in case of low membership the MERL committee will help with funding, but please check before you order cards etc because we only have a limited budget.

Certainly if we can obtain addition funding from LCI this will help, but we have been successful in the past and may not be this time with the much more complicated system they are using.

**District Governor Andy asked every club to look at a “PLUS 1” programme for 2008/2009 that was 1 extra Lion per club for the year. How many Clubs have taken up his challenge???????**

BUT providing we can find the right locations then the best way to rebuild 105M membership back to 1250 is by forming new clubs. ( We still require 150 new Lions)

I repeatedly ask for possible locations for NEW CLUBS yet with 40 odd Cabinet officer's year in year out I rarely get a suggestion of a location at all!! WHY NOT.

Please remember you ALL MEMBERSHIP OFFICERS my fellow Lions.

**REMEMBER YOU MUST NOT LOSE WHAT YOU GAINED LAST YEAR.**

Doug Cross 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.