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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

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## New Web Site

Our District Web Master Simon Moss has revamped our District web site. I hope you have had time to look at the new layout.

We will continue to put more information on the site, which will be available to all Lions to inform you about your District.

We also want to make the site more interesting to anyone who wants to find out more about Lions in the Midlands. So let me have those pictures of Lions carrying out what we are all about **SERVICE**

One of the first changes is to include Midland News on the site as a news service. As soon as we receive news from clubs we want to publish what's happening.

To achieve this we need Clubs to send news of what they are doing to:-  
[lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lionannpemberton@hotmail.co.uk)  
Its there for you to use lets use it together

## District Forum

All Club Secretaries will be receiving a booking form for the District Forum being held on Sunday October 12th at the Village Hotel Coventry 9.30am to approximately 4.00pm. All the sessions are for both Lions and Partners.

There will be a choice of four workshops :-

1. **Effective PR for Clubs**
2. **Tacade programmes**
3. **How to obtain Grants**
4. **Update on Vulnerable Persons Legislation**

In addition District officers will be there manning stalls to inform you all about their programmes.

For every one attending there will presentations on **Partners Project SANDS, Membership, CSFII and MDHQ operations.**

And finally candidates for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG will be presented. This is the first time 105M has done this.

**Lets have every club represented.**



As I carry out my Club visits, I am leaving all clubs with a simple objective for the year in membership **PLUS ONE**

No matter what happens in the year I want every Club to move forward in the year. Do not rely on the membership team to form new clubs.

Work towards your own clubs net growth.

Already I have visited Clubs who have increased this year, well done, but the only number that counts is as at 30th June 2009. For them the challenge is retention.

The Leadership team is currently rewriting our new members handbook. As soon as this is ready it will be issued to members who have joined in the last 6 months.

**PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL CLUBMEMBERS**

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Club Presidents will have received an email from International President Al Brandel stating he was encouraging District Governors to put back Club visits and concentrate on Membership drives.

As we are still awaiting full details, my visit programme continues as follows:-

## September

2nd Rushden  
4th Rugby  
8th Wellesbourne  
9th Acocks Green  
10th Handsworth Ladies  
11th N'hampton Chinatown  
16th B'ham Exhibition  
17th Towcester  
22nd Hinkley  
25th Codsall

## October

8th Rowell  
9th Shakespeare  
13th Lutterworth  
14th Stour Valley  
15th Southam  
16th Aldridge  
23rd Dudley  
27th Kingswinford  
&Stourbridge

## Thank you all from VDG Femi Onabolu 105M CSF II Coordinator

Campaign Sight First II will always be remembered as an extraordinary worldwide effort by Lions to raise approximately £100 million in a global campaign to eliminate and eradicate avoidable blindness in our World. As reported in the 1st DGs newsletter this goal was achieved

105M was set an International goal of \$137,360 based on the then membership of 1,117. The District Coordinator at the time PDG Ron Cross set a loftier District target of £100,000 for achievement by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

As at last count on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008, 51 of the 59 Clubs in our District have contributed a total of £94,654 (\$180,000) to the Campaign.

Achieving participation of 85% of Clubs, who contributed 30% above set target is no mean feat.

It is also gratifying that our District was the third highest contributor in MD105 after 105I & 105A

I wish to congratulate and thank all Lions individually for their great efforts, devotion and dedication, as well as the cooperation and support accorded me since taking over District Coordinator in July 2007  
**Femi Onabolu VDG**

## Lions World Sight Day

Lions World Sight day is designated for 9th October. Take this opportunity to show to the public what Lions can do.

Why not issue a PR release to the local press telling your area what Lions achieved world wide, what part UK Lions played and what your club achieved.

Tell people in your area about the fantastic work Lions in the UK and Moorfields Eye Hospital are doing at Korle Bu in Ghana. Talk about your ongoing commitment to Lions Eye programmes.

We have a lot to be proud of, shout about it. Tell Midland News of activities your Club is planning to mark the day.

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## **District Governors List of Projects**

Each year the District Governor issues a list of Lions projects which they ask you to consider supporting. My recommendations for consideration are listed below. It is up to each Club to decide which they wish to support and by how much.

### **North Sea Lions £150**

As a District we helped start North Sea Lions and every year a worthwhile project is supported not only by the Districts involved but also an LCIF grant.

### **Youth Projects £100**

Helping opportunities for all Young people to develop their own skills is a key objective for Lions. This donation would go towards supporting Young Ambassador competition, The Music Competition, and Youth Football competition.

### **TACADE £100**

Having attended the launch of the Gambling Awareness project and the request for support to help write packs to assist children faced with coping with bereavement, I know that the long term agreement between TACADE and Lions in the UK is very important, but it requires funding properly.

### **Gift for Living £100**

Any one who has heard PID Phil Nathan deliver a speech on the work of this project will know how much assistance it has delivered in areas of Europe destroyed by conflict. As with all these areas the work is on going as recovery takes a long time.

### **Sight Services £250**

A great deal of effort went into CSFII but you could still consider supporting an "Eye Camp". This contribution will help screen 1,500 people, provide medication for 400 and operations for 150.

### **Special Needs £100**

This money will support the commitment we have to helping Special Olympics and Disabled Games.

### **UNICEF projects £200**

The money donated here helps UNICEF in its work with Street Children £45 and providing Edukits £110. Also a donation would go to Water Aid £45

### **LCIF £100**

Consider giving to Lions own Foundation. We all know what this foundation can achieve in times of disaster and on going development in areas that need help.

### **Partners Project £150**

All Club Presidents have received a pack of information explaining the project. If every club donated this amount we would have enough money to supply Memories Boxes for all Maternity Hospitals in 105M for a year.

## Midland News

Have you seen the articles featuring the following:-

Zone D  
Kettering  
Evesham  
Redditch  
Kidderminster  
Warwick

Did you Read the special DG News Letter covering the:-

Twinning of 105M,  
District Ball for CSFII  
The presentations made at  
Changeover.

## LCIF

The largest ever donation to LCIF and CSFII was made by Kenneth E Behring, a US philanthropist and his foundation (Global Health & Education Foundation) The donation was \$7.5 million (£4.0m )

Although somewhat dwarfed by the recent Olympic Games, the relief effort for the China Earthquake continues and to date Lions Clubs members around the world have mobilized more than \$3 million in direct funding and relief supplies

## Beefy's Great British Walk

Fancy a day out in the fresh air of Warwickshire. Then have you volunteered to marshal at Charlecote Park on Tuesday 14th October?

Briefing at 11 00 a.m and hot drink supplied (Bovril I expect!) Event should be over by 4.00 pm.

## Thurnby Charter Night

The first new Club to be formed in 105M for a number of years.

Their Charter Night is November 15th, details have already been circulated. Sadly it does clash with other Charter Dinners and fund raising events but hopefully a large number of Lions from 105M will be able to get there to show their support for the new club

## MD Web Site

The new web site address [www.lionsmd105.org](http://www.lionsmd105.org) It's a big improvement on the previous site but there is still some development work on going.

Take time to look at it.

## Cabinet Meetings

The first cabinet meeting of the year will be held on Sunday 7th September at the Holiday inn Coventry Road, Sheldon, B'ham (adjacent to the old Birmingham Airport entrance) starting at 9.30a.m.

Any one who wants to come along is welcome. Maybe you are interested in becoming a District Officer well this is a great opportunity to find out how things work. If you are interested please contact the Sergeant at Arms Harry Fry, 01922 451638.

After the meeting the reports of all District Officers will be available for all Lions to read. in addition we will publish a list of decisions taken and matters arising. One of the ways of finding out more and expressing your Club's views will be at the Zone meetings being held after the Cabinet meetings.

Zone meetings are there as part of the two way communication process as well as encouraging fellowship. Hopefully some of the new members will attend to find out more about Lions