



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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"LIGHTING UP LIVES"

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Fellow Lions

Good
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When this newsletter reaches you I should have been saying Good-day from Sydney. Unfortunately I have to say hello from Solihull. A town where the sun shines all day and dare I mention even while we played that game with a round ball in cold South Africa (Three hours of football and Robert Green is still England's top scorer!)

Well my journey begins as the leader of District 105M on the 18th July when at the District Hand-over I will take the Oath of Office as your District Governor and I hope we will all enjoy the tour we will take together over the next 12 months. This will be the first time a District Governor has been sworn in locally in 105M so I hope you will come and join in the event and also see your District Officers badged up.

On behalf of the District I extend our grateful thanks to Immediate Past District Governor Lion Femi Onabolu and Anna for all their work serving the District. I am extremely proud to of been elected your District Governor and I will do my utmost to continue the good work that has gone on before. To be part of the strong team that will continue to drive the District forward is an honour that I share with the "District Governors Team" of Lion Neil Chisholm our 1st VDG and Lion Paul Anstice our 2nd VDG. We shall be available to help and support you, the members, whenever and wherever it is needed. This year, the decision was made to reduce the Cabinet to 28 members. We will still have all our District Officers as normal but it will be each teams Chairman who will report to Cabinet. By doing this I hope we will be able to make better informed decisions quicker thus helping the membership.

It is expected of every District Officer to be proactive throughout the year so Zone Chairman and/ or Club Secretaries I expect you to be popular with

all the District Officers who will be contacting you to make your clubs better aware what projects Lions Clubs International have available to you both Nationally and Internationally. We are continuing with the District skittles and it is hoped every club will take part. I wish you all success and look forward to congratulating the eventual winner at our District Convention in March 2011.

Membership, Extension and Retention are still very important and in this every member is part of the team, all 1078 of us. Each of us should try to bring in a new member making sure we retain the current members. Your MERL team which is being lead by Past Council Chairman Lion Andy Pemberton will be very active throughout the year helping the weaker clubs as well as looking to start new clubs. And helping any club that makes a request. We are aware that an increase of 182 new members will reach the target set by LCI for us to be a complete District and we hope that the clubs both strong and weak will have plans for growth throughout the year.

My catch line for the year is "*Lighting up Lives*" so to all my fellow members I wish you good health and a very successful year providing the service that Lions are known for, caring for people in our communities.

With best wishes

Lion Martin

DG's club visits and charters will appear in next addition as and when they are received.

DG's Handover Luncheon
Sunday 18th July
The George - Ramada Hotel, Solihull
12.30pm.
All bookings to Lion John Barnes
Email: jhbarnes@talk21.com