



SMILE WE SERVE

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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A POEM

I thought that this month I would start my newsletter with a poem:

Smiling is infectious you can catch it just like flu
When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too

I passed around the corner and someone saw me grin

When he smiled, I realised I'd passed it onto him.

I thought about that smile, then I realised its worth
A single smile just like mine could travel round the world.

So if you feel a smile begin don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

Ordinary People Amazing things is motto well deserved

But as Lions always remember "SMILE WE SERVE"

The writer is Anonymous, but I have added a few words of my own. I hope that this puts a smile on your face.

The original poem was sent to me by Thea McIntyre, President, Slough Lions 105D who had one of my cards whilst in Seattle.

SERVICE - Call to Bras

I thought that I would not put a caption on this picture. I am interested whether you can come up with any printable quotes.

The picture was taken at Worcester Race Course on Sunday 31st July when the Lions were helping in a World record attempt for the longest chain of bras, which is currently held by the Aussies at 167,000.



Call to Bras continued

Beryl and I had been at the first Council of Governors meeting in Solihull over the weekend and arrived at 2pm with the process in full swing, however by 4pm it was evident that, for logistical reasons, it was not going to happen on that day.

Bras are still being collected and another attempt is being planned. The important thing was that there were forty Lions there on the day from the following clubs, Redditch, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Malvern Hills, Aldridge, Warwick and Worcester. (I hope I have not missed anybody.)



What great publicity, you could not miss Worcester Lions Gazebo with all its banners.

With interviews with Local Radio, BBC Midlands Today and articles in the newspapers, it heightens the Lions profile.

Lets hope that the next time the Guinness World record can be broken.

Phil Lawrence from Redditch Lions is on the case.



Please circulate to all Club Members

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following Lions to the District:

Derek Rollins	Wellingborough & District
Martin McKean	“ “
Wendy McKean	“ “
Michael Flynn	“ “
Christine Gibson	Kettering
Karen Hughes	Nuneaton
Paul Carter	Kingswinford & Stourbridge
Angela Rowse	Stour Valley
Nigel David Watkins	“
Peter Bougham	“
Susan Ann Harris	Dudley
Sameer Karim	Thurnby
Danielle Benn	Hinckley & Burbage
Roy Townsend	Droitwich
Graham Orme	Solihull

Now, I have never heard the following two words in the same sentence - Membership should be Sexy! This is a quote from the District Membership Officer. I am uncertain how this can be achieved.

INTERNATIONAL

As some of you know, there is an Australian Lion, Bob Wallis, who unfortunately had a stroke whilst on holiday here and ended up at University Hospital, Coventry. Beryl and I visited him and met his wife Maggie and their daughter, who had just flown in from Australia.

I am aware that a number of Lions from local clubs have visited him and Pauline and Wim Hoogerwerf have been helping to look after the couple.



I am certain that this encapsulates the International President's theme that we treat Lions as family. I would like to add my personal thanks to all those who helped. Bob hopes to be able to fly home on 5th September.

TREE PLANTING: How is it going?

LEADERSHIP

Plans are being made to have a Spring Forum in April 2012 as a training day for all incoming officers that are Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, District Officers, Zone Chairmen and Region Chairmen.

To achieve this, we are looking for Lions who have presentation skills who can help deliver the training. Can you help? Please let Pauline Fanti know.

ENJOY

I hope that those who attended the District Changeover lunch enjoyed it. I am ENclosing a photo of JOY receiving her badge.

Joy edits the Midland News, which contains the latest information from Clubs around the District.

Please look at the website, which can be found at: www.lions105m.org.uk/midland.htm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Autumn Forum: Sunday 9th October 2011, Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport
- District Convention: Friday to Sunday, 23rd to 25th March 2012, Holiday Inn, Corby
- MD Convention: 4th to 6th May 2012, Birmingham NEC, Hilton Metropole Hotel

AUTUMN FORUM

This is taking place on Sunday 9th October.

Venue: The Holiday Inn
Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
(Coffee from 9.30 a.m.)

In depth details and a booking form will be sent out shortly but, in the meantime, check out the separate information sheet attached to this Newsletter

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DISTRICT SHOPPING LIST

(Formerly known as the District Governor's Shopping List) is shown below.

The list was discussed by the Finance and Administration Committee and was presented to the District Cabinet and approved. I was not involved in the Committee discussion and hence the name change.

	Recommended Amount
District Youth Projects & Activities	£50
Lions Sight Savers	£100
Medic Alert	£50
Niger Water Wells	£100
North Sea Lions	£100
LCIF (undesignated)	£100
Tacade	£50
Special Olympics	£50
Music and the Deaf	£50
Street Children	£50
Gift for Living / Moet	£50
Edukit	£170
TOTAL	£920

I should be grateful if your club would consider the above list and contributions for any amount would be gratefully received. Cheques payable to LCI 105M should be sent to the District Treasurer.

This request will be sent out to those on the mailing list with some additional information.

Club Visits

In August I visited the 11 clubs listed below;

Wellingborough
Sandwell
Warwick
Northampton 80
Kenilworth
Redditch
Droitwich
Bromsgrove
Nuneaton
Wellesbourne
Wolverhampton

Total mileage on Lions Business in August was 718 miles

September Planned Visits are as follows:

1st Rugby Rokeby
6th Market Harborough
7th Sutton Coldfield
8th Corby
12th Bedworth
13th Barwell and Earl Shilton
26th Malvern Hills
28th Handsworth Ladies
29th Walsall

NB: This is subject to change.

Other Events:

9th Evesham and District Charter Night
11th Wellesbourne Mini Proms Stratford upon Avon Civic Hall

If you have an event or a community project that you would like me to attend please let me know.

CABINET MEETING

Approval was obtained at the District Cabinet to purchase a new LCD projector.

The old projector which we had for a number of years could no longer be repaired.

And Finally

This is a true story.

I was at a Lions Club meeting in the East of the District. The Club meet in the upstairs room of a Working men's club. It was a very hot evening and it was not possible to open the windows.

The President gave permission for Gentlemen to remove their jackets. However, one Lion kept his jumper on - or should I say sweater.

Now you know why I do not tell jokes!!!!

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