



SMILE WE SERVE

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO MY FIRST NEWSLETTER

As you read this, Beryl and I will be in Seattle USA at the International Convention. I have to spend the first five days at the District Governors Elect Training School trying to get to grips with what I'm meant to be doing in the coming year.



I have purchased the required School Uniform, which is needed for the School and the International Parade. It is not until the last day of the Convention, Friday 8th July, that I am sworn in as the District Governor.

One of the highlights of the Convention will be the International Parade. All 750 incoming District Governors, plus their partners and over 12,000 lions from all over the world, will parade through Seattle. It will be quite a splendid sight seeing everyone in their National costumes and Lions uniform. Those of you who saw this in Birmingham in 1998 will know just what I mean.

After the Convention we are taking a short break in the Rockies Mountains in Canada and will be flying back into Birmingham Airport just as the International Youth Exchange students arrive. So it's straight down to official business as I greet these young people.

On Sunday 24th July it is District Changeover Lunch at the Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport and then the following weekend it is the first Council of Governors meeting in Solihull. This is when all 13 District Governors get down to work to discuss the business and the running of the organisation in the British Isles and Ireland.

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As you can see, my logo is a Smiling Lion. **WHY?**

When you think of what we do as Lions, doesn't that put a smile on your face! BUT Smile means more:

SERVICE

MEMBERSHIP

INTERNATIONAL

LEADERSHIP

ENJOY

MISSION STATEMENT:

I want to put a SMILE on all Lions' faces as WE SERVE

Neil Chisholm

District Governor 105 M, 2011-12

SMILE WE SERVE the ACTION PLAN 2011-12

I am listing in bullet style my priorities in the coming year. This list will however change over time.

SERVICE

- District Web site for Fund-Raising ideas
- Promote Youth Projects; especially Young Leaders in Service and Adopt a Youth Club
- Promote Health Projects; especially Message in a Bottle, St Dunstan's appeal and World Sight Day

MEMBERSHIP

- Encourage Clubs to do a Yellow Card Drop.
- Ask Clubs to look at the "My Ideal Club" programme, as it gives all club members a chance to voice their opinions anonymously.
- Remember that Out of Service comes Membership. At all events promote your club. Have information available.

INTERNATIONAL

- More after International Convention

LEADERSHIP

- Being split from Membership to heighten its profile
- District Leadership Team will be providing training.
- Pauline Fanti is the District Leadership Officer and Phil White is the District Training Officer. glt@lions105m.org.uk
- There will be a Guiding Lions workshop on Sunday 11th September 2011.
- We are looking at having a Spring Forum for training next year.

ENJOY

- There will be a District Fund-Raising project later this year. More details later.

Please circulate to all Club Members

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- District Changeover Sunday 24th July 2011, Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport
- 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

DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

Venue for Cabinet Meetings is the HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, COVENTRY ROAD, ELMDON, B26 3QW

All District Officers are expected to attend Cabinet meetings. However, any Lion can attend but they must inform the Sergeant at Arms, Ron Cross, in advance. They will not be able to take part in debate or vote but, if there is time at the end of the Business session, there will be an open discussion.

A personal invite will be going out to Presidents as listed below:

Dates:

- Sun. 21st August (Presidents Region 1 invited)
- Sun. 27th November (Presidents Region 2 invited)
- Sun. 5th February 2012 (Presidents Region 3 invited)
- Sun. 27th May 2012 (Incoming Cabinet invited)

Times:

9.00 a.m. Some District sub-committees will be meeting (Coffee from 8.45a.m.)

10.30 a.m. Main Business Session (Coffee from 10.15 a.m.)

12.30 p.m. Finish

MULTIPLE DISTRICT DIRECTORIES

The Directory of Clubs and Officers will be published this month.

Your Club Secretary will have a number of copies, but further directories can be obtained from Multiple District Headquarters.

If, however, you would like an electronic copy of 105 M's District Officers and Clubs, then please contact Simon Moss on it@lions105m.org.uk

As you will appreciate, the information contained in the Directory is confidential and therefore please dispose of old directories carefully.

DISTRICT LONG RANGE PLAN

Yes, we do have a District Long Range Plan, which looks at the next 5 years. It is based upon the questionnaires which were submitted by clubs last year as well as details from the Multiple District Long Range Plan. You can see a copy on the District Website. This is a working document which will continue to change, so please read it and pass on your comments.

As well as being Webmaster and the 2nd Vice District Governor, Simon Moss chairs this committee and he would be interested in your views. You can contact him at vdg-2nd@lions105m.org.uk

The next meeting of the committee is on 2nd August.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The 1st Vice District Governor, Paul Anstice, chairs this committee and all requests for financial help from Clubs and District Officers should be referred to this committee at vdg-1st@lions105m.org.uk

The next Finance and Administration meeting is on 4th August. At this meeting the District Shopping List will be discussed.

Please note that the word "Governor's" has been dropped as these requests for donations are from the District not the District Governor.

As usual, there is an exception and that is Membership. Please refer those issues to the District Membership Chairman, Heather Lee, at gmt@lions105m.org.uk

GRANDPARENTS

Beryl and I are delighted with the safe arrival of our first grand-child. George James Chisholm was born on 5th June and is pictured here at one day old!



AND FINALLY

Blast from the whistle, which has now been silenced. Watch out for the red and yellow cards!

I am aiming to enjoy my year as District Governor and I hope that you also enjoy this coming year. So -



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