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Amazing Things

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District Governor's Report

With only one month to go until the end of this lionistic year it has been a great honour and pleasure to serve you as your District Governor this year. I have made many new friends during my visits and this I will never forget. This month has been again a very busy one. Travelling to Thirsk and then to Leicester to meet our international president, Ashok Mehta. A quick turnaround the following morning and back to Dumfries for our last cabinet meeting, which was very well attended. It was back on the road again to visit Durham City, Morpeth, Ponteland and Malton where a new member was inducted into the club. And now it is over the sea to Islay to finish the month off. I'm hoping to cover all my remaining visits before handover next month.



As this is my last message to you as District Governor I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my fellow lions in 105NE for all your help and support throughout my year of office. Elizabeth and I have had a wonderful year visiting you all and celebrating with you. We are happy to hand the responsibility on to Lion Yomi and wish him and Lion Muriel the very best for the next year.

DG Jim



PDG Lion Hugh presenting DG Jim and Elizabeth with their parting gift from Cabinet

New Bus Shelter for Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary

Twenty five years ago, Dumfries Lions Club was chartered and the first community project was the erection of a new bus shelter outside the D&G Royal Infirmary. As that shelter is now getting dilapidated and the buses no longer stop at that spot, the club decided to mark their silver jubilee by erecting a new one at a cost to the club of £2500. The shelter is dedicated to the late Alan Drysdale who was the Charter president



The photo shows Club members watching President John MacColl and Christine Drysdale, Alan's wife, cutting the tape to officially open the new facility. The ex-London Routemaster bus, in the background, was taken out of retirement to mark the event.

PDG Lion Bill Walker

Ken Sergensen Trophy

A very pleasant evening was spent in the comfortable surroundings of the Kings Arms Hotel in Lockerbie for this annual battle of wits for the coveted trophy and the not-so-coveted honour of hosting the next year's event. After long drawn out deliberations and amid loud allegations of "FIX!" Quizmaster Lion Rebecca French of Lockerbie Club declared her own Club winners for the third year running. Interviewed after the event the quizmaster made no comment but was heard muttering that she didn't understand how anyone could know Einstein's theory of relativity that well.

ZC Lion Geoff Mitton

Gatehouse of Fleet Lions Club 30 years Young

Lion President Ethel Powell invited Spotlight's roving reporter to join guests at their recent charter dinner held in the Murray Arms. It was the usual wonderful evening of fun, frolics and fellowship which marks Gatehouse as the "do not miss" charter every year. PDG Ian Badham set the sartorial standard for the evening this year by sporting an unusual pair of shoes, one of which was brown and the other black. I hear he has another pair just like it at home.



Representing the District Governor PDG Lion Bill Walker gave a stirring speech, which was unusually in plain prose. He was rewarded for his efforts with a presentation. When asked what it was "no answer" came the stern reply.



Dancing followed the speeches and the good music ensured that a gay time was had by all.



All Clubs are put on warning that my secret photographer [Editor's note: no you can't call him the "Phantom Flasher", have a little respect, remember that's a white jacket he wears.] and I could be at your next charter. If it's as much fun as that one was, then I certainly hope to be invited.

Roving Reporter

Environmental Challenge 2006 - 2007

The environment, global warming, the depletion of the world's finite resources and conservation are among the most important issues in the world today and organisations like ours are not doing enough either directly or indirectly in connection with these vital issues. We could create significant awareness as well as taking the lead in environmental initiatives in the communities we serve. It is also a golden opportunity to put Lions on the map where publicity is concerned; environmental issues make good media copy.

To this end I issue a challenge to all Clubs and Zones in 105NE to initiate an environment or conservation project this year to be judged by a panel of experts at the end of the year for the award of the District 105NE Environment Challenge Trophy.

The rules are as follows:

1. The Project should be either improvement of the environment, reduction in the use of finite resources, energy saving or conservation e.g. wildlife habitats.
2. The Club or Zone can work in partnership with Local Authorities, private sector companies or other interest groups provided it can be shown that the idea or initiative originated and is led by the Club or Zone.
3. The project shall be submitted for assessment by the beginning of June 2007 and should contain the following basic elements.
 - a. Proposed objective
 - b. Project implementation and methodology
 - c. Partnership involvement
 - d. Project expectations
 - e. End of year results with as much quantitative information as possible – if the project is expected to last more than a year, then the year end results and future projections should be submitted for assessment.
 - f. Supporting information including and press releases and other publicity
4. Judging will be in two stages:
 - a. Creation of a shortlist of 10
 - b. Judging of the 10 finalists for 1st 2nd and 3rd places

If this is successful in its first year I hope that it will become an annual event. I do hope as many Clubs and Zones as possible will sign up to this project. If you intend to come on board please let me know, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me

Lion David Leigh, Environment Officer

Twinning

The Town of Ayr is in the processes of Twinning with Ayr & North Dumfries of Ontario Canada while similar arrangements are under way between the Lions Clubs of both Towns. At last night's meeting we greeted Lions Bob & Sirkka Cooper of the Ayr & North Dumfries Lions Club and enjoyed a cultural exchange of views and ideas in friendship, which is a cornerstone of Lions philosophy, a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Later this year the Ayr & North Dumfries Pipe Band from Ontario are paying a visit to Ayr, Scotland. This Band contains members of the Lions Club so we look forward to more enjoyable meetings.

ZC Lion Stuart Hudson



Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club President Alec Mooney exchanging Friendship Banners with Lions Bob & Sirkka Cooper

City of Edinburgh Lions Club - Change of Venue

Meet 7.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday every month

New meeting venue from 1st June 06:

Drumrae Leisure Centre

30 Drumrae Terrace, Edinburgh EH4 7SF

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District Website 2006/07

www.lions105ne.org

As we approach the start of the new "Lions Year" 2006/07, I am updating the District website. Several Clubs have information included as "mini-websites". May I request you view your Club's details and supply updated information for 2006/07 direct to me, **Lion Bill Fraser**, District IT Chairman & Webmaster
Email: District105NE@aol.com

Campaign SightFirstII



I have passed on the information to the Sector co-ordinator PDG John O'Donovan regarding the clubs in District 105NE who have said they would take part in fundraising over the next two years. Of the forty nine clubs in our district some nine clubs said they would take part, I'm sure there are other clubs who will fundraise for CSFII or share a fundraising event or make a donation but I have not heard from them through their Group Co-ordinator so I have therefore had to "make a return dated as requested" showing forty clubs as being undecided.

PDG John O'Donovan has informed me that he is going on holiday over the next two weeks and will take care of any alterations on to the DC1 submitted forms on his return. We have no Model Clubs in the District but I can live with that if I have to. At this moment there are forty clubs deciding whether they will take part in the fundraising campaign, please remember that without funds the whole Lions SightFirst effort will be unable to continue. All I need to know is if they are going to take part in either of the next two Lions years 2006/7 and or 2007/8 in any fundraising for SightFirst II.
"Gie`us a brek pal", thank you.

Lion Larry Collins

District 105NE Co-ordinator CSFII

Welcome New Lions and
Thanks to Their Sponsors:



Aberdeen

Lion Marit Ellefsen

Lion Chris Southworth

Dalbeattie

Lion Maggie Howard

Lion Marian Sargensen

Machars

Lion Kevin Dean

Lion Neil Martin

Lion Danielle Houghton

Lion Neil Martin

Personalised "Membership Application Form"

Should you wish to have your Club name added to the new "membership" form, please contact me direct



I will supply you with new forms including your Club's name printed on the front .

Lion Bill Fraser

District IT Chairman

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Legacy Fundraising

Some of you may remember that there was mention of legacy fundraising at the Scarborough convention and in the B&I Lion; it is the biggest source of income to charities in the UK I am aware that several Lions Clubs have benefited from legacies (one or two in our district) so here is some basic information.

What is a will?

A will is a legal document in which you set out how you would like your estate divided and affairs handled in the event of your death. If you die without a will (Intestate) all your money and possessions will be distributed according to strict legal rules and regulations called "The laws of Intestacy".

What is a legacy?

A legacy is when someone leaves money or possessions in a will. However, nothing is that simple, there are variations:

❖ Pecuniary Legacy

This is a gift of money by a simple clause inserted in a new will. Advantage is you know what you are getting, disadvantage; it is not inflation proof.

❖ Specific Bequest

This is a specified item of property (or object) which can be kept or sold by the beneficiary. It may be worth a lot of money or it could be totally worthless.

❖ Residuary Legacy

The whole (or proportion) of what is left after, pecuniary legacies and specific bequests are met. These are usually larger than Pecuniary Legacies. The average residuary legacy in the UK is now worth £36,000.

❖ Long Stop Legacy

If the rest of the will fails due to the death of the named beneficiaries or for conditions which cannot be met, the estate goes to charity. This avoids intestacy.

❖ Reversionary or Life Interest

For example: "My house is left to "Hometown Lions Club" with a life interest to my Aunt Dolly.

❖ Codicil Addition to existing will.

Extra instructions could be due to increase of legacy to keep up with inflation.

❖ Deed of Variation

Change to will after testator has died.

Family agree to change to leave money to charity out of what they would have received. This is currently exempt from inheritance tax. (I am not aware of any planned change)

Legacy Promotion

Very few legacies are left by people who were not asked to leave them. "Shy bairns get nowt". it's long term planning - effort now, dividends later. Remember 80% of people give in their lifetime. Only 5% will leave a legacy gift. Legacies are long- term strategy –There are no instant results. If you don't ask you don't get but know your target audience, prepare well and develop your supporting presentation.

Lion Larry Collins

Recycling For Sight



Parcel Force will collect from anywhere in the UK and deliver to Newquay or Chichester. Pack spectacles loose in stout well-sealed boxes each no larger than the size of a 12 bottle wine case, which should weigh no more than 10 Kg. Enclose a slip indicating your name and address. Label the sealed boxes "Articles for the Blind" and address them to either of the two destinations indicated below

Ring Parcel Force on 08708 501150 quoting Contract Number: R 233259 and ask Parcel Force to collect the boxes. You will be given a Consignment Number. The Destination Addresses for Delivery are:

Lion Allan Robson Lions Club of Newquay, 26 Chynance Drive, Newquay, Cornwall. TR7 2AA

Newquay will accept: All types of frames (glazed or unglazed), Sunglasses, Cases. No lens without frames, please.

(Or)

Lions Club of Chichester.c/o The Apuldram Centre, Common Farm. Apuldram Lane South, Chichester West Sussex P02 0WE

Chichester will accept: All types of glazed frames, unglazed frames in metal only but preferably only glazed frames. No lens without frames please. No cases please.

Lion Larry Collins

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