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The DGs Convention



PID Exchanging Banners with DG



Hitesh Mistry at Banquet & Ball



PDG Jim & PIP Ashok Mehta



PIP Ashok, RC Paul & PDG Viggo



Twins Bob & Rodger



DG Elect Andy after Convention



DG Suresh



Josna

DG s News Letter

The month of February was indeed a very busy month visiting many clubs, and attending charters each week. Each charter was different with lot of fun, and fellowship.

Club visits were exciting . It was wonderful to see how every club interacted differently, working hard to develop membership, and do many varied activities.

I can see so many clubs actually enjoying Lionism in their meetings, and at their charters.

Bromsgrove had an unusual charter, requiring Lions and guests to come in 60's clothing! Pat Proudfoot's wife, Sheila and Bob Wilkes gave a superb performance in Shakespearan language, with plenty of humour. Terry White and his wife, Helen could not be recognised in their 60's costumes!

The District Convention took place from 7th March to 8th March at the Hilton , in Northampton .

The North Sea Lions luncheon was well attended by over 42 Lions. The evening started on Medieval theme. Majority came well dressed in the theme costumes and looked elegant. It was great fun . Food was good.

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Shakespeare Lions take on Warwick Lions

On Wednesday 5th March members of Warwick Lions Club met at Snitterfield Bowling Club for an evening of nine pin bowling and a snooker challenge hosted by Shakespeare Lions Club with their wives. A finger buffet was included.

A happy time was had by all and the match was declared to be a draw.

The photograph shows Shakespeare members all wearing maroon sweaters and Warwick Lions including President Geoff Wiskin wearing 'chain' of office on the left of Shakespeare President Keith Hillyard and Region Chairman Chairman Neil Chisholm wearing 2 colour ribbon..



Rowell Lions Club's 25th Anniversary

This year Rowell Lions Club celebrate their 25th anniversary.

To commemorate 25 years of service to the community we are holding an exhibition of memorabilia which illustrates the work our club has done since its Inauguration.

The displays will be at Desborough Heritage Centre until the 13th March and then at Rothwell Heritage Centre From the 14th to the 28th March 2008.

Everyone is welcome to visit, either of the centres, and browse through the photographs and other items.

I attach a photograph the which shows our president, Richard Phillips, at the opening of the exhibition.

Yours in Lionism

Mike Line



IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS “THANK YOU”

At the end of my year as your District Governor I was fortunate enough to receive two gifts from you the Lions of this great District.

My first gift was from my Cabinet Officers and is a limited edition water colour painting of the Beatrice Potter character “Peter Rabbit” which was presented at the District Changeover meeting. This hangs in pride of place on my lounge wall and is a constant reminder to me of a great “team” that worked with me to take the District forward.

My second gift takes the form of a gold brooch which has my District Governors lapel badge mounted on it and is engraved with the details of my year as District Governor.

I chose this gift as, good though the ribbon and medal which all Past District Governors receive is, it is not the easiest for a lady to wear on many occasions particularly with an evening dress.

This was presented to me at District Convention but unfortunately I was unable to express my thanks at that time.

Please accept this article as my sincere thanks to all of you, both for these beautiful gifts and for a memorable and enjoyable year serving as your District Governor.

Lion Mavis Cooke
Immediate Past District Governor.

Solihull Lions Club

The 39th. Charter Anniversary of Solihull Lions Club Was attended by His Worship the Mayor of Solihull and Mrs Allport, and the District Governor (Midlands) of Lions Clubs International Lion Suresh Gohil and Mrs. Josna Gohil. The date was 23rd. February 2008. The attendance was 109, consisting of Solihull Lions Club President Hardip Ubhi, and wife Narinder, distinguished Guests and Lions and partners from Solihull and neighbouring Clubs.

Pictured left to right are:

Mrs. Gail Allport, His Worship the Mayor Gary Allport, Lion President Hardip Ubhi, wife Mrs. Narinder Ubhi, District Governor Suresh Gohil, and Mrs. Josna Gohil.





More DGs News



The convention on 8th was very well attended with 54 delegates. Congratulations to the convention committee for an excellent convention. Lot of hard work and planning went into the convention. The convention started on time and finished on time !

The speech by the Past International President Dr Ashok Mehta was the highlight of the day. He had the audience mesmerised. I am very grateful to him for attending our Convention for just 2 days , and flying back to India.

He is a great ambassador for Lionism throughout the world.

I am very pleased to inform the Lions that at the convention, the membership in our district was net 35. This at present is the highest growth in MD 105.

My heartfelt congratulations to the membership team, and all the Lions for making this possible.

Barbara Waldron revived the Northfield Club by introducing 14 new members.

Quote-

To have an effective team, create a climate where everybody can feel at ease expressing their opinions.



PIP Ashok & DG Suresh



North Sea Lions Lunch

Balsall Common had 8/9 new members inducted, while Bromsgrove had 5/6 new members. On 12th March, I set up a new branch club of Bushby, called Thurnby Lions Club, by inducting 8 new members. There were 3 apologies, and 2 other public members wishing to join. I am positive that before the end of the Lionistic year they will charter a new club.

We were commended by PID Howard Lee for the hard work done for Campaign Sight First 11, collecting just over £70,000.

The target is £100,000. Over 80% Clubs have donated to the campaign. I am sure that by the end of the mission, every club will have donated and made the District target possible.

We are holding a District Gala banquet and ball on 7th June 2008, at Clarendon Suites, Hagley Road , Edgbaston, Birmingham in aid of Campaign Sight First 11. The cost to the Lions is only £25 per person. The price includes a drink, and canapés on arrival, followed by 5 courses.

There will be entertainment by our own Don Mclean, followed by live music by Tropical Entertainment Band, and DJ Lion Darren Blankiron from Birmingham Moseley will also entertain the public. Tickets for Lions are limited to 200 only, on first come first served basis. Lion Maureen Kendall will be sending the poster, letter, menu, and booking form to each club very shortly.

We are printing a souvenir booklet to commemorate the event .

The souvenir will be in full colour on A4 size. The cost of the advertisement is-

¼ page-£125

½ page-£150

Full page-£200

The inside back, and front, and back page have already been taken up.

Clubs wishing to provide an article on some of their club activities, specially relating to eye sight, setting up new schools, or water wells etc are invited to send their articles to either myself or to Lion Martin Bye, Region 2 Chairman.

Finally I would like to welcome the following new Lions into the family_

Bob Fife – Southam and District, John Cavana – StourValley

Tracy Dibben – Towcester

David Birchnall - Barwell & Earl Shilton

Lorraine Shipley – Barwell & Earl Shilton

David Cockram – Evesham Vale

Jean Williams – Birmingham Exhibition

Geoff Hinsley - Birmingham Chinatown

Andy Ung – Birmingham Chinatown

Kate Geddie – Bromsgrove, Jeanette Davies – Bromsgrove

Patricia Robinson – Bromsgrove, Martin Surman – Bromsgrove

Hanish Sevak – New branch club-Thurnby , Prakash Pandya-Thurnby

Jayant Ratanshi – Thurnby, Hemal Ratanshi – Thurnby

Rajnikant Patel – Thurnby, Mahendra Trivedi – Thurnby

Usha Pandya – Thurnby, Hitesh Patel – Thurnby

Also a very big thank you to Lorraine Shipley for reading the Lions Code of Ethics at the convention.

DG Suresh Gohil