



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - 105D JANUARY 2008



Ordinary People  
Amazing Things

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Although I am sitting writing this before Christmas you will not be reading it until January and it will all be over for another year. I do hope that all those trips out battling against wind & rain have been profitable to your clubs. I hope that you were not restricted too much

by all the bureaucracy that surrounds what should be a happy time.

I hope that despite the 'rules' you were still able to bring just that extra magic into the lives of some children, families, and senior citizens that might not have all that they should at this time of year.

I hope also that your battles against the weather did not give you coughs, etc so that you were not able to enjoy your own Christmas.

Eric donned the Red Suit several times in the first couple of weeks in December. His 'outings' were mostly connected with the two schools that we are involved with. It is good to see that the magic of Christmas continues in school. It has to be said that his favourite outing is when a group of young teenagers from St Francis School for Children with Severe Learning Difficulties are taken to the 'Golden Bowler pub/restaurant in Stubbington. The local taxi drivers have previously covered the costs ( although Father Christmas has been a 'Lion' ) but for this year Fareham Lions covered the costs of presents. The pub provides lunch and also sends back selection boxes for all the children in the school. For these children the magic of Christmas stretches way beyond the normal age. We always go along to their Christmas Lunch and also to their Carol Service. We always come away humbled not only by the

dedication of the staff but by the thought of the courage needed by the parents and siblings who have to give such a commitment to their very special child.

And so here we go into 2008. Its hard to believe that I am already half way through my year as your District Governor. We really are enjoying all our visits ( I'm not even half way through yet ! ) and the wonderful Charter Celebrations.

Thank you all for making us so welcome.

## CONVENTION NEWS



**Lakeside Resort Hotel**

Have you booked your place yet? The team is speeding up now ...it would help us considerably if you get your booking in. The Host Night ( theme School Days ) will certainly get us all off to a good start. For those of you who were at South Parade Pier last July you can't fail to remember Steve Kingsley our DJ / Entertainer ....WELL the good news is that he is going to join us for Host Night.

Please remember to return your Delegate Papers ASAP ...even if there is no-one from your club attending.

We have also been asked about the possibility of children attending Convention. Lakeside have said that because we have sole use then children are able to use the site. However Warners sites are adult only sites. There are no self catering facilities or family units. If you think that you may wish for your children to accompany you please call me.

Our International Guest is Terry Graham and his wife Jean from Newcastle....in Canada. I have not met him but I am assured that we will enjoy his company.

It is my intention to endeavour to try & make Convention just a little different. I am hoping that it will be a celebration of all the good things that we achieve in 105D. I hope , that through your Zone Chairmen you will have the opportunity to display some photo's press cuttings of some of your activities this year. Please work with your Zone Chair & I'm sure that we will have some great displays. The presentations will be from organizations that have benefited from Lions hard-earned cash.

### MD CONVENTION in ABERDEEN

Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall has taken an option on some rooms. Please contact him for information. You can fly from Southampton . Flybe have just opened a new route. Again secretaries don't forget those delegate papers.

### BERT MASON AWARDS

So far I have not had any names forwarded to me. This is just a reminder that an Award is to be presented by District. PLEASE let me have the name of that person in your club who you feel warrants this special award for Humanitarian Service.

Also please remember the new award to be presented by MD for Services to Youth. again names to me ASAP.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all the following new members:-

Sue Oliver -	Dorchester
Michelle Stanfield -	Guernsey
Robert Maguire -	Poole
Sandra Lee -	Crofton
Louise Crook -	Solent
Andy Ashcroft -	Hayling Island
Karen Howard -	Hayling Island
James Arbuthnot -	Fleet
Laura Clackett -	Hart
John Addiscott -	Maidenhead
Raymond Hague -	Maidenhead
Beryl Sellors -	Maidenhead
Alan Wright -	Goring & Woodcotte
David Hummerstone -	Woodley & Earley

Plus 5 new members in Wokingham .....names to follow

### DIARY DATES

#### January

7<sup>th</sup> Boscombe CV  
 8<sup>th</sup> Crofton CV  
 9<sup>th</sup> Romsey CV  
 10<sup>th</sup> Ringwood & Fordingbridge CV  
 14<sup>th</sup> Swanage CV  
 18/19<sup>th</sup> Young Ambassador Finals  
 20<sup>th</sup> Cabinet  
 21<sup>st</sup> Cosham CV  
 25/27<sup>th</sup> Council of Governors

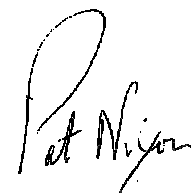
#### February

1<sup>st</sup> Eastleigh CV  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Burnham CA  
 4<sup>th</sup> Meon Valley CV  
 5<sup>th</sup> Gosport & Lee on Solent CV  
 6<sup>th</sup> Swanwick CV  
 11<sup>th</sup> Andover CV  
 13<sup>th</sup> Tadley CV  
 14<sup>th</sup> Alton CV  
 16<sup>th</sup> Cosham CA  
 20<sup>th</sup> Lodden Valley CV  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Waterlooville CV  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sandown & Shanklin CA  
 26<sup>th</sup> Totton & Eling CV

#### Some dates for YOUR diary .....

11<sup>th</sup> May Paultons Park ...details were in the District mailing....if you have never been involved ..it really is a great day out  
 August 1-11<sup>th</sup> Youth Camp at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest ...make sure that your club does not miss out in being part of this event. If you don't already know how ...then find out how you can be part of this.

*Take care everyone and make 2008 a Happy New Year for you all. DG Pat*



#### An apology from your Editor:

In the December issue I reported the sudden death of PDG Jack Marks but unfortunately on the printed version that went to Clubs I gave the wrong surname ( a Senior moment!) however I did manage to correct the web site version.

**Lion Peter Garlick**