



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER**  
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**Watch out Minneapolis – Here we come!**



When this photo was taken in January 2000, of my induction into Lionism by the then IPDG Lion Ernie Howard, little did I realise that I would be writing a District Governors Newsletter in June 2009! By the time you read this, Lion John and I should be in Minneapolis, with me about to start my time in the DG Schools with my fellow Governors for the 2009-2010 year, while John will be finding out about the delights of the city! He will be attending some training sessions for “spouses” as well. I know from previous visits to International Conventions that we shall have a great time, enjoying Friendship and Fellowship from all the other Governors and their partners from all over the world as well as the Lions from 105D and other Districts in MD 105 who will also be travelling to Minneapolis for Convention. I really look forward to meeting friends from 105D, as well as making many new friends from across the world. I know, from supporting John back in 2003, that the moment of installation on July 10<sup>th</sup> will be an experience I shall never forget. It has always brought a lump to my throat, when I have watched predecessors experience it, so to experience it myself, will be really something! **Fellow Lions of 105D, Thankyou for giving me the opportunity of this once in a lifetime experience.** As the Convention is so late this year we will be having a short break beforehand in Albuquerque,

staying with our Lion friend Miriam Stucker, who came to Europa Forum in Bournemouth and is also a DG Elect. We return home on July 12<sup>th</sup> in time to make final preparations for District Handover.

**District Handover 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Lion John and I look forward to meeting many old friends and making new acquaintances on this occasion, when we shall be saying thank you to DG Roger and Lion Ann for all that they have achieved for our District in the past year. My thanks to my own club, Hook and Odiham for organising this event for me.

**The Partners Charity:** Lion John has decided, with the partners of the Cabinet officers, to adopt “The Air Ambulances of 105D” as their charity for the 2009–2010 year. He will be writing about this in the July District mailing. I am sure that we all know that this service can and does save lives in our area and does rely on support from the public. I hope clubs will be able to support this admirable cause during the year in some way or other.

**Lions Leadership Institutes:** PDG Mike Hendy wrote about the Senior Lions Institute in the June District Newsletter. Please do consider attending. I went to the one in Amsterdam two years ago and learnt so much! I also made many new friends and I am looking forward to meeting some of them in Minneapolis – there will be seven of us from that Institute who will be coming in as District Governors! You do not have to aspire to become a DG to attend but it is excellent grounding if you have aspirations to do so in the future.

There will also be an Emerging Lions Institute in this country. Please look out for details in the next few months. This is for Lions who have not become President and who have been Lions for less than seven years. This again provides an excellent training for newer Lions to take on roles within their clubs and is again an excellent opportunity to make new friends and find out about how other Lions clubs work in our MD and in the wider world.

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### **Important Diary Dates 2009–2010:**

**Jul 6-10** International Convention Minneapolis  
**Jul 19** District Handover, Basingstoke Country Hotel  
**Sept 16-20** Europa Forum Tampere Finland  
**8 October** World Sight Day  
**Oct 11** District Service, Christchurch Priory  
**Oct 23** Closing date for receipt of nominations for DG, VDGS & resolutions for Convention 2010  
**Oct 29** Young Ambassador Award Entry Forms to be received by District Officer Richard High  
**Nov 7** Deadline for clubs to send District Peace Poster entries to District Officer Frances Bond  
**Nov 24** Deadline for clubs to vote on District Peace Poster competition  
**Nov 29** DG's Reception for Presidents, Lymington  
**9-10 Jan** 105D Young Ambassador Award Finals, Bournemouth  
**19-21 Feb** MD Young Ambassador Award Finals, Dudley  
**19-21 March** District Convention, Wokefield Park  
**25 April** Spektrek organised by Petersfield Lions  
**29 April – 2 May** MD Convention & 60 Years of Lionism in the British Isles & Ireland Celebrations, Leeds  
**28 June-2 July** International Convention, Sydney, Australia

### **DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts:**

**1-5 July** DG Training Schools, Minneapolis  
**6-10 July** International Convention, Minneapolis  
**19 July** District Cabinet Meeting, Nately Scures  
**19 July** District Handover, Nately Scures  
**31 July-2 August** Council of Governors, Edgbaston  
**3 August** Wareham CV  
**9 August** Ruby Wedding celebrations for Judith and John!  
**20 August** Poole CV  
**24 August** Blandford Forum CV

As you will see from above, my engagements for the first two months of the year are fairly light. However, the pace will increase in September, when I really commence my programme of club visits and the Charter Season gets underway. Presidents will be getting a letter at the beginning of July to arrange my club visits. Both Lion John and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to sharing your friendship and fellowship on these occasions.

**Welcome to New Members** I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our District: Clare Robinson and Sonia Turton (Bracknell Forest); Deanna Stark (Eastleigh); Sue Cooper and Julia Ann Lock (Ventnor) and Vivienne Flack (Petersfield). I am sure your clubs

will make you very welcome and soon get you involved in their activities.

**Members passing to Higher Service** I am sorry to report that George Walker (Maidenhead) has recently passed to higher service. May he rest in peace and be always in our thoughts.

### **District Organisation 2003 -2004**

This year, I will be introducing a post of Legal Consultant. This is almost finalised and I will be advising clubs of the appointment very soon.. The role will be to advise Lions, Lions Clubs and District 105D on legal matters pertaining to matters associated with their Lionistic work.

I have re-introduced the role of Schools Liaison Officer as part of the Youth Team. PDG Pat Nixon will be returning to this position. John Apps will be undertaking a new role of Future Projects Officer within the Youth Team and he will also be looking after the Youth Poetry and Environment Competitions. I have expanded the role of Almoner to include recognising special birthdays and wedding anniversaries of Lions. So Lions if you have a member who will be 80 or over or who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> and above wedding anniversary, please let Eric Nixon, the new District Almoner know. Please also remember to let him know of any deaths or serious illnesses amongst Lions or their close families.

Thanks to all the members of the District Cabinet who have volunteered to serve with me. I know we will have a great year. As ever, each new Lions year is a new beginning so let's look forward, not forgetting all the good that has happened in the past, to a better future.

Finally an enormous thank you to everyone in 105D who has taken on a position of any kind in our great organisation and for all the hard work that you do in your clubs, the District and the Multiple District for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Yours in Lionism,

*DG Judith and John.*



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