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Jungle Jottings

THE NEWSLETTER OF BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB
TWINNED WITH FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS

OCTOBER 2006

SOCIAL/DINNER MEETINGS

The social and dinner meetings for the next three months will be on various dates and at various venues. Be sure to make a note now in your diaries and on the kitchen calendars.

Saturday, 30 September 'Jungle Rock', a combined meeting with Rottingdean & Saltdean and Newhaven, Peacehaven & Seaford Lions Clubs and Seahaven Lioness Club. Tickets are priced at £8.50 (from Pete Dilloway) and include a cold buffet supper, dancing and interactive drumming. *[Interactive drumming? The mind boggles - Ed]*



Thursday, 26 October A dinner meeting at the White Horse Hotel, Rottingdean, 7.15 for 7.45pm, £12 a head. As with all our dinner/social meetings now, partners are welcome. The menu will be leek & potato soup, roast beef & Yorkshire pudding (or a vegetarian alternative), apple pie, coffee. **Ron Fowler needs to know by Monday, 23 October WHETHER OR NOT you will be there.**

Wednesday, 1 November As this scheduled dinner meeting would be very close to fireworks, it has been moved to the week before (see above),

Wednesday, 13 December Christmas dinner at Brighton & Hove Golf Club. This was scheduled as a Ladies' Night but as all social meetings are now 'partner inclusive', it hardly seems right to include those words.

ARE YOU ... ?

Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an extra part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

When the business comes around
Do you pretend you're sick?
And leave the work to just a few
Then talk about the clique?

Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

The board approved a donation of £100 to the District to be shared equally between Railway Children, Unicef in Ghana, Hope for Children in Zimbabwe, International Childcare Trust in Kenya, Plan and Street Child Africa.

FIREWORKS

ALL members are asked to turn out for the club's biggest fund-raiser of the year at the County Ground, Eaton Rd, Hove on 4 November. Please report at 4.30pm unless you are a member of the firing party. Friends, acquaintances and members of the family will be welcome to join us to act as stewards.

CLUB DIARY

- 30 September Dance, Saltdean Community Centre, £8.50 a head. Details from Pete Dilloway.
- 1 October Woodingdean charter lunch, Princes Marine Hotel Hove. £18.
- 6 October Book fair set-up, Lions Dene, 2.30pm.
- 6 October Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 7 October Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 11 October Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 12 October Zone Chairman's visit to Hove.
- 17 October Stroke club transport - Brian Slater.
- 17 October Zone meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 18 October Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 20 October Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 24 October Zone Chairman's visit to Adur East.
- 25 October Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 26 October Dinner meeting, White Horse Hotel, Rottingdean, 7.15 for 7.45pm.
- 3 November Book fair set-up, Lions Dene, 2.30pm.
- 3 November Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 4 November Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am - 1.00pm.
- 4 November Fireworks, County Ground, Eaton Rd, Hove.
- 5 November Seahaven Lioness foundation lunch, Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne.
- 8 November Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
- 15 November Board & business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
- 17 November Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
- 21 November Stroke club transport - Tony Crapnell.
- 22 November Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
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DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Private information which has been omitted from the on-line version.

BINGO ROTA

An asterisk (*) indicates the Lion responsible for collecting the equipment from me and returning it to me after the session.

The current programme means that members are normally called upon up to three times in six months – excepting emergency cover.

I understand that fellow Brighton Lions Club members are all busy people with other commitments, but it would be helpful if you would make the rota a priority, giving me as much notice as possible if you are unable to help on the evenings listed below.

I have tried to reflect members' preferences as to time and place, but if there are any others, please let me know.

Tony Crapnell

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
27/9	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan, Joe Matthews	6/10	A N Other *, David Sawyer
11/10	Ron Fowler *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	20/10	Brian Slater *, Alan Pratt
25/10	Pete Dilloway *, Bruce Nunn, Joe Matthews	3/11	Brian Slater *, David Sawyer
8/11	Tom Novis *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	17/11	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan
22/11	Tony Crapnell*, Alan Pratt, Joe Matthews	1/12	Tony Crapnell *, Jason Bristow

198, 199 AND COUNTING

The small island nation of Seychelles, population 81,500, became the 198th Lions country with the chartering of the Paradise Lions Club in May. Located in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa, east of Kenya and north of Madagascar, the country was ceded to Great Britain in 1814 and became an independent country in 1976.

Seven Trucial States of the Persian Gulf formed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the 1970's. This Middle East country, with a population of 2,602,700, was approved as the 199th Lions country at the June 2006 Board of Directors Meeting in Boston, and a Lions club has already been established in the country.

JUST A THOUGHT

The motto of chivalry is also the motto of wisdom; to serve all, but love only one.

Honore de Balzac

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

L = love, the open door through which the human heart passes from selfishness to service and from solitude with all mankind.

E = enthusiasm. The late American industrialist Henry Ford defined enthusiasm in this way. "You can do anything if you have enthusiasm, for enthusiasm is the yeast that causes your hopes to rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the twinkle in your eyes, the smile on your lips, the gait of your walk, and the grip of your hand. "Enthusiasts have fortitude. They are fighters and they have staying qualities. Enthusiasm can be found at the bottom of all programs - with it you have accomplishments, without it you have only alibis.

A = attitude. Attitude is who you are and what you are. It is what you represent in your life. It has been said, "It is not the aptitude, but the attitude that determines the altitude in your life. It is not what you know, but what you are that determines how far you go in life." People will not remember how you look, but they will remember how you presented yourself, what you said, and how you conducted yourself in general.

D = dedication. When an individual has a deep commitment and dedication, he becomes a believer. How can you accomplish anything without a positive attitude, and how can you accomplish anything unless you believe that you can. When you have dedication, you become a believer. My slogan when I was District Governor was "Dedicated Involvement is the Key to Service."

E = ethics. Ethics has to do with character and principles. It has to do with your ability to be trusted by others. In Lionism we live by objectives and a

code of ethics.

R = responsibility and reward. A leader is a person who accepts responsibility and is a person who performs his duties without having to be checked on to see if he has performed to the best of his ability. He is a person who recognizes and rewards those who do their jobs well.

S = service. This quality goes without saying for it represents Lionism in its fullest. A willingness to serve those who are working and serving others also are to be served by its leadership. Our very motto in Lionism is "We Serve."

H = humbleness. This is a quality that you lose as soon as you realize that you have attained it. In order to lead you must not dictate but exhibit the quality of concern, compassion, and kindness which is humbleness and humility.

I = involvement. Former [US] President Teddy Roosevelt expressed this so well when he said, "It is not the critic which counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have been better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marked by dust, sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; he who knows the greatest enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails with daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

P = pride. When I was younger, I can

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remember that when a person built a house, a cabinet, a piece of furniture or whatever, he showed it with pride. He did this because it represented the time and effort he had put into it and it represented the very best that he could do. This is what we as leaders should do as we mould and develop the ability to lead in the hearts of our officers leading our clubs, district, state, and international association, for you see in Lionism, it is PRIDE that makes the

difference.

My fellow Lions, may you strive to develop these qualities in your life. In order to do this you must have the desire to attain, a goal that might achieve, and a destination to arrive. Keep Melvin Jones' dream alive. Think leadership and you will not only improve your quality of life, but you will lead others to greater heights of service, not only in your community, but to mankind throughout the world.

PDG Lion John Seale, District 2-A2 (Texas) 2005-06

HOW THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS IS ORGANIZED

The individual Lions club is the most important unit of your association. As an individual, you belong to the club. It is the club that belongs to the association. This means that when it comes time to elect international officers and directors, or to amend or change the International Constitution and by-laws it is the club that casts the necessary votes through its authorized delegates.

Every Lions club in good standing is entitled to send at least one delegate and one alternate to vote at the International Convention, regardless of the number of members it has. Most clubs are entitled to more than one vote, since the

rule provides for one delegate or alternate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. Delegates can be appointed by club's board of directors, or elected by the membership.

At the International Convention, the delegates elect the international officers and directors who will act for them during the coming fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Officers elected include the international president and first and second vice president. Constitutionally, a contest exists only for the office of second vice president with the other officers advancing one step each year until

elected international president. The immediate past international president is also an officer of the association and serves as chairman of the LCIF Board of Trustees.

Since the close of the 1997 International Convention the officers of the International Association of Lions Clubs include the president, immediate past-president, first vice president, second vice president and 32 directors representing various areas of the world. International directors serve two-year terms, with approximately one-half being elected each year.

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Having just checked the records, I see that I took over as treasurer of the club in July 1999 and – apart from one year while I served as president – I have held the position ever since, thereby bending if not actually breaking one of my own golden rules: that an honorary treasurer who actually handles receipts and payments should not stay in post for more than five years. This is to protect the club by

ensuring that a treasurer with sticky fingers cannot continue to dip them into the pot for too long, and to protect the honest treasurer from unjust accusations that he is otherwise.

If all goes according to plan, I shall take over as president of the club in July 2008 and that will, of course, necessitate me relinquishing the position of treasurer. However, it seems to me that it would

make sense for my replacement to take over the books next year. This would give effect to the ‘five year rule’ and also give me a better chance to be available should the new treasurer want a helping hand from time to time.

So, I will not be prepared to stand for election as treasurer next April. You have six months to find a replacement!

Brian Slater

SNIPPETS

TOM NOVIS was planning to borrow a 16-seat minibus for a trip to Lords to watch Sussex play Lancashire in the C&G cup final – until he



realised that the 90 people wanting to go couldn't get into a vehicle that size. He

ended up hiring two full-size coaches.

And the verdict? Well, you can see what Hugh Barron thought.

WE BELIEVE there is still some outstanding sponsorship money from the swimarathon, but money received so far amounts to £2,044.

Against that, we have paid out £410 by way of returning half of teams' sponsorship money.

OUR NEXT major fundraising event will, of course, be the fireworks

display at the County Ground on Saturday, 4 November. Tickets will soon be on sale through our web site (www.brighton-lions.org). We notice that Sussex Cricket Club are advertising the event on their web site already and will soon be selling tickets both at the shop and on the web.



Thank you, Pete Dilloway.

CALIFORNIA DRIVIN'

By the time you read this, your editor may well be winging his way across the Atlantic in search of new titbits to bring you. Ever adventurous, he has taken the drastic step of hiring a car (at his own vast expense) to visit some of those out of the way spots of northern California. The car hire company have been very considerate in sending a few tips for driving in their state, (some of which apply equally well to Brighton).

1. Turn signals will give away your next move. A confident California driver avoids using them.
2. Under no circumstances should you maintain a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, because the space will be filled by somebody else, putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
3. The faster you drive through a red light, the less chance you have of getting hit.
4. WARNING! Never come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and it will result in your being rear-ended.
5. Never get in the way of an older car that needs extensive body work, especially with CO, UT or AZ plates. With no insurance, the other operator probably has nothing to lose.
6. Braking is to be done as hard and late as possible to ensure that your ABS kicks in, giving a vigorous foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates violently. For those of you without ABS, it's a chance to strengthen your leg muscles.
7. Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to prepare other drivers entering the highway.
8. Speed limits are arbitrary figures; given only as a suggestion and are not enforceable in California during rush hour.
9. Just because you're in the left lane and have no room to speed up or move over doesn't mean that an Oklahoma driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.
10. Always brake and rubberneck when you see an accident or even someone changing a tire. This is seen as a sign of respect for the victim.
11. Learn to swerve abruptly without signalling. California is the home of high-speed slalom driving thanks to the Department of Public Works, which puts potholes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them alert.
12. It is tradition in California to honk your horn at cars in front of you that do not move three milliseconds after the light turns green.
13. To avoid injury in the event of a collision or rollover, it is important to exit your vehicle through the windshield right away. Wearing your seat belt will only impede your high-velocity escape from danger.
14. Remember that the goal of every California driver is to get ahead of the pack by whatever means necessary.

AND FINALLY . . .

If you need a laugh, then read through these children's science exam answers:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: *Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.*

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: *Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.*

Q: How is dew formed?

A: *The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.*

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: *Keep it in the cow.*

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: *The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.*

Q: What are steroids?

A: *Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.*

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: *When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.*

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: *He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.*

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: *Premature death.*

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (eg, abdomen.)

A: *The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.*

The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: *A small lie*

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: *Nearby.*

Q: Give the meaning of the term "caesarean section."

A: *The caesarean section is a district in Rome.*

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?'

A: *Benign is what you will be after you be eight.*

With thanks to Lion Skip O'Brien, Anderson Lions Club, California

That's all, folks!

This issue is published early so as to include time sensitive information and because the editor will be 'out of office' during the last week of September.