



JUNGLE JOYTINGS
THE NEWSLETTER OF BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB
TWINNED WITH FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
ORDINARY PEOPLE - AMAZING THINGS
JANUARY 2008



Happy New Year

JANUARY DINNER

Please remember that the January dinner meeting will be on **9 January 2008** as agreed at the November business meeting. This is because our normal meeting date falls so close to New Year's Day.

The meeting will be at the White Horse, Rottingdean, 7.30 for 8.00pm, and the cost will be £12 a head.

Names to Ron Fowler as usual, please, no later than 6 January.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Here is a resolution you can make without having to attempt giving up something.

Resolve to wear your Lion's badge with pride whenever you go out. Remember, our housing society started as a result of a question about a Lion's badge. The results might not be in quite the same league in every case, but if you don't wear the badge, the result is easily forecast: nothing, nil, nix.

If you are likely to forget to move the badge when you change jackets, the secretary will be delighted to obtain extra badges so that you can keep one in each jacket more or less permanently.

Go on: give it a go.

FREEDOM INVITATION

We have received a formal invitation to visit our twin club in Maryland during April/May 2008. The letter is reproduced in full on page three.

This promises to be an excellent opportunity to see Lions at work in a different culture.

Interested Lions should let the President know so that a suitable response can be sent to Joe Wiz.

CLUB DIARY

- 4 January . . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
5 January . . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
8 January . . . Visit Seahaven Lioness Club.
9 January . . . Dinner meeting, the White Horse, Rottingdean, 8.00pm.
9 January . . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
11 January . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
14 January . . Visit Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club.
15 January . . Blind club transport - Brian Slater.
16 January . . Business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
23 January . . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
25 January . . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
1 February . . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
2 February . . Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
2 February . . Lewes Lions Charter Night, White Hart Hotel, Lewes, 7 for 7.30. £25.
6 February . . Dinner meeting.
9 February . . District 105SE convention.
13 February . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
15 February . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
16 February . Adur East Lions line dance & country music evening. £7.50.
19 February . Stroke club transport.
19 February . Blind club transport.
20 February . Business meeting, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
27 February . Bingo, Lions Dene, 7.30pm.
29 February . Bingo, Evelyn Glennie, 7.30pm.
29 February . Book fair preparation, Lions Dene, 8.00pm.
1 March Book fair, Lions Dene, 10.00am till 12 noon.
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DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

- ▶ Approved a grant of £10,000 to assist with refurbishment of the Sussex Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Centre.
- ▶ Nominated Brian Slater, Pete Dilloway and Lisa Dilloway as delegates at the district convention. Sheridan Lynch and George Wood to be alternates.
- ▶ Agreed that Clare Elliott should become an affiliate member now she is living in Northern Ireland.
- ▶ Agreed to continue with blind club transport for a further year.
- ▶ Approved a proposal to investigate the possibility of Marcus Ferreira da Silva becoming an associate member of the club while he is studying in Brighton.
- ▶ A new layout of the meeting room was received with approval.



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CLUB MEETINGS
every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
at 6:59 p. m.

of Freedom District, Inc

November 30, 2007
Brighton Lions Club
Brighton, England-- Lions District 105SE
Brian Slater, President

Dear President Slater,

After months of discussion amongst members of the Freedom District Lions Club located in Carroll County in the State of Maryland, USA it is our pleasure to extend a formal invitation to 6 members of your club to visit with us during the latter part of April 2008 and extending such visit through early May 2008. As many as 5 members may bring their spouses or significant other to accompany them. Precise dates will be predicated on the development of a flight itinerary by the visiting members from the Brighton Lions Club which will be communicated to the Lions Club of Freedom District no later than two months prior to the visitors' departure. The purpose of the visit is to foster a better relationship of mutual understanding between both clubs who have been twin clubs since 2005. This visit could ultimately lead to the development of humanitarian projects by either or both clubs. Lodging and transportation will be provided by the members of the Freedom District Lions Club for all visiting guests.

General plans for the visitors will entail: 1) participation in vision screening of children ages 6 months through 5 years old by use of a specially designed camera; 2) a tour of the Johns Hopkins Hospital's Low Vision Research Center supported by the Lions of Multiple District 22 which assists people having visual acuity of 200 (legally blind) or more to see; 3) tour the facilities of Camp Merrick which provides training and assistance to children afflicted with diabetes, blindness and deaf/blind; 4) participate in the Spring Fling fund raising project whose profits will be used to benefit Lions Club community programs; 5) visit our nations capitol in Washington, D.C. as well as visiting nearby interesting historical and cultural sites; and, 6) attend the club meeting of the Freedom District Lions Club to become better acquainted with its members and committee chairmen to share in the functionality of both clubs' local projects.

We hope this general agenda and the inherent dialogue between members of both Lions Clubs during the time of their visit will establish a basis of mutual understanding and respect between two different and diverse cultures whose purpose in Lionism is to facilitate a better life for mankind going forward. We await your response to visit with us.

Yours in Lionism,
Joseph Wisniewski, Chairman
International Relations Committee

BINGO ROTA

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

If you are unable to undertake your allocated place on the rota, please find a replacement before contacting Jason. Perhaps a straight swap with another Lion?

LIONS DENE Contact: Brian Sivier (caretaker)		EVELYN GLENNIE Somerset Street Contact: Mrs Johnson (manager)	
9/1	Guy Butterworth *, Hugh Barron, Joe Matthews	11/1	Brian Slater *, Bruce Nunn
23/1	Tony Crapnell *, Richard Lintott, Joe Matthews	25/1	Ron Fowler *, Doug Taylor
13/2	Hugh Barron *, Allen Bryan, Joe Matthews	15/2	Tom Novis *, David Sawyer
27/2	George Wood *, David Bryant, Joe Matthews	29/2	Guy Butterworth *, A N Other

GREETINGS FROM BRAZIL

Pete Dilloway has received the following e-mail:

I would like to thank you for the very friendly reception to our Brazilian Lions member CL Marcus Ferreira da Silva in your Brighton Lions Club. He is honoured to participate of your meetings and learn about Lions Club in England.

I will thank you once again for having sent me an e-mail about Marcus.

I am sure both clubs will benefit from this cultural exchange. This is how we can contribute to make LIONS

INTERNATIONAL the biggest Volunteer Workers Organization in the World (see Financial Times Search Aug 2007 issue).

I wish you, your Family and all members of your Club a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a Jolly Good New Year 2008.

Lion CL Auri and Gracinha Rommel
2007/2008 President
LIONS CLUB PORTO ALEGRE
INDEPENDENCIA

JUST A THOUGHT

Two definitions of friendship, although you might not find either in the dictionary:

1. Doing somebody a favour without expecting a favour in return.
2. Accepting a favour from someone without feeling obliged to return it.

PATH TO A GUIDE DOG

The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the newsletter of District 4C1. We thought it might be of interest to our readers.

As I write this here at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael I am nearing the completion of an absolutely incredible month.

At this time last month I was still home in Forest Ranch, wondering what this experience would really be like. What would the school be like, and most importantly what would it be like to actually have a Guide Dog. I am happy to report that all of it is as much and more than I had imagined!

I now have a terrific new friend named Galleon. He is a 70-pound Golden Retriever /Yellow Labrador mix who will turn two years old January 29th. We are getting along great, with the bonding process progressing each day like any friendship, a matter of trust and respect growing on both of our parts.

The day that I received Galleon, the third day of class, was filled with much anticipation and anxiety. The instructors had carefully matched a dog that they had been training during the previous months. I am still amazed at how well the instructors do in matching dogs with students. There is not a dog in our class that I would rather have received.

When I was introduced to Galleon it was a moment of indescribable wonder. As each day has gone by Galleon and I have learned to dance together so to speak. Learning to walk, turn, stop and react together to so many things that the sighted world never needs to give a second thought to. Kerbs, corners, poles, signs, pedestrians and other things that were recently obstacles and a source of great anxiety for me are now things that Galleon gracefully guides me around or warns me about.

Galleon is living up to the meaning of his name. The Spanish Galleons were first built

in the early 1500's, had 3 or 4 sails and 3 or 4 decks. These ships navigated the treacherous waters, safely getting to the needed port. These ships were built to withstand severe weather, and rough seas. My Galleon has been equipped with the needed training to do the same for me.

The feeling that I experienced the first time I felt his body movements in the harness handle brought tears to my eyes. To be able to feel each of his four paws through the handle as they touched the ground is a feeling that will never leave me. But I've noticed as each day goes by our movements are starting to meld into a rhythm, a fluid movement that allows Galleon and I to sense each others actions. To be able to walk the same speed as sighted people again without the fear of tripping or running into something is independence beyond description.

We have taken some night walks here in San Rafael. I am night blind, which means that I practically have no vision at all. Can you try to imagine what it was like for me the first time in my 50 years to safely walk at night at normal speed without the deep concern of running into things? To safely cross an intersection with a trained dog whose total focus is to safely guide me is a true blessing. Before the graduation ceremony next Saturday I will get the privilege of meeting the person who raised Galleon as a puppy. Teaching him the habits that are so crucial in laying the foundation to become what he is today, a well focused guide, able to follow directions and ignore distractions that would take any other dog, or person as far as that goes, off course.

Like the ships over the centuries, he will safely bring me into many a port in the future. Thank you my Galleon.

Lion Larry Marcum, California

CLUB SURVEY

Thank you, the fifteen members of Brighton Lions Club who completed the survey. Whilst the number of forms returned was not as great as I might have hoped, it was more than I could have reasonably expected, representing as it does 50% of the membership.

The average scores for each question are listed below, the ratings being: 5 - Strongly Agree; 4 - Agree; 3 - Neither Agree or Disagree; 2 - Disagree; 1 - Strongly Disagree.

Meetings start on time	4	I am too involved in community service	2
Meetings finish on time	3	Members efforts are recognised	4
Regular agenda	4	We have good PR	2
Too formal	2	Projects meet needs of community	3
Agenda too long	2	Focus too much on elderly	3
Enjoy club meetings	4	Focus too much on youth	2
Opportunity to participate	5	Support too many charities	2
Meetings too long	3	Too much support to District & MD	3
Kept informed by reports	4	Too much support to LCI & LCIF	3
Layout satisfactory	4		
Venue satisfactory	5	Local community aware of Club	2
Atmosphere friendly	5	Club active in recruiting	3
Guests properly introduced	4	Recruits quality members	3
Tail twister is fun addition	4	New members given positive briefing	3
Received minutes of last meeting	4	Recruit right mix male/female	2
Some monopolise meeting	3	New members given immediate role	3
Change time of meeting	2	Members reflect community	3
Change day of meeting	1	No need for new members	2
Encourage partners to attend	2	Form new club nearby	2
		Average age of members unimportant	3
Sufficient social activities	3	Right mix bus/pro/employed/retired	3
Social programme varied	3	Costs prohibitive to new members	2
Social events well planned	4	I have opportunity to hold office	4
Social events affordable	4	There are cliques in the club	3
Enjoy social events	4	Good at looking after fellow Lions	4
Partner enjoys social events	4	Want more co-operation within zone	3
Should have a weekend away	3	Attend more district activities	3
		Have a dress code for meetings	3
Club is active in community service	4	Enjoy being a Lion	5
Concentrate too much on fund raising	2		
Enough variety in projects	3		
I could do more community service	3		

IN CASE YOU FORGOT

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is offering free home safety visits and, where appropriate, the free installation of smoke alarms in a major programme to prevent fire and reduce the devastating effects that can too often follow a fire in the home.

If you, your friends or neighbours would like to receive a FREE home safety visit you can request one by telephone (0800 177 7069), by mini com (01323 462002) or by e-mail to homefire.safetyvisits@esfrs.org. Please quote reference ROC.

AND FINALLY . . .

In Hollywood, every movie producer has his "Yes Man" whose job it is to follow the producer around and say, "Yes, CB", "Right, CB" and so on. Well, one of these Yes Men got depressed, so down in fact that he was unable to function. So he consulted a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist quickly determined the problem, and told the Yes Man that he just had to find a release for his negative feelings, and say "No."

"But if I said 'no' I'd get fired!" the yes man protested.

The psychiatrist said, "Oh, I don't mean on the job. I mean go out to the Grand Canyon and find a ledge off the trail, and there you can yell 'NO!' to your heart's content and no one will be the wiser."

Well, the Yes Man decided to try it. He went to the Grand Canyon and found a spot off the trail, stood there, and very timidly said, "no." It felt good, so he tried it a little louder, "No." Even better! Soon he was shouting "NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!!!!" at the top of his lungs and

feeling great.

He went back to work a changed man, and said "Yes!" with all the proper enthusiasm, because at the weekend he could escape to the Grand Canyon and say "NO!" Other Yes Men decided to try this as well, and soon every weekend the Grand Canyon was crammed with Yes Men shouting "NO!"

A new Yes Man came to Hollywood, and he too felt the need of such a release, but when he tried to find a ledge in the Grand Canyon, all of them seemed to be taken. He hunted and hunted, but every place he found was already taken by another Yes Man.

Finally he found a small ledge which had been overlooked because of its size. Thankfully he scurried out on it and stood there and said "No." It felt great! So he wound up and released an enormous "NO!" and in so doing lost his balance and fell to his death. Which just goes to prove that a little No Ledge can be a dangerous thing.

That's all, folks!