



# DG'S NEWSLETTER

District Governor Lion - James O'Sullivan

Lions Clubs International - The International Association of Lions Clubs - District 105-I Ireland



**ISSUE 1 - October 2009**

## Welcome to my First Newsletter of the Lionistic Year



It is great honour for me to greet you all as the new District Governor of the Ireland 105 I region.

In fact, being elected your District Governor is one of the greatest honours ever bestowed upon me - and I am determined to repay your faith and ensure that the great work of Lions and Lionism is maintained and expanded.

In fact, the work of Lions Ireland is needed now more than ever as our society - like so many others around the globe - adjusts to the demands of the current recession. Lions will be to the forefront of ensuring that, despite the downturn, ordinary people will continue to do extraordinary things for their community and society.

It is an effort that we are all committed to as we strive to demonstrate what Lions and Lionism is all about.

I should also say a special 'thank you' to all of you who extended messages of support and best wishes on my recent health scare. I'm glad to say that I'm now firmly on the road to recovery and am back in top gear and ready to meet the challenges of being your District-Governor.



*I.P.D.G. Dave hands over the chain of office to District Governor James*

At this point I also want to express my thanks to all the people in Lions Ireland who assisted me over the recent months and years - not least of whom is past District-Governor Lion David Dampsey and his wife, Bernie.

His great friendship and support towards me over the past year are something I appreciate enormously. Wexford Lions club must be truly proud of his achievements in his year as District Governor - Lion David and Bernie were fantastic ambassadors wherever they represented us at Lions events both at home and overseas. Lion David set the cross-bar very high for his successor - and I will do my level best to achieve the same proud standards he set.



*V.D.G. Alan, D.G. James & 2nd V.D.G. Sean with  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Micheál Martin, T.D.  
at the District Handover Night in Clonakilty.*

To my Vice District-Governor, Lion Alan Halford, I look forward to building as great a relationship as I had with Lion David. May I wish Lion Alan and Patricia the very best throughout the year as VDG.

Similarly, to my second Vice District Governor, Lion Sean Sanford and Patricia, may I also wish them the very best of luck as VDG and, like Lion Alan, I look forward to working alongside Lion Sean over the next 12 months.

I also want to thank the entire Cabinet of Lions 105 I region for their kindness and support - to all the officers, zone chairmen and region chairmen, I look forward to their staunch support in driving this organisation forward in Ireland.

This article would be incomplete without my mentioning the greatest Lion of all - the District Governor of 105 I and the only ever International President which the multiple district of the British Isles and Ireland has produced, the past International President Lion, Bert Mason, who is sadly no longer with us. But Bert's spirit lives on with the proud Lions legacy he left us.

On my recent visit to the world convention, while being introduced to another past International President, I had the great honour as being introduced as "one of Bert's boys." It is great to know his memory proudly lives on not only in Ireland but internationally.

Similarly, I have to mention my own club, Carrigaline Lions, without whose tremendous support over the years I wouldn't be writing to you as your District Governor. I fully intend to repay their trust over the next year by working to be the best District Governor I can - and, to that end, can I say I am looking forward to visiting as many of the wonderful Lions clubs in our district as I can.

Both Cathy and myself have been deeply moved by the kindness and support shown by Lions throughout Ireland - and getting to meet you all will be one of the greatest honours offered by this post.

In conclusion, can I stress that I intend to be the best District Governor I can for all the Lions of Ireland 105 I - and, working together, I am confident we can make a real difference both in our communities and in Irish society as a whole.

My Objectives for 2009-2010 are firstly, Suicide Awareness.

As an organisation we undersell our achievements in our communities. Subsequently I have appointed a provincial P.R. co-ordinator under VDG Lion Alan Halford.

Under the chairmanship of PDG Lion Pat Connolly and his fellow club members, I would hope that clubs through out Ireland would get involved in at least one suicide awareness initiative.

My next aim is to expand the Public Relations (P.R.) of 105 I. We are not a rugby team, nor are we a brand of tea. We are part of Lions International, and, in 2007 we were voted the best non-governmental organisation in the world by the Financial Times..

As an organisation I think we undersell ourselves in district 105 I and I would like to see the profile of each Lions Club being raised. Subsequently, I have appointed four regional P.R. Co-ordinators under the chairmanship VDG Lion Alan Halford.

I look forward to your club's P.R.O. working in conjunction with these co-ordinators to heighten the profile of our great association.

On membership our International President, Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs's goal for this Lion's year is 'move to grow', and I would like to see the membership of 105 I increase. So, I would appeal to clubs if they only grow by two member this year, this would give us an approximate total of 235. This would further strengthen our organisation going forward.

Continuing on this point, we have had in the past over 30 Leo Clubs in our Lions District. This figure is now down to single figures.

Again I would appeal to any club that had a Leo Club in the past to seriously consider forming a Leo Club again. The Leo's of today are the Lion's of tomorrow. As I know from experience in my own club that Leo members that

went on to join our Lion's club have become an integral part of our organisation, and Carrigaline Lion's club even managed to produce two Lions Presidents from the wonderful Leo club movement. And I know that we are not the only club in the district to have achieved this.

Following recent abuse reports in the media, it is now time that we get our own house in order. As an organisation that has a significant interaction between young, old and vulnerable. I want to insure that all the current cabinet will be screened before year end. I must also recognise that club have already taken the initiative and completed the screening process. To this end our 'Vulnerable Persons' officers Lion Eoin O'Neill and Lion Michael McCrossan, will be contacting clubs in the very near future with the view to screening procedures. I would appeal to all clubs to co-operate with these Lions with this onerous job.

In highlighting the above goals, I am not in anyway undermining the work of the other great projects in our district, too numerous to mention. I will be inviting the Chairpersons of these wonderful projects to contribute to my Newsletter over the coming year.



*I.P.D.G. Dave and Bernie with D.G. James and Cathy*

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Project Co-ordinaors and Officers who continue to make Lions District 105 I one of the leading districts in the multiple districts.

James O'Sullivan,  
District Governor 105 I.

### **Clonakilty Lions walk to Malin Head**

I am giving my backing to this project, instigated by one of our newest memberships in Clonakilty, a Branch Club of Kinsale Lions Club, and urge you to consider support for this event. They are organising a solo Walk, the length of Ireland, from Clonakilty on the south coast to Malin Head, in aid of the first dedicated children's hospice in the Republic, The Children's Sunshine Home, to be developed in the Dublin area. Karin Milisavljevic, a nurse, grandmother and experienced long distance walker, is completely focussed on completing the challenging three-week walk to raise funds for a much-needed facility for sick children. She sets off on Saturday, September 19th and will be at Malin Head by Saturday, October-10th.

Each Lions Club en route will be contacted by the Clonakilty Lions organisers with dates and times when they will need your help. They will ask that you could kindly arrange for accommodation in your district, perhaps at a Member's home, and an evening meal on the day she passes through. Maybe some of your Members could walk with her for a mile or two to give moral support and, if you were able to help collect for the cause or even hold a supporting event, then that would be superb. Clubs not actually on the route can, of course, also help this way and be assured that their efforts would be appreciated.

Media publicity for this national cause and event is most important and RTE 'Nationwide' and 'Mooney Goes Wild' have expressed enthusiastic interest.

It is, therefore, also an opportunity for your Club and Lions Clubs in Ireland to raise our profile once again, and to support a most worthwhile national endeavour.

Tragically at present, there are over 1400 children with life threatening and life limiting conditions in the country and there is limited palliative care available. Of these, over 350 children are dying each year, and, when it is known that life is short, the quality of that life becomes very important to the family and child. Paediatric Palliative Care units and Respite Care and Residential units are needed desperately, and this project is designed to help their provision.

I would be grateful if you could give this event your full support.

Yours in Lionism  
James



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## Health & Welfare

### Vulnerable Persons Project Report - September 2009

The Team have not yet formally met as a group this Lions Year, but the DG is being kept informed of the work of individual team members in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as we attempt to consolidate and build upon the important work already completed by last years VPO team. It is important that I record our appreciation for the time, expertise and encouragement given by Immediate PDG Dave Dempsey this past year. As you are aware; Eoin O'Neill is coordinating the work in relation to the ROI jurisdiction along with Charles Corcoran. PDG Bill Goggins is the Authorised Signatory with regard to An Garda Siochana Vetting of Applications. Michael MacCrossan is coordinating the work in N.Ireland with assistance from Seamus McMullan. Michael applied to Access Northern Ireland and had LCI Dist.105I recorded as 'Registered Body Status' for the vetting of Lions in N.I. His name has been recorded as the Lead Signatory for this Registered Body. The most urgent issues to be completed very soon are;

- Complete the vetting of all 105I Cabinet members. If Lions Eoin or Michael have not been informed by individual members of Cabinet (or clubs) of their clearance, would they please do so. A spreadsheet has been prepared by Eoin to record those members vetted.
- Clubs will be regularly circulated with information in relation to vetting of current and new members joining clubs.
- Forms should be available and used by clubs for member vetting-Note that all new members must be vetted. The Webmaster will be asked to ensure that clubs have these forms.
- Two clubs have commenced the process of vetting all their members. One is almost complete, while the other is half-ways there.
- Would clubs from the ROI when sending completed forms to PDG Bill Goggins, please attach a note with the form to indicate which club the Lion is a member of.
- There is debate around the best process to use in relation to having all 105I clubs vetted?
- It is envisaged that a Lion in each Region of the District will be nominated as a contact person for information and monitoring purposes.
- A meeting will be called to appraise these Lions of their important role.
- Lion Eoin is due to meet DG James within the next few weeks to discuss further issues in relation to the project.
- The VPO team will then meet soon after this to discuss the above matters and inform Cabinet of its recommendations.

Lion Seamus McMullan – District

### Alcohol Awareness Programme

Our District Governor, Lion James, has asked me to continue to promote the programme to clubs through out the country. The programme is running in schools in Dublin, Cashel, and Mullingar and will shortly be introduced in Galway, Sligo and Naas.

The programme is school based and is designed to put a spot-light on alcohol and also increase the knowledge of the risks associated with drinking at an early age. It is a Peer –Education programme with 15/16-year-old students informing 12/13 year olds. The strength of the programme lies in the impact on 12/13 years olds of hearing the risks of alcohol from their peers in the school.

The role of Lions Clubs in the project is:

- Promote and support the programme to schools
- Organise and fund the training of teachers who in turn train the 15/16-year-old pupils Excellent resource materials and the training are provided by Tacade.
- Celebrate the achievement of the Peer –Educators
- Support the school in making the programme a regular activity.

There are costs associated with running the programme. The cost in the first year is significant as it is necessary to fund the cost of a days training for teachers including meals. There is also a cost of €225 approx for the resource materials for each school. For the next year this cost will be met by a special grant through An Post Fund, following the decision of the District cabinet.

The Dublin Lions Club have arranged a Workshop in Dublin for Monday, September 28th to introduce the Programme to Teachers and provide an opportunity to become familiar with the materials. Dublin Lions will welcome any teacher to this workshop and / members of Lions Clubs wishing to learn about the Programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Frank O'Donoghue  
District 105I Alcohol Awareness [Tacade]

## Lions Eye Health Programme

Every home in Ireland has used spectacles and sunglasses which have become surplus to their requirements and it is a shame to throw them away when they can be put to good use elsewhere.

Lions Clubs in Ireland and The United Kingdom have been collecting used eyeglasses for recycling for use in the various Lions eye clinics on the African and Indian continent.

This Multiple District project is very worthwhile and can be organised through local collection points, schools, local clinics etc.

Used eyeglasses are then co-ordinated through the Chichester Club in England where they are sorted and graded before dispatch to the various clinics abroad.

The Lions Club have successfully arranged with DPD Ireland to transport the used eyeglasses to the UK on a free of charge basis from their 36 depots in the 32 counties of Ireland to Lions Chichester. This is an extremely generous gesture by DPD Ireland who has asked for nothing in return.

Attached is a listing of the local depots together with contact details.

(1) We must deliver to their depots.

(2) It is possible to have multiple boxes, once they do not exceed 30kgs each.

(3) Each box must be addressed to:

Chichester Lions Club,

C/o Bartholmews (Chichester) Ltd.

Bognor Regis Chichester

West Sussex

PO19 2 WT

(4) Quote account no. 5402LB.

Please note that the new LEHP man for 2010/2011 will be as follows:

Lion Liam Lyons.

Cabragh Road, Thurles Co Tipperary.

Tel 054 21612 e-mail [liamflyons@msn.com](mailto:liamflyons@msn.com)

Please contact Liam for all further LEHP queries or leaflet requirements.

A full list of DPD depots has been sent to all Clubs.

For further copies of this please contact LEHP Officer Lion Liam Lyons or access **DPD** website: [www.dpd.ie](http://www.dpd.ie)

## Suicide Awareness

The District Suicide Awareness Sub-committee is asking clubs for assistance to develop a national awareness campaign in Suicide prevention.

You may not be aware that more people in Ireland die by Suicide than by car accidents, the average loss of life by Suicide in Ireland between 2002-2006 was 482 men and women, of ages ranging from 5 -85. We hope to reduce this number by promoting a number of different services available in the community, often at little or no cost, including:

- A.S.I.S.T. / Safe Talk (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
- Heads Up (Text 'headsup' to 50424 or see [www.headsup.ie](http://www.headsup.ie) )
- Spun Out ([www.spunout.ie](http://www.spunout.ie))
- Console (counselling service for those affected by suicide)

The first phase is to encourage Lions Clubs to get involved in organizing an ASIST course in their own communities. Then to be prepared to follow on with other ideas.

PDG John Mooney is preparing a proposal re the Feather Project and we have other very exciting ideas in the melting pot.

To roll this plan out on a National level we are asking each Lions Club in Ireland to nominate a volunteer representative who would coordinate the promotion of these services in their area as part of a national Lions effort.

With a suitable member of your Club identified we would ask that Lion to contact me at; [brian.m.thoma@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.thoma@gmail.com) for further details of this National strategy for Suicide Awareness,

Yours in service,

Brian Thoma,

Committee: Chair Pat Connolly PDG (Galway), Frances Hannon (Roscommon), Sean Kellegher (Maynooth), Brian Thoma (Carrigaline)

## The Feather Project

I live in hope that you can help me my name is John Mooney a Lion like you I need glasses to see....

Yet I haven't the guts to let anyone see me wearing a pair of simple glasses....

Yes we have all flaws and need help in different ways

So please help me ....

Please read the attached letter out at your club meeting and if you can't

...ring me on 00447899666311 and make me read to you

And then I would have to put my glasses on

Wearing gin and tonic glasses over your eyes is very sore!

Do you love someone enough to give them a Lions Feather?

The lion's of Ireland are launching a Lions Feather campaign starting on Saint Valentine's Weekend.

We need your help... Please help...

To take part please send €500 to our District treasurer before the end of November and you will receive 2000 feather badges with cards and bags.

Please make cheque payable to Lions Clubs 105I and send them to PDG Gerry Langford marked on the back "Lions Feather"

We hope to have great television and radio coverage

"Love belongs to everyone and not just couples on Valentines Day"

Why should we do this?

Please read this letter enclosed it's the nicest and most moving letter I have read (arrived yesterday)

Thank you! If this is a success it is because of you

John

***A letter from a very special person....please read...***

I have stood on the sidelines of the Lions' feather project for the past 18 months and have done what little I could to help further its aims. In the course of that time, I've attended meetings, private and public, and heard many people speak about the horrors of suicide. They speak in statistics, which are horrifying, or they talk from a devastatingly personal experience of loss. They also talk about the simple beauty of a project that aims to tell each person in this world that there is something special about them, something worthwhile, something worth living, giving and sharing life for.

Never, not once in all that time, have I heard anyone speak up and say, "this is what it is to want to kill yourself, this is what it is to fight against suicide, one on one."

Of course, I've never spoken up either.

I know what it is to want to die, to genuinely believe that to kill yourself is the only right, logical, available thing to do. I am a manic-depressive and I can fly so high I think I'm with the gods on Olympus. And I can fall so far that a single star in the sky is no longer even a distant memory. At those times I long for death and I want, so so want, to bleed away from this world and leave it all behind.

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But think what my children give me. They give me that very sense of value (however small) that the Lions' feather project can also give to me and so many others like me.

In my 'right mind', I know that the world, however flawed, is a beautiful place, full of delight and wonder (in fact, perhaps I also know that more intensely from those times that I'm 'flying high') but for some, at some points in their lives, their 'right mind' is quite simply missing. That knowledge of the wonder, love and beauty of life seems unreachable - it is lost to them and thus they can easily be lost to life.

The Lion's feather can help lead the lost from unspeakable sorrow to the light of love. It has surely helped me.

So thank you John and everyone else, thank you. And if ever it seems that the effort brings no reward, remember what I have written. Remember that every statistic is someone like me, who didn't have a Lion's feather right

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How does a lion have feathers? Enter every lion in Ireland (all 2,850 – and you thought there were only one or two at the zoo) is on a mission to give away their feathers. Confused? Read on, it's a good story...

## **The Lion's Feather**

First things first, I'm not talking lions of the furry mane and ferocious roar variety, but rather Lions Clubs International. This is an organisation of people dedicated to offering help and support in communities. It has grown from the vision of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones back in 1917 to become a vast network spanning 196 countries across the globe. In Ireland, there are 116 Lions Clubs and this year, James O Sullivan, District Governor. With the simple mission statement 'we serve', Lions Clubs involve members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind. The entire ethos of the organisation is to help create a better world for all and, of course, charity fund-raising is a major element of members' work.

As the man at the front for a year, James wanted to develop a scheme that would make a real difference in people's lives throughout Ireland and the Lion's Feather is that project. The project includes a children's story book, written by John Mooney and illustrated by up-and-coming Belfast artist, Heather Sloan, and (so far) 50,000 Lion's Feather presentation packs that include a pin based on an illustration from the storybook and a card to be endorsed by the person giving the feather pack to another. Giving is the key word here, for the story and the Lion's Feather are intended to encourage people both to see and to celebrate the goodness in others and recognise that by giving a Lion's Feather to someone else. Unlike the usual 'quid for a pin' that you buy at the shop counter and pin on yourself to make you feel good, this concept of buying to give makes someone else feel good. You get to feel good too, of course, but you don't wear your pin with pride – you give your pin with love.

## **LIFE AND DEATH**

The book itself is simple, magical and a story beautifully told, but the cause James O Sullivan is aiming to support is altogether darker and more sinister. The Lion's Feather project aims to raise money to help prevent suicide in Ireland. Anyone who reads the press on a regular basis will know that suicide is a growing problem throughout Ireland, north and south. James hope is that this project will not only raise vital funds for charities working to prevent suicide in Ireland but, at the same time and by the nature of the project, will spread feelings of self worth and value amongst all who take part. That, of course, is quite a tall order in the mad world we inhabit, but one that James, with his courage and open-hearted nature, could well succeed at.

## **A WORK IN PROGRESS**

A great deal of work has gone into the Lion's Feather project to bring it to fruition; Lions Club of Ireland will be holding a Lions feather week starting on Valentines weekend. ENCOURAGING EVERYONE in our communities to give someone they love a Lion's Feather

"Valentine's day is for everyone and not just couples. Show our love ones we care and let them know what a difference they make in our life".

## **GIVE SOMEONE A FEATHER**

At the end of the day, the real magic behind both John's children's story and this project is the fact that to give a feather and, more importantly, to receive a feather spreads a little happiness and self-worth. Let's not forget that this project is about helping to prevent suicide and, having recently experienced the pain and horror of suicide within my own family circle, I can tell you, The Lions Feather project is vital and can make a real difference. You can be part of that. Buy the book for someone this Christmas and, most of all, give someone a feather!

**Anyone interested in finding out more about the Lions Feather project should contact.**

**John Mooney 00447899666311 Barry Lambkin 00353868206776 or any of the team below**

Around Ireland lions clubs are helping to organise "ASIST" courses [applied suicide intervention skills training] on suicide prevention.

Pat Connolly. Galway Chairman 00353872574896

David Ryan Carlow 00353876762154

Ciaran Mullooley Roscommon. 00353872433210 Frances Hannon, Roscommon. 00353868531204

Brian Thoma, Cork. 00353872826800

Sean Kellegher, Maynooth/Kilcock 00353862660596



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## Around the Regions

### A Touch of Irish from New Zealand



*Pictured above are (l-r) Anne Langford, PDG Ian, Swords Lion President John Boylan, PDG Marion and PDG Gerry Langford who served as DG in the same year as Marion*

PDG Ian McWha (2002-3) and his wife PDG Marion (2006-7) took time out during a visit to Ireland to attend a meeting of Swords Lions Club. They are both members of Wigram Lions Club in Christchurch, New Zealand but Ian has the great distinction that his ancestors hailed from near Donaghadea in Northern Ireland, homeland of the late PIP Bert Mason.

Ian retired recently and he and Marion were on a 2-month world tour taking in a family wedding in Northern Ireland and visits to relatives in America.

### Castleknock Lions Club



*Visiting Lions from Australia Graeme Bars and Pam McLeod of Heywood Lions Club, which is near Victoria with VDG Alan Halford and Past President Jimmy Dunne (Who donned the jersey for the occasion).*

They were warmly welcomed by the Castleknock Lions members at the July meeting.

Graeme and Pam had traveled to the UK for the test cricket and dropped over to Dublin for a few days.



*Lion President Diarmuid McCarthy exchanged Club pennants with Lion Graeme and Pam.*

## **Tallaght Lions Club**

Members of Tallaght Lions Club, recently presented a cheque for €1664.00 to Tallaght Hospital, following their recent fundraising event. Tallaght Lions Club is currently under formation and four members of the club and two friends participated in the Flora Mini Marathon to raise funds for the hospital.

Lesley Goggins, President, explained: "There's no doubt Tallaght Hospital is a very deserving cause, and we are thrilled to support the service"

She continued: "Tallaght Lions are working under the guidance of well established Lions Clubs in our neighbouring communities."

Further information from: [tallaghtlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:tallaghtlionsclub@gmail.com).



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## Notices

### Cabinet Meetings

#### Proposed dates for Cabinet Meetings:

Meeting 2 Sat. Oct. 17th Red Cow Hotel.

Meeting 3 Sat. Jan. 30th Red Cow Hotel.

Meeting 4, Fri. March 12th Annual Convention.

Meeting 5 Sat. May 22nd Red Cow Hotel.

### From Virginia (U.S.A.) Lions

My husband and I are Lions in District 24A, in Warrenton, Va., USA. I would like to meet and correspond with a Lion in Ireland, in a club that is in a rural area. We live on a small farm and raise horses, chickens, dogs, cats and kids.

Thank you. PS - My husband and I are both Past Presidents of our Club, and have been Lions for over 20 years.  
Dianna Blackmer

**E-mail address:** brigadoonfarm@earthlink.net

### Castlebar Lions Club

We are organising our annual Gala Seafood Night on the 9th October. (Details Below) We need help selling the tables of 10 to corporations and would very much appreciate any help with this.

#### Gala Seafood Night

***"An annual event of good seafood, live music  
and fun – all for a worthy cause"***

Proceeds in aid of Mayo Cancer Support

Venue: Failte Suite, Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar  
9th Oct at 8.30pm

**Live music by "Safire"**

**Tickets: €40**

Corporate tables of ten: €400

From: Angela Kirrane, Mayo Cancer Support 094 9038407 [mayocancersupport@eircom.net](mailto:mayocancersupport@eircom.net)

Or: Aidan Kelly Lions Club 094 9025562 [info@akad.ie](mailto:info@akad.ie)

Aidan Kelly,  
President.

### Lions Youth Football

Lions Youth football competition will begin in late October.

This coming season will see the normal rules apply with the tournament open to Boys (under 14) teams. Please find application form attached. Entry fee is €50 (ROI) & £40(NI). **Closing date for receipt of entries is Sunday 18th October.** Please note the age category for the competition is u/14.

To all Lion presidents, I would appeal to you to seriously consider sponsoring a boy's u/14 team in your area. By entering into this wonderful competition will prove itself beyond doubt to be a fantastic way of letting the youth of your area be aware of what your club and Lionism is all about.

If further information is required, please contact me at the numbers below or by email

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Yours Sincerely,  
Richard McSweeney,  
District Youth Football Officer

Contact Numbers: Rep of Ire: 05786 20712 (home). Mob: 085 1743836.

Nth Ire: 00353578620712. (home). Mob: 00353851743836.

E-mail: [rmcsweeney@eircom.ie](mailto:rmcsweeney@eircom.ie)



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## Obituary

### **OBITUARY FOR LION PAT DUNLEAVY**

Malahide Lions Club members announce, with great regret and sadness, the death of Lion Pat, an enthusiastic and good-humoured member for over 16 years and a fine Past President. He will be fondly remembered throughout the community for his years of service. Our thoughts are with Louise and family.

### **OBITUARY FOR P.D.G. GEORGE GLENNON**

I regret to inform the District that PDG George Glendon passed away peacefully today 25th September. May he rest in peace.

The removal was at 4.30 pm Saturday 26th from O`Connors Funeral Home, Coburg Street, to St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road.

Requiem Mass was at on Monday 28th with funeral afterwards to Oliver's Cemetery, Model Farm Rd.

Sincerely,

PDG Donal Horgan.