

## **Hope for Tomorrow & Tenovus Update – January 2012**

Fellow Lions,

First of all, please may I wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you all had a great Christmas.

**We start the New Year with great news on three fronts!**

**Christine Mills, Founder of Hope for Tomorrow, has been awarded an MBE for Charitable Services to Healthcare in the New Year's Honours List.** This is an immense achievement and reflects the vision, sheer hard work and dedication that Christine has put into bringing Mobile Chemotherapy Units to our communities. She is a true pioneer and I know everyone within our Lions District would like to offer their congratulations to her on this well-deserved honour.

Secondly, many of you will recall that I made a presentation to Swindon Lions Club on November 21<sup>st</sup> on our fundraising efforts for MCUs/MCSUs. I am delighted to say that the club have now confirmed that they will be donating **£1,000 to Hope for Tomorrow**. This is part of a much larger donation effort that Swindon Lions do every year – donating £1,000 each to various deserving causes. This year, Hope for Tomorrow is one of six recipients and there will be a special presentation ceremony in The Mayor's Parlour in Swindon sometime in either March or April. Once I know all the details, I will come back to you so that you all have the opportunity to be a part of this.

There are two events already in the diary for Hope for Tomorrow. Firstly, there is a celebrity Bunbury Cricket Match taking place at Bath cricket Club on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the charity's annual Polo Match on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Beaufort Polo Club. Will also now find the charity on both Facebook and Twitter!

Thirdly, both Hope for Tomorrow and Tenovus will be present at the Business Session of our Convention in March. They will be available to give out literature and talk to all our fellow Lions about their work. Sadly, we will be unable to bring either MCU or MCSU to the Convention simply because the car-parking space in the hotel grounds is very narrow and does not lend itself to this.

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Mobile Chemotherapy & Oncology Units