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Salutations to Fellow Lions

LOVE ME, LOVE ME NOT!

Its never too late

The Convention Committee at their last meeting were advised that there are Clubs who may have misplaced their Convention Booking Forms but are keen to attend Convention on Saturday 4 March or the fun social functions on Friday and Saturday night. It has therefore been decided to leave open the booking.

DG is encouraged by the numbers attending and number of Clubs being represented. However, he is desperately keen to persuade all the 84 Clubs to have some representation over the weekend at their own Convention. We shall know on 3-5 March if we value our annual conference. It will be nice to see 3-4 from each club. Remember free parking for the whole weekend.

Pure Fun

No speeches. Excellent entertainment. Plenty of fellowship and a variety of food catering for all tastes. Be a famous 20th Century person for one night by attending the Theme Night.

Work and Fun

The Convention programme, in accordance with your wishes and assistance on the day, should allow us all an opportunity to listen to some very charismatic personalities. Those joining us:

1. Our International Representative PID Lion William Iannaccone is coming all the way from California to be with us, at great personal expense to himself. He is a very committed Lion who despite his title is first and foremost a hands-on Club Lion. His presentations are second to none.
2. The young surgeon from South Dakota Lion DG Dr.Gregg Drabek will show a different dimension to lionism. Lionism has truly been a way of life with him with his father being a PID.
3. Mrs. Margaret Kimberley, the Editor of B & I Lion, in her own inimitable way will take us down memory lane on a journey from the beginning of Lionism in British Isles & Ireland to the present day.
4. A well known actor/comedian will be there to throw light on the Lions from our District!
5. Martin Bell M.P. will be present to address us. A modest Englishman who has contributed in many ways and has been an excellent ambassador for our country.

There are other presentations too. Watch out for the Celebration of 50 years of lionism at the end of the business session. Every Lion at the end of the celebration will receive a little memento.

Your Point of View

We will have the chance to discuss 5 Resolutions including the proposal to elect our favourite Lion as our ZC. Take time to see the Exhibition with 20 exhibitors showing their wares.

Food for thought

A delicious lunch is promised for those partaking. All this and more at the New 5 Star Marriott.

All dressed up for fun

Yes, the Millennium Banquet which promises very brief speeches, cabaret, music and a feast.

AnyQ'S?

An informal session with our International Representative PID Lion Bill Iannaccone who keeps in close contact with Oakbrook and is fully aware of the International Boards policy and thinking. In fact he recently met up with International President Jim Ervin. So why not ask for his response to the questions your DG may not be able to answer.

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Exercise your vote by registering as a delegate with PDG Lion Cecil Worbey. In addition to every Lion, Lioness and Leo attending the Convention **must** complete a booking from whether or not attending a social function.

Your personal copy

Every Club secretary received one copy of the Convention Booklet containing the Reports and Agenda. This will allow Lions about a month to read the reports. For your own personal copy download from our website.

[Click Here](#)

CAN IT REALLY BE ...?

1 MONTH AGO...1st Lions Club this Century in MD105 in 105A-Kenton

1 YEAR AGO...Lion Parveen Verma elected DG.

2 YEARS AGO ...International Convention at Birmingham

15 YEARS AGO ...Lion Bert Mason elected International President.

50 YEARS AGO...1st Lions Club in British Isles & Ireland-London Host

83 YEARS AGO...Lions founded by Melvin Jones

IMPROVE YOUR LIFEBack to Uni

Lion members and prospective members can learn new skills to improve their careers by choosing a selection of 20 higher level education, interactive business and professional courses available through the Internet. Courses cover many subjects including business management, leadership and communication and the aim is to assist in recruiting new professionals to our organisation. It is all-free on the Lions University OnLine. For a demonstration log on to the Lions Website.

Learning at home

There is a new CD-ROM, leaders in Action, available for club officer orientation. Designed as an interactive, officer team, training programme, it provides another resource for developing leadership skills. Obtainable from Oakbrook.

Learning for the New Ones

The incoming Presidents/Region and Zone Chairmen Workshop on Sunday 9 April at Heathrow Park Hotel.

Turkish Earthquake

The first phase of the Lions International container village has been completed. The village consists of 52 container houses, one children's day care centre, two toilet blocks and a laundry centre. Each of the houses has a bedroom, a living area, a kitchen and a shower-toilet room. A further 26 container homes are being added to this village due to the wonderful financial support from 105. Photographs on www.lionet.org.tr/md118/earthquakerelief.

Drinking with immunity

Between 1994-1997 Lions contributions have provided clean water and sanitation for over 35,000 in Uganda, Nepal and Ethiopia. Please consider donations to Wateraid.

Orissa

Your generosity means our coffers have over £14,000. Cabinet has sanctioned a project subject to LCIF approval.

Invest in the training

What better way to assist deaf children in Ghanna than enabling a person to attend a course to carry out minor repairs to the hearing aids used by children. Please forward your cheque to the District Treasurer to pay fees amounting to £3,500 of which £1,00 has been promised.

IMPORTANT BITS & PIECESNew Family Members

A very warm welcome to all the Charter Members of Lions Club of Kenton who received their Charter in style with 200 people in attendance. Thanks to their sponsors Chipping Barnet Lions. Those joining existing families: Lionel Skilton, Gerry Cochrane, Martin Crowley, Christopher Small, Christopher Francis and Peter Wilbourn. Thanks sponsors.

Did You Know?

It was in 1987 at the Convention in Taipei that the Constitutional amendment allowing women to become Lions was adopted. There are now 140,000 lady Lions in the world.

Family Visits:

Chipping Barnet 404; Redbridge 314;

Stanmore 80.

2000-2001 Travelling Lions Competition starts on 1 March. Clubs are urged to participate and enjoy the fellowship and fun of visiting other Clubs.

Happy Faces

Is your Club doing anything for children who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged? Please book now for Thorpe Park Trip on 21 May and make a child happy. Contact Lion Ron Wilkes on 01462 682969 for further details.

Free Entrance no more

We have received a letter from the National Trust advising that they have discontinued the "Free Entry Day" for Lions.

Monthly Membership Reports

A few naughty Clubs are not forwarding their Monthly Membership and Activities Reports to Lion Mike Hendy on time. PLEASE, PLEASE get these Reports in on time so that they can be collated and sent to all concerned by the due date.

Elephant Dishes?

Most clubs have received their 10 Cooking for Lions books. Upon sale please forward a cheque to District Treasurer endorsed. For more copies contact Ranjena. MS have printed three new leaflets, which go to the public with the Lions logo and the words "Lions supporting MS" - thanks to you.

Tell Keith

Please inform Lion Keith Tooley of change of address to ensure you receive your Lion Magazine.

Millennium Message

An audio recording of the International President's message can be heard on the International Lions Website.

Bargains

A Special Blazer for a Melvin Jones Fellow and as Ambassador for LCIF. Oakbrook has produced a new distinctive jacket. For more information contact LCI Clubs Supply.

Lions and their family members can get a discount on a Herts car rental and hotel discounts.

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or fax (630) 571-1683. Link to International website via our website www.lions105a.org

PV's EXCURSIONS

MARCH

3-5th District Convention

10th Bedford Harpur (C/A)

11th London Seven Kings (C/A)

12th Zone E Swimming Gala

17th Hitchin (C/A)

18th Winslow (C/A)

25th Hounslow (C/A)