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Spring Greetings to Fellow Lions

A NEW BEGINNING

Spring is here. Its time of the year when new life springs up. It is the time when all the brightest of natural colours blossom on a canvas of a new green carpet. The song birds sing their praises to the warmth of the sun as it rises every morning. The whole world seems to be new and fresh. The irony of spring for Lions is that spring represents not only new beginnings for those forming visions as they prepare to lead a new year of service, but also represents an ending for those who have been our leaders for the past year. Our time of service to District 105A is fast coming to close, and yet I can't help but feel that our work has so far to go. We have accomplished much, but some of our goals still require to be realised. However we will not achieve them if we do not follow the rudimentary principles outlined in our Lions Code of Ethics.

"....to be loyal.....and true to myself"

As Lions we must ensure our loyalty to those we serve and also very importantly with whom we serve. All Lions, especially Lion leaders should be loyal to their fellow Lions and be true to themselves. They should not abandon loyalty in favour of their own agendas and self- interest. This is particularly important, as we elect new leaders at Club, District and MD level. If we do not follow these principles there is a danger of lack of continuity and progress.

"....to build up and not destroy"

Past International President Ed Linsay on the definition of Lionism : "Our Association is not a religious body and yet it teaches what all religions teach always and that is, love thy neighbour..... do not unto him what you would not have done unto you". This is extremely important even in a voluntary organisation.

"To Aid.....those in distress"

Fellow Lions always keep in mind the needs of others:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon will be too late". So please continue with the excellent service you are providing to your communities.

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE

Rides Galore

Over 2400 attended Lions Day at Thorpe Park organised by Lions Ron Wilkes and Ken Rouse. The happy laughing faces of 1300 deserving and disadvantaged children with their carers was the greatest reward for Lions of 105A. The children loved their Lions caps and chocolates. Thank you so much for giving our children the opportunity to have an enjoyable day out. Well done for exceeding Lion Ron's target of 2000 attendees. As a result of sponsorship clubs participating will receive a substantial refund. Thanks to our sponsors and every Lion who raised monies on the sponsored walk at our first Pre-Millennium Party and Family Funday at

Berkhamsted.

Hole in one

The first ever D105A Lions Golf Day in aid of street children was held at Sandy Lodge, Moor Park recently. Golfers enjoyed a round of golf whilst the excellent dinner in the evening attracted a full house with 120 attending. Well done and thanks to Lion Max Mongia our Street Children Adviser for his hard work in organising this super event which was kindly hosted by Lions of London-Finchley. We raised funds in excess of £5,000 for the Street Children projects. And yes, someone got a hole in one and had to buy everyone a drink!

School in Box

The Edukit School in a Box project costs of a mere £120. [Lion Max](#) will tell you more about this excellent project. Please consider supporting it.

Loose change

With the holiday season soon with us start collecting old, new, foreign and British coins. Make a difference in your area by providing TACADE packs. Schools are a good source of coins and collecting boxes could be put in pubs, post offices etc. Lion Wesley can tell you more.

I hope there will always be a land beyond for Lions Clubs International, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, challenge us to run faster, to run harder and to think bigger, to give more.

Melvin Jones

CITIZENS OF GOOD REPUTE

Each one reach one

Our main priority remains to invite other service-minded people to set sail with us on the membership. How many Lions have reached out to just one person in their community this year to ask if they would consider membership in our great Association? Fellow Lions as you know Lions are citizens of good repute who are willing to do something for their community and who do not expect anything in return except to feel that they have accomplished something worthwhile. I am sure there are many other people who feel the same way and await the opportunity to serve. Someone needs to ask. YOU. Some have asked and hence a new Club:

Southgate Lions, the sponsors, request your fellowship to welcome our newest Lions. Book your sumptuous finger buffet with Lion Shirish Sheth on 020 8447 8666(H); 020 8888 1343 (O) Those reached so far

Welcome to new members: Ann Smith, Rachel Smith, Bob Meager, Harish Vekaria, John Load, Craig McCarthy, Kavaljit Kaur Dev, Paramjit Singh Dev, Mary Blundell, Keith Chimes, David Murdoch (reinstated), Nirmal Sharma and Nimish Patel. Thanks sponsors.

Two for the price of one

The entrance fee waiver for Lionesses and spouses of Lions who join new or existing Lions Clubs extended to 30 June 2000.

GROOVY BOLTON

Your decisions

Resolutions carried at MD Convention

- To request LCI to review Lions Ethics and Objects.

- MD subscription £14.50 p.a.
- MD HQ to hold popular items of stock.
- MD Chairman /Officers length of tenure to be limited to three years unless no other candidates meet the criteria.
- For 3 Lionistic Years from 1st July 2000 Special Olympics (UK) and World Special Olympics Games 2003 shall be subject to appeal to Lions.
- A contribution to the expenses of the Incoming Chairman of Council and spouse to attend International Convention to be met from MD funds.
- Long Range Planning Committee as currently existing to be replaced by a new LRPC with representatives from every District.

We are simply the best

- Congratulations to Lions Keith Hedges and John Bromley for receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. and District Youth Exchange Adviser Lion Kishore Pattni for receiving one of Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairman Awards.
- Well done Redbridge Lions for MD Travelling Lions trophy. Well tried Chipping Barnet who were 3rd.
- We are proud of St. Albans Leo for scooping the Leo MD Scrap Book and Leo MD Travelling Leo Trophy.

NEW HORIZONS

Any Questions-its good to talk

Parveen,Ranjena, Aneeka and Anushka will be happy to chat with you on Lions Chatline on Thursday 15 June between 7.45 and 8.30 p.m. Any questions on Lionism? Simply log on to our website www.lions105a.org or just [click here](#).

I hope many Lions will join us in conversation.

Change over

Please do join us at the last District Function on 8 July at the exciting Bell House Hotel for [District Handover](#).

Your choice and opinion

Your proposals, comments etc. on Re-zoning should be sent to DGE Lion [Mike Hendy](#) or [me](#).

Lions Fun Day

Lions family Fun Day on Sunday 24 September. Details to follow.

President /Secretary's Awards

To qualify all **Membership Reports** must be received on time as DGE Lion Mike Hendy is abroad from 8 June. Reports for **MAY** must reach by **7 JUNE** and reports for **JUNE** by Wednesday **5 JULY**. It would be a great shame if all your hardwork over the last 10 months is not recognised

PV's EXCURSIONS

JUNE

1st Zone E meeting

2nd Sudbury Charter Presentation

3rd London Finchley (C/A)

4th Incoming Officers Seminar

6th Swiss Cottage- Induction of members

8th Covent Garden Handover

9th Witney (C/A)

10th Northwood (C/A)

11th Beaconsfield (C/A)

12th Formation Evening Hadley Wood Lions

13th Kenton - Induction of members

14th Visit to Lions Club Chipping Barnet

15th Any questions? Chatline 7.45 -8.30 p.m.

17th Abingdon (C/A)

18th Wantage & Grove (C/A)

24th London Hampstead (C/A)

27th Hornsey's Handover

28th Reception in presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.

SO SAD

We are very sad to announce the demise of Lions Jack Drinkwater (Harrow & Pinner), Peter Wyre (Biggleswade & Sandy), Bob Olver (Staines & Ashford) and Margaret Cawte wife of Lion Peter Cawte of (Stevenage). Our deepest sympathies to their families. RIP.