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Lion Parveen sends salutations to fellow Lions

FAREWELL MESSAGE

Nostalgia is not what it used to be

It has been an absolutely and thoroughly wonderful year. One cannot help but reminisce about the marvellous year yours in service has enjoyed as your District Governor. I was recounting with Ranjena over the weekend (as England won against Germany in football-brilliant) many of my Club visits and our Charter Anniversary attendance's and of the fine Lions who hosted Ranjena and I. It was humbling to learn of the scores of community and humanitarian projects being carried out by you. It was an honour to be your representative and have met many local civic dignitaries who inevitably were lavish in their praise of Lions in their communities serving crucial human needs. Each visit to each club resulted each time to hands of friendship and understanding and mutual concern being extended. This is indeed the spirit of Lionism. I am confident that each Lion has had experiences, which will forever remain, in your hearts and in your minds, experiences that remind you constantly why you are a Lion, Lioness or Leo and why you are committed to the objectives of our Association. Parveen and Ranjena had many such experiences this year thanks to you. Fellow Lions we should never slacken as we are the leading force in voluntary humanitarian service.

Our challenges

In recent weeks many Lions have asked and talked of our many achievements in this Millennium Year. Fellow Lions it is not always possible to measure such results but *together we* have achieved almost all of the objectives *we* set ourselves. The most important achievement is the positive mood of Lions and the feel good factor. We are participating in District functions and increasing fellowship is apparent. The 225 at Winter Forum and over 460 Lions at Convention are good signs. We have faced many challenges and have grasped the opportunities most successfully including:

- We were faced with major human catastrophes this year: Turkish Earthquake, Orissa Cyclone, Mozambique Floods and Draught in Gujarat & Rajasthan. 105A Lions were instrumental in initiating the Turkish and Orissa Appeals at MD. You contributed in excess of £50,000 to these causes via the DT/MD. Clubs also sent £25,000 via other agencies.
- IPIP Lion Kajit set us a challenge to obtain 482 Contributing Members and 38 Melvin Jones Fellowship for our foundation LCIF. Fellow Lions we easily surpassed this target and it is estimated we contributed in the region of US\$100,000 to LCIF in total. We were making such substantial contributions at the height of Campaign SightFirst. Absolutely superb and my congratulations to YOU. The other side of the coin shows that we managed to procure two LCIF grants: \$8,000 for the Ammersham & Chesham water wells programme in Nigeria and the other for \$25,000 for a project put forward by London Host for SENSE, a children's charity.
- LCI has recognised our District for " the tremendous strides" we have made for Peace Poster contest and the commendation reads "for outstanding participation in Lions International Peace Poster Contest".
- The other opportunities seized are recorded in 105A News /105A News Internet.

You are too good to be true

I know I speak for Ranjena when I say this has been a rewarding fulfilling and joyful year, which has only been so because of the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of 105A, and their partners. The many letters and cards coming in on our retirement (!) are much appreciated. We value your affection more than anything else. We shall treasure the time spent with you at District /Club functions and look forward to enjoying your company again in the near future. Thank you so much. You are the very best.

A First for 105A

Our webmaster brilliantly organised the Chatline, which enticed over 30 Lions. We were engaged in conversation from 7.30-9 p.m. Apologises from International President Elect Lion Jean Behar and ID Lion Phil Nathan. A great success.

MEMBERSHIP*New Babies*

A warm welcome to new members: Kantilal Purshottam Shah, Gareth Richards, Anne-Marie Martell, Alexandre Popesco, Tony Wright, Sheila Wright, Christopher Johnson, Harold Stephenson, Sonia Stephenson Thanks sponsors.

Extension of Lions family

It was a pleasure to see 280 people at Sudbury's Charter Presentation. Keep it up Sudbury Lions and thanks to sponsoring Club Wembley (Brent).

The Young Ones

The formation evening of Hadley Wood Lions attracted 100 Lions (despite the football) at the scenic Trent Park Golf Club where 26 professionals/entrepreneurs were inducted under the protective eye of the sponsoring club of Southgate. We wish the club every good fortune.

Did you know?

4 new clubs born in District 105A in 1999/2000.

- Lions Club of London Swiss Cottage was the last club formed in the last Millennium
- Lions Club of Kenton was the first club formed this century in MD105 and as far as we are aware in the world
- Lions Club of Sudbury had the highest number of Charter Members (72) at formation in 50 years of Lionism in British Isles & Ireland
- Lions Club of Hadley Wood has the largest number of under 40 members in this District.

Well done to all who worked to form these clubs.

PARTNERSHIP*Communal cooking*

Ranjena conveys her gratitude for all your recipes resulting in a super cook book which in turn you purchased - sorry there are no more - and your generosity in promoting and selling MS Stars. You are simply great. The involvement of the majority of Clubs and the partners of Lions in this project - 54 Clubs sent in recipes - has truly made our family of Lions work together in partnership. Ranjena hopes we shall raise around £20,000.

LEADERSHIP 1999-2000*The Millennium Presidents*

My gratitude and thanks goes to all of you for your splendid leadership. In the first instance you were committed enough to attend the Presidents Workshop in record numbers. It was a delight to see over 60

Presidents attending the Vice Presidents session with 10 written apologies received. Lion Presidents thank you for leading your club with vision and dedication.

100% Presidents Award

The onus is on the Secretary to complete the yellow form DA-50 in the Secretary's pack. It should be signed by ZC /RC and forwarded to me for approval LCI to receive by 20 July.

The Millennium Secretaries

The introduction of a new

Activities Form especially designed for our District by PV required explaining and thanks to the attendance of 65% of the Secretaries at the Incoming Advisers Workshop secretaries have done very well with reporting than previously. A secretary is fundamental and essential for a club to function effectively and I take my hats of to Lion Secretaries for their efforts and excellent work

Your Award

This has to be purchased by the club after approval by DG on the recommendation of the Club President to ZC. No specific form required.

The Millennium Treasurers

DT tells me you have been most co-operative and helpful and I thank Lion Treasurers for their work in this field. I do not know why there is no award for a Treasurer. I recommend that the Club recognises its Treasurer in its own way.

Not Past It At All

The work, help, advise and guidance of PDG's and their wives has proved invaluable to both Ranjena and I. Our very special thanks to them.

Our Advisers

Thanks to all members of the Millennium Cabinet for all their hard work. Good luck to DGE Lion Mike Hendy and his Cabinet.

WE SERVE

105A Lions have served....

...children via Tacade, ThorpePark & Street Children

...young adults via MS Appeal

...Senior Citizens by hosting a party for 1400

...their environment by planting over 1700 trees

...International community with

eye-camps(£7,600)
Ashanti Appeal (£1,887)
Malawi Students(£800)
Water Aid(£400)
Kosvo(£591)

...national community with help for MedicAlert (£700) Special Olympics (£675)

...Fellow Lions with a Family funday at Berkhamsted

...and much much more.

.....with their heart.

FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE

Lionism is like love. It only exists if you share it; sharing it willingly and unselfishly! Love does not survive unless it is nourished with patience and respect. The greatness of a Lions Club is based not just on the service we provide for our communities. Its greatness is based upon how we share those accomplishments with our fellow Lions! Its greatness is based upon the manner in which we nurture the growth of the individual Lion in our family of Lionism! While a home may be property owned a family is a relationship shared and nurtured from within. And a Lions Club is a family united in SERVICE and you fellow Lion belong to such a Club.