



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105A  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAM JAGGI

# DG'S NEWSLETTER

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## *Greetings fellow Lions, Leos and Lionesses*

In the last two issues of my Newsletter I have paid a great deal of emphasis to our membership programme, which is my main objective this year, and indeed very close to my heart.

There are many areas where we can get ourselves involved and achieve membership growth including the Club Branch Programme, which is designed to help our Association reach new areas and new populations that we have never been able to contact before.

Clubs can form branches in nearby towns, college campuses, ethnic neighbourhoods, business parks and corporate headquarters. Use this new tool and you will find that once the branch starts operating other individuals will become interested and the branch will grow. Good luck!

## HEALTH AND SAFETY INSURANCE

The safety of Lions and members of the public is of paramount importance and clubs organizing any event must ensure there is adequate insurance cover.

Further guidance on this important matter can be obtained from District Officer Lion Mukesh Palan.

Also please note that the Multiple District Insurance Brokers, Tudor, have ceased trading and a new Multiple District Insurance Broker has been appointed. Please update your directories with the following details: Sutton Winson Ltd, St James House, Grosvenor Road, Twickenham, Middx TW1 4AJ (Tel: 020 8891 8534) The new brokers are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September. For further information please contact MD Insurance Adviser Lion Tim Baker.

## PEACE POSTER

This year's theme is "Lighting the Path to World Peace". Children aged between 11 to 13 on 15<sup>th</sup> November are eligible to participate.

Please note that your club's winning poster must be submitted to me by 15<sup>th</sup> November as I am required to judge the district winner and forward the winning entry to the Council Chairman by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

District Officer Lion Erach Amaria has sent the poster kit to all clubs in the District. I hope all clubs in the district will try and enter the competition.

## MINI YOUTH CAMP

The International Youths who came to the 105A Youth Camp ended their stay in our District with a concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

The function was very well attended. My thanks to District Officer for Youth Exchange, Lion Ramesh Parmar, who put in lots of effort to make their stay comfortable and educational.

## CHINA TOWN'S DRAGON

The annual Dragon Boat Race organized by the London China Town Lions Club was very successful and well attended; the atmosphere was superb. This is the club's main fund raising activity, which helps the club raise large sums for their charity. Lions of China Town, continue the good work and good luck.

## NEW MEMBERS

I extend a very warm welcome to the following new members to the family of Lions:

- Eileen Wheatley and Linda Van Der Linde (High Wycombe)
- Anne Rowe (Aylesbury)
- Mukesh Varu (Wembley)
- Eghe Eweka (Milton Keynes Stony Stratford)
- Bhavesh Chauhan (Chipping Barnet)
- Penny Tregillus (Leighton Buzzard)
- Janak Masrani (Hadley Wood)
- Phil Martin (Hertford)
- Helen Hughes (Wallingford District)
- Roy Croft & Terence Wartz (Letchworth Garden City)
- Chandrakant C Dasani (London Finchley)

We also welcome Lion Trevor Tomkins from Burnham to High Wycombe Lions Club.

## A NEW CLUB

By the time you receive this Newsletter the first new club of this Lionistic year will have been formed. The West Herts Moor Park club has been sponsored by the London Golders Green Lions Club who are to be congratulated on this achievement.

## MESSAGE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

Always try to post to District Administrator Officer Lion Keith Tooley two copies of your Membership Report and the Activities Report in triplicate immediately after the second meeting in the month.

Do not enter any activities on the membership report, which goes to Oak Brook, as they are only interested in the annual activities report in July. Remember to add details of new members, drops, and changes in address on the membership report.

If you have not already sent Lion Keith your club's latest list of member's names and addresses, please do so now. He needs this for distribution purposes. If possible send all these details by e-mail. Failing to submit this list will earn your club minus points in the club efficiency competition.

## WINTER FORUM

Do not forget 7<sup>th</sup> October, an important date, for your diary.

At this year's Winter Forum there are seminars and sessions for experienced and new Lions. This is the right approach for producing leaders with full knowledge of LCI programmes.

Lion Viresh has laid a very comprehensive programme for you. Look out for the booking form which is being sent out with this Newsletter and make sure your club books you and your fellow Lions in good time.

## WORLD SIGHT DAY

As you will be aware by now, World Sight Day (WSD) is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> October this year.

This is a great opportunity for us as Lions to raise our profile and awareness of the work that we do for sight related issues. As many of you may already know, WSD is being promoted as a partnership of quality global organizations this year. The event will be promoted at a national level through Vision 2020, of which Lions Clubs International is a key partner.

Ketchum has sent out a pack to all Club Presidents detailing PR activities for Clubs to undertake on a local level to raise awareness of preventable and reversible blindness. Your efforts will generate good media coverage for Lions.

## FUN DAY

The Lions Fun day at Berkhamsted started with rain as in previous two years, but around 250 individuals turned up notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions; 76 brave ones participated in the sponsored walk.

It is estimated that £7,000 to £8,000 will be raised for District charities. My special congratulations to Urmila Trivedi, wife of Lion Madhu of Enfield Club, who managed to raise single handedly over £2,000.

I extend my thanks to Lion Peter Gent, the chairman of the committee and his team for organizing the event in a very professional and efficient way.

## LCIF

Plan now for LCIF contributing Member Month, which is November 2001. Contribute \$20 now and help your club to become a 100% Contributing Member Club. For more details contact District LCIF Officer PDG Lion Rati Shah.

## OBITUARIES

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of

- Lion Rasik Ruparel of London Host who died in hospital on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2001.
- Lion Arthur Kempster of Berkhamsted Lions Club on 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Lion Ratilal Kathrani of Wembley Brent on 19th August.
- Lion Kamal Acharya, who died aged 42, on 23 August 2001. Lion Kamal was Past Zone F Chariman and a member of Southgate Club.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families. All the Lions in our District will miss them.

## DG'S DIARY – September 2001

01	Walthamstow	C/A
02	Club Development	Hatfield
03	Buckingham	O/V
04	Carterton	O/V
05	Teddington	O/V
10	London Hendon	O/V
11	Bedford	O/V
12	Leighton Buzzard	O/V
13	Wantage & Grove	O/V
16	Letchworth	Fund Raising
18	Charity Golf Day	
19	Aylesbury	O/V
22	MD LCIF Birmingham	
23	Finchley Musical Evening	
24	Stevenage Coreys Mill	O/V
25	Chipping Norton	O/V
26	Walthamstow	O/V
27	St Albans Leos Beer Festival	
29	Denham Charter Presentation	
30	Luton	C/A