

105A News

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Convention Time

This issue will be distributed initially to all Lions attending our District Convention at Sopwell House. Further copies will be sent to clubs for all members.

If you are reading this at Convention, may I (wearing my hat of Host Committee Chairman) add a word of welcome! Conventions, like this Newsletter, are forums for public debate, an opportunity to exchange ideas and possibly learn new things.

The **105A News** in this new monthly format is designed to provide the same benefits. Thus in this issue, our IT expert shows you how to set up a web site and in the news section you will read of an event which happened less than four weeks ago. The **105A News** certainly tries to provide up to date news and views.

It is a pity that we have not had much 'debate' in these pages. The only letters I receive – welcome as they are – are full of so much praise about the Newsletter and my personal efforts that it would be embarrassing to publish them!

As far as debate is concerned, let us hope the annual Convention makes up for that. All democratic institutions need to have healthy and positive exchange of ideas.

In debating whatever needs to be discussed, however, let us also bear in mind our code of ethics, which enjoins us *to be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*

Enjoy the convention and this issue!

- Editor

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CLUB'S WEB SITE – IN 3 EASY STEPS

By Lion Satnam Loyal

A number of clubs have been asking about setting up their own web sites and in this article I intend to cover the most basic, easiest and cheapest way to get your club web site up and running.

What you need.

In order to set up a club web site you will need access to the Internet – that is it! This could be at home, office or via an Internet café.

An email address – if you do not have email you can always go to <http://www.yahoo.com> and sign up for their free email service which can be accessed from any PC with Internet connection anywhere in the world.

What will it cost?

Nothing – if you already have access to the Internet at home or office. Otherwise it will cost whatever you have to pay (at an Internet Café) to get access to the Internet for the time needed to fill in the form on *LionWap* web site.

How do I set up the web site?

Visit <http://www.lionwap.org>. Click on New Users: Click Here To Open a New Page and read the instructions and click on Continue. Fill in the details on the form.

Recommendations

We recommend that you enter your username as md105a_clubname, and pick any password. This will assist LionNet in quickly identifying which district a username belongs to for support.

Your club web page will be <http://www.lionwap.org/clubname> (such as <http://www.lionwap.org/northolt>) or clubname.lionwap.org (northolt.lionwap.org) if you prefer a shorter version. The page will be set up and available within 48 hours of submission.

If there is sufficient demand I may cover other methods of setting up your club web site, including domain name etc in a future article.

If you have question with regard to this article please email me at Satnam.loyal@lions.org.uk or call me on 07939 059846.

YOUTH EXCHANGE – HELP!

By Youth Exchange Officer, Lion Ramesh Parmar

July when we will have youths from all over the world coming to the UK as part of the Youth Exchange Programme is approaching. The first host period for 'family hosting' is from 15th – 23rd July 2002 and during this period our district will take in 10 – 15 youths for hosting; and we need the names of the host families NOW! Those Lions, who have hosted last year, please support again – you know that it a very rewarding and heart warming experience!

Who can host? Every Lion is entitled to participate. All that is needed is an interest in other ventures, enjoy meeting and keeping up with young people and be willing to open your home to a complete stranger! It may help if you have children who are of similar age to the young person you host but is not necessary. It is recommended that a few host families be within a Club or Zone so that some group activities can be organised.

So fellow Lions, if you have a spare room in your house and you can host a youth, please contact me immediately and I will fill you in with the details. An early response will give you the opportunity to decide not only whether you host a boy or girl but also from which country!

There will be a bursary available for each host family!!

You can contact me on 07831 587495 or Email:

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Enfield do it again!

The Lions Club of Enfield raised £5,500 by taking part in the District Sponsored Walk.

Even though the club was entitled to retain 50% of this for its own charities, it decided to donate the entire sum towards the Senior Citizens' Party.

The money was raised by Mrs Urmila Trivedi (who raised £2,000); Mrs Shashi Chaudhry (£1,000) Lion Krishna Savant (£166) and Lion Rati Shah (£2,334).

Last year the club raised £45,000 from a Gala Fund Raising Event. The monies raised from the Gala have been used to rebuild a school damaged by the Gujarat Earthquake almost a year ago. Last year's club President Lion Anant Mehta in the presence of PDG Lion Rati Shah, Secretary, and Lion Rashmi Shah, a Member of the Lions Club of Enfield officially opened the school at Vankaner recently.

The Lions Club of Enfield has also undertaken another school project in the rural village near Rajkot.

Senior Citizens Given New Lease On Life

The Lions of District 105 upstaged the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery 41-gun salute (on Thursday, 7 February) commemorating the 50th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne by jump-starting the Queen's Jubilee with a "100-Lion" salute to acknowledge our gratitude to our senior citizens and to thank them for their guidance and advice reports Lion Elliot Shubert, District Public Relations Officer.

This happened on Sunday, 3 February 2002 at the Harrow Leisure Centre. 33 Lions Clubs who acted as their hosts and minders for the day invited over 1,000 senior citizens to the party.

The rather drab Leisure Centre hall was transformed for the day into a glitzy party venue with over 100 tables covered with white cloths, offset with purple or gold overlays, and a sprinkling of



gold stars; table settings with plates, napkins, tumblers; gold and purple helium-filled balloons "floating" over each table. With food and drink prepared, and tables set, all that was needed were the partygoers.

By 1.00 pm the senior citizens started streaming in and were greeted by Lions, Lionesses, Leos, partners and spouses. Also on hand to greet our guests was an unusual looking person, "Bubbles the Clown", who entertained our guests with his funny antics, and Maurice Canham, a "Del Boy" look alike. The seniors loved him!

By 2.00 pm the hall was full of senior citizens and Lions and the party was off to a rockin' start with MC Lion Martin and I've music by the "Cockney Duo". They played old time favourites, sing-alongs and traditional music. Kylie Spence, whose father is Lion Alec, sang pop songs and Peter (a guest from Northwood) performed a fantastic impression of Nat King Cole songs. Lions, Lionesses and Leos acted as waiters/waitresses and carers to our special guests. A variety of sandwiches and finger food were served. To add to the atmosphere, there were Bingo games and a free raffle with many prizes.

Everyone seemed happy, well fed and looked after. The lively music resulted in spontaneous conger dancing, weaving their way through the maze of tables. In front of the bandstand, round dancing was in full swing. Neither age nor physical condition was a hindrance; people with canes, walkers and even wheel chairs got into the act!

Edna, who is 86 years old, wrote to her hosts, the Redbridge Lions Club, thanking them for being invited. She wrote:



"When I came to the party in 2000, I was really cheered up because as you know Alf was not very well at the time. I did not think that day could be bettered. I almost did not come this time but I am so glad I did. It was the first time I have laughed since Alf died and that is something I thought would never happen for me again. I will always remember and treasure the line of dancers around the hall all laughing and having so much fun and you Doreen dancing with the wheelchairs. The time went so quickly I did not want to come home. If I never go out again I will live on my memories of this day."

DG Ram and Shashi were honoured with a visit from the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow who walked around greeting our senior citizens and posing for photographs. Also, the TV celebrity, Bob Holness, who hosts the game "Call my Bluff" on BBC1 gave a rousing speech for the senior citizens and the Lions.

The end of the day was like the last night at the Proms with the band playing "Land of Hope and Glory" and the national anthem.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAM JAGGI

DG'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos

SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

The month of February started with great excitement. It began with our planned Senior Citizens' Jubilee Celebration. I am delighted to say that the party was superb and full of fun and surprises. I was happy to see our guests in party mood, which gave us a pleasant sense of satisfaction. It was quite an emotional moment when a lady of eighty-eight years of age told me that she had come out of the old people's home for the first time in ten years. A woman of 86 said that it was the first time she had laughed since her husband died two years ago. The music, dancing and entertainment under the supervision of Lion Martin Jenner was excellent and the guests were reminded of old times. The lucky ones won their prizes in Bingo.

My gratitude to Joint Chairmen PDG Lion Parveen Verma and Lion Ken Rouse, and all the dedicated Lions in their steering committee. The Leos of Golders-Green assisted our Lions – my personal thanks to them for their support. These citizens have appreciated our philosophy and motto of "We Serve" We have received many letters of thanks from the senior citizens telling us how much they enjoyed this party.

QUIZ FINAL

Seven clubs participated in the Quiz Final on 17th February 2002, in the Thistle Hotel near Stevenage. All participants were in a good, friendly and sportsmanlike mood. I am glad that five more teams participated just for fun with all enjoying the fellowship. My congratulations to Milton Keynes Stony Stratford for winning the trophy. My thanks also to our District Officer, Lion Peter Gent, for his excellent efforts.

CLUBS SECRETARIES

You have received the PU-101, to report new officer's information to Lions Clubs International. Please send the forms with full details to our District Administration Officer Lion Keith Tooley at your earliest to keep your club in good standing. In addition, you will receive forms from MDHQ for reporting the names of the club President and Secretary. Please send these to Keith at the same time – any delays will cause hold ups in the MD directory.

LCIF

It is still not too late, If some clubs missed November's Contributing Member Month, US\$20 (£15) annually per member will provide LCIF much needed support; members will receive a contributing pin and 100% clubs will receive a banner patch.

Donations for the September 11th disaster appeal made prior to 1st December 2001 will be credited for the future fellowship, provided the amount is over \$100.

SOUTH HERTS - MOOR PARK

I felt honoured and privileged to present the Charter to a new club in the presence of nearly 300 Lions and guests. I was glad to meet the Charter members in good spirits and on behalf of District 105A, I wish Charter President Lion Barney and members of the club, best wishes and a bright future in our organisation.

CLUB TREASURERS

Dues for District, Multiple District and International should never be delayed. It is very important that all the outstanding amounts should be cleared without any delay. We also need to receive the audited accounts for the previous year. If your club has not sent in the accounts, please send them to the District Treasure without any further delay.

SHASHI'S APPEAL

Shashi extends her thanks to the clubs who have donated towards her appeal of Breast Cancer Care. She is grateful for your support and efforts. The appeal is going very well.

TWINNING

I am glad to report that District Governor of 411(East Africa), Lion Dr Tebebe Berhan, is coming to our District Convention for twinning purposes. This will strengthen our old ties. This will be our second twinning as a District after District 111NB (Germany)

CHINESE DISABLED ARTISTS

Our MD is looking at hosting a world-renowned troupe from the Republic of China in 2004. The venues for the concert will be throughout the country. It will be a good opportunity for fundraising and

publicity. The programme may start from London and continue to other venues. It will be highly promoted throughout the Chinese communities. Plans are at very early stages and I will gladly keep you updated as and when I receive more information.

MD CONVENTION

After our District Convention, please do not forget the MD Convention on 3-5th May in Torquay. It is a long weekend; why not take a break for yourself and enjoy the fellowship.

ENFIELD

My sincere thanks to Lion President Mahesh, and all the members of Enfield Club, for donating £5,500, the total money they raised on Family Fun Day, to Senior Citizens' Party. Their contribution was very helpful in paying for the expenses relating to the party. Our District is proud of you.

OBITUARY

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of Lion Fred Tinson, Charter member of Lions Club of Witney. On behalf of all in District 105A, I extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

EDUKIT

The edukit is a school-in-a-box of basic educational materials for up to 80 students. The kit is used by UNICEF as a rapid response to fulfil basic educational needs of children whose schooling has been disrupted by emergencies, natural disasters and armed conflict. The kit contains all the necessary needs for learning. A donation of US\$ 300 pays for the distribution of a single Edukit

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

International President Moore was recently asked What's the best way to involve new members in one's club? Here is his reply:

First of all, I think it is important to ask new members what their interests and skills are. Find out not only what club activities and projects they like, but also what their interests are outside of the club. Then, as soon as possible, I would involve them in a project or activity that matches their interests and skills. Getting their involvement immediately is a very important part of the equation. Even if it veers from their regular committee assignment, make them feel a part of the club by asking for their assistance.

A survey respondent said that some of their new members had participated in the club's hearing and sight screening program before they were inducted. By the time they "officially" became Lions, they had helped screen more than 4,000 children! Now that's involvement!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Royston Williams	Wallingford District
William Goodwin	Witney
Marjorie Arnold	Biggleswade & Sandy
Elsa Caleb	London Hornsey
Reginald Johnson	London Hornsey
Mary Dyson	Berkhamsted

IT'S GOING TO BE CHESSINGTON!

Will all clubs please note that after several very successful visits to Thorpe Park, it has been decided that this year we will take the Kidz to Chessington World of Adventure.

The event will take place, as planned, on Sunday, 19 May and the cost will be £8.50 per person. Lion Ken Rouse who is in charge of this event will be sending out applications forms to all clubs shortly.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

I hope you enjoy the Convention and that you take with you happy memories of a day, which takes a lot of planning but is over so fast! If you did not get this issue at the Convention then you are one of those who did not attend the main event of the year! Shall we see you next year?

DG's DIARY

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1-3	District 105A Convention	Sopwell House
04	Southgate	O/V
05	Harpenden	Lifeskills & Drugs
05	Kensington & Chelsea	O/V
06	Kingsbury	O/V
08	Bedford Harpur	C/A
09	Harpenden	C/A
12	London Hornsey	O/V
13	Golders Green	O/V
16	District 105M	Convention
16	Aylesbury	C/A
17	Zone E	Swimming Gala
19	UN Day	House of Commons
19	Edgware	O/V
20	Northwood	O/V
22	District Golf	Watford
23	MD Leo	Convention
23	District 105EA	Convention
24	Zone I	Swimming Gala
25	Hamel Hempstead	O/V
26	London Hampstead	O/V
30	Seven Kings	?C/A