

Picture that!

Pictures, it is said, are worth a thousand words. That being the case we could fill the 105A News with pictures and thus provide every club an opportunity to have a say worth a thousand words.

Life, alas, is never as simple as that. You will have seen that we try and include at least two pictures in every issue but we reject even more because they are not of a quality that would do justice to the above quoted adage.

Most pictures are either not interesting enough or convey less than words they seek to replace. Then, the technical quality sometimes makes it difficult for us to use some pictures – this being a black and white publication, pictures have to have the right amount of contrast and be particularly sharp and focussed.

Furthermore every picture needs an explanation. So you cannot really replace words with pictures. But that is just what I am hoping to do with four extra pages we intend to add to next month's combined DG's Newsletter and 105A News. That will indeed be the last issue of this Lionistic year and I thought we should organise a photographic montage to remember the current year. So if you want to be part of this photographic album please let me have photographs of your club's activities covering this whole year.

Timing is of the essence. If you do not act now it may be too late to include your pictures in this special edition. So get out those photos today and let me have sight of them!

And, by the way, the four pages will be printed in full glorious colour so that we can do full justice to your pictures.

- Editor

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YOU CAN WIN THE LCIF TROPHY!

By PCC Bert Randall

Congratulations go to the Redbridge Lions Club, winners of the LCIF Trophy for 2001/2002 with Greenford Willow Tree and Golders Green Lions Club joint runners up. Well done and keep up the good work!

Points are awarded to clubs who support the most projects under the umbrella of LCIF – not necessarily the most monies raised or the greatest number of Melvin Jones Fellowships awarded. As a means of encouraging more clubs to participate next year I thought it would be helpful to summarise here the rules.

The projects that count include all undesignated donations where funds are sent to LCIF for the foundation to determine where the funds are allocated – eg Emergency donations, Earthquakes, Floods, building of Hospitals, Hospices, Schools etc.

In addition, the following designated donations count:

- Eye Camps; Cataract operations
- Sponsoring Melvin Jones Fellowships
- Education – sponsoring Students abroad
- Water Aid – supplying pumps, wells etc
- Clothes collected and distributed
- Spectacles and Hearing Aid collections
- Drug Awareness – sponsoring local schools, TACADE
- LEHP – Diabetic screening, advising public on eye health problems
- LCIF Grants – support in District
- Street Children support – home and abroad
- Twinning – with clubs in other countries
- Emergency donations – earthquakes, floods, food parcels etc
- Miscellaneous – supporting other district appeals

Clubs are judged on information obtained from the District Officers' reports and mainly from the monthly Activities reports. So do not forget to include all relevant information in your reports. Finally, do remember that the competition runs from 1 March to 31 January. Good Luck!

MALAWI EDUCATION PROGRAMME

By International Relations Officer, Lion Surinder (Max) Mongia

The scheme is open to students who performed well in primary education and need assistance for the secondary education particularly boarding fees etc. The programme targets further education for poor but bright children and has been funded over the years by Clubs of MD105 contributing £100 per year for a four-year period.

The Grant System is operational in three centres in Malawi - **Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu**. Each centre has its own legally drawn up educational trust with dedicated Bank Accounts and each centre is controlled and operated by a Lions Club in the area being accountable to MD105.

The cost of supporting each student is £100 per annum and includes boarding, education, books etc. Clubs normally take on the responsibility for supporting "their" student for 4 years. Children are purely chosen on merit and allocated to sponsoring Clubs in the UK and Ireland. Students are then encouraged to write regularly to the sponsoring Club of their progress.

Supporting Cubs are requested to send their cheques to the District Treasurer District 105A with an allocation note and/or endorsement on the back of the cheque.

Many children have benefited from this scheme thanks to the generosity of MD 105 Club members. Having progressed through primary, secondary and university education they are now becoming administrators, doctors, teachers etc. These young people are fully aware that LIONS have given them a key to a much brighter future.

HELP! HELP! HELP! Students in Zomba and Mzuzu could lose their placements unless there is allocation of funds to support. Please adopt a student NOW and give the youth a better chance for the future for only £100 a year. MD 105 now assures me better communication and allocation of students associated with your sponsorships. The programme is again fully operational and needs your support.

Swimming Gala for the Disadvantaged

Zone E held its 8th Swimming Gala for the Disadvantaged People on Sunday 17th March 2002 at the Barnet Copthall Swimming Pools writes Zone E Chairman Lion Minesh Mehta.

With over 50 disadvantaged people participating and accompanied by 30 carers, the event was well attended by civil dignitaries, the Mayors of Barnet and Brent and over 90 Lions, Lionesses and Leos including their families. The event, which is held annually by Zone E, was also attended by the District Governor, Lion Ram Jaggi, Region Chairman, Lion Kishore Pattni, Disability Awareness Officer, Lion Doreen Carr and Zone F Chairman, Lion Suresh Sharma. IPDG Lion Mike Hendy carried out the MC duties very diligently.

The fully self-financed event was co-ordinated by Lion Ashish Avlani of London Hendon with the help of his committee from all the clubs in the zone, Edgware, Kenton, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Kingsbury, Stanmore and Wembley (Brent) and the Lioness and Leo Clubs of London Golders Green. The delicious food for both participants and all who attended was the hard efforts of the ladies only clubs, Kenton, Stanmore and the Lioness of London Golders Green. The Leo Club of London Golders Green helped with distribution of the food to participants. Trophies were given to the three winning teams, medals to all who came in the first three positions in each race and a gift to all participants. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the crew from St John's Ambulance, the lifeguards and the MC Lion Mike Hendy. The full committee including the Doctor on duty Lion Kaushik Karia (Kingsbury), Safety officer Lion Mukesh Palan (Kingsbury) and event photographer Lion Mahendra Patel (Edgware) were also appreciated.

Drive for Membership

In order to reverse the gradual decline in the number of members, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club has initiated a number of initiatives.

The first initiative was intended to kick start the member drive. Members and their families distributed leaflets to 5,000 households over 3 consecutive weekends. This was followed 10 days later by an informal social and information evening, which was intended to provide prospective members with general information

about Lions in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

The meeting format consisted of a brief presentation followed by a short video on the Lions. This was followed by a short group question time and individual discussion over light refreshments. Display boards were also used to provide background information at the meeting.

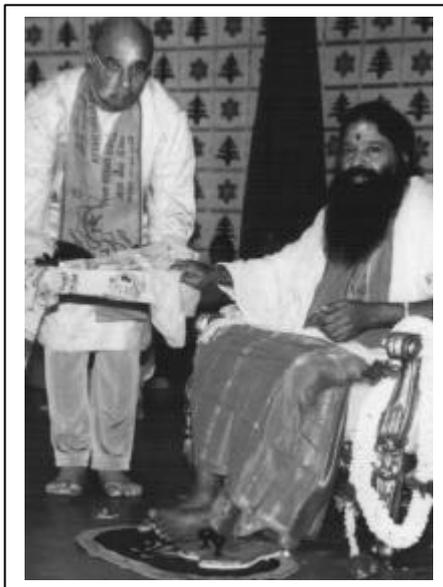
At the end of the meeting, prospective members were provided with an Information Pack to take away and read at leisure. The Information Pack was also sent to people who were interested in the Lions but could not attend the meeting.

The general focus of the leaflet, meeting and subsequent follow up was consistently based on the "Wanting to help others", "Fellowship" and "Social" aspects of the club.

The club is now focusing on the follow up of enquiries and getting prospective members involved with the running of the club. The club is also producing a CD, which will contain all information connected with the leaflet drop. After which, the club will progress with the other initiatives that are intended to provide a steady source of new members.

The club had anticipated 20 responses and to sign up 5 new members – it actually received 28 responses and is looking to sign up at least 7 new members. Due to the focus placed on the membership drive, 5 prospective members have also shown keen interest from personal contacts.

The cost of the leaflet drop originally budget at £500 was only £300.



Mobile Electro-Cardiogram

Lion Harisukh Dave, President of Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club recently presented an Electro Cardiogram machine worth £1,4000 on behalf of his club members to Swami Shri Ganpati Schhidananda (see picture above) for use in a mobile ambulance used to provide free service to local people in Gujarat.

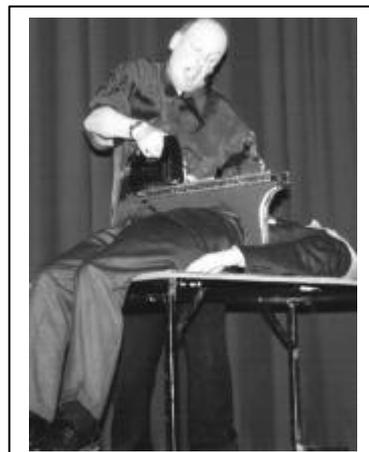
What happens to our Presidents?

The secretary of the Harrow & Pinner Lions Club, Lion Malcolm, poses this question. His answer? Read on...

Firstly, one (IPP Val Jones) becomes Little Fairy Snowdrop spreading joy and happiness. Then, the current President (Lion Robin Hurley) allows himself to be cut in half in the hope that he will get twice as much done – see pictures, below.

The "saw wielder" and MC extraordinaire was none other than past president Lion Martin Jenner.

All this happened at the Grand Concert for the senior citizens of Harrow in the company of the Mayor of Harrow on Saturday, 6 April.





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

DG'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos

The District convention is over and a new team has been elected. But we still have two months to go in this Lionistic year and we have un-finished work to complete. Our programmes are ongoing and will continue in to the next year. We must maintain continuity in the District and that is the only way to move forward. Our DG elect is working with me very closely and we will make sure that we do not break the link.

DISTRICT HANDOVER

This year our District Handover is on 21st July at the Belfry Hotel and will, for the first time, be organised at lunchtime. The cost is only £19, which includes a glass of wine. Full details have been sent to Club Secretaries; please make an effort to join us. For further details contact PDG Vanmali Mistry on 020 8801 3480 or Lion Ken Rouse on 020 8531 5411.

CLUB WITH 100% ATTENDANCE

I was delighted to see full attendance at the meeting of the Lions Club of Hemel Hempsted I attended recently and I am glad to say that Luton was not far off – only one member was absent. My congratulations to both clubs.

GOLF COMPETITION

Our first Inter-Club Completion was held on 22nd March and the event was a success. All the participants enjoyed the day and the fellowship. Zone Chairman Lion Suresh Sharma and his partner from Lions Clubs of London Finchley won the competition. The winning trophy will be presented at the District Handover. Next year's competition has been booked and for further details, contact Lion Peter Gent at 01442 864472

WELL-DONE LEADERS

Twelve Immediate Past Presidents have achieved the 100% President Excellence Award. The leaders are Lions Tony Fowler (Ampthill), David Chapman (Bedford), Christopher Stupples (Berkhamsted), Ian Williamson (Biggleswade and Sandy), Maurice Bradley (Carterton), Erauch Daruwalla (Hounslow), Suresh Sharma (London Finchley), Ashish Avlani (London Hendon), Mike Moon (Oxford ISIS), Ken Sivell (Redbridge), Ken Rouse (Walthamstow),

Dinesh Dave (Wembley) My congratulations to you all. The District is proud of you.

MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR KIDZ

This year's disadvantaged children party will take place on 19th May at Chessington World of Adventure. The cost is £8.50 per person taller than one meter. The details have been sent to the clubs. The clubs are however slow in responding. I urge you to contact District Officer Lion Ken Rouse with the numbers, which will help him make suitable arrangements. He wants to do a perfect job, as usual.

SIGHT CONSERVATION

I have received an e-mail from Lion Adrian Clive, Chairman of Spectacles Committee of Newquay Lions Club thanking those clubs who have sent spectacles to be dispatched overseas. The numbers of pairs of spectacles sent over the last two years are as follows: in the year 2000, South Africa 60,659 and Sri Lanka 44,787. In the year 2001 South Africa 44,787 and Sri Lanka 77,475. Your support is highly appreciated for this sight related project.

DATA LINK

The clubs and Regions who are involved in the Message in a Bottle projects, are asked to ensure that stickers are not placed outside front doors. I have received an e-mail from Constable Graham Storey advising us that some people are placing a sticker outside their property. This only serves to highlight the fact that these people may be vulnerable and puts such people at risk of crimes being committed against them. The police are supportive of the scheme and we should help them. Our District Officer Lion Doreen Carr has taken the necessary action.

PU101

A final reminder to Club Secretaries about the PU101 form, if you have not sent it in yet. Make sure it reaches our District Administration Officer Lion Keith Tooley soon. Failing to send it means that your club will miss the entry in the MD Directory and no mail will reach your club next year.

INCOMING OFFICER SEMINAR

We will be hosting this seminar on 9th June for the leaders of 2002-2003. It is very important that all the

incoming officers attend. We will be catering for incoming Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers so that they can pick up ideas, which will help them all run their year smoothly. There will be a special seminar on retention. Our District Leadership Officer is working hard to give his best performance.

YOUTH AWARD & PEACE POSTER

I would like to remind clubs to start look for youths to enter into the Youth Award and Peace Poster competition. This is the time when you can pick up quality candidates when the schools are still open.

TREASURERS

A few clubs in the District are not in good standing as their International dues are outstanding. Please act fast and avoid embarrassment for the club and the district.

FUNDAY & SPONSORED WALK

Let us have fun and join the crowd at the Jubilee Family Funday and Barbeque on 8th September 2002 at Berkhamsted Cricket Ground. There will be enjoyment for everyone with music, games, races and food. Do not miss it and fix the date in your diary. For further information contact District Officer Lion Peter Gent .

NEW MEMBERS

I extend a very warm welcome to the following new members

Dipak Gohil - Hounslow
 David Booty - Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford)
 Mohan S Purewal - Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford)
 Geoffrey Ransome - Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford)
 Narendra Patel - Edgware
 John Chalkley - Wallingford District
 Tony Usher - Harpenden
 Ian Webster - Bedford Harpur
 Anne Robertson - Bedford Harpur
 Andy Hoskins - Winslow
 Amar Obhie - Ealing
 Praful Chakravarti - London Seven Kings
 Anne Grant - Milton Keynes (Bletchley)
 Ken Goode - St Alban

100% CONTRIBUTING CLUB

The newest Club in the District, Moor Park-South Herts, became a 100% contributing Club to LCIF when they handed over their cheque to PDG Lion Rati Shah at the club's March Business Meeting at which a new member, Rajesh Jobanputra, was also inducted. Having successfully completed the Mount Vernon Hospital Project, the club is now planning a Golf fun day to raise money for Street Children.

DG's Diary - May 2002

2-5	MD Convention	Torquay
7	Greenford O/V	
8	Chipping Barnet	O/V
11	5 Clubs Zone E	C/A
12	District Cabinet	
15	Biggleswade Sandy O/V	
17	Zone D Social	
18	Amphill District	C/A
19	<i>Make it Happen</i> for Kidz at Chesington	
20	Zone F Social	
22	London Host O/V	
23	Senior Citizen Committee Meeting	
25	Thames District	25 th C/A
26	Wantage & Grove C/A Lunch	
26	Beaconsfield C/A Dinner	
28	Mill Hill Rotary Visit	

Message from District Sergeant at Arms, Lion Vanmali Mistry:

DISTRICT HANDOVER: SUNDAY, 21 JULY

District Handovers are a time when the incumbents work out their exit by extolling the very many avenues of progress made during their term of office and the District Governor, as the Head, an opportunity to thank his cabinet officers and fellow Lions and Ladies for their support in making it possible for him to achieve his goals.

It is also an opportunity for the incoming District Governor to try out his oratory skills and put together and introduce his cabinet for the ensuing year and his plans and aspirations for the good of the district.

These handovers were held in the evening in the past as a formal 'do' which was convenient and acceptable to many but not so for others who otherwise would have wished to attend and participate.

But not this year. This year the dress code will be Grey Trousers and Blue Blazer or Lounge Suits for men and smart daytime dress for the ladies. Secondly, this year it will be a handover lunch. Yes, Lunch! This will take place at the Oxford Belfry on Sunday, 21 July 2002 where you will be welcomed around 12.30 pm with a glass of wine so that you can mingle with lions and your friends. Around 1 pm you will be requested to share a table of 10 (so try and make up a table!).

The menu is posted on our web site – you have a choice of two starters, three main courses and two sweet courses plus coffee/tea and mints for £19 per person (including a glass of wine) payable with your booking form with cheques made payable to Lions Clubs International, District 105A. Cheques may be post-dated to 5 July 2002.

I would like to finalise arrangements by 28 June as I shall be flying off to the International Convention in Osaka, Japan on 29 June. Please help by booking early!