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105A NEWSLETTER

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Member's Winter Forum



Seen above, District Governor Lion Mike Baldwin and Leadership & Training Officer Lion Mike Hendy having a session with the Zone Chairmen and Club Presidents.

On Sunday 6th October 2002 at 9am almost 150 Lions and a few Leos gathered at the Wycombe High School for Girls, High Wycombe, to take part in a programme which would provide them with more knowledge and skills to face further challenges in Lionism work. Not only was it the first opportunity to listen to the 3 candidates for Vice District Governor 2003/4, but also an opportunity to have your blood pressure measured for free by Sue Wayne from the Stroke Association, Janet Baldwin's chosen charity.

A letter of thanks received following the TACADE materials sent to the school by District 105A

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of the pupils and staff at Green Wrythe Primary school I would like to express our thanks for the TACADE materials that we received from you in the Summer term. I have been able to use the materials to provide further support for the school's scheme of work for PSHE and Citizenship. All the TACADE materials are excellent! I have also planned assembly themes for the whole school to further support the PSHE work. I would dearly love to be able to purchase some of the book resources to enhance this. I am writing to find out if it would be possible to be considered for financial support to fund this purchase. Once again thank you so much for the "I am, I know, I can" materials. I know the children will greatly benefit from them.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Gill Longworth. PSHE Co-Ordinator

Green Wrythe Primary School
Green Wrythe Lane
Carshalton, Surrey
19th August 2002

World Sight Day - High Wycombe Lions Club

The aim of World Sight Day is to help raise awareness of the need to take action to combat the causes of avoidable blindness and other sight related conditions. World Sight Day is an international campaigning day organised by eye care agencies and Lions Clubs around the world. This year the Lions Club of High Wycombe joined forces with the Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum (PXE) Support Group, headquartered in Marlow, with 430 members nationwide to arrange for PXE members to receive the Support Group's Newsletter on audio cassette. PXE is a progressive disorder that results in the loss of vision in the central part of the eye, leading to the sufferer being registered blind, as well as a range of cardiovascular disorders. To achieve this, the Lions have teamed up with Wycombe Talking Newspapers who had agreed to donate their time to do the actual recordings and duplicate the audio cassettes free of charge. The Lions donated part of the £600 cost of the exercise. Elspeth Lax of the PXE Support Group said, "We are very grateful to both the Lions and Wycombe Talking Newspaper for their support for this project. It will mean a great deal to our members to be able to listen to our annual newsletter rather than having to have it read to them". For information about the PXE Support Group contact Elspeth Lax on 01628 476687.

Chris Johnston, High Wycombe Lions Club

What does LOVE look like?

*It has the hands to help others, It has the feet to hasten to the
poor and needy, It has the eyes to see misery and want,
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others,
That is what LOVE looks like.*

Coming Soon to a Zone Meeting near you - VDG Candidates for 2003-2004



Lion Erach (Eric) Amaria.
Aged 63
Lions Club of
London Finchley

I joined as a Lion in 1978 and due to overseas commitments left in 1980 having served as club secretary, and re-joined in 1988. I am married to Arnawaz and have a daughter, Anahita, and 3 grandchildren. My wife and I are fully prepared to commit the time to discharge all assignments & duties to the best of our ability with full dedication to the Club, International and District 105A in particular. I have been employed in a property maintenance company since 1971, but am now partly semi-retired.

My Experience

As a Club Lion

1995/1996 - Club President

1989/1990 & 1997/1998 - Secretary

1998/1999 - Treasurer

Chaired most committees & attended every District & MD conventions since joining my club.

As a District Lion

1996/1997 - Zone Chairman

1997/1998 - Region Chairman

1998/1999 - 105A News Distribution

1999/2000 - Regional 3 Adviser LEHP

2000/2001 - Medic Alert officer

2001/2002 - Peace Poster / UN officer

CURRENT DISTRICT

2002/2003 - Peace Poster Officer

2002/2003 - Lions Opportunities for Youth / Youth Chairman

Awards & Recognitions

Melvin Jones Fellow 1991/2 and Progressive MJF 1997/8; International President's Certificate of Appreciation 1992/3; District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation; DG's Merit Award; Senior Lions Leadership Certificate; Club Lion of the Year for 3 years. My proudest moment in Lionism has been marching carrying the flag of Jersey in Hawaii Convention Honolulu 2000.

MY AIM

Is to seek to find new ways of informing the public of our motto WE SERVE ; emphasize the importance of individual Lions, Lionesses & Leos with our Association; encourage quality membership and solicit the views of members for better decision making.

Finally, the members of London - Finchley Lions Club have unanimously endorsed my nomination.



Lion Louvain Allen
Aged 56
Lions Club of
Northwood

I have been a Lion for 9 years, but part of the Lions family for 18 years, when my husband for 33 years, Andrew, joined & like all Lions spouses I joined in the clubs activities. After this 9 year apprenticeship, I finally became a member in 1993 & really became involved. Our only other commitment is to our cat, called Madam.

My Experience

As a Club Lion

1994/1997 - Secretary & Fund Raising

1998/1999 - Carnival Chairman

1999/2000 - Club President

2001/2003 - Secretary & Fund Raising

As a District Lion

1996/1999 - Minute Secretary

1999/2000 - Competition Officer

2000/2001 - Zone Chairman

2001/2002 - Region Chairman

CURRENT DISTRICT

2002/2003 - Membership & Extension Officer

2002/2003 - Chairman of MERCL Committee

Attended the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Porto, Portugal 2001

Awards & recognitions

100% Club President; 100% Club Secretary; International President's Certificate of Appreciation; District Governor's Appreciation Award; Region & Zone Appreciation Medals.

At Work

I am a people person, hence my business life is spent in my company's Human Resources Department dealing with over 3,000 people Worldwide, and of course in Lionism, where we now have friends all over the world.

MY THOUGHTS

As an organisation we are facing reduced membership levels and we as Lions tend to have a 'blinkered' outlook, **all** we have to do is change our thinking, just slightly, and in **Partnership** we can achieve anything. **Partnership's** are in our lives...at home... in business...in Lionism...we work within our Clubs, with each other, in **Partnership**. If we extend this **Partnership** to work with other Lions Clubs perhaps we can stem the decline and stop being "The best kept secret" !



Lion Max Mongia
Aged 62
Lions Club of
London
Kensington &
Chelsea

PERSONAL

Married for 29 years with 3 grown-up children and a **dedicated** Lion since induction in 1982. Professionally, the Managing Director of a successful Engineering company, which specialises in consultancy to the Aerospace & Defence Industries worldwide. During my business trips abroad, my passion for Lionism took me to local Lions Clubs in every country I visited. As a result it has given me the in depth to Lionism on a worldwide basis.

Experience as a Lion

Club President (Finchley) 1989/1990. District Cabinet member since 1992 (10 yrs): Region Chairman, District International Relations, Sight Conservation Officer, Affinity Card Officer (3 yrs), Member District Steering Committee - Sight First Programme, District Officer Street Children (3 yrs).

CURRENT DISTRICT

District International Relations Officer/ UN Advisor, Member Forward Planning, Street Children Officer.

CURRENT MULTIPLE DISTRICT

Street Children Officer

Awards & Recognition

Melvyn Jones Fellowship. International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation. DG's Outstanding Achievement & Appreciation, 100% Club President, 100% Club Secretary,

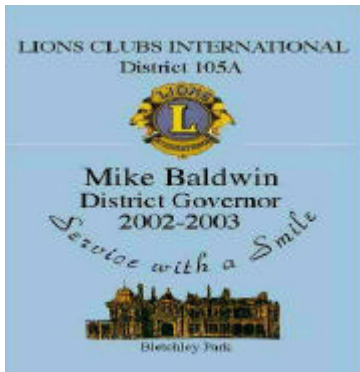
Other

Chairman - Parliamentary Business Club; Trustee - Consortium of Street Children; President - Patient Participation Group; Member of British Institute of Management; Member of Institute of Directors

MY VISION FOR THE DISTRICT

My vision for our District has evolved over the last 10 years. Hands on Lionism with the maximum use of technology for communication and promotion of Lionism. Retention of Lions through training and Involvement. Once a Lion should always be a Lion. A Club once formed may never be dissolved for lack of Lions.

The success of the District depends on grassroots Lions - with bottom up approach to run the district.



Lions Clubs International

District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



NOVEMBER 2002

To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

Members Winter Forum 6 October

In my October Newsletter I said I would report back on the Members Winter Forum and this is the report. I am sure that everyone who attended will agree that it was a very successful event. Over 150 Lions attended with meals being served to 125 Lions. The programme was varied but comprehensive and I am sure that all those that heard Sue Wayne from The Stroke Association speak were impressed, not only with the subject matter but also with the manner of delivery. Each of our candidates for Vice District Governor 2003-2004 spoke with pride and passion and we wish them all well for convention. My thanks go to all the presenters, to Lion Mike Hendy, the organiser for a great job and to our hosts, the Lions Club of High Wycombe and the High Wycombe High School for Girls. Many thanks also to all the delegates I am sure everyone learned something. If you have any comments about the day please contact Lion Mike at training@lions105a.org or write to 105A News editor@lions105a.org

Our Web –Site

www.lions105a.org This has been set up for use by the public to gain information about Lions Clubs International and for us to use to give and receive information. Could I urge all Lions who have access to the web-site to use it fully. If you feel it could be improved or you would like to post something on to site let Lion Neel Shah know on webmaster@lions105a.org. We want to make it user friendly for everyone.

Also don't forget there is a club web-site trophy within District 105a. This is presented at convention so get designing and enter the competition. Speaking of designing a club web-site **Lion WAP**. This is a facility to help design a web –site. Please speak to Lion Neel or Lion Geoff Leader it@lions105a.org

Sponsored Walk

Please ensure that sponsorship money from the Funday Walk is submitted to the District Treasurer as soon as you can so that the committee for the Senior Citizens know what their budget is. By middle of October £1,100 had been collected, but I think there is more to come.

Lions Youth Outreach

Sadly our Youth Outreach Officer Lion David Kelsall is having continuing problems with his back and has asked for assistance. I have therefore appointed **Lion Wes De Mendonca (London Hornsey)** as temporary Youth Outreach Officers 2002-2003. Lion Wes will continue in post until 30 June or until Lion David is able to take back responsibility. Could I say thank you to Lion David for accepting the post originally and for the hard work completed to date. We all hope that the back pain can be relieved as quickly as possible. Thanks also to Lion Wes for willingly taking over.

District Administration

Lion Keith Tooley has now fully recovered from his operation and from October has resumed duties as District Administrator. A very big thanks are due to Lion Ivor Poole who has carried out this role for the first 3 months of the Lionistic Year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

*These Troubled Days of Cruel Rejection
You Come To Me, Sooth My Troubled Mind*

Welcome New Members

Again a very warm welcome to the following Lions:
Thank you for joining our association and serving our community.

Nigel Clark	Amersham & Chesham
David Webster	Barking
Claire Bell	Bedford Harpur
Arvind Patel	Enfield
Chandubhai B Thakrar	Greenford Willow Tree
Paula Freestone	Hayes & Harlington
Bridget Cowley	High Wycombe
Frank Cowley	High Wycombe
Margaret Herbert	High Wycombe
Tony Herbert	High Wycombe
Kanta Assani	Kenton
Kajesh Seedher	London Golders Green
Kamal Sharma	London Golders Green
Navin Pandya	London Golders Green
Kamlesh Ahluwalia	London Kensington & Chelsea
Raj Banga	London Kensington & Chelsea
Amanda Jeavons	Royston
Graham John Dix	Ruislip
Bhatubhai Lakhani	Sudbury
Dharmesh Desai	Sudbury
Saurabh Patel	Sudbury
Sue Scott	Tring
Alan James Spires	Watford

PR / Roadshow Equipment

This subject was raised during my session with Club Presidents at Members Winter Forum when it was pointed out that membership drives using roadshows as a means of getting to the public seemed to be lessening & that one reason may be the actual roadshow boards and equipment etc. We do have boards & a television with an integral video for clubs to use. It was suggested that we need a co-ordinator to pull all the equipment together, to check & improve the information on the boards. When I tried to say we could do that next year, it was pointed out that a dynamic DG could do it now. Since this is the year of Impact I thought I had better appear dynamic. I have therefore listened to members views and appointed **Lion Derek Salmon (Berkhamsted Lions Club)** to oversee the road show equipment, to check information on the boards & to make recommendations for improvement to ensure better use of the assets we have. However all that dynamic energy has left me quite weak.

Affinity Card

Lion Shirish Sheth has been working very hard on this & a new leaflet has been sent to clubs via a

district mail out. I urge you all to take out a card. We receive income for every card taken out and donation for every transaction made with the card. I know there are competing cards offering inducements but if every Lion in our district took out **OUR** affinity card & only made one transaction with it a month, the donations would very soon build up. At the moment there is 0% interest on balance transfers for first 6 months. In case you are wondering, yes I have a Lions Affinity card and use it for 70-80% of all my transactions. I am also proud to put a card in front of cashiers, business people, hoteliers etc with the Lions Logo on it. affinity@lions105a.org

District Convention 2003 Oxford Belfry 1 Mar 2003

This is advance notice that booking forms will be despatched with my Newsletter & 105A news to be received by club secretaries in December for the 2003 convention. The closing date for booking is 1 February 2003 so please all watch out for the forms and complete them & send them back on time. Spare booking forms will be held by the convention chairman PDG Lion David Green and will also be available on the web-site. I look forward to a bumper attendance

District Officers

Within the District we have a number of specialist officers, all of whom would like to share their Lions Activity with you. Their phone numbers etc are in the handbook. Please think about your club interests and give the relevant officer a ring. They would be delighted to come to your club night & either give you a formal talk or just have a chat. Make use of them. Don't forget the District Treasurer, you have seen his photo in the newsletter. Ask him to talk about finance.

DG's Diary

Nov 1	Sudbury Lions	Gala
Nov 2	Milton Keynes Stony Stratford	CA
Nov 4	Ampthill District	OV
Nov 5	Bedford Harpur	OV
Nov 6	Biggleswade Sandy	OV
Nov 9	Lord Mayors Show	
Nov 9	Hertford	CA
Nov 11	London ChinaTown	OV
Nov 12	London Swiss Cottage	OV
Nov 13	Winslow	OV
Nov 14	Great Missenden & Prestwood	OV
Nov 15	Redbridge	CA
Nov 16	Stevenage Coreys Mill	CA
Nov 17	St Albans Cathedral	Crown Court Service
Nov 19	Uxbridge & Hillingdon	OV
Nov 20	Watford	OV
Nov 23	London Covent Garden	CA
Nov 24	Wallingford	CA
Nov 25	Hemel Hempstead	OV
Nov 26	Ruislip	OV
Nov 27	London Host	OV
Nov 30	London Swiss Cottage	CA