



# 105A News



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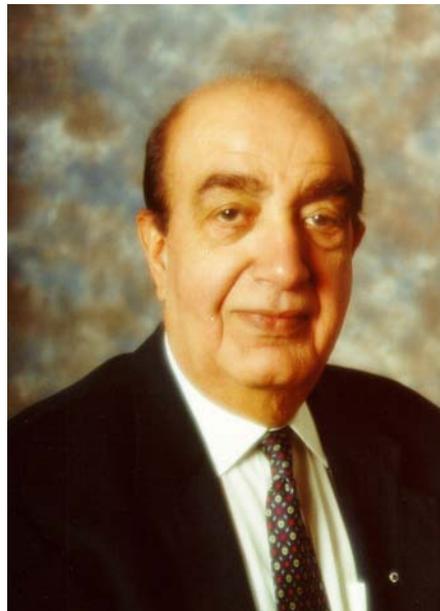
## PDG Ram Jaggi is an MBE!

This year's birthday honours list included the name of a Lion who has served his club, district, multiple district and the community as a whole with unlimited dedication and commitment for over two decades.

Lions throughout the multiple district were indeed pleased to hear that her Majesty, The Queen had graciously appointed PDG Ram Jaggi a Member of the order of the British Empire (MBE) in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List for "charitable services through Lions Clubs International"

Lion Ram served as District Governor of District 105a in 2001-2002.

Over the years he has received numerous awards and accolades from Lions Clubs International including two International Leadership Awards, International President's Appreciation Medals, International President's Certificate and



Plaque for outstanding work for Campaign Sight-First and six International President's Certificates of Appreciation.

He was also presented the International LCIF Chairman Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work at the International Convention in

Birmingham 1997-98 and was made the District Lion of the Year in 1992-1993.

A charter member of the Lions Club of London-Finchley, Lion Ram holds the distinction of a 100% record for 100% attendance - he has never missed a club meeting since he became a Lion!

Lion Ram has been supported throughout his Lionistic career by his wife Shashi who along with his son Sameer, daughter Leena, son-in-law Kunal and grandson Arjun are truly thrilled at this honour which is highly deserved.

**Editor:**  
**Viresh Paul**  
**District Governor:**  
**Max Mongia**

### THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME

All things do come to an end. With this issue, I shall be signing off the last message as Editor of the 105a News.

I know I have said that before but this is definitely it!

I am not a journalist or publisher, Neither am I a designer but I have enjoyed putting together the 105A News and have tried to stamp some professionalism into it. I will let you into a secret: I have written for national newspapers

but that was many years ago in a far off country...

In penning my thoughts in what I refer to as the Editorial box I have tried to provide a personal contact with you the reader. Thus I have talked about various aspect of the production process and at other times I have gone for some regular editorialising. My words may not have the profound effect on a nations mores as those of The Sun newspaper but they have elicited some gracious comments from those who have agreed or, in some instances, disagreed with my comments.

I have accepted criticism and congratulations with equal grace. That, more than anything else, has made this one of the most enjoyable duties that I have ever carried out as a Lion.

Sadly, my job is done and I will not be persuaded to do this again. I hope you have enjoyed receiving the 105A News this year. I apologise that due to reasons beyond my control we did not publish as regularly as I would have liked.

Finally, I shall not sign off as I have always done but shall put my name at the bottom of this my last formal editorial.

VIRESH PAUL

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## Music in a Temple by the Lake

St Paul's Walden Bury, the Hertfordshire home of the Bowes Lyon family, was the venue for a highly successful classical fund raising concert in June.

The concert was held in glorious sunshine; over 500 people sat on the banks round the lake enjoying the music played by St Albans Symphony Orchestra. early £2,000 profit was made which will go towards residents care at Sue Ryder Care at Stagenhoe Park

The orchestra played from the steps of Chambers Temple and performed a mixed repertoire including five movements from 'Carmina Burana', a wind symphony, arias from Mozart's Don Giovanni, folk song arrangements along with many familiar melodies.

A licensed bar served refreshments, augmented by stalls selling strawberries and cream and also ice cream making it a thoroughly enjoyable day out for everyone.

North Hertfordshire Chairman, Councillor Needham, and the Mayor of Stevenage Councillor Underwood were amongst the many guests. Sue Ryder Care and Harpenden Lions Club jointly arranged the event.

Georgina Hewitt of Sue Ryder Care said, "So many people helped to make this a fantastic day and we thank them all. Simon and Caroline Bowes Lyon kindly allowed us to use their grounds. The sunshine just helped to make it a really super time. Finally, we are grateful all those who contributed to Sue Ryder Care. It was so successful that we are already making plans for next year."



Pictured here is the Temple at the end of the lake which made an ideal stage. The audience sat around the lake on the banks enjoying the music and the welcome sunshine

## STOP PRESS!



The Editor managed to download the above pictures from DG Max Mongia's digital camera on the day he returned from the International Convention in Hong Kong and these are published here to record the changing of the guard. Just as Lion Erach took the helm officially at Hong Kong so did Lion Ashok Mehta from India who succeeds International President Clement F. Kusiak. Convention also elected Mahendra Jayanthipal Chandima Amarasuriya from Colombo, Sri Lanka, as the 2nd International Vice President

*Dear Lions, lionesses and Leos*

The month of June signifies a change of season. Perhaps our planners chose June as the end of the Lionistic year to reflect this change. Contrary to the general belief that it is a period of slow down at the end of the line, I found it similar to the last lap on the track where one puts in a burst of latent energy to cross the finish line.

#### **THANK YOU, DISTRICT OFFICERS**

I am really grateful to the District Officers, Zone Chairpersons and indeed the Club Presidents for their wholehearted support in working towards their respective targets and supporting other district programs.

#### **THANK YOU, LIONS**

I had started the year with certain objectives and predictions. I believe I have put in my best to achieve them. The first and foremost objective was to connect with all the Lions in the District. This was achieved by sending a token "Lions Pin" to each and every Lion in the District to remind them of their commitment to Lionism.



#### **THANK YOU, ZONE CHAIR PERSONS**

We hosted Zone meeting prior to the District Cabinet meetings, thereby giving the Clubs an

opportunity to send in their desires and aspirations. A number of clubs had raised points of concern to the Cabinet for discussion and in most cases they were resolved to everyone's satisfaction

Club Presidents played an important supporting role in carrying out the International Presidents theme for growth. As you will recall, I chose the option to visit Zones instead of Clubs as per the new approach. I however visited most Clubs that invited me and/or had a specific need or occasion.



#### **THANK YOU, PRESIDENTS**

I am grateful to the Presidents for attending the Breakfast Sessions to see a full presentation of the International President's 'Membership Growth Programme' and LCIF presentations. This was followed by a separate evening session in January this year to have a re-cap of progress and further presentations on the 'Healthy Tool Box'. I was thus able to reduce my time and travel demands and was able to better spare my energy on membership growth, retention and rebuilding the District.

#### **THANK YOU, CLUBS**

The clubs supported the International Programmes like Peace Poster, Street Children,

Twinning etc. Club Officers Seminar was well attended followed by the re-introduction of the Winter Forum with a full agenda with eminent speakers including Lion Gudrun from Iceland.

It was quite satisfying to see that all Clubs in our District are up to date for payment of their dues for the district and multiple district dues. Only a handful of Clubs have some outstanding balances for the International dues.

Most Clubs have updated their membership record at the International and the District has reasonably stable and accurate database. It is vital for an established association to have an accurate and up-to-date database which can be used for all administration and supportive purposes of the organisation. Clubs help in responding to this request is very much appreciated. It makes me feel proud to be a member of the district.

#### **ZONE & CLUB VISITS**

I continued to visit Clubs and Zones for their regular meetings and was pleased to induct new Lions. In the month of June I also attended numerous charter anniversary's, to include London Finchley, Lion Club of Witney, London Central and attended Handover meeting for Edgware.

Lions Club of South West Herts Moor Park hosted one of the most enjoyable and glamorous GOSH Balls, a charity Ball in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park Lane, London.

Zone E hosted their social evening on 21st



June, which was not only well supported by the Clubs in the Zone but also other clubs in the District. On this colourful and joyous evening they took the opportunity to present some 25 MJF to the Lions, who took part in the 'Walk for Life' program. A big thank-you to all the walkers, the sponsors and to Lion Nimmi Suri and her helpers for organising the event on the day.

### WORLDWIDE WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 11th June marked a historic Lions Membership Development event in District 105A. Responding to the LCI's incentive of a \$2,000 sponsorship earmarked for only 10 selected symposiums in this Lionistic year worldwide, Dr Roselle Antoine, District Chairman of the Women's Membership Development and Participation Committee, rose to the challenge to stage a Lion's worldwide women's symposium at the Wembley Plaza Hotel. Using the international President's motto of "sharing success through service," the symposium's thematic approach looked at women's contribution to British society in business, health, science, education, public life and Lionism.

I congratulate Dr Roselle Antoine, and her team of speakers for taking up this challenge. Membership development is an ongoing responsibility for each Lion, every year, for the greater good of Lions Clubs International.

### 3 NEW CLUB COMING NEXT YEAR, THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S TEAM

Our MERCL team together with the membership extension have been laying the foundation to open several new Clubs during 2005 - 2006.



At least 3 Clubs are at a very advanced stage of formation:

London University New Century - due to the exams and holidays the club is likely to be formed later on in the year. There are 20 prospective members as per the report from Membership/MERCL committee.

It has been reported that Twickenham is likely to be formed in the new Lionistic year. A further Club is expected to be formed in August/September in Gerrards Cross, where a number of prospective candidates have been identified.

In the interim period we have launched further 2 Branch Clubs. Fulham Club, branch of Ealing Lions Club with 14 members and Osterley Club branch of Feltham and Whitton with 8 new members. - see picture above.

Both of these Club Branches together with Fairlop will have the potential of being a full Club within the short period.

We have throughout the year put emphasis on the retention and targeted growth with quality membership. We feel confident that with work undertaken for growth this year and with the help of all concerned we should see the formulation of 3 - 5 new clubs early next year.

I would like to thank Clubs in the District for their support in their support and their response to the Tsunami Disaster and donations to LCIF including Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards which exceeded 100+-. Club's support at the District Convention was certainly the highlight of my year where we had International Vice President Ashok Mehta as the International guest. Finally, as I sign off my last Newsletter as DG, my gracious thanks to everyone for their support to Aruna and me during this year.

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