



DG Erach's News



Holiday With A Mission

Arnawaz and I took a short break over Christmas to India. First we went to Auragabad, to the famous caves of Ajanta and Ellora. These Ajanta Caves, just 207km northeast of Auragabad hold some of the most famous examples of Buddhist art and architecture. The Ellora Caves 26km north of Auragabad are Buddhist, Hindu and Jain Temples. So what made us visit these caves? Actually I was invited by the Lions of Auragabad to witness a project called "Making a Difference". This is a life long mission of one man: to give dignity, function and opportunity to the poorest children of India with congenital and other facial deformities. Dr. Sharad Kumar Dixit MD has spent 34 years running free surgical camps - many times funding them himself. He travels to the poorest regions with a small group of plastic surgeons from USA and India. He has been nominated

Walking the Steady Road

With the New Year just began, it is the perfect time and place to put a few plans into action. The promise of the fresh beginnings, epitomised by the start of every calendar year, is always a wake up call to refocus ones visions and chase those elusive dreams. This is an ideal opportunity to set targets and think of the best way of getting right up there. Walking the steady road to success isn't always easy and some "anchors" are essential.

This is where the Lions step in, countless business people and professionals - all with a wealth of experience, are doing their best for communities. An organisation can assist but only up to a point; from thereon, individual initiative ought to take over.

Convention Nearly Here

Lions Club of Swiss Cottage are doing their utmost to make it a great weekend on the 3rd and 4th of March. The guest of honour will with PIP Professor Guiseppe Grimaldi and his wife Ariene. Along with many other overseas Lions, I would urge all new Lions in 105A to participate, to meet and make new friends. With the International Presidents' theme, Ashok Mehta, in mind: "Passion to Excel", let us continue with confidence to reach the service of objectives and look forward to greater things together

I hope you attend the Convention
Enjoy fine food, warmth and friendship
Open our minds, bless our hearts
Listen and smile, and don't run a mile
May your neighbours respect you
Troubles neglect you and Angels protect you.

So be ready to attend and have Fellowship, Fun and Friendship. Booking forms have already been forwarded to each individual.

for the Nobel Prize and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a remarkable person, who since being diagnosed with cancer has to speak through an oesophagus voiced box and has suffered two heart attacks since 1982. He says he just wants to "serve the poor". To date he claims to have performed more than 10,000 operations at 25 camps with the assistance from Lions, Rotary and business groups. I was very fortunate to know him; very fortunate to have made this friend. It is the rare opportunity of my life to know the world's top class plastic surgeon, who is known as "A LIVING LEGEND". On to Hyderabad where we attended a marriage. Lastly to Mumbai, where we were invited by PDG Lion Rati Shah to Balabhai Hospital on the opening of the Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Cranio Facial Surgery Centre. The aim of the treatment is to help a child with these disabilities to lead a normal life. This is a project of the Lions Club of Enfield. IPP President of this Club Lion Dr. Raj Popat and other members of the club were also present at this special occasion. Lion Raj Popat of the Enfield Club presented Dr. Kalkar of Mumbai Nanavati Hospital with a cheque of 4 Laks for this project. It was a great occasion and I wish everyone continued success with these.

My Diary

- 1 Feb Northolt (OV)
- 5 Feb Senior Citizens Celebration
- 6 Feb Redbridge (OV)
- 7 Feb Luton (OV)
- 8 Feb London Golders Green (OV)
- 12 Feb District Music Competiton (AM) Swimming Gala (PM)
- 13 Feb Headley Wood (OV)
- 14 Feb Bedford (OV)
- 15 Feb Hounslow (OV)
- 18 Feb Ruislip 30th Charter Night
- 19 Feb Quiz Night Final
- 21 Feb Stevenage (OV)
- 24 Feb Leighton Buzzard Charter
- 25 Feb Stanmore Charter
- 27 Feb Hitchin (OV)



Pride of Lions



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DG Lion Erach Amaria



Couple of the Year Wed

Luke and Ally (St. Albans Lions and London Phoenix New Century Lions) got married on Saturday November 5th (Bonfire Night) 2005 at the Blakemore Thistle hotel, Little Wymondly, near Stevenage. The wedding ceremony took place at 1:30pm at the hotel and the wedding breakfast followed. Luke and Ally have been together for (some would say) "an eternity" and after 17 years they decided to tie the knot.

It was a wonderful day and Ally's meticulous planning was all worth it as the day ran very smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was a big wedding with approximately 150 friends and family at the wedding breakfast and another 130 joined them in the evening as evening guests. The day finished off superbly with a fireworks display in the hotel grounds. Now back from their 4-week honeymoon in New Zealand they are sorting through their official photographs of the day. Everyone in 105A wishes them all the happiness in the universe.

Dr. Roselle Antoine MBE

Yet another Lion has been recognised by HM The Queen in her New Years Honours. Lion Dr. Roselle is a member of Lions Club of Hornsey and has been recognised for her services to teaching. District Governor Erach and the entire District join in congratulating Dr. Roselle.

London Central Score Hatrick!

Immediate Past President Lion Ben Uttam secured the signatures of the current Chelsea Football Club along with shirts signed by Arsenal FC players and manager. All these are going into a raffle organised by Lions Club of London Central, taking place on 4th March 2006 during our Convention. For the hatrick, all proceeds are going to LCIF Emergency Relief Fund. The raffle tickets are available in batches of 5, and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Back of the net!!!



Hemel Get to the Point by Lion Steve Mitchell

At a recent club social, Dorma Carruthers, wife of Lion Steve presented Hemel Hempstead Lions with a beautiful piece of needle point dedicated to the club. This took hours of labour and a lot of love to produce. It is hoped that the Lion can be hung permanently at Boxmoor Club where Hemel meet. Hemel Hempstead Lions are once again growing with two new members being inducted in the coming few weeks. The club has worked hard to recruit new members and hopes to increase membership further by the end of the Lionistic year.

BOWLS & QUIZ EVENING

The Stoke Mandeville Stadium
Saturday 11th February 2006
Starting 7:00pm
Tickets £10.00
Proceeds to go to WheelPower

Following the success of last year's Bowls Evening with the British Wheelchair Bowls Association (BWBA) we have arranged a repeat match. This is an excellent opportunity to see the Stoke Mandeville Stadium and experience the fabulous indoor bowling green.

Places are limited to 64. Players will be split into two groups of 32 for the first two rounds. One group bowling from 7:00 to 8:00 whilst the second group takes part in a quiz. The roles are reversed between 8:00 and 9:00 and then a knock out competition will determine the winning team on the evening.

Tickets are available from:

Lion Steve Foott 01525 636145
 E-mail: steve@foott.co.uk
 or Lion John Jessup tel: 01908 260809

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SightSavers International

I was invited to write **DG Erach**, to the SightSavers reception at the Honourable Society of Grays Inn and was enthralled to talk to Miss Joanna Lumley, who is involved in the SightSavers Bangladesh Child Cataract Campaign. This is one of the most ambitious and ground breaking projects to date, which is fully funded. It was wonderful to meet so many of the Charities' generous supporters, who like Miss Lumley, share a passion for SightSavers work.

In her speech she thanked the fund donors and their commitment to SightSavers work to achieve its vision of a world where no one is needlessly blind. She also drew attention to the plight of nearly 28 million adults and children in some of the poorest countries. With the support and contribution from the charity, work to combat blindness in the developing World can continue. In the photograph are (left to right) PDG Lion Ram Jaggi, Miss Joanna Lumley, MD SightSaver Officer Patrick Hamblin and DG Lion Erach Amaria.



Malawi Education

MD 105 adopted this programme of providing education to needy and deserving students several years ago. In the last two years communication has improved as full co-operation has been promised by the three centres Blantyre, Zomba and Mzuzu, who have formed their own trusts.

This is designed for students who do exceptionally well in primary school and are selected for a Government Secondary School. The majority of these students selected find it hard to pay for the school fees, boarding fees and to buy books. Each centre is controlled and supervised by a Lions club in the area. The final control is in the hands of MD105 under the guidance of its International Relations Officer. All the three trusts are requested to send a list of the students who are waiting for our assistance. The present cost to adopt a student is £100 per year and the commitment is for four years.

For just £100 a year, you can make a difference to a child. Please send donations to our District Treasurer who will transfer them to the MD International Officer. Cheques are payable to "Lions Clubs International 105A" and endorsed on the back for "Malawi Education".

By PDG Ram Jaggi

From the Editor

In just over a weeks time I am going to have to stand up in a room full of people and talk about what being a Lion is all about. That's a bit of a tricky one as there are so many emotions that go with the post. As firstly a Lion and then Editor, I get to hear the good and bad, the happy and sad. I have given a lot of thought to the matter, and have decided that to give a truthful and frank account, I will just have to be me: I will tell it warts and all. However, there really aren't any warts - not really. Sometimes, if a fellow Lion has been unthoughtful, for example, they often do something opposite and restore my faith in them, (you know who you are!). You see, I think Lions makes us all that little bit more caring; not just to give people something back, but it makes us better human beings overall. It makes us more settled to accept the things we cannot change and to do something about the things we can change. Therefore, keep changing and don't be afraid to be bold and proud of what we achieve.

Maria Azcona

Congratulations

goes to Lions Shantu and Aruna Ruparel for hosting a wonderful get together evening.

IT Training On Sun 19 Feb 2006 At the "Aspire" Computer Training Suite, Stanmore, Middlesex

With an ever increasing need to keep in touch with Information Technology and the rapid growth of the Internet, your District I.T. Team are giving all Lions Club members the opportunity to attend a one day interactive training course. There could be no better opportunity to nominate a member of your club to attend. They will be given training in Desktop Management, Email, Internet, Basic Web page creation. The cost to club members will be £7.00 each to cover the cost of buffet lunch, coffee and tea throughout the day.

There are only twenty places available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend please complete the questionnaire and any special dietary requirements and send it to the Leadership and Training Officer Lion Mike Baldwin no later than 30th January 2006. These forms, along with all the other club mail out etc can be obtained from the District web site, go to: www.lions105a.org/newsite/members/index.php, enter the user id as "lions" and password as "melvyn"; then go to the Training link.

District I.T. Team Lion Geoff Brown
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LCIF Gala Night A Soaring Success

The third annual LCIF Gala Night was held on Saturday 14th January at the London Heathrow Marriott. The birthday of our founder Melvin Jones was certainly celebrated in style. The ever popular Brazzilia Showcase yet again enthralled all who were there, toe tapping and hoping that we could all bend like that... There was more live music, a four-course dinner. More importantly, our fellow Lions, as well as non-Lions received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. All this in the presence of Past International Director Lion Howard Lee and his wife Claire; Chairman of Council Lion Sylvia Fosberry and Colin; MD LCIF Officer Stefan Erentraut and his wife Margaret and many other Lion dignitaries.

The following people were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships:

Ealing: Jasvir S Gill, Inder S Mangat, Jaswinder Sehmi, Balwinder K Assi, Awtar S Assi, Gopal S Assi, Narinder S Chadha, Jasbir S Dhanjal, Dinesh Modi, Kuldip S Rahi, Neel Sharma, Sohan S Sian, Ranjit Singh Mangat, Parvinder S Panesar, Ajit Singh Phull.

Enfield: Rati Shah, Manilal Buddhdev, Krishna Savant, Rashmi Shah, Natubhai Tanna, Rajendra Patel, Ramnik Mehta.

Tottenham Lion appointed Magistrate

During his recent visit to Lions Club Tottenham, the District Governor was delighted to acknowledge the recent appointment of Margaret Alexander LLB (Hons) as a Justice of the Peace for England and Wales. This represents another public service appointment for a spirited Lion. Margaret is also an appointed governor of the oldest adult education college in Europe - the Working Men's College for Men and Women in Camden, North London, and is a member of the College's Audit Committee. Congratulations and good luck!

Admin Matters

Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!

All clubs secretaries have received Registration of Club Delegates & Alternates Form (Yellow Form) from MD. This should be returned to me by **4 February** at the latest, even if it is a nil return. Please ensure you do not overlook to return the form to me. We would very much appreciate if you could advise us of **change** of email and postal addresses as it causes considerable difficulty when emails bounce back if we do not have your correct details. It is advisable for us to have 2 email addresses from each Club; one could be the current Secretary and another Lion member who is happy to receive email communications. Please forward changes to me at ds@lions105a.org. **Parveen Verma**

Hadley Wood: Priti Ruparelia

Abingdon: Ernest Kohen, John Prior.

Greenford Willowtree: Prabhulal Shah.

London Central: Ben Uttam, Jadav Patel, Nitin Shah, Vijay Jain, Paresh Modasia.

London Chinatown: Max Lim.

London Covent Garden: Sarah Lewton, Flora Man.

London Finchley: Siraj Sutarwalla, Chandrakant K Shah.

London Golders Green: Kirit Morjaria.

London Hornsey: Raza Husein Ismail.

London Host: Dr Klaus J Leist.

Bletchley Milton Keynes: Keith Tooley.

Mill Hill: Niten Shah.

Southall: Dilip Rajani, Sudesh Raheja, Darshi Mullick, Pratibha Somaiya, Kamlesh Malhotra.

Stanmore: Vijay Arora.

Sudbury: Kiran Vaghela, Viren Hindocha.

Wanstead & Woodford: Dinesh Patel, Satwinder Dhand.

Chipping Barnet: Harshad S Patel.

Moor Park: Ramesh Radia

Finally sincere thanks to the following Lions: Chairperson Vijay Arora, PDG Rati Shah, PDG Parveen Verma, (MC for the evening), Ram Jaggi MBE, and Kishore Pattni for their hard work and making it a successful evening.

Please note!! Addresses for new clubs

Loudwater & Rickmansworth

Heena Thaker

5D Wellspring Crescent
Wembley, HA9 9UY

Fulham

Amerjeet Singh Panesar
Tavistock

Manor Wood Road
Purley, CR8 4LE

Osterley Secretary has changed, so send to the President

Nimmi Suri
94 Worton Way
Isleworth, TW7 4AU

Zone Swimming Galas

Zone C on Sunday 12th February at Feltham AirParcs,
Leisure Centre.

Zone B on Sunday 19th March – details to follow

Come and support the **District Music Competition**. The instrument is the flute and the final is to be held at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London, on Sunday 12th February. Come and support the young musicians and let them soothe away the stresses of the day with their marvellous music.

Has anyone seen...

A PR Poster – not one of the "Ordinary People, Amazing Things", but another one, bought by PDG Max Mongia. This was last used at last years District Convention. Please can this be returned to Max – no questions asked. **It is needed urgently.**

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Womens'
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Dr. Roselle Antoine