



# DG Erach's News



Ordinary People, Amazing things

## A NON SECTARIAN AND NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATION Being Global... Acting Local

Lions Clubs International: the world's largest Volunteer Service organization, active in 193 countries working with one motto "we serve".

Our care, support and advocacy demonstrate the unparalleled ability of communities to reach out to vulnerable people, children, the elderly, sick, poor and the destitute, in an effective way, coupled with enormous efforts to eradicate blindness, HIV/AIDS and work towards peace. Projects to help and assist global nationalities. Lions work side by side to provide the much needed humanitarian assistance.

Lionism has played a crucial role in my life and it continues its work today. Global care is not only the result of recognizing the transcendent value of life of others, but it is also the very expression of the divine within us. The need for partnership has come. The need to move from isolation to collaboration is much needed.

This year more than 5 new Lions clubs have been formed. This is by necessity; just as a hoe is the proper tool for cultivation, so are the new clubs a tool for bringing fresh efforts and outlook. Sharing encourages a curiosity about life and an eagerness to learn. These new clubs will become actively involved with our organization and will ensure their innovation and dedication in responding to the local needs of the communities.

Following feedbacks from some of the clubs who need help, I am hoping to spend time with them and providing support in recruiting and retaining members. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

**TO ENCOURAGE** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



**TO HOLD** friendship as an end and not as a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

AVC (Europe) Limited

I have received a letter concerning the AVC (Europe) Ltd. leaflet which was sent along with Pride of Lions April 2006 issue.

Let me assure you that the Data Protection Act was preserved. At **no** time have AVC or any other organisation ever been provided with personal details of any Lions whatsoever, during this Lionistic year 2005/06.

These leaflets were personally handled by myself. The envelopes were packed and posted by Lion Shirish Sheth (Bounds Green Press), our printer for Pride of Lions, although AVC paid for all the postage and envelopes.

At the last Cabinet meeting, AVC gave their presentation. There were some Lions, who felt it would be of some use to them, while being financially beneficial to our association. With that in view the AVC leaflets and my introduction letter were then sent to you all. To apply or not is entirely left for each individual Lions to decide for themselves.

If I have offended any Lion by my decision, please accept my humble apology.

## My Diary

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May Wembley OV
- 5<sup>th</sup> May Ketchums PR Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> May Moor Park's Charity Ball
- 7<sup>th</sup> May Kidz day at Zoo
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Hitchin OV
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Int. President Ashok Mehta arriving
- 11<sup>th</sup> May Dagenham Leo's Charter
- 11<sup>th</sup> May Int. President Ashok Mehta Meeting in Surrey
- 12<sup>th</sup> May Int. President in Leicester
- 13<sup>th</sup> May Banbury Charter
- 14<sup>th</sup> May Cabinet Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> May London Host OV (a.m.)
- 17<sup>th</sup> May London Chingford OV (p.m.)
- 19<sup>th</sup> May Ampthill Charter
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Edgware Charter
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Sudbury Charter
- 21<sup>th</sup> May Wantage and Grove OV
- 22<sup>th</sup> May Zone F. Social
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Dist. Golf (Watford)
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Zone G.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May FAIRLOP Formation OV
- 27<sup>th</sup> May Milton Keynes Central Charter



# Pride of Lions



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## Roary Takes the Lead!

Walking for a healthier lifestyle may have been a factor in a faster finish by those joining the Annual Mayors' country walk in Hemel Hempstead on Sunday 9th April. Roary, sporting a bright pink tutu and a special large T-shirt, (on account of his muscles) roamed the streets of Hemel, waving the Lionistic paw at honking cars. After surviving the first 4 miles and having been propositioned by at least one horse, Roary and the 60 walkers were in high spirits when reaching the watering hole. Hemel Hempstead Lion Eric Bright, who with fellow Lion members, Leos from St Albans and members of the local ATC organised the marshalling, commented, "They seemed a pretty fit bunch!"

## Fashionable Wycombe Lions

By Lion Dennis Wheatley

A Fashion Show organised by High Wycombe Lions Club raised £1,400 for charity last week. 150 people attended the show at the Liston Hall, Marlow. Models displayed clothing from the latest Weekenders range together with jewellery, jeans, and handbags from Dynamite of Marlow. The appreciative audience enjoyed the show, fortified by wine and canapés supplied by ladies of the Lions club. Fashion items were available for purchase afterwards. More than 30 valuable prizes had been donated and were raffled after the show.

All of the proceeds will go into the club's charity funds. Already this year High Wycombe Lions have donated more than £4,000 to local charities including the Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund, the Wycombe Hospital Stroke Fund, and the Multiple Sclerosis Centre. President Bob Gerhardt said: "There is always a demand for money for good causes and events like this keep our funds topped up. We are currently raising money to buy a number of special bicycles for patients of the Merryfields respite centre which is due to open soon in Cressex."

Mae Bernstein, a member of the Lions, who organised the event with her husband David said, "It went very well. This is the first time the club has organised something like this, and I am delighted that everyone enjoyed it. We are very grateful to the people and organisations who supplied the fantastic raffle prizes and to everyone who supported us."

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Proceeds, expecting to exceed £2,500 are to be split 40 per cent each to Pepper, a local hospice taking in children with terminal illnesses and charities of the walkers choice, and 20 per cent to Hemel Hempstead Lions charity account, plus any extra from using Gift Aid. Mayor, Councillor Jane Hogg, (pictured with

Roary) thanked Hemel Lions for organising such a magnificent event.

## Relive Your Childhood Memories!

On Sunday 4th June, 12.00-2PM Teddington Lions Club has its yearly Pram Race in aid of Teddington Memorial Hospital. Last year's event resulted in a donation of more than £2,000 to the hospital.

Teams of 4 people will push a pram along a pre-set route to approx. 12 Pubs in the Teddington area and during the race, enjoy a refreshment at each pub and at the same time collect money for the hospital.

In order to make the day an enjoyable experience a number of local bands will play and entertain on the day. There will furthermore be a 'Draw a Pram and Get a Balloon'- activity for the smaller children.

So why not come and join in! Just call or email Lion Steen Gaarn-Larsen, [netsql@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:netsql@yahoo.co.uk) of Teddington Lions Club with any questions or insider knowledge of how to build the safest and fastest Racing Pram.

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## Walk For The World for Campaign SightFirst II

By Lion President Nimmi Suri  
OsterleyLions Club

On a bright and sunny Sunday on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, having arrived early to set up gazebos, tables and chairs at Osterley Park, organiser Lion President Nimmi Suri, together with members of the Club and with help from Lion Alf Sanders, amongst many others, were ready for this most energising brisk walk.

Our first group of Walkers was ready. Lion Parag from Hendon blew the whistle at 11.25am. The Mayor of Hounslow, (carrying the Lions Flag) led the first 27 members through the park. A wonderful sight, everyone smiling, cheering and in good spirits enjoying fellowship and friendship. Even the sun continued to shine.

Over 100 members walked, supported by family, friends and children. Plenty of hot tea and food was served, which was good, as the walk had given many a hearty appetite. Goody bags were also given away at the end of the day to all who took part.



A floating Trophy donated by PDG Max Mongiawas introduced this year, to be presented to the club that raises the highest amount.

**When was the last time you did something for the first time?**

The clubs that supported the walk were Hays & Harlington, Hadley Wood, Kenton, Hendon, Kingsbury Feltham & Whitton, Northwood, Osterley, Southall, Sudbury, Teddington, West London and Wembley.

The Trophy was won by the Lions Club of London Kingsbury, who raised a staggering £3,800. The final figure was £11,000 raised for SightFirst II, (with 17 Melvin Jones Fellowships).

All this could not have been possible without my Team of volunteers, sharing and believing our vision. Thank you so much for helping me.

### WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Finally, thanks also to DG Eric, PDG Max, CSF Officer Rati.

On a finishing note, by 4pm everything was packed away, members safely in their cars, when thunder and lightning struck and the heavens opened! I think someone was watching over us...

## Mill Hill Lions - Easter Eggs

Every year Lions Club of Mill Hill distribute Easter Eggs to the mentally challenged patients at the Chase Farm Hospital. This year was no exception. The Mayor of Enfield attended and helped to distribute more than 100 Easter eggs. Three different sites were visited. Also present were executives from the hospital.

The Mayor said that he was well aware of the work Lions do in the local communities and urged that it continues. He said that he witnessed how much joy this little gesture brings to the patients.



**London (Host) Lions Club**  
Celebrates 56 Years of Lionism in the UK  
On Sunday 21st May 2006 at 12.30pm  
At Mela Restaurant, 152-156 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HL  
Cost £25 per person  
For tickets please contact:  
Lion Alicia Martin Tel: 020 7262 8429

### Ladies: On your Marks, Get Set and Runnnnn!

Lions Club of Mill Hill's ladies are looking for lady RUNNERS, WALKERS OR JOGGERS of all ages (from little ladies to older ladies) to do a 5 KM FUN run, on Sunday, 3rd of September 2006, in Hyde Park. You don't have to be a Mill Hill Lion, but you have to be a FEMALE to qualify for this run. You get your friends, families or businesses to sponsor you for the run (or jog or walk).

It is in aid of DEAF, DUMB, and BLIND CHILDREN from a very poor background. By giving up one Sunday morning will give a lot of help to some child who is lot less fortunate than ourselves. The deadline for the entry is by end of June.

Please feel free to contact us: on Mill Hill Lionesses@yahoo.com. OR contact the co-ordinator Hasu Chauhan 020 8866 4123, 07816 158346.

They say more the merrier.

**Deadline for June Edition is 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

## Prince's Trust ask for Lions Help

By Peter Block, Lions Club of Berkhamsted.

With the onset of the Prince's Trust 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Lions have been asked if any help can be provided on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May outside local Tescos', mainly in Hertfordshire.

Cans will be collected at the tills by the checkout operators, with Lions collecting at agreed points outside the stores. This is going to carry a big publicity campaign with it as well! Collections would be from 9AM-2PM, 1 hour shifts, 3 on a shift. The local organiser is Danny Bonwitt, on bonwitts@aol.com.

The Princes' Trust provides practical help and solutions to young people, aged 14 to 30 by providing training, skill building, business loans, personal development and study support outside school. Particular emphasis is given to those with a disadvantaged background, low achievers, low self-esteem and those living in problem districts.

**Show We Care**  
By PCC Lion Bert Randall  
District Members Welfare Officer

How many of us leave it to others to find out where the missing Lions are?

**Why** are they missing?

Pressure of business, family problems, lost interest, or are they ill?

Did you follow this up or leave it to the others?

That's the first sign of losing a Lion, especially if they are ill, or lost a loved one.

**We are a family, so Show We Care.**

I am not on Email, but I am only a phone call away, so please, my fellow Lions, let me know of any Lion, Lioness or Leo, who needs a word of comfort or help in any way – just a card can make all the difference.

**Show You Care!**

Remember, my fellow Lions; it could be YOU!! (and no one bothered to let us know).

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## From the Editor

I must admit that having had such a tumultuous year, with my parents' accident, (by the way, they are doing really well), I still have people asking after them. This is why, reflecting upon Lion Bert Randall's article, I can tell you, my dear Lions, that it has been imperative in my state of mind and welfare, that I have felt supported by most of you.

I can only re-iterate what he says, that when something horrid happens it is really important to let others know that you are going through a rough time. As Lion Bert states, we are a family, although extended and we must do everything to not forget that "charity begins at home". I am not talking about hard cash, but those few words of comfort. Bert - you are doing a fab job and I urge fellow Lions to make it easier for you. He cares about our welfare!

Maria

## Admin Matters

### Important Information to All Club Secretaries

All current Secretaries are requested to forward copy of the PU101 to:

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