



# DG Erach's News



Thank you for supporting your District Governor, giving your full co-operation and goodwill during my tenure. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all, who lent their hands whole heartedly to serve this proud District. This is my last Newsletter of Lionistic Year 2005-06.

During this period I have met many sincere friends in District 105A, and in the Multiple District and beyond. I enjoyed with great satisfaction by fostering the spirit of understanding amongst all Lions and people for their humanitarian needs and involvement within the community. We have lived truly to our motto "WE SERVE" and our slogan "Passion for FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP", together with our International President Lion Ashok Mehta's slogan "PASSION TO EXCEL".

Your cooperation enabled me to accomplish all our endeavours towards serving the needy people. I am equally thankful to all the Past District Governors who have been always available for guidance and gave me courage in fulfilling my duties and responsibilities.

I heartily thank IPDG Max Mongia, Dist. Secretary PDG Parveen Verma, Dist. Treasurer Dilip Shah, Sergeant At Arms VDGE Kenneth Rouse, Tamer Margaret Rouse, Affinity & Gift for Living Officer Shirish Sheth. Competition Officer Andrew Allen, Constitution Officer PDG John Hunt, Dist. Convention Officer PDG Ron Wilkes, Credential & Election Officer PDG Vanmali Mistry, LCIF Officer Vijay Arora, Dist. Administrator Ivor Poole, PCC Bert Randall, Dist. Distribution Officer Keith Tooley, Dist. Minute Secretary & UN Officer Venilal Vaghela, Dist. Golf Officers Peter Gent & Girdhar Sodha, Diabetes Officer Darshan Sundaram, Dist. Project Officer Barney Patel, Environment Officer Yogi Pandya, Europa Forum Officer Geoff Leeder, Health and Safety Officer Mukesh Palan, I.T. Officer Geoff Brown, Webmaster Satnam Singh Loyal, Inter. Liaison Officer Dr. Elliot Shubert, Inter. Relations Officer Ram Jaggi, Leadership and Training Officer Mike Baldwin, Leo Chairman Peter Codrai, Medic Alert Officer Martin Morgan, Membership Retention Officer Minesh Mehta, Peace Poster Officer Satyen Kabra, Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer Bharat Mistry, PRO Officer Steve Gledhill, News Editor Maria Azcona, Sight First & Fund Raising Project Officer PDG Rati Shah and his team, Speech & Hearing Penny Tregillus, Street Children Officer Brindar Singh Nandra, Vulnerable Officer David Green, Women in Lionism Dr. Roselle Antoine, Young Ambassador Doreen Carr, Youth Exchange Officer Raza Ismail, Youth Football George Matthew, Wesley Mendonca, Gloria Leslie Walters, Alf Sanders, Alf & Jean Greenbank and rest of Lions who helped me throughout the year.

My sincere thanks to Zone Co-Ordinator Chairman Manish Chotai and my Zone Chairpersons: Vijay Jain/Doreen Caar/ Sylvia Kiernan/Ajit Dhanjal/Rohit Patel/Niten Shah/Barney Patel/Luke Adams/ Peter Cawte/David Green/Chris Bryant/ Anthony (Tony) Church.

I can never forget my Host Convention Chairman Manish Sangani and his dedicated team: President Pravin Nathwani and Members of Lions Club of London Swiss Cottage, who gave us a Convention to remember. My sincere thanks to MERCL Chairman Lion Kumar Acharya and his team for the excellent task they have done. Forming 5 New Clubs is not easy, but everyone in his team had excelled for the growth of our Membership in our District to a record. Well Done.

A Big thank you to Ron Wilkes, Sergeant at Arms Ken

Rouse, and of course 2 Tail Twisters Keith Rawlings and Afzal Rai, for making the Convention a great success by adding fun and laughter.

I am also thankful to all the Club Presidents and the Lion Members for their contribution by serving their own clubs, District, Multiple District, and Lions Clubs International. How can I ever forget my family members, non Lion friends and especially my right hand pillar, my wife Arnawaz, who gave me whole heartedly support and in making my Year the most successful.

I would be failing in my duty to thank my Club London-Finchley members for their moral support. Charter President Kirit Patel who brought Falguni Pathak from India, Harihar Patel, Rajni Patel, Praful Pattni, Chandrakant Devani and Raju Paw who accompanied me during my club visits.

I congratulate DGE Louvain & Andrew and VDGE Ken and Margaret and wish them every success.

Sweet memories, kindness and hospitality extended to Arnawaz and myself will be cherished and remembered for ever, without which this would only have been a dream, far from reality. Truly thanks to each and every member and their spouses to make this District 105A successful. I am sure you all will agree that:

HAPPINESS RESIDES NOT IN POSSESSIONS AND NOT IN GOLD RATHER, THE FEELING OF HAPPINESS DWELLS IN THE SOUL.

MANY PEOPLE WILL WALK IN AND OUT OF OUR LIVES BUT ONLY TRUE FRIENDS WILL LEAVE FOOTPRINTS IN OUR HEARTS.

## My Diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> June London-Finchley Charter
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Tring (O)
- 7<sup>th</sup> June Northwood (O)
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Witney Charter
- 12<sup>th</sup> June London (China Town) (O)
- 13<sup>th</sup> June London Seven Kings (O)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Milton Keynes Charter Presentation
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Golders Green Charter/Hand Over
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Sudbury (O)
- 21<sup>st</sup> June London Host Hand Over
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June Southall Hand Over
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Chipping Barnet Action In Focus Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> June South Herts Moor Park Charter/ Hand Over



# Pride of Lions



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DG Lion Erach Amaria

## Zippo Circus is Back In Town!

Another date for your diary is **Monday 3rd July**, when you are most welcome to attend the annual Zippo Circus. Last year, around 950 children, their teachers and carers, together with Lions from 105A attended this show. Your support, once again would be greatly appreciated. The time is from 12pm to 1.30pm on Acton Green, opposite Turnham Green Underground station. If you require further information please contact me, Rana Dhawan, telephone 020 8848 7651. Yet again, this will be a fantastic event!

**Congratulations** to Lions Luke & Ally Adams on the news of an additional arrival later on this year, and to new member of Hemel Lions Club, Lion Malcolm Docherty for the safe arrival of baby James on Easter Monday from everyone in 105A!! Also, **Get Well Soon** to Lion Eric Bright and Joyce Randall and indeed a belated **Happy Birthday to Joyce!!!**

## Health Education Materials for Visually Impaired Children and Young People

Visually impaired children and young people are disadvantaged by not having large print health education materials available. A National Appeal by the Lions-Tacade partnership to Lions Clubs, approved by Council of Governors, has so far raised just over £11,000. The target for this project is at least £50,000. A letter was sent to every Club asking for a donation of £100 towards this project. PLEASE try to help. Send any donations to the District Treasurer clearly marked 'Lions-Tacade project'

## DISTRICT 105A HANDOVER

The "Handover" will be held on Sunday 16th July 2006 at the "Holiday Inn Hotel Elstree," (The same hotel where the District Convention was held). 12 Noon for 1pm start. This will be in the form of a three course lunch followed by coffee and mints and will cost £23 each. Please make cheques payable to "LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A" and send to Lion Ken Rouse, 79, Underwood Road, Chingford, London E4 9EE.

**NB Final date for booking Friday 30th June.**



## Host Families Needed

Lion Raza Ismael, Youth Exchange Officer needs your help in providing accommodation for 8 young people from all over the World. They will be with us from the 17<sup>th</sup> of July till the 27<sup>th</sup> and I am still looking for host families.

There are also other periods one can host other than our district. It starts from the 7<sup>th</sup> of July till the 16<sup>th</sup> of August in ten days periods. So please, I need your help to make this programme a success.

## SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

"Hot in the footsteps of the Senior Citizens Party in February this year, when nearly 1,000 of our most esteemed citizens, together with Lions from all over the District, were entertained by dancers, (and indeed joined in themselves), got together for a tea party to end all others. Lions of 105A are proud to announce that **Sunday 4th February 2007** is the date that no club must miss, for this is the next Senior Citizens Party.

The committee is already thinking of ways to make this another roaring success. For some of those taking part, it is indeed one of the only outings they have during the whole year, and following the busy time of Christmas, it is a time where we can say to those people, "we haven't forgotten you". It takes hours and hours of work to organise something on this scale. VDGE Lion Ken Rouse, Lion Parveen Verma and many others work throughout the year to make this the most pleasurable outing some people have. Therefore, put it in your Clubs' diary NOW! More details will follow in future editions.

## Wicksteed Park Day Out

Zone J Clubs joined forces when Ampthill District, Bedford, Biggleswade and Sandy Lions Clubs gave 130 boys and girls, Mum and Dads a fantastic day out at Wicksteed Amusement Park in Kettering. Everyone had a wonderful time on all the free rides, as well as the clubs providing packed lunches for all. The day was a huge success! Whilst the weather could have been a little kinder, it failed to dampen the obvious whoops of delight from parents and children alike. By 4 o'clock, there were some very tired little feet making their way back to the coaches. What a marvellous way to make a difference, where parents and children can join together for a fun day out, organised by lovely Lions.

**TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise ...to build up and not destroy.**

*Did you know? The Webmasters can put nearly anything on the Website.*

Pride of Lions

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## Moor Park's Charity Ball a Great Success!

Moor Park Lion Club hosted a Charity Ball at the London Science Museum on 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2006 in aid of the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre (based at Mount Vernon Hospital) towards their £1,500,000 appeal to fund the revolutionary Siemens 3T MRI Scanner, the first Scanner for clinical use in the United Kingdom.

Pre-reception drinks and canapés were served at The Energy Hall, amidst British engineering objects since the Industrial Revolution. Guests were honoured by the presence of Dr. Paul Strickland the founder of the centre, who gave a brief and informative speech about the centre. Followed by dinner and entertainment in Making The Modern World where the guests were seated amongst the greatest inventions mankind has ever made, surrounded by the most scientific, technological, industrial and medical innovations dating from 1750 to 2000. Some of the objects were a FORD car built in 1916 (90 years ago), the FODEN diesel lorry built in 1931 and the Lockheed Electra airliner built in 1935 one of the earliest passenger planes.

The unique scanner will provide the finest details pin pointing, minuscule problems which, hitherto, may have been missed. It will be able to undertake scans in more details, in less time, for more patients, which will help to save lives of cancer sufferers and many other conditions. Accurate and early diagnosis can save lives and reduce patient trauma.

Advertisements in the Souvenir Brochure, pledges and an auction of finest sports memorabilia and including the last boxing glove signed by Mohammed Ali, raised the amount to £38,000.

Lion President Himanshu Bavaria



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## District 105A Charity Golf Day

Supporting a project with "Habitat for Humanity" in partnership with LCIF to renovate flats for disabled families in Eastern Europe. To take place on Friday 18th August 2006 at Wycombe Heights Golf Centre, Rayners Avenue, Loudwater, High Wycombe, HP10 9SZ.

There will be coffee and bacon rolls to begin with from 9.15am followed by 18 holes of golf from 10am. The day will close with a three course dinner at 4.30pm

### Cost £50 Per Player

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Longest drive.

Nearest the Pin.

The Doctor Elliot Shubert Trophy to the winning team

Teams of two players (male or female).

Each team must include one "Lion" member.

Clubs can enter several teams.

Buggies are available for hire.

(Book directly with golf club Tel: 01494 811454)

**Closing date for this event is 31st July 2006**

Please send entry form and cheque to

Lion Peter Gent.

Applications forms are with your club secretary.

## SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of Lion David Lawrence at the age of 83 from London (Host) Lions Club. Lion Dave, a former Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and a Fellow of the Institute of British Architects and Senior partner will be sorely missed by his friends and Lions. A Lion since 1983, he held the positions of President, Secretary and was a superb Master of Ceremonies. We shall miss his friendship and generosity. Our thoughts are with wife Joan, children and grandchildren.

## From the Editor

As I was driving in this morning to the printers, waiting for inspiration to hit me of what to write as the final "few words" of the year, I heard an interview with a hotel owner who had saved the lives of hundreds of people during the genocide of his country in the mid nineties. Something he said stuck fast. When asked how he had managed this, his answer was simple: "The most important and only tool I have - we have as a matter of fact, is WORDS. Words can be inspirational or can be damning." He then told how when rebels would invade his hotel looking for victims, he would just, very simply, talk them out of it.

It is so important that we choose words wisely. When I write something, I ask myself, a few questions: "Does it make sense? Is it inspirational or damning? What impact, if any will this have in someones' life." I hope my answers to these three questions are these: "Yes. Inspirational. To make it better."

Maria Azcona

## "Vive le Difference"

### Lions celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary of Cannes Californie Lions Club (DIST 103)

Five Clubs, 7 Lions with their partners and friends - 16 in all represented District 105A when they celebrated 30 years of Lionism in Cannes at the end of April. Fronted by Lion Girdhar Sodha, District Golf Officer Region 1 & 2 (London Host), and joined by Lions from London Central, London Finchley and London Hendon, with their partners and friends, banners and goodwill wishes were exchanged at a wonderful evening of celebrations with local Lions Clubs from Nice & Cannes with over 90 guests.

With such a beautiful setting, two rounds of golf were also played with local clubs and French Lions on Friday & Saturday.. Lion Bruno Chetta, Past President of Cannes Californie Lions had visited London Host a few times over the last two years and suggested London Lions visit his club. This became a reality and we were very warmly received by Lion President Roland Grechand and fellow members including Lion Georges of the Cannes Californie Lions Club. We thanked them for their generous hospitality and invited them to visit us and attend Europa Forum at Bournemouth as well.

A great weekend in wonderful weather in beautiful part of southern France was enjoyed by all wishing to make this an annual outing!

Lion Girdhar Sodha



## Admin. Matters

### Important Information to All Club Secretaries

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

District Secretary Lion Parveen Verma at  
429A High Road  
Wembley, Middlesex HA9 7AB

**AND NOT**  
DG LION ERIC.

Please forward by email to  
Lionparveen@btinternet.com  
the names addresses home and business telephone numbers of your Club President, Secretary and Treasurer together with their email addresses as soon as possible.

## District 105A Cricket Festival Sunday 20th August 2006 At: Tring Park London Road Tring, Herts, HP23 6QA Time: 10.30 for 11AM

This is an event to encourage Fellowship and Friendship within the Clubs in our District and amongst families. WE want the WHOLE family to attend and are sure to have a Great Day Out!

**Participants note:** The Laws of Cricket apply (with the exception of these Festival rules):

That players should be Lion members only, so unless you can get Ian Botham as a member, he cannot be a participant.

No bowler to bowl more than two overs.

Batsman/women scoring 15 runs will retire gracefully and let others have a bat.

There will be a team representing each region in our district and a District Governors team (8 teams in all).

A draw will be made as to who plays on the day and ten over tournaments will be played.

Four winning teams will go on to play in the Semi Final (Ten over matches).

The two semi final winners will contest the final (Ten over match).

There will be trophy presentations at the end of this fantastic day..



### Zone A Helps London Bomb Victims

Last year you may recall we reported that Zone A had organized a Charity Golf Day on 15 September 2005 to help London Bombing Victims and LCIF. This event, we can now record, collected over £5000 after all expenditure. Half the money was handed over to LCIF by participating clubs i.e. London Host, London Central, London Chinatown and London Covent Garden.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May this year, £2500 reserved for London Bombing Victims was handed over in a brief ceremony outside London Mayor's Office under rain drops.

Picture shows DG Lion Eric Amaria handing over the cheque to London Mayor's representative Carol in back drop of Tower Bridge. Also present were Zone A Chairman Lion Vijay Jain, Region Golf Officer Lion Girdhar Sodha, President Lion Paresh Modasia of London Central, President Lion F.T.Chin of London Chinatown and members of these clubs.

The donation from Lions was very much appreciated by Mayor's office.

Lion Vijay Jain

## Hemel - Change of Venue & Dates

Hemel Hemsstead Lions Club will now meet on the  
**2nd & 4th  
MONDAYS** at  
the  
**WATERMILL  
HOTEL,**  
London Road,  
Bourne End,  
Hemel  
Hemsstead.

"Fancy a trip  
to Turin, Italy  
from

16-18th June?

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information,  
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PDG Lion  
Elliot Shubert,  
London  
Westminster  
Club"

## SIVAN ARUL ILLAM (ORPHANAGE)

A Safe Haven for Orphans and Children displaced by the  
Tsunami in Sri Lanka

Tsunami Rehabilitation, also known as "Thooku" (website www.thooku.org) was formed in response to SOS calls from aid workers running Tsunami Refugee Camps in Sri Lanka. These aid workers highlighted the desperate need to provide more care to the hundreds of homeless, destitute and orphaned children.

We then set up the UK based registered charity "Tsunami Rehabilitation" to build the foundations for this long term project and to prepare it for receiving children who were in need of care.

We have housed 30 children in pilgrimage quarters in close proximity to the Thiruketheeswaram temple where there are also a school. This will be a temporary stay for them while we fund raise and construct a new purpose built home for them. The children are aged between 3 and 14 years, boys and girls. Some of them are orphans, some have been abandoned by their parents and others were displaced even before the Tsunami. What is common to them all is that they are in great need of help.

The children arrived there in June 2005 and are settling into their new surroundings. They attend the local village school and play in the safe confines of the temple. A park with swings, slides etc. is being built now.

We hope to care for up to 100 children of both sexes, and we would need two homes. Each home would cost around £100,000.

One of the homes is nearing completion. We are unable to complete this without further funds. We have raised £70,000 so far and still need £30,000.

The cost of adopting a child is only £20 per month. All donations appreciated.

P.S. Thank you very much for the support given to Tsunami Rehabilitation so far. Lions Club has so far donated £10,000 towards the building of the orphanage. This work has progressed satisfactorily with your help.

Dr.J.Namasivayam, Chairman



## TWINNING

What do cruise liners, Lions and a golf club have in common? All three were part and parcel of the German Lions District 111NB Convention held in Papenburg (90 miles west of Bremen) on 24-26 March. District 105A was represented by PDG Dr Elliot Shubert & Eileen Cox, PDG Mike & Janet Baldwin and PCC Geoff & May Leeder. The bad news was that it rained most of the weekend; the good news was that the convention (held in a golf club) only lasted half-a-day. The afternoon was spent touring a shipyard, which produces Panama class cruise liners. There are two assembly lines and they put the ships together like Legos. The German Lions were consummate hosts and they made us feel very welcome. The food was excellent and there was a lot of good natured conversation. Our experience reinforced the importance of twinning for building friendships and gaining an appreciation of different cultures.



What is black, purple and yellow? No, it is not a black eye, but a Romanian Lion District 124 Convention held at Constanta (on the shores of the Black Sea) from 11-14 May. PDG Dr Elliot Shubert represented the District for a reciprocal twinning with the Romanian Lions. The meeting was in a 4-star hotel with a view of the Black Sea. The Romanian Lions are a young District and they are still learning how to conduct business at a convention. It was very serious and procedural. The twinning ceremony was a highpoint and it was overseen by Miklos Horvath, International Director from Hungary. District 124 also twinned with District 108I Rome, Italy. The real fun began when the sun set, because the Romanians offset their serious business with all-night parties.

Friday evening we were coached to a venue where we were entertained with modern dancing performed by young women in *brief* costumes and a comedy act (no, I did not understand anything, but the audience was laughing). The banquet consisted of numerous courses and food and at midnight a specially made Lions cake with sparklers was served. We eventually arrived back at the hotel by 2 pm. Saturday morning was a tour of Constanta and the local archaeological museum (the area was occupied by the Romans for 500 years). Saturday afternoon, I attended the Leos convention (16 clubs and 250 members!). I climbed the minaret of the local mosque for a stunning view of the harbour and city centre. Saturday evening we were coached to an outdoor venue on the shores of a lake for a BBQ and were entertained by young men and women dressed in traditional costumes performing folk dances, which was followed by dancing to a live band. Numerous courses of food were being served throughout the evening. At midnight there was a spectacular fireworks display on the lake shore. As I was leaving at 1.30 am, they began serving the roasted pig. Back at the hotel, a wedding party was in full swing and the music did not end until the wee hours of the morning. The two-hour drive back to the Bucharest airport was thrilling as we avoided potholes the size of moon craters, horse drawn wagons and some reckless drivers. All in all it was an enjoyable experience, since it was an opportunity to develop friendships with Romanian Lions and to learn more about their culture and traditions.

PDG Dr Elliot Shubert, International Liaison Officer

## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LION ASHOK MEHTA'S VISIT



"Pope Benedict XVI with International President Lion Ashok Mehta. Two of the Worlds Greatest Men of Peace come together to share their empathy for a better world."

International President Lion Ashok Mehta and his wife Lion Kokila Mehta's flying visit to UK was brief but action packed. On 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006 he was received by PID Lion Howard and Claire Lee, PDG Lion Bill Blake and myself at Heathrow. He was then whisked away by PID Lion Howard to Farnham, where Lion Ashok visited few Lions, arranged Community Projects. That evening IPDG Lion Max and Aruna Mongia, hosted a welcome dinner, where the current Governors of Multiple District with their spouses, Council Chairperson Lion Sylvia & PDG Collin Fosberry, PID Lion S. P. Amin, and few other Lions were present. Lion Ashok & Kokila both relaxed and enjoyed the evening. I thank Lion Max and Aruna for a wonderful evening.

Next morning at Farnham Lion Ashok and Lion Kokila, attended other projects. The evening was scheduled for questions and answers with Greet and Meet the President.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May before arriving to Leicester, Lion Ashok visited Birmingham HQ, and Lions Hospice. In the evening once again there was to meet and greet with Questions & Answers.

International President Lion Ashok gave a very interesting speech about how Lions can join hands and achieve active results. His speech was very inspiring. Later that evening, he awarded PDG Lion Rati Shah of Lions Club of Enfield a Medal of Ambassador of Goodwill and an International President's medal was Awarded to myself. My congratulations to PDG Lion Rati Shah for receiving this Distinguish Award.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, the morning sessions at Leicester were Campaign Sight First 2, chaired by PID Lion Howard Lee and IPDG Lion Max Mongia, and Mission 30 by PDG Bill Blake and International; President Lion Ashok Mehta, discussed on the subject of membership.

International President Lion Ashok and Lion Kokila left on Monday for Chicago, with fond memories from Mutiple District.

I wish Lion Ashok and Kokila a continued success and look forward meeting them in October 2006 during Europa Forum.



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE VISITS TO CLUBS

Thank you each and every club for your kind welcome and hospitality given to my wife, accompanying member of my club and myself. It has been a great experience of how clubs work and differ from one to another. I can proudly say that each club has tremendous spirit of Lionism and unity amongst their own club members. 3 Clubs which are missed will be visited in July 2006.

**"HELP THOSE UNFORTUNATE IN YOUR OWN LOCAL COMMUNITY, ONLY THEN SUCCESS, FUN AND HAPPINESS WILL BE ACHIEVED AMONGST MEMBERS AND YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY."**

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE DG

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**THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN**

