



DG'S NEWS

Touching Lives Through Service



June 2009

This is the last issue of my newsletter as your District

Governor and I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. It has been a privilege to serve as your DG and I thank you for this wonderful opportunity for not only for myself but for Krishan as well. We have just few more weeks left of this year. We are both looking forward to attending remaining Charters/handovers and other events to which we have been invited.

Our best wishes to DGE Wesley and Brenda for a very enjoyable DGE School and International Convention in Minneapolis. We both look forward to see you all at the Handover in July.

Congratulations to Lions Club of Fairlop for winning the first ever MD Football Finals. The success of this activity is due to the dedication and commitment of Lion Paul Chakravorty and of courses all the young players and their coaches. Well done we are very proud of your achievements.

Together we have achieved most of the goals set out at the start of this Lionistic Year and for that my sincere thanks to all the members of 105A. There are still just a few more weeks remaining and together we can progress further on our goals for this year.

To date I have visited 85+ Club meetings, a number of Charters, fundraising and social events as well as, 10 Zone meetings, many Committee meetings and district events. It has been a privilege to attend all of these meetings and events. I have learned so much about all the clubs and I am very proud of their achievements.

This year we formed a new Leo Club of London Kingsbury and are in the process of forming Lions Club of Hatchend on 4th June. Since July over 110 new Members have been inducted in over 50 Clubs, however, retention is still a great concern to sustain a long term membership growth.

I would like to thank all my Zone Chairmen for their commitment to help and support clubs in their respective Zones. There were many new Zone service/community/social projects started this year and these were all very successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the District Officers for promoting their projects and activities. There is still time to request Clubs for support for various Lionistic charities. Great thanks go to all the committees for organising many events. Together we touched many more lives through service and made a difference to those in need. Communication to the Clubs has been very efficient and effective thanks to the Admin and IT Teams. The new improved website was launched this year, continuously improving on the model, whilst keeping it up to date. 3-4 PR/Membership drives were organised, with all those participating finding them very useful.

This year we had many new projects and appeals and many Clubs found it easy to join hands and support these projects such as "Sponsorship of a Parents room" at Moorfield Eye Hospital, District 105A Alert/Emergency Fund, SCP Appeal, Planting of a forest Appeal. Clubs continue to donate generously. My thanks go to all of the Clubs for their respective contributions towards Krishan's chosen Charity, NSPCC, and all other appeals.

New project this year, the District Youth Celebration, was very popular and hopefully it will return next year. Senior Citizen Party in February was another great success and nearly 1000 people had a great afternoon of enjoyment and good food.

LCIF Gala Night in January was very successful with a record number of MJF/PMJF presented by PIP Ashok Mehta. Thank you, LCIF Officer PDG Rati Shah and LCIF Committee. Thank you for all your contributions. LCIF needs our continuous support to bring help, hope and healing to the world.

This year one of my objectives was to promote Youth Activities and Leos. Our Youth Team has worked really well together and has achieved great things. They have laid down a strong foundation to bring greater results in years to come.

Fellow Lions it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you. I am grateful for all the help and support you have given towards achieving our goals and objectives. I would also like to say that I have tried to do my best and hope that together we made a difference if I overlooked anything or anyone in any way—my apologies. I would like to wish DGE Wesley and his Team the very best. Thank you all.

Together in service
Vijay Arora

My Diary—June 2009

- 4 June** New Club Formation
- 6 June** London Finchley Ch N
- 7 June** Letchworth Ch L
- 8 June** Branch Club Formation
- 9 June** L Westminster O/V
- 10 June** Charity Golf Day
- 12 June** Osterley Handover
- 13 June** Witney 40th CH N
- 14 June** MD Youth Symposium
- 14 June** Incoming Officer Seminar
- 15 June** Ampthill Club Visit
- 17 June** Charity Golf Day
- 18 June** Ascot Ladies Day, Thame
- 20 June** Sudbury CH Night
- 26 June** Fairlop Handover
- 27 June** Chipping Barnet CH N
- 28 June** Club Handover
- 6-10 July** Intl Convention USA
- 19 July** District Handover