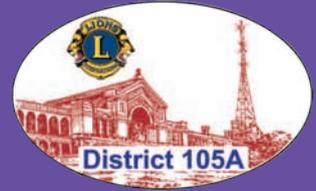




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District 105A News
DG Wesley de Mendonca

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Lions with WaterAid

Safe water and sanitation are now recognised as human rights, vital for everyone in the world, yet 1.2 billion people still don't have access to safe water and 2.6 billion people are without adequate sanitation. This contributes to the deaths of 15 million children a year. Many women and children spend hours each day walking miles to collect water which is often unsafe to drink. This prevents women from carrying out other work and stops children from going to school.

Poor countries are facing worsening water shortages while rich ones waste millions of gallons. Researchers predict that within 25 years more than 2.8 billion people will be facing water shortages. It is predicted that by 2025, 65% of the world's population will face water shortage compared with 40 percent today.

Lions are committed to help those countries that are facing water shortages. Our partnership with WaterAid has been useful and successful. WaterAid, an independent body, is the UK's only major Charity dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe water, sanitation and hygiene promotion to the world's poorest people vital for their health and dignity. WaterAid is working in 17 countries in Africa, Asia and Pacific Region. They help local organisation set up low cost, sustainable projects using appropriate technology that can

be managed by the community itself.

Would you let loved one drink water that you know is contaminated with human waste and harmful bacteria? Of course not. But many mothers in Africa and Asia simply have no choice. You and I can give them that choice. With our gift their communities can dig and maintain wells of their own.

But remember, we have a long way to go this year...

£350 pays for an improved hand-dug well in Malawi fitted with direct action hand pump. It costs an average of just £15 to provide somebody in the developing world with a supply of safe water, sanitation and hygiene education. £5 could buy a bag of cement to make a latrine slab in Ghana £20 or could train four hand pump mechanics in India.

Lions Clubs can be a part of the success of this project. Lions have supported this vision for many years with enthusiasm and dedication. I do hope that over this coming year all Lions will continue to support this life changing work.

PDG Ram Jaggi MBE

District WaterAid Officer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please remember WaterAid is the chosen charity of Brenda (DG Wesley's wife) for this Lionistic year.

RE-LAUNCH of Message in a Bottle

Biggleswade Sandy Lions with the support of the local press and the East of England Ambulance Service have re-launched the Message in a Bottle which they first introduced into Bedfordshire 8 years ago. Whilst reminders are published annually in the village magazines and the local paper, it was felt that greater impetus needed to be given to this life saving scheme bearing in mind, in particular, that the increasingly ageing population means more people need a "bottle" than ever before.

Lion Dave Hagger Secretary, Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



NOTICE BOARD

Senior Citizen's Annual Celebration

Sunday 7th February 2010.

DISTRICT 105A CONVENTION 2010

at THE HOLIDAY INN - LONDON ELSTREE
Barnet By-Pass, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 5PU.
5th March & 6th March 2010

Booking Office - Lions Ron & Christine Wilkes
Tel: 01462 624034. Latest date for Booking:
14th February 2010

London Phoenix New Century

Sixth Charter. Saturday 27th February 2010

Lions Club of Mill Hill Mehfil Night

on 20th November at the VIP Lounge to raise funds for charity. Tickets £20. Contact Lion Sanjay Shah.

LCI Purpose:

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.



Bicester Lions as Highwaymen?

Twice a year we become the Bicester Highwaymen and for 3 hours in an afternoon we take up position at one of the main road junctions in the Town and ask all passing motorists and pedestrians to STAND AND DELIVER in aid of Charity.

Our recent event in September raised £1,489 (not bad for only 7 Highwaymen) and we have donated £1,000 to the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance. The balance will be used over the rest of the year for other Charities and good causes. A similar event in June raised just over £1,400 and this money was donated to two local Hospices.

Lion Brian Tagg



Lion President Brian Tagg presenting the cheque to David Griffith from the Air Ambulance.

LIONS OF DISTRICT 105A
9TH ANNUAL

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL CELEBRATION

ENJOY 3 HOURS OF

FUN PACKED ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC
BINGO

GOOD FOOD
TEA

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2010
AT
HARROW LEISURE CENTRE
HARROW, MIDDLESEX

FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW

We Serve

LCIF Disaster Appeals

LCIF Disaster Appeals are to be sent to your choice listed in Accounts designated to: **Indonesian Tsunami No. 594. Philippines Typhoon No. 593. Samoa Tsunami No. 592.** All cheques to be sent to the District Treasurer, Lion Vanmali, endorsed on the back with the choice of above Account details.
DG Wesley de Mendonca

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)

Why all this fuss about CRB's, why do we need them, what difference will it make having one? I will try to answer these questions and hopefully make the muddy waters a little clearer.

WHY? - The CRB check provides proof that you as an individual have been checked out to be with vulnerable people. Who are the vulnerable? They are the young under 18's, the elderly, people with learning difficulties and the handicapped.

WHY the need? - Ah! you say but I am not with them all the time. We are finding more and more events are asking for the CRBs for each Club member attending. Insurance companies for events are now also asking for them.

WHAT? - In the run up to last Christmas, the Club I belonged to was asked to man a Santa's grotto at a local garden centre. Before we could start, all members were asked to produce copies of our CRB's, which fortunately we all had. Without the CRB we would have missed out on quite a lot of fundraising money.

More than 600 Lions in this District have been CRB checked, with more being added all the time. In the District we have 7 Lions who are certified signatories who when asked will come to your Club to help complete the forms. The seven are Lions Geoff Leeder (Luton), Martin Morgan and Chris Bryant (Bletchley Milton Keynes) Ken Rouse (Walthamstow), James Juggapah (Redbridge), John Savell (Thame) and myself. There are two more Lions awaiting certification. Any one of them will waiting to be asked to your club.

The form to be completed is very simple and all you need is the following proof:

- Passport plus Driving Licence plus a current bill or bank statement with your home address or a similar combination of these documents.
- If you are already have a CRB please check its expiry date, as they only last 3 years and it is as well to start the renewal process three months before expiry.

If you have any questions please contact myself or any of the Lions mentioned above.

PDG Louvain Allen
District Vulnerable Persons Officer

The new members for September 2009 are:

- Hasmukh Devlia, Edgware.
- Lynda Collins, Bedford.
- Greg Wimbourne, Bedford.
- Stella Catt, Carterton.

Convention

With this issue of the 105A news you have received a copy of the Convention booking form.

The Convention for this Lionistic year is on 5th and 6th March 2010 at the Holiday Inn – London Elstree. The District has held successful Conventions there in the past, and Convention 2010 will be no exception. This will be a good year to be at the Convention.

The emphasis will be on fun and friendship. The Programme is designed to move swiftly through the formal parts of the Convention to the more enlightening areas of Lionism, creating ample opportunity to share your views and ideas with others. We will finish on time.

On Friday evening we will offer a relaxed informal dinner. The food will be excellent and the opportunity will be there to make new friends and renew old friendships. The lunch on Saturday at this hotel has always been excellent value, and this Convention will offer no less.

The District Governor's Banquet and Ball promises you great food and entertainment. The speeches will be very short to maximise everyone's enjoyment. The accommodation price is very reasonable at £69 per room per night including breakfast.

The Committee have taken into account the general financial situation that is affecting us all, and we have done our best to try make coming to the Convention not too hard on our pockets. I sincerely hope to see as many of you as possible at the functions, and I am sure that we will have a great weekend.

PDG Lion Ken Rouse
Convention Chairman.

Lions Youth Exchange

On the 23rd of July the Leo Club of Hadley-Wood hosted youths as part of the Lions Youth Exchange 2009, with our District's participation organized by Lion Raza. The day started at the RAF Museum in Hendon to show the youths something historical and interesting, then had lunch in the museum, and finally dinner at Lahore Kebab House allowing them to get to know each other. The evening included Leos Rhea and Aziz providing entertainment by singing and playing guitar, and with gifts presented to the youths. Seven youths from abroad attended, as well as 32 Lions/Leos/guests.

It was great to talk to the youths in-depth about their cultures and telling them about ours. They came from all over the world including Mexico, Italy, Finland and Georgia.

The whole day was a fantastic experience. We are very thankful to the Lions involved in this program, especially to our parent club the Lions Club of Hadley-Wood for all the help and support on our first ever event. Also, we would like to thank Lion Raza and family for the kind donation of £50, kick-starting our charity fund.

Leo Sadia Hameed
Secretary, Leo Club of Hadley Wood



Credit on dropped members

Oakbrook Policy for **credit on dropped members** states:

Semi-annual international dues are billed on July 1 and January 1 based on the membership statistics shown on international headquarters records as of June 30 and December 31.

Full six months credit will be issued on dropped members reported 30 days after the Semi Annual Per Capita billing, provided those reports reach international headquarters no later than the close of the following month (no later than January 31 and July 31).

June reports received in June will not receive credit as the drops were processed prior to the Per Capita billing.

June reports received in July will receive credit as the drops were processed after the Per Capita billing.

For December the same applies as June.

'NO CREDIT WILL BE ISSUED ON MEMBERS DROPPED ON REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 31 AND JULY 31.'

From the District Governor and Treasurer

From the Editor

In this issue there are articles about many very worthwhile projects that Lions undertake. WaterAid, Message in a Bottle, Senior Citizens celebrations are all projects that Lions Clubs can take on, without too much financial commitment yet making a significant impact on people's lives.

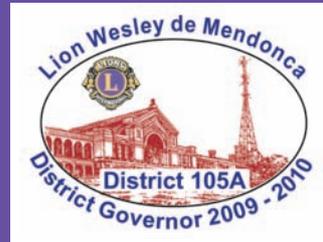
It is hoped that Lions will be encouraged to help such causes by reading these articles and also share their own thoughts and stories.

Lion Shirish Sheth



DG Wesley's Words

Conservation through cooperation and service



Dear Lions

The second Cabinet Meeting held on 18th October 2009 is now over, signalling that a quarter of the Lionistic year is completed. One of the special speakers to the Cabinet was Sarina Jesudason, Community Fundraiser for WaterAid. Lions Clubs please note that Brenda's Charity for this year is WaterAid and our District's Support for initiatives to restrict the impact of global warming will be helped by supporting WaterAid Projects. The second speaker was Lion Penny Tregillus, Speech and Hearing District Officer. Lion Penny's presentation informed us of the difficulties experienced by persons having a Speech and Hearing disadvantage and the benefits to Individual Lions who are trained to provide support to these individuals and their families.

The District Golf Day held on 18th September 2009 was a great success, and much credit needs to be extended to the Golfers and Lions Kalpana and Vasant Shah, the organisers.

Every effort needs to be mobilised to meet our Membership Growth target of 90 new Members by June 2010. The District Administrator has reported a total of 61 Activities Reports received in September of which only 44 reports were on time. The number of Clubs submitting reports on the correct forms were ONLY 12, while 27 Clubs have used last year's Form. Others have used variations of 6 different formats. I am therefore appealing to all Clubs to send in their Activities and Membership forms on the correct Form AND on the due date. Please check with the District Administrator and/or your Zone Chairman to access the prescribed Form.

The Winter Forum was held on Sunday 4th October at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes. A larger attendance had been expected than was present, which led to smaller numbers in the Workshops. Lion Viresh and his experienced band of Trainers are to be congratulated on the choice of topics for the Winter Forum. Judging from the enthusiasm of the attendees in the open session, there is great expectation by the Trainers that an increased use will be made of the E-Training materials on the Lions International website. Special thanks to the IT Specialists Lions Geoff and Chris and also to the Hotel staff involved in the day's proceedings and the resulting satisfaction felt by all present.

Our congratulations are recorded to the prospective Vice District Governor Candidates. These are Lion Andrew Allen, Lion Kamaljit Sood, and Lion John Savell who made presentations to the gathering.

The next Council of Governors meeting will be held in Birmingham on the Weekend of 29th October to 1st November 2009.

My Diary October 2009

5th October

Redbridge Lions Club O/V

8th October

Visit to WaterAid Supporters Meeting

11th October

Hemel Hempstead Lions Club Charter

13th October

TACADE / LIONS Meeting M.D.

Birmingham

18th October

Second Cabinet Meeting

24th October

Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes Charter

26th October

Zone F Meeting

29th October

Zone G Meeting

30th October

COG Meeting Birmingham

31st October

COG Meeting Birmingham

Sponsorship of Lions-Tacade Life Skills Resources

The Lions Clubs of the UK and Ireland are partners with the Advisory Council for Alcohol and Drug Education (TACADE). If you haven't already seen Tacade's publication brochure - please contact the District Tacade Officer Lion Harry Singh (lifeskills@lions105a.org.uk)

Over the past 20 years Lions Clubs have sponsored the development of many Tacade Life Skills Resources and helped financially to place these into Primary and Secondary Schools. Please encourage your Club to come up with the necessary finance, should a local school seek to obtain Tacade resources.

DG Wesley de Mendonca

District Youth Celebration

We are organising a Party for disabled and disadvantaged young people on Sunday 15th November from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts WD6 3PJ. The committee is working hard to organise an exciting and enjoyable afternoon for our young guests.

We need your full support to make this party a truly memorable one. Booking forms can be downloaded from the district website or contact me for any information: 020 7323 0580 or victory801@hotmail.com

PDG Vijay Arora

London Phoenix New Century

London Phoenix New Century Lions Club's 6th charter anniversary night will be held at the Roebuck Hotel, Baldock Street, Ware, Herts SG12 9DR, on Saturday 27th February 2010.

(Vegetarian & dietary alternatives are available but must be pre-ordered).

During the meal we will be carrying out our traditional "taking of wine" from which the proceeds will be donated to Help for Heroes along with profit made from the evening's raffle. The tickets for the event are £30.

Contact Chris Willson: 07770 626502 - Mobile or chriswillson@btopenworld.com