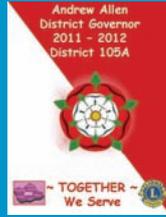


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District 105A News
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Zone E Lions Fun Day

Zone E Lions, Lionesses and Leos held the Annual Service Activity Fun Day for over 450 Disadvantaged children, adults and their carers for a fun packed afternoon at the Metropolitan Police Sports Ground in Bushey (Herts) on Sunday 5th June.

The guests were given a food pack along with water, juice and fruit on arrival and were then entertained by various artists including a DJ, Brazilian dancers, Bollywood dancers, live band and dance tutor. There were various games available for the guests which included bouncy castle, teacup ride, stocks as well as face painting, nail painting and henna artists.



Other Lions Clubs from across the District also took part in the event namely, Lions Clubs of Fleet, Farnborough, Hook & Odiham, Harts and Letchworth. The committee of over 30 members had met every month over a 10 month period to organise an event of this magnitude.

The Service Activity Chairman, Lion Sunil Patel commented: "The entertainers were fabulous and from the looks of joy and happiness on the children's faces, I am sure it touched everyone's hearts. I am sure everyone will cherish those moments for years to come. It was a truly wonderful day. Heartfelt thanks to everybody that made it a special Fun Day for all our guests. It was hard work but the rewards are great."

Zone E Chairman, Lion Jagnesh Shah thanked the committee and all the Lions, Lioness and Leos from Zone E who helped make the day a huge success.

Lion Jagnesh Shah

11th Charter Anniversary Celebration for Sudbury

On Saturday 2nd July over 150 people attended a dinner and dance to celebrate the 11th Charter Anniversary of Lions Club of Sudbury.

Lions Club of Sudbury has been working very hard in providing the support and help for a range of projects. These include providing a diabetic screening to over 4000 people last October to raising funds for Asian women Breast Cancer Awareness, Japanese Tsunami, Pakistan Floods, Brent Asian Elderly Group, just to name a few.

Their work has made a difference to the lives of people in communities both in the UK and abroad.

Special guests included Councillor Aslam Choudry, Mayor of Brent, DG Lion Martin Morgan and Jill Morgan, Zone D Chairman Lion Ranji Mangat and Jaswinder Kaur, and past and present District officers.

Sisters Karishma Raichada (aged 13) and Kareena Raichada (aged 9) performed a special modern Indian dance.

Photo shows incoming President Lion



Arvind Solanki, Councillor Aslam Choudry, Mayor of Brent, Lion President V. Sevak, Lion GP Desai, Lion Pami Sevak with performers Karishma & Kareena Raichada.

Lion Umesh Raichada

NOTICE BOARD

District Golf Day

The first District Golf Day is on 1st September 2011 at Stanmore Golf Club. Only £50 for light lunch, golf and dinner. Non-golfers can join us for the dinner in the evening for £20. We are asking for individuals or Clubs to sponsor a hole for £100 - their name will be displayed on the hole. Proceeds in aid of Medical Detection Dogs Charity. Ramesh Parmar Golf Competition Officer.

Resolutions deadline

Resolutions for Consideration at the District 105A Convention in 2012 must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions Officer and received by him on or before 5th October 2011.

LCI Purpose:

To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.



Abingdon Lions score

Since 1980 the St Edmunds football club has played an important role in the development of the children and youth in the local Abingdon community. They are an FA Chartered Standard Club affiliated to the Berks and Bucks FA and one of the aims of the club for the present, and for the future, is the continued development of children and youth of the community from an Under 7 level through to an Under 16 level. The club offers opportunities for both boys and girls to learn life skills through the medium of football, teaching them the benefits of, among other things, team work, time management, respect, social responsibility and to develop a work ethic all within a safe and fun environment.

With an important match in the offing the club approached Abingdon Lions for help for the purchase of a new kit as they had also been invited to form the Guard of Honour by Oxford United at their home game with High Wycombe at the Kassam Stadium. The Lions duly stepped in with the result that the St Edmunds under 12 Boys proudly sported themselves bearing the Lions Logo and the Abingdon Lions motif.

The team went on to win the last game of the season, wearing the Lions kit, that resulted in them clinching the Oxford Mail League C Title – a tremendous achievement and one secured in style as the team, with 125 goals to their name, were the top scorers in all



four Divisions of the Oxford Mail Boys League.

Abingdon Lions have always looked to support their local community and this has been acknowledged once again by the praise received from the St Edmunds Club.

Donation to Water Club

After a successful Race Night fund raising event, Bedford Lions Club has donated £1000 to the Bedford based Marlins Special Needs Water Activity Club.

Club President Lion Derek Beazley and other members of the club attended one of their swim training nights at the Bedford School pool to present the cheque.



Several members of the Marlins Club had recently taken part in their Special Olympics Swimming event and can be seen proudly wearing their medals. Lion President Derek said that it was really encouraging to see the members doing so well and really enjoying themselves. He also praised the dedication and commitment of the leaders and swimming trainers that give up their time to help those in need.

Lion President Derek Beasley

Classic Car Show

The Lions of Newport Pagnell & Olney wakened the town up one Sunday morning in June when they brought their annual Motorama Classic Car Show to the normally sedate and sleepy town.

The event, which attracted over 135 advance entries, included cars from all eras from the early 1900's to more modern marques. Model T Ford was rubbing shoulders with Lagondas, a Ferrari sitting side by side with a tiny Fiat and a few racing cars added variety. The noise of powerful V8 engines, the roar of ancient exhausts and the bellowing of Lions trying to guide a large number of vehicles into tight display formation made sure few could miss the arrivals.

This year's event was raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and the clubs' other Charities. An excellent turnout from the town helped us raise a fair sum despite the constant downpour of rain which suggested Boatarama would have been a more appropriate event. But despite the rain, a large turnout enjoyed the experience of a nostalgic look back in motoring history. Prizes were given to winners of the various classes.

Being unable to charge admission (we run the event on public car parks and streets) the majority of funding comes from sponsorship and voluntary activities on the day. A raffle, programme sales and bucket collection saw our treasurer resorting to a different sort of money laundering as he dried out the cash.



At the end of the day, over £1500 was collected and after deductions of some costs, will see both ourselves and Macmillan Cancer Care drive off with a nice little addition to our funds.

Lion John Ferris

Convention Highlights 2011



My aims for the year 2011-2012

I believe that District 105A is the best district in the world (let's not be modest) and to maintain this position I felt it was important to have some aims for the year and these are:

- To bring together all members of this District to reinforce the statement that "we are all working to help people less fortunate than ourselves, and to work together in a spirit of mutual understanding". To remember to be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise: to build up and not destroy
- To encourage interaction between Clubs/Zones for the betterment of understanding of all the different ideologies and approaches of our diversified membership
- To raise the profile of technology that is available within the District for the use of all and with this in mind we are at present

testing a new system for the use of all which once on line will open to all and transparent. This new system will be an online vehicle promoting comments, concerns and ideas whilst encouraging debate.

- To revitalise our training programmes so that we can educate and enhance our members, especially for new Lions who have to find their own way through a mine field of initials and projects.
- To recognise how Leo's and Lions of young age can be integrated better into the organization to ensure the continued growth and future development of the Lions movement.
- To educate Lions to tell others just how good we are, perhaps we are one of the Nation's best kept secret - well now is the time to stand on the rooftops and shout

about our work and achievements.

- To remember that together we serve
- Whilst these aims may seem ambitious I believe that by working together they are achievable and during the course of the year further information about these aims will be issued.

One personnel aim for the year is to visit every single club within the District and this may seem onerous to some, I believe that it is essential so that I can keep in touch with members by meeting them in a club environment. Letters have already been issued to some Clubs asking if I could join their meeting on specific dates starting in August, as my planner shows that starting this early will be the only way I can achieve my aim.

take care
Andrew

From the Editor

The new Lionistic year brings new faces and aspirations to carry on with Lions' service activities. The Clubs need to spread the news of successes or failures (if any!) so that other clubs can learn and improvise. The Pride of Lions should be the medium of communication.

Please send in your articles (max 250 words) and photos (only one or two) by the 20th of the month to appear in the following printed edition. There will be 8 printed editions, and 4 web editions this year. I will try to include as many articles as possible.

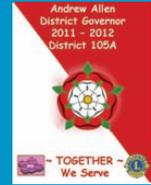
Lion Shirish Sheth

Lion Tony Waddington (73) - Witney Lions Club.

With great sadness we report the death of Lion Tony after a long illness. He was our last remaining Charter Member and had served the club unselfishly for over 42 years. He had been President 3 times and had served in all official positions within the club. A fully-committed Lion, full of compassion and sound advice and easily able to assess difficult decisions within meetings and come up with the ideal solution. An 'Elder Statesman' ever willing to share his knowledge and respected by everyone. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Rosemarie his wife and Liz their daughter and her family.



DG Andrew's Anecdote



The start of the Lionistic year and what a journey it has been to become District Governor! At the 2010 District Convention when I was elected as 1st Vice DG, I had Louvain by my side and could draw on her previous experience of being District Governor. Now I will continue this journey alone, but I will serve the District to the best of my ability and make Louvain proud. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and friendship which the District has shown me and I will repay this by giving 110% to being your District Governor.

My journey to the International Convention in Seattle started with a very long flight. I have to confess that I am not a good flyer so took numerous travel sickness tablets which ensured I slept for most of the time. Whilst the International Convention is a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships for me this year it consisted of my DG's training.

Going back to school for 5 days working from 8am to 8pm was an exhausting but exhilarating experience. You'll be pleased to know that I passed with flying colours - although I did get told off for speaking in class... would you expect anything less! Lion Wing-Ku Tam, the Incoming International President, spoke of his objectives for his year under his chosen motto "I believe", (more details soon on the website). Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Conference is the reinforcement of just how diverse each Lions Clubs is but that together we are the world's largest service organization; through our work in 206 countries, Lions make a difference.

We help to enrich the lives of others and support those in need. The International HQ showed that Lions are making the most of social media and a Convention App. for Smartphone and iPhones was available to download. HQ staff were issuing tweets so that those Lions not attending the event could still enjoy all the latest news as and when it happened. There were a number of

seminars which focussed on the development of social media and how Lions Clubs could use this to promote themselves and attract new members.

As usual the MD105 reception was as popular as ever with Lions flying the flag and playing perfect hosts. There were hundreds of guests eating dozens of desserts, but not me. My diet started a week ago.

An important aspect of the International Convention is when the District Governors elect have their badges ripped off to reveal the District Governor's badge; it really does feel like your year has just started. I was honoured to have 3 generations of the Freeman family with me to do the deed and rip off my badge - my grateful thanks to Lions Doreen and Fred Freeman, close friends of 25 years and Wendy (their daughter) Maya (their Granddaughter) for their support. All good things have to come to an end and when the International Convention finished it dawned on me that I had another very long flight to look forward to!

I will officially receive the District Governor's chain at the Handover on 17th July at the Doubletree Hotel in Milton Keynes. With this chain comes not only the responsibility of leading the District but also the history of those that have served before you. My grateful thanks to Martin for a smooth handover and I look forward to his continued support during my year - many thanks also to all those Lions that attended the Handover and the support that they have shown Martin, myself and John.

My motto for the year is "TOGETHER we serve" as when it comes to meeting challenges Lions International's response is simple: We Serve. It is something that unites Lions around the world and it is unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes. We help wherever, whenever and however we can.

Andrew

District Governor's Charity

With District's permission my chosen charity for the year will be Medical Detection Dogs, which was Louvain's chosen charity. Whilst I know that many Lions Clubs have already supported this charity in her memory, I would hope that this support could be continued through my year as District Governor.

It is amazing to think that man's best friend can be trained to detect the odour of human disease and that once trained these specialist dogs can help enrich the life quality and health of individuals with life threatening medical conditions. The dogs identify odour changes associated with life threatening complications in human chronic health conditions and the dogs alert their owners prior to a medical emergency, for example hypoglycaemia in diabetes.

Medical Detection Dogs is also working with clinicians and universities researching the potential of dogs to detect human disease such

as cancer from urine samples, which they hope, will develop a non invasive and early cancer detection screening system in the form of an electronic 'nose'. More information about their work can be found at www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk and donations can be sent via the District Treasurer. Please mark the back of the cheque 'Medical detection Dogs'.

A presentation was made, recently to MDD, of the funds collected since March, many, many thanks to all concerned. In the picture I'm presenting the cheque to Geoff Lambert (a Dunstable Lion member) for the amount of £5,935! A magnificent sum.



Andrew

My Diary

July 2011

- 17th District Handover
DoubleTree Hotel MK
- 18th Hadley Wood LC
Presentation
- 20th GLT / GMT Meeting
- 22nd 105BS Handover
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- 24th SOCB Northampton
Presentation
- 27th GLT / GMT Meeting
- 29th CoG Meeting Birmingham
- 30th CoG Meeting Birmingham
- 31st CoG Meeting Birmingham

August 2011

- 1st Youth Exchange Kingsbury
Farewell Party
- 2nd OV Banbury
- 3rd OV Wembley
- 6th Rugby Twickenham