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District 105A News
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Lions at Lord Mayor's Show



Santa at MK Football Stadium

I am sure we have all been enjoying the mild weather this autumn. However for one poor soul it was just a little too warm.

Santa joined the newly formed branch club of Luton, Eaton Bray & Edlesborough, at Stadium MK on 15th October, an un-seasonably warm day, to watch the football match against Bournemouth with 11 young adults from Briar Patch special needs group. His reindeer and sleigh were parked in the grounds of the football stadium and Santa found himself having to sign lots of autographs before he even got to his seat.

Everyone enjoyed a meal in a corporate hospitality box

before watching the Dons 2 - 2 draw. Santa couldn't resist getting more involved in the action though and joined the football team mascots on the pitch before the game and supported some young fans of the football team in the cross bar challenge at half time.

The 11 young adults all had a fantastic day and we suspect Santa is now a confirmed fan of the Dons... listen carefully on Christmas Eve to hear him chanting 'come on you Dons!' as he goes on his way!

Lion Rachel, President E B & E Club



NOTICE BOARD

The Lions-Tacade partnership is our finest tool to educate young people and do our best to combat the use of Drug and Alcohol misuse throughout the British Isles and Ireland. If each Club donated a minimum of £10.00 it would ensure that the development of 'Life Changes 2' resource would go ahead. This is where we can all help!

12th ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION
SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2012, at Harrow Leisure Centre. Book NOW!

Mission Statement:

To empower volunteers To
Serve their communities,
meet humanitarian needs,
encourage peace and promote
international understanding
through Lions Clubs



Peace Poster Competition



Winning poster by Kate Saunders (aged 12) sponsored by Berkhamsted.



DG Andrew congratulating the winning club.



Runner up poster by Mala Pandit (aged 12) sponsored by Moor Park.



Third place by Kaitlan Seward (aged 13) sponsored by Royston.

Osterley Lions Club 6th Charter Night

District Governor Lion Andrew Allen, was the guest of honour at Osterley Lions Club 6th Charter Night at the Novotel Hotel, Heathrow, on Guy Fawkes night.

Two Osterley Lions, Zone Chairman Naresh Gupta and Lion Baljit Ahluwalia were awarded with a Melvyn Jones in recognition of their hard efforts in raising funds for charity and contributing to the continued success of the club.

A glamorous evening was filled with an exotic fashion show by designer Nicky Bindra and a wonderful belly dance performance by Kay from Love the Beat. Almost 200 guests enjoyed the evening's entertainment, dancing to dj Manj of clnc till the early hours.

DG Lion Andrew Allen, commented on how the friendship and fellowship among Osterley Lions has driven the club's growth in recent years, helped them to raise money for worthy causes while at the same time not forgetting Lions Club International's philosophy of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Club President Lion Meena Gupta, praised the hard work of her team and in particular Fund Raising Committee Chairperson Lion Gurinder Ahluwalia for making the event happen.

Lion President Meena Gupta said: "As volunteers, it never ceases to amaze me how much commitment and fun Osterley Lions put into organizing such an event." She applauded each and everyone of the team.

Lions Club of Osterley



Macmillan Cancer Support celebrates 100th Birthday!

I am writing to you from Macmillan Cancer Support in Greater London to let you know what a big difference your support could make to people living with cancer. Macmillan relies on voluntary donations for 97% of its income, which is why your involvement is so valuable. Only with your help can we provide the practical, medical, emotional and financial support that patients, their families and loved ones so urgently need.

Your Lions Club can help Macmillan. You and your fellow members could be making a

direct improvement to our services in Greater London, improving the lives of people living with cancer.

We need your help. The problem we face is that there are 2 million people living with cancer in the UK who need access to integral services, not to mention their family and friends. Currently we are only reaching 1 in 2 people. Lions Clubs can help us make this problem smaller in your local community. Whatever the size of your Club or the level of commitment you can give, we can work

together to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by cancer. I would be delighted to attend a meeting, at your convenience, to discuss how your club's support would be of benefit. This would also give me the opportunity to speak to you about what Macmillan does on a local level and the growing services we offer.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 020 8222 9025 or e-mail me at abmcdonogh@macmillan.org.uk

Aoife B-McDonogh, Fundraising Manager.



District Youth Celebrations 2011

Our annual 4th District Youth Celebration was held on Sunday 20th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. It was a great success with help and support from many Lions Clubs and generous sponsors.

All tables were beautifully decorated to receive around 400 young people and their carers. Nimesh Padania kept them busy dancing to music all afternoon and everyone was on their feet when Jay Kumar showed off his Bollywood moves. Face painting was very popular thanks to our talented artist Lion Helen from Hammersmith Club. Balloon modelling maestro John was equally in demand. The two clowns and our own Lion and Tiger were jungling around. It was a wonderful sight to see so many happy faces, all having a good time.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we have received many emails/letters of appreciation. We were joined by the Mayor of

Elstree, Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Deputy Mayor of Barnet, our DG Andrew, VDG John, IPDG Martin and Lions and Leos.

We would like to thank these clubs for supporting DYC 2011; Lions Clubs of: Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley MK, Chipping Barnet, Ealing, Edgware, Fairlop, Fulham, Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush, Harpenden, Harrow & Pinner, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, Acton, Belmont, Finchley, Golders Green, Hendon, Hornsey, London Host, Kingsbury, Mill Hill, Seven Kings, Swiss Cottage, Milton Keynes Central, MK Stony Stratford, Redbridge, Royston, Ruislip, Staines & Ashford, Stanmore, Sudbury, Watford and Leos of Hendon and Sudbury.

Thank you all for making it possible. Together we touched many more lives through service.

Lion Vijay Arora



Genuine compassion by our DG - This young man responded only to him!

At the District Youth Celebration this young man was screaming and crying until our D G arrived on the scene and you can see what happened!

Carol A Smith Lion President
Hemel Hempstead



Water well in Tanzania by Ealing/Southall Lions

After a number of Water well projects in India, Ealing Lions turned their attention to Africa. Following consultations with Lions Club of Dar-es-salaam Pwani, the need for a Bore well at Dundani Village was identified.

The Dundani Village, some 54 km from Dar-es-salaam, has five sub-villages with a total population of around 500 people. These smaller villages are situated on higher ground and hence villagers had to walk down to the valley to fetch pond water for their daily use.

Bore well drilling started on 7th September and water was struck at 25m, and beyond. In order that a perennial supply is maintained, the bore well was stopped at 60m depth. The well is operated through a manual pump.

The total cost of the project was TShs 5,535,800 which was met by Ealing Lions Club along with £1000 contribution from Southall Lions. Ealing Lions Ranjit Mangat, Snehlata and Nanda Thancanamootoo travelled to Tanzania for the opening ceremony on 18th September 2011. At this ceremony, there were local Lions, villagers and Elders. Ealing Lions thanked representatives of Dar-es-salaam Pwani Lions Club for their hospitality and support throughout the project.

The Village Chairman, Bin Mwanchande praised the Lion donors and said that a major step had been achieved against water problems in the locality. The large group of villagers at the opening ceremony were very excited at the arrival of clean water at their door-step and were very grateful to Lions Clubs for bringing the change in their life.

The photograph shows all the Lions around the completed Bore well.

Lion Pervinder Singh Panesar (PRO Ealing Lions Club).

From the Editor

Another year closing and the dark nights add to the general gloom. This is a very busy time for all the Lions Clubs with the service activities to help the needy and the forgotten. Let us hope that Lions can add a bit of sparkle to many lives and lift the spirits during this festive season.

Merry Christmas and Best wishes for 2012.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Website Trophy winner

Bedford Lions President, Lion Elinor Ashby, was proud to receive the Website Trophy for District 105A from DG Andrew Allen at the Zone meeting held at Tilsworth Golf Club on October 31st 2012, on behalf of the Club and Gary Foster, 1st VP and the Website Manager.



Parveen Verma, District Secretary comments, "My best wishes to Bedford with apologies for presenting the trophy so late as the original was involved in a little mishap. Bedford's website is well worth imitating."

Bedford Lions Club

