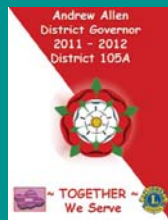


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District 105A News
DG Andrew Allen

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At the Convention...



District Governor Lion Andrew Allen



Fun for all at the Convention



Prize giving and International guest

Congratulations!

The following were elected at the 105A District Convention for the Lionistic year 2012-2013



District Governor Elect: Lion John Savell
(Lions Club of Thame)



1st Vice DG Elect: Lion Sarbjit Assi
(Lions Club of London Acton)



2nd Vice DG Elect: Lion Ramesh Parmar
(Lions Club of Edgware)

Convention Photos Courtesy of Lion Geoff Leeder

NOTICE BOARD

ERRATUM

In the March Issue of POL, I had inadvertently printed that the **Lions Club of Enfield's Gala Evening** was to be held on 21st April 2012. In fact, that function was not the Club's Gala Evening which was actually held on 15th March 2012. Sincere apologies for the error.

Lion Shirish Sheth Editor, POL

No one is listening until you make a mistake

LCI Purpose:
To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.



Race Night – Saturday 21st April, Bucks CC Sports and Social Club Main Hall, Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville HP21 9DR. First race 7.30pm.

Kenton Ladies do the Samba for Street Children

The ladies of Kenton Lions held a very successful event to raise desperately needed funds for the Street Children Appeal. This a joint initiative of Lions International and the Consortium of Street Children to support medical services, feeding programmes and education to the estimated 150 million children living on the streets worldwide. These children live in abandoned buildings, in cardboard boxes and on the railways and only survive by begging or working for a pittance.

The fundraiser was a sell out and with the generosity of raffle prize donors, and ticket sales a significant contribution will be made to the Street children project.

The tables at the Virgin sports club in Northwood were beautifully decorated in red for this Valentine's event and with dancing to the Latin samba rhythm and a Spanish guitar music, the evening went with a swing. We were supported by Lions Club of Kingsbury, Stanmore and Osterley and friends plus members from the sports club.

"We cannot change the world overnight but we can make a difference to the futures of these children."

Lion Vivien Ragget



A very worthy appeal

There is a school in 105D which is collecting buttons for reasons indicated below:

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL in District 105D need ONE MILLION buttons for a project to build a memorial in the school grounds in memory to those who have died as a result of genocide. This memorial will be in the form of a map of the world with large clear plastic cylinders filled with the buttons to represent those who have died.

They had already collected quarter of a million... Lets help with the rest .

This is such an easy task... search your cupboards/lofts etc and get them to me via someone in your Club or Zone and I will arrange to get them to 105D. Please help,

Lion John Savell, DG Elect

Lions Club of Hadley Wood raise £30,000

Lions of Hadley Wood organised a fundraising event on 4th February in aid of Aga Khan Development Network's (AKDN) schools project in Kenya, and also for NIA Children's Foundation, run by Shezmin Madhani, (winner of the Social and Humanitarian Award) which helps feed poor school children in Kibera, the largest slum in Africa ,near Nairobi, Kenya.

Despite the awful weather 250 guests turned up to help raise nearly £23,000 for AKDN, inclusive of Gift Aid, and nearly £7,000 for the NIA Foundation. The cost of the whole event was sponsored and underwritten by well-wishers. The sumptuous food was organised at a special rate by Cavendish Banqueting and the entertainment was by Shaheen Khan, again heavily sponsored. Everyone had a wonderful time and the



feedback was that nearly all the guests wanted to be reminded for the next event. A lot of pre-planning hard work was put in by the members of the club.

Lions Akbar Nanji
and Ali Musani

Remembering...



It is with great sadness that we report the demise of our Past President and Charter Member of Lions Club of London Belmont, **Lion Satyen Kabra – PMJF** after a long illness bravely borne. An active and a generous Lion for nearly 20 years he involved himself and his wife, Lion Hema Kabra in many Club, Zone and District activities. He served the District in the past as Peace Poster officer. He was active in fund-raising and other events in the Club. He will be sorely missed and our sympathy and thoughts go to Lion Hema and daughter, Rashmi and family.

We are holding a Special Dinner (Tribute) to honour his memory on **Thursday 19th April 2012** at AROMA RESTAURANT, Harrow Weald Middx. HA3 5EE

We would like to invite you to join us on the night and share your memories with us and Lion Hema.

Lion Amin Dada, Zone E Secretary

New Leo Club

Kempston Leo Club, sponsored by Lions Club of Bedford, held its Formation & Charter Presentation on Sunday 25th March. The ceremony was conducted by District Leo Chairman, Lion Minesh Mehta and was attended by over 50 well wishers including DG Andrew, IPDG Martin, 1st & 2nd VDG Elects, ZC Derek Beazley, Bedford Lions LP Elinor Ashby, District Leo President Risha, Parents and siblings of the Leo's and other Leo's and Lions from our District.

The Charter members, Thomas McEwan (President), Danni Nocera, Hanvir Klair, Stephen Parsons, Jonah Atkinson, Joshua Gibson-Lennon and James Matthewman (absent - Yasmin Meeda) were presented with their pins and certificates. DG Andrew presented the members with a Certificate of Appreciation for Environment for planting trees.

After the ceremony, refreshments were provided by the Leo's with a special cake from DG Andrew. ZC Derek and LP Elinor are the joint Leo Club Advisors.

Lion Minesh Mehta



Excellence at Lions Club of Stanmore

Three Awards were presented by DG Andrew Allen:

- Excellence Club President, Club
- Excellence Award and Membership
- Excellence to IPP Lion Ravina Rattan (President 2010 - 2011) of Lions Club of Stanmore on their Charter Night on 25th Feb 2012



New Lions Club

I am pleased to inform you of a new addition in our Lions family. Formation of London White City Lions Club took place on 29th February 2012 (LEAP YEAR DAY).

Lion Kumar Acharya

New Member

Mill Hill welcomes its new member, **Lion Hemant Dixit**.

Blackmore Vale Lions Invite Lions, family and friends to their 32nd Annual Rally 15th to 17th June 2012

Bring your Caravan, Tent, Motor-Home,
OR stay at a local Bed & Breakfast or Inn

Relax and enjoy an informal family fun weekend

(Call 01963 363281 or e-mail peter.oswick@btinternet.com for a list of local accommodation).

From the Editor

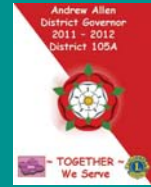
Despite regular reminders, articles for POL are not being sent by the deadline, which is 20th of every month. Photos are not sent or are sent in the wrong format. This results in unnecessary delays. I aim to have the issue published and delivered by the time the first Club meetings of the month are held.

I hear of so many Lions functions being held, but no articles are sent to me, and thus they are not included. Share your news through POL.

Lion Shirish Sheth



DG Andrew's Anecdote



The lead time for Convention began in early December some three months before, and intensified in February with trials to find that we had at least two minutes of free time to finish by 4.15/4.30. Being Lions, time and timetables have little account and we overran by a little.

Of course, being biased, I thought it was a good Convention, with first class presentations from Dr Paul Whittaker and Music for the Deaf, Lion Geoff Lambert with further details on Medical Detection Dogs. Of course, Past international President Lion Bill Biggs was his usual self and motivational.

The whole package was put together by Lions Veni and Kiran Vaghela with superb support from Zone D Clubs, Ealing, Greenford Willow Tree, Hayes & Harlington, London (Acton), Southall and Sudbury.

I cannot close this section without mentioning Friday Night Host night and the Arabian Theme... what an event full of vitality. Good food and a whole lot of fellowship, Arabian dresses and over 280 party goers. Saturday was a little more 'refined' but still had over 220 guest and I danced several times.

Finally, Thank you to all... **Together** we had a good time.

As the Convention, overran I missed a couple

of updates, from Zone F Hadley Wood Lions Club had a fundraiser and have raised over £35,000 at a single function. This is expected to rise by another £50,000, not 'bad' for a small in membership Club... well done HWLC.

The DG is traditionally given a present as a memento for the year. Mine was a bluetooth/iCloud type printer to enable me to use my ipad more effectively. All I need is for someone to translate 'iPad for Senior Dummies' then I'll be set... Thank You.

The annual Fundraiser for "WheelPower" is usually held at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital; in the Bowling Arena, but sadly this part of the complex has closed due to the lack of funds. The event a Race Night with a Fish & Chip Supper will be held on the 21st April at the Bucks CC Sports and Social Club Main Hall, Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville, HP21 9DR .First race at 7.30, costs £10 tickets from Ron Syrratt 01296 484 492 or Steve Foott 01525 636 145.

Congratulations and best wishes must go to DG Elect John Savell, 1st VDG Elect Sarbjit Assi 2nd VDG Elect Ramesh Parmar for their elections...whilst we must commiserate with Lion Meena Gupta with the words "do not ever give in".

Three months are left in a memorable but in many ways a sad year but so far **Together** we are having a good year
Andrew



With PIP Lion Bill Biggs



Dressed up for the pre-convention night



More happy award winners.

From Oakbrook

In an era in which membership in all types of civic, service and social organizations is declining, Lions Clubs International posted membership gains for four consecutive years. In the past four years the number of Lions clubs members worldwide has grown by 50,000.

We are indebted to all who worked so hard to make this possible and we recognize that this success is due in large part to the steadily growing numbers of women in local Lions clubs. More than 300,000 women are now Lions, making up 23 percent of our total membership.

Andrew

My Diary April 2012

Mon 2	OV Newport P & Olney	Thu 19	Memorial Service Lion Satyen Kabra
Tue 3	OV Edgware	Sat 21	Race Night for WheelPower
Wed 4	OV Thame	Sun 22	CA Stevenage LC
Thu 5	OV Enfield	Mon 23	OV Hadleywood LC
Fri 6 - Mon 9	Easter	Tue 24	OV Hornsey
Tue 10	OV Westminster	Wed 25	OV Bicester
Wed 11	OV Covent Garden	Fri 27	CA Acton
Thu 12	Visit Zone A	Sat 28	CA Thame
Sat 14	CA Harrow & Pinner		
Tue 17	Private		
Wed 18	OV Finchley		

OV = Official Visit