



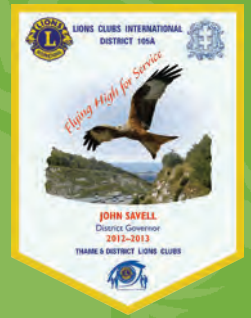
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# PRIDE OF LIONS

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## Moor Park make record donations

Lions Club of Moor Park hosted a social meeting on 25th Feb at Venue 5, Eastcote which was attended by DG John Savell, 1st VDG Sarbjit Assi, 2nd VDG Ramesh Parmar, PDG Max Mongia, PDG Vijay Arora, Zone E Chair Ravina Rattan, Zone G Chair Himanshu Bavaria, Mr. Ian Murdoch from Moorefield Eye Hospital and other Lions.

The main item on the agenda was the Lions Moorefield Ghana Eye Hospital where Moor Park Lions donated US\$100,000 towards the Campaign Sight program.

Moor Park Club's own project is to build a 50 bed Children's Pediatric Hospital near Baroda (India), where the Club has already spent £290,000 towards the initial construction of the building. The Hospital will be opened in October/November this year.

Lion Himanshu Bavaria



Artist's impression of how Moor Park Lions Hospital will look

## Zone C provide disabled swimmers with their own Olympics



Zone C local Lions Clubs held its 21st Swimming Gala at Hansworth Air Park Leisure Centre on 10th February 2013 for those with disabilities.

More than 70 swimmers ranging from senior citizens to the very young took part with support from their family and friends. Medals and certificates were presented by the Mayor of Hounslow and the Mayor of Spelthorne to all swimmers who after their participation felt as if they had competed in their own Olympics.

Now in its 21st year the Gala attracts teams from outside the immediate Zone C area. These include Eltham, South East London and Barking in Essex. Every swimmer received a medal for completing at least one length of the 25m pool.

## ... NOTICE BOARD ...

**Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill Lions Golf Challenge 2013** at Brookmans Park Golf Club, Hertfordshire, on Wednesday 22 May 2013. £75 per person. Contact: Parveen Verma - 020 8903 0309, Sanjay Shah - 020 8952 5252, Dilip Shah - 07718 210001 or Manish Chotai - 07970 000762.

**DISTRICT 105A Golf Day** - on Wednesday 5 June 2013 at Chiltern Forest Golf Club, Aylesbury, HP22 5NQ. Breakfast, 18 hole golf and light lunch £45, light lunch only £20. Contact: Lion Ramesh Parmar 07831 587495.

Lions Club of London Kingsbury present Ladies Mehfil and Garba Night on 20 April 2013. Contact Lion President Zubay Fazal

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*To take and active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.*



## London Park Royal Lions Club joins District 105A



Lions Club of Park Royal formation

London Park Royal Lions Club's formation took place at the Bridge Hotel, Greenford, Middlesex on the 15th February, 2013 with an array of District Officers present. DG John Savell, DG Elect Sarbjit Assi, 1st VDG Ramesh Parmar, 2nd VDG Lion Meena Gupta, PDG Eric Amaria, PDG Parveen Verma, Lions Joel Alistar and Kadu Shah were all present to witness the swearing in of 21 new members.

Instrumental in the formation of the new Club was Zone E Chairman Lion Ravina Rattan. The new club is being sponsored by Lions Club of Acton in Zone D.

Lion Ravina Rattan



Members and guest at Park Royal formation

## Convention Election Results

The following were elected to serve for the Lionistic year 2013-2014:

**As District Governor:**

Lion Sarbjit Assi [Kuldip] (London Acton)

**As 1st Vice District Governor:**

Lion Ramesh Parmar [Nimu] (Edgware)

**As 2nd Vice District Governor:**

Lion Meena Gupta [Naresh] (Osterley)

The following Resolution was approved:

*"This Convention resolves that the District Dues for 2013/14 shall be £10.00 per Lion member (comprising £3.50 Administration Fund, £3.50 Convention Fund and £3.00 105A News Fund) payable in two equal instalments on 1st August 2013 and 1st February 2014."*

Resolution 2 to amend the District By-Laws section setting out the District Governor's responsibilities for club visits was lost.

Lion Colin Davies



Tree Planting on a Spring (!!) day

## From the Editor

District Conventions are always an enjoyable time for Lions. Time to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Time to be recognised for the selfless service given as Lions, time for awards as winners of various competitions. DG John has given a great account in his journal, of the Convention weekend. It is obvious that those who could not attend, missed a great time.

It is also a time for a next DG and VDG's to be elected to lead Lions in the following years. My congratulations to the DG Elect Lion Sarbjit and the 1st VDG Lion Ramesh and 2nd VDG Lion Meena. I am sure 105A Lions wish them all the success.

Lion Shirish Sheth

## Tring Lions taste wine to raise funds

Tring Lions were out in force for its latest fundraising activity. On the 8th February Tring Lions organised a Wine Tasting evening with over fifty people in attendance. Local wine expert, Michael Eggleton took the assembled through six wines comparing old and new world vineyards and the type of grapes used. The event was held at the premises of the local BMW dealership, Specialist Cars, who also donated a raffle

prize of free use of a BMW for the weekend including fuel and insurance. Tring Lion Mike Adams was the lucky winner.

The event raised in the region of £350 with the proceeds going towards a local youth project.

The picture shows Michael Eggleton flanked by Tring Lion Tim Woodcock (left) and Lions President Kieran Tucker (right).

Lion Steve Mitchell



## Lions European musical competition



The competition took place at the Northwood College in Northwood, London. The instrument played this year was the Piano. Three candidates took part. Hannah Slavin, who was sponsored by Lions Club of Milton Keynes Stony Stratford, was the winner, closely followed by the runner up Wayne Chan, sponsored by Lions Club of Bletchley Milton Keynes and 2nd runner up was Christopher Percival sponsored by Lions Clubs of Milton Keynes Central.

The performance by all the three candidates was brilliant and it was hard work for the panel of judges to decide the winners. Hannah will now go forward to Multiple District competition in April 2013 to hopefully win and represent MD105 at the Europa Forum, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey 31st October - 2nd November 2013.

DG Lion John Savell and 2nd VDG Lion Ramesh Parmar, the District Music Competition officer, thanked all the candidates, sponsoring clubs, fellow Lions and guests for supporting the event.

Lion Ramesh Parmar

## Lion Partap Singh Ahdan's 90th Birthday Party

Lion Partap Singh Ahdan is the most senior active member of Ealing Lions Club. Fellow members gave him a surprise 90th Birthday Party at the Business meeting of 6th February 2013.

Lion Partap joined Thika Lions Club in Kenya in 1966. He came to UK in November 1975 and initially transferred to Southall Lions Club. He transferred to Ealing Lions Club in 1977. He served for six years in District Cabinet and was Deputy District Governor (1984/85).

Lion Partap has by now 47 years of 100% (unbroken) Attendance record!!! He is still very regular in attendance and is committed in services to mankind; he is associated with various local religious, social and charitable organisations.

The attached picture shows Lion Partap Singh Ahdan receiving an engraved 90th Birthday present.

Lion Pervinder Singh Panesar,  
PRO Ealing Lions Club



### Message from District Officer Lion Cheryl Cochrane

My mother is very ill in hospital with pneumonia and I am currently spending most of my time at her bedside. All club secretaries, please note that I cannot answer their emails at the moment and send my apologies.

Regards Cheryl

## Street Children need Lions today more than ever

Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities.

Tragically they often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress and give them hope for the future. The ongoing conflicts and natural disasters in various countries have affected many more children who have lost their parents and other family members. They are now homeless and are living on the streets. Lions are now supporting the following 5 Charities, all doing excellent work with Street Children, both in the UK and overseas where the need is greatest.

**CENTREPOINT:** This is our DG John's wife Linda Savell's chosen charity this year. Centrepoint works tirelessly in helping these vulnerable young people to turn their lives around and give them a future. Please donate generously.

**PLAN UK:** This charity was formed in 1937 and is very active with Child Sponsorship.



### RAILWAY CHILDREN: UK based charity. THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDCARE TRUST THE JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

I will be delighted to attend any of your club meetings to provide more information on each individual charity and ways that you may be able to support them. Please, fellow Lions, do continue to support this very worthwhile District project and any donations you can spare from your Charity accounts will be gratefully received. Please send your cheques to our District Treasurer payable to "Lions Clubs International District 105A" marking on the back "Street Children Appeal" and/or your choice of charity if you wish. Together, we really can make a difference to the futures of these children.

Lion Vivien Raggett  
District Street Children Officer

## Convention 2013



DG Elect Sarbjit Assi with his wife acknowledging delegates



VDG Lion Ramesh Parmar being welcomed



2nd VDG Meena Gupta with spouse Lion Naresh being welcomed



DG John with PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson



DG and International Guest with Cheryl Cochrane



Dignitaries with PID Lion Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir



PID Lion Guðrún addressing Convention

▼ DG John presenting an award



▲ Young Ambassador James Jones receiving an award



# DG John's Journal

As I write this article the Spring Equinox is with us and so are all the many fundraising activities that Lions do during the Spring and Summer. I wish that all your endeavours are successful and that all your service to the community is beneficial.

This article is bigger this month since it contains the report from the excellent District Convention held between 8th - 10th March 2013.

The weekend started with the host night where there was excellent music provided by a young violinist Lizz Lipscombe, who is the daughter of a family friend. She played a wide range of music to suit all tastes. I think it would be true to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Added fun and laughter was guaranteed by Lion President Don Rouse from Carterton Lions who is renowned for his anecdotes of life in rural Oxfordshire as a farmer. He certainly had everyone in stitches.

The Convention was opened by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson OBE who made a well researched and welcoming speech. It was a pleasure to hear the warm words of congratulations on the work of Lions in the county and everywhere else.

Our International guest was PID Lion Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir together with her husband Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson. PID Gudrun gave a great speech to Convention highlighting the changes which are coming from International, particularly the District Governor Teams and the method of working ensuring continuity for the future. The encouraging of having more Ladies as Lions is a subject which PID Gudrun feels as strongly about as do I.

The Convention day started very well and continued well until lunch time, actually running ahead of schedule. The resolutions for the accounts and district dues were duly approved; however the resolution relating to District Governor Team visits was unfortunately defeated.

During the morning there was a presentation by Alastair Joel on the history of Lions which gave opportunity for many to brush up on their own knowledge of Lions. Well done to Alastair. A specialist disability charity Demand UK provided us with an interesting and informative presentation on the type of bespoke equipment they provide for disabled people in all fields including sport.

We had the speeches from the Governor and Vice Governor candidates and in the case of the candidate for 2nd Vice Governor a nominating speech from the club.

Unfortunately lunch delayed the start of the afternoon session and the subsequent program. However this did not detract from the excellent presentations from Moray Cook on a cycle ride he is intending to do in South Africa. Nothing in cycling the 400km, but it is, however if you are a tetraplegic. So please support Moray in his endeavours.

Lion Rachel Arnold introduced the Young Ambassador James Jones, only 15 years old and sponsored by Letchworth Club. He then gave a speech to the Convention.

Linda then introduced the guest speaker from Centrepoint, her nominated charity for the year. The presentation was very well received and hopefully will encourage clubs to make that all important donation to help these young people.

The arrangements for the afternoon slipped and changed but this did not stop the proceedings. It was with great pleasure to

assist the Competitions Officer Lion Derek Beazley in announcing the winners of the various competitions:

**Environment - Fairlop Lions Club**

**Photo Competition - Lion Chandu from Finchley**

**Diabetes trophy - Fairlop Lions Club**

**District Quiz Shield - Harpenden**

**Travelling Lions - Eaton Bray and Aylesbury**

**Scrapbook - High Wycombe**

**First Time at Convention - Bessa Faruzoli from Fairlop Leo Club**

**Club of the Year - Lions Club Fairlop**

As Governor I was very pleased to make awards to:

**Leadership Medal - Lion Alistair Joel**

**Leadership Medal - Lion Cheryl Cochrane (nee Peacock)**

Together with International President and District Governor Certificates of Appreciation to a number of Lions all of whom were proposed by their Club Presidents following a request by me for nominations. Personal awards to a number of Lion and non Lions who have been extremely helpful and supportive of Linda and I during the year.

The results of the elections for next year's District Governor team were announced and I am pleased to say the results are as follows:

**District Governor Elect Sarbjit Assi.**

**1st Vice District Elect Governor Ramesh Parmar**

**2nd Vice District Governor Elect Meena Gupta**

Congratulations to all.

I was pleased to present the gift to our International guest which I understand as proved to be a well received success fitting into her home nicely.

The evening of the Banquet and Ball was a resounding success. The meal was most enjoyable and the music for dancing provided by the Oxfordshire Youth Band was absolutely brilliant. During the meal there was a small Jazz group playing background music, again provided by the Oxfordshire Centre for Music. I particularly wanted the Youth band partly as thank you for the Centres support for the music competition but also to show the Lions commitment to young people.

For the whole of Convention I have to thank the Host Committee and the Joint Chairmen Brian Dickety and Roger Blackburn together with SAA Peter Codrai, IT Officer Chris Bryant, Convention Officer Ken Rouse and not forgetting the Sound Supremo Robin Hurley from Harrow and Pinner club.

As you can imagine a considerable amount of my time has been taken up with Convention and I wondered what else I had been doing since the last newsletter. Well I have visited 9 clubs, attended charter nights of Bedford, Leighton Buzzard, Ruislip and Feltham & Whitton. All have been extremely enjoyable in their own right, some more unique than others.

The District Quiz was held on the 21st February and I was able to participate as fun team with Jane Codrai and Chris Bryant. We equipped ourselves very well and considering we were outnumbered, we were not last.

I was privileged to attend the formation evening of our new



# DG John's Journal



club the Lions Club of Park Royal where I inducted the new members. All I can say is welcome on board to each and every one of you. I sincerely hope that you enjoy your Lionism and remain with us for years to come. Any issues or problems, there are plenty of long established Lions willing to help you.

I went to the Multiple District summit for GMT and GLT for District officers, which was interesting. Unfortunately I was unable to stay for whole weekend, but the response from the weekend was positive. On the Sunday it was a pleasure to attend the Music Competition ably run by Lion Ramesh. There were 3 candidates and each was superb. The overall winner Hannah Slavin sponsored by Stoney Stratford Milton Keynes. Unfortunately Hannah was not available for playing at Convention but we did have the benefit of a recording made on the day of the competition. We look forward to hearing how Hannah does at the Multiple District Finals in April.

On the 12th March together with other members of the District Linda and I attended the Lion UN day at the Palace of Westminster an enjoyable evening meeting with other Governors and dignitaries as well as club Lions. Good presentations from UNICEF, Missing people, and Wateraid and a keynote speech from PID Gudrun, the Lions International Guest.

At short notice of two days I was asked by PID Phil Nathan to pull together between 10 – 20 club Presidents for a meeting with the 1st International Vice President Barry Palmer to meet in the City of London for an evening briefing. Apologies to any club President who did not get an invite but time was short. This was one of many "Meet the President" events that 1st VIP has been holding to obtain the views of club Lions and to also express his own ideas and themes for the next year. The evening was a success and approved of by the Presidents who were able to attend, to the extent that a number of them are asking why do Club presidents not meet together once or twice a year outside of their own zones? Indeed, food for thought.

Finally to bring everyone right up to date PDG Vijay, PDG Ram Jaggi ably assisted Shashi together 1st VDGE Ramesh and

myself attended the tree planting event at Heartwood Forest. It was cold, wet and extremely windy and a fairly short lived planting event, but it showed a willingness on the part of Lions as well as funding this grove. There is very nice plaque showing Lions as the official contributors to this project. In a few years time when the trees have had chance to grow, it will be a great natural area well worth a visit.

One aspect that I have noticed during my club visits are the number of clubs who have reading related projects. It may be worthwhile for those clubs looking at whether they qualify under the Reading Action Program of the International President theme for the year.

There are a number of photographs of the various events, Convention and tree planting contained within the newsletter this month all selected to show what a great month it has been.

DG John Savell

## My Diary April 2013

Wed 2nd	OV White City Club
Thu 3rd	OV Finchley
Sun 7th	Thame Charter
Mon 8th	OV Hendon
Tue 9th	OV Sudbury
Wed 10th	OV Golders Green
Thu 11th	Family Day
Sat 13th	Harrow & Pinner 50th Charter
Mon 15th	Parish Council
Tue 16th	OV Loudwater & Rickmansworth
Wed 17th	OV Hounslow
Thu 18th	Family Day
Fri 19th	Lions Magazine meeting MDHQ
Fri 19th	Leighton Buzzard Fashion Show
Sat 20th	High Wycombe 40th Charter
Tue 23rd	OV Hornsey
Wed 24th - 29th	Council of Governors, MD Convention Torquay

OV = Official Visit



Welcoming Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson OBE



Linda Savell addressing the Convention