



Pride of LIONS



District 105A News

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Promoting the work you do starts at local level

It is not unusual for Clubs to moan that we are not doing enough PR to attract new members. To some extent their frustration is justified. However, the Lions of Zone D under chairmanship of Lion Surinder Dhanjil have just demonstrated (see picture) how to take the initiative and go into their local community to demonstrate what it really means to serve and in the process sign up people who want to serve "like the Lions".

It is my belief, based on over 35 years of experience as a Lion member, that people want to help others. They just want the opportunity. This was so evident when we spoke to members of the public attending a mega public event in Hounslow, west London. When we spoke of the number of blind people we as Lions had given sight to and the millions of gallons of fresh water provided in flood ravaged areas as an example of what we were doing they wanted to know how they could help. All we said was they

should come and attend a local Lions club to see how simple it was to become a caring, compassionate individual who would be thanked countless of times for just a little time and effort on their part and they were ready to give us their name and phone number.

All this happened because one individual (PDG Max Mongia) cajoled an organisation to let Lions have a stand at a community event and the local zone chairman worked with the GMT co-ordinator (Lion Kadu Shah) to organise a rota that allowed Lions to showcase to the local community how Lions make a difference in the lives of others.

This I believe can be replicated across the length and breadth of our district. Whether it is a Lions club or a zone taking the initiative it is not difficult to identify just one event which will have a large attendance and the PR and membership team will help you organise your very own PR – so no

more moans, please, about there being not enough PR!

Give me a call on 07930 826826 if you have such an event coming up this year and let us get the ball rolling!

**PCC Lion
Viresh Paul
District 105A PR
and Marketing
Chairman**



India Independence day celebrations, Sunday 16 August 2015

Thank You Lion...



Stony Stratford Lions Club President Malcolm Pruskin is shown presenting Lion Verdun Webley with the Melvin Jones shield as a thank you for all his dedicated work for the club, particularly in regard to maintaining the club's 'fleet' of electric motability scooters and wheelchairs which have gone to many deserving people in Milton Keynes.

Verdun is moving to Nottinghamshire soon and he will be sorely missed by the club.

Lion Christopher Coolen

Can you volunteer for Hemel Hempstead Lions?



After raising over £250,000 over the past 4 years Hemel Lions found that they just didn't have the manpower to collect all the books that were being offered. They asked for the help of their local Newspaper to see if volunteers could be found to help them collect the books.

Lion Carol Smith

NOTICE BOARD

8th District Youth Celebration for Disadvantaged and Disabled Young People on Sunday 22nd November 2015 at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts.
Contact PDG Lion Vijay Arora for more details.

Hemel Hempstead Lions Club present their 55th Charter Dinner on Saturday 17th October 2015 at Boxmoor Lodge. Tickets £27.50.
Contact: Lion Terry Allen, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club.

District Winter Forum 4th October 2015. Book now.



LCI Ethics:

To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

Hemel Hempstead Lions working with local schools

Hemel Hempstead Lions recently held their FIRST EVER Inter Schools Quiz for Year 6 Primary School pupils. The event was organised by Lion Gren Derrick, the Club's Young Peoples' Officer, who got his inspiration from the Black Mountains Lions' recent article in The Lion.

Four Schools took part, each entering 2 teams of 4, a total of 32 ten to eleven year olds. Questions ranged from Nature and Geography to Sport and Trivia (I had to explain the word Trivia!). Competition was very close, the result being in doubt until the very last round. All the pupils received Certificates of Participation (designed especially for the competition by a fellow Lion), with the winning team being awarded Winners Certificates, a £10 Book token each, and a trophy. As this was our first quiz it was very much a 'trial' effort, but we believe it was a success, and the feedback received from the Schools was positive. We hope therefore to make this an annual event.

This event follows the Club's success in the 2014-2015 Peace Poster contest, when a poster by 13 year old Jessica Rizova won First prize at both the District 105A and the Multi District, with the entry progressing to Lions HQ for final judging.

Jessica was presented with her MD awards at the UN day in the Palace of Westminster, by Past International President Joe Preston who also presented her with his special trophy. Jessica, is a very talented designer. She is currently designing Hemel Lions' new bannerette, which we hope will be 'unveiled' at our Charter Dinner in October. She was also named as Student of the Year at her School.

Lion Gren Derrick



Hemel Hempstead School Quiz

Lions of District 105 A who have passed to higher service:

Lion DEREK SALMON - Lions Club of Berkhamsted
Lion TIM WALKER - Lions Club of Biggleswade - Sandy
Lion DENNIS P SHADBOLT - Lions Club of Milton Keynes
Bletchley
Lion SANTOKH SINGH AHDAN of Lions Club of Southall
Lion CAROL BOWEN - Lions Club Stevenage Corey's Mill
Lion DAVID BALLARD - Lions Club of Watford

A personal view...

In the June issue of the "Pride of Lions" our Editor Lion Shirish said he would like to introduce a comment column as a regular feature and invited us to provide some thoughts on our concerns and ideas about Lionism. So here is a personal view which might be thought controversial, and perhaps looking backwards, but we must look to the future and the debate must start somewhere.

During my 46 years as a Lion I have seen many changes, in my view not always beneficial, although they have supposedly been for the better. More than ten years ago I wrote to the District Governor expressing my concerns. Nothing has changed! And therein lies one of our problems. The role of District Governor is, it would appear, seen as an accolade, a recognition of one's service to the Association, and not what it should be, a leadership role. We now have two Vice District Governors. They have been introduced, it is presumed, to lighten the "burden" of being DG. They are not necessary. The previous structure with Deputy District Governors worked and the change to Region Chairmen, who are now at the discretion of the DG is less effective. In practice the Vice Governors serve to weaken the authority of the DG and do nothing to prepare one for the "top job". Having the two posts encourages candidates who might otherwise feel that they were not yet ready. We add to the DG's "burden" by forming new clubs rather than by extending existing clubs.

We are told that forming new clubs is necessary to maintain numbers but the new clubs are being formed in areas already covered by existing clubs which are in decline. If the new Lions wish to be Lions they should be invited to join an existing club. The formation of a new club used to be a Zone function with clubs from the Zone proposed for the new club being invited to the initial meeting. It would now seem that in some cases the new club is an existing group with some other affiliation which is invited to join our association as a new club and not to augment an existing club in need of new members. So the new "club" is not truly representative of the area it purports to represent.

It is said that the cost of being a Lion is a deterrent to membership, but for most clubs in the District this is probably less than 20 pence per day; are we so parsimonious that we cannot manage that! By increasing the number of clubs to maintain the overall number of members we are increasing the cost to individual members because of the costs which are levied per club, e.g. insurance and District events. The number of members is still declining so our recruitment or retention policy is not working. In an age when there is so much to occupy one's attention we must present Lionism as a preferable alternative; there seems to be less fun than when I joined and we take ourselves too seriously; we seem to be more concerned with what we are than with what we do. A note in a recent issue of the Lion magazine reported on how quickly it had been possible to obtain funding for a project because agreement had been given by telephone and no-one had claimed the credit. Our reward surely is the knowledge that someone has benefitted from our actions and any subsequent "recognition" is a "bonus".

As an association we embrace many cultures across the world and that is part of our strength but changes need not apply universally and in applying them to everyone we may weaken our appeal. Perhaps a resolution at a District or Multiple District Convention, if followed up, might serve to bring our concerns to the attention of the International board.

Let the debate continue!

PDG Lion John Hunt

Welcome new members

LIONS CLUB of AYLESBURY

Lion Yusuf Noorbhai and Lion Biren Patel, both sponsored by Lion Ronald Syrratt

LIONS CLUB of BEDFORD

Lion Alan Victor Sponsored by Lion George Garfalo

LIONS CLUB of BIGGLESWADE-SANDY

Lion Tim Walker Sponsored by Lion Steve Foott

LIONS CLUB of CHIPPING NORTON

Lion Ally Goff Sponsored by Lion Robert Caswell

LIONS CLUB of HARPENDEN

Lion Nigel Marriott Sponsored by Lion Tony Marriott

LIONS CLUB of LONDON BELMONT

Lion Mamta Bhardwaj, Lion Shama Munir, and Lion Senathirajah Dhevendran All sponsored by Lion Surriya Rahman Lion Syeda Hina Taqvi Sponsored by Amjad Ikram

LIONS CLUB of LONDON PARK ROYAL

Narendra Patchimalla Sponsored by Lion S. Jayanthi Reddy

LIONS CLUB of LONDON SWISS COTTAGE

Lion Subash Pau Sponsored by Lion Shailesh Pandya

LIONS CLUB of NORTHWOOD

Lion Mumtaz Ali Sponsored by Lion David Scales

LIONS CLUB of RUISLIP

Lion Maureen Nicholson and Lion Peter Ross, both sponsored by Lion Rosemary Markham

Lion Sumit Singh Sponsored by Lion Phyllis Nash

LIONS CLUB of SUDBURY

Lion Jayesh S Desai Sponsored by Lion Dharmesh Desai

LIONS CLUB of WINSLOW

Lion Christopher J. Bogdanowicz Sponsored by Lion Peter Wood Lion Steve Norman Sponsored by Lion Colin Bradford

A warm welcome to all the 19 New Members from District 105A

Compassion in World Farming

The District Governor Spouse's chosen charity is Compassion in World Farming. Founded over 40 years ago in 1967 by a British farmer who was horrified by the development of modern, intensive factory farming.

Today the Charity campaigns peacefully to end all factory farming practices. It believes that the biggest cause of cruelty on the planet deserves a focused, specialised approach – so its work is focused on farm animal welfare.

Compassion in World Farming is one of the leanest, most cost-effective global charities who achieve extraordinary things with the resources gifted to it by supporters.

Their campaigns have already seen the beginning of the end for many of the worst aspects of factory farming – the banning of barren battery cage for hens; the end to near-permanent confinement of sows; the abolition of the horrifically restrictive veal crate. The EU

has listened to its voice and enacted legislation on all these issues. And, to date, its tough, pragmatic engagement with leading food firms from McDonald's to Unilever is set to benefit over 287 million farm animals every year.

Sixty billion animals are farmed for food worldwide every year – the vast majority of them reared intensively in systems that seriously impact their welfare.

A serious look is needed at how intensive factory farming is harming our environment. We should be aware of this and what we as Lions can do to help reduce the high levels of cruelty, waste and pollution.

Support this charity and funds raised will be used to help counter the pollution which results around us and the campaign against cruelty being practiced every day.



Lion Naresh Gupta

Meet Your District Officer

PDG Prof Elliot Shubert

I was appointed GLT Officer by DG Meena Gupta. I was appointed as a GLT Officer in 2011-2012, but unfortunately not continued. I joined LCI in



1980 as a member of the Grand Forks Lions Club, founded in 1922 by Melvin Jones. I served as President in 1990 and the club won the Outstanding Club District Award. I moved to the UK in 1994, and transferred my membership to London Host Lions Club. I served as President in 2000 when we celebrated our 50th Charter anniversary when PIP Jim Ervin attended.

I formed London Westminster Lions Club in 2003. I have served as President and am currently Secretary. I have served as a District Officer in various capacities. I was elected as District Governor for 2003-2004. The Convention was held in central London. The highlight was the bestowing of a Melvin Jones Award on Heather Mills for her work with prosthesis for persons who lost limbs in the Gujrat earthquake. Her husband, Paul McCartney, attended.

My aim is to raise the profile of leadership training in the District through seminars at the District and Zone levels. A pool of leadership candidates will be developed and maintained.

Lion Penny Tregillus

I hold two positions in the District Cabinet as Speech and Hearing Officer and Zone K Chairperson.



I have been a member of Leighton Buzzard Lions Club for 14 years. I am a retired Special Needs Teacher.

As a District Speech and Hearing Officer I provide resources for Clubs to distribute to hearing impaired people or those with a speech problem. I promote Multiple District based Projects. I am a Deaf Aware Trainer and run Training Sessions for members of the hearing community to educate them on facts about deafness and how to communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people. I give presentations to Lions and non Lion organisations on Deaf Awareness.

As Zone K Chairman I am the liaison officer between the Clubs and the District Governor. I ensure the District Cabinet is kept informed of individual Club activities.

I also hold the post of MD105 Health Portfolio Co-ordinator.

Lion Minesh Mehta

London Hendon Lions Club



I have been a Charter member for 25 years and a District Officer for 15 years.

My current District role is as the DISTRICT LEO ADVISOR and Member of the Opportunities for Youth Team. My key tasks are to develop and co-ordinate Leo Clubs, promote the aims and objectives of the Leo Clubs Program, and encourage Lions Clubs to form and sponsor Leo Clubs. I also attend Leo Club meetings. I also recommend outstanding Leo & Leo Club for Awards, liaise with the MD Leo Officer and submit reports to the Cabinet and Convention.

Contact me at mineshmehta@live.co.uk or call 07801 558 091



DG Meena's Message



It is hard to believe that 2 months have passed by. They say time flies when you are having fun! I sincerely hope you are all enjoying yourself within your clubs, with family and friends! It has been a particularly wet summer but fortunately many of our Lions' events up and down the District have been spared the wrath of this rainy weather.

July saw the District Handover where the reins of the District were handed over to me. Later in the month we attended the Council of Governors meeting in Solihul. Two very important issues were discussed which I reported at our First Cabinet meeting in August.

The first topic involved the report of MD's Charity Treasurer Tom Berry. Tom gave a detailed report on work carried out with the Charities Commission in trying to get Lions Clubs recognised as an umbrella registered charity. The reason for this is, the Charity Commission is taking a proactive stance against organisations such as ours.

There have been two significant recent changes in charity law. The first means that all clubs with a total annual income of £5,000 should be registered as a charity. The second change made volunteering, a Charitable Purpose and as all other activities of a Lions Club are charitable it became possible for a new structure called a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to be created for all clubs. In simple terms the benefit for the clubs would be that the members would gain a limited personal liability in the event of a claim against the club and, potentially, they could claim the equivalent of "gift aid", currently around 25%, on their membership subscriptions. This sum would be returned to the club's funds for whatever use was desired. A couple of Districts will be involved on a "pilot" basis with a view to eventually rolling the scheme outcountry.

The second Topic was Re-districting. From previous research and current circumstances, the current Council recognises that our MD needs to reduce costs and streamline administration. This decision became all the more important when the Council was notified that District 105I (Ireland) plans to discuss a proposal to become a single district, separate from MD 105.

Whatever the Irish decide, this Council has decided to have two working groups to review the potential: One group to review the District Structure, especially the number of Districts. Second group to look into Streamlining Multiple District Governance Structure. Working groups will report back in October COG meeting.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, I will have made over 15 visits during this holiday period. I would like to thank Bletchley Milton Keynes, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Wantage and Grove, MK Stony Stratford and Royston clubs for their warm welcome and hospitality. I wish them well for the rest of their Lionistic year and look forward to working with them to increase Lions Awareness and membership in their area.

The first District Project Youth Exchange was run successfully in the very capable hands of DO Lion Raza and his family. 4 Youths enjoyed the hospitality of their sponsoring host families. PDG Erach hosted two youths, 2nd VDG Ravina and Lion Paul of Hornsey hosted one each. One observation, I feel this project may generate better support if moved more to the centre of the District!



Exchanging Banner with LP Barbara of Lions Club of Wantage & Grove



Youth exchange Farewell Dinner

I would like to congratulate all those clubs who have inducted new members into their clubs and into our family of Lions. My request to clubs is make them feel welcome and most of all engage them in various club projects. Many congratulations to Lions club of Belmont for inducting 4 members this year.

Congratulations to the following members from our District 105A for taking up posts in Multiple District 105:

- Lion Martin Morgan - Chairman of Council Advisory Committee
- Lion Brian Dickety - Health and Safety Officer
- Lion Viresh Paul - Tax Adviser
- Lion Penny Tregillus - Health Coordinator
- Lion Keith Hedges - Diabetes Officer
- Lion Geoff Leeder - LCIF Co-ordinator
- Lion Max Mongia - Sponsorship Officer
- Lion John Savell - Lions Magazine Management Committee Chairman

Your services to Multiple District is much appreciated.

Membership Symposium is on the 6th of September at Woodhall School. The last date to book is 2nd of September. Kindly inform PDG Lion Ken on lionsdenken@gmail.com The next event is Winter Forum on 4th of October. The form will be emailed and posted on our Website soon. Wishing you all the best and shall write more in the next newsletter. Do not forget to "like" our Facebook Page LionsClubsDistrict105A.

Best Wishes

DG Meena



At Lions Club of Uxbridge Walk

My Diary September 2015

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| 1st Lions Club of Carterton-OV | 13th Lions Club Of Fairlop - Walk |
| 2nd Lions Club of Aylesbury-OV | 14th Lions Club of Hendon-OV |
| 3rd Lions Club of London Central-OV | 16th Lions Club of Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club-OV |
| 6th District Membership Symposium | 17th Lions Club of Berkhamsted-OV |
| 8th Lions Club Of High Wycombe-OV | 19th Zone C Social |
| 9th Lions Club of Bicester-OV | 22nd Lions Club Of Chipping Norton-OV |
| 10th Zone D Business Meeting | 24th Zone H Business Meeting |
| 11th Lions Club of Osterley Meeting | |
| 13th Honorary Committee Meeting | OV = Official visit |