



# KEN'S CORNER



## RE-ZONING DECISION

The proposal to re-zone District 105a started as a result of discussion at the Honorary Committee. At the October 2006 cabinet meeting it was agreed to help IPDG Louvain to overcome the specific problem of zone J consisting only of three clubs.

The Honorary Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and resolved in addition that time was right to conduct a review of the whole District because not only had we a zone of three clubs, but also three zones with eight clubs, and other zones with seven clubs, which would make further club expansion in the London area difficult. The Honorary Committee advised IPDG Louvain of this and at the January 2007 cabinet meeting, she asked that a re-zoning sub-committee be set up. A committee was set up to be representative of the whole District under the chairmanship of PDG Lion Mike Baldwin.

After several meetings the sub-committee produced a set of proposals as a consultation document, which it felt would overcome the position of zone J and also provide breathing space for new clubs in London, but which would mean restructuring zones A, E and F.

Members of the sub-committee then visited zones to present the consultation document. Luton and Dunstable clubs were consulted about moving to zone J.

It was clear from the zone meetings that clubs did not concur with the proposals, but as this was a consultation exercise. Clubs and members were urged to write to the sub-committee with alternative proposals, and comments. Most clubs and a number of individual Lions submitted alternative suggestions, a number of which coincided.

As a result of those comments the sub-committee agreed that the sensible course of action was to listen to the members and change its proposals. The new proposals will move Dunstable and Luton Lions Clubs from Zone H to Zone J and leave Zone I as it is now. It is my understanding that this has the support of all clubs concerned. Zones A, E and F will remain unaltered. The numbering of Regions and the lettering of Zones will remain as it is. Therefore after consultation with the membership and as District Governor my decision is that the afore mentioned changes be implemented, as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

I have concerns however, that my decision regarding zones A, E and F may create problems for the future. To help this situation a resolution will be put to Convention in March in the name of the District Cabinet, which if passed by convention, will not provide a long term solution to club numbers in zones, but it will provide temporary relief to future District Governors.

I would like to place on record my thanks to PDG Lion Mike Baldwin for chairing the committee on this very thorny subject, and for taking on board all the criticisms, and to all the committee members, all of whom went out to face the members on this very unpopular subject....and came back alive.

DG Lion Ken Rouse

## PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK

You may remember that two years ago the District organised a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park. This is situated in White Stubbs Lane, Broxbourne Herts. EN10 7QA.

Those people who went along had an excellent day, seeing the animals at very close quarters and using the recreational facilities.

I have been able to obtain a discounted fee for entrance to the Park for £7. This is for parties of 16+. The normal price is £14. This will not be run as a District project, and will be left to clubs to organise the day themselves whenever they want to go.

To obtain the special price, clubs will need to contact Lynn Whitnall at the park in advance, say that you are Lions and when you will be going. The telephone No. is 01992 470 490. The age group for children was up to the age of 12 years old.

## LCIF GALA NIGHT

I have just returned from the LCIF Gala Night and it was another very successful evening. We were honoured to have with us Past International President Lion Frank Moore III together with Past International Director Lion Howard Lee, as well as Lion Travis Carley who is part of the CSFII team at Oakbrook. His area of responsibility is Europe.

PIP Lion Frank, PID Lion Howard, together with yours truly, presented plaques and the pins, under the direction of VDG Lion Vijay

Arora, the L.C.I.F. officer who together with her committee were responsible for organising this event. In all, around 50 M.J.F's were presented including many progressive awards, and for the first time we had the honour to present a 100% M.J.F club award to Moor Park Lions Club. PDG Lion Rati Shah received his 15<sup>th</sup> M.J.F. award....a truly magnificent achievement and very well deserved.



## My Diary

### February 2008

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Citizens Party	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Southgate	O/V
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton	O/V
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Beaconsfield	O/V
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	Northolt Charity Night	
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Tottenham	O/V
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Tring	C/N
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	District Quiz Final	am
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Zone C Swimming Gala	pm
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Hitchin	O/V
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	Hornsey	O/V
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	Stanmore	O/V
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Winslow	C/N
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	District Music Competition Final	
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	Belmont Inductions	
Thur	21 <sup>st</sup>	Zone B meeting	
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruislip	C/N
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Leighton Buzzard	C/L
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Hampstead	O/V
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	Hammersmith & Shepherd's Bush	O/V
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	District 105a Convention	



# Pride of Lions



## District 105A News

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DG Lion Ken Rouse

## WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

### THEATRE EVENING WITH DINNER

at Waterman Art Centre  
High St, Brentford on  
Friday-18th April 2008 at 7pm  
Ticket price £25.00  
Lions Club of London Central  
Lion Nimmi Suri  
020 8758 2945 - 07946 364454  
nimmi\_suri@yahoo.co.uk

### DISTRICT CONVENTION Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008

### VISIT TO LIONS CLUB OF LONDON SWISS COTTAGE

Lion Margaret and myself attended Swiss Cottage's Business Meeting on Tuesday 11th December 2007.



The first picture shows a cheque of £1,500 being presented by Lion President Shailesh Pandya, Lion Sudhir Karia and Lion Manish Sangani, to St John's Ambulance of Harrow for the purchase of a life saving machine called a "Defibrillator"



The second picture shows a cheque of £51 being presented to Lion Margaret Rouse for her chosen charity called "WheelPower".

## HELPFUL HINTS

### CABINET APPOINTMENTS 2008-2009

Dear fellow Lions,

Would you like to serve on the District Cabinet as a District Officer?

Are you prepared to make a firm commitment to attend all Cabinet Meetings? Will you submit all written reports on time? Will you actively promote and Support District Activities and Programs?

Are you willing to visit Clubs and Zones?

If the answer is yes to all the above, please get in touch with me in writing via e-mail victory801@hotmail.com or post 26 Montagu House 109 Whitfield Street London W1T 4HJ.

VDG Lion Vijay Arora

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Dear Editor,

Thank you for putting in our "plea" for unwanted or surplus friendship pins in the newsletter so we can then sell them to raise funds for "Sight First II" at the 105A District Convention.

Unfortunately my name and e-mail as sender of the request was omitted and I should be grateful if you could just add this information to the next newsletter

E-mail: peterclaxton1@hotmail.com

My fellow Lions name was mentioned within the letter so all is "not lost", but if we do get a good response, then I would like to relieve him of some of the contacts. many thanks

Lion Peter Claxton

(Witney Lions and member of the British Isles and Ireland Pin Trading Club)

## LIONS CLUBS & WATERAID

Water is essential for life, but over a billion people in the world do not have access to it and over 2.6 billion people live without access to a toilet.

WaterAid's vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water and effective sanitation. Every day, around 5000 children die as a result of water-related diseases. The problem can seem insurmountable. However, by supporting WaterAid you can help to provide practical, sustainable solutions to this crisis.

As you may be aware, income from Lions Clubs has been channelled into WaterAid's Malawi country programme. Work began in Malawi in November 1999 and projects are now under way in four rural areas with one urban project in the capital Lilongwe. In that time, WaterAid has helped over 74,000 people gain access to the most basic human right - water.

From 2007 onwards, donations from Lions Clubs will not only be helping the most marginalised people in Malawi but also those in Nepal. Using low cost and sustainable solutions such as traditional wells and gravity flow schemes, WaterAid helps communities in both rural and urban

areas who still lack access to safe water and sanitation.

We Lions are committed to helping those countries that are facing problems with water shortages. Our partnership with WaterAid has been useful and successful. WaterAid is the UK's only major charity dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

Would you let loved ones drink water that you know is contaminated with human waste and harmful bacteria? Of course not. But many mothers in Africa and Asia simply have no choice. You and I can give them that choice. With our gift their communities can dig and maintain wells of their own.

Lions Clubs will play a significant part in the success of this project. It costs an average of just £15 to provide somebody in the developing world with a lasting supply of safe water, sanitation and hygiene education and this year, we hope that Clubs will do all they can.

PDG Ram Jaggi MBE,  
District 105A International Relations Officer



## WHYTE & MACKAY EARLS COURT BOAT SHOW 07

DG Ken Rouse was contacted by the organizers of the above and asked if District 105A would like to supply Father Christmas's and Elves' for a Santa's Grotto. The idea was to raise money for the Lions and the Cowes Inshore Lifeboat. Ken contacted me and asked if Zone C would like to take up the challenge as Earls Court is in our Zone.

The Members said they would, but 4 weeks before the event the organizers changed the idea but said we could have a FREE stand and still collect for both organizations. (Santa was taken over by the Royal Marines Commando Display Team who descended 130feet from the roof into an inflatable twice a day. This was more effective than we could have been).

The Boat Show attendance was affected by transport problems and the weather but those Lions who attended to help enjoyed themselves as well as meeting visitors who had been saved by the COWES INSHORE LIFEBOAT.

I wish to thank the support given by MD H.Q. and those clubs who loaned us Welcome Banners, also those companies who donated their services and goods free of charge. This venture would not have been possible if it had not been for those Lions who were not able to attend but made certain my mother (94) was O.K. by going into see that she was alright. THANKS again. This venture was a new idea in promoting The Lions in Multiple District 105 and those Lions who took part hope to be able to do the same next year. The ten days were very interesting with something new every day, and we were able to raise nearly £2000.

There was a bit of nostalgia for me on the Honda Power Boat Stand. The 1961 Cowes –Torquay Winner THUNDERBOLT which has been restored was on display. When I started my apprenticeship it was one of the first power boats I made equipment for.



The picture shows Lion Sylvia Kiernan, W&M.P.R. representative N. McCullagh, ZC Chairman Lion Alf. Sanders, Lions A. Charles and R..Tucker presenting the cheque for £1001.

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I thank all those Lions from Zone C and Lion Rana Dhawan (Zone D) who were able to attend and support.

The Cowes Inshore Lifeboat members have thanked us for our support, while the Lions of MD 105 wish to thank the organizers of the **Boat Show 2007** for allowing them to be there.

“Chris Greenham, Chairman of Cowes Inshore Lifeboat said he was very grateful to the Lions for their support and wished them every success during 2008”

**Lion Alf Sanders,**  
Zone C Chairman Dist. 105A

## CSFII“WALK FOR THE WORLD”

I wish to inform the clubs Presidents that CSFII “Walk for the World” will take place on *Sunday 6th April 2008* at Osterley Park, 11am start.

Like previous years we hope your club members will support this project. All the money raised by the clubs, credits will be allocated to your previous club totals and individuals can still qualify for their MJF by raising approx £560.

In our first year we raised £15,000 and 26 MJF. In our second year we raised £12,000 and last year we raised £14,000. I am hoping this year we will do better than ever before as it is the final year for CSF II. This will be your chance to support CSFII.



Anybody from any Zone can take part in this walk which can only be possible with good team work, As before Lions Minesh and Parag will assist me along with other volunteers on the day.

Floating trophy will be given to the Club that raises the highest amount this year.

## From the Editor

By the time you read this Newsletter, one of the very worthwhile project that Lions do every year – Senior Citizens Celebrations – will have been held, and I am sure that it will have been a resounding success. The effort that the Committee put into it, including making hundreds of sandwiches etc, is truly remarkable. I have seen the joy and pleasure that the senior citizens get from this party and it makes us all feel proud to be a Lion.

**Lion Shirish Sheth**  
Editor

More details will follow nearer to time so please put this date in your club diary and inform your members at the next monthly meeting. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from myself.

Looking forward for your support

**Lion Nimmi Suri,**  
CSFII Walk Coordinator

## LIONS CLUB OF EDGWARE HELPS RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY

LIONS CLUB OF EDGWARE, part of Lions Clubs International was proud to raise £11,111, from generous donors, at their music function in September for Gujarati Aarya Association, a local based community in Kenton, Harrow. Recently this community acquired a community hall to facilitate not only for their own community but communities in general. By acquiring this hall, it will provide a focal point for the community. It will also promote involvement and participation by the youths both in sporting and cultural activities. The building will provide a meeting place for the elderly and other members and provide a base for various cultural and social activities.



The International Association of Lions Clubs is a network of 1.35 million men and women in 197 countries who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. And whilst Lions tackle tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetic

awareness, they endeavor to improve the quality of life in their local communities.

The presentation took place at Stanmore Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and was well attended by over ninety guests.

The photo shows from left to right, CLLR Reg Colwill, GAA President Ichhubhai Parmar, Lion President Ramesh Parmar and GAA Secretary Somchand Parmar

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

For many years the Lions Club of Hemel Hempstead has organised, on behalf of the Mayor of Dacorum, a sponsored walk in aid of the Mayors chosen charity. During 2006/2007 Catherine Appleby chose to support the Hospice of St Francis and during a reception in the Mayors Parlour, the Lions Vice President, Maria Azcona, presented a cheque for £1524 towards the Mayors charity.

The walk itself raised nearly £3000 with several local charities also benefiting.

For his year the current Mayor, Cllr Brian Ayling has chosen to support Ian Rennie and Hemel Hempstead Lions will again be organising a walk on his behalf. The date for the walk is Sunday, 20th April 2008.



The picture shows Lions Vice President Maria Azcona presenting a cheque to former Mayor Catherine Appleby with the current Mayor, Cllr Brian Ayling looking on.”

**Lion Steve Mitchell**  
Lions Club of Hemel Hempstead

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## EALING LIONS 2007 EYE CAMPS

Ealing Lions Club (ELC) has been conducting odd eye camps in India for a few years. Some of the club members who attended these camps were very touched by the plight of the sightless and the blessings they showered on regaining sight that they decided to do more in 2007.

This year (2007) ELC has completed Eye Camps in Delhi, Jullundur, Phagwara, Baba Bakala, Tanda, Ramgarh, Jandali and two at Chennai. These camps were planned and organised with the assistance of the local Lions clubs. It was a co-ordinated effort but funded by ELC. In many cases the Eye surgeons offered their services for free towards this worthy cause.

Each Eye check-up and Cataract operation camp was usually attended by around 200 people and all of them got screened. Those requiring Cataract operation were taken to the local centre assigned for this purpose for their day surgery. Those with poor eye sight were provided with spectacles where relevant. Others were provided with medicine, eye drops or other treatment as appropriate. ELC members travelled at their own expense to supervise these camps and ensure operational success of the project. This noble project received considerable coverage in the local media and cable network.



The attached pictures show cataract operation in Jullundur.

ELC has managed to negotiate very favourable rates for Cataract Operations in India. On average, an Eye camp (involving advertising, screening, operations, venue cost, transport etc) in India costs ELC in the region of £300. This is a very rewarding charitable work especially when you see the happiness on patients faces on regaining their sight and their blessings for improving their quality of life. We hope to do more in 2008.



## SOUTHALL

Southall Lions Club supported the annual Christmas Toy Appeal by the Ealing & Acton Gazette. The attached photograph shows Lion President Chirantan Shukla and Activities Chairman Lion Santokh Ahdan with the toys donated by Southall Lions Club.



An article was published in the Ealing & Acton Gazette of 7th December 2007. I believe this is a worthwhile story of how Lions are helping the local community and would be of interest to Lions of our District and Multiple- District.

## EUROPA FORUM ‘08’ FRANCE

- The 54<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum takes place from 2-4<sup>th</sup> October in Cannes, Côte d’Azur, France, a venue internationally famous for the Film Festival. The Forum will be held in “Le Palais des Festivals”.
- The official Forum website [www.europaforum2008.org](http://www.europaforum2008.org) is still under construction but very comprehensive details can be obtained via the website of the officially appointed Tour/Booking Agents Mathez Travel. Log on to [www.matheztravel.com/europaforum2008](http://www.matheztravel.com/europaforum2008) for further details.
- By accessing the Tour Agents website, and registering your interest as a potential delegate, you will be able to use a secure access to make a booking. However, at the moment this facility is not available until early 2008, probably on the official website. Registration fees prior to (after) 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 for Lions/Lioness members is 179• (199•), Leos 84• (84•) and accompanying persons 149• (169•).

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