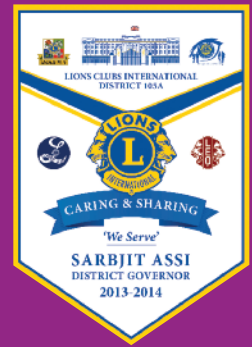




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PRIDE OF LIONS



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Welcome to our International Guest, Lion Jimmy M. Ross, Past International President

PIP Jimmy M. Ross served as 2006-07 International President of Lions. A Lion since 1969, he is a member of the Quitaque (Texas) Lions Club. PIP Ross is a rancher and a retired judge. He has held many offices within the Association, including Club President, Multiple District secretary, State membership and extension Chairperson, MD Convention Chairperson, MD Council Chairperson and International Director.

Additionally he has taken part in eyeglass recycling missions to South America and been involved in chartering more than 500 clubs. Past President Ross has also been active in numerous professional and community organisations. He was a member of both the Water Control and Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board. He was also the chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

PIP Ross's special interests have been in membership extension, the strengthening of clubs and community service. In recognition of his work on behalf of the Association, he has received many awards, including District Governor Appreciation Awards, International President's Awards. He is a recipient of Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Wishing them the special 105A hearty warm welcome to our Convention.

Lions of District 105A



PIP Jimmy M. Ross with his wife Velda, three daughters: Julie, Janet, Sammie-Dee and grandchildren.

Welcome new Lions

I had the pleasure to induct two new members at the 19th Charter Anniversary of LC of London Seven Kings on 22nd February 2014.

The picture shows the two new members – Lions Jason Digwa on the left and Kevin Limbagee on the right.

Lion Ramesh Parmar
1st VDG, District 105A



... NOTICE BOARD ...

DISTRICT 105A GOLF DAY: RAM JAGGI & ELLIOT SHUBERT TROPHIES
on Wednesday 11th June 2014. Contact: VDG Ramesh Parmar, 07831 587495,
email: Ramesh@eurobijoux.co.uk

Lions Club of Mill Hill Gala Evening at VIP Lounge, 29 March 2014.
Contact Lion Sanjay Shah mobile: 07770 306644.

Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill Golf Challenge Day: Wednesday 28th May 2014.
contact: Lion Parveen Verma.

LCI Purpose:

*To Encourage
service-minded
people to serve
their community
without personal
financial reward.*



Appreciation shield from Rishikesh Lions Club (India)



When Ealing Lions Club learnt that PDG Dr. Lion Surjit Singh Bhalla (Southall) was going to North India to assist in the "Uttarakhand Disaster Relief Activities", we immediately offered him £500 donation for this flood relief mission.

On his return, he attended the Ealing Lion's business meeting of 5th February 2014. He gave a fascinating and touching account of his participation in the relief activities near Rishikesh. He added that Lions Club of Rishikesh Divine was able to make good use of our donation. PDG Bhalla also handed over to Ealing Lions the Appreciation Award shield, which was given by Lion Club of Rishikesh Divine in recognition of the donation to this worthy cause.

The attached group photograph shows our senior member Lion Partap Singh Ahdan holding the shield while PDG Dr Lion Surjit Singh Bhalla is standing right behind him.

Lion Pervinder Singh Panesar (PRO).

Westminster Lions provide sustenance for Families in Need

The London Westminster Lions Club has committed itself to helping families in need in Westminster, by regularly collecting food at the Sainsbury's Market in Pimlico and donating the food to the local foodbank in Vauxhall (a Trussell Trust charity). Most recently, club members working from 9 am to 6 pm, requested non-perishable food items such as tinned fruit, meat and vegetables, dried foods and rice from customers on 7 December 2013 and 15 February 2014. We had the support and cooperation of Sainsbury staff members. The response from the customers was overwhelming. They were very generous with their donations and in a few exceptional cases individuals donated a trolley load of food!



On 7 December, we collected 694 kg of food, which was enough to feed 1,000 families. On 15 February, we collected 299 kg of food, which will feed approximately 500 families. Persons are vetted by social services or charities to qualify for food donations, so that those are truly in need benefit. It has been estimated that 500,000 people in the

UK rely on the food banks, of which 35% are children.

Through our action, the customers of Sainsbury's know who the Lions are and what we do, which has helped to promote Lionism in the community. Several younger persons have enquired about the club and we have invited them to our monthly club meeting.

If your club is looking for a positive and supporting project for families in need, collecting food for your local food bank is a rewarding experience. Perhaps, if enough clubs became involved, we could make this a recognised District project.

PDG Prof Elliot Shubert,
Lions Club of London Westminster

Tesco's shoppers support charity

The Food Cupboard is a charitable organisation based at St Mary's Church, Bletchley, which provides food packages for families who have been highlighted by social services as vulnerable and struggling to afford food. The Lions Club of Bletchley has been supporting the Food Cupboard for the last four years.

Before Christmas shoppers at the local Tesco store were encouraged by the Lions Club of Bletchley to help fill a trolley of food to support the charity. Ten trolleys were filled and £460 was raised with some shoppers donating full bags of shopping while others gave financial gifts. The Club also gave £500 to the Food Cupboard to enable them to build up their stock.

Mike Bartlett, 68, secretary of the Club and the event organiser said: "With the ten trolleys and the financial gifts we helped more than 50 families. Volunteers enjoyed the day as it is one of our favourite events that gets us involved with the people in Bletchley. We can remind the community what we do and why we are here."

Lion Chris Bryant

From the Editor

I wish DG Sarbjit and the Convention Team a very joyous, fun filled and successful Convention.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Senior Citizens Valentine romance?

You can get more than tea, sandwiches and entertainment when you attend a Lions Senior Citizens Party at the Harrow Leisure centre with Kenton Lions.

Vera who is 85 years young has enjoyed the event every year for the past 6 years, sponsored by Kenton Lions, with a group of Seniors. Last year was the highlight when she met Joe, a Chelsea pensioner who was with the Westminster Lions. They chatted away as if they were lifelong friends and were seen gazing into each other's eyes.

We hope they meet up again and we can report our first senior citizens match making success story sometime in the future.

Lion Vivien Raggett
Lions Club of Kenton



14th. Annual Senior Citizens Celebrations Sun 2nd. Feb 2014



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Thank you...

13 Howard Road
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2nd February 2014

Dear Lions Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely afternoon my friends and I had at Harrow. Jim was waiting for us with the minibus at 12:30, the sun was shining all the way. We were dropped off at the door, what a BIG place!! Lynn found out our table was in the red zone, but Jennifer was at the table to beckon us. The hall and tables were decorated beautifully. Big pots of tea were soon brought out. We enjoyed plenty of food and entertainment was all afternoon. Then sadly it was time to go home, Jim was ready to drive home and we had a good journey. Dropping us off at our door, a good time was had by all.

Thanks to you all, you can put my name down for next year.

Yours sincerely

Marian

...from a Senior Citizen



DG Sarbjit's Story



As you read this Pride of Lions, many of you will be present here at the District 105A Convention 2013-2014. I hope all here today find this year's Convention informative, constructive and most importantly, enjoyable. We are also very privileged to have with us at the Convention, Past International President Jimmy Ross as our keynote speaker. He is accompanied by his wife Velda.



Ruislip Charter Night

Senior Citizens Celebration, held on the 2nd February was a wonderful day for all who attended, including all the Lions and Leos. It was a pleasure to see everyone having a wonderful time as they mingled with one another, enjoyed the food and drink, danced and had great fun, thanks to the excellent entertainers. Well done to Lion Parveen and his committee for this fantastic event, as always.

My clubs visits are still continuing. Zone C swimming gala, held on the 9th February, was a fantastic day –swimmers with disabilities swam their way to Medals. Thank you and well



Flowers at Leighton Buzzard Charter

done to the team for all their hard work in ensuring a very successful gala.

The District Quiz at Herts Bowling Club in Watford, was another enjoyable evening, and the winners of the Quiz were Winslow Lions Club! The Music Competition on Saturday 15th February was great to be a part of.

Listening to Joel Ashford playing the French Horn was truly pleasurable. As he was the only entrant, of course he won the competition with flying colours! Thanks to the sponsoring club – Osterley Lions.

Kuldip and I had the pleasure of attending charter celebrations of Ruislip, Stanmore, Bicester's 40th Charter and Leighton Buzzard Charter lunch– as usual all were very enjoyable - thank you to all the clubs for their warm welcome and hospitality.

I was invited to the Rangeela show at the Novello Theatre by Lions from London Golders Green. We all witnessed the enthusiasm and energy of the youths from University College London who had put together this event and the creator was Akhil Desani. This was an amazing show and they promoted LCI and Lions club of London Golders Green in their brochure and final speeches. There is a good chance that we may have these youths as our future Lions and a new club at the UCL. The funds raised on the evening are in aid of 'Satya Foundation', a school for children with learning disabilities in Pondicherry, a city in South India.

So much hard work, detailed planning and preparation has gone into this Convention, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Convention Committee Chairman Ken Rouse, District Secretary Lion Parveen, SAA Lion Peter Codrai, IT officer Lion Naresh Gupta, Lion Chris Bryant, Lion Alastair Joeland, Lion Derek Beazley (to name a few), for their tremendous effort, dedication and support



Happy faces at SCC 2014

to ensure that we all enjoy this Convention and I wish all the Lions attending to have an enjoyable time to remember.

Dreams are hard to follow, but don't let anyone tear them away, together we can face any challenges by "Caring & Sharing". We Serve.

DG Sarbjit Assi

DG's wife's message

Thanks to all the Clubs for their generous donations for my nominated charity Alzheimer's.

Kuldip



At the Music Competition

My Diary – March 2014

- 1st– 2nd District 105a Convention
- 4th OV Greenford Willow Tree Lions club
- 5th OV Beaconsfield Lions Club
- 8th Harpenden Lions Club 33rd Charter Celebrations
- 10th OV Harrow & Pinner Lions Club
- 11th UN Day
- 11th OV London Swiss Cottage Lions Club
- 12th OV London Convent Garden Lions Club
- 15th Feltham & Whitton 30th Charter Celebrations
- 16th Hitchin Charter celebrations
- 19th OV Northwood Lions Club
- 22nd St Albans Charter Celebrations
- 25th OV Ruislip Lions Club
- 28th District D Convention
- 29th District D Convention
- 29th Mill Hill Lions Gala Evening
- OV = Official visit