



# PRIDE OF LIONS



**District 105A News**  
DG Wesley de Mendonca

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## PCC Lion Tom Dix, Reflections

Around December 2008 I was rummaging around Lion Mike Gower's attic checking on district regalia when we came across a German newspaper article about the twinning of our district with 111NB Germany. Included was a photograph of the two District Governor's involved ours being PDG Tom Dix. The date was 1979 and this set me thinking about trying to contact Lion Tom for our District Convention 2009.

On checking the MD directory I found his phone number and took it upon myself to ring him. The voice on the other end was alert, friendly and very cultured. I invited him to convention and contacted District 111NB to see if their corresponding DG was still alive. He was and he sent a message to convention.

In the end Lion Tom felt that he was not up to coming to convention so we had the idea of filming a message from him.

Lion Chris Bryant confessed to not having used the particular film programme before but hey ho lets give it a try. So in February we went to deepest Essex to meet Lion Tom to produce a film of him.

He was charm itself, slightly irreverent of Lionism today but able to recall the twinning in detail. Additionally, what an interesting character! During World War Two he flew Spitfires and Hurricanes and he quipped that the last time he was in Germany before the twinning was to \*\*\*\*! (you get the picture).

He reached the rank of Squadron Leader and was temporarily promoted to Wing Commander. The photographs of him in uniform showed a very upright, distinguished man. In addition in his time he was Mayor of Havering. In between all that he was DG of 105A and oversaw the re-districting which produced 105EA. In 1980/81 he was Council Chairman but by then because of where he lived was in 105EA.

The filming was a hoot with Tom trying desperately to read a script and Chris having the idea of him pausing to look at the camera at regular intervals. The result was not the best film in the world technically but to Tom, Chris and I it did not matter. To us it is pure gold. Tom then took us to lunch and we had a lovely time.

Those of you at Convention will have seen the result of our visit. I was therefore very sad to be told, at the District Handover Lunch, that Tom passed away in early July.

Both Chris and I would like to think that our little escapade brought a sense of fun to Tom. We sent him a copy of the DVD and he subsequently asked for a copy of the twinning document which Chris sent to him. He was delighted with both. His own sense of humour saw the funny side of the DVD. No doubt he has rejoined Daphne his wife. RIP Tom.

Lion Mike Baldwin



### NOTICE BOARD

#### Deaf Aware training session

Lion Penny Tregillus holds a special free training session on Saturday 21st November in Leighton Buzzard, more details inside.

#### London Walthamstow's 42nd Charter Anniversary

This will take place on Saturday 5th September 2009 at the West Essex Golf Club, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4, 6.30 for 7.30. Our new President Lion Margaret Rouse looks forward to welcoming you, please contact

Lion Ken Rouse on [lionsdenken@ntlworld.com](mailto:lionsdenken@ntlworld.com) for more information.

#### Golf Day Friday 18th September 2009

Sponsored by Lion Rati Shah at the Elstree Golf Club. See inside for details.

**LCI Vision Statement:**  
*To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.*



# Environment – Conservation – Global Warming

The latest predictions of the likely impact of climate change are really quite worrying. The prospect of temperature rises across the UK of 2°C by 2040 and 6.4°C by 2080 are in fact hugely scary. The implications for life as we know it are massive and to be avoided at all cost. **Doing nothing to stem the constant rise in greenhouse gas emissions is just not an option.**

Forests around the world have been greatly reduced, species are becoming extinct due to mankind's treatment of the natural environment. In the UK we have

less trees per hectare than almost every other country in Europe.

Over the last 5 years the amount of litter dropped on Britain's streets has increased by 50%!

What are Lions doing to help protect and enhance the environment, reduce global warming and reduce pollution? It is time for all organisations to take this matter seriously, so what are you and your Club prepared to do about it?

We wrote to all Clubs on 1st July seeking your ideas and information about

any schemes you do or are planning, so please let us have your comments and ideas so that we can formulate a District initiative that all Lions can support. We think this should be driven up from grass root Lions and their Clubs rather than relying on District to create a campaign. Please respond as soon as possible with any ideas you have by E-mailing to: [environment@lions105a.org.uk](mailto:environment@lions105a.org.uk)

**Lions Marline & Alan Kings**  
**District 105a Environment Officers.**

## IT IS A FUN DAY PLEASE COME AND ENJOY District 105A **GOLF DAY** Friday 18th September 2009

**Sponsored by PDG LION RATI SHAH**

To take place at Elstree Golf Club,  
Watling Street, WD6 3AA. Tel: 020 8238 6924.



The winning team will be presented with the Dr. Elliott Shubert Trophy.  
Runner Up – Lion Ram Jaggi Trophy.  
Other prizes: Guest Winner, Ladies Winner, Longest Drive, Nearest to Pin, Second Shot Nearest to Pin.

Teams of two players required (male or female). Each team must include one Lion Member. Clubs may enter several teams. Non Lions as guests welcome.

CHEQUES TALLING £90.00 PER TEAM (Payable to Lions Club London Finchley) to be sent direct to: Lion Kalpana Shah, 21 Ebrington Road, Harrow HA3 0LS.

For an entry form phone: 020 8907 1664 or 07958 431792.

E-Mail: [roop420@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roop420@tiscali.co.uk)

ALL ENTERIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7th SEPTEMBER 2009.

## Welcome to New Lion Members

Andrew Hastings	Hornsey
Nawze Towhidul	Barking
Peter Howe	Biggleswade Sandy
Jaysukh Bulsara	Edware
Clifford Pollard	Tring
Micheal Claxton	Tring
Shalini Vaghela	Wembley
Pinakin Barot	Wembley

## PLEASE SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN REGION

(Year-round sports training and competition for people with learning disabilities)

## Bollywood Music – Mehfil Night on 30th August 2009

**Mehfil Restaurant**  
**2 Park Road**  
**London NW4 3PQ**

**Tickets £20 each which includes:**

**3 Course Indian Meal**

**Unlimited Soft Drinks**

(Alcoholic Drinks and Fruit Juices  
to be purchased)

**Live Entertainment/Mehfil Nite**

**Dress Code: Smart Casual**

**Time: 7.30pm till late**

**Raffle Prizes**

Please contact:

Lion Margaret Rouse 0208 531 5411

Lion Andrew Allen 01908 503 135

## Deaf Aware Training Session

Fellow Lions,  
Come and learn how to communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people and become more DEAF AWARE.

I will be holding a DEAF AWARE TRAINING SESSION on Saturday 21st November 2009 at Soulbury Club Room, High Road, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 0BT. Arrive for refreshments around 10 am to start the Training Session at 10.30 am. It

will be finished by 3 pm.

The Training Session is free but there will be a small charge for lunch.

To book a place please contact me at:

33A Rock Lane, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
Beds LU7 2QQ. Tel: 01525 379973

or email [speechhearing@lions105a.org.uk](mailto:speechhearing@lions105a.org.uk).

Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Penny Tregillus**

**Speech and Hearing Officer 105A**



# Minneapolis Convention 2009



*DG Elects of MD 105 at the convention*



*MD 105 Lions with bagpipe band*



*Lions of the Caribbean*



*Lions float at the Convention*

## From the Editor

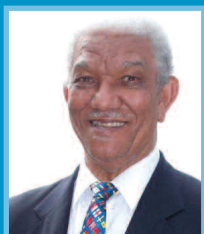
The start of a new Lionistic year brings in new leaders in all clubs to carry on with the charitable service activities that we all undertake in Lionism.

Pride of Lions is the forum where you can share your successes and happy stories with all the members of Lions of District 105A. Please make sure that you send in your articles with photos for inclusion in the Newsletter. Keep your articles brief and Email to [info@bgpress.co.uk](mailto:info@bgpress.co.uk) and send in by the 20th of the preceding month.

I wish all the new Presidents and their clubs all the success in their service and charitable activities during 2009/10.

**Lion Shirish Sheth**





# DG Wesley's Words

Conservation through cooperation and service



Brenda and I had a very inspiring experience attending the DG. Elect School as part of the International Convention in Minneapolis, USA. Hotels and the Convention Centre being in close proximity to each other contributed greatly to its success. The District 105 batch of twelve DG Elects were organised in one Classroom together with DG Elects from the Netherlands, South Cyprus, Jordan / Lebanon, Greece and Egypt. This blend of national backgrounds lent itself to creative discussion and transfer of learning experiences. The DGE School ended with a Celebration Banquet for the 741 DG Elects and Partners when the White Jackets were worn for the first time.

The 92nd International Convention was attended by 15,000 Lions from across the world. The Parade was routed through the main shopping Street of Minneapolis, and was viewed enthusiastically by onlookers. The British Isles and Ireland contingent was led by the Scottish Pipe Band providing a British atmosphere. This Band was judged second in their class.

The Convention was well managed by the outgoing IP AL Brandel. He presented on screen pictures of projects which demonstrated Miracles through Service to living in different countries. The beneficiaries were generous in their praise of the Lions Humanitarian health programmes. Colin Powell was the Guest Speaker and he provided glimpse of many satisfactory experiences he had enjoyed in his role as Secretary of State for the USA. He gave the gathering an update of the work of his Foundation in Services to Youth in the USA.

The International President Eberhard J. Wirfs was sworn in on Friday morning. His theme "Move to Grow" was presented to Convention in a short film. His logo includes the leaf of the Ginko tree, known as a symbol of usefulness and longevity. He expects Districts to grow in service, leadership, development and club membership. IP Wirfs also wants to promote Leo Clubs, cultural activities, LCIF support, increase the numbers of women joining Lions Clubs. He is proposing the recruitment of spouses and family members in 2009-10. He inducted his wife Margit into a German club during his installation.

District Governors Elect wear a green ribbon attached to their badges during the training week. A highlight of the final day of the Convention for all DG's is the installation ceremony, where the green ribbon is removed from the DG badge by the spouse.

The elections to the vacant posts of the International Board were very efficient. Sid L. Scruggs III of Vass, North Carolina, is our first Vice President for 2009-10. Dr Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong & Macau, China, is the second Vice President.

Brenda and I attended receptions given by many countries. All MD 105 DGE's participated as hosts at the British Isles and Ireland Reception, which was well attended. We ended the 10 days of training and Convention tired but feeling well prepared for the year ahead. On my return from Minneapolis on 12 July I attended Zone E and Zone F Cricket Match in Enfield. Both outgoing DG Vijay and myself presented prizes to the Award winners. Our congratulations to the organisers of the Event, helpers and the cricket teams.

On Sunday 19th July we attended the District Handover. It was a great pleasure to receive the Chain of Office and be inducted as District Governor for District 105A and inducting the 2009/10 Cabinet members.

I have since attended Zone A meeting on 20th July where I presented Lion Nimmi Suri Charter President of Osterley Lions Club with an award from PDG Vijay. The Youth Exchange programme ended with a farewell Function held on 29 July at Raw Spice. The visiting Youths received gifts from their host families and host Lions Clubs, together with a DG Banner each to be presented in their home country to the Lions Club which sponsored their trip.

I attended the first Council of Governors meeting for 2009/10 in Birmingham over the week-end of Friday 31st July. The meeting was really a reunion after our stay in Minneapolis and the opportunity was taken to exchange Banners. The question over printing limited stock of MD Directories and printing errors in the text were explained and discussed. Details of this Council of Governors decisions will be available on the MD Website shortly. The following appointments were approved. PDG Vijay Arora as Environmental Officer, PDG Max Mongia as the MD Mercl Chairman and PDG Mike Baldwin as Member of the MD Forward Planning Committee. Approval was also given for the holding of Lions GMT Workshop on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August in Birmingham. Details can be obtained from Lion PDG Max Mongia. The District 105A Cabinet meeting on 9th August had a presentation from PDG Lion Max with details of this Workshop.



## My Diary August 2009

9 August	105A Cabinet Meeting
10 Aug	Zone F Meeting
14 Aug	Osterley Lions Club Meeting
17 Aug	Zone D Meeting
18 Aug	Zone E Meeting
24 Aug	Convention Working Party Meeting, Elstree
29/ 30 Aug	MERCL Workshop, Birmingham

