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District 105A News

Pride of LIONS

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Ruislip Lions Club's successful fundraising

During the first weekend in October we were out in force collecting over 3 days, helped by some late summer sunshine, Waitrose customers were their usual generous selves. A visit from Lion RORY made an attraction for young donors. The final total was over £800. Waitrose customers were pleased to see local charities being supported (Hillingdon MIND and Hillingdon Young Carers).

This year's The Last Night of the Proms concert treated the audience to a new exciting band the BAA Band. We had a welcome return of our favourite soprano, Ruth Fortey and a new discovery The Signature Singers, who wowed the audience with superb renditions of old standards and show songs. Flags at the ready and an audience, including Hillingdon's Mayor Cllr Yarrow and his consort Mary O'Connor, all in good voice helped to make the crescendo of the concert amazingly patriotic. The funds raised were over £1,500.

The very popular Crossbow stall at the Pinner Panto Fair raised £193 adding to those charity donations. The Harefield /Brompton Charity Santa run involving Ruislip Lions and Brunel put a further £70 into the Charity pot and it was a lot of fun.

Just before Christmas we were lucky to work with Ickenham



Residents Association to run a Chocolate and Teddy Tombola – this addictive stall racked up profit of £222 showing again the generosity of our Hillingdon Residents to local charities. The Sacred Hearts Church fair following the Carol service – the table decorations and secret jars raised a further £90.

Since the start of Autumn we have had some fun raising funds as you can see and what a result! By Christmas you helped us all to put £2,875 towards Hillingdon Young Carers and MIND.

Lion Lynn Kauffman

LC of Redbridge donate for Eye Sight projects

In January 2020, 11 Members of Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) with their spouses visited the eye camp carried out by Devdaya Trust at Rajkot in Gujarat, India. The Club made a donation to pay for 500 adult eye operations. Additionally the Club also donated a portable Karatometer for eye examinations. Total cost around £11,000.

Lion Harvinder Virdee



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Have your Club booked for the Senior Citizens Celebrations on Sunday, 1st March 2020? Contact PDG Lion Ken Rouse for details.

Letchworth & Baldock Lions Club 37th Charter Anniversary at THE CLOISTERS, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 3TH. Sunday 7th June 2020, 12:30 for 1:00pm. Cost £25 per person. Contact: Lion Harry Lote 07837 367896; e-mail: lion.harrylote@yahoo.co.uk



LCI Ethics:

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

Fairlop Lions bring Christmas cheer



Christmas 2019 saw yet another happy and successful event with special needs children hosted by **Fairlop Lions Club**. We have been hosting this event with Little Heath School for a number of years now. Little Heath School is a school for children and young adults with autism and a wide range of learning difficulties and complex needs.

The event was attended by Redbridge Mayor Zulfiqar Hussain. The Christmas party means a lot to the children and their parents/carers, and is enjoyed by all who attend. It is not just about the Christmas party but is also strengthening the relationship Fairlop Lions have created with Little Heath School. We are grateful to PDG Andrew Allen who has played Santa for a number of years!

The Headmaster James Brownlie said :

"Once again Fairlop Lions Club have brought Christmas cheer to children and young people who attend Little Heath School. We are grateful for the strong partnership that brings Lions together with staff and pupils of the school and their families. The children loved the music, the dancing, the food and drink. But, most of all, they loved meeting Santa and receiving the presents so generously donated by your Club. Thank you for making this all possible. We look forward to continuing our friendship into 2020."

Lion Surjit Chodda

Lions helping eyesight project

Fairlop Lions Club twinned with Lions Club of Phuket Pearl in 2014. Lion Brijesh Chauhan who was then the President of Fairlop Lions Club in 2013-2014 initiated this association.

Phuket Lions conduct a Sight First project with their partner, Vision Institute, whereby they screen school age children's eyesight to identify any optical problems. Fairlop Lions collect spectacles for the MD105 LCI International project and send the children's spectacles to Thailand. Lion Brijesh personally attends every year to donate them. Their latest screening identified 34 children in need of glasses. We also donate spectacles to those unable to afford eye care.

Fairlop Lions continue to collect and donate spectacles for this very worthy project.

Lion Surjit Chodda



Serving the local community



Diabetes Test by Lion Paresh Modasia

LC of London Central Host in conjunction with 10 pharmacies organised a Diabetes Awareness and Screening Week in November 2019.

Over 500 random blood glucose tests were carried out. Test strips and meters were donated by a member. Overall 8% positive tests were recorded. 20 people were referred for further tests to their GP. Participating pharmacies (as part of their NHS contract) also asked about foot care and eye tests to all diabetics coming to collect their prescriptions. Visitors at risk and with Diabetes were given advisory leaflets/literature supplied by Diabetes UK.

Lion Manji Kara



DG Kamal's Chronicle



February is already upon us. How fast this year is going! Valentine's Day is coming up too – A wonderful time to distribute some love to your local nursing home, hospital or homeless shelter. It's a fact that 60% of nursing home residents never have any family who come to visit. Why not arrange a visit or give some small gifts? This is an activity that would take a small investment of time, minimal cost and would make some people very happy. So, there's a challenge for the month... Spread some love! February is also Childhood Cancer Month. Please look at your local area – is there something your Club can do?



DG at the Fairlop Club

I have visited many Clubs and look forward to completing my visits over the next few months. I am so amazed at the diversity and ingenuity of the activities and services that are provided to anyone in need, by each of you. One of the most important things we Lions can do is to get involved with service projects in our local communities.

The District Senior Citizens celebration to be held on 1st March at Harrow Leisure Centre. It is the largest service activity we undertake. An afternoon to look after both,

our senior guests and us Lions. Be Proud of what you have achieved. Lions' Day with the UN is Tuesday, March 10th at the House of Commons – the original ticket allocation was snapped up very quickly. This annual event is a great way to meet new Lions and Leos, interact with global diplomats, and hear how we make a huge difference around the world.

I hope to see many of you at our District Convention at the Hilton Watford from 6- 8th March 2020. The Convention will be opened by the football legend Gary Lineker on the Saturday Business Session. The International Guest is our very own Geoff Leeder who will deliver his keynote speech. It is just 4 weeks to go... The online Booking Form has been sent out and is also on our website and Facebook – so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Convention Team under the chairmanship of Lion Peter Codrai have worked hard to arrange fun filled social events and business sessions... come and join us. What is best for our District 105A and our clubs' in order to help each other grow and prosper in 2019/20. We must take the challenge following the re-districting and continue for membership to grow, so they continue serving our communities.

An advance warning... our MD Convention is in Birmingham from 3-5th May 2020. Details and Booking Forms on MD website. This is the first time our new



Inducting a new member at Osterley



At Osterley Club

governance structure worked together to go forward. We will look back with pride at our achievements over the past 102 years across the world. HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE and look forward to future service to all our own communities, not just local, not just our Districts, but wherever there is a need there will be a Lion or Leo.

DG Kamal Sharma

MY DIARY February 2020

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| • Conventions Meetings | • Charter |
| • Zone Quiz Final | • Ruislip Charter |
| • Zone E Meeting | • MJF Gala |
| • Fairlop Club BM | • Moorfield Eye |
| • COG Meeting | • Hospital Visit with Frank Moore |
| • Osterley Club | |



Grandson's 1st birthday

Congratulations

Lion Kanti Nagda has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the New Year 2020 Honours List. Lion Kanti, MJF, is a charter member, Past President and Past Secretary of Greenford Lions Club.



Lions passed to Higher Service

Lion John Pole – Lions Club of Witney

Lion Peter Carter – Lions Club of Aylesbury

Lion Kaushik M. Patel – Lions Club of Golders Green