



Lions Green Teams are ready to help save the planet by: **Cleaning the Environment** - 32% of clubs organise a community clean-up project. **Planting Trees** - if every Lion planted a tree, there would be more than 1.3 million new trees. **Recycling** - eyeglasses, paper, computers, and car batteries can be recycled.



Lions and Diabetes Awareness

The primary objective of this Program is to reduce the number of cases of blindness caused by diabetes through diabetes education, early detection and treatment, and research.

PRIDE OF LIONS

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Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.



Senior Citizen Party

Our 8th Annual Senior Citizen Party was held on 1st February 2009 at the Harrow Leisure Centre. It was a huge success thanks to the superb organization of the SCP Committee under the leadership of its Chairman PDG Parveen Verma. Over 1000 Senior citizens their carers and Lions members had a truly enjoyable afternoon. I am sure all those who were present, will agree that it was a magical sight to see so many happy faces. It is one of the best service activities we hold in our District.

The events like this don't just happen. It takes a very dedicated Team and months of hard work to bring it all together on that one afternoon. Thank you all very much for all your help and support towards the success of this annual event. Together we made many people very happy and we touched many more lives through Service.

Australian Wildfire Disaster



LCIF is working with local Lions to respond to the devastating bush wildfires that spread across southern Australia. Our thoughts are with those affected by this tragedy. Over 200 people lost their lives and many people remain missing. More than 900 houses were destroyed and some 7,000 people have appealed for assistance. LCIF has awarded a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant in addition to US\$30,000 total in emergency grants. LCIF has established an "Australian Wildfire Disaster" Fund to contribute directly to this disaster. The funds

will be used by Lions in Australia to provide relief supplies to displaced families and assist in rebuilding efforts. Please make the cheque payable to LCI District 105A and write "Australian Wildfire Disaster" at the back and send it to District Treasurer.

Lions throughout Australia are responding and have launched their Lions Alert program. Within the first hour of the initial fire report Lions were being marshalled to assist the State Emergency Services. Lions are receiving full cooperation from each Municipal Council and will be given a full list of all the damage in order to direct efforts as they move into the recovery phase. Lions have in place arrangements for cleaning up work, personal assistance to victims and other areas as they arise.

Notice Board

District Convention

6-8 March 2009
Sofitel London Heathrow

Weekend Leadership Workshop

14-15 March 2009
Holiday Inn, H/Wycombe

UN Day

24 March 2009
Houses of Parliament

MD Leo Convention

27-28 March 2009
Welwyn Garden City

MD Convention

26-28 April 2009
Southport



105A Membership

At 30-06-08

1829 members

At 28-02-09

1840 members

LIONS PURPOSE

TO ENCOURAGE service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

PID Lion Dr Wing-Kun Tam



It gives us great pleasure to welcome our chief guest PID Lion Dr Wing-Kun Tam to District 105A 44th Convention.

Dr. Tam is a long-serving member and past president of Lions Club of Mt. Cameron, a distinguished Past Governor of District 303, a respected International Director during 2003-05, and the Appointee of seven International Presidents to serve the International Board. His service to the International Board has been remarkably impressive. At the meeting held in Hawaii during October 24 to November 4, 2008, the International Board unanimously endorsed Dr. Tam as the candidate for 2nd International Vice President at the International Convention to be held in Minneapolis in 2009.

Under his leadership in the **SightFirst China Action project**, teams of volunteers have

restored sight to over 5.2 million people across China. In addition to SightFirst, Dr. Tam together with local Chinese Lions were among the first aid-workers on the ground in the earthquake devastated areas of Sichuan and Yunnan. He also played a key role in gaining recognition from the Beijing government to officially allow the establishment of Lions Clubs in China. He made successful bids to have two annual International Conventions hosted in Hong Kong in 1992 and 2005.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, thirteen International President's Awards, the International Lion of the Year Award (2003) and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Tam is the chairperson of an air transportation company and is active in numerous professional and community organizations. Past Director Tam has three children.

Meet New Members of 105A & LCI

Feb. 2009

A warm welcome to the new members who joined us in February and sincere thanks to all the Sponsoring Lions.

Smita Sampat	Kenton
Shaban Ahmed	London Belmont
Jane Wanjiku Nyoike	Oxford Isis
David Williams	Stevenage
Anagha Dhabagaonk	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush

Presidents Retention Campaign



Why Members Drop

We've all seen lists of reasons given by members who leave their Club.

- Lengthy/Boring Meetings—poor meeting quality is always one of the chief reason given for leaving a Club
- Club Politics/Cliques—Are politics getting in the way of Club business? Do cliques within the Club alienate new members?
- Lack of Involvement—Involve new members in activities that interest them and encourage them to take on leadership roles.
- Working together—Too often, differences in personalities, gender or culture hinder a Club from functioning smoothly.

Retention is an ongoing team effort. Keeping your club efficient, productive, and meaningful to your members will result in:

- A club that is a vital, respected part of your community
- The ability to help people in need locally, and globally
- A club that offers personal and professional growth opportunities for members

With Deep Sadness

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the recent passing to higher service of: **Lion President Tim Holloway, Banbury Lions Club.**

We know he will be sadly missed and our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his family, community and friends in Lionism.



Picture: Kokila Gillet (Violin) and Pavel Timofesjevski (Piano)

The Lions Club of Redbridge hosted their third annual Variety Concert on Saturday 28th February 2009, raising £1000 for the St Francis Hospice. The event featured the 2008 Music Competition Winner Violinist Koila Gillet, the Pearly Queen of Redbridge, The Dhol Academy, the Redbridge Music School Chamber Choir and many more, showcasing variety and talented young people from across London.

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

Zonec 17th Swimming Gala

Zone C17th Swimming Gala for the disabled was held on 8th February at Feltham. Despite the snow and ice there were record number of swimmers, spectators and Lions present. Mayors of Spelthorne, Richmond and Hounslow stayed whole afternoon and presented the winning Trophies at the end. Thanks to the hard work of SG Committee Chairman Lion Alf Sanders and all the Clubs and members of Zone C for organising this special service activity to bring joy and happiness to those in need.



A happy winner receiving Certificate from DG Vijay and ZC Alastair Joel 8-02-09



LEO AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Leo Club of London Kingsbury

It gives me great pleasure to announce that a New Leo Club of London Kingsbury was formed on 21st February with a membership of around 30 young people. Congratulations to Leo President Nick Hallam and all the members of this new addition to our family. London Kingsbury is the 5th in Zone E and 10th Leo Club in District 105A. The formation was attended by over 80 Lions/Leos and guests.



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DG'S NEWS

Touching Lives Through Service



Welcome to our Convention issue. I can't believe a year has passed since you elected me as your District Governor. What a year it has been! Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Krishan and I are both looking forward to welcoming you all at our **44th Annual District Convention on 6-8th March.**

We are very honored to welcome our International Guest PID Lion Dr Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong. Dr Tam is also the endorsed candidate for 2nd International Vice President and we are happy that he has found time in his busy schedule to be with Lions of 105A.



DG Vijay, PID Dr. Wing-Kun Tam and PID Terry Graham at International Convention 27-06-08

We also welcome our friends from Germany, Poland and from MD 105 to our Convention. **This year we also celebrate 30 years of Twinning between 105A and 111NB.**

Congratulations to the **Leo Club of London Kingsbury** formed on 21st February with 30 members. This new addition to our family is the 10th Leo Club in 105A and 5th in Zone E. Our Congratulations also go to **Lion Club of Feltham and Whitton**, who celebrated their **25th Charter Anniversary in February.**

District Music competition Winner-Stephanie Dyer sponsored by Harpenden Club will be playing a small piece at the Convention. We wish her all the best for the MD Finals on 4th April in Birmingham.

Weekend Leadership Workshop:

14-15 March at the Holiday Inn, High Wycombe. I hope some of you have taken advantage of this great opportunity and booked a place on this workshop organized for the 1st time in our District. Places are limited so don't delay and confirm your attendance with Leadership Officer PCC Viresh Paul.



PDG John and Brenda Hunt with DG Vijay and Krishan Arora-7-02-09



DG Angelika and Bernd Rieckeheer With DG Vijay and Krishan in Bangkok-26-06-08

United Nations Day at the House of Commons: IP Al Brandle will be visiting our District to celebrate United Nations Day on 24th March at the House of Commons. He will also be paying a visit to Moorfield Eye Hospital.

We are hoping to make presentation for the **sponsorship of a Parent's Room** at the Hospital. Thank you very much for your generous support for this district project. We still need more funds to reach our required target of £5000. Please send your donations to District Treasurer.

A New **District Project** to plant and protect trees in the woodlands within 105A needs support from all Clubs to **help our environment whilst also increasing PR for Lions at the same time.** To make any donations towards this project or any other projects, please send funds through the District Treasurer.

Sponsor a child: A good quality education is one of the best gifts you can give to a child, providing them with a good start in life. We are supporting a new program for the education of orphan children in Delhi. For more info please contact IRO Lion Kishore Pattni.

My Diary – March 2009

- 2 Mar Convention Meeting
- 4 Mar Convention Preparation
- 5 Mar PID Dr Tam in London
- 6 Mar District 44th Convention
- 7 Mar District 44th Convention
- 8 Mar District 44th Convention
- 10 Mar High Wycombe O/V
- 11 Mar Stanmore
- 14 Mar Leadership Workshop
- 14 Mar Harpenden Ch Night
- 15 Mar Leadership Workshop
- 15 Mar Seven Kings Holi F/R Event
- 18 Mar Barking O/V
- 20 Mar District D Convention
- 21 Mar District D Convention
- 22 Mar District D Convention
- 23 Mar Moorfield Visit with IP
- 24 Mar UN Day London
- 24 Mar Harpenden O/V
- 28 Mar Mill Hill Gala Night
- 29 Mar Zone E Service Activity



LP Derek and Elaine Grant with DG Vijay at Tring Charter on 7-02-09

Krishan and I are looking forward to meeting you all at our convention 2009 at the Sofitel Hotel in the Arora Suite. Thank you all very much for your support and best wishes.

Together in Service
Vijay Arora

DG's Partners Charity 2008-09
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

