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District 105A News

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Well done on new member recruitment!

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Cl President Dr Jung-Yu Choi has presented Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra Senior Master Key for sponsoring 25 members during his career as a Lion.

Twenty of these were introduced to Lions Club of Kingsbury and the remainder to other clubs.

Lion Dinesh said that he was pleased that these members

were able to help those who were not as fortunate as us. The new members have contributed significantly by serving in various capacities. He said he will continue to introduce new members to Lionism.

Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra



DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TODAY!



Donate between 9 October 2019 to 9 January 2020 and the UK government will match your donations, up to £2 million, making your gift go twice as far. Your donation will be used to support our work wherever the need is greatest. The matched funds raised through UK Aid Match will support our eye health projects in Uganda and Malawi.

Donate today and help even more children like nine year old Riya, pictured here, who had weak vision in both eyes and needed glasses. Following a routine eye screening test at her school, she was able to receive her glasses. The difference this has made to Riya's confidence was immediate. She can finally see the world around her more clearly and has ambitions of becoming a doctor. We hope you'll take advantage of this amazing opportunity to double the impact of your gift.

ACT NOW – ONE DONATION, TWICE THE IMPACT! Cheques can be made payable to your District, endorsed on the back 'Lions Sight Savers' and sent to your District Treasurer in the usual way.

Read more about this exciting match funding opportunity and the work we're doing in Malawi and Uganda on our <u>website</u>.

Yours in friendship and Lionism,

Sightsavers







Lion Girishbhai Rughani of Lions Club of Sudbury on Thursday 24 October whilst on holiday in Brisbane, Australia.



LCI Ethics: To Show my faith in the

worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.



DG Kamal's Chronicle



am so proud of our District - When I make Club and Zone visits it is so satisfying to learn of the activities of all our Clubs. Each Club is living up to our motto, "We Serve".

It is hard to believe that four months of this Lionistic year have already flown by! The re-districting of the British Isles reduced districts from 12 to 8. Our District 105A was not spared, with 4 clubs and 54 members transferring to the new districts. 105A began the year with 1304 members and as of 31 October we have added 28 new members but have also dropped 2 members.

That brings up the subject of retention. We can talk the talk at District level, but it takes a concerted team effort at club level to keep those new members, and the members with some years under their belts, engaged and active. Retention is an issue with all volunteer organisations and not just Lions Clubs. If you haven't heard from or seen a member for a while, reach out to them to be sure they are OK. Let us nurture our members and let them know they belong to this great institution.

Please visit the LCI website for updates. I want to remind you that your **District Officers** are here to Serve You, when you need it. There is yet much to be accomplished by all of us. Please continue to invite the DG Team to Club meetings, Zone meetings and your Charter celebration but don't forget we are Lions and equally would love to help at your service activities.



DG at Biggelswade Sandy's **41st Charter Celebrations**

November is a busy

month. It is National Diabetes Awareness month and 14 November is World Diabetes Day. Diabetes is now one of the causes targeted by Lions International - selected because it is one of the fastest growing diseases in our world and it affects people of all races, income levels and ages - even children. It is estimated 629 million people will have diabetes by 2045. Over a long term, diabetes related health problems include damage to blood vessels, which can lead to strokes and heart attacks, and problems with the kidneys, eyes, feet and nerves.

November also sees the 31st Annual Peace Poster Contest. Please ensure your Club entries are forwarded to Lion Sunil Patel. Good Luck to all contestants. In this 50th Anniversary

DG Spouse Charity for 2019-20

London Air Ambulance is a charity supported by public donations. They gave an excellent presentation at Cabinet and no doubt we will have a further opportunity at Convention to hear them again. In the meantime please spare a few minutes to see their video. The link is https://youtube/kRc9X4ZfQcA.

As we approach Christmas please consider a donation to this life saving Charity and forward a cheque to our District Treasurer with endorsement at the back "London Air Ambulance".



At Greenford Willow Club

year LCIF are EMPOWERING SERVICE through Campaign 100. It will be the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, spanning three years and seeking to raise \$300 million worldwide. By June 2021, Campaign 100 will empower and resource Lions to serve 200 million + people each year.

Our 12th District Youth Celebration is just over 3 weeks away on Sunday 24th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. We need your help and support to make this Children's Party successful.

Our District Convention Committee under the chairmanship of Peter Cordai is busy preparing for our next Convention at the Hilton, Watford. It's your Convention. Flyers and Booking Forms will be out soon.

Although each of our clubs have their own identity and uniqueness, we are all Lions and have that same common goal - to serve our communities. So why not join together with other Lions Clubs to make our presence stronger and attract potential new members once they see how "We Serve." The emphasis now will be planning the upcoming Christmas activities, collections of food and money, parties for the disadvantaged and Santa and Sleigh runs...A very busy period for all of us.

I want to personally thank you all for everything you do to serve your communities. Your communities depend upon you and helping others achieve.

DG Kamal Sharma

My DIARY November 2019

- COG Meeting 26/10/19 to 27/10/19
- Tring Club BM
- Wembley Club BM London Hosts BM
- Stevenage Charter
- Zone Quiz
- DG Team Meeting • Mill Hill BM
- Southall BM
- Wanstead & Woodford BM

MEHFIL-E-SHAAM Evening

Lions Club of Greenford Willow Tree present Mehfil-E-Shaam 0n 23rd November 2019 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. till late At The BLUE ROOM (formerly Mumbai Gardens) next to 220 Headstone Lane Harrow HA2 6LY.

All surplus proceeds for the evening to be donated to THE LOOMBA FOUNDATION (caring for the widows round the world) www.theloombafoundation.org Cost: £20 per person. Please contact: LP Bhasker Patel 07818 694339. LS Dr Prakash Patel 07956 487091. Lion Yogen Joshi 07534 908041. Lion Manjari 07594 991972. Lion Kanti Nagda 07956 918774. Lion Salil Patankar 07949 586598.