



# Pride of LIONS

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## Helping the Scouts and local community

**L** C of London Central Host organised a musical & dinner night to raise funds for 10 Fulham Scouts Group in September 2019. LP Lion Paresh Modasia presented the cheque for £1,457 to the Scouts Group Leader, Nathan Prince, in the presence of DG Lion Kamal Sharma at our monthly meeting in November. Members of the scouts group were invited to both the events.

On 5th DEC 2019 London Central Host members PDG

Abhnash Bains and Lion Salim Muman attended a Christmas Lunch at the Pepper Pot Centre. We have been friends for a number of years with the Afro Caribbean Day Centre for the elderly and disabled in Ladbrook Grove. LCHLC has been a regular supporter of the multi cultural centre and the picture shows a cheque being presented to Pepperpot.



Charity Cheque to Scouts



At the Pepper Pot Centre

## Hatch End Lions donate to Children in Crisis

**O**ur Gala Charity held on 23rd November at C & L Country Club raised in excess of £3,000. We had more than 180 people attending, with our Chief Guest International Director Lion Geoff Leeder and his good Lady Lion May along with several Distinguished Lions. The funds raised will be for Children in Crisis and other Lionistic charities. All had a fabulous night with lovely music and a pleasant evening.

PDG Lion Erach(Eric)Amaria  
Lions Club of Hatch End Centennial



## ..... NOTICE BOARD .....

We are organising a MJF Gala Dinner on Monday 24th Feb 2020 at Renaissance Heathrow Hotel. We are proud to announce that Vice Chairperson, Campaign 100, PIP Frank Moore will be our chief guest to present MJF on that evening. We look forward to your support.

Please let me know if you would like to apply for MJF/PMJF utilising your credits with LCIF and/or by sending further donations to LCIF.

Lion PDG Vijay Arora



### LCI Ethics:

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.



# DG Kamal's Chronicle



Thank you for your extraordinary dedication this year. You are the reason for our success, and I commend you for strengthening our membership, serving your communities and inspiring incredible service wherever you go. I told you all at the outset, when we set on our journey six months ago, that the year will go quickly. You know how much we have accomplished.

Let me share the last six months with you:

- you are aware at the start of my year in July with the Districts reduced from 12 to 8 across the British Isles. District 105A was not spared. Our membership reduced from 1354 to 1304. 4 clubs and about 54 members transferred to the new Districts.

- Using the slogan - rebuilding our district.

### Helping each other achieve

- Membership has increased from 1304 to 1334. The only District where membership has increased. We are well over the suspension concerns. Only three members dropped within the last six months.
- Active GMT interaction with Zone Chairs to bolster membership and Retention.
- Active Interactions of district officers at both club and zone levels.
- Well over 9000 hours spent on service-related projects and this figure is probably more if all clubs had reported the service hours.
- The Young Farmers presentation has been given to the Council of Governors and the Council have agreed this project, so we can proceed. With this relationship we have a really positive new direction which should really help to get our Clubs interested and energised
- Congratulations to Bletchley Milton Keynes for their 50th Charter Night.
- Congratulations to Southall who will be celebrating their 50 years and to Hemel Hempstead and St Albans celebrating 60 years. Congratulations to London Central Hosts celebrating 70 years.
- Congratulations to Stevenage, Walthamstow, Wanstead & Woodford, Biggleswade & Sandy, Amersham and Enfield for celebrating their charters
- Congratulations to these Lions for reaching the 50 years milestone - Victor A Vince from Banbury, Ian Lawrence Ritchie from Aylesbury, David Warren from Watford and Herbert Cook from High Wycombe
- A complete training itinerary with dates and venues for the whole year provided by the GLT officer from the outset. Winter Forum was a great success.
- 6 new members have been certified as Guiding Lions.
- Three members will attend the Leadership Symposium
- 70 more members have had DBS checks and this number increasing with the cabinet officers setting the tone.
- 8 clubs achieved CIO status
- New Welcome Books printed and sent over to Zone Chairman across the district.
- District Trophies have been streamlined to ensure maximum impact on those who support and facilitate these important events.
- Since Karen Olden, from CLIC Sargent Charity, gave her Presentation at Winter Forum Clubs are more aware of their work and are supporting this Charity. Harpenden Lions are to donate the proceeds from their Annual Christmas Tin Shake. Hatch End Centennial Lions have donated £150. 11



DG at the Covent Garden Fundraising event

- Fairlop Leos sold CLIC Sargent badges, raising £250. Hemel Hempstead Lions Club have donated £500 to the Pepper Foundation. 4 Members of Fairlop Leos Club ran in the Race for Life Breast Cancer UK Race. They raised £262 and topped it up to donate £375 to this Charity
- The Spot Camera project under the able GST leadership has taken OFF with £12450 already raised, including a donation from Hemel Hempstead and two clubs proposing to buy two additional units. The District are looking to buy 6 units with more funds yet to be raised.
- DG Team have visited over 23 clubs and attended 7 Charters Celebrations
- A new committee set up to review charity funds yet to be disbursed
- The planning for the District Convention under the chairmanship of Peter Codrai is progressing well.
- Congratulations to all the officers for their efforts in delivering the Youth Celebrations, Peace Posters competitions and the Youth Exchange.
- Various appeals and support from the clubs collected over £11,600 for LCIF

The wonderful Lions we meet, the great club stories we hear, and the variety of service in our District have truly amazed us and may this continue. Our Communities are better because we are helping, and we are better people for doing so. That is what Christmas is about - Giving. The difference is we Lions give all year round.

Please continue to support DG's Partners charity the London Air Ambulance - we do need funds to keep this wonderful charity working. A further £5000 is required to meet our target. A massive thank you to all the clubs who have donated so far.

Let us thank our families for their support and I thank you Lions for your support, giving your valuable time. Let us set even more realistic targets for the next six months so our District can benefit from our hard work and ensure VDG Alastair is handed over a steady ship where the cracks have disappeared and importantly, we are accountable and transparent.

BEST WISHES & HAPPY NEW YEAR

DG Kamal Sharma

## MY DIARY January 2020

- COG in January
- New Incoming DG's meeting
- Golders Green BM
- Tring Club BM
- Wembley BM
- London Host BM
- DG Meeting
- Peace Poster Final -
- Zone E Tree Planting
- Zone H Meeting

## Christmas Fundraising Karaoke Dinner Party

LC of London Covent Garden held our fundraising event on 8 Dec at the Golden Phoenix Restaurant in Chinatown. Over 110 guests attended the event, including Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster, DG Kamal Sharma, PDG Vijay Arora, many community associations dignitaries, local businesses, and friends of members.

Attendees witnessed the induction ceremony of two new members to our Club, Lion Can Deng and Lion Viny Poon. Their sponsors are Lion Rowena Barry and LP Ping Hayward. The induction was performed by DG Lion Kamal.



Guests were treated to a scrumptious Chinese dinner and an evening full of joyful atmosphere with great singing which raised £2,227. Including the money from our Sponsored Walk in September, over £3,000 will be donated to the Chinese Information and Advice Centre and Parkinson's UK.

There were over 50 prizes given out to winners of the raffle draw which was a highlight of the evening. The night ended with everyone smiling, acknowledging a successful fund raising event.

LS Monita Hung