



54th ANNUAL



CONVENTION

hosted by the Lions of District 105A and Zone B

Friday 1st March to Sunday 3rd March
2019



The Watermill Hotel, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead HP1 2RJ

Welcome to the 54th Annual Convention

Friday 1st March 2019

7.30 for 8pm

Host Night

Saturday 2nd March 2019

7.30am -11am

Registration of Attendees

Certification of Delegates/Alternates

(Closes at 11-00am prompt)

8.15am

Cabinet Meeting

8.45am

Convention Call –Attendees to be seated

9.00am

Opening of Convention

12.45pm

Adjourn for Lunch

1.30pm

Convention resumes with 2nd Session

9.00am – 4pm

Lions Exhibition

7.30pm for 8pm

District Governor's Banquet and Ball

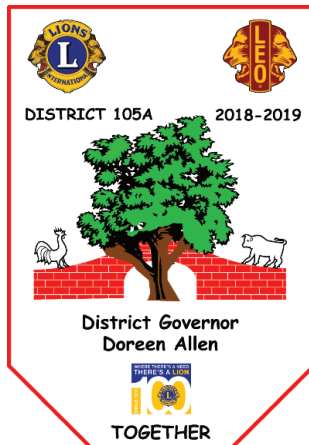
Sunday 3rd March 2019

10.30am

Informal Q&A Session



Thank you to all members of District 105A
for their assistance and support with the Convention



Doreen Allen
 District Governor 105A 2018 - 2019
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My Dear Family of Lions

It is a great pride and pleasure that Andrew and I personally welcome you all to our 54th Annual Convention of District 105A at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead. I really do appreciate you giving up your valuable time to attend what is our AGM.

It is indeed a privilege likewise, to welcome our International Guest PID Elisabeth Haderer from the Netherlands who is joining us for the weekend and will give the keynote speech. We will be joined by Vice Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley, who has taken time out from a very busy schedule and has kindly agreed to open our Convention. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all visiting Lions from MD and further afield.

I wish to record my heartfelt thanks to Convention Chairman Peter Codrai, Chairman for Zone B ..Paul Chakravarti and all Convention committee members who have worked **TOGETHER** as a team for many months to put on this superb weekend event – a fun Host Night on Friday, productive Business sessions on Saturday followed by a Banquet and ball in the evening. On Sunday morning we will have the opportunity to informally meet for a question and answer session.

All that remains is for me to say enjoy your Convention... have a great time... Meet old friends... and make some new ones.



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Gudrun Yngvadottir

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

March 1-3, 2019

District 105A
United Kingdom



Dear Lions

Thank you for attending the 54th Lions District 105A Convention.

When district Lions get together, amazing things happen. We connect with friends and celebrate our accomplishments. We learn from each other and reenergize ourselves as Lions. We identify new goals and new ways to serve, which renews our sense of purpose and helps focus our attention on the challenges ahead. When Lions reach within their clubs, communities and selves, we can reach beyond the horizon to provide a level of service the world has never seen.

This convention is also a time for you to reflect on your personal goals as a Lion. It's the perfect time to remember why you became a Lion and what keeps you coming back, year after year.

As Lions, we have accomplished much, but there is much more to be done. Your participation at this convention demonstrates your recommitment to service and your dedication to making the world a better place.

I wish you all the best in your continued efforts to serve your community and the world.

In Friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Your International President

lionsclubs.org




BUCKINGHAM PALACE

14th January, 2019.

Dear Mr Verma,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind letter on behalf of Lions Clubs International, District 105A, sent on the occasion of your Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention which is being held from 1st to 3rd March at the Watermill Hotel.

Her Majesty appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, has asked me to send her warm good wishes to you all for a most successful programme.

Yours sincerely


Poppy Whitworth
Loyal Greetings Officer

Mr Parveen Verma.



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Elisabeth Haderer

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2016-2018

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District Governor Doreen,

It is with such pleasure I am finally able to come to District 105A, home of my very good friend International Director Geoff and Lion May.

Now I am a “Past Director” it is actually like being a grandparent - you are busy and you don’t know where the time is going!

I am so glad that we all are like one big family of Lions across the world. I have experienced an incredible amount of friendship and enthusiasm and I am very much looking forward to spending this weekend with you and the Lions of District 105 A.

Unfortunately, Peter, my husband, is in the USA at the moment and cannot join me here. He sends you his warm greetings and wishes you all a very good and successful convention.

We now have our first female International President “at the helm” and, with the focus on New Voices, we are seeing changes throughout the world. Striving for gender parity is something we all are responsible for and now is the right time. Lions of Europe are working together in symposiums and workshops to let the world see what Lions do. Male and female Lions together.

I am so proud that I am able to be part of this great association and I look forward having a great convention weekend!

Elisabeth

Elisabeth Haderer

Immediate Past International Director

Constitutional Area Leader New Voices

Lions Clubs International



CA4 – Europe



**County Hall,
Hertford,
Herts.**

January 24th, 2019

Dear Mr. Verma,

On behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, being Her Majesty The Queen's personal representative in Hertfordshire, it gives me great pleasure to welcome to Hertfordshire the 54th Annual District Convention of District 105a of the Lions Clubs International.

With over 1,360 members from sixty eight diverse Lions Clubs within the areas of London (north of the Thames), Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire, District 105a is a vibrant and successful member of the largest humanitarian service organization in the world.

Your programme for this year supporting local community projects is well directed and ambitious, and judging by the extraordinary contributions you have made to your communities in the past will I am sure be successful. It is one in which you can all take pride.

I very much look forward to opening the Annual District Convention, and the opportunity to talk to many of you about the wonderful work you do.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Beazley

Vice Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire

Mr. Parveen Verma

Convention Agenda

CALL TO ORDER by

Sergeant at Arms 2nd VDG Alastair Joel

All attendees including Delegates/Alternates

Lions, Leos, Partners, Ladies and Gentlemen

Please be seated

Health and Safety announcement

Lion Brian Dickety

PLEASE RECEIVE

District Governor Lion Doreen Allen & PDG Andrew Allen

The Vice Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley escorted by 1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma

Past International Director escorted by IPDG Abhnash Bains

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome and introduction of distinguished
Guests, Lions and Partners

DG Doreen Allen

Opening of Convention

The Vice Lord - Lieutenant of
Hertfordshire Richard Beazley

Flag Ceremony and National Anthems

Apsley Scout Flag Party
Union Jack
Netherlands
Lions Clubs International
Leo's
105A Convention Flag

Lions Vision and Mission Statements

LP Rohit Patel

Lions Purposes

LP Helene Elting

Lions Code of Ethics

LP Ron Syrratt

Lighting of the Candle

DG Doreen Allen

Invocation and in Memorium

PDG Andrew Allen

A single rose will be placed at Centre Stage for each of our Lions who have
Passed to Higher Service since our last Convention.

The Vice Lord Lieutenant accompanied by 1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma
Partners and Guests leave at this point.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Housekeeping announcements, Messages, Apologies, Delegate Registration Convention Procedures and appointment of tellers Adoption of the Minutes of 53rd Annual District Convention And matters arising (as notified to the District Secretary) Appointment of Tail Twister	SAA 2nd VDG Alastair Joel Lion Minesh Mehta DG Doreen Allen DG Doreen Allen
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REPORTS

District Cabinet Reports

- 1 District Governor's Team
- 2 Administration Team

District Accounts and Budgets

- District Treasurer's report and accounts 2017-2018
- District Treasurer's Budget report for 2019-2020
- Appointment of Auditors

Consideration of Resolution 1

- 3 Advisory Team

Consideration of Resolution 2

- 4 Members Team
Club of the Year (Community Service)PDG Elliot Shubert
- 5 Advisory Committee
- 6 Youth Team
Introduction of the Young Ambassador
Address of the Young Ambassador
Introduction of District Peace Poster Winner
Introduction of District Peace Essay Winner
Acknowledgement of Leo Trophy winners
- 7 International Team
Youth Exchange Trophy
LCIF Trophy

DG Doreen Allen

PDG Vanmali Mistry

Lion Minesh Mehta

Lion Minesh Mehta

Lion Lesley Spence
Miss Siena Castellon
Lion Sunil Patel
Lion Sunil Patel
Lion Surjit Chodda

Lion Ashwin Malkan
PDG Vijay Arora

PRESENTATION 1

District Youth Celebration	DYC Team
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PRESENTATION 2

Intergenerational Project	Lion Maria Zgouralis
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Haven House Children's Hospice

Presentation on DG's Partners Charity	PDG Andrew Allen Miss Bella Field
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PRESENTATION 3

Food Cupboard with MK Lions	LP David Tunney
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Governorship Elections

Introduction of candidates for DG, 1stVDG & 2nd VDG Speeches by Sponsors and candidates Closure of First Business Session	Lion Minesh Mehta SAA 1st VDG Alastair Joel
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LUNCH

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Call to order

8 Health Team

9 Communications Team

Club Website Trophy

Club Newsletter

Club Facebook Trophy

Lions Scrapbook

10 Activities Team

Diabetes Trophy

Environment Trophy

Environment Photo Trophy

District Quiz Trophy

First Timers at Convention

SAA Alastair Joel

PDG Parveen Verma

PCC Viresh Paul

PDG Ramesh Parmar

Lion Rohit Patel

Lion Alf Sanders

Lion Alf Sanders

Lion Jenny Smith

Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra

LCI Video

Keynote Speech by International Guest

Introduction of PID Lion Elisabeth Haderer

Address to Convention

Vote of thanks

PDG Surjit Bhalla

PID Elisabeth Haderer

1st VDG Kamal Sharma

International Awards

DG Doreen Allen

Presentation 4

Senior Citizens Celebration

SCC Team

Presentation 5

MIAB –Oxfordshire

PDG John Savell

Presentation 6

Hemel Book Shop

LP Terry Allen

Election Results

The District Governor Elect

DG Doreen Allen

Acceptance speech by nominated candidate

1st Vice District Governor

DG Doreen Allen

Acceptance speech by nominated candidate

2nd Vice District Governor

DG Doreen Allen

Acceptance speech by nominated candidate

MD Convention Presentation

Introduction of Convention Committees

Introduction of 2020 Convention

Vote of Thanks

Closing Remarks

TBA

Lion Peter Codrai

TBA

IPDG Abhnash Bains

DG Doreen Allen

Singing of Auld Lang Syne – TOGETHER

Close of Convention

SAA Alastair Joel

Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service

Mission Statement

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

Lions Purposes

- To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- 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 endeavours.

Lions Code of 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.
- To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Lions who have held the office of Governor in District 105A

2017 - 2018	Abhnash Bains	1989 - 1990	John Hunt
2016 - 2017	Brinda Singh Nandra	1988 - 1989	H. Bert Randall (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
2015 - 2016	Meena Gupta	1987 - 1988	Alan Kings
2014 - 2015	Ramesh Parmar	1986 - 1987	Derek Knight
2013 - 2014	Sarbjit Assi	1985 - 1986	Granville Thornton
2012 - 2013	John Savell	1984 - 1985	Alex Starnes
2011 - 2012	Andrew Allen	1983 - 1984	Surjit Bhalla
2010 - 2011	Martin Morgan (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1982 - 1983	Cecil Worbey
2009 - 2010	Wesley de Mendonca	1981 - 1982	Dr Vijay N Capoor
2008 - 2009	Vijay Arora	1980 - 1981	Philip Ashworth
2007 - 2008	Ken Rouse	1979 - 1980	Harry Ashcroft MBE
2006 - 2007	Louvain Allen	1978 - 1979	Tom Dix
2005 - 2006	Erach (Eric) Amaria	1977 - 1978	Harbhajan S Dhariwal
2004 - 2005	Max Mongia	1976 - 1977	George T Scott
2003 - 2004	Dr. Elliot Shubert	1975 - 1976	Bill Bainbridge
2002 - 2003	Mike Baldwin	1974 - 1975	Patrick Green
2001 - 2002	Ram Jaggi MBE	1973 - 1974	Basil Rowland
2000 - 2001	Mike Hendy	1971 - 1972	Joe Stirling
1999 - 2000	Parveen Verma	1970 - 1971	Keith Coles
1998 - 1999	Donald Lyen	1969 - 1970	Robert (Bob) Moore
1997 - 1998	Brian Yeoman	1968 - 1969	John Holdham
1996 - 1997	Viresh Paul (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1967 - 1968	Harry T Addison
1995 - 1996	Rati Shah MBE	1966 - 1967	W H (Bill) Bumstead (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
1994 - 1995	David Green	1965 - 1966	John W Carlton
1993 - 1994	Ron Wilkes	1964 - 1965	Eric Sparrow
1992 - 1993	Geoff Leeder (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1963 - 1964	Peter Harrison
1991 - 1992	Vanmali Mistry	1962 - 1963	A W Ron Welling (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
1990 - 1991	John Smith	1961 - 1962	Peter Bennet

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2017/2018		2016/2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Multiple District Dues @ £28.50 (£28.50) per member	38,973.75		41,695.50	
Multiple District Insurance @ £44.25 (£44.25) per club	3,053.25		3,274.50	
MD105 Youth Fund @ £4.00 per member (£4.00)	<u>5,470.00</u>		<u>5,852.00</u>	
		47,497.00		50,822.00
District Dues @ £3.50 (£3.70) per member	4,786.25		5,413.10	
District Convention Fund @ £4.60 (£4.50) per member	6,290.50		6,583.50	
District 105A News @ £3.40 (£3.30) per member	4,649.50		4,827.90	
District 105A Youth Fund @ £30 per club	<u>2,070.00</u>		<u>2,220.00</u>	
		17,796.25		19,044.50
Affinity card commission (net)	0.00		226.86	
Bank deposit interest (net)	<u>29.44</u>		<u>6.26</u>	
		29.44		233.12
		<u>65,322.69</u>		<u>70,099.62</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Multiple District Dues, Insurance and Youth Fund	47,497.00		50,822.00	
District Officers	665.49		1,047.20	
District Secretariat	2,000.00		1,865.60	
District meetings/seminars/forums	735.55		789.25	
105A News	4,938.00		4,245.50	
Supplies and Regalia	623.00		724.17	
District Website	0.00		0.00	
Public Relations	600.00		596.11	
District Youth Fund	2,070.00		2,220.00	
District Convention Fund	6,290.50		6,583.50	
Depreciation - Equipment, fixtures and fittings	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		65,419.54		68,893.33
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>-96.85</u>		<u>1,206.29</u>
ADMIN FUND		191.65		623.89
105A NEWS FUND		-288.50		582.40
DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>-96.85</u>		<u>1,206.29</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	2017/2018		2016/2017	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Equipment, fixtures and fittings		10,444.49		10,444.49
Additions during year		0.00		0.00
Less Depreciation		<u>-10,443.49</u>		<u>-10,443.49</u>
		1.00		1.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Sundry debtors and prepayments	1,388.00		0.00	
Bank balances	<u>42,063.32</u>		<u>40,640.80</u>	
		43,451.32		40,640.80
		<u>43,452.32</u>		<u>40,641.80</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors and accruals		-10,622.94		-7,715.57
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 32,829.38</u>		<u>32,926.23</u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
ADMINISTRATION FUND				
Opening balance	27,809.74		27,185.85	
Surplus for the year	<u>191.65</u>		<u>623.89</u>	
		28,001.39		27,809.74
DIST 105A NEWS				
Opening balance	1,102.33		519.93	
(Deficit) Surplus for year	<u>-288.50</u>		<u>582.40</u>	
		813.83		1,102.33
DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND				
Opening balance	4,014.16		4,014.16	
Surplus for the year	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		4,014.16		4,014.16
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>£ 32,829.38</u>		<u>32,926.23</u>

APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT 105A CABINET ON 14-10-2018

LION DOREEN ALLEN



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have examined, without carrying out an audit the financial statements on pages 1 & 2 and confirm that these are in accordance with books and records of Lions Clubs International District 105A

CHAPMANS ASSOCIATES LTD
Chartered Accountants

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Status The Charitable Trust was created under a Declaration of Trust dated 6 January 1986 and is registered with The Charity Commission under registration number 294186.

Trustees

District Governor 2018/19	Doreen Allen	- appointed 20th May 2018
District Secretary 2018/19	Parveen Verma	- appointed 20th May 2018
District Treasurer 2018/19	Vanmali Mistry	- re-appointed 20th May 2018

The Trustees are the individuals holding office as District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer and such other offices as appointed by the District 105A Cabinet.

Correspondent Vanmali Mistry, 6 Bruce Grove, Tottenham, London, N17 6RA

Honorary Auditors Chapmans Associates Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
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Main Bankers Barclays Bank Plc
North East London Business Group
P O Box 16294
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ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Charity's principal activities are those of receiving donations and payments from Lions Clubs in District 105A and distributing them as nominated to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 105 and District 105A initiatives. Details of funds received and disbursed are set out in Note 2 of the attached accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required by law to prepare accounts for each of the financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the results for the year then ended.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 14-10-2018
and signed on their behalf by



Lion Doreen Allen
District Governor 2018/2019

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2017/2018			2016/2017		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Donations and collections	-	60,669.64	60,669.64	-	75,687.71	75,687.71
Investment income	94.74	-	94.74	19.46	-	19.46
	<u>94.74</u>	<u>60,669.64</u>	<u>60,764.38</u>	<u>19.46</u>	<u>75,687.71</u>	<u>75,707.17</u>
Fund balances brought forward	23,803.05	91,187.62	114,990.67	23,783.59	81,417.71	105,201.30
	<u>23,897.79</u>	<u>151,857.26</u>	<u>175,755.05</u>	<u>23,803.05</u>	<u>157,105.42</u>	<u>180,908.47</u>
Charitable disbursements	0.00	-64,550.95	-64,550.95	0.00	-65,917.80	-65,917.80
Fund balances carried forward	<u>23,897.79</u>	<u>87,306.31</u>	<u>111,204.10</u>	<u>23,803.05</u>	<u>91,187.62</u>	<u>114,990.67</u>

represented by:

		2017/2018 £	2016/2017 £
BANK BALANCES			
Barclays Bank plc	Current	24,201.92	28,083.23
Barclays Bank plc	Deposit	80,857.34	80,762.60
Barclays Bank plc	Speech Aid	6,144.84	6,144.84
		<u>£ 111,204.10</u>	<u>£ 114,990.67</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2018, which are set out on Pages 2 and 3

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Chapmans Associates Ltd, Chartered Accountants, 3 Coombe Road, London, NW10 0EB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2 Collections and Disbursements

	Balance at 1st July 2017 £	Collections 2017/2018 £	Disbursements 2017/2018 £	Balance at 30th June 2018 £	Collections 2016/2017 £
LCIF Fund	2,559.00	11,241.80	11,066.80	2,734.00	3,876.60
District Youth Party	1,181.52	4,396.00	4,228.24	1,349.28	4,170.00
Youth Fund and Leos	2,021.79	2,283.56	2,837.13	1,468.22	2,343.77
Street Children	2,184.86	470.00	2,000.00	654.86	1,851.00
Water Aid and Water Wells	918.00	954.00	-	1,872.00	168.00
Eye Camps/Sight	2,701.04	2,650.00	4,650.00	701.04	4,930.45
Senior Citizens Party	12,320.38	7,981.00	7,946.19	12,355.19	9,744.00
Skills/Tacade	6,008.10	-	-	6,008.10	100.00
Speech Aid/Hearing	8,744.84	350.00	2,950.00	6,144.84	2,607.95
Medic Alert Foundation	100.00	50.00	-	150.00	-
DG Partner Appeal 2016/17					
- Admiral Nurses	6777.56	547.00	6,978.56	346.00	6777.56
DG Partner Appeal 2017/18- Place2B	-	4,677.90		4,677.90	302.00
International Projects	5,573.70	1,200.00	700.00	6,073.70	400.00
International Disaster Appeals	4,626.00	8,250.00	8,555.00	4,321.00	18,988.00
District Flooding Appeal/Alert	18,615.16	5,193.00	5,433.21	18,374.95	3,221.87
Ebola/Measles	151.00	7,410.56	6,805.00	756.56	6,645.51
1-2-4 Sewing Machines	150.00	-	-	150.00	-
Sleeping Bags	3,065.50	-	-	3,065.50	-
Sundry Collections	4,980.21	2,864.82	400.82	7,444.21	9,411.00
Diabetes	1,300.00	-	-	1,300.00	-
Refugee	4,185.00	-	-	4,185.00	-
Edukit	2,365.00	150.00	-	2,515.00	150.00
Habitat for Humanity	659.00	-	-	659.00	-
	<u>91,187.66</u>	<u>60,669.64</u>	<u>64,550.95</u>	<u>87,306.35</u>	<u>75,687.71</u>
General Fund	23,803.01	-		23,803.01	-
Bank Deposit interest	-	94.74	-	94.74	19.46
	<u>114,990.67</u>	<u>60,764.38</u>	<u>64,550.95</u>	<u>111,204.10</u>	<u>75,707.17</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DIST 105A
BUDGET PROPOSALS
2019/2020

EXPENSES	BUDGET 2019/2020 £	BUDGET 2018/2019 £	ACTUAL 2017/2018 £	BUDGET 2017/2018 £	ACTUAL 2016/2017 £	BUDGET 2016/2017 £
District Officers	1,000	1,000	605	800	1,017	1,100
District Secretariat	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,866	1,750
District Treasurer	75	75	60	75	30	75
District Governors Fund	300	300	300	300	300	300
District Hospitality	300	300	300	300	296	300
Cabinet Meetings	250	650	221	400	645	400
District Seminars and Forums	600	200	515	570	144	500
Regalia & Supplies	300	200	623	200	724	450
District Website	160	250	0	250	0	250
Membership	240	400	0	400	0	300
Public Relations/contingency	10	160	0	225	0	420
Total Administration Expenses	5,235	5,435	4,624	5,520	5,022	5,845
INCOME						
Affinity Card Income	0	-250	0	-250	-227	-280
Bank Interest	-60	-10	-29	-20	-6	-20
Net Administration Expenses	5,175	5,175	4,595	5,250	4,789	5,545
District 105A News	4,480	4,480	4,938	5,100	4,246	4,950
District Convention Fund	6,440	6,440	6,290	6,900	6,583	6,750
Total Annual Expenses	16,095	16,095	15,823	17,250	15,618	17,245
Assumed Membership	1,400	1,400	1,369	1,500	1,463	1,500
Total Dues per Member	11.50	11.50	11.56	11.50	10.68	11.50
Split up as follows:						
Administration Fund	3.70	3.70	3.28	3.50	3.28	3.70
105A News Fund	3.20	3.20	3.61	3.40	2.90	3.30
Convention Fund	4.60	4.60	4.59	4.60	4.50	4.50
District Dues - 2019/2020	11.50	11.50	11.48	11.50	10.68	11.50

Minutes of the 53rd Annual District 105A Convention

Convention was called to order by SaA PDG Ken Rouse at the Holiday Inn London, Borehamwood, Elstree, who welcomed one and all to this our 53rd Annual convention whilst asking that all mobile phones be switched off. There are several photographers in the audience today and all photographs will be published via the Website / Email.

He continued with a briefing on Health and Safety pointing out the nearest exits whilst advising all that there was no planned Fire Alarm test today. He then asked all to stand to receive the top table party.

The District Governor Lion Abhnash Bains escorted by PDG Ramesh Parmar, the Mayor of Barnet Councillor Brian Salinger was escorted by 1st VDG Lion Doreen Allen. Our International Guest; Past International Director Bud Wahl and Lion Jama Wahl were escorted by 2nd VDG Lion Kamal Sharma, closely followed by the President of London Central Host Lion Nilesh Palan.

DG Abhnash Bains welcomed all and hoped that all would find the day stimulating and return home with a warm feeling. She continued with introductions of PID Bud Wahl and Lion Jama, District Secretary PDG Ramesh Parmar PCC Viresh Paul, PID Howard Lee, PDG Max Mongia, IPDG Brindar Nandra, especially welcome after a long illness, DG Maria Sterczewska and PDG Pawel Cieslinski from Poland. Side tables of SaA PDG Ken Rouse, Constitutions & Nominations PDG Mike Baldwin, Minute secretary DG Andrew Allen; followed by our Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry, 1st VDG Lion Doreen Allen and 2nd VDG Lion Kamal Sharma.

There followed the Flag Ceremony, Lion Peter Codrai carried the Union Flag, PDG Elliot Shubert the American Flag, Lion President Bhan Singh Bhambra the Polish flag, ZC Lion Lesley Spence the Lions Clubs International Flag, closely followed by Leo Angel Ormsby Bramble carrying the Leos Flag.

The Flag Bearers we duly thanked for their excellent manner in which they carried out their duties. DG Abhnash continued by asking the Mayor Cllr Brian Salinger to receive the 105A Convention Flag from Lion Vijay Jain, before formally opening the Convention, he made note of the fact that it is our 53rd Convention and that he was the 53rd Mayor of Barnet, whilst also mentioning the successful District Youth

Celebration held in Elstree last year. He was presented with a friendship banner and pin by DG Abhnash.

Lion President Trish Newton read the Lions Vision and Mission Statement, Lion President Peter Block followed with the Purposes and finally Lion Mukund Patel read our Ethics.

The Candle of Peace was lit by DG Abhnash followed by in memorium conducted by PDG Andrew Allen with a poem and a minutes silence for those Lions and past Lions who have been called to Higher Service in the last twelve months.

All were thanked for their diligence during this solemn part of the opening of Convention.

At this juncture the Mayor had to leave for further Civic Duties but would be joining us along with his wife at the Banquet and Ball.

With the commencement of the first Business SaA Ken gave the full protocol and announced that this would be shortened toDistrict Governor, Past International Director and my fellow Lions... He continued, mentioning the "Good Luck" cards received.

Apologies were received from the Lions Keith & Jennifer Collard of the Royston Club, due to the weather and Lion David Booty, Stony Stratford LC an asthma attack but all sent their good wishes for a good day.

Further announcements concerned the closure of the Registration Desk at 11am whilst the numbers attending along with Delegates and Alternates will be announced later. The Competitions Officer Lion Dinesh Sonchhatra stood to be recognised as the recipient of the First Timers to Convention Competition paperwork, which needed to be returned at lunchtime.

Tail Twisting today would be in the capable hands of Lion Kumar Acharya and his "extractors" the proceeds going to the DG's chosen charity "Place2be".

Convention procedure and the appointment of tellers was introduced by PDG Mike Baldwin the Constitution & Resolutions Officer. There was one question regarding the count percentage and the "winning amount" which was clarified that all voting, today would be 50% +1 of the vote cast ... equally that if all Candidates agreed, the percentage of the votes cast announced – Such agreement had been reached prior to the opening of Convention.

The minutes of the 52nd Annual Convention were proposed by Lion Minesh Mehta seconded by PDG Max Mongia and agreed there were no matters arising.

Reporting commenced with the DG Team, who were asked to stand and be recognised calling for any questions, there being none, this section was proposed by PCC Martin Morgan seconded by PDG Eric Amaria and agreed by convention.

The District Administration Team was recognised, there being no questions, PCC Viresh Paul proposed Lion Minesh Mehta seconded whilst Convention agreed this section.

The District Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry stood and went through the Accounts explaining , yet again, that Club Annual Audited Accounts must be submitted to him, and this becomes we must be even more stringent with the advent of CIO which will be fully in force by the end of 2019.

He continued with the Budget proposals for 2018 which were proposed by PCC Viresh Paul seconded by PCC Martin Morgan and agreed by Convention.

Resolution One

This Convention resolves that the District Dues for 2018/19 shall be £11.50 per Lion member (Comprising £3.70 Administration fund, £4.60 Convention Fund and £3.20 105A News Fund) payable in twin instalments on 1st August and 1st February 2019.

Explanation:

Admin Budget increased by 20p, 105A news reduced by 20p, Convention fund remains unchanged at £4.60p.

This resolution was proposed by PDG Vanmali Mistry; seconded by PDG Max Mongia and Carried.

Resolution Two

This Convention resolves that the Annual District Youth fund Contribution be increased from £30 per Club to £40 per Club.

Explanation:

The contribution of £30 per Club was set many years ago and has not increased since inception. However the costs of running youth activities over the years have increased, going by recent years spend. Added to this the actual number of activities which clubs wish to support has increased. This can be taken from a Clubs charity Account.

This resolution was proposed by DO Lion Minesh Mehta, seconded by DP Lion Sunil Patel and carried.

The Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry continued by thanking the Auditors Chapmans & Co for their excellent work over many years, but they wish to stand down, PFDG Vanmali will continue to search for a replacement Company.

Two Emergency Resolutions have been accepted from the District Cabinet.. Both will require a two thirds majority of the registered and certified delegates.

Emergency Resolution 1

This Convention asks the Multiple District 105 Council of Governors of 2017/2018 and subsequent years to note that this District will not accept any change in the name or title of the District which should continue to be called and referred to as District 105A.

Explanation:

After the deadline for submission of resolutions to this convention had passed we were notified that the International Board had agreed the redistricting plan which was carried by a vote of Convention at Blackpool. Once this redistricting has been completed with effect from July 2019, the number of Districts within MD105 will be reduced from 12 to 8. The merging of some districts and the transfer of some zones from their current districts to newer districts will lead to new names being given to the districts. District 105A is not merging with any other district or receiving any new zones. Its constituent parts will remain the same as at present apart from the loss of one zone which will be taken away from District 105A. The clubs and zones that will remain will be the same as what is now part of District 105A. If we are required to change our name, our District and Clubs within the district will incur costs in rebranding our regalia, literature, banners, clothing, letterheads, badges, and collars (to cite a few examples) – an expense which is not justified given that we will also be faced with increasing costs as the size of our district will have diminished as a result of the redistricting.

Emergency Resolution 2

This Convention resolves that the current Constitution and Bye Laws of District 105A be and are hereby adopted as the formal and only Constitution and Bye Laws of the District notwithstanding any changes to the boundaries or constituent

zones of the district which may or may not follow the redistricting of Multiple District 105 in July 2019.

Explanation:

All districts of MD105 are required to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in September 2018 to elect DG Teams for 2019/20, appoint new key district officers and adopt a new constitution following redistricting of Multiple District 105.

As District 105A will remain the same as it is currently structured there is no point in incurring the costs of an EGM(estimated by MD at around £2000 just to adopt a new constitution. This resolution will avoid the need for calling an EGM for District 105A in September 2018.

Constitutional Note.

The process for the submission of Emergency Resolutions and Amendments is contained in Appendix 11 of the District 105A convention rules of procedure (8) and are contained within the convention booklet at page 57.

8 (c) states that “ Convention consents by a majority of registered delegates present and voting to the resolution being so considered.”

Both resolutions was proposed by PCC Viresh Paul seconded by 1st VDG Lion Doreen Allen and carried unanimously.

DG Abhnash thanked all for their hard work covering these resolutions.

Convention continued with the introduction of the District Advisory Team; there being no questions PDG Elliot Shubert propose whilst IPDG Brindar seconded and were agreed by convention

The District Members Team, were asked to stand and be recognised. An update by PDG John Savell mentioned that the District will pay the International Membership Fees for NEW Lions in NEW clubs for a period of one yearAll were asked to note that the 15th April is to be the Training Day. There being no questions this section was proposed by Lion Kumar Acharya seconded by PCC Geoff Leeder and agreed.

The District Advisory Committee (Zone Chairs) were asked to stand and be recognised there being no questions this section was proposed by DO Lion Minesh Mehta second by DO Lion Shirish Sheth and agreed by convention.

Competition Trophy Winners

District Quiz – Harpenden LC

Travelling Lion – Hatch End Centennial LC

Club of the Year (Community Service) – Harpenden LC

Golf Competition both for an Individual and Team – Edgware LC

The District Communications Team stood and was recognised there being no questions this section was proposed by PDG Eric Amaria seconded by PDG John Savell and agreed.

More Competition Trophy Winners were announced.

Website Trophy a superb way to promote Clubs and Lionism and should be treated as a premier PR tool was won by the Tring LC.

District Club News Letter was won by the Bletchley Milton Keynes LC.

The Facebook Trophy was won by the Newport Pagnall and Olney LC.

The Youth Team stood and were recognised there being no questions, this section was proposed by DO Lion Vijay Jay seconded by 1st VDG Lion Doreen Allen and agreed.

The Youth Competitions Trophy Winners were announced as

Alpha Leo of the Year – Leo Irfan Ahmed Fairlop Leos

Omega Leo of the Year – Leo Faiz Chatoo Hendon Leos

Alpha Leo Club of the Year – the Fairlop Leo Club

Omega Leo Club of the Year – the Hendon Leo Club

Leo Quiz Competition – the Hendon Leo Club

Youth Exchange Trophy – the Kingsbury Lions Club

Leo Scrap book – the Fairlop Leo Club

District Leo Officer Lion Minesh Mehta introduced our District Young Ambassador Winner.

Leo Georgia Flatman of the Fairlop Leo Club who gave a detailed account of the activities which won her the Trophy.

Leo Chanel Vigille of the same club, Fairlop Leo's , introduced a video presentation of their Grenfell Tower Project giving information of their immediate response to the final delivery of school rucksacks to the children of the tower. Finally thanking the

Lions Clubs and others who helped raise the £6K + which was needed.

The Peace Poster trophy was won by the Royston Club.

The Elections for principle Officers for the Year 2019/2020 began with Lion Secretary Paul Chakravarti of the Fairlop Club introducing 1st VDG Lion Doreen Allen for the post of District Governor;who mentioned that Together we can do anything. The proposer for 2nd VDG Lion Kamal Sharma was ill and he, Lion Kamal Sharma continued with his goals for next year along with his intense scheduled training ahead.

The three candidates who were standing for the position of 2 VDG began with DO Lion Karanjeet (Matti) Assan; Hatch End Centennial LC being introduced by her Club President Daksha Patel. Lion Matti went through her back ground followed by immediate goals and aspirations.

DO Lion Monita Hung; London Covent Garden LC; was introduced by Lion Clev-erley Jong who confirmed their support for Lion Monita giving a brief background before Lion Monita went through her journey to today's candidacy for 2nd VDG

Lion George Matthews of the Feltham & Whitton LC made mention of the Club approved candidacy of ZC Lion Alastair Joel giving a brief outline of his "travels" before Lion Alastair expanded on his aspirations and aims for the years ahead as well as his Service to Club and District.

Cons and Noms Officer PDG Mike Baldwin went through the voting procedure in detail and that as per standing instructions and reiterated that the numerical results would be announced.

Before closing the morning session, SaA PDG Ken Rouse announced that there were 99 registered Delegates. He followed with the luncheon arrangements, pointing out exhibition stands in the adjacent room.

The afternoon session was called to order and DG Abhnash asked that the District Activities Team to stand and be recognised. there being no questions this section was proposed by PDG John Savell seconded by Lion Paul Chakravarti and agreed by convention.

District Competitions followed with

Diabetes Trophy – Won by the Sudbury LC
Environment Trophy – Won by Fairlop Lions club

Environment Photo Trophy – Won by London Westminster LC

Dr Ishi Hansi began her enlightening,

educational and emphatic talk on Diabetes.

Giving a medical background of how and why, followed by simple rules that can be followed to make sufferers life more bearable... by following a diet of healthy eating / exercise / lots of water / being totally aware of the illness you have and the all too real possibilities of the outcomes if you ignored Diabetes. Diabetes is now considered a Global Epidemic with **TOTAL OF 8.3% SUFFERERS** World Wide.

The international Team stood and recognised there being no questions this section was proposed by PCC Viresh Paul seconded by Lion Dilip Mandalia and convention agreed.

At this stage PCC Geoff Leeder present an International LCIF award to PDG Lion Vijay Arora by increasing the contributions to the foundation over the past 12 months by the target plus another 25% .

The LCIF trophy was awarded to IPDG Lion Brindar Nandra for his contribution over the past 18 months.

A briefing on the Global Action Team (GAT) which encompasses GMT / GLT and the Global Service Team was given by PDG Max Mongia. We are Global Leaders in Humanitarian Service and that will be our aim over the coming years.

PCC Geoff Leeder was asked to introduce our International Guest PID Bud Wahl and Lion Jama Wahl from Illinois; this was done with humour and insight.

PID Bud talked about "Changing the world with one good deed at a time" saying that LCI are making the world a better place. Our logo shows that we've a proud past and an exciting future. A centennial target asked for a million hours of service by June 2018 we achieved 215 million hours by February 2018; we asked for 1 million trees our achievement was 14 million. There are 20 thousand clubs with Legacy Projects.

The measles project has reduced infant deaths by 50%. 250 million children have been vaccinated. LCIF have donated over US\$1 billion at this point Lion Jama talked about "warm fuzzies" the moments when you feel proud to be a Lion when you hear of the special service we provide. They both thanked District 105A for the heartfelt welcome and hospitality they have received this weekend. DG Abhnash asked that PCC Lion Martin Morgan step up and give the vote of thanks, after which she presented PID Bud and Lion Jama with a memento and her friendship Banner and pin.

On behalf of the DG's Charity DO Lion Rita Tanda introduced Palce2Be by means of a startlingly realistic video.

Election results 2018-2019

District Governor Elect Lion Doreen Allen with 98% of the vote

1st VDG Elect Lion Kamal Sharma with 70% of the vote

2nd VDG Elect Lion Alastair Joel with 68% of the vote

DG Abhnash wished them all a good journey whilst commiserating with Lions Monita and Karanjeet wishing then well for the future.

Final Competition Trophy Winners are:

Lions Scrap Book (with last year's winners Witney) this year the winners are Bedford LC

First Timers to Convention – Manish Makwana of the Wembley LC

DG Awards

International Presidents Appreciation Awards were given to Lions Satnam Loyal for his hard work on IT; PCC Martin Morgan and Convention Officer Lion Vijay Jain, at this time it was announced that Lion Vijay would be sponsoring a Trophy which related to Cancer Funding more details will be announced soon.

Her DG Medals of Appreciation for dedicated work went to Dist Sec Ramesh Parmar/ SaA PDG Ken Rouse / ZC Brian Donovan / ZC Mick Claxton / DO Lion Rita Tanda / Lion Sanjay Mehta and PCC Geoff Leeder.

Tailtwisting on the day raised £675 plus a further Cheque from Hemel Hempstead LC of £250.

DG Abhnash thanked the Convention Chairman Vijay Jain for his work who in turn thanked his team. Finally handing over the Convention Flag to Lion Peter Codrai who mentioned that negotiations are still being made with five Hotels, but we will have a good year.

IPDG Lion Brindar thanked DG Abhnash for a good Convention and presented her with a memento of the day.

SaA PDG Ken Rouse then formally closed Convention.

1.0 DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM

1.01 District Governor

– Doreen Allen

My journey to DG began in March 2018 when I became DG Elect and was able to begin planning for this year. I had a wonderful welcoming Garden Party on a hot sunny June Day with Lions, family and friends.

Later in Las Vegas we were also honoured to have our own PCC Geoff Leeder installed as an International Director. I took the oath of District Governor in July 2018 at International Convention in Las Vegas and then re-affirmed it in front of my Lions family and friends at our District Handover... but it was when IPDG Abhnash put the DG collar around my neck and helped me on with the white jacket that I felt I was really in post and that the responsibility that I had accepted became actual and a little daunting.

It was time to put the extensive training, the months of preparation and goal setting into practice... and implement it. What a whirlwind of Club visits, Charter Celebrations, Cabinet and Council of Governors meetings, Service Activities, Convention planning, emails, reports, letters, Pride of Lions, conflict resolution etc ... plus also fulfilling my obligation as a Lion member to my Clubs Fairlop Lions, Stony Stratford and Fairlop Leos. As part of my preparation I looked seriously at the Cabinet and the remit of the Cabinet Officers.

I was able to reduce Cabinet numbers from 65 members to 31 and to include many Lions new to this leadership level. Goals were set for Membership, Leadership, Service and LCIF Coordinators. Membership, Club development and Leadership in our District has been a foremost priority and the GMT and GLT coordinators have been supportive and involved in membership growth and successfully organised training for Zone Chairs, Incoming Officers and Winter Forum. PCC Viresh Paul organised a very successful service symposium and ensured that Clubs were well informed.

Writing this in January, after six months of unrelenting, but enjoyable, Lions activities and I am looking forward eagerly to the next six months. This is our fifty-fourth District Convention and I warmly welcome, you the Lions of 105A, our Lion Visitors and Guests. Your Convention committee Chairman Peter Codrai, has, along with all

committee members, put a huge amount of work into ensuring everything runs perfectly today. Please enjoy and make the most of this, your District Convention.

The Lions motto is '**We Serve**', and by doing this, united as a team, **TOGETHER** we are able to do so much more. Let us continue doing what we do best and live by our motto '**WE SERVE**'. I have been truly humbled by the enormous amount of hands-on Service that happens in our District along with the vast amount of monies raised and donated for charitable purposes. It has been an absolute privilege to attend numerous and diverse events this year and I thank you all for your kindness, warm welcome and hospitality to Andrew and myself. I hope I have led by example, focussed club members on urgent issues such as membership, increased service to our communities and finding ways to improve and have continued success.

This year, the DG Team of 1st VDG Kamal, 2nd VDG Alastair and myself have met **TOGETHER** every month and also monthly with the District Leadership, Membership and Service Co coordinators. By using Portfolio Chairs, the new format has worked well, without any change in Administration, Management or to the help available for our District Clubs. I thank Lions Minesh Mehta, Monita Hung, Penny Tregillus, Lesley Spence, Vijay Arora and Satnam Loyal, for taking those vital positions. My particular thanks for the ongoing guidance of PDG Parveen Verma our District Secretary and PDG Vanmali Mistry our District Treasurer, both highly dedicated and exceptionally efficient. Sergeant at Arms Alastair Joel and Convention Chairman Peter Codrai have both proved invaluable with their support and friendship.

The rezoning took place this year reducing our Zones from 14 to 11. Whilst I regret not being able to fill the Zone Chair for Zone A, I was able to appoint 9 new and enthusiastic Zone Chairs plus ZC Brian Donovan who kindly returned for a second year.

DBS Officer Lion Farokh Daruwalla has made himself available with sound advice or for anyone requiring DBS checks, especially those Lions involved with vulnerable adults and children.

The District Golf Day in September so ably put together by PDG Ramesh – a first for me having only managed a round of crazy golf before!

Youth has not been forgotten. In July we had an extremely successful Youth Exchange visit with Lion Ashwin Malkan

finding superb host families and District Clubs who supported this worthwhile International activity by sponsoring the day trips. Andrew and I were fortunate to attend the farewell party ably organised by Lion Ashwin where we were able to engage with these young people. To all the hosts, trip organisers and helpers a huge thank you.

At the Cenotaph Remembrance Parade in November I was honoured to represent the Lions of 105A. It was a very moving experience, as Andrew and I joined Governors from other MD105 Districts in Whitehall, ready to march past and lay the Lions wreath to pay our respects to the Fallen. As we continued at a brisk walk, past the dais where HRH Princess Anne took the salute, we saw other Lion members in the crowd.

We attended the District Youth Celebration, in November, organised by PDG Vijay Arora and her Team; adding 50 young people from Zone B, to make a total of 500+ attendees. I can only emphasise how much enjoyment and fun I had joining the young people and carers for a few hours – well done everyone.

Our Peace Poster Contest Final was judged on November 22nd; well done to Lion Sunil Patel, who arranged a professional Lead judge Rebecca Pennells and ensured a thorough discussion of all posters. Congratulations to Royston Lions Club for sponsoring Charlotte Lan and her winning poster which proceeded to the MD Final. At this Final a first for our District, was having the first ever entry for the Lions Peace Essay for visually impaired students by David Kassam, sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club.

In January was the Young Ambassador Final and our successful candidate represented us at the MD Final in Dudley last month. Our Leo Clubs are small in number but we are amazed by the work undertaken and the service they provide – please take a look at their scrapbooks.

The amazing Senior Citizens Celebration just last month in February shows that working **TOGETHER** we can all achieve more. This was once again, the largest District event in our calendar with over 800 guests. It's who Lions are and it's what we do best – We Serve. My thanks go to all the Committee and helpers under the chairmanship of PDG Parveen Verma.

My thanks to all the clubs for donating so generously LCIF our own Foundation. We have experienced natural disasters around the world in Indonesia, India and Japan and the way in which Lions in 105A have

pulled **TOGETHER** to help the affected people is incredible. I thank everyone involved but especially PDG Vijay Arora for keeping the District updated with LCI information. I would also ask that you all look on the LCIF website and Campaign 100 to discover for yourself what our Foundation is all about. The Districts Face Book page is being utilised more and more.... Please take a look and maybe contribute something it is our showcase to the world.

The issue of Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will affect all the clubs, without any exception, in our District and in our MD. Please talk to our District mentors PDG John Savell and ZC Harvinder Virdee... Let's show the Public that we are fair, equitable and transparent with our financial accounting.

I thank every Cabinet Officer and all who have assisted me this year for their support and friendship. I'm extremely grateful to all the officers in promoting our Lionistic service activities. I have to admit that there have been very intense times and without the help and advice of a number of people it would have been impossible to achieve what I have. **TOGETHER** we achieved more. I am very proud to serve you all in the capacity of District Governor and I thank you wholeheartedly for giving Andrew and I this amazing opportunity.

Equally and I feel very pleased that, after discussions with the LCI legal team and lengthy negotiations with the MD Council of Governors, we are able to retain, officially, the title of District 105A finally the person I need to thank is my husband Andrew (Chauffeur & Gofer) who has given me unlimited help and support, accompanying me on visits around District, taking the pressure off me, ensuring that I am organised with the final 'have you remembered...'

Thank you All – Doreen

1.02 1st Vice District Governor – Kamal Sharma

Since July I have been kept busy with visits to Clubs, Zones and Charters as the DG's representative plus I have attended SCC, GMT and GLT meetings, Winter Forum, District Youth Celebrations, and the District Senior Citizen Party. A steep learning curve but I thank all Lions for their support and hospitality, friendship and support. I attended DG elect training at Solihull in July and there is further training being organized for early January and February 2019. Our DG team made up of

DG Doreen, myself, 2nd VDG Alastair Joel have met several times with the GLT, GST and GMT officers and have constantly kept in touch by email and phone. We have continued to share visits to clubs and Zones throughout the district. I have had the pleasure of meeting many lions and listening to their ideas and hearing about community work undertaken and have been given the opportunity to induct members and give MJF awards. This has proved educational as well as enjoyable. In some cases, I have picked up useful tips to take back to DG & Cabinet Meetings including networking opportunities to meet Lions and their partners.

I will continue to assist the District Governor in whatever way she requires and her instructions and hope that next few months prove to be enjoyable as the first six months have been. And finally, I would like to thank all cabinet members for their work this year and wish DG Doreen a great convention.

1.03 2nd Vice District Governor – Alastair Joel

Since being elected in March last year, I have been actively involved in the running of the District by attending the monthly DGs team meetings, although not officially in post until last July, it gave me the opportunity to see what was going on and understand more of how the district works. This has continued and we are in regular communication.

Myself and Gemma have visited many clubs as the DG's representative, attending your meetings, activities and social functions too. We have met many Lions and have heard and seen first hand the amazing work that you do.

I regularly attend the Membership and Leadership meetings of our District contributing to them. We have attended and taken part in the Youth Celebration, Senior Citizens Celebration the Peace Poster competition and the Winter Forum. All of these events are hard work but great fun to be involved in. In preparation for my Leadership role, I have taken part in some on line and face to face training, this has proved very useful.

It has been a pleasure to support Doreen in her year as Governor and to work alongside Kamal as he prepares for his year too. I would also like to thank all those Lions who we have met so far on our journey, for their warm welcome, the advice and support they have shared with us.

1.04 I P District Governor – Abhnash Bains

When I stepped down as the District Governor I thought my responsibilities as the DG were complete and I could sit back, but I guess a Lion never rests.

My year as IPDG began with attending the 37th Charter of Abingdon LC and meeting up St Albans LC for their business meeting in June, followed by our last DG Team meeting for my term. We held our London Central Host club Business meeting and LC of Fairlop held their fundraiser 'Mehfil' in aid of the Eye Camps in India. We wished DGE Lion Doreen an enjoyable and successful trip to Las Vegas during her Garden Party. I had the opportunity to meet Lions from Vienne and the twinning ceremony was very eventful and a huge learning and enjoyable experience. Belmont held their Charter and Waltham Forest held their Eid celebrations with "WFDRC" and invited me to their Quiz Nights. Wantage and Grove LC had their 31st Charter and LC of Hornsey Charter/handover was wonderfully hosted by Lion Wesley Medonca and his members.

In July I had the District Handover which was a huge success. I attended the handover of Barking and also Lion President Vijay Jain's Macmillan fundraising lunch for Cancer. I also attended the Youth luncheon / BBQ organized at the residence of PDG Lion Erach Amaria where I had the pleasure of meeting PDG Manoj from Jaipur. The Youth farewell party, attended by host families, friends and other Lions organized by Lion Ashwin Malkan was pleasant and fun filled.

I attended my club, London Central Host LC's monthly meetings and the District 105A Golf Day, following which, I Chaired the new District 105CW Convention where the members from clubs 105M, 105W and 105E came together to decide on how the new district would be governed.

I was present at the Biggleswade Sandy LC's 40th Ruby Charter Dinner where LP Steve and all the members did a remarkable job. I also attended the new branch meeting of Heston Lions Club where 9 out of the 10 members were inducted. The first time ever held 'Diversity Festival' organized by the Mayor Victor Eni and Mayoress Martine Eni of Borewood and Elstree attracted at least 5 Lions clubs. Likewise, the Diwali function organized by Lion Club Hatchend Centennial was wonderful. So was the London Central Host Party where money raised for the 'Macmillan Nurse' was presented.

In November, I attended the first funding event organized by the Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club. Hayes and Harlington Lions club held their Christmas Party which saw a couple of prospective members.

Last but not the least, in December I attended my first ISAAME Forum which was held in Dubai which was different from the International and Europa Convention but nevertheless interesting. It is always a pleasure to hear from fellow Lions and to support them with their activities as like any other family we are Lions family offering help, friendship and support where it is needed.

I wish DG Doreen a successful convention and as always, will be there to offer my support. I believe she has had a very busy yet fulfilling year so far. I thank all my fellow Lions and wish them a wonderful year ahead. To DG elect Kamal Sharma a successful and enjoyable time in Milan.

Best Wishes

IPDG Abhnash Bains

2.0 ADMINISTRATION

2.01 District Secretary

– Parveen Verma

I thought it maybe challenging to get back to the job after a 2 year sabbatical but was pleased to find that nothing had changed at all. I was familiar with the many changes during my last spell so it made life easy to be back.

Thanks to DG Doreen for allowing me the opportunity to serve again and for the support I received from my fellow Lions during my break and on my return. Chris Bryant and I have carried on as smoothly as if we had never left the job.. Thanks to him and Andrew with his unique but effective role as the Minute Secretary. Cabinet colleagues have co-operated fully to ensure regular and useful communications reach all the members of 105a. I note there is an increase in MD communications which is a positive as it means members hear of what is going on a bit faster.

Cabinet matters have also proceeded smoothly and I am pleased to have assisted the new officers in Cabinet with their enquiries. As to the legal issues we have not had any major scares and the small local skirmishes at Club level continue which is not unusual.

My role as the Chairman of the Senior Citizens Celebration for the 19th year is again very pleasant due to the superb team we have got which makes every difficulty a walk in the park. My other roles as secretary to my Zone Chair and Chairman of the Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill golf challenge over a decade long now is going smoothly so I have expended more time to find new projects for my Club.

All in all a good year and **TOGETHER** with Lions of 105a we have moved towards **NEW HORIZONS**.

2.02 District Treasurer

– PDG Vanmali M Mistry

This is my Eleventh Report to the District 105A Convention; again it has been an interesting year on the Cabinet, dealing with a new set of Club Officers particularly the Club Treasurers, who I must say, have made their best efforts to settle the Dues promptly as also sending me their Clubs Financial Statements no sooner these were ready and available. Also whilst most clubs settled their dues promptly, there were few persistent late-payers who had to be chased up.

I resolved most of the queries from treasurers, a number of whom still do not fully understand that there are two lots of half yearly dues payable each year; payment of Invoices from the District for District & Multiple District Dues, Club Insurance and Youth Funds, for which I send out Dues Invoices on half yearly basis and settlement of monthly continuous statements from Lions Clubs International Oakbrook in US Dollars, converted in sterling at their conversion rate, for cheque payment in sterling to me, made out to LCI Dist 105A.

I believe many of the questions posed by the Club Treasurers, would have been resolved had they attended the Treasurers Sessions at the Incoming Officers Seminar, which is geared to deal with such matters. Sadly very few Treasurers attend such sessions when held, and whilst I appreciate that many have the required experience and knowledge, I still feel that they should make an effort to attend and share their experiences with other Treasurers. Such sessions are normally chaired by the District Treasurer, who would be able to explain in detail, the whole process of 'Dues' calculations and payments. I sincerely hope that when they next receive notification of such Seminars, that they will make every effort to attend and participate.

Enquiries from the clubs, particularly with regard to the International Dues and amounts due to Lions Clubs International, based on numbers reported to them, were satisfactorily resolved; attendance at the Incoming Officers seminar would have given a better understanding on the workings of Lions Clubs International, and stress the need for correct numbers to be reported on MyLci regularly each month.

The Financial Statements for the year to 30th June 2018 and the Budget Proposals for the year 2019/2020 are included in the Convention papers for your consideration and adoption. These were duly approved at the October 2018, District 105A's Cabinet Meeting.

Administration Account

The Financial Statements reflect Surplus on Admin Account of £191.65 (2017 - £623.89) Deficit on 105A News Fund £288.50 (2017 surplus £582.40) whilst 2018 Convention was contained within the District Budget, plus support from London Central Host Lions Club who hosted the Convention with support from the District Governor and Revenue from Adverts.

Admin surplus is explained in the Budget Proposals by way of comparison between Budget and Actual for 2017/18. The main areas of savings were in un-utilised budgets for Cabinet Meetings and District Officers. The Claim in respect of stolen Projectors has now been abandoned as not recoverable.

It is pleasing to note that District Officers are now claiming travel expenses for their attendance at MD Officers Meetings in Birmingham.

Our Membership numbers on paid basis worked out at 1,367, in 69 Clubs, 133 members less than budgeted. The Balance Sheet reflects a very healthy Financial situation with Bank balances supporting various Funds as reflected thereon totalling £43,451.32

Charity Accounts

The Charity Account Statements detail Collections of £60,669 (2017 - £75,687) and Investment Income of £94.74 (2017 - £19.46) interest rates had steadily improved during the year. The Charity Funds at year end amounted to £111,204.10

Most of the Collections balance at year end have been disbursed after 30th June 2018 leaving funds for ongoing projects/appeals, which will be utilised/dispensed in due course.

Budget Proposals

Last year I maintained the District Dues at £11.50 per member per year; this year having reconsidered our needs, I feel that we will be able to manage our District within the current dues. Accordingly you will be pleased to note that I will not be seeking any increase in our Dues for 2019/20. being mindful of our reducing membership numbers and increased inflationary costs. I am therefore able to maintain the Dues at their present level of £11.50 per member per year.

Attendance at our Conventions has been steadily falling, which has put increased pressures on our Social Functions as also at the Business Session where the costs have gone up, particularly for the Hire of Conference Facilities and the provision of Audio/Visual Facilities.

The Budget for 2019/20 is based on 1,400 members, which I am hopeful the District will be able to maintain and perhaps increase thru formation of New Clubs. The allocation between various funds will remain unchanged.

I will strive to maintain the District Dues at reasonable levels for future years.

The Budget is made up as follows:

	2019/20 (Budget)	2018/19 (Budget)	2017/18 (Actual)	2017/18 (Budget)
Administration	3.70	3.70	3.28	3.50
105A News Fund	3.20	3.20	3.61	3.40
Convention				
Fund	4.60	4.60	4.59	4.60
	11.50	11.50	11.48	11.50

I sincerely hope that you will support the Dues Resolution which is intended to provide incentive for recruiting new members by maintaining the Dues at their present levels, and thereby the cost of lionism, which has often been used as a reason for not being able to attract new members.

PDG Vanmali M Mistry

2.05 District Administrator – Steve Foott

Still awaiting January updates from Oakbrook to produce my reports as at the year end.

At the beginning of December we had 13 Clubs that have yet to report any Activity in this Lionistic year and the net gain in membership was 13 giving the District a total membership of 1407.

3.0 ADVISORY TEAM

3.01 Portfolio Holder – Advisory Team – Minesh Mehta

I am pleased that the members of the advisory team have all been very active over the year and diligently performed their duties and responsibilities to the best of their ability.

We have some senior Lions including PDG's with a lot of experience as well as some new faces for the first time in cabinet and all have taken their roles seriously and ensured the District progresses further in to its next stage.

All have submitted their reports on a timely basis. The reports are all self-explanatory so if after reading them, you have any questions, I will endeavour to obtain the responses from the team members if not present at the Convention or allow them the opportunity to respond if present.

I thank every member of the advisory team for their hard work since their appointment by our DG and for submitting their reports on a timely basis for all of us to know what is going on in our District.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish DG Doreen and PDG Andrew a very successful Convention. It has been a pleasure to serve in the cabinet this year.

3.02 Cons Noms & Resolutions – Minesh Mehta

It is an honour for me to serve as District CNRO for the first time in my 19th year in cabinet and hopefully I am doing justice to the role trusted to me by our DG.

Aims and Objectives

- 1) Debate and decide on any resolutions to be put forward by the cabinet.
- 2) Request nominations from clubs for the positions of DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG.
- 3) Request resolutions from clubs to be put forward at Convention.
- 4) Request for clubs or Zones to host the 2020 District Convention.
- 5) Attend the MD meetings of all District CNRO's to get a feedback on the Constitution matters / issues.

Current Status

As our district had already passed an emergency resolution at the last District Convention in March 2018, namely, our district will not accept any change in name

or title and wish to continue to be referred to as District 105A, this was agreed by the LCI board, so we retain the name 105A. Secondly, to adopt the new constitution and elect DG teams for 2019/2020 following the re-districting of MD105, a resolution has been listed for the Convention.

Thirdly, a resolution to maintain the annual dues at £11.50 will be put at the Convention.

An official call to all clubs for nominations for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG had been sent out. We have a candidate for each role and they are also published in this booklet.

There were no bids by any club, clubs or Zone to host the 2020 District Convention, so the District will host it.

I wish to thank PDG Lion Mike Baldwin for his guidance so far and no doubt, I shall be needing more as the year progresses.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish DG Doreen and PDG Andrew a very successful Convention. It has been a pleasure to serve in the cabinet this year.

Finally, if any member has any questions, please let me know.

3.03 Convention Officer – Peter Codrai

It is my very great pleasure to welcome you all to the Watermill Hotel in Hemel Hempstead for our 2019 District Convention.

The Watermill Hotel, one of the finest Hotels in Hemel Hempstead is built around an old flour mill and offers excellent accommodation with a panoramic view of lush green meadows and the river Bulbourne threading through the property.

This is the first time we have used the hotel and I do hope you enjoy a new venue. Some of our special guests at Convention will be the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire and Past International Director Lion Elizabeth Haderer from Holland.

I would like to extend a very warm Lionistic welcome to them both and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The planning and running of this Convention has been a team effort with several meetings and careful planning by my committee to make this an enjoyable weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their fantastic hard work in delivering this Convention.

The emphasis of Convention is on working

together to share your views and ideas with others, so let's enjoy ourselves in true Lionistic fashion.

Lion Peter Codrai

3.04 Credentials and Elections – Praful Chakravarti

I would like to thank District Governor Lion Doreen Allen for appointing me as the Credentials Officer during her year. It has been my privilege to serve her and I wish her continued success during her remaining term in office and a very successful convention.

3.05 Health and Safety / Insurance – Brian Dickety

The health and safety reporting has this year been rather poor from my point of view however, I am not responsible for this shortfall as the District Governor in her role of measuring and monitoring health and safety performance placed the duty on her zone Chairs, to measure and report to her on health and safety performance across the District I have had no reports on accidents, incidents, good practice or short falls across the Clubs and District therefore, I must assume all is well.

In general those Lions who have been appointed as Club Safety Officers have done a sterling job however, I am sorry to have to report health and safety has taken a back seat across many areas of Lions Activities.

As you know the Lions Multiple District Insurance provisions changed during this current Lions year, this had lead to a steep learning curve for both the Brokers and the new MD Insurance Adviser. With good will I am sure the Lions will get value for money, in respect of these new arrangements.

This will be my last Convention report as my Club has, or will be, moving to another District in the next Lions year.

3.06 Hon Committee Chairman – Elliot Shubert

The Honorary Committee is composed of all PDGs in the District. The primary purpose of the Honorary Committee is to respond to requests for advice from the District Governor. As Chair, I was asked by DG Doreen to serve as Chair of an Ad Hoc Financial Committee to discuss and

formulate some ideas for future uses of the District Budget.

The Honorary Committee will be meeting as an informal social get together early in 2019. We await for any requests from the District Governor.

3.07 Lion Tamer – Karanjeet Assan

I would like to thank DG Doreen Allen for the opportunity to serve the District as the District Tamer and show my commitment and ability for this position.

I have enjoyed being the Tamer for the last three years – it has been a challenge to keep all the regalia in order, nice and tidy. I am satisfied and glad I took this roll this year as well, as I have enjoyed the fellowship that has come with it. Started with 4 big banners, and now the district has 7 big ones to display at Cabinet meetings and District functions, where all enjoy looking and remembering the different banners from Past and Present District Governors.

Visiting Clubs as a District Tamer has been such a pleasure, always something to discuss on the banners. It is amazing the questions that I have been asked, and I have always been happy to answer.

Clubs have been borrowing the district stand up banners and other selected items for their functions throughout the year. I am happy to report that they have all been returned in good condition once the functions are over. All are borrowed on signed basis.

I take this opportunity to wish DG Doreen a wonderful Convention.

3.08 Redistricting – Viresh Paul

I have come to the end of my third year in a role which was created three years ago and will come to an end this year.

Redistricting has come to pass and from 9 July 2019 the MD will look a lot different from what it has looked for decades. Our district, unlike all other districts, will be called the same as it has always be even if we will be a smaller district having given up some clubs to a neighbouring district.

My objectives over the last three years have been:

To act as the sounding board for the views of clubs and their members in relation to the MD's proposal for re-redistricting so that clubs feel they are being listened to

To pass on to clubs and district officers details as available of the MD master plan with a view to keeping all stakeholders fully informed of the proposed plans for the future of the MD.

To consider, analyse and then disseminate in a totally unbiased and impartial manner the full implications of the proposals to enable clubs to make their own decision on which way to vote on the resolutions presented at two MD Conventions.

I have done this faithfully to the extent of drafting crib sheets for our DGs to present the collective views of our District Cabinet which has been worried about the impact of the proposals on our district's numbers and finances.

The re-districting proposals are now set in stone. The matter is now concluded. Our district will now become the second smallest district in the whole MD if not the smallest.

PCC Viresh Paul

3.09 Data Compliance – Charanjit Singh

I confirm the following for this reporting period:

- 1] There have been no data breaches.
- 2] There have been no disclosure requests (Subject Access Request - SARs) from authorised persons.
- 3] There have been no requests for clarification from Lions.
- 4] A meeting was convened June 2018 and the next meeting is scheduled on Saturday 12th January 2019 at 11am MDHQ.

Please feel free to reach out to me for further details or clarification. I am contactable on:

My personal mobile [07912 842 751] - leave message and I will return the call asap.

And via my personal email [singhcharanjit@hotmail.co.uk].





4.0 MEMBERS TEAM

4.01 Global Leadership Team – Elliot Shubert

I would like to thank DG Doreen Allen for appointing me.

Organised **Winter Forum**, which was held on Sunday, 4 November 2018 at Kents Hill Park, Training Center, Timbold Drive, Milton Keynes MK7 6BZ. The main topics for the general sessions (30 minutes each) were: **Membership** (presenter: 2VDG Alastair Joel), **Conflict Resolution** (presenter: PCC Viresh Paul), and **Leadership** (presenter: PDG Elliot Shubert). These sessions were followed by small group discussion sessions on: **Mentoring** (presenter: PDG Elliot Shubert), **Orientation** (presenter: ZC Lesley Spence), **GST: Global Service Team** (presenter: PCC Viresh Paul) and **My Lion, Webinar, Facebook, Website** (presenters: DO Satnam Loyal and IT Team). Also, PDG John Savell was available for questions for **CIO**, and DO Farokh Daruwalla was available for questions about **DBS**. After lunch, we had five-minute presentations by candidates for office of: 2VDG Karanjeet Kaur Assan, 1VDG Alastair Joel and DG Kamal Sharma.

Fifty-two Lions attended Winter Forum. This is about half the usual number of Lions, who normally attend Winter Forum. The meeting venue was on the northern edge of our District, which discouraged attendance by London Lions. Attendees completed an evaluation form and a significant majority scored excellent to good on all aspects of the Winter Forum, including choice of venue, meeting rooms, food, presentation of speakers, and discussions. Overall, 95% of the participants agreed that "this seminar will improve my performance as a Lion in 2018-2019."

We have three applicants for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) to be held in Marseille, France on 9-11 March 2019.

I was invited to attend the Zone D meeting by Zone Chair, Rajni Sheth, to give a presentation on Leadership. The presentation was well received.

We are planning to organise a "New Voices" seminar in early spring to attract more female members to Lions. Also, in the beginning of 2019, we will offer certification for the Certified Guiding Lion programme.

During May, we will be conducting the Incoming Officers training.

I continue to identify potential leaders in the District with assistance from Lion

Presidents, Zone Chairs and Cabinet Officers.

I appreciate the guidance and support from the GLT Advisory Committee: ID Geoff Leeder, PDG Parveen Verma, PDG John Savell, PDG Vanmali Mistry, ZC Lesley Spence and DG Doreen Allen, 1VDG Kamal Sharma, 2VDG Alastair Joel, and all Zone Chairs.

PDG Elliot Shubert

4.02 Global Membership Team – John Savell

Since last year the Global Membership Committee has now had the opportunity to bed down with the new structure, which appears to be working well. The committee members are visiting clubs and Zone Meetings to discuss membership. There has been a small change to the members of this committee due to Lion Alastair becoming 2nd VDG, his replacement is Lion Ranjen Sangani and most welcome. Unfortunately, Andrew Tuppence has had to stand down due to work pressures. I have attended so far three Zone meetings and some clubs all of which has been enlightening and well worthwhile. It is clear to me that clubs know what to do about membership matters but maybe implementation needs refinement. Zone Chairmen are an important part of the Global Membership Team and act as a source of information and advice to clubs.

So far this year we have positive growth due to the action by club members in promoting Lions and we have two new Club Branches Heston and a Leo to Lions club of Hampstead, both clubs are working to become a full club. We also have on the horizon a full specialty club, to be called Hatton Cross and hopefully by year end. But as with all new clubs it is important that there is proper orientation for new members, potential and even existing members should be informed as to what Lions means and what is expected from their membership.

As many of you will know there are many initiatives being placed before clubs regarding membership, one which forms part of our District Governors action plan for the year and which I have given my wholehearted support is the recruitment of more women into Lions, women represent 50% of the community and clubs should reflect this. Unfortunately, at present we remain at 28% which is not representative of the population so my challenge, what will your club do about it.

We are embarking on a program of looking to establish Campus Clubs, this is one way of gathering support from people who are new to the concept of community service as well as re-igniting young people who have been involved in the past. I would suggest that clubs look at the University and Colleges in their areas and see whether there is any merit in approaching the Faculty to help gather support for a club.

By the time this report is published we will have held the Global Membership Symposium which is to be attended by the Multiple District GMT Co-ordinator Lion Keith Messenger. It is hoped that much will be gained by members who attend with new ideas and approach to membership, although I must point out that we GMT cannot obtain members for you that is down to clubs.

The Palace of Westminster club is in danger of closing due to the work pressure of Members of Parliament more about this at convention.

At the end of the year we lose 4 clubs to the newly formed 105SC, namely, Thame, Abingdon, Wantage and Grove together with Carterton, this will affect the total number of members for the district, but I will not know how until year end. I will advise convention of the total membership on the day.

Not all clubs have reported their membership officer for the year and I would ask that clubs look forward to next year and ensure that they appoint some one to deal with this most important subject.

PDG Lion John Savell

4.03 Global Service team – Viresh Paul

I am honoured to be appointed as the first GST co-ordinator for our district.

The LCI Forward strategic plan, identified the need for creating a Global Service Team (GST). This is in addition to the Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the Global Membership Team (GMT) which have been in existence for a number of years. The three teams are now working hand in hand under the Global Action Team (or GAT) – set up to promote "action" in all three areas – in recognition of the fact that unless we take "action" nothing will really change from what we have been doing.

Under the LCI Forward strategic plan, having marked 100 years of service, it has

been decided that we need to reset our service framework for the new century of service and focus on five key areas which now fall under the responsibility of GST. The aim is to be in a position to serve three times the number of people we serve today by 2021. The objective is to provide customized service engagement opportunities that elevate the Lions volunteer experience and inspire action. These five areas which also represent areas in which many of our clubs already have recurring programs are:

- Diabetes
- The Environment
- Hunger
- Vision
- Childhood Cancer

I organized a GST Workshop on Sunday, 7 October. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a service focused development plan for our district working together with club service chairpersons.

During the workshop we agreed that all Lions Clubs in our district need to appoint a GST/Club Service Chairperson. In addition we all agreed that we need to:

Ensure all Lions and Leo Clubs in our district are aware of the new LCI Service Framework and our global cause of diabetes prevention and control.

Increase service activity reporting through MyLCI/MyLion.

Increase the percentage of hands on service projects delivered by clubs, with special focus on service areas that align with the Centennial Service Challenge and the new Service Framework.

Encourage all clubs in District to complete at least one diabetes project in the Lion year.

Encourage all Lions and Leos in the district to use the MyLion mobile app (when available) when planning and implementing service activities.

I am pleased that clubs are taking up these ideas. I am indebted to the five individual officers who have adequately covered the five main causes under GST. I can see that they are all doing a splendid job making my role very easy. I am happy to advise, co-ordinate and encourage the uptake of service activities by clubs.

PCC Viresh Paul

4.04 Members Welfare /Archivist

– Andrew Allen

This report can basically be written from day one.

There is the continuing sad news, there is the really sad news which eventually comes through although it is not sure all Club Secretaries know the procedure... an email to the District Secretary, copied to the Almoner, with the detail ... **All, please note.... this to be done at a timely speed and not weeks after the event...** then there is the "Lion Fred Bloggs is poorly" type of news, this is sent directly and a "get well card will be sent".

What is really wanted is GOOD NEWS... "Lion Fred Bloggs" passed this or that, became a Mum /Dad Grandfather /Grand-mother celebrated 5/10/15/20 etc etc years of service good news is endless .There has been two such cards this year, the capacity is ready.

Please, please all angles can be accommodated.

PDG Andrew Allen
Almoner/Archivist/Gofer/Chauffeur

4.05 Vulnerable Persons/DBS – Farokh Daruwalla

I continue in the role as your District 105a Dbs officer.

The Lionistic year has been challenging but enjoyable talking to you all and meeting new and old members, helping you with the Dbs process.

I encourage members who have been Dbs processed to encourage other members of their club to also come forward and apply for a Dbs if needed.

Club president's please discuss your Dbs requirements with your club and if you need to make any changes with regards to getting more Dbs applications for more members feel free to contact me.

Finally many thanks to all Club President's/Secretaries who have helped me throughout the Lionistic year to complete the Dbs process.

Look forward to talking to some of you soon.

5.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.01 Zone Chairman A – PDG Elliott Schubert

Zone A is without a Zone Chair, because the Lion who was appointed resigned. London Westminster organised the first meeting of Zone A. Members from London Westminster and London Covent Garden, were in attendance.

The most active Lions Club in Zone A was London Covent Garden. They conducted a charity walk for Diabetes UK and raised £400, donated £100 to the District Youth Celebration, organised a Health talk: Diabetes Health Awareness Day, and donated £60 and some tinned food to the Westminster Foodbank.

London Westminster handed out 150 leaflets to the public about Diabetes Health Awareness, they collected 500 kg of food from customers at the Sainsbury's Pimlico store and donated it to the ODM, which provides a meal for the homeless once per month; and participated in the Christmas dinner for 125 homeless persons at St James the Less church, Pimlico.

London Central Host conducted an environmental awareness project. There was no report from London Chinatown.

Hopefully, Zone A will be more active the second half of the Lionistic year.

5.02 Zone Chairman B – Harvinder Virdee

Zone B report

I am thankful to DG Doreen Allen for appointing me as the zone B Chairman. There are 6 clubs in zone B and a Leo Club. All six clubs have made a valuable contribution to Lionism with their service activities and fund raising. All clubs took part in zone activities with projects such as MIAB, MIAW, Easter Egg Hunt and Duck race, celebrating Youth and Senior Citizens party and the Zone BBQ. 4 clubs have inducted new members and the 5th to do so shortly. Overall zone B expects to increase membership by around 10 members. In addition to the above, **Fairlop Lions Club (CIO)** with 27 members is the most established club in Zone B and has recently achieved CIO status. It has raised around £17,800 for charities and donated around £23,860. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and contribution

towards Water Bore Hole project in Kenya. Made donations to several charities where disabled and under privileged children benefit. They raise funds by organising Golf Tournament, social events and a charity walk. Award winning **Leo Club** is doing very well and makes valuable contribution to Lionism with their service activities at zone and district level.

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) with 31 members is just two years old and has the largest membership in zone B. Have achieved CIO status. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and carries out joint projects with twin club in Kenya. Makes donations to local charities for the disabled and under privileged children, Feed the Hungry, support Food Bank and local youth and Hosted International youth. Raise funds by organising social fundraising events and by campaigning about their projects within friends, family and local community circles. Supports environment projects such as annual tree planting.

Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club (CIO) with 15 members attained its CIO status last month. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and a new successful Intergenerational Project, Mental Health Project and Food for the hungry. They make donations to several local charities for the benefit of disabled and under privileged children.

Barking Lions Club with 12 members are hoping to induct 3 new members shortly. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and contribution towards Water Bore project in Kenya. Make donations to local charities where disabled and under privileged children benefit. Collect used eye glasses for reuse.

Waltham Forest Lions Club with 11 members hold car boot sales every month at Whips Cross Hospital with the hospital's League of Friends and continue with the MIAB and MIAW projects.

London Seven Kings with 8 members are hoping to add quality members. They continue with their charity, Seven Kings Giving Tree project. Over Christmas provided a meal and gifts to around 300 disabled children in 2 local schools by spending around £4,000. The club raises funds from local businesses by holding Health awareness talks and requesting them to sponsor a number of children. Following LP's recovery from personal injury they are hoping to get involved in further service activities.

In summary

I am proud to be the Zone Chair of Zone B and would like to thank all the clubs and their members for their support and co operation during my term as Zone Chairman.

5.03 Zone Chairman C

– Jaswinder Dhillon

Zone C remains small in number with around 60 members, in July we welcomed Park Royal to the Zone following Re-Zoning, we also have the benefit of a club branch Heston that was formed last year, although linked with Hendon, Heston is in our Zone area and they actively support our Zone meetings and projects.

Our Swimming Gala is now in its 27th year, and attracts 80 plus disabled and disadvantaged swimmers to a fun filled afternoon. The delight on the swimmers faces when they complete their race and are presented with a medal is something special. Thanks must go to all those lions from outside of Zone C, who come and support the event.

Zone C are pleased to support many district events and have several members on the district cabinet this year.

Feltham and Whitton – 19 members; hold an annual Fun Day in August attracting lots of support and raising money for their projects. They attend local events with their catering set up. The club provided hampers at Christmas, food for the homeless throughout the year, knitted items for children with cancer, along with promoting Message in a Bottle.

Hounslow – 11 members; they continue to support the elderly with trips out, shopping and decorating. They support a local scout group with donations, and have provided food parcels to the needy at Christmas.

Osterley – 15 members; they have supported Great Ormond Street hospital, continue to feed the homeless and needy on a regular basis. They promote MIAB in their local areas and collect used spectacles.

Park Royal – 10 members; they continue supporting local projects, helping the needy with clothes collected, they are planning a sponsored walk in the spring.

The Zone adopts a relaxed approach and is very social, having fun at our meetings is key whilst ensuring the business is completed.

5.04 Zone Chairman D

– Rajnikant Sheth

I would like to thank DG Lion Doren Allen for appointing me as ZC for Zone D for the fiscal year 2018-2019. It has been an honour and privilege to serve Dist. 105A in this capacity. I would also like to thank all Cabinet Officers who came to my Zone meetings and gave talks on their specialist subjects.

Zone D has 6 clubs and our membership stands at 163. This gives an average of 27 per club, which is the highest in the District. Each club has membership plans in place and it is anticipated that 12 new members will join before the end of the fiscal year. We also have West Drayton club branch of the Southall Lions Club with 6 members. All the above clubs have been very active over the year, giving help where needed to their communities and raising funds for local and international causes. Due to limitations of space only five significant activities per club are listed below. Membership numbers are within brackets.

1. Acton (34): 1. Sponsored walk at Osterly Park to raise £4000 for various charities.

2. BBQ event at Lion President's house raised over £2200 for charities.

3. Supported Mayor of Hounslow's charities with £1000.

4. Supported LCIF with £1000 donation and 2nd Sight Charity with £500 donation.

5. Donated £300 each to Bright Future Now charity, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Diabetes Research

2. Ealing (18): 1. Donated £1150 to LCIF's Kerala disaster funds.

2. Members attend weekly senior citizen gathering and assist in running the event.

3. Members help with DIY at local Gurudwara (temple).

4. Members collect books and stationary for schools in Zambia and Malawi.

5. Organised boat trip over Thames to raise funds for charity

3. Greenford Willow Tree (29): 1. Donated £4212 to Bel-Air Hospital in India.

2. Organised Pizza/Pasta event and raised £225 for charity.

3. Members took part in London Bridges Challenge charity walk.

4. Regularly supports Kikambara food project for African children in Kenya. 5. Donated £100 each to charity Lions Cabinet Report events organised by Lions

clubs of Sudbury and Hayes & Harlington and Dawn Charity for disadvantaged Asian women.

4. Hayes & Harlington (16): 1. Members actively support Message in a Bottle at a local doctor's surgery.

2. Members sponsored one of the nine nights of the Navratri event.

3. Members help to organise coffee for MacMillan Cancer Research and raise funds through cake sales.

4. Organised a musical evening and raised £500 through entrance and raffle ticket sales. 5. Organised Xmas party for 40 senior citizens in sheltered accommodation with games and food.

5. Southall (31): 1. Donated £2059 to Amritsar Golden Temple Lions Club Eye-Hospital, India.

2. Donated £1001 to local Dr Bernardo's House through book sales of children's books written by grandchildren of one member.

3. Raised £2505 during Beaugolai Run

4. Organised a musical evening to raise £1895 for charity.

5. Donated £950 to the Diabetic Dept. of Ealing Hospital.

6. Sudbury (35): 1. Jointly sponsored a Gujarati play and raised £335 for charity.

2. Funded an eye camp in India and distributed free glasses. Also did diabetes screening and blood pressure for 300 people.

3. Raised £500 during a 4-hour relay race for Cancer Research, UK.

4. Raised £251 by communal hymn chanting (Hanuman Chalisa) for Cancer Research, UK.

5. Donated £4100 to St. Luke's Hospice from an evening of devotional songs in memory of departed relatives.

Zone Meetings

Three Zone meetings have been organised to date. Traditionally, each meeting is co-sponsored by two constituent clubs who subsidise meal costs. This year each meeting was theme based and Lion Presidents from the sponsoring clubs were asked to speak on successes and challenges of service, membership and leadership respectively. This was followed by open forum discussions. Attendance was 40-50 lion members per meeting and some important contributions were made, which have been detailed in my Cabinet Reports

Conclusion

Zone D is one of the fastest growing Zone in terms of both membership and service projects. In order to enhance this even further I've introduced two awards: 'Zone Lion of the year' to the one who raises the maximum amount of funds for charity and 'Zone Club of the Year' to the club which achieves the highest, net, membership growth. Following from the DG's theme of 'Together' I have encouraged Zone members to renew inter-club contacts by visiting each other's clubs, each other's service events and each other's Charter Nights. At the start of the year I formed a Zone team with one Lion from each club in it. This way all clubs feel part of the Zone. This proved a success and during the year I have received a lot of affection and support from the clubs. The professional way in which the clubs are run in Zone D has been a great help to me.

Finally, on behalf of all the clubs in my Zone, I would like to wish DG Lion Doreen an enjoyable and successful Convention.

5.05 Zone Chairman E – Sunjay Mehta

Firstly, I would like to thank DG Doreen Allen for having faith in appointing me as Zone E Chairmen. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve District 105a as this Zone has clubs that are passionate and committed to making a difference for those in need.

Zone E comprises of the following clubs: London Belmont (7 Members + 6 Associate members with the Guiding Lion being PDG Ramesh Parmar); Edgware (29 Members); Kenton (13 Members); London Golders Green (27 Members); London Hendon (17 Members + 14 Leos Lion Branch and 10 members from the Heston Club Branch); London Kingsbury (29 Members); Stanmore (21 Members) and Wembley (12 Members).

The clubs in the Zone are not only proactive but effective in serving both the local and overseas communities as they truly believe in the philosophy "Where there's a need there is a Lion". During the year our members have supported and participated in District and International projects. For example, making contributions towards LCIF Funds; District Youth Celebration; District Youth Exchange and the Senior Citizen Annual Celebration.

The clubs have embraced DG Doreen's theme "Together" and Zone projects undertaken included Hunger – feeding the

homeless and vulnerable elderly to Conservation - planting over 100 trees in Silver Jubilee Park (Brent). I will now highlight some of the achievements of each club.

LC Belmont: In Sri Lanka raised awareness of diabetes, supported the Raja Rani Foundation that serves the elderly and disadvantaged children and planted trees. Provided furniture for London's Refugee. Provided food hampers in London. At Christmas held a tea party for the elderly. Took part in Zone's tree planting event.

LC Edgware: Raised funds and made donations to Sahyog Kushtha Yagn Trust in India, Myasthenia Gravis Association, Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), Care UK, A&H Charity, MEd Autism Studies, Children Charity. Also collected spectacles as part of Lionistic Vision Service. Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health.

LC Kenton: Raised funds and made donations to Alzheimer's/Dementia sufferers, Admiral Nurses, Street Children and Sudbury Neighborhood Centre. Members actively involved to help Senior Citizens Group in Harrow, have held tea parties for the elderly. Supported local Food Bank. Also collected spectacles as part of Lionistic Vision Service. Collected used batteries for re-cycling.

Raise funds for British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity with Lions Club of

Kingsbury and Lions Club London Hendon. Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health.

LC London Golders Green: Helped to feed homeless individuals in Holborn, Organized and gave 33 homeless residents of New Hope winter clothing. Arranged and paid for a Christmas party for the homeless in Uxbridge. Gave North Harrow Community Library approximately 400 books and 300 were supplied by the Leos Of Fairlop. A big thank you goes to DG Doreen for acting as the intermediary between the club and the Leos.

Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health.

LC London Hendon: Raised funds and donations made to Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, Medic Alert bracelet, LCIF Disaster Appeal for Hurricane Irma and Floods that took place in Nepal, Bangladesh and India plus the LCIF Measles Appeal.

They also helped with the formation of a new Leo's Lions Club Branch which has 14 members. In addition, formed Heston Club Branch with initially 5 members and with 5 more inducted in February 2019. Members took part in a range of community service activities from: feeding the homeless in Charring Cross with Jalaram Jyot Mandir Alpertown; collecting spectacles and holding an event to raise awareness of kidney disorders. Raised funds for British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity with Lions Club of Kingsbury and Lions Club London Kenton. Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffered from mental health.

LC Stanmore: Fund raised and donations made to Macmillan Cancer Care, Poland Hospice, Eye Camps in India. Members have volunteered in various projects such as SOGB, Homeless Shelter, Local Nursing Homes. Also provided food hampers for Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre.

LC Wembley (Brent): Members volunteered for various projects like SOGB, awareness raising events including diabetes (SKLP Mela attended by over 5000 people and Chalkhill Medical Centre – Wembley) plus Message in a Wallet and Message in a Bottle. Also made donation to Lions International disaster appeals. Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffered from mental health.

LC London Kingsbury: Raised funds and donations made to Cancer Research, LCIF Campaign 100, Kerala Floods and MD Indonesia Appeals. Supported the Message in a Wallet campaign and collected spectacles. Raised funds for British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity with Lions Club of Hendon and Lions Club London Kenton. Took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffered from mental health.

Summary

Our Zone meetings are lively and there is healthy debate with the focus on working TOGETHER as having a concerted effort can get more done. I would like to thank the Lion Presidents, Secretaries and Club Members for their support, enthusiasm and contribution during my term as Zone Chair. I feel honored and am proud of Zone E's accomplishments in making a difference to communities in need. Lastly on behalf of all the clubs in my Zone E, I would like to wish DG Lion Doreen an enjoyable and successful Convention.

5.06 Zone Chairman F – Lion Harish Vyas

I am honoured to have served this premier Zone which includes many PDGs and distinguished Lions. All the 6 clubs have been active both in their communities and internationally. The service activities and donations made by some of the clubs are substantial and awe striking.

LIONS CLUB OF CHIPPING BARNET have donated £750 for the Kerala Appeal, £101 for the Indonesian Appeal and over 500 items in total to the Chipping Barnet Food Bank. 3 Members of which 2 were ladies have been inducted. The lady members were inducted for the first time in club's 36 years history by International Director Lion Geoff Leeder. The club has participated in District Quiz District, Youth Celebrations and Senior Citizens Celebrations.

LIONS CLUB OF ENFIELD: This 100% Melvin Jones Club has followed its traditional role of donating large sums of monies and have this year donated £50,000 for a small village in Gujarat together with further £65,000 for children's eye camp in the same area. They have also donated substantially to Noah's Ark Hospice £50,000.

LIONS CLUB OF FRIEN BARNET: are planning musical evening, sponsored walk and golf tournament having had their fund raising event of Race Night where they raised over £750. They also collected glasses being the Zone project and are raising money for Healing Little Hearts charity.

LIONS CLUB OF LONDON HORNSEY: have donated £501 to Barnet General Hospital apart from attending MD Youth Centre in Sussex and inducting 4 new members. Their Lion member Lion Raza was presented with International President's award. They participate in all District Projects.

LIONS CLUB OF MILL HILL: have donated

to cancer care, polio and Poverty Breakers, a charity for children in need. Donations aggregate to over £4,500 including monies to Kutch charity which empowers people through the spiritual development. They were also winners of the District Quiz in the Region. They were also the winners of the Zone Cricket. Now they are working for the 11th Golf Challenge in conjunction with Chipping Barnet.

LIONS CLUB OF LONDON FINCHLEY: have donated substantial monies for the eye camps in Pakistan having already donated to Bore Hall Appeal, Campaign 100 Japan, Kerala Floods and Indonesian Tsunami Appeal. They raised £4,766 for local charities and appeals. Members visit patients at hospitals.

Our Zone project has resulted in collection of 1,200 old glasses.

My thanks to my Secretary Lion Parveen Verma for all his substantial assistance and to DG Doreen for appointing me for a most enjoyable Lionistic Year.

5.07 Zone Chairman G – Lynne Kauffman

Harrow and Pinner Lions: L.P. Lesley and LS Sukdeep lead their team of 16 Lions with verve and enthusiasm. Service activities stretch from regular coffee mornings to volunteering at Cassiobury Park Fireworks working with Watford Lions. H&P are active in many quizzes and social events with other Clubs and never miss a chance to take part in district activities such as Youth Christmas party, illustrating their dedication as Lions Purposes state 'to serve their community without looking for personal reward'.

Hatch End Centennial Lions: LP Karanjeet and Lion Eric have boundless energy when driving the plans for the 23 (& 3 associate) members of the youngest Club in our Zone. HECL are a very social club they focus on the ethic of 'holding friendship that demands nothing' and can be proud of the many activities they promote in supporting/feeding vulnerable young people especially their outreach work in Kenya and India, the highlight being their involvement with World Hunger Day.

Moor Park Lions: L.P. Raj effectively supported by L.S. Kam use their power house of fund raising with their 35 members to guide productive ways of increasing funds to promote the Lions mantra of 'bearing in mind Lions' obligations as world citizens'. This year's MEHFIL event raised unimaginable funds for the Rainbow Charity. Over the years

MPL have supported and helped to build schools and hospitals in India working closely with fellow Lions across the world.

Northwood Lions: LP Gil ably supported by LS Martin with their team of 14 Lions true real entrepreneurs. Their Saturday Market is an inspiration enabling them to regularly donate over £2,000 per charity, and their time, to local schools and charities such as the Halo Children's Bereavement Foundation (only 1 of the 9 charities that regularly receive this support) demonstrating their 'active interest in the civic cultural and moral welfare of the community' as detailed in Lions Clubs Purposes. The Peace Poster and Youth Award are giving them opportunities for further outreach.

Ruislip Lions: LP Phyllis with the back up of LS Gordon's vast experience of Lionism sets the scene for the 33 members of RLC. Service is the main thrust of the clubs activity including a Carers Café, the Uxbridge Food Bank and Young Carers club to mention a few. The group enjoys having and information stall at the many Hillingdon Fairs. At present a link with primary schools through a poetry competition, Brunel through student volunteering and a strengthening link with Rotary we hope spreads the reputation of lions locally- to show 'industrious application to merit a reputation for quality of service above self'.

Looking to the future for Zone G we aim to put on an event to shown the qualities and strengths of all the clubs in Zone G. At the last Zone meeting the groups came up with suggestions for 2019 including Zone Race Night/split meetings – one social and one business/ Holi or Colour Dash/Sponsored Walk/Boat trip. We will be exploring the potential of one of the ideas for Lions Promotion and fund raising.

5.09 Zone Chairman I – Augustina Shuttleworth

I am thankful to DG Doreen Allen for appointing me as the zone I Chairperson. There are 7 clubs in zone I and a Leo Club. All seven clubs have made a valuable contribution to Lionism with their service activities, donations and fund raising. All clubs took part in Zone activities in particular with Zone Gala swimming competition, Quiz Night, celebrating Youth and Senior Citizens party and attending each other's Club Charter nights. 2 clubs have inducted new members. Zone I is working towards increasing members.

Ampthill District: with only 7 members

made charitable donations of over £2500.47 plus, 90 Xmas Hampers for old people's homes also to vulnerable residents.

Bedford club: Membership remains unchanged at 23. This Club received £2,971.65 from our Kempston Fund Day, Beer Festival, Easter Effs, Candy Floss and surplus goods sold. Donations £1500 Bedford Road Primary School towards their library, £1000 to BOLD, £500 each to Cancer Goodie Bags c/o local charity the Saramanda for Patients in Primrose Ward, Road Victims Trust and St John's Special School for children with learning and other disabilities and varying amounts from £300-£10 to 13 different charities including LCIF Campaign 100, Kerala Floods Appeal and MD Indonesia Appeal

Biggleswade-Sandy: Membership remains unchanged at 27. Fundraising – coffee morning for McMillan Cancer support and raised £310. Donations to LCIF Appeals, Kerala Flooding in India £200, Japanese Flooding £200, Indonesia disaster £200, School book project and have donated £150 each month to 3 local schools (out of 27) and also provided them with a box of good 2nd hand children's books, £120 to Stroke Association as a sponsorship for one of our members doing a London bike ride, £250 to repair the coffee machine at the Support Centre called Cafe Mocha which is a meeting place for those who are lonely or need friendly help.

Letchworth & Baldock: Membership remains unchanged at 22 with 1 prospective member. Fundraising: a Filmed race night and raised £700, Filmed race night for Jackies Drop-In and raised over £600.

Donations; Acquired a dining table and chairs for a young mum in Hitchin who was eating sitting on the floor.

Luton: Membership remains unchanged at 13 with 1 prospective member. Smiley Sam doing the Keech Cottage Santa Sleigh and raised £1000. Donate Christmas hampers to 20-30 people.

Royston: Membership remains unchanged at 15 with 4 MEMBERS 'at Large' and 2 'Privileged' Activities include the River Lee Boat Trip that the club sponsored for Royston Day centre and continued to help them running Beetle Drives and Quizzes at some of their weekly meetings. Lion Jennifer and LP Keith attended the Royston OPAL event and promoted MIAB & MIAW at the tables. Leos: appointed their President Jack Sontinues there are 5 potential members who attended the recent meeting Royston Club hosts the

Zone I Gala and the next gala will be Saturday 6th April 2019.

Stevenage Corey's Mill: Membership remains at 13 plus 1 Associate member with 2 lions 'at large' Fundraising; very active throughout Christmas period. Donated £100 to MD for the Indonesian disaster. £50 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. 2nd time winners of the 10pin bowling Zone Games

In summary

I am proud to be the Zone Chair of Zone I and would like to thank all the L.P's and their club members for their support and co-operation during my term as Zone Chairperson Zone meeting is great as it means that we all work TOGETHER and can get so much more done.

5.10 Zone Chairman J – Victor Wright

The Clubs in Zone J have worked hard over the last 12 months and have done many hours of service in their community, and raised thousands of pounds and donated the money wisely to good causes, they have increased membership, I think they have recruited some very valuable and bright people, we should nurturer the new members as a district they are the future of the Lions, and I think District 105a Cabinet members should make a special too effort to interduce themselves to the new members at their new club.

The Clubs have increased they presents in the community by being at local events, and press coverage and this is the way to go, it is all to do with PR these days.

Some of the clubs have low membership but still do excellent work and I think need more support, as low membership numbers means, more pressure per person, I think cross club help would easy the pressures on low membership clubs.

Zone J has a wide range of making money activities and promoting themselves, from Car shows, Dog Shows, Music events, Beer festivals, Dickens at Christmas, Food Collections, Selling Calendars, working with local hospitals and schools. Maybe we need to swap ideas as events seem to have a seven-year cycle and we need to prolong money making activities as long as we can.

I am very proud of Zone J and I would like to say thanks to all in my members in zone J.

PS I had a very small impact on Zone J success this year.

5.11 Zone Chairman K

– Brian Donovan

Changes in membership: in December 2017 the Zone had 141 members, in the last year we have inducted 6 new Lions and one transfer between clubs, but we have lost 10 members, so we are now at 137 members. Losses have been due to illness or extreme age, passing to high service or moving out of the area.

The clubs in the Zone were dismayed at the breaking up of the 105A Oxfordshire clubs, with half of the clubs leaving 105A to join 105SC, that is being formed to begin in July 2019. This is a situation that none of us wanted, but it is what has been thrust upon us and it is up to us as Lions to make the best of it. So it is farewell from Abingdon, Carterton, Thame and Wantage & Grove. However, the borders are just for administrative convenience and it will not stop clubs or individual Lions working together in the future.

Highlights from the clubs in the Zone.

Abingdon (15 members, down 2): A high point, quite literally, was our sponsored team abseil 100ft down the side of our local general hospital in Oxford to raise money for medical monitoring equipment for the Children's Hospital. There were many other volunteers that took part in this even run by the Hospital over two days, in rainy weather (though the sun came out for Abingdon) - £5000 raised, which would fund one mobile monitor, that mean a child does not have to stay in bed strapped to machines.

We provided the prizes for the Eye Hospital sight awareness poster campaign They attended seven major events, running their lions tombola stall and MIAB/W stand, three of these events they run the car park for. They ran a walk-in lions shop, including diabetes awareness sessions in conjunction with a local pharmacy and first aid tips from the Red Cross. We added additional dates to our Christmas Calendar, notably extending to a neighbouring village and getting the village involved – this could lead to a village branch to run the event and a summer fete in the future. We also put on an additional Grotto in the Town Centre. They volunteer for community litter picks (around 4 are held annually); provide a regular food donation to the Food Bank and funding for a Toy Bank at Christmas. A further two defibrillators are to be given to the local community over the second half of the Lions year. Sadly, we lost Lion Frank Allen to Higher Service – A life dedicated the service through the RAF and from

retirement in his 50's though the Lions and a driving force behind the Town Twinning with many nations (Frank was multi-lingual).

Banbury (25 members, up 3): Completion of the centenary project (a garden for a day care centre). It was a lot of hard work, by a couple of members, but was very well received by the centre and its residents.

Diabetes screening events – Run a market stall near the Town Hall and to persuade the public to go into the Town Hall for screening.

Water Bottles Scheme – a local restaurant is selling tap water for a voluntary 50p to raise money for Lions.

Race Night – 21 September at Kidlington, to raise money towards much needed portable medical monitoring equipment for the Oxford Children's Hospital.

Bicester (16 members, up 1): Fundraising in Easter and Christmas 2017/2018 and as a result, being able to assist most of those requests for help that comes our way.

Carterton (22 members, down 2): They co-ordinate MIAB/W for most of the Oxfordshire clubs, they maintain the stock and provide stock and display materials to the other clubs, led by Lion Maddy. Lion Maddy initiated a zone wide campaign to raise funds for the Children's Hospital – this was taken up by Abingdon and Banbury as seen in their summaries.

Car boot sales from late spring through to autumn.

In December the Club completed their usual Father Christmas rounds and a Santa's Grotto for Children in the Community Centre. This year they will re-introduce their annual art exhibition to showcase local talent, especially emerging talent from young artists – planned for February 2019 at the Community Centre, usually in half term week.

Another annual Swells party for the over 60's.

Chipping Norton (12 members, down 3 – including on transfer out): Continues to operate a mobility scooter loan service. Over Christmas they operate a Santa Grotto and an annual 'Reindeer race'.

Thame (13 members, down 4): Music Festival and Thame Fair car parking (raising around £1400).

Blind Bowling in September – green bowls money raised will go to blind vets and audio books.

Norfolk show give out wrist bands to children in case they become lost, Thame

has had some printed with Lions website and gave them out at the Music Festival.

Diabetes day in Haddenham health centre.

Christmas Lights in December.

Senior Citizens meal in January.

Tree planting and the Thame Tidy.

Finished painting fences around memorial gardens.

Santa sleigh is going to Thame, Haddenham and Chinnor this year, Haddenham and Chinnor was always the Round Table in the past.

Wantage & Grove (14 members, no change): Regular bingo nights, jumble sales are conducted, raising some funds are providing valuable services for the local community. They organise two senior citizens parties during the year, providing entertainment and Chicken 'n' chips for about 80 locals.

Witney (20 members, up 3 – including one transfer in): The Witney Carnival, probably 5000+ attended. It is free entry but from they run a bar and tried out a new sideshow, 'play your cards right' which was successful, so they used this fun game at a number of village fetes throughout the year.

Dream Scheme again in November, where worthy caused can pitch to a Pride of Lions for grants. At Christmas they do Santa round and prepare and distribute parcels.

They organise Pig Roasts, such as for the Fire service on August Bank Holiday Sunday. The club benefits from access to two pig roast sets now, the second set via a member that runs these professionally.

They have links with the local community Hospital, who always need equipment and have now assisted with funding for the Witney Day Centre that entertains (and feed) up to 50 elderly/infirm/lonely people throughout the whole of that day.

6.0 YOUTH TEAM

6.01 Portfolio Holder – Lesley Spence

Thank you to District Governor Lion Doreen for giving me the opportunity to lead the Youth Team this year and to all members of the Youth Team for their hard work and enthusiasm in carrying out their roles. Their individual reports are a real credit to the commitment each has given the team.

The mission was and is to encourage and support clubs to take on at least one aspect of the Youth Activities; Young Leaders in Service, Youth Exchange, Young Ambassador, Peace Poster/Peace Essay, support Healthy School Status by perhaps sponsoring an individual school in buying appropriate Tacade Booklets. Our hope is that the children and young people we help and encourage today may well be our young Lions of tomorrow, and you never know their family and friends might just see a relevance and meaning in what we do, and an association they admire and want to be a part of today.

We will have tables and displays just outside in the coffee area, please come along to talk with us and receive your clubs free pack of information and leaflets. Better still bring along your diary and invite us along to a club meeting, or Zone meeting we cost nothing and you never know where it may take your club or Zone in the future...

6.02 Leo Adviser/Campus Clubs

– Surjit Chodda

Leo Adviser

DG Doreen, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Leo Adviser for 2018/2019. I am very new to this role and hope that so far my efforts and endeavours have been satisfactory.

I am very pleased to report that we currently have 4 Leo Clubs, and there is the prospect of setting up a new Leo Club in Southall

Fairlop Leos Club have recently increased one member and now have 30 members.

Kingsbury Leo Club is a reviving club and currently has one listed member, but hopefully that we can encourage new members this year.

Hendon Leo Club currently have 12 members with prospective new members in the pipeline.

Royston Leo Club lost one original member but were pleased to report that 5 new potential members recently attended their last meeting. Efforts have been made to set up a new school based club in Avanti House by Wembley Lions Club, unfortunately this did not transpire.

Our District Leos continue to do several projects within their communities, raising funds, raising awareness and serving where they can, always thinking up new ideas and ways they can progress. They

continue to volunteer their services at the annual DYC and the SCC events. They raise their profile by their actions, projects and publicity throughout the District by using social media; i.e. Facebook, YouTube and the Web They do us all proud and we are hopeful they will grow in their endeavours to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs and encourage peace everywhere.

Several of our Leos have been awarded the well-deserved Young Leaders in Service Certificates, the Bronze, Silver and Gold for the volunteering hours provided to their communities.

Fairlop Leos applied for a LCIF Leo grant of £2500 to build an outdoor viewing area and sensory garden for ELHAP (Every Life Has a Purpose) which is a local respite/recreation outdoor centre for children and young adults with special needs. This has been successfully completed and has greatly enhanced the opportunities for those less able to experience outdoor activities. A first for Leos in the MD.

In December Leo Chanel (Fairlop) was named the winner of the Bert Mason Bursary Award for a Leo 2018/2019. Congratulations to her, Fairlop Leos and the whole of the District for this great achievement.

She also visited District 133 in February 2019 to talk about Leos.

I end my report now by thanking the Leo Club Advisers, the sponsoring Lions Clubs, my Youth Team colleagues and all Lions in the District for their continued support of the younger generation.

6.03 Life Skills/Healthy Schools

– Sreekanth Gajewada

Dear District Governor and Fellow Lions.

I have attended the MD Healthy schools meeting to get connect with other officers within the MD and to represent 105A to show the commitment of D.105A towards the Life Skills and Healthy Schools project. I have attended the HSL Network Meeting in the City Hall along with the Officers from MD and got the opportunity to see and meet various Borough leads who are working on the Healthy schools program.

We had been given a slot to explain the Lions Healthy Schools project and the support. All the borough leads appreciated the work we have done so far and can see that we are making a huge

difference through our resources within the schools for a "Better Tomorrow".

We have put a Lifeskills stands along with the resources we have during the Lunch time where the Borough leads came to the stall and going through the resources.

Healthy Schools project still running actively within the 105A successfully to change the schools into healthy schools for a "Better Future".

I would like to thank LC Harpenden for their great commitment and active work towards Life Skills and PHSE. I would also like to acknowledge and thank LC Hendon for their contribution towards the Cromer Road Primary School's Swimming pool

6.04 Peace Poster

– Sunil Patel

Peace Poster & Music Competition Peace Poster

This year the Theme for the competition was "Kindness Matters". It was very interesting to see different formats of the student's interpretation and vision of the Theme in a colour poster.

The Kits were available from MDHQ from February onwards. Clubs were informed to purchase their kits from MDHG as soon as possible as MDHQ were not going to reorder if the demand was going to exceed supply.

To widen the interest with a wonderful theme for this year's Competition I communicated with the clubs in early May encouraging them to contact the Schools before they break for the summer.

The Clubs took on the challenge and this year we had 17 poster entries with one from Lions Club of Hatch End Centennial who was only formed two years ago. It was very encouraging to see the number of entries increase this year.

The usual high standard of entries were submitted by Lions Clubs of Fairlop, High Wycombe, Northwood, Harrow & Pinner, Milton Keynes Stony Stratford, Royston, Westminster and Lions Club of Hatch End Centennial.

I strongly believe we have laid foundations for further growth in the number of entries to this competition. I would like to thank all the Clubs and their members for encouraging local Schools to enter in this competition.

This year we secured services of an Independent Arts Teacher Rebecca Pennells who chaired the judges committee and the following top three posters were announced.

The winner of the District final was Charlotte Lan Aged 12 from Greneway Middle School and she was sponsored by Lions Club of Royston.

The runner up was Maj Huckle Aged 11 from Parkside South and she was sponsored by Lions Club of Fairlop.

The Third place went to Beatrice Macalino Aged 11 from Parkside Community Primary and she was sponsored by Lions Club of Harrow & Pinner.

This year we had a Peace Essay entry from David Kareem Aged 11 from Canon Palmer Catholic Academy Aged 11 and sponsored by Lions Club of Fairlop. AS this was the only entry it was declared winner in the District.

The above four will be presented with monetary value cheques shortly.

The District winning entry was sent to MDHQ for the UK final, and the MD105 winner was from Harry

Gosling Aged 12 from District 105BS and the essay winner was from Liverpool Lions Club District 105BN

It has been a very enjoyable year for me as a Peace Poster Contest Officer for the District and pleased to see that the number of entries is on the upward trend.

I would like to thank the District Governor for Re-Appointing me to this wonderful post and have thoroughly enjoyed in serving our District.

Music Competition

Once again there was no Competition as MD105 have stopped this event.

6.05 Young Ambassador/Young Leaders in Service

– Lesley Spence

Young Ambassador

The aim of the Young Ambassador scheme which operates throughout Europe is to recognise, encourage and support the work of the exceptional young people who are actively involved in their communities. Over the years successful candidates aged between 15 and 19 years old have been involved in helping young and older people, disabled, able bodied and disadvantaged and have organised projects in conservation, crime prevention, raising monies for Special School projects, promoting healthier lifestyles, hospital radio and other initiatives.

This year different clubs across the District tried hard to seek out some of these exceptional young people within

their own areas. They may have been unsuccessful, but to those clubs I say, "thank you" for the effort and to ask that you please continue with your search in readiness for next year's competition.

There are many young people working quietly away in our communities; let's all redouble our efforts and "Just Ask". **Lions they deserve to be recognised!**

By the time of the Convention I will have had the pleasure of presenting our winner as the District candidate at the MD Finals in Dudley. I am sure they will enjoy the weekends competition and activities and enjoy meeting up with and talking to the other District Young Ambassador winners from around the Country.

Today that person will address convention on their service activities and I am sure you will be in awe, both of what they have already achieved and of their plans for the future. They will deserve our many congratulations.

Young Leaders in Service

The Young Leaders in Service scheme for 11- 18 year olds is part of the Lions' Mission for young people which is "to provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service".

The Bronze, Silver and Gold awards are given upon completion of 12 months of service for 25-49 hours, 50-99 hours and 100 or more hours respectively. It is hoped that the young people will build this into a habit of a lifetime; giving service to their communities and maybe as a result become involved with local Lions and Leos. Young Leaders in Service gives young people the opportunity to enhance their CVs and make new friends.

At the time of writing this report (January) there have been 40 Young Leaders In Service award applications including 5 Bronze, 21 Silver and 14 Gold awards with over 3744 hours of service registered to those young people during the years log of service. Fourteen YLIS have managed to clock up over 100 hours each and two of the Leo's have over 220 hours to their credit. An amazing record of community service we would all be proud of.

Our challenge, as Lions, is to open this opportunity up to more of the young people in our local

communities. Actively think about the people you may know, are they secondary school teachers or school Governors, Scout or Guide Leaders, belong to groups such as MENCAP, St Johns Ambulance. The people you know may help you to find

those young people who regularly volunteer, help out or mentor other younger pupils or members. These youngsters could be our next "Young Leaders in Service". **Let's just Ask!**

I am always willing to attend Clubs, Zones or schools etc to explain the scheme.

6.06 Youth Exchange

– Ashwin Malkan

District Governor and my Fellow Lions.

The Youth Exchange Program started from the 23rd of July and ended on the 31st of July from where they all went to their next camp in Sussex for nine days.

In total we had 5 youths, Naman from India, Freya from Denmark, Koharu from Japan, Sophie from Netherlands and Tim from Germany hosted by families.

During their time in London they were taken out to various places by Lions Clubs to the City of London by day and night, cruise on the river Thames, Windsor Castle, Kenwood House in Hampstead Heath, Museums and various other places. Some of the clubs hosted lunch and dinner for the youths.

A Youth Farewell Dinner was held on their last day where over 70 people had attended. It was a very enjoyable evening with delicious food, entertainment from young youths playing musical instruments and singing, Bollywood workshop and slide shows of the photos of their program days.

I would like to thank all the host families for hosting the youths and Lions clubs for hosting and sponsoring programs. Without their support there would have been no Youth Exchange.

It was a very successful Youth Exchange Program with all the youths taking home good memories of their time in London.

Out going Youth Exchange

Our District 105a had one youth who had gone to Canada. He was hosted by a family first and then went to a camp. He enjoyed the experience and would recommend to other youths to do the same.

Finally, I would like to thank District Governor Doreen for giving me the opportunity to lead the Youth Exchange program.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish DG Doreen and PDG Andrew a very successful Convention.

That concludes my report

7.0 INTERNATIONAL TEAM

7.01 Portfolio Holder

– Vijay Arora

Members of the International team have all submitted their reports and continue to promote their projects to the clubs for increased participation.

7.02 Europa Forum – Twinning

– Elliot Shubert

I attended the Europa Forum, which was held in Skopje, Macedonia, 26-29 October 2018. After reading the map and asking for directions, I finally found the meeting venue (there were no signs). Registration was chaotic, because the registrations were not alphabetised. The meeting venue was in a new building (a concert hall). The meeting schedule looked quite full, although meaningful content for many presentations was lacking. I attended a membership presentation that rehearsed the same old story. Fortunately, there was an opportunity to ask questions and make comments, which made the meeting more robust and meaningful.

The best presentation was "New Voices", which raises the importance of women in Lions and society. The presentations were well done and there was a lot of enthusiasm. I will try to replicate this in District 105A. Attending the EF was an opportunity to meet new Lions and to become reacquainted with Lions I knew previously. The social events were enjoyable. The highlight of the convention was IP Gudrun's speech to the EF delegates, which was dynamic and inspiring. The 2019 Europa Forum will be held in Tallinn, Estonia.

7.03 LCIF

– Vijay Arora

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest and most effective service organisation. Individually, we serve with our clubs and make a difference in our local communities. LCIF allows us to extend and magnify that impact on a local and global scale. LCIF is our foundation and it belongs to each and every Lion, all 1.46 + million of us!

LCIF support and enhance the efforts of Lions Clubs to give hope to their local communities and the World.

LCIF Campaign 100 is to raise US\$300million by 2021 to meet the ever-

increasing challenges facing our world. Together, we can achieve our goal of serving 200 million people per year. Please consider making a donation as every Lion's contribution will make service possible in each of our service areas.

100% of our donations directly support LCIF's Global causes. During 2017-18 over \$30000 was donated by 62% of the clubs in our district. This year we are aiming to achieve every club supporting our own Foundation and so far over £15,000 has been donated by 26 clubs of 105A towards LCIF: Disaster, LCIF Campaign 100 and 100% Contributing.

We are encouraging some clubs to take on the challenge of becoming Model Clubs by pledging to raise/donate a minimum per-member average of US\$750 over 4 years by June 30, 2022. We are requesting all lions/clubs to consider making a donation of \$50-\$100 per member towards LCIF Campaign 100. A gift of just £2 a week makes a big impact.

Through Campaign 100, we are strengthening the work of Lions to save sight; support youth; provide relief in disasters; fight diabetes; care for families facing childhood cancer; feed the hungry; and protect our environment. In short, through Campaign 100, your club can help change the world. Together we can do it, because together, We Serve.

The new annual Lion Share Supporter Pin Program has three pin levels – \$50 to \$99: 1 Star Pin, \$100 to \$199: 2 Star Pin, \$200 +: 3 Star and these donations are all eligible towards Campaign 100 and MJF credits.

We are also requesting donations from more individual lions and clubs this year. The donations LCIF receives go directly to lions that apply for grants and meet the required criteria. Why not think about applying for these grants for your service projects.

District Sponsored Walk in aid of LCIF will be held on Sunday 28th April 2019 during world Immunization week 23-29 April 2019 at Rickmansworth Aquadrome.

Please contact me if you wish me to attend your meetings and/or for any help/info related to LCIF. Please send your donations to our District Treasurer cheques made payable to LCI District 105A endorsed at the back with LCIF Campaign 100.

Thank you very much on behalf of all those around the world whose lives have improved through your

support and generous donations to LCIF.

Both Krishan and I would like to wish DG Doreen, PDG Andrews and all our family of Lions a very happy and enjoyable Convention 2019.

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

PDG Lion Vijay Arora

7.04 Water Aid – Bore Holes

– Karanjeet Assan

I thank DG Doreen Allen for the opportunity to serve as district Water Aid/Bore Hole officer.

Right now, some of the poorest people in the world don't have clean water to drink close to home.

There were two projects I was looking forward to do in the Lionistic year 2018-19.

1. Bore hole in coastal area LIKONI, Mombasa -Kenya. I was born in Mombasa and I know there IS need for clean water in the poor areas. After my visit to Kenya in November 2018 to survey the project, was advised to wait as Kenya is going through changes, so this project is on hold.

2. Last year after going to ISAAME Forum in Kolkata-(INDIA) visited Gujarat where I had very sad experience – the water there had many types of bacteria not fit to drink for anyone. I visited 3 poor schools where they needed help to purify the water for good health – these poor children are open to diseases like blindness, kidney failure, diarrhoea... After talking to the school principal was informed that there is a method by which the water can be purified - and that is to install what is called REVERSE OSMOSIS(RO) unit, that is water purification technology that uses a semipermeable membrane to remove ions, molecules and larger particles from water to make it fit to drink. Clubs have donated to this project. The project is going ahead and will be installing these RO units in April/May 2019.

Clubs in the district have also contributed to other Water Aid Projects :

Lion Club of Milton Keynes have donated £100.00 to Water Aid.

Lions Club of Fairlop with Lions Club of Barking, jointly with 3 independent groups have donated a Bore Hole to the Residents of Mukaange Sub-County, Ngwata Location, Kibwezi East District of Makueni County.-Kenya

Lions Club of Mill Hill and Lions Club of Hayes and Harlington have confirmed to donate money for the Gujarat – Reverse Osmosis (RO) Project.

Clean water, decent toilets and good

hygiene are vital for living a healthy life.

This will be achieved By working TOGETHER.

I take this opportunity to wish DG Doreen a wonderful convention.

7.05 Street children – Eudikits – Syrian Refugees – Joginder Gill

Street Children Homelessness and Eudikits.

Every 5 minute a child runs away from home and it is a Global problem.

We the LIONS through our chosen charities: The Centre Point, The Railway Children and Jubilee Campaign – support the Street children and Homeless. They provide shelter, family support, education, life skills, sports, health, music and basic skills and back into education and employment

The Railway Children: Throughout the year and especially around the festive season there is a lot of coverage about the homeless people and street children who seek refuge at the main train stations as they are well lit warm and lot of activity and difficult to intercept.

British Transport Police under the guidance of Chris Neely has managed to intercept the runaway children before the street gets to them by patrolling on the trains .Manchester was the first hub followed by other stations -Nottingham Birmingham Euston Kings Cross and St Pancras. These Charities not only provide them with shelter but engage them in various projects –so they can lead a better life

Centre Point: Leading youth homeless charity supports 10000 homeless young people. One can sponsor a room for £15 a month and help towards the needy.

Jubilee Campaign: Danny Smith The founder of this Charity-a non profit making charity-promotes and protects vulnerable children from exploitation. His Book “SHOUTING INTO SILENCE” is worth a read-One man’s fight for the worlds forgotten.

Edukits: We are partners with UNICEF and a donation of £150.—can help to educate 80 children in emergency.

Finally I would request all club Presidents and Zone Chairs to create awareness among club members about the street children and homelessness so they can come forward with ideas to organise

events to give support to our chosen Charities.

I would like to thank our District Governor Doreen Carr for her support and words of encouragement whenever called upon. I wish her a successful convention.

8.0 DISTRICT HEALTH TEAM

8.01 Portfolio Holder – Penny Tregillus

My thanks goes to the members of the District Health Team for the work they carry out to promote their Projects.

Members of the Health Team are myself as Hearing, Prostate Cancer and Childhood Cancer Officer; Lion Surendra Popat Vision, LEHP and Dentaid Officer; Lion Rohit Patel Diabetes Awareness Officer; Lion Mick Claxton Message in a Bottle, Message in a Wallet and Medic Alert Officer and Lion Rob Pullinger Hunger Officer.

Please see their Reports which follow.

8.02 Diabetes Awareness – Rohit Patel

Following on from work done by my predecessor in the past year and since taking office I have sent various communications to all clubs via our district secretary emphasising November being Diabetes Month and 14th November World Diabetes Day.

* 18th of June 2018 - I was delighted to accompany Lion Penny at Barnet Recovery Centre Training Session to give a talk on how drugs and alcohol impact diabetics.

* 18th July 2018 – My first power point presentation was at DDO at Sandy and Biggleswade LC who donated £100 to DUK. It was a humble and encouraging gesture.

I contacted all zone chairs requesting invitation at their zone meetings. My thanks to all ZCs for giving me an opportunity to speak at their respective ZMs and I will try to visit others in due course.

* 31st July 2018 - attended Zone B meeting to give a short presentation.

* 4th September – Attended Zone F meeting to make a short presentation.

* 17th September – Attended Zone G

meeting to give PowerPoint presentation.

* 27th September – Attended Zone E meeting for a short presentation.

* 25th October - Zone I meeting on to make a power point presentation. My I thank following clubs for inviting me to their club meetings with warm welcome and hospitality. I look forward to visiting other clubs when invited.

* 9th September – Redbridge event - Organised to have printed materials delivered from DUK.

* 7th October - Wembley Lions Club is holding a major diabetes awareness event at SKLP Mela event where over 7000 people attended.

* 3rd December 2018 - I have attended LC of St. Albans

* 11th December 2018 – Visited London Covent garden to make presentations.

* LC of London Acton has made a donation of £1000 to diabetes causes to LCIF.

* On 18th January 2019 - I will be presenting Diabetes Health Talk at Tower Hamlets Chinese Association at the request of LC of London Covent Garden.

At the time of doing this convention report only six months have passed of my tenure and further six months still remain. It is my intention to continue to communicate with all clubs with a view to inspiring more clubs in taking active interest in this, one of LCI major service areas and do more activities in their communities. I am only a click or a phone call away. Finally, I must thank Diabetes UK for their great and valuable support in my endeavours to fulfil importance of this office.

8.03 Message in Wallet (MIAW) – Mick Claxton

The response in our District has been very positive. Our aim is to have MIAW distributed by every club in District 105A to work alongside Message in a Bottle.

Folded into the size of a credit card, it easily fits into a purse or wallet and is designed to help emergency services in the event of accidents or emergencies in the UK.

The new design for Message in a Wallet is becoming more commonly used- please encourage clubs to discuss MIAW so that we can push this out into the wider community.

The flyer and MIAW's are distributed at doctors and dentists surgeries, Age UK, Care organisations, First Responders, and Chemists and at fundraising and PR events. Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue are coming on board. The introduction throughout Oxfordshire is progressing well via the efforts of Maddy Radburn of Carterton Lions. To keep up with demand a second print run of 40,000 has been organised using a more cost effective Abingdon printer and costs have been reduced. by 75% without compromising quality.

Message in a Bottle (MIAB)

– Mick Claxton

The supply issue over the last nine months was a major problem and an alternative manufacturer was sourced. With the new and old manufacturer back in production over 40 pallets are almost ready for distribution. The information form has been updated and contains additional information concerning people with Dementia. Demand throughout the District is still high as more services are becoming aware. Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Home Safety will be distributing 1000 bottles. The Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust is ready to distribute bottles via Hospitals, Day Centres, Clinics, and First Responders.

There is still a huge demand in the Zones, for example Zone K in Oxfordshire have handed out 4,500 in the past six months.

Medic Alert

– Mick Claxton

A slow moving project but attempting to raise awareness throughout the District. It's a great way for Lions help local people who suddenly become vulnerable through illness or accident.

Recognised by Health Care Professionals as a quick, accurate source for relevant patient details meaning time saved in an acute emergency situation.

The **Early Start Programme** sponsored by Lions Clubs will provide a healthcare professional, worldwide with vital medical information 24/7 when they are treating a child at risk in an emergency. Costing £295, your Club can provide a MedicAlert bracelet and worldwide cover for that child from birth to 10 years old.

By regular annual funding your Club could help make this a sustainable programme ensuring any child who needs MedicAlert protection continues receiving it regardless of financial status, providing

peace of mind to both child and parent/guardian.

Further information on all three initiatives can be obtained by contacting me

mick.claxton@ntlworld.com or on mobile number **07833 158090**

I look forward to hearing from you.
Mick Claxton

8.04 Hearing - Prostrate Cancer – Penny Tregillus

The 2010 Equality Act puts the onus on all Organisations, like Lions, to assist people who have a hearing impairment so they can live a life as normal as possible.

Official figures state there are around 11 million people who suffer from some sort of hearing impairment. That equates to 1 in 6 people of the population.

Hearing impaired people continue to benefit from resources provided by Lions to improve their quality of life. Door Hangers, Deaf Aware Cards and I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Badges have been distributed.

I have given Presentations to Clubs and Zones on Communication, Hearing Projects and resources, I would urge Clubs to contact me if they would like me to attend their Meetings. I will be manning a Hearing Display Tables to publicise Hearing Projects at the 2019 District Convention.

I run Deaf Aware Training Sessions for Lions and non Lions for members of the hearing community to learn about deafness and how they can communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people. I would encourage Lions to contact me if they have connections with employees who work in Retail Outlets, Financial Establishments, Councils, Care Homes and Health Care Providers.

Lions collect used hearing aids which are sent for refurbishment to be used by hearing impaired people who live abroad. Lions work with Dr Michael Nolan and Starkeys Hearing Foundation who organises their refurbishment and finds recipients for used hearing aids living in Asia, Africa, South America and Eastern Europe. My thanks go to the Clubs in this District who have donated used hearing aids. Since March 2018 over 22,000 have been donated by Clubs in this Multiple District. When a hearing impaired person receives a refurbished hearing aid it opens up a whole new world to them and they hear sounds again that we take for granted. To donate used hearing

equipment please see my Speech and Hearing Booklet.

Information about how to obtain resources and participate in other Hearing Projects can be found in the District Speech and Hearing Booklet, which can be downloaded from the District website, which can be found in the Members area.

8.06 Dentaaid – Sight Awareness – Surendra Popat

Dentaaid

Dentaaid is a Charity, set up in 1996, which collects old and unwanted equipment from Dental Practices in this country. This is then reconditioned and restored before being sent abroad to equip Dental Units in many different countries where it is difficult to establish conventional dental surgeries.

Dentaaid also train locals to be dentists and volunteers to run projects promoting good oral hygiene.

The Dentaaid Box and Dentaaid Bag can be taken into local communities abroad to reach the most inaccessible locations.

For more information about the work Dentaaid carry out visit their website www.dentaaid.org. In the past Clubs in this District have provided dental equipment for this Project and donations to help Dentaaid in their other Projects. I would encourage all Clubs to approach dentists in their communities to see if they have equipment they do not need so it can be sent to Dentaaid for reuse abroad. Also to make donate funds to Dentaaid to finance their Projects. Please contact me if your Club can assist Dentaaid in the work they carry out.

Sight Awareness

Lions Clubs International has nominated Vision as one of its Global Causes and aims to prevent avoidable blindness and improve the quality of life for the blind and visually impaired.

75% of the conditions that cause sight loss can be cured and prevented.

In the United Kingdom over 2 million people live with a level of sight loss, that equates to 1 in 30 people.

Lions in this District work with different Organisations and Charities to advise the general public about blindness by providing literature about blindness and raising funds.

One of these is Sight Savers, an International Development Charity which works in

Countries throughout Africa and Asia to prevent blindness and support local health systems. Clubs generously donate funds to this Charity to finance these Projects.

The Lions Eye Health Programme (LEHP), a Lions run Project, provides literature about blindness for the general public. This literature can be obtained from Multiple District Headquarters.

Another Lions Project is the Collection of Used Spectacles. This Project has been running for many years and is overseen by Chichester Lions Club. Information about how to donate spectacles can be found on the Multiple District website.

Helen Keller challenged Lions to be "Knights of the Blind" and in this District Clubs continue to carry out this role.

8.07 Hunger

– Rob Pullinger

This is a new District role which I was pleased to take on in September. So far, my focus has been on getting an understanding of the programmes that Clubs can participate in so that I can support you all in delivering Service to your communities in the area of Hunger.

The focus of the programme is to support activities in your local community to alleviate hunger. This could be through supporting food banks or soup kitchens, providing meals or food parcels for the elderly or lonely and by raising awareness. I know that many clubs are already doing activities in this area (at least 15 that I am aware of), which is a great start.

I will be preparing a fact sheet for Clubs on the different ways you can support this programme, which should be available from the stand at Convention and will then be published on the Members' Area of the website.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

9.01 Portfolio Holder

– Satnam Loyal

The communications team has been working together closely and raised the profile of the district and clubs on Facebook. Please keep the articles coming to publish in PoL as well as putting them on your Facebook page.

9.02 PoL Editor

– Shirish Sheth

2018-19 is another year of achieving regular issues of POL, the printed as well as the web version. No month has been missed, and happily no undue delays have occurred in sending the POL to the members.

I have constantly encouraged and reminded Clubs representatives, either at Cabinet meetings, or through other means, to share their worthwhile stories for all to read. Even then, there are few Clubs who never send in any articles to publish. I always attempt to print all the articles that are sent to me.

Ever increasing costs present a regular problem. In the last few years, I have managed to contain the costs, and I hope it will be possible to do so in the future.

I would like to thank DG Doreen for giving me the opportunity to serve the District 105A. I wish her a very successful Convention, and an even more successful year as our District Governor.

9.03 Webmaster

– Satnam Loyal

Enhancements to the district web site continue with further changes due towards the end of this Lionistic year.

So far we have attended 4 zone meeting to promote the website, Facebook and PRO and plan to visit a few more in the coming months. If you wish us to visit your zone or club please get in touch.

Any Lion who would like to assist with any aspect of the district website and or Facebook page please contact me.

9.04 Social Media

– Facebook – Kavaljit Dev

This year, the District Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubs-District105A/>) has been used to promote District and Club events which have then been linked to the District Website (<http://www.lions105a.org>). All the key dates for Global causes were also posted so as to raise awareness in Clubs and others following our page.

Protocols for sending stories and events were sent to clubs by the webmaster in September. Clubs are also able to share their events via their own Facebook pages by asking us to co-host.

Facebook has been promoted in the Winter Forum and in meetings attended by the Communication Team – some clubs have taken the opportunity of the support offered and created their own pages.

The number of followers of the page has increased from 506 (1st July 2018) to 597 (3rd January 2019) which is an indication that we have reached more people. Please continue to get your fellow Lions, friends and family to like the District Facebook page (and share the

events and stories) – a lot more people will see the posts and the events and promote our organisation. The same applies to your club's Facebook page.

9.05 Public Relations/ Marketing

– Rita Tanda

Public Relations and Marketing enables us to raise awareness about Lionism to local communities through the use of clear and effective communication. This is made possible by forging relationships using a range of different methods: at service events; one to one basis, use of media (includes website and Facebook) with the focus being on service activity carried out by Lion Clubs. As a result, it increases our profile by showing how we put in practise our motto "WE SERVE" and the fellowship and fun that we have when we raise funds by organising social events.

During the year I have supported Clubs and Zones to publicise their service and fund-raising activities in order to promote the Lions brand. A concerted effort has been made by the Communications Team to enhance the content appearing on social media from Clubs. Also, I have ensured that events have been communicated within our District so other Lions can participate and/or learn from them.

PR is the remit of every member as it is about us communicating the projects that you support and the activities you get involved in which helps to project a positive image and foster community support to show that your club is worth joining. Useful resources can be accessed using these links <http://lionsclubs.co/MembersNews/pr-and-marketing/> and <https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-formembers/resource-center/publicity-ideas>

Also, you can contact me if you need any help.

10.0 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TEAM

10.01 Portfolio Holder

– Monita Hung

Thanks to DG Doreen who placed the trust in me as the portfolio holder for the activities team. I was quite apprehensive at first as it was a new job title for the District and I was not sure what was expected of each holder. I had been rather busy and would still be in the new year so I had not been too active in pursuing the team for their reports. Fortunately I did not have to as the team reports in good time and self-explained how the activities are running. I note only the clubs are not always keen to report what they have done even if they have done the activities. This would be something we can place a little more pressure on to clubs.

10.02 Competitions

– Dinesh Shonchhatra

We have over 20 competitions in our District. It is nice to see many different clubs and members

participating. This year we started a new competition; Cancer awareness trophy. This is important as this is such a worthwhile cause in raising awareness of this challenging topic.

We also introduced a Facebook competition last year. Given the social media trends, this is one of the most effective ways to communicate. The majority of clubs now have a Website and Facebook presence. However, only a handful of clubs enter this competition. All the clubs should be encouraged to enter. For the quiz competition, in the last 2 years we had a round on questions regarding knowledge of District 105A.

Surprisingly, this scored the lowest marks at many venues. More members should be aware about what is happening in our District.

There are a few competitions held on the day of the convention, i.e. the first time attendees. I would encourage anyone attending the convention for the first time to enter this competition. There is also Newsletter and Scrapbook competitions held on the day of the convention.

I have really enjoyed my term including the fellowship showed by members at various zones that I have attended.

I would like to thank District Governor Lion Doreen Carr for giving me the opportunity

and trusting me to hold this post. It has been a pleasure to work with her and meeting various members across the District and I would like to thank all the zone Chairmen and Lions members who have helped me throughout the year.

Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra
District Competition Officer

10.03 Environment Officer – Lions Alert & Emergency

– Alfred Sanders

I have only heard from Zone E that they were involved in the Mayor of London's Tree Planting Project planting 100 Trees.

I have been trying to promote less use of PLASTIC PRODUCTS, but cost seems to be more important to individuals than the ENVIRONMENT.

So far, I have not been notified of Any Clubs involved in Environment Project other than My Own or M. D. Photo Competition which closes on 13th, or District Competition, rules are the same as previous years other than I will electronic versions.

Environment Week is April 22nd to 28th 2019.

It would be Great if ALL Clubs got involved in a LITTER PICKING PROJECT.

10.04 Physical & Learning Disabilities – SOGB

– Monita Hung

SOGB

I attended the Action Alliance's annual Typhoo National Junior Athletics Championships on 07.07.2018 at Godiva Garriers Race Track, Coventry and the Special Olympics Greater London Regional Indoor Athletics Competition at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre on 21.10.2018. I was very pleased to be able to work with a few Lion volunteers who attended with me last year and recruit a few new Lions. The experience were enriching for both the athletes and the volunteers.

There are many regional games being held at different regions all over the country to select the talented and disabled athletes to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Paralympics and the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympics. Sadly there are cuts in funding from the government in general. As a District, together we can help and support the many different charities which specialise in training these aspiring

disabled athletes who will be turned into sporting heroes when given the right funding and training.

Disability Awareness

I have sent the list of a few local or national organizations which promote independent living for people with physical or mental disabilities were sent to clubs. They were identified as I have a direct/indirect involvement with them previously so have an understanding of how they provide their specialist support and best facilities to their target groups. The organizations include:

Activities Alliance, Aspire Centre and Spiral Injuries Units, Get Kids Going, Wheelpower Charity, Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre, PACE Centre. It is not a comprehensive list of course as there are many more organizations which have different approaches in supporting the disabled communities within the geographical area of our District. If any club is interested in supporting these organizations and their activities, fundraise for them or simply want to find out more of how to get involved, please contact me for more information.

10.05 Reading Action Programme

– Kenneth Rouse

The reading action programme by its name is actively promoting help for those of us that have difficulty reading. We take it for granted that everybody can read, but the truth is that a growing number of adults and children are finding it difficult to master this basic skill. I have made clubs aware of this and have tried to encourage fellow lions to reach out into their local communities to offer help to hear people read, so far only one club, Fairlop Leos are doing this. We are having more success collecting books, Tring Lions, Golders Green Lions and Fairlop Leos are donating books, but I have to stress that is all that has been reported to me, so I don't when and where they have gone, so I can't report it.

PDG Lion Ken Rouse

10.06 District Golf

– Ramesh Parmar

Thank you DG Doreen to appoint me District Golf Chairman.

District golf day played on 7th September 2018 at Stanmore Golf Club was a huge success.

There were 26 golfers – represented by Lions Clubs and Lions’ friends.

It was a fantastic sunny day – the golfers started with a hearty full English breakfast with some delicious Indian savouries and each of them was treated with a goody bag with some snacks and water – they also enjoyed a sandwich half way house. The course was in an excellent condition and the golfers did come back with good scores.

District Governor Doreen and PDG Andrew came early and DG stayed the whole day at the golf course helping Lion Kadu and Lion Karanjeet for collecting payments, putting up banners and organising the raffle.

My thanks to the first group – friends of Lions - Dipak, Suresh, Jay and Dhan – who collected and checked all the score cards. Thank you also to Lion Surinder who took the photos in the evening. After the game everyone had a relaxing well deserved drink. And new guests arrived to join for

carvery dinner which was enjoyed by all. There were 42 diners represented by 15 clubs – Lions Clubs of Bletchley MK, Belmont, Edgware, Fairlop, Finchley, Golders Green, Hatchend Centennial, Hayes & Harlington, Kenton, Kingsbury, London Central Host, MK Central, MK Stoney Stratford, Watford, and Westminster.

After dinner DG Lion Doreen was invited to say a few words.

The prize giving was then conducted by PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar. Overall Lions Winner was guest Pradeep Pankhania, Runner up Lion Nirmal Shah.

Lion Nirmal Shah of LC of Edgware was the Lion winner and the name of LC of Edgware will be engraved on the Ram Jaggi cup as winners in 2018.

The team prize was won by Lion Vinod Pankhania and Lion Nirmal Shah of LC of Edgware and the Club’s name will be engraved on the Elliot Shubert cup for 2018. Well-done and congratulations to

Lions Club of Edgware for winning once again the Ram Jaggi and Elliot Shubert Cups! PDG Lion Elliot expressed his thanks to all who supported.

There were also prizes for nearest to pin, nearest to pin in 2 and longest drive.

A trophy was also presented to guest Hema Dabasia who achieved Hole in One playing with the District Golf day in September 2016.

Raffle was conducted, followed by auction of two golf vouchers which was received compliment of the Stanmore Golf Club and a wonderful amount of £310 was raised for the PDG Andrew charity – Haven House Hospice.

Overall it was a fantastic day and thank you to all who have supported this event.

I take this opportunity to thank DG Doreen a wonderful Convention.

PDG Ramesh Parmar

SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION

ANOTHER BRILLIANT DAY... FOR OUR DEAR SENIORS

While most of us were wrapped in our blankets on a cold crisp Sunday morning, almost 150 volunteers converged on Harrow Leisure Centre to prepare for over 700 Senior Citizen guests together with their carers making a total of approximately 900.

Leos, Lions and their friends and families all pulled together for this annual event organised by Lions Clubs in District 105A.

Seventy-five tables were immaculately decorated with table cloth, balloons, and glitter to make this an event in honour of our senior citizens to enjoy and remember. Now in its eighteenth year the Senior Citizens Celebration is the brainchild of Past District Governor Parveen Verma whose team comprising of Lions Ken Rouse, Dilip Shah, Margaret Rouse, Manish Chotai, Lesley Spence, Amar Obhie, Alf Sanders, Meena Gupta, Peter Codrai, Veena Sharma, Jane Codrai, Tony Hurley, Minesh Mehta, Alastair Joel, Andrew Allen Naresh Gupta and Doreen Allen who worked tirelessly with a posse of Lions from the district, all with one focus – to give as many of our seniors as possible the time of their life.

Tables were arranged in different colour zones – red, blue, green and yellow. Through this colour scheme, guests could quickly identify the seating arrangements. Young and not so young all joined forces to help put the event together on the day.

Almost 150 Lions and Leos gave up their Sunday to carry out and implement this wonderful day of celebration recognising all that our seniors have done over the years for their own communities.

Lunch for the volunteers was donated by a company who also donated the vegetarian food. Lions while tea, coffee and refreshments were available through Lion volunteers. It was great to see the involvement of over 50 Clubs in the biggest annual service activity of our District.

Past and present district governors lent their support to this wonderful day to add to the success. St John's Ambulance were on hand to meet any eventuality while entertainment was provided by J. Kumar and his troop of dancers. Adding to the excitement was a round of bingo and a raffle draw. Guests who were infirm and found it difficult to walk were wheeled to their tables by St Johns Ambulance cadets. This year we had nearly 20 guests on wheelchair. Once there, they had a chance to mingle and speak to other guests or those on neighbouring tables.

Event organiser PDG Lion Parveen Verma was overjoyed with the response and said: "This major event only goes to show what we as Lions can do when we put our heart and soul into it."

Harrow leisure centre has been the chosen venue for the Senior Citizens Celebration since its inception in 2000. Although costs have spiraled over the years it hasn't deterred Lions from holding the event. One 53 seater and six 16 seaters carried our seniors from all over the home counties to enjoy this special day.

Musical hits were played and sung from the 50s, 60s and 70s by the group which took so many the guests back to their childhood.

What a lovely day as confirmed by many letters and emails received.

Some feedback I received:

1. Sponsor – Munir

"Another well delivered event. It was clear that the senior citizens really had a ball. Bravo to all of you. My two girls, Talya and Alana had a really good time and enjoyed meeting the senior citizens and selling raffle tickets with madam Amar Ji."

2. Mind in Harrow / Harrow Care Plus co-ordinator Anjie

"Thank you Lions Clubs for a wonderful party. On behalf of the guests I would like to say a huge thank you for organising their places and giving them a warm and enjoyable time."

The food was very nice and since we had so much in the packs they gave us we did not manage to finish all the cheese sandwiches, but all the food was yummy and even three carers managed to eat from all that food provided. Thank you for sorting out the food for the diabetics first. The entertainers were brilliant and our guest who won the raffle was so excited with her prizes. Sorry for the last minute changes to the names as we had 3 who became ill in the last 2 days and we had to replace them at very little notice to you so they did not have their labels. The volunteers at the door were lovely and very welcoming. Well done to everyone."

3. *"Tired and my feet hurt but so worth it!"*

Great to see so many Lions and volunteers working together to put this day on. Very proud to be one of the team, thanks Parveen and everyone else for making it happen."

4. Daughter Melissa wrote:

"Travelled from 105M to help mum 'Lesley'. Wow what an experience!

Great team of Lions. Seeing the expressions of the clients enjoying the food and entertainment will stay in my memory for a long time.

#Fun and Fellowship.

Lion Melissa Murphy."

This year was also special because for the first time the entire event was recorded by Zee TV to be televised on their OUT and About event on the 3rd March evening and 4th morning at 10.30am. So do not miss this and tell your family and friends and spread the words 'WE SERVE'.

PDG Parveen Verma

DISTRICT YOUTH CELEBRATION

25-11-2018

Our 11th District Youth Celebration party held on Sunday 25th November at Allum Hall, Elstree for disabled and disadvantaged young people was another big success with help and support from many Lions Clubs and generous Sponsors. Thank you very much for sponsoring/ booking tables, helping, bringing the kids to the party and for many other forms of contribution that made it all happen.

We had over 500 people including the Mayors of Elstree, Barnet, Harrow, our District Governor, many Lions and Leos of 105A. Everyone who came had a great time as evident from the comments left on tables and also from many positive emails received.

There were many Leos, Lions and family members who arrived early on Sunday morning to set up and by 12.30 the Hall, stage, tables were all colourfully decorated in this year's Mad Hatters Tea Party theme ready to welcome our very deserving special guests. All our hard work was worth it to see room full of happy smiling faces.

There was plenty to keep our young guests happy and entertained. DJ Nimesh kept everyone busy dancing to music all afternoon long and everyone was on their feet when Jay Kumar with his dancing queens showed off their bollywood moves. Balloon modelling princesses Leila and Lisa were equally in demand with a long queue of excited children waiting for their favourite balloon shapes. Our brilliant artists Sami and Heather were kept busy with eagerly waiting customers for their turn to be painted with a design of their choice. While the jovial clowns were brilliant and very busy entertaining the kids and all contributing to this fantastic joyful atmosphere! It was a wonderful sight to see all enjoying the wide variety of entertainment on show and having a great time.

We would like to thank the following clubs for supporting DYC 2018 by helping, sponsoring and booking tables. Lions Clubs of: Ampthill District, Aylesbury, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Ealing, Edgware, Enfield, Fairlop, Feltham & Whitton, Harrow & Pinner, Hatch End Centennial, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, Luton, MK Stony Stratford, Northwood, Redbridge Centennial, Royston, Ruislip, St Albans, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Thame, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford, Watford and Wembley.

Thank you all the Lions and Leos for making it possible, together we touched many more lives through service. See you all next year on 24th November.

PDG Vijay Arora

LCI PEACE ESSAY – District winner 2018-2019

KINDNESS MATTERS

Kindness matters, the world we live in now was born out of the kindness of the heart of God. If there were no acts of kindness we will not experience the good of humanity. Kindness as much as it is an act, could also be a deed.

Kindness matters a lot, if we do not act kindly to each other, the whole world will be full of evil. Cruel to one another at every circumstance and situation, we would find ourselves in.

Kindness brings hope, fuels the flames of courage and empowers our belief and faith to look within in addition, grasp the power to surge out to the peak of our best. A simple act of kindness can save or turn a bad situation to good. Kindness is infectious and ripples slowly through our lives and we all at one point in our lives will or would have experienced it.

Kindness matters in every small detail and does not have to be a great adventure but affects when in addition, where it is done. Helping an elderly lady cross the road is a simple act of kindness, also giving an organ to a needy friend or family can only be from a kindhearted feeling. Teachers express kindness every day in the classroom encouraging children from different background, home, culture and families, guiding us into making brighter future decisions.

Kindness also matters in different forms like making laws to protect the weak against the bullies.

Kindness is what makes a human share with another even in the midst of little. I have had to experience homelessness and discovered the people who have little or nothing are ready to give more than those who have more... so kindness is from the heart not status.

Kindness does not come from a big person or small. It cuts across all stature, race, gender or class.

Kindness is what we are made from, made of and is what we are expected to be like, act like and live like even to make our life about. Many of the problems we have and face in our environment and society all over the world now would be easier to solve if we could just be kind to each other.

Kindness is the most precious gift anyone can give. It's so powerful it's stronger than evil, stronger than anger and stronger than hate.

Kindness is me, kindness is you, kindness is what we are and kindness is what makes the world a better place.

David Kareem October 2018

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

Resolution No. 1

– Annual Dues

From the District Cabinet

This convention resolves that the District dues for 2019/2020 shall be £11.50p per Lion Member (comprising £3.70p Administration Fund, £4.60p Convention Fund and £3.20p 105A News Fund) payable in two equal instalments on 1 August 2019 and 1 February 2020.

Explanation:

It is felt that the current budget is sufficient to administer our District, where the costs are and have been continuously monitored and controlled.

Resolution No. 2

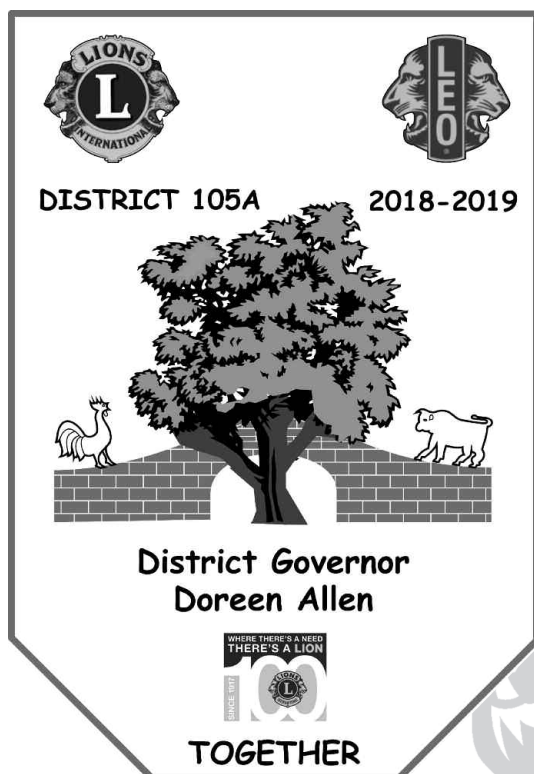
– Adoption of the Constitution and by-laws by the new District 105A

From the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that the current Constitution and By-Laws of District 105A be and are hereby adopted as the formal and only Constitution and By-Laws of the District following the changes to the boundaries or constituent zones of the district which follow the redistricting of Multiple District 105 in July 2019.

Explanation:

It is recommended that the prior emergency resolution be presented at the convention of the new district for affirmation of acceptance by the new district and in accordance with the appropriate amending procedures of the district constitution and district by-laws, respectively.



CONVENTION RULES OF PROCEDURE – 2019

CHAIRMAN

- 1 The District Governor or, in his absence, the First Vice District Governor or if he is not available the Second Vice District Governor, shall preside at Convention.
- 2 The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
- 3 The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club. If, at any time, he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion, he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

SPEAKERS

- 4 On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
- 5 (a) Any delegate wishing to speak on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club and address the Chair.
- 5 (b) If a member of the Cabinet speaks on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, he shall state whether he is representing the views of Cabinet or otherwise.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 6 Resolutions/amendments will be moved and seconded as follows:
 - (a) By nominees on behalf of the Cabinet
 - (b) By delegates on behalf of a Club (or of two Clubs when a Resolution is sponsored by more than one Club).
- 7 (a) If no delegates are present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Chairman of the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee in writing at least

ten (10) days before commencement of the Convention of the names of a proposer and seconder from another Club, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn, unless Convention shall decide otherwise. With this one exception no resolution/amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of Convention.

(b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there is an amendment to that resolution tabled, then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution.

(c) All resolutions/amendments shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time.

(d) A delegate shall not move more than one amendment to any one resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.

(e) Where appropriate and convenient, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant Committee Chairman's or Specialist Officer's report.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 8 The Chairman shall have discretion to submit an emergency resolution/amendment for consideration at Convention provided:
 - (a) Where appropriate, the resolution/amendment was received by him in writing before the commencement of the opening session of Convention.
 - (b) In his opinion, the resolution/amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee on or before the closing dates as decided by Cabinet for their receipt by such Committee and
 - (c) Convention consents by a majority of registered delegates present and voting to the resolution/amendment being so considered.

DELEGATE TO SPEAK ONCE ONLY

- 9 (a) Subject only to the provision of Section 17 hereof, a delegate shall not speak more than once to the same resolution/amendment without the consent of Convention:

- (b) Only the Chairman or the mover of a resolution exercising his right of reply shall speak more than once on any resolution.

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

- 10(a) The proposer of a resolution/amendment will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes to put his case and after doing so shall formally move the resolution/amendment. Normally the seconder will formally second the resolution and may reserve the right to speak later. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution, the proposer of the resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised. He will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments and shall not be allowed more than two (2) minutes for this purpose;
 - (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 7(b) above, when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
- 11 (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 10(a), every speaker in general debate will be limited to two (2) minutes and must direct his speech strictly to the report, resolution, or amendment under discussion.
 - (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with approval of Convention.

VOTING

- 12 The voting on any resolution/amendment or general business shall be by show of delegate cards of those present and voting and the Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by twenty or more delegates the votes shall be counted.
- 13 Any election of candidates for office shall be in accordance with Article I, Section 3, of the District Constitution By-Laws.
- 14 Any election for the appointment of Host Clubs for future Conventions shall be by secret ballot and the nomination receiving the majority of votes shall be declared elected.
- 15 In the event of a tie following a show of

delegate cards or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

ACTION TO PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

16 Any delegate, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to the next business and, if this resolution be seconded and carried, the Chairman

shall put the matter to Convention, after the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

POINT OF ORDER QUESTION

17 Any delegate may, at any time, ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

18 Any of these Rules of Procedure (to be known as Convention Standing Orders) may be suspended by resolution of Convention in relation to a specific item of business properly before Convention, provided at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall vote for such resolution.

Notes

Lion Kamal Sharma – Nominee for District Governor 2019-2020



The members of Lions Club of London Golders Green are proud to nominate Lion Kamal Sharma for the position of District Governor 105A For Year 2019-2020

My Journey as the Lion began in 2003 when I joined the Lions Club of Golders Green. I have had the privilege to be the president of the club three times in 2008/9/14/15/16 including Zone Secretary and Zone Chairman.

Over the years I have attended various meetings, charters, charity fun days and zone meetings to familiarise and support the work of local Lion Clubs. During my years as the president nearly £25000 was raised for the Great Ormond Street Children Hospital and the efforts continue to raise money for this great institution.

Since my inception as Vice District Governor I have been kept busy with visits to Clubs, Zones and Charters as the DG's representative plus I have attended SCC, GMT and GLT meetings, Winter Forum, District Youth Celebrations, and the District Senior Citizen Party. A steep learning curve but I thank all Lions for their support and hospitality, friendship and support. I attended DG elect training at Solihull in July and there is further training being organized for early January and February 2019.

During my tenure with the Lions Club, I have been awarded the following,

- Melvin Jones Award for Humanitarian Services
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Program
- Maintaining and Increasing Membership
- Member of the Fun Day Committee.

I have been married for over 36 years to Anita with three children (2 daughters who are married and a son) and reside in the Rickmansworth area.

I have actively coached the under 16 colts group from the Northwood Cricket club to the level where they won the Zone Cup and I have also umpired senior league games for the same club and held chairman and secretarial roles, including serving the resident planning committee for Chorleywood Associations and a governor of a school.

I have held senior management roles and have previously worked for a council, Channel 4 and the Cabinet Office before joining Vero Group. I am an engineering consultant with professional charter status managing my own business.

As a proud member of this great organization I believe that as the district governor I would be able to use my skills and experience for the benefit of OUR DISTRICT. In addition to offering practical assistance and support to the members growth, retention, improved club success, as well as enhanced leadership qualities of all the members. I have a keen interest to interact and learn more about other clubs in the district and help strengthen those who require assistance and support.

Many thanks to the delegates for taking the time to read my nomination as the DISTRICT Governor for the ensuing year and heartfelt thanks to my club in bestowing their confidence in me.

My Statement:

I have attended training courses to familiarise and gain experience to equip me for my duties as the Vice District Governor. As I have said previously it is you the members that are important and only with us working together towards our common goals and aims will we achieve our targets of increasing and retaining membership.

I believe that I have the drive to bring together wealth of experience from other senior leaders to ensure we concentrate on retaining members and start to rejuvenate the lion name and our core principles.

YIL
Kamal Sharma

Lion Alastair Joel – Nominee for Ist Vice District Governor 105A 2019-2020



Proudly Nominated by Lions Club of Feltham and Whitton

Personal

Aged just 43 Lion Alastair lives with his partner Lion Gemma, who is fully supportive of his Lionistic efforts. He has 3 grown up step daughters. Alastair studied for a degree in Theatre Lighting Design at University and gained a BA Hons. In his Professional life Alastair works as a Maintenance Manager in a busy leading edge retail environment. His work is hands on whilst also leading a team of people to deliver excellent customer service. His employers are fully supportive of his leadership ambition.

As a Club Lion

Alastair was introduced into Lions by PDG John Smith and PDG Brian Yeoman sixteen years ago and has been fully committed to every role he has taken on. In that time he has served as Club President (2007-09, 2017-18), Membership officer, Fund-raising and Social Chairman and is currently Chairman of his club's Gala Fete Committee. Alastair has never forgotten that serving his local community is the main reason why he joined Lions and he is still as enthusiastic today as he was sixteen years ago.

As a District Lion

2nd VDG 2018-current, Sergeant @ Arms 2018-current
Zone Chairman 2008-09, 2016-2018

Region Chairman 2009-10

Communications Officer 2010-11

Vulnerable Persons Officer 2010-14

Global Leadership Team Chairman 2012-14.

Alastair has completed the Certified Guiding Lion Training Programme and has regularly updated his training.

In 2014 he attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

Alastair has been a member of several District Convention Committees and is currently an active member of both the District Youth Celebration and Senior Citizen Celebration Committees.

Alastair was recognised for his leadership efforts in 2012 with the International President's Leadership Medal, he has also been recognised for his service and awarded a MJF, by his club.

Candidate statement

As a grass root Lion my goal is to work with individual Lions and their clubs to strengthen our Association. With good training to develop our leadership; service to show the public who we are, coupled with a flexible approach to new ideas, hard work and dedication, I believe our membership can and will grow. I believe I have the energy and drive to lead our district within an ever changing world and I am prepared to commit the time to ensure we are no longer the best kept secret.

Lion Karanjeet Kaur Assan – Nominee for 2nd VDG



Born in Kenya, I have two daughters and one son who is married all graduated in their respected fields. I did my education in Mombasa, and professionally I am a fashion designer, and have been in business for last 35yrs. I have had my own fashion boutiques in Kenya and in UK. Now I am retired and ready to give all my time to Lions.

My association with the Lions began in 2008 after being a member of Rotary for 15 years in Kenya. I joined Ealing Lions Club in 2008 and became a Charter member with Lions Club of Hatch End Centennial in 2016. I help the local communities regularly in different ways, e.g. I hold free classes for women of all ages to learn tailoring to benefit in their everyday life. I regularly help out in the Gurdwaras (Sikh Temples) and often cook food at home to distribute to the elderly in the care homes. I also held afternoon tea parties at my own home for the disadvantaged.

Club, Zone and District Level

President (2 years), Secretary (2 years), Membership director, Treasure, Zone D Secretary (2011- 2012), Zone D Chairperson (2014/2015), District Tamer (4 years), Certified Guiding Lion, Member of GMT team (4 years), this year District Officer for Water Aid. I have taken active role and hosted youths in District Youth Exchange Programme (6years).

Awards

Appreciation Certificate from PCC Martin Morgan for making a new District Governors Collar, Melvin Jones Fellow, International Zone Chair Award, International Certificate of Appreciation, President Excellent Award, 100% attendance for 8 years and Membership growth awards.

Training & Seminars

Have attended District, MD and International Conventions, International and District Forums, Incoming Officers Trainings and International Seminars, giving me vast experience and knowledge from Senior Lions around the world. Attended Isaame Forum in Dubai Dec 2018

Candidates Statement

I believe that the tools given to us by the Lions Club International – that is – ‘The Global Action Team’ which comprises of: The Global Leadership Team, The Global Membership Team and The Global Service Team – should be utilized to its maximum. This should help us with increasing Quality Members and also Retention most important within our Clubs. I strongly feel that as an individual I can do so little BUT together WE can do so much more for the needs of our Local Communities.

Given the opportunity I want to take up this challenge – To Serve better, To Care better, and to Accomplish better. I offer my full commitment, dedication and experience to do my best to uphold our Lions Codes of Ethics and Purposes. We all have a heart to help those less fortunate than ourselves, together with your help, we will achieve our goals.

THE MEMBERS OF LIONS CLUB OF HATCH END CENTENNIAL ARE PROUD TO NOMINATE LION KARANJEET KAUR ASSAN FOR POSITION OF 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2019-2020.



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& all the members of District 105A a very enjoyable 54th convention*

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