

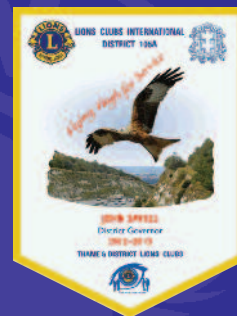


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PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



Biggleswade and Sandy Lions Club sponsor Project Lions Eyes 2012 at Ivel Valley School

Project Lions Eyes 2012 was developed by John May of Lichfield Lions, initially with the thought of providing an invaluable aid for the education of blind pupils, but when demonstrated at local Special Schools it became apparent that its true potential was even greater as a special needs teaching aid.



The equipment comprises a scan to voice camera that can capture the text on a single page or an entire book. It then translates the written word into the spoken word and saves this as an audio file, which can be stored and read back to the blind, handicapped or special needs pupil at a speed suited to the individual pupil.

John produced a YouTube video demonstrating a potential use for the Project Lion Eyes which Biggleswade and Sandy Lions introduced to the staff at Ivel Valley School. This created sufficient interest for John to be invited to the School to demonstrate.

What initially had been planned as a short demonstration turned into a 90 minute session involving several school staff, who could immediately see a great



potential for use within their school. Biggleswade Sandy Lions donated the £2,000 to provide this splendid equipment and associated software, thereby making it only the third special school in the country to benefit from this amazing teaching aid.

Further Information can be obtained from District Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer, Steve Foott, steve@foott.co.uk

Pride of Ruislip Lions

The attached photo shows (l to r) Lion Allan Kauffman (Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon), Lion Lynne Kauffman (Deputy Mayoress), Lion Rosemary Markham (Mayoress) and Lion Michael Markham (Mayor of Hillingdon) – all serving Ruislip Lions.

They have all just taken office and between Lions and Mayoral duties are all going to have a busy year.

Lion Mac McCartney



... NOTICE BOARD ...

Lions Awareness Week is 6th to 14th October 2012
World Sight Day is Thursday 11th October 2012.

Where Can I Find the New Lions Logo?

Black and white, two-color and one-color versions of the new Lions logo can be downloaded from the International website at: Home > Member Center > Resources > Logos and Art > Lions Logos.

LCI Purpose:

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.



Queen's Jubilee – Witney Beacon Bonanza!

In late February Witney Town Council asked our club if it would undertake the organisation and running of their beacon lighting ceremony, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

In only three months the club put together an evening of three hours of musical entertainment in the town park, with five local groups and artists who all gave their time for free. A local haulage company provided a curtain sided vehicle for the stage, and another box van for the screen, again for free.

Witney Lions ran the whole event, including the beer tent and operated the audio-visual equipment to show the Queen on a big screen lighting the National Beacon in London.

Over 2000 people attended the event and the club had to send out for extra beer supplies, twice!

Witney Lions made a profit of £2000 on the event, as the costs



were mainly covered by a local authority Jubilee grant.

One stall was the charity Help for Heroes and they were delighted to have collected over £500 from the audience on the night.

Rod Attewell
Witney Lions Club



An appeal from Bletchley Lions

The Salveson Ski Group (www.salvesonskigroup.org) is a small national charity which takes groups of disabled teenagers to the National Sports Centre for the Disabled in Winter Park, Colorado. We go there because there is no comparable centre in Europe.

The trip changes the lives of the disabled young people dramatically by increasing their self-esteem and confidence. For some, it is their first time to go away from home, to fly and to travel abroad. It also provides them with an opportunity to learn something challenging they would previously have thought impossible.

Salveson are now actively planning the next trip for March 2013 and seeking financial support. We wonder if you would consider sponsoring a young person or making a donation. The charity has benefited from the generous sponsorship of several Lions clubs in the past. For this next trip, Leighton Buzzard Lions have, once again, agreed to sponsor a young person and Bletchley Lions have made a generous donation.

The full cost of which is £1,750 per person. Volunteer helpers who form part of the group pay for most of their own costs and the charity has virtually no admin costs, so nearly all the money raised goes directly towards paying for the disabled young people.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Steven Grundy
Bletchley Lions

From the Editor

Every time I meet other Lions at Zone meetings or cabinet meetings, I ask why their club has not sent any articles to be published in the POL. EVERYONE says that it is a great idea, and they will get SOMEONE to do it the next time. ANYONE from the club can do it, but NO-ONE does!

If you have a story to tell and share, appoint a Lion in your club to be in charge of publicity. POL is for every club to participate in and thus spread the message of our service activities to all. Please remember, articles should be no more than 250 words, and images should be sent separately.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Welcome

Lions Club of Hadley Wood inducted five new members on 8th July 2012, the induction was carried out by 2nd VDG Lion Ramesh Parmar. The new Lions are:

- Sana Jaweed
- Nonita Frankyl
- Stephen Gowers
- Mohamed Rasul Popal
- Aziz Hameed

IN MEMORIAM

Lion Sunil Patel



11 April 1961 – 10 June 2012

Lion Sunil was born in Uganda on 11th April 1961 and sadly passed away on 10th June 2012 after suffering a heart attack. He leaves behind wife Pragna and two sons, Samit and Vishal.

He was a charter member of Lions Club of London Hendon and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He served as President in the year 1999 – 2000 and held various positions within the club. Recently he had been actively involved in the Zone E Fun Day project having been the Chairman of the event in 2010-2011.

He was an Insurance broker by profession and a businessman with photography and other business ventures.

Sunil will be missed by not only London Hendon Lions club members but also by all the Lions fraternity and their families. We pray to the Almighty God to rest his Soul in Eternal Peace.

Om Shanti – Shanti – Shanti

International Convention in South Korea



Lion Kumar with the pipe band



DG with International President



MD delegates ready for the parade



MD Governors with spouses



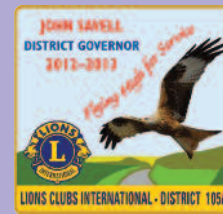
DG Elects enjoying fellowship



Detaching the ribbon... now I am the DG!



DG John's Journal



Home from Korea... from what was a brilliant trip and one which will be remembered for years to come. First let me say that both sides of the Convention were organised by Kumar Acharya and I have nothing but praise for him. We were picked up at the airport in Seoul by the local tour operator, and driven to the hotel which was of excellent standard. This was followed by 3 days of excursions to places of interest, meeting with fellow Governors and Council Chairman Elect Martin Morgan and his wife Jill. We had a great time, plenty to see and do, including sampling the local food and beverages.

On the third day to Busan by coach and time to see the countryside, arriving at the hotel booked by LCI. There we met with all the other MD 105 Governors and their partners. For the next 5 days it was DG training school. An interesting opportunity to learn about the International President's theme for the forthcoming year and to make new friends with Lions from all over the world. My training group included USA Lions, from the states of Alaska, Montana, Kansas, and the Group Leader was from West Virginia. Fellow Lions in the group were from Turkey, Cyprus, Bangladesh, Thailand, Belgium and the rest from the UK. It is exciting to see how Lions from different countries handle issues, how some have enthusiasm and great knowledge and others are learning as they go along. But they all have the true spirit of Lionism. The partners in service, wives and one solitary husband, Mike Philps of BN, who was extremely helpful to Linda during this time, acting as escort when unable to get to events at due time. He has my sincere thanks for this.

The Convention starts with the grand parade. The MD has by tradition been led by a Pipe Band. The MD Convention team found the only Pipe Band (all female) in Korea to lead the group, and it won the best band competition! Well done to the MD. The photos show, the lead team followed by PID Phil and Heidi then the Council Chairman and the elected Council Chairman, then yours truly with Linda and fellow Governors from BN and BS, Meg Philps and Rob Brown. The parade took close on to 5 hours and we are told that the host nation, who traditionally ends the parade, had 30,000 people taking part. All told 77,000 people registered for Convention, the highest number ever.

The Convention opened with the Flag ceremony with the flags carried by cadets from the Local Naval college. I would recommend that anyone interested should visit the LCI website to see videos of the Convention; you may even get a brief glimpse of the MD entry. During the Convention there were moving accounts of the activities of the work of LCIF, much information about tree planting. The International President said that we Lions did him proud with over 13 million trees planted world wide. It was clear that one of the highlights of his year

was planting a tree in the garden of HRH Sophie's home in Surrey.

There was a brilliant display by the China People's Dance troupe for people with disabilities. This was mind blowing for the standard achieved and for the professionalism. No wonder they are a world recognised troupe playing before every level of world society.

The International President's themes for the year are exciting, starting with a rededication to service; remember service begins with each of us. You will hear more about the Lions world of

service photo and twitter relay in the fullness of time. The International President is a proponent of reading and he has instigated a new program called the Reading Action Program. There are suggestions on how to participate and even in the UK there could be libraries or schools which may like help. Other themes include encouraging more lady members, and younger members. Each of these themes are close to my heart. They are our future and we have to look at new ways of encouraging involvement.

There were new First year International Directors elected. The Second International Vice President duly sworn onto Office was Joe Preston from Arizona. Barry Palmer from Australia was elected as First Vice International President as expected.

On Monday night was the MD Reception with guests from many countries and we all had the opportunity to visit receptions held by other nations, namely, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia, and Holland. For some it was an opportunity to meet once again fellow Governors from the Senior Leadership Institute in Bologna. Of that institute, an interesting statistic. 12 of the 25 English speaking participants were in Busan as Governors.

Following the Convention Linda and I travelled to JeJu Island for a few days rest before flying home, again organised by Kumar. There were with no hitches or problems. Well done to Kumar, although a change in the weather would have been appreciated.

It is my intention, together with the Vice Governors, to visit as many of the clubs as is possible and at least one Zone Meeting for each area if time permits.

DG John Savell



At the parade

My Diary

July 2012

Wed 11

Covent Garden Charter

Sat 14

Family Matters

Sun 15

GMT Meeting Birmingham

Sun 22

District Handover

Fri 27 - Sun 29

Council of Governors
Birmingham

OV = Official Visit