



Pride of LIONS



District 105A News

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Young Ambassador Competition

The Shipshape Award gives a Young Ambassador, that the Judges feel would benefit from a Leadership Training course, the opportunity to attend such a course on a Tall Ship. This is offered by the Jubilee Sailing Trust.

The Judges unanimously selected James Lingfield from 105A to receive this award. James, 15 years of age, is sponsored by Lions Club of Wanstead and Woodford, has Muscular Dystrophy and uses an electric wheelchair.

James is an amazingly mature young man. He is involved with Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs, assists his local physiotherapist with talking to other teenagers about how he copes with Muscular Dystrophy, and is a Whizzkidz Ambassador, West Essex Sports Leader, voted Epping Forest Young Citizen of the Year 2014.

James is seen here in the picture receiving a cheque of £500 towards his bursary and a further £100 from Lions Club of Wanstead and Woodford towards a charity of his own choice. The cheques were presented by Lion President Harvinder and also seen in the picture is James's mother who was an inspirational to the whole project.



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Father Christmas gets a diabetes check

Lion President Carol Smith from Hemel Hempstead Lions Club served the community by doing a Diabetic Screening Session at the local Marlowe Centre.

Father Christmas had to be the first in line to have a diabetic check. LP Carol, who is a trained nurse is well known in Hemel as she has been doing these diabetic checks now for 5 years and has many repeat customers.

Father Christmas said he would be back next year for another check. LP Carol sees between 1-200 each session and finds herself advising customers on many other issues also.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Stony Stratford Lions Club celebrated their 40th Charter Anniversary with a dinner in the Mitchell Hall at Cranfield University. Attended by the District Governor, the function was notable for the presentation of four awards.

Lion David Tunney received a 30 year Chevron and a membership extension award. Other long service chevrons were awarded to, Lion President Malcolm Pruskin for 25yrs, and 30 year chevrons were awarded to Lions Brian Kite and Stuart Rose. The club sends its warmest congratulations to them.

Lion Christopher Coolen

NOTICE BOARD

Senior Citizens Celebrations at Harrow leisure Centre on Sunday 28 Feb 2016. Please make sure the event is as successful as every year by enrolling your Club's support ASAP. Contact District Secretary Lion Parveen for more details.

District 105A Convention at Thistle London Heathrow Hotel 4 – 6 March 2016. Contact DO Lion Dilip Shah for details.

Welcome New Members: Lions Club of Milton Keynes Bletchley: SHEILA D. DUNLEAVY. Lions Club of Harpenden: GUY KENYON. Lions Club of London Central: JULIET ATAKO. Lions Club of Ruislip: DENNIS F. BURLEY



LCI Ethics:

*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 to another, but that true
friendship demands nothing but accepts service in
the spirit in which it is given.*



DG Meena's Message



Welcome!

May I wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous 2016. Beside putting on some more happy calories like I did, I hope you are ready to roar louder in 2016 !

Many clubs have been busy with Santa Sleigh, street collections and various other parties. I trust all went well and I can only but congratulate you for your commitment to service. Well Done to all of you! Remember to send in your articles to Pride of Lions and Face book page.

Naresh and I made five club visits and would like to thank Lions Clubs of Beaconsfield, Mill Hill, Swiss Cottage, Wanstead & Woodford and Watford for their hospitality and welcome. Lions Club of London Mill Hill's December meeting is worth a mention. Every December the meeting is Business/Social and the Club invites the District Governor, members' partners, sponsoring club's members and a photographer. Business is conducted and donation made to their chosen charity. What a special way to end the year!



With LP Harvinder at Wanstead & Woodford Club

Zone A Chairman Lion Monita combined Zone Quiz with their Christmas Social and ended being an enjoyable evening. London Park Royal held a successful Christmas Party for Children. making so many young children smile. Fund Raisers held by Milton Keynes Central and Kingsbury were both very well attended and I am sure the clubs have raised substantial funds for needy causes.



DG Meena with Swiss Cottage President Lion Arvind Yadav



With Zone A Chairman Lion Monita at Christmas event

5 Zone Chairpersons and I attended the Certified Guiding Lions Training, organised by GLT Officer Elliot and PCC Geoff A second Training session will be announced soon.

I was advised to disappear in December and return in the first week of January, with my batteries recharged! I can assure you, the only place I ended up was in my office, in front of the computer, getting ready with our Convention in March! Convention forms have been uploaded onto our website www.lions105a.org and emailed to all the clubs. Please book direct with the hotel for room bookings. For events kindly post the booking form to Lion Kumar Acharya. The Convention Team has met twice in December and all is progressing very well. We are putting together a list of Volunteers. If you would like to help kindly get in touch with Convention Officer Lion Dilip on meenadilip@mdshah.co.uk very soon. Fellow Lions this is your Convention, so without delay, do send in your forms. A few forms a day will certainly make Lion Kumar happy!

Six months of my year have passed. May I take this opportunity to thank all for their help. There have been challenging moments but with your help I have overcome them. If we keep focussed on our Ethics & Purposes, and believe the reason why we are Lions, we can tackle everything!

May I thank on behalf of Naresh all those who have patiently heard him talk about his Charity Compassion in World Farming and also donated to it. As a result the Charity will continue with its work to rid the cruelty of factory farming and subsequent pollution it causes.

Best Wishes

DG Meena

My Diary January 2016

- 4th Lions Club of London Park Royal - OV
- 5th Lions Club of Tring - OV
- 6th Lions Club Of Southall - OV
- 7th Lions Club of Fairlop Leos Pantomime
- 8th Lions Club of Osterley Meeting
- 11th Convention Meeting
- 12th Lions Club of Kenton - OV
- 13th Lions Club Of Golders Green - OV
- 17th Cabinet Meeting with partners
- 18th Zone C Meeting
- 20th Lions Club Of Belmont - OV
- 20th Lions Club of Beaconsfield Handover
- 27th Lions Club of Feltham & Whitton - OV
- 29-31st Council of Governors meeting
- OV = Official visit