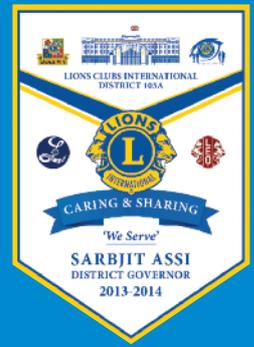




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PRIDE OF LIONS



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Lions Club of Mill Hill help our Heroes

PP Sunil Patel had asked the Mill Hill Lions to support the Help 4 Heroes charity and raise the maximum amount possible for this very worthwhile UK cause. The Club saw this as a fitting tribute to those men and women who have served in our name and made the ultimate sacrifices on our behalf. Thus it became the main Mill Hill project for the year.

Direct appeal to the local residents, a bike ride, golf challenge and approaching friends and relatives all helped to raise the substantial amount of £10,080. The cheque was handed over to the representative of H 4 H at the Houses of Parliament, in the presence of Rt. Hon. Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International Development. The Cabinet minister said that she was very impressed and touched that a Lions Club had worked so hard to raise this significant donation.

Lion Shirish Sheth



Presentation to Help for Heroes at the Houses of Parliament

Another successful Senior Citizen's Celebration

A big thank you to all the Lions and Leos from the 55 clubs involved in the biggest annual service activity of our District, on the first Sunday of February, at Harrow Leisure Centre. We were most fortunate to have good weather with some sunshine and no rain.

The total attendance was nearly 850 people. Of these, over 700 were guests with their helpers and carers. The afternoon started when some of our guests arrived at 1pm. Our guests including a 96 year old senior enjoyed the tea party, friendship, excellent entertainment (eastern to western music), magicians etc. The delicious food was prepared by our own Lions and other lady helpers. We did not see anyone leaving the hall until 5pm when the programme ended. All praised the hospitality and friendly help of the Lions looking after the guests.

The overwhelming response has been most favourable and the SCC Committee appreciate the many messages and are relieved that their hard work over the months has given so many of the elders in our community a few hours of pleasure. Please invite your guests again for next year's party.

The words of one lady summed up the party: "I have had a most enjoyable afternoon. I hope I am alive to come next year". Once again we appreciate the support and help provided by all to make this event a success.

SCC Committee: Lions Peter Gent, Dilip Shah, Ken Rouse, Jane Codrai, Meena Gupta, Manish Chotai, Alf Sanders, Naresh Gupta, Peter Codrai, Margaret Rouse, Amar Obhie, Lesley Spence, Alastair Joel, Veena Sharma, Minesh Mehta, Andrew Allen, Tony Hurley and Parveen Verma.

PDG Lion Parveen Verma

... NOTICE BOARD ...

District 105A Convention: 28 Feb-2 March 2014. Some Clubs have still not sent in their booking forms. Go to the District 105A website or contact PDG Lion Ken Rouse for details.

District 105A Golf Day Wednesday 11 June 2014 at Richings Park Golf Club, Iver, Bucks. Book with Ramesh Parmar, 07831 587495, email: Ramesh@eurobijoux.co.uk

Lions Club of Mill Hill Gala Evening 29 March at the VIP Lounge, contact Lion Sanjay Shah.

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To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; except partisan politics and sectarian religion.



Wembley Lions in Kenya

On 15th December 2013 Wembley (Brent) Lions were proud to have supported a children feeding programme in Kikambala (Kenya). 1130 children were provided with a nutritious meal. They were also provided with a 'goody bag' each containing: half a kilo of maize meal, one banana, a packet of toasted rolls, sweets, and a packet of glucose. 60 volunteers offered their services.

This project only accepts donations towards this cause if donors are physically present. Our esteemed member Lion Laxmichand and Lionette Hansaben together with their family members were able to satisfy this requirements which made this project possible for Wembley (Brent) Lions Club.

Lion Rohit Patel



Fairlop Lions and Leos help DAISY

Daisy is a 4 year old child who in the summer of 2012 became seriously ill with a cancerous growth, at the right side of her face. After chemotherapy the situation became so serious that the Great Ormond Street Hospital Oncologists were of the opinion that the cancer could not be treated under normal conditions. She needed lifesaving Proton treatment, that due to her age, could only be given in the USA. In November 2012 the hospital arranged for Daisy to attend the Jacksonville Proton, Florida for immediate treatment.

The family needed to find a large contribution towards costs at home and the three month stay in Florida. They had never been out of the UK and this was a great upheaval in their lives. The family sold possessions, the local school community organised raffles and individuals donated. The financial shortfall was worrying them and then the Lions of Zone B became involved.

A cash donation from Fairlop Lions quickly matched by others meant the family could concentrate on being together and supporting Daisy. The then DG John Savell was contacted and he spoke to his counterpart 35L DG Pat Hall in Florida, to tell her about the family and their arrival 'on her patch'. DG Pat set in motion the help and support for our family in distress.

Although the proton treatment was as successful, the treatment caused Daisy much discomfort with blistered face and mouth leaving her some days unable to eat, losing her hair and plummeting to a weight of just 22lbs. Visits for support and trips to Alligator Park, Jacksonville Zoo, Mary Poppins on Stage and Rescue Boats were arranged, dependent on Daisy's state of health. Visitors came from the Jacksonville Giants and other local Sports Teams with signed shirts, and a local Lion paid for the family to eat out at a local pizza restaurant.

Whilst in the USA, the family were heartened by continued messages of love and support sent via the Fairlop Leos on a weekly basis. These young people organised a mountain of 'Thinking of you cards' each with multiple messages from Lions, Leos, school pupils and local people. The arrival of over 200 cards a week let the family know that they were always in our thoughts. With financial support from Zone B Lions and emotional support from the Jacksonville Lions, Daisy and her family were supported through the difficult time.

Daisy came home with the tumour having been shrunk to a pea size through the PROTON treatment. In all she had 28 sessions of the Proton rays interspersed with normal chemo.

Lions reaching out and making a real difference!

Lion PDG John Savell

Finchley Lions organise Eye Camps

Lions Club of Finchley organised a Mehfil Night in November 2013 to raise funds for their Annual Eye Camps. It was well attended event and with further donations we will raise a total of over £20,000.

The Eye Camps, in India and Pakistan, are planned for February 2014. Some of our members and their ladies will be in attendance throughout the tenure of the Camps. The local Eye surgeons will be donating their services free. Right is a glimpse of what happened at our previous Eye Camps.

PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry

Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.



Osterley's 8th Charter Night draws excellent support

Over 150 guests came to support the Osterley Lions Club 8th Charter Night Celebration at the Indian GymKahana, Hounslow. For a small club, of just 12 women and two men, the club pulled together all the stops to draw a large crowd of supporting Lions and guests to the event.

Chief Guest District Governor Sarbjit Assi and his good Lady Kuldip were in attendance and greeted all the guests and Lions. 14 Lions Clubs were represented including two from East London. Zone B chair Paul Charkravartim from Fairlop and Lion President Sanjay Rughani from Seven Kings were present. It was a wet, cold evening but full of warmth from those present.

Event coordinator Lion Jassi Khehar, was overjoyed with the turnout and was looking forward to another Osterley function in the summer. She said; "Osterley Lions are true volunteers who all love to be members of this club and raise valuable funds for good causes."

DG Sarabjit Assi endorsed Lion Jassi's comments and said the club is an excellent example of what we as Lions stand for "Friendship, Fellowship and Service."

The 2nd Vice District Governor and Osterley club secretary Meena Gupta was also complimentary about Osterley Lions and said: "Our family of Lions, although small in number, is highly active and carry out its work of service with real passion."

Revellers danced to music and songs by Surinder, while belly dancer Saffron enthralled the crowd with some eastern promise.

Lion Naresh Gupta

Tesco shoppers support Bletchley Lions Club's charity

The Food Cupboard is a charitable organisation based at St Mary's Church, Bletchley, which provides food packages for families who have been highlighted by social services as vulnerable and struggling to afford food.

Before Christmas, shoppers at the area's Tesco store were encouraged by the Lions Club of Bletchley to help fill a trolley of food to support the charity and the families that it helps. The Lions Club has been supporting the Food Cupboard for the last four years.

At the event ten trolleys were filled and £460 was raised with some shoppers donating full bags of shopping while others gave financial gifts. The Lions also gave £500 to the Food Cupboard to enable them to build up their stock.

Mike Bartlett, 68, secretary of Lions Club Bletchley and the event organiser said: "With the ten trolleys and the financial gifts we helped more than 50 families. Volunteers enjoyed the day as it is one of our favourite events that gets us involved with the people in Bletchley."

We can remind the community what we do and why we are here."

The clubs next major event is the Rock Chorus at Stantonbury Campus on March 15 that all residents are invited to.



From the Editor

With the floods rampaging the south of England, it is very sad to see the loss of possessions and the misery suffered by the people affected. Let us hope that the dreadful weather gives them a respite soon and that there will be plenty of help available for them to rebuild their lives. It will be a great opportunity for Lions to do what they always do.... to help those in distress. We Serve.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Race Night
 Saturday 26th April 2014
 Lady Guttman Bowls Centre
 Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium
 Aylesbury HP21 9PP
 First Race 7:30pm

Tickets available from
 Lion Ron Syrratt – 01296 484 492
 Lion Andrew Allen – 01908 503135
 Lion Steve Foott – 01525 636 145

USA Supporting WheelPower

Tickets
 £10 per Person
 (Incl. Fish & Chips supper)

In aid of WheelPower - Transforming Lives through Sport



DG Sarbjit's Story



Our District Convention is just in three weeks' time. To those Lions who have booked for the whole weekend, I would like to say thank you. And to those yet to book, please try to book soon, so as to assist the committee in making its final arrangements. If you have never been to a 105A Convention before now, this is your chance to come along. This is your Convention and an opportunity for you to have a say in the running of the District as well as to meet and greet Lions from 105A and other Districts. PDG Ken Rouse and his committee are working hard so that all the members attending have an enjoyable Convention.

I have been continuing with my club visits attending Newport Pagnell & Olney, Wanstead & Woodford, Osterley, London China Town, Kenton, London Belmont, London Host, Moor Park which were all enjoyable and I would like to thank all clubs for their welcome and hospitality. I had the pleasure of inducting a new member in London Host Lions club and on my visit to London Belmont one member was inducted by Lion Kumar.

Even though we do not have any problem in inducting new members, we do lose some in the first few years due to lack of their involvement in the clubs activities. So please nurture the new members. Retention my fellow Lions, is the first step to stability and is important for Lions Clubs International to grow from strength to strength.



DG Sarbjit inducting new memeber at London Host Club

Our District Cabinet meeting with partners was held on the 12th January 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Ealing. The attendance was good, and many aspects of running the District were discussed.

Zone B meeting on the 21st January at Delhi O Delhi restaurant in Ilford was attended by myself and many other members from the District. Kuldip and I had the pleasure of attending Charter celebrations of Lions club of Osterley. It was good fun and a very enjoyable evening.

The end of January sees one of the last Council of Governor meetings of the year. It was held in Solihull on the 24-26 January.



DG visit to Kenton Club

I had the privilege of attending a reception hosted by Samantha Cameron at 10 Downing Street in support of the Royal London Society for Blind people. RLSB is determined to help the blind young people live their life without limits. Through the blend of services that the society crafted over 175 years, it supports young people and their families to learn to cope with sight loss.

Our District Project – 14th Senior Citizens Celebration, held on the 2nd February was a wonderful day for so many Senior Citizens and for some this is their annual treat. All round there were smiling faces and many were taking part in the dance sequences.



DG at Chinatown

We, the LIONS, have no such word as "impossible" and it does not exist in our lexicon. So my Fellow Lions follow your dream by changing the impossible into possible, by "Caring & Sharing" We Serve.

Keep well and warm.

DG Sarbjit Assi

DG's wife's message

So far, Alzheimer's Society has funded over 100 research projects in leading scientific institutions across the UK. The outcome of their research has influenced care practice, improved understanding of dementia, and enabled researchers to develop new therapies and tools for the treatment and diagnosis of dementia. The research volunteers play an essential role in the research programme.

Kuldip

My Diary – February 2014

- 1st-2nd GMT/GLT Summit – Solihull
- 2nd Senior Citizens Celebrations
- 3rd OV Lions Club of Southgate
- 4th OV Lions Club of London Kingsbury
- 5th Lions club of London Acton - Meeting
- 6th Zone E meeting
- 8th Chipping Barnet Valentines Ball
- 9th Zone C Swimming Gala
- 10th OV Lions club of London Hendon
- 11th OV Lions Club of London Seven Kings
- 13th Zone A meeting
- 14th Fund Raising Valentines night Lions Club of Ealing
- 15th Music Competition – AM
- 15th Charter Celebrations Lions Club of Ruislip – PM
- 16th Rangeela - Show by Youths from UCL
- 19th OV Lions Club of Hounslow
- 21st Charter Celebration Lions Club of Stanmore
- 22nd Charter Celebration (40th) Lions Club of Bicester
- 23rd Charter Celebration Lions Club of Leighton Buzzard
- 25th OV Lions Club of Sudbury
- 26th OV Lions Club of Feltham &Whitton
- 28th District 105A Convention – Host Night
- OV = Official visit