



Dear Lions

By the time that you read this I may still be in Chicago at the International Convention, where you all will be in my thoughts, as I become your District Governor. It is a wonderful once in a lifetime opportunity that you have all given me and I promise not to let you down.

I have enjoyed my year as VDG very much. It is a year of preparation for my Year as your DG, but also a year of support for DG Louvain, watching and listening. This support is a two way thing and here I would like to thank DG Louvain for all of her help and guidance along the road. Margaret and I have been to Charter Nights, Clubs, Zones, and Regions and the fellowship and fun aspect of Lionism is brilliant and we thank you all for making us welcome.

My slogan will be **“Harmony, Tolerance and Understanding”**. We need these three elements in abundance if we are to go forward and work as a team. Unfortunately on my travels I have seen places where this is not the case. Hopefully things will improve, and we can get down to what we do as Lions which is *“helping those less fortunate than ourselves”*

I would like to amplify DG Louvain’s call for clubs to take part in “The Travelling Lion Competition”. Only a few years back our District was very strong at both District and MD level in this competition, but the enthusiasm has died a bit. Visiting clubs is a wonderful opportunity to see how other clubs work, get new ideas, and make new friends. Whichever club you visit don’t forget to get your Travelling Lion form signed by the club secretary and then send it to the District Competition Officer PDG Lion Eric Amaria.

Forming new clubs

In District 105a we are very fortunate to have fairly healthy membership numbers. This is partly due to the hard work of Past District Governors, but also the District Membership committee, Club officers and very importantly all of you my fellow Lions. We are all responsible for membership. I am sure that we are all on the lookout for areas to form new clubs in, and prospective quality members, especially men and women below 40 years of age.

Forming new clubs doesn’t seem too much

of a problem for our District, but our big weakness is retention. We work hard getting the members in, but we lose them (220) out of the bottom just like a leaky bucket. What are you all doing to plug the leaks? We all need to know why members leave so that we can take steps necessary. The District Membership Retention officer is always available to help.

In this regard I am challenging every club to re-evaluate itself - to question their current philosophy of service to the community and also how they operate as a team.

I am sure that if we work together, we can achieve new targets on membership particularly keeping and evolving new members.

Margaret’s Charity

As is the practice in our District the Governor’s partner has a charity project, and my project will be “WHEELPOWER”. The District Cabinet were kind enough to give me its approval to this very worthwhile project, which I believe is part of our Lionistic beliefs.

This organisation is based at “Stoke Mandeville” and is famous for helping those who are disabled and wheelchair bound. All age groups are catered for, from the very young to the mature adult. Some are born with a disability, and some become disabled due to an unfortunate accident. Increasingly, members of Her Majesty’s forces wounded in conflict are also feeling the benefit of “WHEELPOWER”. The staff help to rehabilitate through sport. Getting involved in activities with other wheelchair users teaches the person that they are not alone, and are able to lead a full, active and meaningful life.

My aim is to raise £15,000 during Ken’s year as District Governor. I will also be selling a pin which symbolises “Lions in partnership with Wheelpower”. These will be £2.50 each, as a donation to Wheelpower. I will always have them with me, so please don’t hesitate to ask.

Margaret Rouse

WHEELPOWER WISH LIST

Help us to raise £15000 to improve the lives of disabled people

“Wheelpower provide opportunities I could’nt believe are there, I’ve seen sports that I didn’t know existed, it’s total inclusion, there are no barriers, anyone can have a go and they encourage you totally to achieve your dreams.” Linda Hunt

– her daughter Louise is one of many disabled Children to benefit from Wheelpower’s work. *£100 will provide information on the benefits of wheelchair sport to the parents of 30 disabled children. These children are in mainstream education and don’t currently take part in any structured physical activity. *£250 will fund the equipment for a children’s sports activity camp. *£500 will provide qualified coaching for tomorrows medal winners. *£1,100 will fund two demonstration events in spinal units. These will focus on the benefits of sport for patients rehabilitation. *£3,000 will fund a one day Sports Camp for 30 disabled children. *£5000 will fund a 3day introduction to wheelchair sport for 25 newly paralysed adults. *£5000 will enable 20 kids to attend Wheelpowers’ 5day Junior Games, where they will receive coaching, then compete in 20 different sports.

July 2007

Sun	1 st	International Convention (Chicago)
Mon	2 nd	International Convention
Tues	3 rd	International Convention
Wed	4 th	International Convention
Thur	5 th	International Convention
Fri	6 th	International Convention
Tue	10 th	(coming home)
Thur	12 th	District Golf Day (High Wycombe)
Sat	14 th	London Tottenham Charter (Alexandra Palace)
Sun	15 th	District Handover (Stevenage Thistle Hotel)
Fri	27 th	Council of Governors
Sat	28 th	Council of Governors
Sun	29 th	Council of Governors

August 2007

Sun	5 th	Hertford Charter Lunch
Sun	12 th	1 st Cabinet Meeting (Stevenage Thistle Hotel)
Sun	2 nd	Sight First 2 Walk
Sun	9 th	Cricket Tring
Sat	15 th	Walthamstow 40 th Charter

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Broadfields Sports Club

Headstone Lane, Harrow.

An evening in memory of

Lion Martin Jenner

of Harrow & Pinner Lions

For further information E-mail:

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Cricket Competition

at Tring Cricket Ground

on Sunday 9th September 2007

Regions to get a team v a DG’s Team

Each Region Chairman will be the

Captain of there team

Each match will be 10 overs

Anyone scoring 15 runs has to retire

No one can bowl more than two overs

Other than these rules the Laws of Cricket

will apply.

Will any clubs interested please contact

your Zone or Region Chairman who will

contact DG elect Ken.

Osterley Recruitment Drive

at Osterley Park, Osterley on the

15th of July from 11am to 4pm.

On 29th July the club is hosting a BBQ in support of the Youth Exchange Programme.

Lions Club of Mill Hill and Campaign Sight First II

Mill Hill has committed to the CSFII project and has been designated as a Model Club. To raise the funds for CSFII, a Mehfil (musical evening) was held, attended by over 260 people. Jemca Toyota offered a brand new car at a discount price, which was auctioned at the Mehfil. Various donations were made as well.

The evening raised nearly £ 5000 and at the last Zone F meeting, Lion President Ashwin Sodha proudly handed over the cheque of £ 5000 to the Zone F coordinators.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Lions Club of Osterely’s Walk

It should have been mentioned that Lion Club of Fairlop also participated in the CSF11 “WALK FOR THE WORLD” on 1st April and made a donation of £560.

Lion Nimmi Suri

Send your stories and articles in Word format, and please ensure that the articles or letters are brief and concise, preferably not more than about 250 words. Do not use Works, or Excel etc.

Photos in Jpeg format, as an attachment, rather than as part of the Word based article. Every month the deadline will be the 20th of the month.



SUNDAY 2nd SEPT 2007 at THE GREAT PARK WINDSOR
London Road, Virginia Water GU25 4QF
(Meeting Place Wheatsheaf Car Park)

DISTANCE: 7 km WALK AROUND VIRGINIA WATER LAKE
TIME: 10.30AM

Funds raised from this walk are in aid of CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II And will be credited to your club account Bring family & friends to have a fun day in the beautiful surroundings of The Windsor Great Park. Light snacks, hot and cold drinks will be provided

For more details please contact:
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Award to Mike Cawdell

A charity fundraiser has been honoured with a top international award.

Royston Lions member Mike Cawdell, 60, has been named a fellow of the Melvin Jones Fellowship, one of the highest accolade for a member of Lions Club International.

A branch spokesman said: “Mike has been an active member of Royston Lions Club since it was founded some twelve years ago and he has been the driving force behind the clubs fund raising events in Royston. Thanks to his efforts and the generosity of the people of Royston thousands of pounds have been raised to help many local charities.

DG Lion Ken Rouse

Subjected to the same old Campaign

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from an excellent Incoming Officers Training Course held at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Hatfield. I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to PDG Mike Baldwin and his team for an excellent session, which as an incoming Club Secretary I found invaluable.

There was however one aspect of the day that I felt was inappropriate. Yet again, we were subjected to the same old Campaign Sight First II presentation that currently seems to be rolled out at every District / MD event. This was neither the time nor the place, as it did not help me to understand how to perform the role for which my club has elected me.

Further, I whole-heartedly resented the inference that you cannot be a model Lions club if you do not donate US\$400 per member to this one project. I feel that by serving our local community, EVERY Lions Club is a model club and the diversity of the works we do should be treated with equal respect.

In future, please can we keep presentations about such projects to the appropriate meetings and at the same time, publicise other worthwhile projects supported by Lions on a local, national and international platform.

I wish the Campaign Sight First II team luck in achieving their ambitious target, but please don’t keep bombarding us with the same information!

Chris Woolley

London Phoenix New Century Lions Club



A proud moment for Northolt Lions



On Thursday 8th February, Northolt Lions Club held a Charity Event at Ealing Town Hall, in aid of Alzheimer's Concern Ealing, a local Charity that has been giving support to people with dementia, and their carers, for twenty-five years.

Guest of honour was The Worshipful the Mayor of Ealing, Cllr. Mrs. Diana Pagan, JP.

A blanket of snow did not prevent one hundred and forty people having an enjoyable evening, which included: an Auction, Tombola, Live Music and a Buffet.

We managed to raise £4,500 on the night with the assistance of Barclays Bank who also donated £1,500 towards it.

The picture shows Roger Beckett, Finance & Fundraising Manager (centre) is seen receiving a cheque for £4,500, from Lion Satnam Loyal and Lion Marie Gagliardi, Secretary.

The Northolt Lions would like to thank all who made the evening a great success.

Would you like to help us to help others? For more information, visit www.northoltlions.org.uk, or e-mail info@northoltlions.org.uk, or phone 07939 059 846.

Hugh

Lions Club of Mill Hill - Chipping Barnet Golf Challenge

Lions Club of Mill Hill & Chipping Barnet resolved to raise funds to enable the District 105A Senior Citizens Party in 2008. For the last seven years 1,000 disadvantaged senior citizens from throughout the District have been transported by Lions to the Harrow Leisure Centre where they are given an excellent party – all costs are paid by the Lions. The clubs organised a Golf Challenge day in May and raised the incredible amount of over £5,000. The fund raising event was held at Finchley Golf Club in North London. For £60 the golfers received a light lunch before tee off, a round of golf plus a meal at the GKII restaurant in North Finchley. Further funds were raised

from Kams car sales who kindly provided a car for a "hole-in-one" competition and 18 businesses sponsored each hole, plus there were donations and sponsorship from various businesses.

84 men and women golfers attended on a glorious sunny and warm spring day. During the round of golf the players were given cold drinks and samosas. By 5.30 pm the golfers were refreshed by a shower and assembled for a welcome drink. It was then off to the restaurant where the golfers were joined by family and guests.

DG Louvain Allen thanked PDG Parveen Verma, the Chairman of the organising committee together with his committee members Sanjay Shah, Dilip Shah, Manish Chottai and Girish Mehta. The men's winner was Rameshvar Patel and the ladies' winner was Chitra Prashar. Runner up was Ranjena Verma – Parveen's wife. The evening concluded with the customary raffle.

What a wonderful way to have an enjoyable day - and at the same time to raise so much money for the Senior Citizens' Party. The party is a great success story for 105A. The next party will be held in February 2008 – note this for your diary.



Letchworth Lions 'do lunch' with some really BIG cats!

On Sunday 17th June, President Harry took his pride of Lions to Woburn to celebrate Letchworth GC & Baldock's 24th Charter.

The clubs trusty mini bus was our chosen mode of transport to the Woburn Inn where around 30 Lions and guests tucked in to a feast fit for kings.

President Harry made a touching speech and recounted some of the highlights of his year,

To follow in the footsteps of Maria Azcona, who has been the Editor for at least 3 years, is a hard act to follow. She spent hours ensuring that the Pride of Lions was an interesting newsletter and reflected the events and happenings of Lions in District 105A. Well done, Maria.

I start my year hoping to continue to make this newsletter enjoyable and balanced in its contents. I would like more clubs to send articles and photos about their activities. There is a section for Have Your Say. Let us have your letters if you want to express

including an impressive list of donations that the club has made over the past 12 months.

DG Louvain thanked president Harry for his hard work and dedication over the last 12 months – he has been so good as president that we have voted him in again for 2007 – 2008).

PDG Ron then made a speech on behalf of all present with some very amusing antidotes about the formation of Letchworth & Baldock club as he himself was infact a charter member of the club.

Just as president Harry started to relax, a rogue Lion in the pack stood up to make one final presentation...this one to President Harry directly. All that needs to be said in relation to this is ...next time you see Harry, take a quick look at his feet - you may just get a surprise !!



Once the meal and speeches concluded, we had a trip around Woburn Safari park. As you would expect, there were rhino's, zebra's, giraffes, lots of monkeys getting up to mischief and a few more Lions than the keepers anticipated that day ...

Lion Mayoress

'Wallingford & Didcot Lions are very proud that their member Lion Betty Atkins MBE has just been installed as Mayor of Wallingford. This is the third time Lion Betty has been elected Mayor of Wallingford, having served as Mayor in 1998, 2003 and now 2007. She is the first lady to be Mayor 3 times. At the Mayor's Civic Service and Reception Lion Betty said

your views and comments about any aspect of Lionism. We have columns for Helpful Hints and Diary Section which can be used with your ideas on fundraising or advertising your future events.

Pride of Lions is YOUR newsletter and I welcome all Lions within our District to contribute ideas and stories.

I wish all District Officers, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Lions an enjoyable Lionistic year, particularly our DG Ken Rouse and his wife Margaret.

Lion Shirish Sheth

she would not stand for mayor again as she felt she was getting past her 'sell by date', but those who know Betty don't believe this we have now re-cycled her three times so if we consider the environment we hope to continue re-cycling Betty!

It is a great honour for Betty to be Mayor again, Wallingford is one of the oldest Boroughs in the country, having reviewed its Charter in 1155.

Picture shows Lion Betty with Lion Marline Kings at the 'Mayor making ceremony'.



Progressive MJF for Model Club - CSF11 - Vision for all

Lions Club of Osterley celebrated their 2nd Hand Over on 8th June. PDG Lion Max was present with his wife Aruna to perform the Hand over ceremony along with Lion Minesh Mehta & Alf Sanders from their Mother Club Feltham and Whitton and Zone Chairman David.

As a Model Club, Osterley is leading the way for CSFII. by donating £10,412 for CSFII this year. In total they have donated £23,454 for CSFII in two years where also supporting their School Project in Bangalore.

Nimmi Suri, CSF11 Zone Officer, says we have enough funds to be 100% Melvin Jones Club but we will try to encourage members to raise more money.

The WALK FOR THE WORLD will once again take place in Osterley Park on the 6th April 2008 and Osterley will make this event as their fund raiser.

May I request all clubs to help this project in its final year. Clubs in the surrounding Zones... why not, like Osterley, make the WALK FOR THE WORLD your club fund raising event and give vision to the needy.

Zone C CSFII Officer Nimmi Suri

Lions Club of Osterley Handover



Lions Club of Osterley is close to having a full MJF membership, making it one of a handful of Lions Clubs to achieve such success. At its Handover in June, PDG Max Mongia acknowledged Osterley's achievements and said "If things continue at the same pace it won't be long before Lions Club of Osterley achieves full MJF membership".

The Handover evening recognised the achievements of Lions' Joginder, Nirmala, & Tersam who received their MJF's and Progressive MJF's awarded to Lions' Kami, Pummy, Sudha & Jassi. A 2nd Progressive MJF was awarded to IPP Nimmi Suri.

Meenakshi Gupta who was sworn in as Osterley's new President said: "I am honoured to have such a dedicated team of hard working individuals who are focussed in their objectives to help those less fortunate than us. Osterley donated £11,628 to good causes last year and I am committed to continue this success during 2007-2008."

Lion Meenakshi Gupta

Fairlop celebrates Vaisakhi

Saturday 21st April saw the newly formed Lions Club of Fairlop celebrate their 1st official social function by celebrating the festival of Vaisakhi.

A little history on Vaisakhi: Vaisakhi is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It is the Sikh New Year festival and a long established harvest festival in the Punjab. It is celebrated on April 13th or 14th. It also commemorates 1699, the year Sikhism was born as a faith.

The Vaisakhi function was held at The Troxy in the East End of London on Saturday 28th April 2007. The turnout was excellent and we sold over 600. The Mayor of Redbridge also attended as guest of honour.

For Entertainment we had DJ's and traditional Punjabi dancers. More dance routines were provided by The Sonam Group of dancers with their Bollywood dance sequence. They contributed their time totally free of charge.

The guests, including Lions members from other Clubs, attended with their family and



friends and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The atmosphere was electric.

The event is held annually to raise funds for 2 eye camps that Fairlop Lions support each year. Our members recently returned from this year's camps and were able to fund close to 700 operations at a cost of £13,000 from monies raised at last year's event.

This year, with the help of our loyal supporters, we expect to collect in excess of £25,000! - A very big thank you to everyone who contributed! Lions Club of Fairlop members worked exceptionally hard to make this a success.

We would like to thank each and every guest for their kind generosity and company without which the evening would not have been the success it was.

Lion Hitesh Bhandari
Lions Club of Fairlop

Harpenden Charity Golf Day

Harpenden Lions Club will be repeating the popular Charity Golf Day again this year on Friday 20th July at Aldwickbury Park Golf Club, Harpenden.

The event has grown to become a favourite for both social and corporate entertainment. It has raised many thousands of pounds for charities; this year the money raised will go to charity Riding for the Disabled.

The 18 hole event starts at 1.00 pm with a light sandwich lunch. First tee is at 1.30pm. The day concludes with an evening meal at 7.00pm, presentation of prizes and a raffle.

The cost is £250 per team of four. Individuals can join in too at a cost of £70 per person. Friends, partners and colleagues are welcomed at the dinner, cost is £30. Maximum handicap allowed will be 24. Organiser David Murphy commented, "The emphasis on the day is to have fun and raise money for Riding for the Disabled."

To book a place please contact David Murphy on 01582 794256, 07836 281374 or E-mail on david.murphy@harpendenlions.co.uk.



Steve Gledhill - PRO