



# Pride of LIONS

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District 105A News

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## A sky diving Lion

**T**ring Lions' latest member, Lion Angelo Ferraro, achieved a lifelong ambition when he did a skydive. He took this opportunity to raise money for a Lions sight project by obtaining sponsorship. Money is still coming in but it is estimated that Angelo will raise several hundred pounds toward the cost of the project.

Lions in this area have been challenged to purchase three 'Spot Cameras' which will be used to identify eye problems in young people. Specially trained people will visit local schools and take 'pictures' of the children's eyes. The 'cameras' are set up to identify six risk factors. If there are defects detected, the parents will be advised to seek further help.

Should you want to donate to this project, please visit our website [www.tringlions.org.uk](http://www.tringlions.org.uk) and follow the link.

On top of any money raised through the sky dive, Tring Lions will be making a further donation.'

**Lion Steve Mitchell**



*Lion Angelo safely on ground*

## Nominations for DG, 1st Vice DG and 2nd Vice DG for 2020-21

Following the deadline for submitting nominations for these posts, I now inform you of the nominations received:

### Nomination for District Governor 2020-21

Lion Alastair Joel of Feltham & Whitton Lions Club.

### Nomination for 1st Vice District Governor 2020-21

Lion Karanjeet Assan of London-Belmont Lions Club.

### Nomination for 2nd Vice District Governor for 2020-21

(In alphabetical order of first name)

1. **Lion Ashwin Vora** of Edgware Lions Club.
2. **Lion Kavaljit Dev** of Letchworth Garden City & Baldock Lions Club.
3. **Lion Rajnikant Sheth** of Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club.

**Lion Minesh Mehta**

**District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer**

## Amersham Anniversary



*Lions Stewart Foster, Dennis Gambier and Harry Sophocliades with their MJF awards, at the Amersham 50th Charter Anniversary.*

## ..... NOTICE BOARD .....

**Stevenage Corey's Mill Lions Club** – 29<sup>th</sup> CHARTER Celebration on Sunday 17 November at 12.30 for 1pm. At ASTON GOLF CLUB – Aston Lane, Stevenage SG2 7EL. For any queries please contact Trish Newton 07903 444052

**Book now for the Winter Forum** at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. We have a wide variety of presentations that will stimulate your thinking and provide motivation for getting involved in different causes in the spirit of service.  
PCC Viresh Paul, 2019/20 GLT Coordinator.



### LCI Purposes:

*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.*

## Enfield Lions team up with The Royal Free

President of **LC of Enfield**, Lion Faiz Mumtaz is immensely passionate about improving the treatment options available for patients with Renal Cancer, which unfortunately presents late and incidentally often without symptoms.

Royal Free Hospital is the tertiary referral centre for the treatment of Renal cancer patients and has embarked on an ambitious project with construction of a new unit working towards newer treatment options to improve patient outcomes.

Lions Members visited the Hospital and were immensely impressed with the plans which are in place to execute this extremely challenging and complex project which will improve patient outcomes. The Club will be working towards raising the much needed funds for this very worthy cause.

**Lion Srikanth Mandemula**



*Enfield Lions visiting the hospital*

## Joint fundraising concert

**LC of Kenton & Stanmore** held a successful fundraising concert in aid of The Transverse Myelitis Society Charity raising £1,600. The Harrow Apollo Male Choir provided the musical entertainment with many songs including some from West End Musicals over the years.

As well as members of Kenton and Stanmore Lions, Lions from Harrow & Pinner, Bletchley Milton Keynes and Wembley Clubs also supported on the night with donations from members of Lions Clubs of Belmont, Northwood and London Central Host.

*Transverse Myelitis* is a very rare

neurological condition that affects approximately 300 people a year in the UK. An inflammation causes spinal cord damage and often results in paralysis plus motor and sensory issues, which is what happened to me six years ago. The TM Society Charity, which has no premises or paid staff, relies entirely on volunteers and donations to provide equipment grants to members for wheelchairs, stairlifts, orthotics etc, and physiotherapy for those affected, where the NHS is not providing long-term rehabilitation. They provide information and support to people with TM plus their carers and families. Children and young people in the UK are also affected with this condition.

I was pleased that we were able to give something back to the TM Society to help many others as it has helped me in providing information and support.

**Lion Vivien Raggett – LC of Kenton**



*At the concert*

## A Zone Chair Lion recognised

On 18 September PDG Vijay Arora presented MJF to ZC Harvinder Virdee. On the same day Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) handed over a cheque of £1,000 to PDG Vijay Arora for LCIF.

LP Narinder Mann was accompanied by LS Ranjan Adur, ZC Harvinder Virdee and LS Anant Patel.

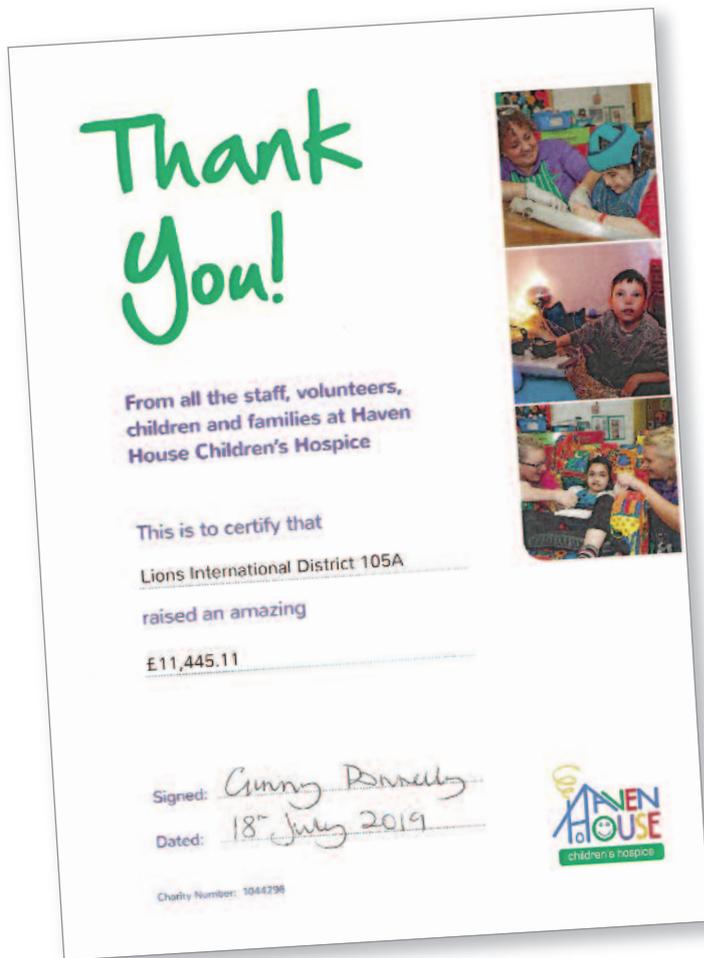
**Redbridge Lions Club**



# New window display on glasses collection

Our first display in the Hemel bookshop promoting Lions glasses recycling.

Lion Christina Langley



# Welcome new Lions

Last year Zone D was at the forefront of recruitment and recruited a total of 39 new members, the highest in the District. This year the trend continues with Sudbury club recruiting 3 new members in July and Southall club recruiting 2 in September.

I was honoured to be asked to do the induction ceremony at both these clubs. This was done with grandeur to make it a life time experience for the inductees. As can be seen from the photos all of them are young men and women, who will hopefully bring in more young Lions.

Lion Rajnikant Sheth



▲ New Young Lions at Southall Club



◀ New Lions at Sudbury Induction



# DG Kamal's Chronicle



I trust you have had a good summer and as the summer is ending and as we move along let's think about some important dates ahead:

**October:** Europa Forum (4 -6 Oct), World Sight day (11 Oct) Winter Forum (20 Oct)

**November:** Peace Poster Final (21 Nov), World Diabetes Day (14 Nov), District Youth Celebration (24 Nov).

As a District we have not let the re-districting affect our momentum to strive towards excellence, and importantly continue with the motto "To Serve".

Exciting times ahead as we are working towards forming a new Leo and Speciality Club. Programme (LEHP) is to be relaunched soon with the emphasis being on Save Our Sight – more information will follow from MD Officer Keith Hedges.



At Waltham Forest Charter Night

Clubs are asked to do something to help the blind or visually impaired, or to raise awareness of vision issues in their area. Many Clubs collect used spectacles sending them to the Third World via Chichester Lions. Do you have a group or organisation which supports the blind and visually impaired in your community? If not do something for them during October or help a blind person living in your area.



Cake cutting at Wanstead and Woodford 40th Anniversary

## What we have done so far and what we propose to do:

- Membership has increased from 1304 to 1326 meeting my target of 25 in the 1st quarter
- 50 more members have had DBS checks
- 4 members have been certified as Guiding Lions meeting my goals
- Three Members will attend Leadership Symposium
- 6 Clubs achieved CIO status
- New Welcome Booklets printed for new members and have been posted to Zone Chairs and Club Presidents.
- District Trophies have all been streamlined to ensure maximum impact on those who support and facilitate these important events.
- Retention Workshop Training provided
- Train the trainer for CIO to be provided to trustees
- Two Dispute Resolutions completed.
- Youth Exchange happened where we hosted three young people from across the three continents.
- DG Partner Charity the Air Ambulance have so far raised over £400.
- The Spot Camera project has taken off well. Lion Angelo Ferrero, of Tring Club, did a skydive on the 31st August to raise funds to go towards the District Spot Camera Appeal.
- We have wonderful Lions Youth Projects that deserve our support. The finals of Peace Poster & Young Ambassador will be held in the near future – let us work with schools, scouts and guide any groups in our communities.
- Lions can promote Young Leaders in Service and Leo Clubs as a way of providing young people with opportunities for volunteering and service.
- Life Skills is another positive Lions Educational programme – speak to members of our youth team.

**105A website.** Please take time to visit it. Work is still on going to set up a partnership with Brain Tumour Research. This will result in Clubs being able to help finance a new laboratory for research into brain tumours which is the biggest cancer killing children and young people under 40, and don't forget to record on MyLCI.

We know Lions are making a difference in our communities and by reporting your activities you can inspire new members, attract community partners and celebrate your achievements to a wider audience.

Everyone has been very busy serving their communities but I want to remind



Fundraising event at Kingsbury Club

you that your District Officers are here to Serve You, if and when you need it. There is still much yet to be accomplished by all of us. Please continue to invite the DG Team to Club meetings, Zone meetings and your celebration Charters but don't forget we are Lions and equally would love to help at your service activities



Presentation at Waltham Forest Club

In this 50th Anniversary year LCIF are EMPOWERING SERVICE through Campaign 100. It will be the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, spanning three years and seeking to raise \$300 million worldwide. By June 2021, Campaign 100 will empower and resource Lions to serve 200 million + people each year

Remember the LCI five pillars of Service are DIABETES, VISION, ENVIRONMENT, HUNGER RELIEF and CHILDHOOD CANCER and many Clubs already have active projects in these areas.

Although each of our clubs have their own identity and uniqueness, we are all Lions and have that same common goal – to serve our communities, so why not join together with other Lions Clubs to make our presence larger and attract potential new members once they see how "We Serve."

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## MY DIARY October 2019

- Amersham 50th Charter
- Greenford & Willow Tree Club
- Bigglesworth Sandy Club 41<sup>st</sup> Charter
- Bletchley Club 50th Charter
- Various Zone Meetings
- Hatchend Centennial
- Feltham & Whitton
- 2nd Cabinet Meeting
- COG meeting