



55TH
ANNUAL DISTRICT 105A
CONVENTION 2020



DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2019-2020



Help Others Achieve

Friday 6th March 2020 to Sunday 8th March 2020

VENUE

Hilton London Watford Hotel

Elton Way, Watford, Hertfordshire WD25 8HD

Tel: 01923 235881



Welcome to the 55th Annual Convention

Friday 6th March 2020

7.30 for 8pm Host Night

Saturday 7th March 2020

7.30am -11am	Registration of Attendees Certification of Delegates/Alternates (Closes at 11am prompt)
8.15am	Cabinet Meeting
8.45am	Convention Call –Attendees to be seated
9am	Opening of Convention
12.45pm	Adjourn for Lunch
1.30pm	Convention resumes with 2nd Session
9am – 4pm	Lions Exhibition
7.30pm for 8pm	District Governor's Banquet and Ball

Sunday 8th March 2020

10.30am Informal Q&A Session

Thank you to all members of District 105A
for their assistance and support with the Convention



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR 105A
KAMAL SHARMA
2019/2020**

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My Family of Lions,

It is indeed with immense pride that Anita and I personally welcome you all to our 55th Convention of District 105A at the Watford Hilton. It is appreciated and acknowledged that you are all giving up your valuable time to attend what is our AGM – you are all such wonderful Lions.

It is a great privilege and honour to welcome our International Guest, the current International Director, our very own Geoff Leeder and his good lady May at the weekend where he will also deliver his keynote speech. We will also be joined by the legend, former England football captain Gary Lineker OBE who has taken time out from a busy schedule and has kindly agreed to open the Convention.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all distinguished Lions from our District and my colleagues from across the British Isles and members from the Multiple District.

I wish to record my heartfelt thanks to the Convention chairman Peter Codrai and members of the committee who have worked tirelessly as a team over many months to put on a fantastic weekend event – a fun host night on Friday and productive Business session on Saturday which will be followed by the Banquet and Ball in the evening.

On Sunday we will have the opportunity to informally meet for a question and answer session with the International Director.

It gives both Anita and I great pleasure and pride to welcome everyone. We hope all of us will have a most enjoyable few days and take back with us wonderful memories.

Yours in Service

Kamal Sharma



Strive for excellence, help others achieve, care and respect for each other



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Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



March 7, 2020

District 105A
England

Dear Lions,

Thank you for attending the 55th Lions District 105 A Convention.

When district Lions get together, amazing things happen. We connect with friends and celebrate our accomplishments. We learn from each other and reenergize ourselves as Lions. We identify new goals and new ways to serve, which renews our sense of purpose and helps focus our attention on the challenges ahead. When Lions work together for the greater good, there's nothing we can't accomplish, and all of humanity benefits.

This convention is also a time for you to reflect on your personal goals as a Lion. It's the perfect time to remember why you became a Lion and what keeps you coming back, year after year.

As Lions, we have accomplished much, but there is much more to be done. Your participation at this convention demonstrates your recommitment to service and your dedication to making the world a better place.

I wish you all the best in your continued efforts to serve your community and the world.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

17th December, 2019.

Dear Mr Verma,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of loyal greetings sent on behalf of the Members of Lions Clubs International, District 105A, on the occasion of your Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention which is being held from 6th to 8th March.

Her Majesty was pleased to receive your message and sends her best wishes to all those who will be assembled at Hilton London Watford for a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Miranda Hansen Lise

Miranda Hansen Lise
Loyal Greetings Officer

Mr Parveen Verma.



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Geoffrey M Leeder

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2018-2020

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Dear Lions of District 105A

It is such a great honour and privilege for me, to be the guest speaker here at our own 105A District Convention in Watford.

It was about three years ago that you placed your trust in me which resulted in my election to the International Board in July 2018. Since then, May and I have been representing our association at many functions across the globe which means we have sadly had to miss events here in 105A.

Fortunately, we have managed to keep in touch with district news through our “Pride of Lions” and the district Facebook site and we are really impressed by so many wonderful activities that you are undertaking.

May and I know that our district is truly diverse, with many cultures represented, so it is wonderful that we are “Creating Harmony Through Service”.

We are now looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones in our district and, with the experience and knowledge we have gained, we hope we can “Help others Achieve”.

May and I can truly say we are so proud and love being part of this great association; we have experienced an incredible amount of friendship and enthusiasm for helping those in need and realise that we all are like one big family of Lions across the world.

We are looking forward to spending this weekend with you, the Lions of District 105A.

Geoff

Geoff Leeder

International Director 2018-20

Chairperson, Leadership Development Committee

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Convention Agenda



ASSEMBLE

**All attendees including Delegates,
Alternates, Lions, Leos, Partners,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

SAA/VDG Lion Alastair Joel

Please be seated

Health and Safety announcement

Lion Mukesh Palan

PLEASE RECEIVE

District Governor Lion Kamal Sharma and Anita Sharma

Gary Lineker OBE

International Director Geoff Leeder and Lion May Leeder

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome and introduction of distinguished guests, Lions & partners	DG Lion Kamal Sharma
Flag Ceremony and Anthems	Lions and Leo
Opening of Convention	Gary Lineker OBE
Lion Vision and Mission Statement	Lion Komal Bhagat
Lions Purposes	Lion Judith Hagger
Lions Code of Ethics	Lion Trish Newton
Lighting of the Candle	DG Lion Kamal Sharma
Invocation and In Memoriam	PDG Lion Andrew Allen

Gary Lineker, Partners and Guests leave at this point.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Housekeeping Announcements
Convention Procedure and Appointment of Tellers
Adoption of Minutes of 54th Annual District Convention
& Matters Arising (As notified in advance to the District Secretary.)
Appointment of Tail Twister

SAA/VDG Lion Alastair Joel
Lion Minesh Mehta
DG Lion Kamal Sharma

DG Lion Kamal Sharma

REPORTS

District Cabinet Reports

- 1 District Governor's Team
- 2 Administration Team

DG Lion Kamal Sharma

District Accounts and Budgets

PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry

District Treasurer's report and accounts 2018-2019

District Treasurer's Budget report for 2019-2020

Appointment of Auditors

Consideration of Resolution 1

Lion Minesh Mehta

- 3 Advisory Team

Consideration of Resolution 2

4. Members Team
5. Advisory Committee
6. Youth Team

Lion Minesh Mehta
IPDG Lion Doreen Allen

Introduction of the Young Ambassador

Lion Lesley Spence

Address by the Young Ambassador

Lion Chanel Vigille

Introduction of District Peace Poster Winner

Lion Sunil Patel

Introduction of District Peace Essay Winner

Lion Sunil Patel

Acknowledgement of Leo Trophy Winners

IPDG Lion Doreen Allen

7. International Team
Youth Exchange Trophy
LCIF Trophy

Lion Ashwin Malkan
PDG Vijay Arora

PRESENTATION 1

Brain Tumour Research

Lion Fran Stray

PRESENTATION 2

Presentation of DG's Partner's Charity

Alison McGuinness and Ali Wade

PRESENTATION 3

Sight Vision Camera

Lion Stuart Young

Governorship Elections

Introduction of candidates for DG, 1st VDG & 2nd VDG

Lion Minesh Mehta

Speeches by Sponsors and candidates

Closure of First Business Session

SAA 1st VDG Lion Alastair Joel

LUNCH

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Call to order

SAA/VDG Lion Alastair Joel

REPORTS continued

8. Health Team
9. Communications Team

Awards

Club Website Trophy
Club of the Year (Service in the Community)
Club Facebook Trophy
Diabetes Awareness Trophy
Environment Trophy
District Quiz Trophy
Young Ambassador
Childhood Cancer

PDG Lion Parveen Verma
PDG Lion Elliot Shubert
PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar
ID Lion Geoff Leeder
Lion Gemma Driscoll
Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra
PDG Lion Mike Baldwin
Lion Vijay Jain

LCI Video

Keynote Speech by International Guest

Introduction of International Director Geoff Leeder
Address to Convention
Vote of Thanks

IPDG Lion Doreen Allen
ID Lion Geoff Leeder
PCC Lion Martin Morgan

International Awards

DG Lion Kamal Sharma

Presentation 4

Speciality Club

PCC Lion Viresh Paul

Presentation 5

Message in a Bottle – Oxfordshire

Lion Michael Claxton

Presentation 6

Young Ambassador

Lion Lesley Spence

Election Results

The District Governor Elect
Acceptance Speech by nominated Candidate
1st Vice District Governor
Acceptance Speech by nominated Candidate
2nd Vice district Governor
Acceptance Speech by nominated Candidate

DG Lion Kamal Sharma

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MD Convention Presentation

Introduction of Convention Committee
Introduction of 2021 Convention
Vote of Thanks
Closing Remarks

TBA

Lion Peter Codrai

IPDG Lion Doreen Allen
DG Lion Kamal Sharma

Close of Convention



Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs

Lions Purposes

- To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- 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.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

Lions Code of Ethics

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

- To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.
- 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 another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Lions who have held the office of Governor in District 105A

2018 - 2019	Doreen Allen	1989 - 1990	John Hunt
2017 - 2018	Abhnash Bains	1988 - 1989	H. Bert Randall (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
2016 - 2017	Brinda Singh Nandra	1987 - 1988	Alan Kings
2015 - 2016	Meena Gupta	1986 - 1987	Derek Knight
2014 - 2015	Ramesh Parmar	1985 - 1986	Granville Thornton
2013 - 2014	Sarbjit Assi	1984 - 1985	Alex Starnes
2012 - 2013	John Savell	1983 - 1984	Surjit Bhalla
2011 - 2012	Andrew Allen	1982 - 1983	Cecil Worbey
2010 - 2011	Martin Morgan (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1981 - 1982	Dr Vijay N Capoor
2009 - 2010	Wesley de Mendonca	1980 - 1981	Philip Ashworth
2008 - 2009	Vijay Arora	1979 - 1980	Harry Ashcroft MBE
2007 - 2008	Ken Rouse	1978 - 1979	Tom Dix
2006 - 2007	Louvain Allen	1977 - 1978	Harbhajan S Dhariwal
2005 - 2006	Erach (Eric) Amaria	1976 - 1977	George T Scott
2004 - 2005	Max Mongia	1975 - 1976	Bill Bainbridge
2003 - 2004	Dr. Elliot Shubert	1974 - 1975	Patrick Green
2002 - 2003	Mike Baldwin	1973 - 1974	Basil Rowland
2001 - 2002	Ram Jaggi MBE	1971 - 1972	Joe Stirling
2000 - 2001	Mike Hendy	1970 - 1971	Keith Coles
1999 - 2000	Parveen Verma	1969 - 1970	Robert (Bob) Moore
1998 - 1999	Donald Lyen	1968 - 1969	John Holdham
1997 - 1998	Brian Yeoman	1967 - 1968	Harry T Addison
1996 - 1997	Viresh Paul (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1966 - 1967	W H (Bill) Bumstead (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
1995 - 1996	Rati Shah MBE	1965 - 1966	John W Carlton
1994 - 1995	David Green	1964 - 1965	Eric Sparrow
1993 - 1994	Ron Wilkes	1963 - 1964	Peter Harrison
1992 - 1993	Geoff Leeder (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)	1962 - 1963	A W Ron Welling (<i>Past Chair of Council</i>)
1991 - 1992	Vanmali Mistry	1961 - 1962	Peter Bennet
1990 - 1991	John Smith		

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2018/2019		2017/2018	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Multiple District Dues @ £28.50 (£28.50) per member	38,646.00		38,973.75	
Multiple District Insurance @ £44.25 (£44.25) per club	2,964.75		3,053.25	
MD105 Youth Fund @ £4.00 per member (£4.00)	<u>5,424.00</u>		<u>5,470.00</u>	
		47,034.75		47,497.00
District Dues @ £3.70 (£3.50) per member	5,017.20		4,786.25	
District Convention Fund @ £4.60 (£4.60) per member	6,237.60		6,290.50	
District 105A News @ £3.20 (£3.40) per member	4,339.20		4,649.50	
District 105A Youth Fund @ £40 per club (£30.00)	<u>2,680.00</u>		<u>2,070.00</u>	
		18,274.00		17,796.25
Affinity card commission (net)	0.00		0.00	
Bank deposit interest (net)	<u>50.16</u>		<u>29.44</u>	
		50.16		29.44
		<u>65,358.91</u>		<u>65,322.69</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Multiple District Dues, Insurance and Youth Fund	47,034.75		47,497.00	
District Officers	936.60		665.49	
District Secretariat	1,950.00		2,000.00	
District meetings/seminars/forums	1,259.90		735.55	
105A News	4,904.00		4,938.00	
Supplies and Regalia	318.70		623.00	
District Website	336.00		0.00	
Public Relations	185.00		600.00	
District Youth Fund	2,650.00		2,070.00	
District Convention Fund	6,237.60		6,290.50	
Depreciation - Equipment, fixtures and fittings	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		65,812.55		65,419.54
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>-453.64</u>		<u>-96.85</u>
ADMIN FUND		111.16		191.65
105A NEWS FUND		-564.80		-288.50
DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>-453.64</u>		<u>-96.85</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	2018/2019		2017/2018	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Equipment, fixtures and fittings		10,444.49		10,444.49
Additions during year		0.00		0.00
Less Depreciation		<u>-10,443.49</u>		<u>-10,443.49</u>
		1.00		1.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Sundry debtors and prepayments	188.00		1,388.00	
Bank balances	<u>40,776.04</u>		<u>42,063.32</u>	
		40,964.04		43,451.32
		<u>40,965.04</u>		<u>43,452.32</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors and accruals		-8,589.30		-10,622.94
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 32,375.74</u>		<u>32,829.38</u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
ADMINISTRATION FUND				
Opening balance	28,001.39		27,809.74	
Surplus for the year	<u>111.16</u>		<u>191.65</u>	
		28,112.55		28,001.39
DIST 105A NEWS				
Opening balance	813.83		1,102.33	
(Deficit) Surplus for year	<u>-564.80</u>		<u>-288.50</u>	
		249.03		813.83
DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND				
Opening balance	4,014.16		4,014.16	
Surplus for the year	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		4,014.16		4,014.16
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>£ 32,375.74</u>		<u>32,829.38</u>

APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT 105A CABINET ON 13/10/2019

LION KAMAL SHARMA
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have examined, without carrying out an audit the financial statements on pages 1 & 2 and confirm that these are in accordance with books and records of Lions Clubs International District 105A

CHAPMANS ASSOCIATES LTD
Chartered Accountants

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Status The Charitable Trust was created under a Declaration of Trust dated 6 January 1986 and is registered with The Charity Commission under registration number 294186.

Trustees	District Governor 2019/20	Kamal Sharma - appointed 19th May 2019
	District Secretary 2019/20	Parveen Verma - appointed 19th May 2019
	District Treasurer 2019/20	Vanmali Mistry - re-appointed 19th May 2019

The Trustees are the individuals holding office as District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer and such other offices as appointed by the District 105A Cabinet.

Correspondent Vanmali Mistry, 6 Bruce Grove, Tottenham, London, N17 6RA

Honorary Auditors Chapmans Associates Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
3 Coombe Road, Neasden, London NW10 0EB

Main Bankers Barclays Bank Plc
North East London Business Group, P O Box 16294
1-2 Trinity Way, Chingford, London E4 8US

ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Charity's principal activities are those of receiving donations and payments from Lions Clubs in District 105A and distributing them as nominated to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 105 and District 105A initiatives. Details of funds received and disbursed are set out in Note 2 of the attached accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required by law to prepare accounts for each of the financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the results for the year then ended.

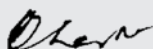
In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 13/10/2019
and signed on their behalf by

Lion Kamal Sharma
District Governor 2019/2020



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2018/2019			2017/2018		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Donations and collections	-	72,292.09	72,292.09	-	60,669.64	60,669.64
Investment income	234.16	-	234.16	94.74	-	94.74
	234.16	72,292.09	72,526.25	94.74	60,669.64	60,764.38
Fund balances brought forward	23,897.79	87,306.31	111,204.10	23,803.05	91,187.62	114,990.67
	24,131.95	159,598.40	183,730.35	23,897.79	151,857.26	175,755.05
Charitable disbursements	0.00	-60,123.32	-60,123.32	0.00	-64,550.95	-64,550.95
Fund balances carried forward	24,131.95	99,475.08	123,607.03	23,897.79	87,306.31	111,204.10
represented by:			2018/2019			2017/2018
BANK BALANCES			£			£
Barclays Bank plc Current			23,413.19			24,201.92
Barclays Bank plc. Deposit			100,193.84			80,857.34
Barclays Bank plc. Speech Aid	<i>closed</i>		0.00			6,144.84
			<u>£123,607.03</u>			<u>£111,204.10</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2019, which are set out on Pages 2 and 3

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Chapmans Associates Ltd, Chartered Accountants, 3 Coombe Road, London, NW10 0EB

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2 Collections and Disbursements

	Balance at 1st July 2018 £	Collections 2018/2019 £	Disbursements 2018/2019 £	Balance at 30th June 2019 £	Collections 2017/2018 £
LCIF Fund	2,734.00	17,256.20	17,256.20	2,734.00	11,241.80
District Youth Party	1,349.28	4,410.00	3,823.12	1,936.16	4,396.00
Youth Fund and Leos	1,468.22	4,763.73	3,445.12	2,786.83	2,283.56
Street Children	654.86	800.00	-	1,454.86	470.00
Water Aid and Water Wells	1,872.00	500.00	-	2,372.00	954.00
Eye Camps/Sight	701.04	3,883.00	4,583.00	1.04	2,650.00
Senior Citizens Party	12,355.19	9,300.00	8,077.93	13,577.26	7,981.00
Skills/Tacade	6,008.10	325.00	922.00	5,411.10	-
Speech Aid/Hearing	6,144.84	0.00	-	6,144.84	350.00
Medic Alert Foundation	150.00	0.00	-	150.00	50.00
DG Partner Appeal 2016/17- Admiral Nurses	346.00	0.00	346.00	-	547.00
DG Partner Appeal 2017/18 - Place2B	4,677.90	501.00	5,178.90	-	4,677.90
DG Partner Appeal 2018/19 - Haven House	0.00	10,945.11		10,945.11	-
International Projects	6,073.70	750.00	-	6,823.70	1,200.00
International Disaster Appeals	4,321.00	17,141.05	16,491.05	4,971.00	8,250.00
District Flooding Appeal/Alert	18,374.95	0.00	-	18,374.95	5,193.00
Ebola/Measles	756.56	200.00	-	956.56	7,410.56
1-2-4 Sewing Machines	150.00	0.00	-	150.00	-
Sleeping Bags	3,065.50	0.00	-	3,065.50	-
Sundry Collections	7,444.21	1,517.00	-	8,961.21	2,864.82
Diabetes	1,300.00	0.00	-	1,300.00	-
Refugee	4,185.00	0.00	-	4,185.00	-
Edukit	2,515.00	0.00	-	2,515.00	150.00
Habitat for Humanity	659.00	0.00	-	659.00	-
	<u>87,306.35</u>	<u>72,292.09</u>	<u>60,123.32</u>	<u>99,475.12</u>	<u>60,669.64</u>
General Fund	23,897.75	-		23,897.75	-
Bank Deposit interest	-	234.16	-	234.16	94.74
	<u>111,204.10</u>	<u>72,526.25</u>	<u>60,123.32</u>	<u>123,607.03</u>	<u>60,764.38</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DIST 105A
BUDGET PROPOSALS
2020/2021

EXPENSES	BUDGET 2020/21 £	BUDGET 2019/20 £	ACTUAL 2018/19 £	BUDGET 2018/19 £	ACTUAL 2017/18 £	BUDGET 2017/18 £
District Officers	1,000	1,000	875	1,000	605	800
District Secretariat	2,000	2,000	1,950	1,900	2,000	2,000
District Treasurer	75	75	60	75	60	75
District Governors Fund	300	300	0	300	300	300
District Hospitality	300	300	185	300	300	300
Cabinet Meetings	240	250	297	650	221	400
District Seminars and Forums	800	600	963	200	515	570
Regalia & Supplies	250	300	319	200	623	200
District Website	300	160	336	250	0	250
Membership	250	240	0	400	0	400
Public Relations/contingency	25	10	0	160	0	225
Total Administration Expenses	5,540	5,235	4,985	5,435	4,624	5,520
INCOME						
Affinity Card Income	0	0	0	-250	0	-250
Bank Interest	-80	-60	-50	-10	-29	-20
Net Administration Expenses	5,460	5,175	4,935	5,175	4,595	5,250
District 105A News	4,900	4,480	4,904	4,480	4,938	5,100
District Convention Fund	6,440	6,440	6,238	6,440	6,290	6,900
Total Annual Expenses	16,800	16,095	16,077	16,095	15,823	17,250
Assumed Membership	1,400	1,400	1,369	1,400	1,369	1,500
Total Dues per Member	12.00	11.50	11.74	11.50	11.56	11.50
Split up as follows:						
Administration Fund	3.90	3.70	3.60	3.70	3.28	3.50
105A News Fund	3.50	3.20	3.58	3.20	3.61	3.40
Convention Fund	4.60	4.60	4.56	4.60	4.59	4.60
District Dues - 2020/2021	12.00	11.50	11.74	11.50	11.48	11.50

Minutes of the 54th Annual District 105A Convention

Convention was called to order by SAA 2nd Vice District Governor Alastair Joel at the Watermill Hotel in Bourne End, Herts, who welcomed one and all to this our 54th Annual convention. He asked that all mobile phones be switched off, and explained that there is one official Photographer Lion Ajit Battu; all other photographers in the audience are asked to defer to his position..... photographs will be published via the Website / Email

He continued, saying that Lions & Leo Scrap Books should be placed, on the allocated table, in the adjoining room, whilst participants in the First Timers Competition should also collect their competition forms there. All forms should be handed to the Competitions Officer Dinesh Sonchhatra, who will be near the podium after lunch,

The Health and Safety briefing was given by DO Brian Dickety who pointed out the nearest exits whilst advising all that there was no planned Fire Alarm test today.

SaA Lion Alastair then asked all to stand to receive the top table party.....

.....The District Governor Lion Doreen Allen escorted by PDG Andrew Allen, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley, escorted by 1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma; Our International Guest; Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer escorted by IPDG Abhnash Bains

DG Doreen welcomed all and hoped that everyone would find the day invigorating and full of warmth. She continued with introductions of the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley PID Elisabeth Haderer, District Secretary PDG Parveen Verma, Side tables of SAA & 2nd VDG Lion Alastair Joel, Constitutions & Nominations Lion Minesh Mehta Minute Secretary PDG Andrew Allen, to the left; followed by our Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry, 1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma and IPDG Lion Abhnash Bains.

There followed the Flag Ceremony, the flags were carried by the members of the Apsley Scout troop along with Scout Fellowship Member, Lion President David Upson of the Letchworth & Baldock Lions Club.

The Flag Bearers we duly thanked for the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties. DG Doreen continued by

asking the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley to formally open the Convention, with appropriate words, after which he was presented with a friendship banner and pin by the DG.

Lion President Rohit Patel read the Lions Vision and Mission Statement, Lion President Helen Claydon followed with the Purposes and finally Lion President Ron Syrratt read our Ethics.

The Candle of Peace was lit by DG Doreen and IPDG Abhnash Bains followed by in memorium conducted by PDG Andrew Allen; A Lions poem was read; followed by Club representatives placing a white rose in a vase to recognise those Lions who have been called to Higher Service in the last twelve months. This was followed by a minute's silence.

All were thanked for their diligence during this solemn part of the opening of Convention.

At this juncture the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Richard Beazley was escorted from convention by 1st VDG Kamal Sharma, to attend further duties elsewhere; whilst the Partners gathered to go on their trip to St Albans.

With the commencement of the first Business Session SAA Alastair Joel gave the full protocol and announced that this would be shortened toDistrict Governor, Past International Director and my fellow Lions.... He continued, mentioning the "Good Luck" cards received.

There were no apologies received by District Secretary PDG Lion Parveen Verma.

Further announcements concerned the closure of the Registration Desk at 11am; the numbers attending along with Delegates and Alternates will be announced later. The Competitions Officer Lion Dinesh Sonchhatra stood to be recognised as the recipient of the "First Timers to Convention Competition" forms, which needed to be returned at lunchtime. Also, a reminder, that Club Scrap books should be placed on the appropriate table.

Tail Twisting today would be in the capable hands of Lion Kumar Acharya and his "extractors" the proceeds going to the chosen charity Haven House Hospice for Children.

Convention Procedure and the appointment of tellers, PDG's Lions Mike Baldwin, Vijay Arora and Lion Paul Chakravarti, was introduced by lion Minesh Mehta the Constitution & Resolutions Officer. The

minutes of the 53rd Annual Convention were proposed by PCC Lion Viresh Paul seconded by ZC Lion Sunjay Metha and unanimously agreed, there were no matters arising.

Reporting commenced with the DG Team, who were asked to stand and be recognised calling for any questions, there being none, this section was proposed by Lion Doug Nower seconded by Lion John Bromley and agreed by Convention.

The District Administration Team was recognised, there being no questions, DO Lion Karanjeet Assan proposed Lion Sadie Levy seconded whilst Convention agreed this section.

The District Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry stood and went through the Accounts explaining, yet again, that Club Annual Audited Accounts must be submitted to him, we must be even more stringent with the advent of CIO which will be fully in force by the end of 2019.

He continued with the Budget proposals for 2019 which were proposed by DO Lion Rohit Patel seconded by PDG Elliot Shubert and agreed by Convention.

Resolution One

This Convention resolves that the District Dues for 2019/20 shall be £11.50 per Lion member, remaining unchanged (Comprising £3.70 Administration fund, £4.60 Convention Fund and £3.20 105A News Fund) payable in twin instalments on 1st August 2019 and 1st February 2020.

Explanation: Due diligence has enabled this action of no increase

The Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry continued by thanking the Auditors Chapmans & Co for their excellent work over many years, but they wish to stand down, PFDG Vanmali will continue to search for a replacement Company.

DG Doreen thanked, DT PDG Vanmali, all for all the hard work and diligence over the past many years.

Convention continued with the introduction of the District Advisory Team; there being no questions, PDG Sarbjit Assi proposed whilst Lion President Abdul Bhuiyan seconded and were agreed by Convention.

Resolution Two... was read into the minutes by DO Lion Minesh Mehta.

This Convention resolves that the current



Constitution and by-Laws of District 105A be and hereby adopted as the formal and only Constitution and By-Laws of the District following the changes to the boundaries or constituent zones of the District which follow the redistricting of Multiple District 105 in July 2019.

There were questions regarding which version of the Constitution which was being used, these were answered by DO Minesh Mehta

The resolution was proposed By PCC Viresh Paul seconded by 1st VDG Kamal Sharma the over whelming vote in favour also produced 4 against and an abstention.

The District Members Team, were asked to stand and be recognised. The only comment was a Thank You from Lion John Bromley who's Club, Winslow was guided by PDG John Savell towards CIO. This section was proposed by Lion John Bromley seconded by Lion President Trish Newton and agreed by Convention

The Club of the Year (Community Service) sponsored by PDG Elliot Shubert was awarded to Milton Keynes Stony Stratford which was received by Lion President David Tunney.

The District Advisory Committee (Zone Chairs) were asked to stand and be recognised Lion President Richard High of the Banbury Club thanked ZC Brian Donovan for his exemplary work in the run up to Redistricting in Oxfordshire. Lion President Narinder Mann of the Redbridge Centennial Club thanked ZC Harvinder Virdee for his dual role with CIO. There being no further questions this section was proposed by DO Lion Minesh Mehta second by DO Lion Karanjeet Assan and agreed by Convention.

The Youth Team stood and were recognised there being no questions, this section was proposed by PDG Elliot Schubert seconded by Lion Snehlata Thancanamootoo and agreed by Convention.

DO Lion Lesley Spence then introduced our District Young Ambassador winner, Siena Castellon (Sponsored by the Fairlop Lions Club) who went on to win the MD Competition, last weekend, and will represent MD 105 at the Europa Forum in Tallinn, Estonia in the Autumn. Siena gave a superb presentation about her background and her aims towards Neurodiversity and Bullying in Schools in particular.

This was followed by a presentation to our Peace Poster Winner Charlotte Lan (Sponsored by the Royston Lions Club) and her trophy and prize

The Youth Competitions Trophy Winners were announced as

Alpha Leo of the Year – Leo Chelsea Okoku Fairlop Leos

Omega Leo of the Year – Leo Amit Shah of London Hendon Leos

Alpha Leo Club of the Year – the Fairlop Leo Club

Omega Leo Club of the Year – the Hendon Leo Club

Leo Quiz Competition – No contest

Youth Exchange Trophy – the Kenton Lions Club

Leo Scrap book – the Fairlop Leo Club

The International Team stood and recognised there being no questions this section was proposed by PCC Viresh Paul seconded by Lion Dilip Mandalia and Convention agreed

The LCIF trophy was awarded to the Winslow Club for their contributions over the past 12 months.

Lion Maria Zgourlais of the Wanstead & Woodford club gave a detailed plan of her Intergenerational Project which explained how Schools and Senior Citizens can work TOGETHER to enhance the Education and Social interaction of young pupils.

PDG Lion Andrew Allen introduced Bella Field aged 13¾ years a fundraiser for the Haven House HospiceHis Charity, as Spouse to the DG, for this yearThe presentation explained many facets of her background and her aims, to promote the children's outreach at the Hospice.

Lion President David Tunney of the MK Stony Stratford Club gave an audio visual presentation of the MK FoodCupboard and its integration as an activity into the Stony Stratford Club before embracing the other two Clubs in Milton Keynes ...MK Central and Bletchley, Milton Keynes Lions Clubs.

The Elections for principal Officers for the Year 2019/2020...

Began with Lion President Jay Pawagadhi of the Golders Green Lions Club introducing 1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma for the post of District Governor; who updated all on his aims and objectives.... The proposer Lion George Matthews of the Feltham &

Whitton Club for 2nd VDG Lion Alastair Joel... who gave us a brief detail of his training and his vision for the forthcoming year.

Lion Ravi Maniar proposed DO Lion Karanjeet (Matti) Assan; Hatch End Centennial LC being who went through her back ground followed by her goals and aspirations.

Before closing the morning session SaA Lion Alastair Joel informed us that there were 103 registered Delegates with 5 Alternates amongst 248 Lions and 3 Leo's, in attendance today. Arrangements for lunch were explained along with the location of the ballot boxes and a request to visit the stalls in the agora.

The afternoon session was called to order by SaA & 2nd VDG Lion Alastair Joel who hoped that lunchtime was full of good food "bonne homme and that you had opportunity to visit the agora. DG Doreen asked that the Health Team to stand and be recognised, asking for any comments on the published reports, there being none, called for approval of the reports, propose by ZC Rajni Sheth seconded by PCC Lions Viresh Paul and passed by Convention

The Communication Team stood and were recognised, comments were requested there being none; Lion Keith Collard proposed PCC Martin Morgan seconded the reports and all agreed by Convention.

Trophy Winners

The Website trophy was awarded to the Witney Club and collected by Lion Peter Claxton

The Club Newsletter Trophy was won by the Biggleswade Sandy Club for their excellent Document.

The Facebook Trophy was won by the Hatch End Centennial Club

Whilst the Trophy for the Lions Scrap Book was awarded to the Witney Club

The Activities Team stood and were recognised there being no questions Lion Minesh Mehta proposed whilst Lion David Tunney seconded this section and all agreed by Convention

District Trophies were awarded for

Diabetes the Fairlop Lions Club

Environment Fairlop

District Quiz yet again the Harpenden Club

First Timers at Convention Lion Satinder Bharj of the Wembley LC

DG Doreen explained that decisions had been made to present some winners with their Trophies at relevant meetings which was acknowledged by Convention Travelling Lion went to the Hatch End Centennial Club

Golf the individual trophy; went to a Guest Pradeep Pankhania, Golf Team; went to Edgware whilst; Medic Alert and the Cancer Trophies went to the Luton Club.

DG Doreen then introduced a Core Project video on Diabetes entitled Layla's story PDG Surjit Bhalla was asked to introduce our International Guest PID Elisabeth Haderer. he gave a brief resume of PID Elisabeth and her back ground highlighting her Lionistic career. PID Elisabeth explained the need for controlled change to reflect the modern day approach which will bring LCI up to speed with life. One way being to extend our clubs to include all members of our Society whether it be setting up Specialist Clubs, Campus Clubs et al. At the conclusion of the presentation, Friendship banners were exchanged. As a thank you for the visit a donation was made to LCIF, by the District, in the name of PID Elisabeth Haderer

1st VDG Lion Kamal Sharma thanked PID Elisabeth for her wise words and he was sure that District 105A would embrace the suggested changes.

DG Doreen asked PID Elisabeth to join her in making International awards

International Leadership Awards were made to PDG Vanmali Mistry for his dedication over many years as District Treasurer. Leadership Medals were presented to Lion Lesley Spence for her work on Training, Mentoring and Membership; PDG Lion Vijay for her outstanding work for LCIF.

International Certificates of Appreciation Lion Mukund Patel of the Enfield Club for his Club Leadership and outstanding support to build a local Hospice, ZC Harvinder Virdee for his Mentoring work on

CIO and as Zone Chairman and Lion Peter Claxton for his sterling work as Pin Trader representative, over many years.

There will be other awards made with the Theme TOGETHER made at Club Zone and district meetings.

Tailtwisting raise over £700 today that coupled with £350 from the Host Night will go to the Haven House Hospicefor which PDG Andrew thanked all their generosity

Video presentations were made on our excellent District Projects for the Senior Citizens Celebration and the District Youth Celebrations starting with the empty Halls and a speeded up film showing how each occasion progressed throughout the day to its conclusion.

PDG John Savell continued with MiaB the Oxfordshire way, showing all clubs working TOGETHER culminating with the thousands of bottles placed in their Communities

Lion President Terry Allen talked about the Hemel Hempstead Bookshop and how TOGETHER his Zone took up the challenge to raise many £thousands for the good of all their communities

District Governor Awards were made to Lion Bhupendra Naker of the Golders Green Lions Club for his tenacity towards recycling spectacles actively supporting Club and Zone events and Lion Gyl Webb of the Northwood club leading by example and raising the Lions profile in her Community.

Election results

All Candidates were duly elected

Lion Kamal Sharma is now District Governor Elect 2019/2020

Lion Alastair Joel is now 1st Vice District Governor Elect 2019 / 2020

Lion Karanjeet (Matti) Assan is now 2nd Vice District Governor Elect 2019 / 020

All gave short speeches of Thanks

Convention Chairman Lion Peter Codrai introduced his committee and thanked one and all for their respective hard work in making today very special. He went on to say that Convention 2020 is already being prepared, although its location has still to be confirmed.

IPDG Abhnash Bains thanked DG Doreen for her detailed and diligent work today, presenting a gift on behalf of the District and Convention was asked to make the usual response.

DG Doreen followed up with thanking all for their individual and collective support throughout the today and the previous eight months whilst working **TOGETHER**. Special thanks to Lion Brian Donovan for his second year looking after the eight Oxfordshire Clubs. We will lose the proud Clubs of Carterton, Wantage & Grove and Abingdon to the re Districting process, whilst thanking them, on behalf of the District for their Service over many years ...we will miss them... but it's only an administrative change and the interchange will not stop friendships and visits. Local Lions were asked to relay the message to those Clubs. Congratulations also go to Lion Brian Donovan, who from 1st July will become 2nd VDG Elect for the new District of 105SC... our loss of these Clubs and Members, is the gain of 105SC.

The theme **TOGETHER** has been taken to Heart by all. DG Doreen hoped that everyone enjoyed the Convention as much as she had and that those who are able to attend the Banquet & Ball tonight have energy left for Dancing.

SAA Lion Alastair Joel gave final notices for the day and reminded all of the times for tonight. All were requested to stand and join in Auld Lang Syne before formally closing this 54th Annual Convention.





1.0 DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM

1.01 District Governor *Kamal Sharma*

My journey to DG began in March 2019 when I became DG Elect and was able to begin planning for this year. I thank the district members for giving me a overwhelming mandate at the convention. Unfortunately the customary DG garden party was cancelled due to my sisters' demise.

Later, I took the oath of District Governor in July 2019 at International Convention in Milan and then reaffirmed it in front of my family of Lions and friends at our District Handover, but it was when IPDG Doreen Allen put the DG collar around my neck and helped me on with the white jacket that I felt I was really in the post and that the responsibility that I had accepted became a reality.

My year started with a massive challenge the British Isles reduced from 12 to 8 districts and with 4 clubs and about 54 members transferring to the new districts. Using the slogan re-building our district. It was time to put the extensive training and the months of preparation and goal setting into practice and importantly implement it. What a whirlwind of Club visits, Charter Celebrations, Cabinet and Council of Governors meetings, Service Activities, Convention planning, emails, reports, letters, Pride of Lions, conflict resolution etc. As part of my preparation I looked seriously at the Cabinet and the remit of the Cabinet Officers.

I was able to continue with the Cabinet format but made significant changes to GLT, GST and GMT and to include many new Lions to this leadership level. Goals were set for Membership, Leadership, Service and LCIF Coordinators. Membership, Club development and Leadership in our District has been a foremost priority and the GMT and GLT coordinators have been supportive and involved in membership growth and successfully organised training for Zone Chairs, Incoming Officers and Winter Forum. PCC Viresh Paul organised a very successful service symposium and ensured that Clubs were well informed and training programme with dates and venues provided. New Officers appointed for the GST, GLT, GMT, Sponsorship, Vision, Environment, Dent Aid, Prostrate Cancer, Leo, Water Aid, Message in the Bottle and

Physical Learning – we have experienced valuable work from all the officers and representations at the council of governors meetings.

Writing this in December, after six months of unremitting, but enjoyable, Lions activities and I am looking forward eagerly to the next six months. This is our fifty-fifth District Convention and I warmly welcome you the Lions of 105A, our distinguished visitors and guests. Your Convention committee chairman Peter Codrai has along with all committee members have dedicated huge amount of work into ensuring everything runs perfectly today. Please enjoy and make the most of this - your District Convention.

The Lions motto is 'We Serve', and by doing this, united as a team we can do so much more. Let us continue doing what we do best and live by our motto 'WE SERVE' I have been truly humbled by the enormous amount of hands-on Service that happens in our District along with the vast amount of monies raised and donated for charitable purposes. It has been an absolute privilege to attend numerous and diverse events this year and I thank you all for your kindness, warm welcome and hospitality to Anita and myself. I hope I have led by example, focussed club members on urgent issues such as membership, increased service to our communities and finding ways to improve and have continued success.

This year, the DG Team including 1st VDG Alastair and members of the GLT, GMT and GST have met **and had online meetings** every month, the new format has worked well, without any change in Administration, Management or to the help available for our District Clubs. I thank Lions Viresh Paul, Doreen Allen, Michael Claxton, Penny Tregillus, Lesley Spence, Vijay Arora and Satnam Loyal, for taking those vital positions. My particular thanks for the ongoing guidance of PDG Parveen Verma our District Secretary and PDG Vanmali Mistry our District Treasurer, both highly dedicated and exceptionally efficient. Sergeant at Arms Alastair Joel and Convention Chairman Peter Codrai have both proved invaluable with their support and friendship.

The re-zoning took place this year reducing our Zones from 14 to 11. I was able to appoint 7 new and enthusiastic Zone Chairs and fill all positions at the same time and ensuring training was provided in early May. DBS Officer Lion Farokh Daruwalla has been visiting clubs and himself available with sound advice or for anyone requiring DBS checks, espe-

cially those Lions involved with vulnerable adults and children.

Youth has not been forgotten. In July we had an extremely successful Youth Exchange visit with Lion Ashwin Malkan finding superb host families and District Clubs who supported this worthwhile International activity by sponsoring the day trips. I was fortunate to attend the farewell party ably organised by Lion Ashwin where we were able to engage with these young people. To all the hosts, trip organisers and helpers a huge thank you.

The District Youth Celebration, in November, organised by PDG Vijay Arora and her Team to make a total over 400+ attendees. I can only emphasis how much enjoyment and fun they had joining the young people and carers for a few hours – well done everyone.

Our Peace Poster Contest Final was judged on November the 20th, well done to Lion Sunil Patel, who arranged a professional Lead judge Rebecca Pennell's and Janet Nash who ensured a thorough discussion of all posters. Congratulations to Northwood Lions Club for sponsoring Noah Smith aged 12 from Quinton High School and the winning poster which has been sent to the MD Final.

In January the Young Ambassador Final will be held. Our Leo Clubs are small in numbers, but we are amazed by the work undertaken and the service they provide – please view their scrapbooks.

The amazing Senior Citizens Celebration in February which I could not attend due to the dates clashing with my DG Training, shows that working **and helping others achieve** – we can all achieve more. This was once again, the largest District event in our calendar with over 800 guests. It's who Lions are and it's what we do best – We Serve. My thanks go to all the Committee and helpers under the chairmanship of PDG Parveen Verma as we look forward to the next party on the 1st of March 2020.

My thanks to all the clubs for donating so generously to the LCIF our own Foundation. We have experienced natural disasters around the world in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Japan and the way in which Lions in 105A have rallied to help the affected people is incredible. I thank everyone involved but especially PDG Vijay Arora for keeping the District updated with LCI information. I would also ask that you all look on the LCIF website and Campaign 100 to discover for yourself what our Foundation is all about. The Districts Face Book

page is being utilised more and more. Please look and maybe contribute something it is our showcase to the world.

The issue of Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will affect all the clubs, without any exception, in our District and in our MD. Please talk to our District mentors PDG John Savell and ZC Harvinder Virdee. Let us show we are open to the public that we are fair, equitable and transparent with our financial accounting. It is good to see many clubs have achieved this status and I have requested GLT officer to organize another training session next year.

I thank every Cabinet Officer and all who have assisted me this year for their support and friendship. I'm extremely grateful to all the officers in promoting our Lionistic service activities. **BY HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE** we achieved more. I am very proud to serve you all in the capacity of District Governor and I thank you wholeheartedly for giving Anita and I this amazing opportunity.

Equally I would like to thank my wife for her unconditional support and my family for bearing with me.

Thank you All

1.02 1st Vice District Governor *Alastair Joel*

Since being given the 1st VDG collar at our District Handover in July, my feet have yet to touch the ground, visiting Club and Zone meetings, Fundraising and Service activities along with Charter Celebrations, both Gemma and myself are grateful for the warm hospitality that has been shown to us. It is a privilege meeting so many Lions, listening to their experiences, ideas and concerns, offering a listening ear, advice and support as necessary.

As a DGs team we meet regularly with our Service, Membership and Leadership leaders in attendance. I have been involved with the District Membership meetings and with delivering Leadership training too. It is hard work but such fun taking an active part in the Youth Celebration and the Senior Citizens Celebrations, working alongside so many Lions at both events with one common goal and then seeing the enjoyment from those young and not so young participants.

I have attended the Council of Governors meetings this year, observing and contributing as necessary, whilst its Kamal's council and he votes, the experience for us Vice Governors is I believe really important in gaining a greater under-

standing of how our MD operates.

The Vice Governor training programme continues, I have participated in two MD led sessions this year and by the time of convention will have been to St Charles, USA for my International training school, along with the completion of some online sessions.

I am proud to be a Lion Leader within District 105A, the immense amount of work that is undertaken by members in helping those less fortunate is amazing. It has been a pleasure to work alongside our District Governor Kamal and the 1st Vice District Governor Karanjeet this year. I look forward to continuing my support to them both and to you the Lions of the A team for the remainder of this Lionistic year.

1.03 2nd Vice District Governor *Karanjeet Assan*

Since being elected in March last year, I have been actively involved in the District. Besides regularly attending the DGs team meetings, I have had an opportunity to make four Official visits to the clubs which were allocated to me. I found these visits to be a truly learning experience. The Clubs I have visited are: Lions Club of Newport Pagnell & Olney, Lions Club of High Wycombe, Lions Club of Chipping Norton, and Lions Club of Northwood, and looking forward to visiting seven other Clubs allocated to me. I experienced the awareness of the community services the clubs do. In short: – It's just amazing – ordinary people doing amazing things.

During the year I have also enjoyed the fellowship while attending Lion functions, Charters, Zone meetings, Tree Planting event, District Youth Celebrations, District Senior Citizens Party and visiting Clubs. I regularly attend the GMT meetings of our District. I have had the opportunity to be a presenter at the Winter forum, on the topic of attracting new members – named as Magnets.

Internationally I enjoyed attending the International Convention in Milan, ISAAME FORUM in Chennai, India and District 411 Convention in Kenya.

In preparation for my Leadership role, I am looking forward to attend the ALLI (Advance Lions Leadership Institute) in January 2020 in Brussels, Belgium. I have also taken part in on-line speech training, which has proved very useful.

It has been good to support DG Kamal in his year and looking forward to work alongside 1st VDG Alastair as he prepares

for his year. I would also like to thank all those Lions who I have met so far on my journey, for their warm welcome, the advice and support they have given me.

1.04 IP District Governor *Doreen Allen*

I would like to thank every one of our District Lions for their continued support. We all worked and served TOGETHER for the benefit of our local communities. It was an absolute pleasure and honour to serve you as your District Governor 2018-2019 and Andrew and I have so many special memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you especially for your kind donations towards Andrews's chosen charity, 'Haven House Children's Hospice', raising over £11,500 and in the process giving them a much-needed publicity platform for their amazing work.

This fiscal year started with a flurry of activity. Working towards the redistricting on 9th July 2019 I personally visited the four Clubs involved and sent personal letters to members thanking them for their service to their local communities whilst in our District including attending Carterton's Charter their first since transferring to District SC. At Handover in July we celebrated our District's success with Lions and friends. It was a pleasure to place the District Governor's collar on the shoulders of D G Kamal as it marked the official end of my year and we looked forward to a year of new Leadership from him and his team.

Have I retired – no!

As an IPDG, my objective has been to support DG Kamal to achieve his goals and continue to build on last year's momentum of working TOGETHER. This I do by continuing to be available to offer support to the DG Team throughout the year via monthly DG Team meetings with the Service, Leadership and Membership Officers. I have participated in Club activities as an associate member of MK Stony Stratford and support Hemel Hempstead and Amptill Lions Clubs when needed and being President of my own Club Fairlop this all filled my calendar. Guiding Lions meeting, GMT meetings, Leo meetings, Zone meetings, other Club meetings and Charter Anniversaries – I have been honoured to be invited to induct new members and enjoy the diverse activities, the fun and fellowship within our District.

The Lions of this District continue to amaze at the sheer diversity of projects, fundraising and support to their communities. I was truly humbled to be part of



District's efforts to personally deliver new sleeping bags to rough sleepers, the MK Lions Food Cupboards weekly deliveries and the Homeless Night Shelter support.... and the highlights of the year our DYC and SCC where Clubs came together for young people and our seniors.

Finally, I would like to give my very best wishes to D.G Kamal for a successful and enjoyable District 105A 55th convention.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION

2.01 District Secretary

Parveen Verma

I am pleased to advise that the year went smoothly and I accomplished the objectives set out at the beginning of the year for myself and as requested by District Governor Lion Kamal Sharma who was kind enough to offer me the job despite stiff competition!

The communications link between the District Officers and the Clubs has not caused any particular challenges. However, both Club Officers and Cabinet members have accidentally unsubscribed themselves on the mailchimp list. It is no longer possible for us to put them back on the list again due to GDPR requirements unless we have a new email. The only way forward is for those who have hit the unsubscribed button to subscribe again. This is complicated but important.

There is an ever increasing flow of communications from Multiple District which are sometimes contradictory or inconsistent with messages from the District Officers. I have therefore exercised discretion not to send certain messages or to edit them as appropriate. I also receive messages posted on FB from both Lion members in our District and the public. Lion members should not be seeking a response or reply on FB but should communicate with District Officers and in particular their Zone Chair for any queries they may have.

The setting of Agenda, obtaining Cabinet reports and then preparing a bundle for District Officers has been made easier as the reports have to be uploaded and there is an automatic reminder to those who have not uploaded their report. Additionally, I have no discretion to accept late reports as previous refusals have not made me popular!

The major part of my work is at the beginning of the year and thereafter prior

to Convention. I am grateful to the assistance and cooperation of the Cabinet and Club Officers.

My particular gratitude to Lion Andrew Allen for his continued good work in preparing brief but accurate minutes of the Cabinet and Convention. Thanks Andrews. The other Lion who has assisted me throughout the year with much promptness and accuracy is Lion Chris Bryant who does so much work behind the scenes without having an official position on Cabinet. My task has been made much easier by Lion Chris who is ever willing to help. Thanks Chris.

I have also served on the Convention Committee who have done superb work this year having introduced on line booking and payment for the functions. My additional task of Chairmanship of the Annual Senior Citizens Celebrations which is now in its 20th year would not have been possible without the super team in the committee who work tirelessly with commitment. Thank you Team. I also have the proud honour of being the Chairman of Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill golf challenge now in its 12th Year.

I am blessed with the support of many Lions and my family which enables me to continue to serve on the Cabinet as we all continue to move towards new horizons.

2.02 District Treasurer

Vanmali M Mistry

This is my 12th Report to the District 105A Convention; it has been an interesting year on the Cabinet, dealing with a new set of Club Officers particularly the Club Treasurers, who I must say, have made their best efforts to settle the Dues promptly as also forwarding their Clubs Financial Statements no sooner these were ready and whilst most clubs settled their dues promptly, there were few persistent late-payers who had to be chased up.

I resolved most of the queries from treasurers, a number of whom still do not fully understand that there are two lots of half yearly dues payable each year; payment of Invoices from the District for District & Multiple District Dues, Club Insurance and Youth Funds, for which I send out Dues Invoices on half yearly basis and settlement of monthly continuous statements from Lions Clubs International Oakbrook in US Dollars, converted in sterling at their conversion rate, for cheque payment in sterling to me, made out to LCI Dist 105A. Treasurers please note that our Districts bank Account is designated 'LCI Dist 105A' and as such all cheques sent to

me should be made payable to LCI Dist 105A.

I believe many of the questions posed by the Club Treasurers, would have been resolved had they attended the Treasurers Sessions at the Incoming Officers Seminar, which is geared to deal with such matters. Sadly very few Club Treasurers attend such sessions when held, and whilst I appreciate that many have the required experience and knowledge, I still feel that they should make an effort to attend and share their experiences with other Treasurers. Such sessions are normally chaired by the District Treasurer, who would be able to explain in detail, the whole process of 'Dues' calculations and payments. I sincerely hope that when they next receive notification of such Seminars, that they will make every effort to attend and participate.

Enquiries from the clubs, particularly with regard to the International Dues and amounts due to Lions Clubs International, based on numbers reported to them, were satisfactorily resolved; attendance at the Incoming Officers seminar would have given a better understanding on the workings of Lions Clubs International, and stress the need for correct numbers to be reported on MyLci regularly each month.

The Financial Statements for the year to 30th June 2019 and the Budget Proposals for the year 2020/2021 are included in the Convention papers for your consideration and adoption. These were duly approved at the October 2019, District 105A's Cabinet Meeting.

Administration Account

The Financial Statements reflect Surplus on Admin Account of £111.16 (2018 - £191.65) Deficit on 105A News Fund £564.80 (2018 Deficit £288.50), deficit on 105A News was largely due to lesser collections than budgeted due to decrease in numbers, whilst 2019 Convention was contained within the District Budget, plus healthy support from Clubs in Zone B who co-hosted the Convention with support from the District Governor and Revenue from Adverts.

Admin surplus is explained in the Budget Proposals by way of comparison between Budget and Actual for 2018/19. The main areas of savings were in un-utilised budgets for Cabinet Meetings and District Officers and overspend on District Seminars and Forums.

It is pleasing to note that District Officers are now claiming travel expenses for their attendance at MD Officers Meetings in Birmingham.

Our Membership numbers on paid basis worked out at 1,356, in 67 Clubs. The Balance Sheet reflects a very healthy Financial situation with Bank balances supporting various Funds as reflected thereon totalling £40,964.04

Charity Accounts

The Charity Account Statements detail Collections of £72,292 (2018 - £60,669) and Investment Income of £234.16 (2018 - £94.74) interest rates had steadily improved during the year. The Charity Funds at year end amounted to £123,607.

Most of the Collections balance at year end have been disbursed after 30th June 2019 leaving funds for ongoing projects/appeals, which will be utilised/dispensed in due course.

Budget Proposals

Last year and a few years before, I maintained the District Dues at £11.50 per member per year. Thistime, having considered our needs, I feel that we will be able to manage our District within the Current Dues and will look for a modest increase of 50 pence, although I have received request for extra funds from District Officers who feel that they could do with a bit more.

Attendance at our Conventions has been steadily falling, which has put increased pressures on our Social Functions as also at the Business Session where the costs have gone up, particularly for the Hire of Conference Facilities and the provision of Audio/Visual Facilities.

The Budget for 2020/21 is based on 1,400 members, same numbers as for previous year. In this Budget I have adjusted various admin expenses. Please note that the Admin Budget of £5,540 is inter-changeable between various heads of expenditure; the Budgets for 105A News and Convention are not.

The Budget is made up as follows:

	2020/21 (Budget)	2019/20 (Budget)	2018/19 (Actual)	2018/19 (Budget)
Administration	3.90	3.70	3.60	3.70
105A News Fund	3.50	3.20	3.58	3.20
Convention				
Fund	4.60	4.60	4.56	4.60
	12.00	11.50	11.74	11.50

I sincerely hope that you will support the Dues Resolution, with modest increase of 50 pence, which is intended to provide incentive for recruiting new members, and

thereby the cost of lionism, which has often been used as a reason for not being able to attract new members.

2.06 District Administrator

Steve Foott

As I write this report, we are halfway through our Year and I still have Club Secretaries asking why the new MyLion reporting system will not allow them to report Club Activities. I'm sorry to say it's the Organisations fault for releasing inadequate software rather than delaying its release until they were sure they could support it.

Thankfully the old-fashioned MyLCI system still works for membership information and presumably its replacement will be better managed.

3.0 ADVISORY TEAM

3.02 Cons Noms & Resolutions

Minesh Mehta

First of all, I would like to give my grateful thanks to the DG for trusting me with the position of CNRO in his cabinet this year and it has been a wonderful experience and glad to be of service to our District, thank you.

Nominations for elections at Convention:

District Governor 2020/2021

Lion Alastair Joel of Feltham & Whitton Lions Club.

1st Vice District Governor 2020/2021

Lion Karanjeet Assan of London-Belmont Lions Club.

2nd Vice District Governor for 2020/2021

(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.

Voting procedures will be informed on morning of Convention on 7th March 2020.

Results of the elections will be announced by the District Governor in the afternoon of Convention on 7th March 2020.

I take this opportunity to thank all my team

members who have worked diligently in their respective roles and ensured reports are submitted on a timely basis every time so the members are aware and kept informed. Finally I wish you all a pleasant Convention.

3.02 Convention Officer

Peter Codrai

It is my very great pleasure to welcome you all to the Watford Hilton Hotel for our 2020 District Convention.

This is the first time we have used this hotel for quite some time and I do hope you enjoy this venue.

Some of our special guests at Convention will be our very own International Director Lion Geoff Leeder with Lion May Leeder, and some exciting celebrity guests and speakers.

I would like to extend a very warm Lionistic welcome to them all and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The planning and running of this Convention has been a team effort with many meetings and careful planning by my committee to make this an enjoyable weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their fantastic hard work in delivering this Convention.

The emphasis of Convention is to share your views and ideas with others, so let's enjoy ourselves in true Lionistic fashion.

3.03 Credentials and Elections

Praful Chakravarti

It has been a pleasure to once again serve as Credentials Officer for our district under our District Governor Lion Kamal Sharma. I thank him for appointing me in his cabinet and wish him a very successful and enjoyable Convention. I would also like to thank all the Zone Chairs for their assistance in helping me to ensure all the clubs returned their delegate forms in a timely fashion.

3.04 Health & Safety/ Insurance

Mukesh Palan

Firstly, I thank the District Governor for appointing me to the role of District Health, Safety & Insurance Officer.

As we are all aware, we have a collective duty and responsibility for the health and safety in the District. On my visits to the Zone meetings, I have established a



number of clubs are operating in a safe manner and following the requirements and responsibilities to ensure the members and general public are not put at risk when organising functions. However, there are still a number of clubs who are of the opinion that the District is responsible for the health and safety and consider to be covered in their obligations and responsibility but this is not the case. Individual Lions and Clubs should be responsible for the safety of their members and general public and risk assessments should be carried out before each function, previewed again before the date of the function and corrections to any safety management made. Copies of the risk assessments should be filed in Club records as well. There are templates on the District 105A website under the Members section and are simple to use.

I have visited two Zones and conveyed this message. I continue to offer support to clubs on any matters concerning my portfolio. Should there any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

3.05 Hon Committee Chairman *Prof Elliot Shubert*

Honorary Committee, Convention Report, March 2020

The Honorary Committee (consisting of PDGs in District 105A) met on 28 July 2019 to discuss several matters regarding the District as proposed by then DG Doreen Allen.

We proposed several items to be considered by the District Cabinet, including support for Membership, support for Leadership Development and Training, support for Twin Districts attending District Convention, discussion and decisions were made on the District Competition Awards, District Convention Book (£2,000) and Pride of Lions (£6,000), and DG collar (The current DG collar is very heavy and uncomfortable to wear). In addition, an Email was sent to all clubs seeking their opinions about: Cease printing the District Convention Book and cease printing the Pride of Lions newsletter.

The Cabinet considered our recommendations and the following was approved by District 105A Cabinet:

1. Agreement was finally reached that Membership would have £5k to spend on Retention and Recruitment initiatives, where Clubs can apply for a subsidy / matching grant of up to £200

for these initiatives... this is not to be seen as a reward for recruitment.

2. The Leadership team would be given £1.5K to have many more Training sessions in Hemel Hempstead and locally.
3. Agreed that the DG Collar needs ideas about possible retirement.
4. Decided to continue printing the District Convention Book and the Pride of Lions.
5. District competitions and awards. It was decided to retain 12 for presentation at the Convention, five would be retained and presented locally, and 15 would be permanently retired. See the District 105A website (www.lions105a.org.uk) for details. This will make presentations at Convention more efficient.

For the most part, recommendations made by the Honorary Committee have been acted on and approved by the District Cabinet. I would like to thank all of the members of the Honorary Committee for their active participation and support (see below).

Respectfully submitted,

Honorary Committee: PDGs Andrew Allen, Erach Amaria, Vijay Arora, Sarbjit Assi, Mike Baldwin,

Abhnash Bains, Surjit Bhalla, Tony Bilsdon, Doreen Allen, Meena Gupta, Ram Jaggi, Geoff Leeder,

Surinder Malhotra, Wesley Mendonca, Vanmali Mistry, Max Mongia, Martin Morgan, Ramesh Parmar,

Viresh Paul, Ken Rouse, John Savell, Rati Shah, Elliot Shubert, Brindar Nandra Singh, Parveen Verma

3.06 Lion Tamer *Ramesh Parmar*

I would like to thank DG Kamal for appointing me the District Tamer.

It was a pleasure to look after the District regalia in good order and display them at cabinet meetings, workshops and Convention as required.

I take this opportunity to wish DG Kamal a successful and enjoyable Convention.

3.07 District Data Compliance *Jyoti Inamdar*

I thank DG Kamal Sharma, for the opportunity to serve the District as a Data Compliance Officer to ensure that our

whole District 105A and Lions Clubs are knowledgeable of Data Protection Act 2018. The Role of Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is independent regulatory office in charge of upholding information rights in the interest of the public. .

I have been working alongside with Multi District HQ Data Protection Officer and given a confirmation that all Multiple District and all Lions Clubs must register with ICO.

Lions Club International (LCI) itself does not need to register with the ICO because it is based outside the UK.

All District and Lions Club must register with ICO, in their own right because the processing by each part of the organisation is different and either holds data electronically, by entering the membership details into MyLCI is an electronic process and therefore not exempt from Multiple District

Aims and Objectives

1. To circulate MDHQ's information on ICO data Protection Act and all districts and Lions clubs to implement data protection and register with ICO.

2. ICO guidance is also available from website: <https://ico.org.uk>.

3. Application for registration with ICO as the deadline has been 31/01/2020 and should pay the fee of £40 per annum or £35 if paid by DD. Failure to register is against the law and Individual Club will pay for a fine starts at £400, which is why we strongly recommend it is done.

4. Individual Lions Club collects Donations and maintains accounting in records properly.

5. Lion Clubs must have a written, consent; all members and a new member become a Lion who hands over certain personal details to the Club/LCI.

6. Individual Lions clubs, who have website, must obtain consent of any personal photo to be published on website or Facebook page, for the use of photos as it is seen as "marketing".

7. At present, private mobile phones, group messages /group what's up messages are not complied under ICO guideline.

I strive to continue to help and to assist the District and Lions Clubs. Please contact me if you need my assistance and thank you for all the Lions clubs for implementing this new regulation – Data Protection Act Compliance.



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4.0 MEMBERS

4.01 Global Service Coordinator

Doreen Allen

I am delighted to be the 'Portfolio holder' for the Services Team under the GST heading. Service is the whole reason that Lions Clubs exist.

This year the focus has been to promote the LCI Service Framework and our 5 global causes. The three teams Service, Leadership and Membership are now working hand in hand to promote "action" in all three areas. With Services the aim is to increase the number of people we serve today by 2021 especially in these five areas Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision and Childhood Cancer. I have worked with all five Officers in the Service Team to assist them to achieve and promote their individual Service areas and I record my appreciation of them sending out information, attending club and zone meetings and generally promoting service activities thereby ensuring that District Clubs are supported by sharing good ideas and practice. They also gave some excellent presentations at Winter Forum.

The goal to increase service activity reporting through My Lion has been difficult since Clubs are having numerous issues meaning only 60% of our Clubs are shown as recording their activities on BUT I know that the numbers of activities happening in our District are very much higher. It is hoped that LCI review the situation and offer more support and ease of access.

Of course, our two District Service Activities – District Youth Celebration and Senior Citizens Celebrations were as usual resounding successes – well done to all concerned.

As a first this year I requested that attendees to Convention bring some items personally from themselves or their Clubs to be donated to a Food Bank thank you to those who participated.

Fellow Lions, more hands make light work – lets join with our service... your Service Team Members are here to help and assist your Club. Please get in touch ...we all have one aim: "We Serve" and remember that quote from Helen Keller Alone we can do so little ...together we can do so much.

Vision 2020 - Spot Camera

As District Spot Camera Officer along with our vision Officer Komal we are both actively promoting the need to purchase

cameras for use in our District when the project is officially launched.

MD105 are coordinating the project and it is intended to launch in Spring/Summer 2020.

It was agreed by the Council of Governors in October that applications to LCIF for match funding should be via individual Districts. The challenge was to try to get funding for one camera per Zone. District has stepped up to the challenge to fund 3 cameras and at the time of writing almost £12,150 has been donated. PDG Max the District sponsorship Officer looked to encourage corporate sponsors to double our efforts and then we hope to have a successful LCIF Grant application to fund the remainder.

It is intended to run Vision Screening training sessions for each District in 2020 – this will be open to Lions from clubs who wish to be involved in screening... BUT only DBS checked Lions will be allowed to do screening.

I will keep the District updated as we move the project forward and once again thank you for supporting this new service project.

4.02 Global Leadership

Coordinator

Viresh Paul

My prime objective this year was to organise regular district training events to meet the needs of our district with the aim of "helping others achieve" in line with the DG's objectives.

The first event, titled "MyLion/MyLCI" took place on 21 July. By all accounts the training was well received and the delegates at least learnt the difference between MyLCI and MyLion and how and when to use which even if the software was not completely ready or bug-free at the time.

This was followed by the Retention Workshop which was held on 18 August. This was well attended and the feedback was excellent. Unfortunately, the third training event, which was scheduled for 22 September on the subject of "Forming New Clubs" had to be cancelled for lack of interest.

For the Winter Forum held on 20 October, I asked for volunteers from the district offices who wanted to do a presentation on the day and then framed the programme on the three GAT limbs of Membership, Service and Leadership. I even invited clubs to come and talk about

the successes they had achieved in these areas but not a single club took up the invitation. Bookings for this year's Winter Forum were higher than in recent years but could have been better. The feedback has been excellent. Here is a summary of the results of the post-event survey

- *Overall, how would you rate the event?* – 74% rated it Very Good to Excellent
- *Was the event length too long, too short or about right?* – 90% stated it was about right
- *How likely is it that you would recommend the event to your members?* – over 90% said very likely
- *How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future?* – 90% stated very/extremely likely
- *How useful was the information presented at the event?* – 81% stated very/extremely useful
- *How would you rate the venue/location?* – 86% agreed that it was good to excellent
- 59% felt we need to make the presentations more inter-active whilst 30% considered we need to have speakers that are more knowledgeable. 18% would have wanted more breaks and 38% felt that they would have liked better food and drinks

The next training event on my calendar was the Certified Guiding Lions training on 10 November. This required the completion of a pre-assignment. The workbook for the pre-assignment was not available from LCI until quite late and accordingly it was decided to postpone this event as it was felt that attendees would need more time to complete the workbook assignment at their own pace. This will now take place on 10 May 2020.

On 18 December, I organised an informal dinner meeting for the three candidates (along with their spouses) who have applied for the position of 2nd VDG for next year to talk about the "Role and Responsibilities of a DG". I was assisted in this by ID Geoff Leeder, DG Kamal Sharma, 1st VDG Alastair Joel and their spouses to whom I am indebted for giving up their time at a very busy time of the year and their valued contribution, which was much appreciated by those who were able to attend. One of the three could not attend due to an urgent family situation.

At the time of writing this report, we have only gone through the first half-year's programme of training. Here is a list of the training events planned for the rest of the year with the plea that everyone makes an



effort to get involved and make the most of the excellent training that is being offered:

- 19 January: Make yours an "Ideal Club"
- 16 February: GAT roundup
- 26 April: 2020/2021 Zone Chairs Training
- 10 May: 2020/2021 Incoming Officers and Certified Guiding Lions

I offered at the beginning of the year to travel out to zones to carry out training locally for the benefit of members who complain about the training events always being organised in Bourne End and that being too far to travel. So far, only one zone has taken me up and I am grateful to ZC Harvinder (Zone B) for arranging a meeting of new Lions for whom I ran an Orientation session. My offer to travel out to zones to carry out whatever training is called for still stands. I will arrange for the presenters to do the travelling.

I am pleased to report that I applied to LCI for a training grant to run next year's zone chairs' training and I have heard that my application has been successful. I believe this is a first for our district! This means that next year's zone chairs will not be required to pay out of their pockets for the training day on 26 April.

4.03 Global Membership Coordinator *Michael Claxton*

Our District goal for this Lionistic year as set out by DG Kamal is very simple –

By end of June 2020, all clubs to have increased their membership (compared to July 1st 2019) by at least one person.

It is vital for our future that clubs have membership recruitment as one of their highest priorities this year. We must also have a greater emphasis on retention which means actively supporting and mentoring new members.

Member retention is crucial and this is something I will be devoting a lot of effort to over this year. New members join us so they can serve their local community and it's important that clubs have plans in place to allow them to do this – if there is nothing for them to do they will lose interest and eventually leave. Every person that leaves means that we could be losing a potential Club President, Zone Chairman, or District Governor.

Membership numbers for District 105A as of end November is 1319

As of end of November the District gained

57 new members plus 5 Reinstated/ Transferred and lost 47 members.

District 105A has the highest net growth of 1.62%. Five of the MD105 Districts currently have negative growth. The MD is having great difficulty in increasing membership and as of October 1st has a net growth of minus 0.17%.

In the five months to end of November, 20 clubs have gained members and 15 clubs have lost members.

There are still a number of clubs who are not reporting membership at the end of the month. It's important that this is done even if there hasn't been a change in membership numbers. I'm not sure how much of this is due to difficulties with MyLion and it's something that needs to be addressed.

The Young Farmers presentation has been given to the Council of Governors and Council have agreed this project so we can proceed. With this relationship we have a really positive new direction which should really help to get our Clubs interested and energised.

I have started to look at the distribution of Young Farmers Clubs in our District to establish how they sit alongside our own clubs.

Young Farmers are administered at County level and County Officers have been briefed on the progress of this initiative at their County Chairmen training weekend and then it will be rolled out at the NFYFC Staff Conference at the end of January 2020.

I have sent out introductory emails to the various Young Farmers County Officers in our District but no replies to date. I'm not expecting any real movement on this until after their January Convention.

4.04 Members Welfare /Archivist/Almoner *Andrew Allen*

Our Lions Family comes first... but apathy prevails.

There must be a whole lot of **GOOD NEWS** in our District but not enough is received... I have a whole lot of sad news and I would like some good news ...it may not sell newspapers, but I will share the really good news via the Pride of Lions ...for example 25/50 years of service achieved by Lion XXX, a club reaches 50/60/70 years of service and so on...

Archivist

We lost a whole lot of items about 5/6

years agoI believe that MDHQ has "found" a few items which will be in my possession shortly.

I've slowly collected a few snippets here and there **BUT** would love more, preferably, electronically, but hard copies of memorabilia are more than acceptable.

4.05 Vulnerable Persons/DBS *Farokh Daruwalla*

I continue in the role as your District 105a DBS officer Chairman 2019/20.

The Lionistic year has been an enjoyable one, visiting your clubs and talking and meeting new and old members of our District.

Thank you for the way you have welcomed the DBS team and me to your meetings.

Fellow Lions I encourage all members that have a Lions DBS done to encourage other members of their club to also, come forward and apply for a DBS if they have not done so.

Fellow Lions we work hard all year round and are most of the time around the vulnerable even without noticing it, we owe it to members of the public and the vulnerable people we serve by us all having DBS checked.

Parents and family members who drop off kids and youths to the youth party or the elderly we serve yearly at our senior citizen's party, drop them off assuming their child or partners and friends are surrounded by safe and secure members of our association.

We all should have a DBS, this shows me the District Representative for our Multiple District we have happy safe lions member's working on behalf of our District and hopefully it will also keep away new or old members from even thinking of the unthinkable.

I hope that in my lifetime of being a lion I do not have to deal with the outcome of a report of a terrible situation taken place on our patch of District 105a.

Club President's please discuss your DBS requirements with your Clubs members and if you need any help with regards to reapplying for a DBS please contact me.

Fellow Lions new applications are now processed quickly and registered within 14 days of receiving your certificate which will keep your certificate valid as long as your personal circumstances don't change.

Zone chairman/Lion Presidents and fellow Lions members feel free to contact me

with any of your Lions DBS enquires throughout the Lionistic year I am here to help.

Finally many thanks to all Club President's/Secretaries, Zone chairman's and Club DBS Officer's along with the District DBS team who have helped me throughout the Lionistic year to promote /complete the DBS process for our District. Look forward to talking to some of you soon.

4.06 Speciality/Campus Clubs Viresh Paul

Speciality Clubs is a means of encouraging individuals to become Lions who would not otherwise join.

I serve as the National Coordinator for Speciality Club and was appointed as the district co-ordinator in the middle of the first half of this year. My role is to encourage clubs to form new clubs and in particular support Zone Chairman who are responsible for chartering new clubs.

Membership is the lifeblood of any organisation. We have tried to get new members into our clubs to replace those who leave for whatever reason but that has been a losing battle. To carry on the work we have proudly done for over a century we need to encourage more individuals to join our organisation. One solution is to charter new clubs and bring in members who would not otherwise think of joining Lions.

We can do this by taking our message to groups of people who are connected by a cause, culture, life stage, partnership, sport or hobby, or any number of unique qualities a club or its members want to highlight. A club made up of such people who share a common passion is designated as a "Speciality Club".

By encouraging new and diverse club models, speciality clubs are intended to expand Lions' membership base, enabling the organization to meet the evolving needs of volunteers and service initiatives.

Specialty clubs are chartered in the same way as traditionally organized, community-based clubs. That is because speciality clubs are no different from traditional clubs – apart from the designation which recognises their special interest. Campus Clubs, clubs made up of a group who play golf together or even a group of young farmers will qualify as speciality clubs as will, for example, cyber clubs made up of members who meet on the internet.

The first step to form a Speciality Club is to approach an existing group of people who already share a common connection.

Explain how humanitarian service through Lions Clubs will not only enrich their existing group's relationships, but provides leadership and learning opportunities within a global community.

Once you have identified such a group, contact me. I can guide you with the registration formalities.

4.07 Sponsorship Officer Surinder Mongia

Objective of Sponsorship officer:

To act as the specialist adviser on all matters relating to sponsorship.

To work with PR and Marketing team to develop materials to enable Clubs/District to present to possible sources of grants/sponsorship/crowd funding

To implement the programmes agreed by the District Cabinet.

Background:

Currently clubs in our District rely on raising majority of funds from Charity walks, musical/social events & street collections etc. With the decline & aging membership in Lionism today our ability to raise the desired funds has been under strain. Alternative method are not unique, there is a multimillion CSR fund reservoir in the charity world. We need to prepare ourselves to take share of such funding.

What is CSR?

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) refers to business practices involving initiatives that benefit society. A business's CSR can encompass a wide variety of tactics, from giving away a portion of a company's proceeds to charity, to implementing "greener" business operations.

How should we approach the corporates?

CSR is becoming more mainstream as forward-thinking companies embed sustainability into the core of their business operations to create shared value for business and society. Corporates have a defined & published strategy and declare the categories of social responsibilities that their business supports.

Action Taken over the year

Our District 105A in parallel with the Multiple District in 105 have initiated a vision screening project 'Child Sight Screening', to monitor the health of vision in children aged 4-5 years in reception year.

This will involve trained Lions to physically check the Childs vision using a Spot camera tool.

In October COG have given the green light, we have since approached several corporates for a matching grant from the Clubs. Lions in District 105A have pledged to purchase 3 units and we are looking for a matching grant for a further 3 units. This will enable Clubs to speed up the operation forthwith and likely to benefit thousands of young children.

At the time of writing up my report, there is an interest from a major corporation (McDonalds) for potential funding.

There are other irons in the fire with such corporates and hopefully yield positive results before long.

Spot Camera costs:

With each camera costing £6,700 the financial requirements are:

Lions Clubs 3 units x £6,700 – £20,100

CSR (Corporates) 3 units x £6,700 – £20,100

Lions Foundation (LCIF) 6 units x £6,700 – £40,200

Total 12 units – £80,400

Lions Clubs have already started fundraising, we hope to complete their target by first quarter 2020.

5.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.01 Zone Chairman A Nilesh Palan

I am grateful to DG Kamal Sharma for giving me this opportunity to serve in this role and it has been a privilege to do so. Our Zone consists of 4 Clubs. We lost 2 members but gained 4, taking our current membership to 92. I would like to thank all the Clubs in Zone A for their valuable support and cooperation.

London Covent Garden Lions – Activities to date:

Members participated in a sponsored charity walk raising £675 and supported the District Youth Celebration Party. It ended 2019 with a very successful Christmas Fundraising Party (Dec 8) attended by 110 guests including Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster and DG Lion Kamal Sharma who inducted 2 new members taking their membership to 18. It made donations of £2,212 to the Chinese Information & Advice Centre and



£800 to Parkinson's UK. The Club is active and vibrant and looking forward to adding more quality members.

London Convent Garden Lions – Ongoing and planned activities:

- a) Club meeting and Chinese New Year Special dinner Celebration in January 2020. Members plan to attend fundraising functions and Charter Night celebrations of other Clubs throughout the Lionistic year.

Planned events include Senior Citizens Party in February

- b) Club signature event, "Healthy Living Day" will be held in March 2020.

London Central Host Lions – Activities to date:

- 1) Organised a Music Night and raised £1457 for 10th Fulham Scout Group.
- 2) IPP Lion Vijay organised a Macmillan Cancer Brunch fundraising event and also raised for the same cause, donations totalling £1,625 from guests attending his 75th birthday party celebrations.
- 3) Lion Salim raised £450 for Club's charity account through fasting during the Ramadan month.
- 4) Club members donated £200 to Double Your Donation for Sight Savers.
- 5) Organised Diabetes Awareness and Screening Activity at 10 participating pharmacies during November- in all 500 glucose tests were performed -40 positive results and 20 GP referrals made.
- 6) In July 2019, the Club organised a Diabetes Awareness Day at Harrow Civic Centre distributing informative leaflets and literature to members of the public.
- 7) The Club donated £200 in response to the Spot Camera Appeal.

London Central Host Lions – Ongoing and planned activities:

- a) We hope to provide over £600 to The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes. Collection in progress.
- b) Plans to donate over £500 to Shree LNM Lions Hospital, a hospital built & managed by Lions Club of Bhuj, India. The hospital specialises in providing free dialysis service to the needy. Also provides services for ENT and sight care. Collection in progress.
- c) We have arranged for donation of 10 collection boxes to be placed in participating shops/pharmacies etc to collect for our charity account. Collection in progress.

- d) The club is also working on a project to design, procure and sell environmentally friendly tote bags. We have received design and estimated costs for consideration.

- e) Club started collection of milk bottle tops for charitable causes. These will be handed over to the related charity when the collection reaches an optimum level.

- f) District Senior Citizens – Sponsor at least 2 tables

London Chinatown Lions – Activities to date:

- 1) In keeping with its tradition, the Club organised London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival at the London Royal Albert Dock in summer which was attended by PDG Doreen. The event was sponsored by Hong Kong Governmental agencies and raised funds for Chinese Community Centres and other charities.
 - 2) Visited Jubilee House Old People's Home in Kings Cross on December 16th to provide gifts.
- a) Planned activities; Organising Dragon Boat event and other fundraising events.

London Westminster: No submission

5.02 Zone Chairman B Harvinder Virdee

Zone B report

I am thankful to DG Kamal Sharma for appointing me as the zone B Chairman. There are 6 clubs in Zone B and a Leo Club. All six clubs have made a valuable contribution to Lionism with their service activities and fund raising. All clubs took part in zone activities with projects such as MIAB, MIAW, Easter Egg Hunt and Duck race, celebrating Youth, Senior Citizens party and Zone Socials. 5 clubs have inducted new members. Overall Zone B expects to increase membership by around 10 members in the next two months in addition to similar number already inducted during the past 7 months. 5 out of 6 Zone B clubs are now CIOs. All clubs took part in zone Induction training. Zone officers are encouraged and take part in District training and leadership development opportunities provided by the District.

Fairlop Lions Club (CIO) with 28 members is the most established club in Zone B and it raises the highest amount of funds for charity year after year and their donations to varied charities reflect the same. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and contribution towards Water Bore Hole project in Kenya. Made donations to

several local and International charities where disabled and under privileged children benefit. They raise funds by organising Golf Tournament, social events and a charity walk. Award winning Leo Club is doing very well and makes valuable contribution to Lionism with their service activities at zone and district level. The club has sponsored an excellent award winner in their Youth Ambassador. Potential new members including 1 Leo. 4.

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO) with 31 members it is just over three years old and has the largest membership in Zone B. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and carries out joint projects with twin club in Kenya. Makes donations to local charities for the disabled and under privileged children, Feed the Hungry, support Food Bank and local youth. Raises funds by organising social fundraising events by campaigning about their projects within friends, family and local community circles. Supports environmental projects such as annual tree planting. Supports LCIF annually. Potential New Members 3.

The club has carried out a number of projects jointly with other clubs in the Zone to increase the impact within local community such as supporting Childhood Cancer and fundraising events.

Lions Club of Wanstead and Woodford (CIO) with 14 members and increasing, attained its CIO recently. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and a new successful and National award winning Intergenerational Project, Mental Health Project and Food for the hungry. They make donations to several local charities for the benefit of disabled and under privileged children. It takes part in all Zone and District projects.

The club has carried a number of projects jointly with other clubs in the Zone to increase the impact such as supporting Childhood Cancer and fundraising events. Potential new member. 1

Barking Lions Club with 18 members are hoping to induct 3 new members shortly has been very successful in the recruitment of new members this year. Their projects include annual eye camp in India and contribution towards Water Bore project in Kenya. Make donations to local charities where disabled and under privileged children benefit. Takes part in Zone and District projects. Collection of used eye glasses for reuse. It takes part in all Zone and District projects.

Waltham Forest Lions Club (CIO) with 9 members. Holds regular car boot sales

every month at Whips Cross Hospital with the hospital's League of Friends and continue with the MIAB, MIAW and collection of used eye glasses for use by the needy. Has held a Diabetes Awareness day recently. Potential new members 1

London Seven Kings Lions Club (CIO) with 7 members are hoping to add quality members in the near future. They continue with their charity work, Redbridge Giving Tree project. Over Christmas provided a meal and gifts to around 300 disabled children in 2 local schools. The club raises funds from local businesses by holding Health awareness talks and requesting them to sponsor a number of children for useful festive presents. Following LP's recovery from personal injury they are hoping to get involved in further service activities.

In summary

I am proud to be the Zone Chair of Zone B and would like to thank all the clubs and their members for their support and co-operation during my term as Zone Chairman.

5.03 Zone Chairman C

George Matthew

Zone meeting was held at the Royal Oak, 128 Worton Road, Isleworth TW7 6EP. On the 11th November 2019 The meeting was attended by 7 members from Hounslow and Feltham & Whitton.

Osterley was unable to attend due to business commitments, Park Royal was unable to attend due to illness and death in the family.

District Officers, Rajnikant Sheth and Dinesh Shonchhatra, who conducted the Zone Quiz and Farokh Daruwalla was in attendance.

The Zone Swimming Gala will be on Sunday 15th March 2020, at the Hanworth Air Parks. Feltham & Whitton, Hounslow gave their report to the meeting with updates. Clubs and their membership numbers, Osterley has 16 members and 2 prospective members, Feltham & Whitton has inducted one new member making a total of 19 members, Hounslow 11 members and 1 prospective member.

District Officer Rajnikant Sheth gave the meeting a detailed insight into Water Aid/Bore Holes and advised us on how we can take part in the projects that we as a club or zone could raise funds for.

The Zone Quiz was held for the rest of the meeting by District Officer Dinesh Shonchhatra. The Zone Quiz was won by

Feltham & Whitton, who will be going through to the District finals.

Future activities: I have arranged for GLT Officer Mike Claxton to attend our meeting on 22nd January

2020 to advise us on membership, District Vision Officer Komal Bhagat to give us a talk on the Spot Camera Project. I am in the process which is ongoing with Park Royal in working out their future. I will be visiting the zone clubs in the New Year.

5.04 Zone Chairman D

Jatinder Kaur

I would like to thank DG Kamal Sharma for entrusting me and giving me the opportunity to serve as a chair and build on previous successes. It has been a pleasure working with all.

Zone D consists of 6 clubs and 1 branch club; our membership stands at 192 with Ealing (17), London Acton (46) Greenford Willow Tree (32), Hayes & Harlington (11) and Southall & Branch Club West Drayton (38) and Sudbury (48). Each club is unique and operates at an optimal level, engaging in various services and fund raising activities, serving the local community and charities.

All the clubs are participating in the two zone activities: Working with Akshaya Patra Charity, which feeds the homeless and works with the local Councils dealing with childhood hunger, providing free lunch during school holidays and organising a Zone social Cricket Match, to raise funds for charities.

London Acton

The Club has raised in excess of £7000 at various events, including an Annual Sponsored Walk and Annual Social Function. It has donated funds to Cancer Research UK, Eye Camps in India, Orphanage in Dehradun (India) and Alzheimer's Society, Diabetes Research Foundation UK and many more worthy causes. Members are promoting "Planting a Tree Campaign" in February 2020. The Club is supportive of District Senior Citizens and youth celebrations.

Ealing

The Club has held senior citizens Christmas celebrations and visited a hospital to distribute presents to children on Christmas day.

Members regularly assist at the help desk for a local hospital, raising Diabetes awareness. The Club has been helping with the weekly recycling of household waste, as environmental activity. Spouses

and volunteers knit various items for premature babies and deliver these to Princess Charlotte hospital.

The Club had a very successful boat trip in August, raising funds for Eye Camps and other charities. Donations of over £1500 were made towards charities including Winnicott Foundation, DG Spouse and Mayor of Ealing Charity and LCIF natural disaster funds.

Members collected school books for children in Malawi.

Southall and Branch Club West Drayton

Members were involved at the London Mela in Southall and carried out Diabetes screening of over 260 people. A number of Eye and Diabetes Camps were held in India. Monthly donation made to Action Aid for activities to train families in Ethiopia to improve living standards and their children's education. It has held Successful fund raisers such as, Bollywood Night for Parkinson's Society, Macmillan's Coffee Morning and a Nostalgic Indian Music Night to name a few.

Trees were planted in a local orchard in Hounslow, raising environmental awareness.

It participated in the District Youth Celebration Day by sponsoring a table of ten.

Club raised over £4000 for various charities.

Hayes and Harlington

Club participated in various activities such as a festive celebration at a Care Home and supporting the District Youth Celebration day.

It donated blankets in India and £400 towards charities. The members held an event for local residents with dinner and entertainment.

Sudbury

Bhajan & Bhojan event has been a success year after year. It is well attended and fully supported by its members. This year they have raised £5345 for various local charities. They supported the District Youth Celebration and various other organisations like British Heart Foundation, Street Children Charity in India and many more.

Greenford Willow Tree

Club members have raised funds in excess of £4000. They hosted a successful Diwali Lunch and a Horse Racing afternoon and a number of other activities such as- Walk for Diabetes, Litter Picking, visiting Children in Hospitals,



Macmillan's fund raiser for Breast Cancer and Eye Care for Junaghad Hospital.

Helped with the Diabetes Screening and raising awareness at the London Mela. Amongst many other successful events, London Bridges Challenge raised £2311 for Diabetes UK.

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all the clubs for showing great team spirit and establishing an ethos of working together, in supporting District Governor – Kamal Sharma's theme for the year **"Help others achieve, care and respect for each other and strive for excellence"**.

5.05 Zone Chairman E

Sunjay Mehta

Firstly, I would like to thank DG Kamal Sharma for having faith in reappointing me for a second year as Zone E Chairmen. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve District 105A; and especially to be part of a Zone that has clubs that are passionate and committed to making a difference for those in need.

Zone E comprises of the following clubs: London Belmont (12 Members +4 Associate members); Edgware (29 Members); Kenton (13 Members); London Golders Green (27 Members); London Hendon (17 Members +12 Leos Lion Branch and 10 members from the Heston Club Branch); London Kingsbury (30 Members); Stanmore (23 Members) and Wembley (13 Members).

The clubs in the Zone clubs are not only proactive but are also effective in serving both the local and overseas communities as they truly believe in the philosophy "Where there's a need there is a Lion." During the year our members have supported and participated in District and International projects. For example, making contributions towards LCIF Funds; District Youth Celebration; District Youth Exchange and the Senior Citizen Annual Celebration.

The clubs have embraced DG Kamal Sharma "Strive for Excellence, Help Others Achieve, Care and Respect for Each Other" and Zone projects undertaken included Hunger (feeding the homeless and vulnerable elderly) to Conservation (planting over 100 trees in Silver Jubilee Park in the London Borough of Brent).

The Conservation project in particular was a tremendous success with volunteers from the local community alongside Lions Member. Volunteers included a 9 year old girl whom alongside 3 local councillors of Brent Council got the privilege of planting

the first tree. This project was broadcasted live on the British Asia News Website with a news report written up the day after.

I will now highlight some of the personal achievements made by each club.

LC Belmont: In Sri Lanka raised awareness of diabetes, supported the Raja Rani Foundation which serves the elderly and disadvantaged children, as well as taking part in tree planting. Provided furniture for London's Refugee. In addition, they provided food hampers in London and at Christmas held a tea party for the elderly. They took part in the Zone's tree planting event as well as supporting Acton Homeless Concern by providing Winter Clothing. Lions Club of Belmont have inducted 3 new members and 3 joining members. This is excellent news for the club and a well done to the LP and members of Lions Club of Belmont

LC Edgware: Raised funds and made donations for both local and international charities. Furthermore, they collected spectacles as part of Lionistic Vision Service. They also took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Club of Edgware.

LC Kenton: Raised funds and made donations to Alzheimer's/Dementia sufferers, Admiral Nurses, Street Children and Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Members actively involved to help Senior Citizens Group in Harrow, such as holding tea parties for the elderly. They supported local Food Banks. They too collected spectacles as part of Lionistic Vision Service. Additionally, they collected used batteries for recycling. On Christmas Eve alongside Lions Club of Kingsbury a Xmas eve party raised in sum of £5,800 for Mind and Food for Life Charity. They also took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Club of Kenton.

LC London Golders Green: They helped to feed homeless individuals in Holborn, additionally, they organized and gave 33 homeless residents of New Hope winter clothing. In addition, they arranged and paid for a Christmas party for the homeless in Uxbridge. What's more, they gave North Harrow Community Library donations of 1000 books and donated £1000.00 to the Library. They also took

part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Cub of Golders Green.

LC London Hendon: They raised funds of £850.00 and made donations for St Luke's, MIND Hertfordshire and other Lionistic Charities. Additionally, they raised £935.00 through conducting a cycle ride and walk in aid of St Luke Hospice and other Lionistic charities. Furthermore, the members took part in a range of activities for the community such as feeding the homeless in Charring Cross alongside the Jalaram Mandir (Greenford). In addition, they held an event in order to raise awareness of kidney disorders. They too collected spectacles as part of the Lionistic Vision Service. They also took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Well done to the LP and all the members of the Lions Club of Hendon.

LC Stanmore: They raised funds in order to be able to make donations to Macmillan Cancer Care, Poland Hospice, and Eye Camps in India. Members have volunteered in various projects such as SOGB, Homeless Shelter, and Local Nursing Homes. Furthermore, the club held a coffee morning for the charity The Bridge Rethink Mental Illness and raised £1107, they also held a Ladies Night in July in association with the Sky Sharma foundation and were able to raised £515. They held an additional Ladies Night in November to raise funds for the Lions Club International Foundation and Sight Saving projects with £1050 being raised. They also held a Golf Day on behalf of Children's Cancer charities and raised £1657. In addition, they provided food hampers for Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Club of Stanmore.

LC Wembley (Brent): The members volunteered for various projects like SOGB, awareness raising events including diabetes) as well as continuing to raise awareness for the importance and use of Message in a Wallet and Message in a Bottle. The club donated £250 towards Acton Homeless Concern in order to provide a Christmas meal to a large number of homeless people. Additionally, they made a large number of donations to the Lions International disaster appeals.

They also took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Lions Club of Wembley have also inducted a new member. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Club of Wembley (Brent).

LC London Kingsbury: They raised funds and donations made to Cancer Research as well as supported the Message in a Wallet campaign and collected spectacles for the Lionistic Vision Service. They also took part on a joint venture with Asian Foundation and raised in sum of £33,000. On Christmas Eve alongside Lions Club of Kenton a party was held in with a sum of £5,800 for Mind and Food for Life Charity. They also took part in Zone events: tree planting, feeding the homeless (Acton Homeless Concern) and gifts for children whose mothers are in shelters because of domestic violence and/or have suffer from mental health. Lions Club of Kingsbury inducted two new members. Well done to the LP and all the members of Lions Club of London Kingsbury.

I am proud to announce that a joint project between Lions Club of Hendon, Kenton, Kingsbury and Stanmore helped to raise a sum of £4500 for Cancer Research.

Additionally, Lions Club of London Hendon, Kenton, Kingsbury and Stanmore conducted a joint venture through holding a Bhajan Bhojan and raising £580.00 for Jalaram Mandir in Sudbury.

Summary

Our Zone meetings are lively and there is healthy debate with the focus on working TOGETHER as having a concerted effort means being able to get more done. I am very pleased that Zone E have inducted 11 new members up to Jan 2020, I would like to thank Zone Secretary Lion Rita Tanda and all the Lion Presidents, Secretaries and Club Members for their support, enthusiasm and contribution during my term as Zone Chair. I feel honoured and am proud of Zone E's accomplishments in making a difference to communities in need.

Lastly on behalf of all the clubs in Zone E, I would like to wish DG Lion Kamal an enjoyable and successful Convention.

5.06 Zone Chairman F *Dilip Mandalia*

Zone F consists of six clubs namely, Chipping Barnet, Enfield, Friern Barnet Centennial, London Finchley, London Hornsey and Mill Hill.

Chipping Barnet: Assisting with Chipping Barnet food bank and kitchen via the Trusell Trust. £3000 was donated to Akshay Patra jointly with LC of Mill Hill. Bought tickets for 75 children with disability for Circus Starr. Donated £201 for the Australian bush fire. A new project for Mt Vernon Hospital to provide environment friendly water bottles for cancer patients. One table of 10 was booked for the District Youth Celebrations and three tables are booked for the Senior Citizens Celebration in March. Donated £101 to Hatch End Centennial LC at their fundraising event in November.

Enfield: Club membership: 31. Bollywood Mehfil in September £500 for general charity. Celebrated annual Garba event in October. Supported Diwali Lunch for the Elderly Asians in the Borough. The club supported following charities: Veerayatan Vocational Training Centre in Nepal, Eye Clinic in Palitana (Gujarat), Roy Castle Lung Castle Charity at UCLH, Vakal Nidan Kendra (Gujarat), Sunrise Orphanage Centre in Malindi (Kenya), Haven Hospice, Essex. Total of £190,000 was raised and more than £150,000 has been disbursed. Gala Night in aid of Kidney Cancer Research Centre Laboratory at The Royal Free Hospital on Saturday, 25th April 2020.

Friern Barnet Centennial: Club Membership: 20. Donated £7,665 to Healing Little Hearts camp at MP Shah hospital, Nairobi. 30 heart operations were carried on young infants and kids. One member donated a further £6000 for a similar camp in India. Race Night was held on Saturday, 23 November and raised GBP1000 for general charity. Pledged a donation of £251 for the Australian Bush Fire. Supported District Youth Celebrations with two tables of 10 each. Supported/sponsored an Indian Orphanage project during Xmas meals, rations and blankets for day to day need. Inducted two members. Musical evening is planned for April and Golf tournament on Wednesday, 13 May.

London Finchley: Club Membership: 23. Donated £400 for eye surgeries project in Kenya, £4,300 for Children with cancer, £1,000 to North London Hospice, £500 for eye surgeries in Pakistan (in memory of Late Lion Abdul Bux), £100 for London Air Ambulance. Supported District Youth Celebrations and Senior Citizens party in March. Charter/handover is in June 2020. Members visit patients in the hospitals near their locality. Club received Centennial award for recruiting new member and Club Giving Patch for contributing US\$50 per member.

London Hornsey: Club Membership: 11.

Donated clothes to Starlight Childrens Ward at North Middlesex hospital in December. Donated clothes to Salvation Army in January. Xmas dinner was held on 14 December and Charter night is on 23 May at Finchley Golf Club.

Mill Hill: Club Membership: 14 + 1 Associate Member. 3 members took part in 10 KM Walk at Hyde Park to raise money for Mouth Cancer UK. Donations made: £3,000 to Akshaya Patra UK jointly with LC of Chipping Barnet. £400 for Christmas Gifts to 130 disabled children at Woodland School in Edgware. £370 to Jalaram Seva (Greenford Temple) to provide winter hats and gloves for about 350 homeless/poor people. £165 to Akshaya Patra, India for school lunch to 14 children for one year. £1,000 to Kenya for free cataract surgery on 31 patients at Lions Eye Hospital in Loresho, Nairobi. £1,000 from the club + members donation for School feeding programme in Nairobi to provide 600 school children nutritious lunch for 15 days. £500 to Sathya Sai Centre in Surat for free cataract surgery to poor patients. £500 to Narayan Seva, Surat for providing one month's basic food rations to poor widows. £500 towards Circus Starr which gives disabled children time out with a circus show in Harrow.

Service: Some Friday evenings distributing food to homeless in Strand, organised by Jalaram Seva. Gave 20 sets of Environment Books (District Project) for local schools. Supported the District Youth Celebrations in November. Sponsored 50 Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizens celebration in March.

5.07 Zone Chairman G *Daksha Patel*

It has been a privilege to lead Zone G for year 2019/2020 and I would like to thank DG Kamal Sharma for giving me this opportunity.

Overall we have not gained or lost any members. All the clubs in the Zone have been busy organising events to raise funds for various charities, both for local and international projects. Just a few examples below:

Harrow and Pinner Lions held a race night and raised £1200 to benefit Harrow Community Transport. At the end of November they had a food raising weekend event at Waitrose to enable making up hampers for the elderly and needy. Over 2800 items were donated and £50 in cash was also raised. Also donated 307kg of food to Harrow Food Bank. Santa's sleigh run also raised £550.



Hatch End Centennial Lions also donated food for the Harrow Food Bank. The social event organised in November 2019 raised £3000+ for Children in Crisis and other Lionistic charities. Warm clothes were also given to Zone Chair Sunjay Mehta for distribution to Acton Homeless people. Donated tea and cakes for the sixty plus charity organisation in Potters Bar for the Christmas Musical afternoon.

Moor Park had a golf day in June and raised £2000 for Diabetes and have a London Walk organised in May 2020. Held a fund raising event in November but no details forwarded.

Northwood Lions have a Saturday market each week (£450-550 per week) and also drive the elderly around. They also approached a few schools for participants for young Lions in Service and really proud that a school sponsored by this club won the District Peace Poster competition. Congratulations to Northwood Lions. They also donated £150 to Lymphoma Action and £30 for Transverse Myelitis campaign.

Ruislip Lions organise various service activities like monthly film nights, Carers Café and food bank collection. Donations were made to CLIC Sargent, Tin Shake for Michael Sobell funding for spot cameras, Yorkshire disaster relief.

We have held 2 zone meetings to date and the next one is in January 2020. IPDG Lion Doreen Allen District Global Service Team Officer, District Vision Officer Lion Komal Bhagat and District Facebook Officer Lion Kavaljit Dev gave very informative presentations.

5.08 Zone Chairman H *Mohan Cashyap*

The seven clubs in Zone H have had a successful first half of the Lionistic Year. They continue to do excellent service work and raise significant amounts of money in aid of local and international causes.

Many of the Clubs in the Zone support with the aid of volunteers a Lions Bookshop in the Marlowes Centre, Hemel Hempstead. The leadership of this transitioned from the Hemel Hempstead Lions Club to St Albans who successfully took this on as well as transitioned it to a new shop in the Centre. It is a testament to all the Lions and Volunteers who keep the Shop open, recycle books, raise significant amounts for good causes, raise the visibility of Lions, Message in a Bottle, Message in a Wallet, Recycling Spectacles and Hearing Aids.

The membership in the Zone is steady

with most clubs maintaining their strength. There has been some attrition at High Wycombe and Hemel Hempstead. On the positive side there are 3 potentials in the pipeline. The numbers at Hemel Hempstead remain a concern and the is being supported by PDG Doreen Allen, PDG Andrew Allen and Zone Chair Mohan Cashyap.

Major activity in terms of Fundraising and Services recently include:

Amersham & Chesham Lions Club distributed £3,150. The club's one major event in the final quarter of 2019 was the annual Christmas Parcels Scheme where they collected food, made up parcels and distributed these to about 350 needy people.

High Wycombe Lions Club raised £2,300 from the Annual Pub Quiz, £8,050 from our Christmas Supermarket and Float collections which exceeded previous years and obtained Gift Aid on our 2018 Christmas Collections and Membership subscriptions totalling £4,160 in September. They held their ninth Annual Pub Quiz in November, held our Annual Christmas Supermarket and Float Collections and put up 300 Food Parcels for the elderly and needy of Wycombe District which were distributed by several local charities.

Harpenden Lions Club annual Highland Gathering has raised £18,000 of which the major recipients were Keech Hospice £6,500, Life Skills £4,000 and Local Service Organisations £3,100. In December Tinshake raised £1000 for CLIC Sargent. They sang Carols at Stagenhoe; Disbursements to 3 local schools of £2,000 for Life Skills. The Life Skills Project will again raise in excess of £10,000 in the Lionistic Year.

St Albans Lions Club raised £5680 from Bookshop income, CAMRA, Abbey Fireworks and Christmas collections. They held their annual Senior Citizens party for 75 guests.

Tring – Raised £5600 from several initiatives. Around 800 people attended the Carol Concert.

Watford Lions Club raised in excess of £3,500 for worthy causes.

Some plans for the second half of the Lionistic Year for the Clubs in the Zone include:

- Annual beer festival
- Taking part in the Great Get Together with emphasis on supporting the lonely
- Easter Egg Raffle in local pubs and businesses
- Handover the First Responders Vehicle

- Handle the Marlow Regatta and Hall Barn Car Parking
- Tree planting day with Local Authority
- Charity Race Night
- Tea party for OAPs
- Entertainment Evening for Senior Citizens,
- Charity Golf Day
- Car Boot Sale
- Two clubs will assist The Hospice of St Francis, with their annual Christmas Tree collection

In summary I am very proud to serve Zone H as their Zone Chair. I would like to thank all the Lions, Friends of Lions and all those who have been so generous with their donations and valuable time.

5.09 Zone Chairman I *Keith Collard*

Zone I meetings are well attended and our Zone project continues to be an annual Swimming Gala for the Disabled. The Zone Quiz was held and a Car Treasure Hunt is in the planning.

Below is a synopsis of each club's activities.

Amphill District (8): Support local Jigsaw club by driving Mobility Ambulances. Santa sleigh collections plus hamper distribution.

Bedford (22): Driving for Bedford Day Care Centre. Beer Festival, Easter Eggs, music night, various fetes, Santa sleigh collections.

Biggleswade – Sandy (23): Support of Talking Newspaper and provide transport to Stroke Club meetings. Outing for disadvantaged families, tea party for elderly. Santa sleigh plus hamper distribution. Attend local fetes, hold dances.

Letchworth G.C. & Baldock (21): Driving for CVS, support for Jackie's Drop-In, Diabetes screening, attend both District Youth & Senior Citizen Celebrations with full coach loads. Annual Dog show & Fun Day, Santa sleigh plus hamper distribution.

Luton (14): Pre-loved scarves, gardening and cooking for elderly. Watford Fireworks, Santa Train @ Keech Cottage Hospice plus hampers.

Royston (11): Beetle drives & Fish & Chip Bingo for elderly, attend local OPALS events. Sponsor 2 entries into Peace Poster competition. Kitemaking workshop, Square Dances, Quiz Nights & Santa Runs (Round Table's float).

Royston Leos (8): Bingo @ local court, help at Zone Gala, clear vegetable plot @ local school for cultivation by the Leos.

Stevenage Corey's Mill (10): Run games evenings @ local Courts, tea party, help Garden House Hospice & Age Concern, Fish & Chip Supper for elderly. Christmas tin collections & hampers.

My thanks to every Zone I President and Secretary for their devotion & effort in this Lionistic year. Continue with all your good work to **"Help others achieve, care and respect each other and strive for excellence."**

5.10 Zone Chairman J *Victor Wright*

Newport Pagnell and Olney: We have had a busy year in 2019. Our activities have been mainly organising and running large Fund-Raising Events – but we have also participated in various Community Service Activities, often in association with other, local voluntary organisations. We have raised about £18,000 in the year – (not bad for a small club with limited resources!). FR events include the Dickens of a Christmas Lions Craft Fair, our Easter Egg Raffle, selling our Town Calendars, and holding a Whisky Tasting Event. Our Service Activities include helping at the local fireworks display, marshalling at the Ferrari Owners Club Summer Party, distribution of 300 Christmas parcels, and acting as hosts at the annual Willen Hospice Fashion Show. We also secured CIO status this year.

Bletchley Milton Keynes: Since the 2019 convention the club has continued to thrive. In March we again promoted our principal fund-raising event 'Rock Chorus' and with our partners enjoyed a holiday together at Holme Lacey a Warner's holiday resort. We have continued looking after one of the courtyard gardens at Milton Keynes University Hospital, have spent time litter picking around the Bletchley area. In 2020 we will continue to visit Caton House to entertain and talk with those living there. In May seven members attended Multiple District Convention in Swansea. In July three members of the Club attended the International Convention in Milan. In October we celebrated our 50th Charter anniversary. We also sponsored a table for the Youth Celebration. We enjoyed a Quiz Night in November and in December we collected 22 trolleys full of food for the local Food Cupboard. In February 2020 we will again support the Senior Citizens Celebration.

Winslow. Another busy year in 2019 with the focus on fund raising and community activities such as the 10k Run in February, The Beer Festival in March, The Winslow Show & Bucks County Show in August, the Fireworks in November and the Carols & Lantern Service in December. New developments this year included preparations for launching the North Bucks Bike Ride (July 2020), an initiative together with the local C of E Church, the Masons & Rotary to develop a local fund to be used to provide local mental health support, and a focus once again on recruitment, particularly of younger members. The Club currently has 45 members and achieved CIO status this year,

Aylesbury. In the New Year Aylesbury Lions Club (CIO) was entered the on the Register of Charities. We had a busy year raising funds to support local charities. We have supported Marie Curie, Florence Nightingale, Tool Aid, and Ihezic educational material. Our fund-raising events have included organising several BBQs, a Plate Smashing Stall, Easter Egg Raffles and a Can Collection. The later raised enough funds to purchase 45 Christmas food parcels for distribution to the needy. We will set up in Aylesbury locations for the collection of used spectacles. Membership. Fortunately, three members of the closed down Thames Lions have joined us. We are well on the way to having all members DBS registered.

Stony Stratford Activities summary from January 2019

Welfare: Planned Diabetes event in CMK; Fleet of 12 electric wheelchairs on free loan. Equipment and books donated to local Primary and Special Schools. Volunteer at MK Reader Service. MK Food Cupboard, Speech Partners, IAMs and Walking for Health. Donations made to KIVA - 32 loans in 15 countries totalling \$1,755, 50 x Message in a Bottle distributed, Donation to Rheumatoid Arthritis following talk, 100 plus shoe boxes filled and distributed. Organised local Remembrance Service and hymn sheets.

Fundraising Easter and Christmas Hamper raffles in local venues; Our catering van has been active at Stony Stratford Riverside Fair, the resurrected SS Town Fayre and Linslade Canal Festival. Tin shakes in local supermarkets for Lions, Marie Curie, Willen Hospice and Parish Council park events; Four evenings of Motors at the Museum. Designed and sold Logo Sheets competition, Personal collecting boxes for Willen Hospice CIO in

hand – the Club already has Charitable Status Fundraising Tinshake at Morrisons and Tesco.

5.11 Zone Chairman K *Michael Claxton*

The four clubs in Zone K are based in Oxfordshire. All clubs are very active in their local communities being involved in both fundraising and community service activities. MIAB/MIAW are actively promoted. Some examples of service/fundraising activities:

Chipping Norton (13)

Repairing or donating motorised/normal wheelchairs.

A Quiz night raised £295

A Christmas raffle raised £295

Have received a donation of £2500

Witney (20)

Donation made to LCIF Hurricane Dorian appeal.

Donation to a student towards a trip to Nepal under a Citizen Service project to help in local schools.

Purchase of fridge/freezer for a vulnerable mother and young baby.

Donation towards the cost of installing a defibrillator in a local village.

A pig roast at Witney Feast raised £400.

Donation to a local charity for the homeless.

Helping at a monthly support group for adults living with blindness and vision impairment.

Donation to purchase furniture and bedding for a disabled youth.

Christmas float collections taking place around the town.

2010-2020 Witney Lions Dream Scheme launched. The club fund a number of local groups to help them with their projects. £3000 is budgeted for this project Organised the Witney Challenge quiz.

Distributed gifts at a local Riding for the Disabled club.

Banbury (22)

Teddy bears picnic event in Banbury in August raised £350 through bottle and cake sale.

A number of Lions assisted at an event at Hook Norton Brewery open day.

A number of horse race events taking place to raise money for local organisations.



Supporting collections with the local Santa Float.

Distributing presents at the local Cheshire Home.

Supporting and fundraising at the Banbury Christmas lights switch on.

A Children in Need Pudsey Mega Party took place in November with all proceeds going to Children in Need.

Bicester (16)

£500 donation to Children's Air Ambulance

£250.00 donated to LCIF for Hurricane Dorian appeal

£300.00 donation to Community garden project at St Edburges

£250 to LIBRA Appeal

£250 to SightSavers Appeal

£200 donated to Bicester Food Bank

£500 donation towards the purchase of a washing machine and cooker

Environmental Books for local schools

Assisted Cherwell District Council to plant crocus bulbs in Bicester

Christmas float fundraising, expecting to raise in the region of £3000

6.0 DISTRICT HEALTH TEAM

6.01 Diabetes

Rohit Patel

It has been my honour to as Diabetes Officer for the second year. I have maintained the same enthusiasm for this very important matter close to my heart being a diabetic myself. It is such an important area of concern where perseverance is essential as we can easily become complacent. Reinforcement and support is absolutely vital.

I am grateful to Osterley LC for their invitation to give a presentation and their hospitality. Giving a presentation at Winter Forum was a pleasure, albeit, only a very small audience.

DUK has always and is always ready to assist in whatever way possible for which I am most grateful. Thank you Hatch End Centennial LC for their donation to DUK. I am sure other clubs may have made similar donation but I may not have been informed.

Many clubs in the district are doing activ-

ities to bring awareness of diabetes to their communities. Some clubs have regular activities. Thank you to all these clubs for what you are doing and continue to do this very vital work. These clubs include to the best of my knowledge, Belmont, Kenton, London Hendon, London Central Host, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Redbridge Centennial, Wanstead and Woodford, Harpenden, London China town and Wembley.

We are half way in this fiscal year at the time of doing this convention report. My tenure has further six months still remaining. It is my intention to continue to communicate with all clubs with a view to assisting more clubs in taking active interest in this, one of LCI major service areas and do more activities in their communities. I am only a call away or in this modern era, a click away. Finally, I must thank Diabetes UK for their great and valuable support in my endeavours to fulfil importance of this office.

6.02 Vision

Komal Bhagat

Vision is one of our global causes and ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925 ("Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."), we've served the blind and visually impaired. 75% of the conditions that cause sight loss can be cured and prevented. The three main disease-related reasons for sight loss in the UK are Age related Macula degeneration (AMD), Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma. With regular eye tests it is possible to detect the early signs of these and get adequate treatment in time to prevent sight loss. Therefore it is very important to go for an eye test as these conditions (glaucoma and to a certain extent diabetic retinopathy) have no symptoms until it is too late.

Spot Camera Screening by Lions:

A win-win situation

The main preventable reason for sight loss in children is a prescription which leads to amblyopia, commonly known as a lazy eye. Having the Spot camera screenings will mean Lions will be at the forefront to encourage parents to have their children's eyes tested to prevent amblyopia. We are doing the best for the children screened to prevent Vision problems from the outset so they can get on with the important things in life: study, live life to the full and be able to choose the career they want. We are also helping reduce the load on the NHS by finding these children early and channelling them into the Opticians where

they can receive treatment and be referred on if necessary.

Lions Role in Vision:

1. To create awareness; about the importance of an eye test, educate people about diseases affecting vision, tell sufferers what is available to help them to deal with everyday situations e.g. making a cup of tea for themselves.

2. Collecting spectacles/hearing aids from Opticians and friends; sending them to Chichester, taking advantage of the grant available for sight-related projects from Chichester Lions. Thank you to all the Lions/clubs in our district who have continually collected spectacles/ hearing aids for recycling.

3. Spot Camera; the best way for timely intervention; fundraise for a District camera and get involved in the project when it rolls out in January 2020. For more information:

<https://www.welchallyn.com/en/products/categories/physical-exam/eye-exam/vision-screeners/spot-vision-screener.html>

6.03 Environment

Manjinder Dhanda

During 2019 District 105a Lions participated in community clean ups which were organised in partnership with other organisations including local authorities and members of parliament. We also worked with children at nurseries during National Children's Planting Week in June. The children planted a variety of fruits and vegetables.

An order for £94 worth of children's environmental books from World Tribe Heroes has been placed by an educational establishment in west London. I also recently had a meeting with Ealing Council's School Partnerships and Enrichment Team with a view to getting environmental books distributed to schools throughout the borough. Several Lions clubs have also expressed interest in purchasing copies for distribution in their local areas. I will be visiting Edgware Lions Club soon to take this matter forward in that vicinity.

As we venture into 2020 the prospect of planting trees remains on the cards. In order to address a wide variety of environmental (as well as non environmental) issues, I believe a greater focus should be placed on 're-wilding'. In addition to more urban tree planting to increase foliage, encourage wildlife, increase greenery, clean the air and lock up more carbon; I believe there should also be push towards

encouraging permaculture themed food growing in our communities. Matters relating to food security, sovereignty, anthropogenic soil erosion and public health are just a few examples of the kind of issues such work would address.

Geoff Lawton is reputed to have said that "All the world's problems can be solved in a garden". This may seem like a trivial statement at first, and perhaps not entirely accurate. However, I believe that upon deep reflection, one finds that there is ample truth inherent in those words. With enough reflection, the more glaringly obvious that becomes. It is a simple thought, yet one with the power to shift paradigms if sufficiently comprehended. It is with that thought in mind that I aim to initiate and complete further projects going forward.

6.04 Childhood Cancer

Penny Tregillus

Childhood Cancer is one of Lions Clubs Internationals Global Causes.

There are many Organisations, Medical Units and Charities in the community which carry out research and treatment for children and young people with cancer. Information about these can be found in my Childhood Cancer Awareness Sheet, which has been emailed out to Clubs.

The role Lions in this District can play is two fold. Clubs, as part of their Service Activities, can practically support children and young people with cancer and their families. Secondly they can fundraise and donate money to local and national Organisations and Medical Units.

September 2019 was designated as Childhood Cancer Month and Clubs carried out fundraising events and service activities during this month.

My thanks goes to the following Clubs for their financial support and the service activities they carry out for cancer Charities/Organisations for children and young adults:- Bletchley, Milton Keynes Lions; Fairlop Leos; Feltham and Whitham Lions; Harpenden Lions; Hatchend Centennial Lions; Hemel Hempstead Lions; Stanmore Lions; Stevenage Corey Mill Lions and Watford Lions.

If Clubs are missing from this list please let me know.

Karen Olden and Josh Rands attended Winter Forum and talked about the work of CLIC Sargent.

This Charity gives practical and financial support to children and young people with

cancer as well as their families during their treatment period as well as post treatment.

Their Presentation has inspired Clubs to support this Charity.

I have encouraged Clubs to enter into the competition for The Fight Against Cancer Trophy.

7.0 INTERNATIONAL TEAM

7.01 Portfolio Holder

Vijay Arora

All the officers in International Team are actively promoting their projects to the clubs for increased participation.

7.02 LCIF

Vijay Arora

Lions around the world are united by a great spirit of giving and dedication to helping others. Donations from 1.4+ million Lions provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF, making our Foundation a leading humanitarian organisation.

Campaign 100 will empower Lions to meet the ever-increasing challenges facing our world to serve millions of people. To achieve our goals and raise US\$300 million, we need support from every Lion, so please consider making a donation.

The US\$300 million that we are hoping to raise will ensure LCIF to make an even greater impact on causes we already support: Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts as well as these new global causes – Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, and the Environment.

During 2018-19 over £39,000 was donated by 62% of the clubs in our district. Clubs are continuing to donate towards LCIF funds and to date over £18,000 has been donated by around 40% of the clubs in our district. 100% of our donations directly support LCIF's Global causes and make a difference for millions of people around the world.

We are encouraging some clubs to take on the challenge of becoming Model Clubs by pledging to raise/donate a minimum of US\$500 per member on average for the length of the campaign, which includes all donations from 1st July 2017 through 30th June 2022. Model clubs will have an extra

year to achieve US\$500 per member but you need to commit as a Model Club. So far we have only one Modal club in our district—London Acton.

The annual Lion Share Supporter Pin Program has three pin levels –\$50 to \$99: 1 Star Pin, \$100 to \$199: 2 Star Pin, \$200 +: 3 Star and these donations are all eligible towards Campaign 100 and MJF credits; please contact me for more info.

13-17 January: LCIF Week to celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

We are organising Melvin Jones Gala Night to be held on 24th February at Renaissance Heathrow Hotel. We are very honoured to have Past International President Frank Moore as our chief guest, who will be presenting the MJF/PMJF.

District Sponsored Walk in aid of LCIF will be held on Sunday 26th April 2020 at Rickmansworth Aquadrome. We look forward to your participation to raise funds for our own Charity.

Lions are generous and love serving. Service is both Giving & Serving. You and your club can help support Lions projects all over the world through giving to LCIF. And because of our generosity and service as a Lion, we make a difference in the lives of many both near and far!

Please contact me if you wish me to attend your meetings and/or for any help/info related to LCIF. Please send your donations to our District Treasurer cheques made payable to LCI District 105A endorsed at the back with LCIF Campaign 100.

Thank you very much on behalf of all those around the world whose lives have improved through your support and generous donations to LCIF.

Both Krishan and I would like to wish DG Kamal & Anita Sharma and all our family of Lions a very happy and enjoyable Convention 2020.

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

7.03 Water Aid – Bore Holes

Rajnikant Sheth

I would like to thank DG Lion Kamal Sharma for appointing me as the Water Aid/Bore Holes (WA/BH) Officer for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Water is a very simple commodity. It is transparent, tasteless, odourless and nearly colourless substance. It is vital for all known forms of life, even though it provides no calories or organic nutrients.

Although it may be simple, it is also very



complex because it is linked to almost everything in the world. About 90% of all natural disasters are water related. Be it floods, landslides, tsunamis, storms, heat waves, cold spells, draughts or water-borne diseases.

Whether simple or complex water is a precondition to human existence and the sustainability of our planet.

Water covers 71% of the earth's surface. A small portion, 1.7% occurs as glaciers and ice caps and another 1.7% occurs as ground water being a precious but rapidly diminishing commodity it behoves on us as Lions to ensure that it is preserved for future generations.

In trying to define my role as the WA/BH officer I tried MyLCI but there was no information on it. I tried MD site but there is no counterpart Water Aid/Bore Holes officer. I talked to the previous District post holder, but there does not seem to be a clearly defined criterion.

In the circumstances, at the start of the year, the following was agreed with the DG:

1. To collect information on WA/BH Projects undertaken by the clubs and disseminate them to other clubs.

Many of the clubs in our District have assisted projects for the extraction of ground water through bore holes. It is intended to form a data base for such water-aid projects in the last five years. The information need be minimal, just one line; the name of the club, number of bore holes and where. e.g. Greenford Willow Tree club, 2 bore holes in Nadiad, Gujarat State, India. Once a data base has been compiled it will be available to all clubs.

During the year, Fairlop and Barking Lions clubs had together completed a bore hole in Makinda, Kenya on 21st-23rd September 2019.

2. To find out organisations which undertake WA/BH projects overseas especially in Africa, Asia and Latin America and publicise them to the clubs.

Hence another data base was to list of organisations, both in UK and overseas who assist in the implementation of water aid/bore hole projects. Again, the information needed is simple; the name of the organisation, their email and/or telephone number, e.g. Water Aid Overseas, waoverseas@hotmail.com, +44 207123 7123. If clubs in our District have used or know of such agencies, please let me know. Again, when such data base is established it will be available to all clubs.

Many agencies are involved in water aid projects. One of them is Water Aid. Tel: 020

7793 4500. It is an international NGO focussed on water, sanitation and hygiene. It was established on 21st July 1981 as a charitable trust with its main office in London. It now has regional offices and programmes in 27 countries and an income of £102 million.

For those interested in carrying out bore holes in East Africa, the M Z & K Z Foundation, Tel: 020 8959 4498 regularly carry out such projects in Kenya. It is a charity foundation.

7.04 Street children – Eudikits – Syrian Refugees *Joginder Gill*

Every Lion joined the Club to provide Service to the young and old and help those who have no one to turn to. In my role as a Street Children Officer is to create awareness amongst fellow lions-the current situation of the Street Children in the UK and abroad and at the same time learn from other lions how we can generate funds to help children that have runaway. Our Chosen Charities are doing a marvellous work to change the lives of these children.

UPDATE

JUBILEE CAMPAIGN: Our donation of £2000.00 2 years ago helped to pay for the new Rescue Home and changed the destiny of young girls before they could be sold to traffickers. Danny Smith founder and International Director of this Charity has thanked us for our support.

CENTRE POINT: This charity is based in London and there are so many ways where you can help to transform young peoples lives.

Sponsor a Room: A pledge of £15.00 a month.

The Food Point: Always welcomes Volunteers.

Transfer the gift of Shares – Centre Point: Will give homeless young people a future.

Your Club can register interest in (SLEEP OUT 2020) or organise your own Zonal Sleep out to raise funds.

RAILWAY CHILDREN: Children running away from home due to abuse, family breakdown, drugs, violence often end up on streets and railway platforms. Last year British Transport Police rescued 8,338 children from the main hub stations. The Charity workers get to Street children before the street gets to them. The Charities need our support and the Club Presidents and Zone Chair need to organise fund raising events. In addition please raise awareness in your communities and clubs

that left over Oyster Cards can now be deposited at Heathrow terminals and all of remaining credit left on each card will be donated to Railway Children Charity.

Sleeping Bags: Thanks to lions from Hendon, Fairlop and Stony Stratford Mk for distributing sleeping bags and helping at the local night shelter.

8.0 YOUTH TEAM

8.01 Portfolio Holder *Lesley Spence*

Thank you to District Governor Lion Kamal for giving me the opportunity once again to lead the Youth Team and to all members of the Youth Team for their hard work and enthusiasm in carrying out their roles this year.

The mission was and is to encourage and support clubs to take on at least one aspect of the Youth Activities which includes; Young Leaders in Service, Youth Exchange, Young Ambassador, Peace Poster/Peace Essay, Life Skills and the environmental books and the Alpha and Omega Leos clubs. The reports of each of those areas tell of their success.

During the year we have been available as a team or as individuals to respond to emails or to attend Zone and Club meetings to try to ensure every Lion has the information they need to support one or other of the service areas. Thank you to all those who have taken up the opportunity. Our hope is that the children and young people we help and encourage today may well be our young Lions of tomorrow, and you never know their family and friends might just see a relevance and meaning in what we do, an association they may want to be a part of today.

It is plain in conversations that there is a lot of enthusiasm to get involved with the Youth Activities and again to all those who have supported the Peace Poster competition, Youth Exchange, Life Skills and books, YLIS and the Young Ambassador competition and of course the clubs who support the Leo clubs, Thank You!

I as well as anyone else understands that even with enthusiasm it isn't always easy to follow up on the contacts we hope to make within the local schools, charities and community groups. Please don't give up, please don't say we tried that and it didn't work.

People move on, Headteachers move on,

the focus and understanding change, the next contact or even the second or third attempt at contact might just be the one that works, it might be the success we are all working towards. It might be the contact for that young person that changes and builds on the opportunities and direction of their life – imagine how that would feel!

8.02 Leo Adviser/Campus Clubs

Monika Patel

Our District Leos of Fairlop, Royston, London Hendon and London Kingsbury continue to add to their numbers and work to carry out the different activities and projects within their communities, raising funds, raising awareness and serving where they can, always thinking up new ideas and ways they can progress.

The Omega Leo's regularly support the Hendon Lions at the food station on a Friday night at Charring Cross, London and the Alpha Leo's have been working on the environment, helping at food banks and collecting spectacles. They continue to volunteer their services at the various District Lions events such as this year's District Youth Celebration party based on "Toy Story" for vulnerable young people and will be there again for the Senior Citizens party to be held in March this year.

Several of our Leos have been awarded or have been registered for the well-deserved Young Leaders in Service Certificates, the Bronze, Silver and Gold for the volunteering hours provided to their communities. One of the Leo's clubs logged over 190 hours of service in September alone. The Leo's are a true force to be reckoned with when it comes to our motto "We Serve".

They raise their profile in their various communities by their actions, projects and publicity throughout the District by using social media; i.e. Facebook, YouTube and the Web They do us all proud and we are hopeful they will grow in their endeavours to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs and encourage peace everywhere.

8.03 Life Skills/Healthy Schools

Sreekanth Gajewada

A tremendous response so far from the clubs towards the Environment books.

This shows us as a true service organisation where we would like to work with

the local schools and community while tackling the Global challenges like Environment. I am proud to say that we have received orders from 20 clubs so far with a total of 80 sets of books received and further interest from 10 Zones so far. I take this opportunity to thank all the Zone Chairmans for promoting the project and would like to request the rest of the Zone Chairmans to promote even more to get every club into this project.

The focus for the rest of the year would be to promote the project by attending the Zone meetings, club visits, Email communication and webinars.

Received an interest from St. Albans Lions CIO for set of 90 books whereas we have ordered 30 sets and the 60 sets of the books will be ordered soon. These books will be distributed to the local schools.

I have also had an interest from Hounslow council to promote these books to 37 local schools. Some of the clubs are in contact with Brent and Watford councils to promote the books.

8.04 Peace Poster

Sunil Patel

This year the Theme for the competition was "Journey of Peace". It was very interesting to see different formats of the student's interpretation and vision of the Theme in a colour poster.

The Kits were available from MDHQ from February onwards. Clubs were encouraged to purchase their kits from MDHG as soon as possible. To widen the interest with a wonderful theme for this year's Competition I communicated with the clubs in early May encouraging them to contact the Schools before they break for the summer.

Initially I received many enquiries from New Clubs wishing to participate in the Contest and was hoping to see entries surpassing last year's 17 posters. Regrettably we only received 7 entries for this year's contest from Lions Club of Royston (two entries), Lions Club of High Wycombe, Lions Club of Hendon, Lions Club of Wembley, Northwood Lions Club, Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club.

Very pleased to see new Clubs Lions Club of Wembley and Newport & Olney Lions Club and hope they will continue to participate in future Competitions.

I would like to thank all the Clubs and their members for encouraging local Schools to enter in this competition.

This year we secured services of an Inde-

pendent Arts Teacher Rebecca Pennells and Janet Nash both experienced in Arts field. The third judge was our District Governor Kamal Sharma. The judges were unanimous in selecting top three posters and they announced

The winner of the District final was Noah Smith Aged 12 from Quainton Hall School was sponsored by Northwood Lions Club.

The runner up was Millie Rowland aged 12 from Ousedale Olney Campus and was sponsored by Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club.

The Third place went to Samuel Webb aged 12 from Kings James Academy and was sponsored by Royston Lions Club.

The above three will be presented with monetary value cheques shortly.

The District winning entry was sent to MDHQ for the UK final, and the MD105 winner was from District 105CW sponsored by Newport Lions Club.

I would like to thank the District Governor for Re-Appointing me to this wonderful post and have thoroughly enjoyed in serving our District.

8.05 Young Ambassador/Young Leaders in Service

Lesley Spence

The aim of the Young Ambassador scheme which operates throughout Europe is to recognise, encourage and support the work of the exceptional young people who are actively involved in their communities. It encourages them in furthering their community involvement and public speaking. It broadens awareness of community service opportunities and organisations and enables them to sharpen interview and communication skills. It also gives them the opportunity to win a bursary for the community project which they have been undertaking. Over the years successful candidates aged between 15 and 19 years old have been involved in many different projects.

Last year you may remember we had Siena Castellon who had set up "Quantum Leap Mentoring" an online mentoring and support service for others with Autism, she won the MD competition in Dudley and went on to represent the British Isles at the Europa Forum in Estonia where she was the runner up. She is an amazing young lady who continues, to both gain awards for her work, and campaign to raise awareness of autism and neurodiversity. Her mantra is to "never be ashamed of being different: it is the difference that makes you exciting and unique". We are



very proud to be associated with her work and look forward to seeing her book in print later in the year.

This year, we have another very worthy application to be considered for the Young Ambassador award, she is indeed a campaigner in her own right and we could say home grown. I will have had the pleasure of presenting her to cabinet on the 12th of January and as our District candidate at the MD Finals in Dudley in February. I am sure she will enjoy the weekend, the competition and activities and enjoy meeting up with and talking to the other District Young Ambassador winners from around the Country. Today that person will address convention on their service activities, and I am sure you will again be in awe, both of what they have already achieved and of their plans for the future.

There are many young people working quietly away in our communities; let's redouble our efforts to find our local candidates for next year's "District Young Ambassador".

Lions they deserve to be recognised!

Young Leaders in Service Awards

"Challenging Lions to find and reward young people who "Serve" in their communities"

The benefits to the individual gaining the awards will vary but will include increased confidence, satisfaction of knowing they have given back to their community, increased life skills, and give a focus for CVs and personal statements for apprenticeship, and employment opportunities and UCAS!

For Lions Clubs the benefits of involvement in this award is;

- to be involved with and influence the choices and future opportunities of young people within their community,
- to increase the profile of Lions within the community by introducing Lions activities to adults, parents and relatives of those gaining the awards,
- to gain local publicity and possibly new members from Young Leader in Service Awards activities
- to encourage and recognise the outstanding work carried out by young people within the community.

This year awards at all levels Bronze, Silver and Gold have been gained by youngsters within our own family of Alpha Leo's and those working with local Lions Clubs and local charities including

mental health charities and faith groups and it has been good to witness this growth of diversity.

However, there are so many more individuals within our own families and communities that we could and should be reaching out to. Those of you who may be Governors of local schools, Trustees of Charities, or groups, Scouts or Guide leaders may be aware of youngsters within the age range who help out on a regular basis. Lions your own children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces, friends' children or those of acquaintances who you know are going the extra mile to help your Lions Club activities, a group, a cause, a charity or an individual would be eligible, and all deserve our support and encouragement.

The Young Leader in Service Awards are designed to recognise young people between the ages of 11 and 18 for their community service over a 12 month period. The advantage of this awards is that it can start at any point within the year, beginning on the date of the first hour of community service by the young person and completing on the first anniversary of that date. Activities the young people undertake can be many and varied and the awards Gold, Silver and Bronze depend upon hours completed within the year. The activities leading to the award can be part of; the work our Alpha Leo's carry out within their communities, part of, or a precursor to, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme or standalone activities such as mentoring or supporting other pupils in school or sports clubs, supporting family members, supporting the elderly, working with the local Church, Scouts or Guides working with Cubs or Brownies as Young leaders, working with local environmental groups, working with charities such as the local Lions Club, St John's Ambulance and Mencap. The young person can take part in different types of volunteering and all the hours they complete are entered in their logbook and signed by an adult running the group to confirm that they took part.

It's so easy to be involved, no outlay of money and minimal time, so please, even if your club is aware of just one youngster who deserves to be recognised for what they do let's start there. You never know where it might lead; perhaps new members for our organisation either now or in the future I would be only too happy to guide you through the very simple process.

8.06 Youth Exchange **Ashwin Malkan**

District Governor and my Fellow Lions.

The Youth Exchange Programme ran from the 29th of July 2019 till the 5th of August from after which they all travelled to their next camp in Doncaster for nine days. In Doncaster they were joined by other young people who were hosted in other Districts.

Three young people from Germany, Indonesia and Norway received a warm reception from District 105A. Club members expressed their hospitality by accommodating them in their homes and inviting them for lunch and dinner. The youths were shown the sights of London which included Windsor Castle, cruising on the River Thames, visits to museums and exhibitions and a trip to Warner Brothers studios to witness the magic of the Harry Potter films. They also took part in a community activity of feeding the homeless in Central London. Let's not overlook the pub visits and buzzing nightlife London had to offer.

The young people ended their time in London with a farewell dinner – an opportunity to thank both the host families and clubs involved in this programme. The young people made a presentation on their country, their reason for taking part in the youth exchange programme, their experience and how it had benefited them. It was a successful Youth Exchange Programme with all the youths taking home good memories of their time in London.

I would like to thank all the host families for hosting the youths and Lions clubs for hosting and sponsoring the programmes. Without their support, there would have been no Youth Exchange.

Out going Youth Exchange

Our District 105a had one youth who had gone to Japan. She was hosted by a family first and then went on to a camp where she was joined by other young people who were hosted in other Districts.

She enjoyed the experience and would recommend to other youths to do the same.

Finally, I would like to thank District Governor Kamal for giving me the opportunity to lead the Youth Exchange programme.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish DG Kamal a very successful Convention.

9.0 DISTRICT HEALTH TEAM

9.01 Portfolio Holder

Penny Tregillus

My thanks goes to the members of the District Health Team for the work they carry out to promote their Projects.

Members of the Health Team are myself as Hearing Officer; Lion Manji Kara as Dentaaid Officer; Lion Kirit Sonigra as Message in a Bottle, Message in a Wallet and Medic Alert Officer and Lion Narinder Singh Mann as Prostate Cancer Officer.

9.02 DentAid Officer

Manji Kara

I was honoured to be appointed Dentaaid officer for the year 2019-20 by Lions District 105a Governor Kamal Sharma on Jul7 2019.

In the six months so far, I can summarise my activity and achievements as below :

- a) Compiled a target list of 20 dental practices in London.
- b) Produced a Dentaaid flyer introducing our activity to be circulated to dental practices.
- c) I wrote to the target dental practices in early August soliciting aid; both cash and equipment donations.
- d) With lack of response from the dental practices, I personally visited practices local to me.
- e) I was pleased to learn that The Clock Tower Practice, Harrow, had refurbished their practice and had contacted Dentaaid directly for collection of the equipment.
- f) Another local practice handed me a water treatment equipment, books and dental consumables. I am holding these until I get sizeable quantity (volume) for Dentaaid to collect.
- g) I have been in contact with Dentaaid to clarify collection arrangements for donated equipment.
- h) I visited two more dental practices who said that they will inform me if any equipment becomes available in near future.
- i) I will continue to contact, in the remaining Lionistic year, dental practices to check if they have any equipment to available.

9.03 Message in a Bottle /Wallet & Medic Alert ***Kirit Sonigra***

Message in a Wallet

Our aim is to have Message in a Wallet distributed into the local community by every club in MD105a.

To date the response in our District has been very positive.

My predecessor Mick Claxton has worked tirelessly to find a more cost effective printer in Abingdon. This has resulted in a 75% reduction in printing costs and quality has not been compromised.

Message in a Bottle

There is still a very high demand throughout the District as more of the larger care and emergency services are becoming aware of it. We are actively supporting the Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust to enable them to distribute bottles through their Hospitals, Day Centres, Drop In clinics, and First Responders.

There is still a big demand in the Zones.

Medic Alert

This is still a slow moving project but attempts are being made to raise awareness throughout the District.

MedicAlert is a great way for Lions to serve their community, by helping MedicAlert to save the lives of those who suddenly become vulnerable through illness or accident.

Please discuss these three important initiatives at your Club and Zone meetings and I would urge you to support them.

For further information I can be contacted on kiritsonigra@hotmail.com or on mobile number 07762 786 625

I look forward to hearing from you.

9.04 Speech & Hearing Officer ***Penny Tregillus***

Official figures state there are around 11 million people who suffer from some sort of hearing impairment. That equates to 1 in 6 of the population.

Lions assist hearing impaired people by providing resources such as Door Hangers, Deaf Aware Cards and I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Badges to improve their quality of life.

I have promoted Hearing Projects by having Display Tables, giving presentations to Lions and non Lions on Communication, Deaf Awareness and Lions Hearing Projects. I would urge Clubs to contact me

if they would like me to attend their Meetings. I will be manning a Hearing Display Tables to publicise Lions Hearing Projects at the 2020 District Convention.

I run Deaf Aware Training Sessions for Lions and non Lions for members of the hearing community to learn about deafness and how they can communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people. I would encourage Lions to contact me if they have connections with employees who work in Retail Outlets, Financial Establishments, Councils, Care Homes and Health Care Providers.

Lions collect used hearing aids which are sent for refurbishment to be used by hearing impaired people who live abroad. Lions work with Dr Michael Nolan and Starkeys Hearing Foundation who organises their refurbishment and finds recipients for used hearing aids living in Asia, Africa, South America and Eastern Europe. My thanks go to the Clubs in this District who have donated used hearing aids. Between April and November 2019 9,140 used hearing aids have been donated by Clubs in this Multiple District. When a hearing impaired person receives a refurbished hearing aid it opens up a whole new world to them and they hear sounds again that we take for granted. If you require information on how to donate used hearing equipment please email me on health@lions105a.org.

Since October 2019 the Lions Bookshop which is in the Marlowes Shopping Centre in Hemel Hempstead has become a distribution point for giving out new hearing aid batteries to NHS patients. If your Club is interested in a Project like this please contact me.

10.0 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TEAM

10.01 Portfolio Holder

Dinesh Shonchhatra

My thanks goes to the members of the District Activity Team for the work they carry out to promote their Projects.

Members of the Activity Team are myself as Competition Officer; Lion Manish Chotai as Lions Alert and Emergency Officer; Lion Mina Gupta as Physical & Learning Disability / SOGB Officer, Lion Ken Rouse for Reading Action Programme Co-Ordinator and Lion Ramesh Parmar as District Golf Competition Officer.



Many thanks to all of them for their hard work and support during the year. Their Reports follow.

10.02 Competitions *Dinesh Shonchhatra*

This year, the number of competitions have been reduced from 21 to 12 based on a decision made by the Honorary Committee. The following competition remains:

1). District Quiz Trophy 2). Club of the year servicing committee 3). Club Website 4). Facebook competition 5). Youth Ambassador award 6). Youth Ambassador Sponsor Club 7). Young Ambassador Essay 8). Peace poster 9). Diabetic Awareness Award 10). Environment Trophy 11). LCIF Award 12). Childhood Cancer.

As this Lionistic year draws to a close, most of the competitions are reaching their final status, by the time you read this report, the District Quiz final will be over and the winners will be known.

The main challenge is always collecting the trophies from previous winners and moving forward, if there can be a plan to make this easier it would be a great help.

Most clubs in the District have websites and Facebook but only a handful of clubs enter the District competition. I would like to have some guidance and suggestions on how to make more clubs enter this competition.

I really enjoyed my term as a District Competition Officer and would like to thank Lion Kamal Sharma for giving me the opportunity and having trust in me. It has been a pleasure to meet various members across the District and would like to thank all the Zone Chairman's for their help and hospitality.

10.03 Environment Officer – Lions Alert & Emergency *Manish Chotai*

Firstly I would like to thank the DG for entrusting me with the position of Environment Officer / Lions Alert & Emergency in his cabinet.

This year we have had many emergencies and alerts around the world including the following:

1. Bush fires in Australia and California in USA.
2. Flooding around the world including UK, Indonesia, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Greece, Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand, Maldives, Iran, Lebanon and Israel.
3. Cyclones that have affected many areas.

Thankfully it has not affected our District to a great extent. All we have had is closures of some golf courses and temporary flooding of some roads.

I would like to thank DG Kamal for his support and encouragement during this year. I wish him and my fellow Lions of District 105A a very successful Convention.

10.04 Physical & Learning Disabilities – SOGB *Meenakshi Gupta*

Physical & Learning Disabilities/SOGB

I would like to thank Multiple District officers' Penny Tregillus responsible for Activity Alliance (EFDS) Liaison & Promotion and Simon Smith heading SOGB, for their help.

Lions nationally now see this as primarily a Service Project. Briefly we have:

1. Activity Alliance which was known as English Federation of Disability Sport (EDFS).

Activity Alliance's vision is to make disabled people more active for life. They are committed to equality and diversity in all activities. They run Sporting Events for children and young adults, between the ages of 9 and 20 years old, with physical and sensory disabilities as well as intellectual impairment.

This organization holds Regional Games which are held in Chelmsford, Exeter, Jarrow, Leicester and Manchester. Athletes from the Regional Games qualify to participate in the Annual Junior Championship Games which take place in early July. This year it is over the weekend of the 7th and 8th July at The Moorways Stadium in Derby.

At both the Regional Games and National Championship Games athletes compete against other athletes of a similar ability so they can achieve their personal best. Some go on to compete in the Special Olympic Games, Cerebral Palsy Games and Paralympic Games.

Those Lions committed to this Project do so at their own expense whether it be helping at the Regional or Annual Games. The number of Lions involved is increasing.

Clubs from various districts have requested information about supporting local athletes for Activity Alliance Sporting Events. This shows that Clubs are wanting to help people, in their own community, with a disability to participate in sport. Similarly I would invite clubs in our district work on this principal and support local athletes with disability. I am happy to help/guide

clubs in this process.

2. SOGB – I must confess I have not received any further information on Special Olympics Great Britain other than what I reported in the last cabinet. The next Special Olympics is taking place in Liverpool in August 2021. Lions will be volunteering in helping run the family program. I shall forward information to the clubs on receipt.

As per my objectives I am in the process of developing a database on clubs engaged in related service activities. Due to my family commitments devoted hours have been less. I look forward to attending Zone I Swimming Gala for the Disabled and request clubs and zones to invite me for any such event related to disability which they hold whether it be service or fund raising.

I hope to attend several Zone meetings this quarter in my attempt to fulfil my Objectives.

May I thank DG for this opportunity and wish him and Anita a very successful Convention.

10.05 Reading Action Programme *Kenneth Rouse*

The Reading Acting Programme although a very basic project i.e. reading is knowledge which nobody should be without, in spite of this there are still people who have difficulty reading and subsequently find it difficult to communicate and find employment. In spite of appeals to clubs to report to me any activity that they might be involved in, I have received very few responses.

However Fairlop Leos are still helping by listening to people reading and collecting books.

Tring Lions are supplying books to the Ihez Foundation which in turn send the books to Africa for children to read, also they send text books to local schools in the Milton Keynes Area. Winslow Lions club have also started supplying books through the Ihez Foundation to Winslow, Buckingham and Leighton Buzzard.

10.06 District Golf *Ramesh Parmar*

The Honorary committee recommended and cabinet decided the annual District Golf competition should be retired.

However, I would like to ask District to reintroduce them again in the future as many members were disappointed at this

decision as they were looking forward to the annual golf event and were happy to support golf and dinner or dinner only.

The golf day is self financing so there is no expense to the district. The trophies can be presented at the golf club so no time will be required for presentation at the convention. Usually 30-40 play and over 50 people dine – good mixture of Lions and Lions friends and good for Lions PR.

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

11.01 Portfolio Holder *Satnam Loyal*

The team continues to promote district and club events.

11.02 Webmaster *Satnam Loyal*

This year we have gone live with an online booking system for convention with online payments.

The integration with Facebook events has worked well to promote club and district events.

If you would like to get involved with the website and any of the social media way to promote Lions please get in touch.

11.03 PoL Editor *Shirish Sheth*

Another successful year for POL. The only hiccup is that this year one printed issue (Feb 2020 issue) had to be cancelled due to lack of budget. The POL budget is reduced significantly due to falling membership, against rising costs.

I am doing my best to keep the costs in control. I have managed to keep the design and typesetting costs, as well as

the printing costs the same for the last 5 years, purely due to the goodwill of my suppliers. However, postage costs keep going up.

There is a regular debate about stopping the printed version of the Newsletter, and going all digital. That would save the postage and printing costs, but the POL has to be prepared every month which does cost money. But the more important argument is that most members above a certain age level are not keen to read 4 pages of POL on a computer monitor or tablet. Most of the contributors request that I publish their article and photos in the printed version, not the digital issues. So many of the members that I speak to do not even bother looking at the digital version. Thus a means of communication to the members is lost. That is the dilemma, which members can try to resolve.

I would like to thank DG Kamal for his full support and encouragement during this year. I wish him and all the Lions of District 105A a very successful Convention.

11.04 Social Media/Facebook *Kavaljit Dev*

The District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubsDistrict105A/> is used to publish District and Club events. This year posts and stories from Club pages were also shared on the District page to promote the service activities of the clubs to the public and keep the clubs in the District informed.

A session on Facebook in the Winter Forum was well received by the audience and the Communications Team have visited Zone meetings and offered 1-1 support to clubs to build their own pages. 45 Clubs have a Facebook page and many clubs are now very active on this social media platform and post on a daily basis.

The District page now has 742 followers (as per 1st January 2020), an increase of

26% since the last convention report in January 2019, an indication that we are reaching more people.

Please continue to get your fellow Lions, friends and family to like the District Facebook page – a lot more people will see the posts and events and we can promote our organisation. We are always there to support the clubs in any way we can.

11.05 Public Relations /Marketing *Rita Tanda*

During the first six months Clubs have actively marketed Lionism by undertaking service activities and fund raising. This was primarily achieved through their actions from tree planting to feeding the homeless to hosting dinner and dance events. By actively promoting their worthwhile endeavours has projected a positive image to the public. Consequently, demonstrating how we put in practice our motto "WE SERVE" and the fellowship and fun that we have. This has helped many clubs to successfully recruit new members.

I have supported Clubs and Zones to publicise their service and fund-raising activities in order to promote the Lions brand in a consistent manner. A continued concerted effort has been made by the Communications Team to enhance the content appearing on social media from Clubs so a story complements the photograph. Also, I have ensured that events have been communicated within our District so other Lions can participate and/or learn from them.

Lion members are PR ambassadors as they communicate both verbal and non verbally about the projects that they engage in which helps to project a positive image and foster community support to show that your club is worth joining.

Also, you can contact me if you need any help.

RESOLUTION FOR CONVENTION

Annual Dues

From the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that the District Dues for 2020/2021 shall be £12.00 per Lion Member (comprising £3.90 for Administration Fund, £4.60 for Convention Fund and £3.50 for 105A News Fund) payable in two equal instalments on 1st August 2020 and 1st February 2021.

Explanation:

It is felt that the slight current budget increase is sufficient to administer our District, where the costs are and have been continuously monitored and controlled.



SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION

19th Senior Citizen Celebrations pictures flooded Facebook once again this year with comments. "We Lions roared with our motto WE SERVE. A fab party, a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you, do not forget to invite us next year," and with many many more appreciative and encouraging comments!

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon it was a pleasure to see a full house at the 19th Senior Citizens Celebration on 10 February at Byron Hall, Harrow Leisure Centre. There were 770 guests together with an additional 200 plus people comprising carers, Lions and volunteers.

A number of young volunteers arrived at 8 am to add to the core of committee members. The hall was ready for the party by 11.30am. Eighty tables were immaculately decorated with table cloth, balloons, and glitter to make this an event in honour of our senior citizens to enjoy and remember. Tables were arranged in different colour zones – red, blue, green and yellow. Through this colour scheme, guests could quickly identify the seating arrangements. At this stage our volunteers enjoyed hot pizza with compliments of Aneeka Verma and Joe Walsh from Amsterdam on the occasion of their recent engagement (thanks and congratulations guys). Our volunteers fully energized then re-started their duties for the party.

Guests began arriving at 1 and 1.45pm but one lady broke all records by arriving at 10.30am!

Jay Kumar, Recollections and Nutty provided the entertainment. Guests enjoyed the raffle, bingo with delicious snacks which made our young party goers day full of fun and laughter.

A big thank you to the committee who worked tirelessly to ensure a very smooth event without any hitches. Our thanks also to the 47 Clubs in the District who supported the function.

The committee comprise : Ken Rouse, Manish Chotai, Margaret Rouse, Naresh Gupta, Jane Codrai, Amar Obhie, Dilip Shah, Alastair Joel, Veena Sharma, Peter Codrai, Meena Gupta, Lesley Spence, Minesh Mehta, Alf Sanders, Doreen Allen, Tony Hurley, Mukesh Palan, Andrew Allen, Parveen Verma (Chairman)

Finally a letter received says it all....Thankyou for our invite to the 19th Lions Club Pensioners Party. John Shorttell and myself had a great time. Helpers marvelous but the party goes Wow! Really good to see all enjoying themselves. dancing, music, food, Happiness abound. Really lifted my spirits. Look forward to next year. Thank you again. J West from Royal Hospital Chelsea.

PDG Parveen Verma would like to thank everyone involved in our District's biggest service activity and may it long continue prays the Chairman.

Naresh Gupta

DISTRICT YOUTH CELEBRATION

On Sunday 24th November, Lions hosted another hugely successful District Youth Celebration (DYC) at Allum Hall, Elstree, for disabled and disadvantaged young people and carers. Thank you very much for sponsoring/booking tables, helping, bringing the kids to the party and for many other forms of contribution that made it all happen. Without your help and support it would not have been possible –Thank you!

We had over 500 people including: the Mayors of Elstree, Barnet and Harrow; our International Director Lion Geoff and May Leeder; many Lions and Leos of 105A. Everyone who came had a great time as evident from the comments left on tables and also from many positive emails received.

To organise such an event takes many weeks of hard work leading up to the day and I would like to thank DYC Committee members: Lions Alastair Joel, Vivien Raggett, John Savell, Satnam Loyal and Ravi Maniar for their support.

There were many Leos, Lions and family members along with DYC Committee members who arrived early on Sunday morning to set up and by 11.30 the hall and stage were beautifully transformed ready to welcome our special guests. This year our theme was the Toy Story so the hall, stage and tables were all colourfully decorated accordingly in that theme. By 1pm the guests started to arrive. Soon the hall was buzzing with happiness and all having a great time.

There was plenty to keep our young guests happy and entertained. It was a wonderful sight to see all enjoying the wide variety of entertainment on show. Both our DJs were keeping everyone busy dancing to fantastic music. Clowns, Balloon modellers, Face painters were equally in demand with a long queue of excited children waiting for their turn. All activities were contributing to a lovely joyful atmosphere.

We would like to thank the following clubs for supporting DYC 2019 by supporting, sponsoring and booking tables. Lions Clubs of: Amptill District, Aylesbury, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Ealing, Edgware, Fairlop, Feltham & Whitton, Friern Barnet Centennial, Harrow & Pinner, Hatch End Centennial, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, Luton, MK Central, MK Stony Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Northwood, Redbridge Centennial, Royston, Ruislip, St Albans, Southall, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford and Watford.

We received many positive comments on the day, and emails after the event, by all those who came and had a wonderful time. They, along with us in the organising committee, are already looking forward to next year's event. I am sure all those present on Sunday will agree that all our hard work was worth it to see that we brought so much joy to so many deserving people and Touched many more Lives through Service.

Thank you all very much for your support and we look forward to your participation again. Next year's DYC to be held on Sunday 22nd November 2020.

Lion Vijay Arora

CONVENTION RULES OF PROCEDURE – 2020

CHAIRMAN

- 1 The District Governor or, in his absence, the First Vice District Governor or if he is not available the Second Vice District Governor, shall preside at Convention.
- 2 The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/ amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
- 3 The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club. If, at any time, he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion, he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

SPEAKERS

- 4 On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
- 5(a) Any delegate wishing to speak on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club and address the Chair.
- 5(b) If a member of the Cabinet speaks on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, he shall state whether he is representing the views of Cabinet or otherwise.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 6 Resolutions/amendments will be moved and seconded as follows:
 - (a) By nominees on behalf of the Cabinet
 - (b) By delegates on behalf of a Club (or of two Clubs when a Resolution is sponsored by more than one Club).
- 7 (a) If no delegates are present from a Club submitting a resolution/ amendment then, unless that Club advises the Chairman of the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee in writing at least ten (10) days before commencement of the Convention of the names of a proposer and seconder from another Club, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn, unless Convention shall decide otherwise. With this one exception no resolution/amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of Convention.
- (b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there is an amendment to that resolution tabled, then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution.
- (c) All resolutions/amendments shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time.

(d) A delegate shall not move more than one amendment to any one resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.

(e) Where appropriate and convenient, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant Committee Chairman's or Specialist Officer's report.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 8 The Chairman shall have discretion to submit an emergency resolution/ amendment for consideration at Convention provided:
 - (a) Where appropriate, the resolution/ amendment was received by him in writing before the commencement of the opening session of Convention.
 - (b) In his opinion, the resolution/ amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee on or before the closing dates as decided by Cabinet for their receipt by such Committee and
 - (c) Convention consents by a majority of registered delegates present and voting to the resolution/amendment being so considered.

DELEGATE TO SPEAK ONCE ONLY

- 9 (a) Subject only to the provision of Section 17 hereof, a delegate shall not speak more than once to the same resolution/amendment without the consent of Convention:
 - (b) Only the Chairman or the mover of a resolution exercising his right of reply shall speak more than once on any resolution.

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

- 10(a) The proposer of a resolution/ amendment will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes to put his case and after doing so shall formally move the resolution/ amendment. Normally the seconder will formally second the resolution and may reserve the right to speak later. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution, the proposer of the resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised. He will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments and shall not be allowed more than two (2) minutes for this purpose;
 - (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accor-

dance with Clause 7(b) above, when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.

- 11 (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 10(a), every speaker in general debate will be limited to two (2) minutes and must direct his speech strictly to the report, resolution, or amendment under discussion.

(b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with approval of Convention.

VOTING

- 12 The voting on any resolution/ amendment or general business shall be by show of delegate cards of those present and voting and the Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by twenty or more delegates the votes shall be counted.
- 13 Any election of candidates for office shall be in accordance with Article I, Section 3, of the District Constitution By-Laws.
- 14 Any election for the appointment of Host Clubs for future Conventions shall be by secret ballot and the nomination receiving the majority of votes shall be declared elected.
- 15 In the event of a tie following a show of delegate cards or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

ACTION TO PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

- 16 Any delegate, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to the next business and, if this resolution be seconded and carried, the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention, after the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

POINT OF ORDER QUESTION

- 17 Any delegate may, at any time, ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

- 18 Any of these Rules of Procedure (to be known as Convention Standing Orders) may be suspended by resolution of Convention in relation to a specific item of business properly before Convention, provided at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall vote for such resolution.

Lion Alastair Joel – Nominee for District Governor 105A – 2020-2021



Proudly nominated by
Lions Club of Feltham and Whitton.

Personal

Aged 44 Lion Alastair lives with his partner Lion Gemma, who is fully supportive of his Lionistic efforts. He has 3 grown-up step daughters. Alastair studied for a degree in Theatre Lighting Design at University and gained a BA Hons. In his professional life Alastair works as a Maintenance Manager in a busy leading edge retail environment. His work is hands on whilst also leading a team of people to deliver excellent customer service. His employers are fully supportive of his leadership ambition.

As a Club Lion

Alastair was introduced into Lions by PDG John Smith and PDG Brian Yeoman seventeen years ago and has been fully committed to every role he has taken on. In that time he has served as Club President (2007-09, 2017-18), Membership officer, Fund-raising and Social Chairman and is currently Chairman of his club's Gala Fete Committee. Alastair has never forgotten that serving his local community is the main reason why he joined Lions and he is still as enthusiastic today as he was seventeen years ago.

As a District Lion

1st VDG 2019-current, Sergeant @ Arms 2019-current
2nd VDG 2018-current, Sergeant @ Arms 2018-current
Zone Chairman 2008-09, 2016-2018
Region Chairman 2009-10
Communications Officer 2010-11

Vulnerable Persons Officer 2010-14

Global Leadership Team Chairman 2012-14.

In 2014 he attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

Alastair has been a member of several District Convention Committees and is currently an active member of both the District Youth Celebration and Senior Citizen Celebration Committees.

Alastair was recognised for his leadership efforts in 2012 with the International President's Leadership Medal, he has also been recognised for his service and awarded a MJF, by his club.

Candidate statement

As a grass root Lion my goal is to work with individual Lions and their clubs to strengthen our Association. With good training to develop our leadership; service to show the public who we are, coupled with a flexible approach to new ideas, hard work and dedication, I believe our membership can and will grow. I believe I have the energy and drive to lead our district within an ever changing world and I am prepared to commit the time to ensure we are no longer the best kept secret.

Lion Karanjeet Kaur Assan – Nominee for 1st Vice District Governor 105A – 2020-2021



The members of Lions Club of London Belmont are proud to Nominate Lion Karanjeet Kaur Assan for the position of 1st Vice District Governor 105A 2020 – 2021.

Personal

Born in Kenya, I have two daughters and one son who is married, all graduated in their respected fields. Did my 'A' level education in Mombasa, Kenya. Professionally I am a fashion designer and was in business for 35 years. I had my own boutiques here in London and in Kenya. I am now retired and ready to give all my time and energy to Lions Service Activities.

My association with Lions began in 2009 after being a member of Rotary for 15 years in Kenya. I joined Ealing Lions Club in 2008, became a Charter member with Lions Club of Hatch End Centennial in 2016 and transferred to Lions Club of London Belmont in 2019.

Club, Zone and District Level

President for 2 years, Secretary, Membership Director for 3 years, Treasurer, Zone D Secretary 2011-2012, Zone Chairperson for Zone 'D' 2014-2015, Certified Guiding Lion for 2 years for Lions Club Hayes and Harlington, renewed my Certified Guiding Lion course in 2018, District Tamer for 2 years, Member of GMT team for 5 years, active role in District Youth Programme.

Awards, Qualifications and Experience

Melvin Jones Fellow, International Zone Chair Award, International Certificate of Appreciation, President Excellent Award, 100% attendance for 9 years, Membership growth pins, Appreciation Certificate from PDG Martin Morgan for making a new District Governors Collar.

I have attended all District 105A Conventions, 7 International Conventions, 6 MD Conventions, 3 ISAAME Forums, District 411MD Convention, and all District 105A Seminars and workshops.

In January 2020, I will be attending ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) in Brussels, Belgium.

Candidate statement

Given the opportunity I look forward to utilise my skills, developed over more than 24 years of being a member of Charity Organizations. I always believe in the principle that actions speak louder than words.

Position is one year goodwill, but the goodwill we create is a lifelong possession. If elected I offer my full commitment, dedication, encouragement and motivation to do my best to uphold our Lions Codes of Ethics and Purposes. We all have a heart to help those less fortunate than ourselves, together with your help we can achieve so much more.

I look forward to your support at the District 105A Convention.

Lion Kavaljit Kaur Dev – Nominee for 2nd VDG – 2020-2021



The members of Letchworth Garden City and Baldock Lions are proud to nominate Lion Kavaljit (Kav) Dev for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor 2020-2021.

Personal

Having graduated from the University of Reading with a BSc (Hon) in Computer Science, I began my career as a secondary school teacher in Mathematics and Computing. After a number of years serving as Head of Department and at the birth of my daughter, I moved into further education where I worked for eighteen years taking on a variety of managerial roles including those overseeing general education (GCSEs and A Levels), quality control and staff development. With all this experience, coupled with obtaining various management qualifications and PRINCE2 (project management), I then moved into an education advisory role working for a government agency. Five years ago, I decided to concentrate on our family business in healthcare and I am currently the Managing Director of two family owned companies.

I have been married to Paramjit, a fellow Lion, for nearly 36 years and together we have an adopted son, daughter in-law, a five year old grandson, a baby granddaughter, and a daughter who is a Senior Manager in the NHS. I have the full support of my family for my Lionistic endeavours.

As a Lion

I joined the Lions Family (Hitchin Lions Club) 20 years ago as I wanted to help my local community. Although my husband knew a lot about the Lions as most his family in India had been Lions, I was new to this great organisation. However, I soon became an active member and took on the roles of President and Secretary several times. In 2018, Hitchin Lions Club closed, so we joined Letchworth Garden City and Baldock Lions Club of

which I am currently the President.

In the District, for the last five years, I have served as a Zone Chair, Physical and Learning Disabilities – Special Olympics GB Officer and Facebook – Social Media Officer. I have also completed the Guiding Lion Training Programme and participated in other training events.

Outside Lions

Outside my Lions activities, my commitment to volunteering is being a school Governor (experience in both infant and secondary schools) and being part of the Hertfordshire SACRE committee advising on the delivery of the religious curriculum in schools. I am actively involved in the local community and I also support Paramjit with his other charity endeavours by organising social events.

Personal Statement

Being a lion is not about being part of fraternal, social or political organisation but being part of a group of civic-minded men and women who have joined together to give their time, energy and resources in service to others. I strongly believe that for Lionism to grow and succeed in the future we need to expand the membership of our organisation and reach out to a younger, diverse audience as well as encouraging more female members. To do this, we need to proudly champion Lionism, positively marketing our work to inform the public of our values and what we do. I firmly believe that with the appropriate guidance and encouragement everyone has something to give to Lionism regardless of their age, gender or personal background situation. Serving together with passion, I believe we can continue to make a difference to all our communities and with my previous management experience and communication skills, I am committed to driving our organisation into the future.

Lion Rajnikant Sheth – Nominee for 2nd VDG – 2020-2021

Proudly Nominated by Lions Club of Greenford Willow Tree.

Personal

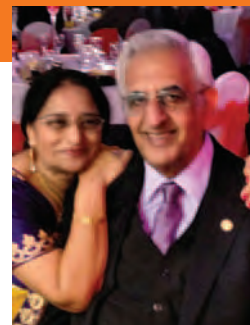
I was brought up and educated in Tanzania, where in high school I did two years in a single year. I graduated as a Civil Engineer and worked in Tanzania and Zambia. In the UK, I worked for the largest consulting engineering firm of W. S. Atkins, the GLC, Insurance companies of United Friendly, Royal London and Royal Liver. I became a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers and a Fellow of the Institution of Water & Environmental Management at a very young age of 40. I did MBA from Henley Management College at the age of 52. I passed Financial Planning Certificate examinations at the age of 58. I am married to Bhadra, who is fully supportive of my Lionistic endeavours. We have a son and a daughter, who are both medical doctors. I have been President, Secretary and Treasurer of various community and service organisations and have raised thousands of Pounds for charities. I am now retired and can devote my energies, full time, to Lionistic causes.

As a Club Lion

I joined the Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club in 2007 and became its President a year and a half later. During my Presidency I admitted six lady members in a hitherto all men club, recruited the highest number of new members in the district, reduced the club subscription by half and contributed to over 30 charities. I received an MJF award in the same year. Since then I have filled most of the active roles in my club.

As a District Lion

In 2016, I was the District Officer for Environment/ Alert and Emergency and carried out a hugely successful tree planting programme in which 33 clubs participated. For this I received the DG's Appreciation Certificate for Outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism. Last year I was Zone Chairman for Zone D and recruited 39 new members, the highest in the District. For this I received the DG's Certificate of Appreciation for Leadership and Enthusiasm, the only Zone Chairman to receive such an honour. I was also member of the Ad Hoc Financial Committee. This year I am the District Water Aid/Bore Holes officer and have commenced an innovative new service to assist our clubs. I have received the present DG's support and appreciation for this venture. I have inducted five new members and given eulogy for departed Lions in Zone D clubs.



Candidate Statement

Should I be selected as 2nd VDG I will use the next two years as a learning curve and visit as many clubs as possible to hunt for talents. Should I progress to be the DG, my vision is:

1. To increase the membership (target 500).
2. To fortify established areas of service to the community and add new ones.
3. To dynamize the leadership development: to turn obstacles into opportunities.

In short, to be one of the best DG this district has ever known.

Lion Ashwin Vora – Nominee for 2nd VDG – 2020-2021

Personal

With the blessing and full support of all the club members of Lions Club of Edgware I am standing for the post of the 2nd VDG for the year 2020-2021.

Aged 62 years Lion Ashwin and his partner lady Anju (MJF) is fully supportive of all my Lion activities and efforts and has also helped in a lot of Lionistic activities to raise funds for the needy. We have 2 grown up children son and daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Studied accounting and am fully involved in my family business for the last 40 years and have gained full management skills. I have travelled worldwide in my business and have met lot of different people on my travels and learned and gained lot of experience.

As the business is running smoothly so I thought now is the time to devote some more time to Lionism and carry the moto WE SERVE.

Club Member

I have been a member of Lions club of Edgware since last 15 years and was introduced to the club by Lion Kishor Dattani who was the president that time.

I have served in various post in the running of the club and been the club President from 2009-2010.

Also been zone chairman in the year 2014-2015 in Zone E where I had the privilege of looking after 8 clubs and 130 members in the zone.

I am a holder of MJF and PMJF awards which were awarded to me as a member for the various fund raising and activities I have arranged for the club since last 10 years.

Organised and helped in the no of fun day activities in the zone where we had the privilege of entertaining over 250 disabled children since last few years.

Candidate Statement

I believe the membership can only be increased and retained from the club level and the motto is to Encourage younger members to participate in the club activities and running of the clubs on the day-to-day basis. Give them posts and guide them in the clubs activities and they will get interested in Lionism.





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