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District 105A News

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Welcome all to our Convention



The District 105A 46th Annual Convention is here. We are pleased to welcome PID Lion Salim Moussan from Lebanon and his wife Alia as our International Guests to the Convention. Lion Salim is an International Board Appointee for the year 2010-11. This is his and Alia's first visit to MD 105. We

hope you enjoy your stay in Milton Keynes especially here at the home of Milton Keynes Dons FC. Lion Salim was a member of the training faculty in Sydney and the DG's school which included MD105 and our own DG Martin.

We also welcome our 4 guests from our Twin District 111NB (Germany) as well as all the delegates and guests from the Clubs within District 105A and the wider Multiple District. Visiting Leos and Lionesses of District 105A are also very welcome.

We hope you all have a wonderful stay and enjoy the Convention.

PDG Lion **Mike Baldwin**
On behalf of the Convention Committee



Lion Salim Moussan and his wife Alia.



LP Rattan with DG Martin and Jill Morgan.

The Annual Senior Citizen Party

The Annual Senior Citizen Party is a highlight of the Lions Clubs of District 105A with large numbers of volunteers.

Amongst the volunteers our DG Lion Martin Morgan and Mrs Jill Morgan helped in decorating the hall and helped towards the distribution of food and various other tasks. Many Lions Clubs assisted ZC Lion Ali Musani and others with the overflow of Senior Citizens.

Lion President of Lions Club of Stanmore had sponsored one table of 10 Senior Citizens which made Stanmore Club's total sponsorship of 3 tables. All the Senior Citizens are looking forward to next year's Senior Citizens Celebration.

LP **Ravina Rattan**
LC of Stanmore

NOTICE BOARD

BOWLS & QUIZ EVENING

At the Stoke Mandeville Stadium.
Saturday 16th April 2011.
7:00pm for 7:30

Tickets £10.00 – Includes finger buffet.
Proceeds to go to WheelPower
Tickets are available from **Lion Steve Foott** 01525 636145
steve@foott.co.uk

Lions Club of MILL HILL Easter Ball on
16th April 2011.

LCI Purpose:

To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.



11th Annual Senior Citizens Celebration

The 11th Annual Senior Citizens Celebration had another resounding successful year. Our District's largest hands on activity attracted 827 guests and with helpers, Lions, Leos, observers and carers there were over 1,000 people.

Alfvan was at the Harrow Leisure Centre at 8am and the helpers were busy off-loading on a crispy Sunday morning. One brave Lion thought wearing shorts on such a day was more appropriate! Soon Leos joined us and we were 60 strong. The sandwich makers started off and their productivity rates would easily win awards in a private enterprise. One new volunteer asked me what she should do and seeing my blank face realised that everyone somehow finds something to do and everything gets done on time without anyone standing around. Quite amazing! Yes, the food stations were fully loaded and the faceless Leisure Centre looked a dream with those unique balloons used for the first time with a Lion sitting on top of the balloon.



All volunteers, totalling 150 plus, had hot pizza and Biryani kindly provided by Lion Asad. It was 12.45pm and all was ready with our own PA system with excellent sound providing music. The tables were full of goodies.

Our guests started arriving early, with one lady in blue offering help beating all records by being there at 12 noon.

The Fairy, David and Nutty Norman, the magicians, with English Gent started their entertainment as Lions and their guests rolled in rapidly after 1 pm. They were welcomed by our reception committee and escorted to their tables by Leos. Saul Watts and his band pumped out all the olden goldies from different eras before DG Lion Martin formally welcomed all the guests. Bollywood followed Hollywood music in the guise of Jay Kumar and his Bollywood Dancers, and he got the folks dancing. Tea and food



followed with a lot of chatter and fun. "When is he going to do the bingo and raffle as it is 435 pm already", enquired many in the hall. My answer: "Do not worry... our experienced MC will ensure all is done by 5pm". Of course all was accomplished as planned although some guests decided to stay until 5.30pm.

What a fulfilling day!! It was enjoyed by all our guests with compliments pouring in for the excellent organisation and fun filled event. What a privilege to work with the super SCC committee comprising of Lions Lesley Spence, Veena Sharma, Alastair Joel, Peter Codrai, Dilip Shah, Jane Codrai, Andrew Allen, Meena Gupta, Peter Gent, Tony Hurley, Amar Obhie, Alf Sanders, Margaret Rouse, Manish Chotai and Louvain Allen (deceased).

We shall all miss Louvain and her contribution. For me the camaraderie and fellowship of Lions from the majority of the Clubs in the District carrying out service together was something to cherish as a Lion. "We Serve"

PDG Lion Parveen Verma



Donation to Children's Hospice by Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet Lions

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice are extremely grateful to the Lions Clubs of Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet for their generous donation of £5,001 from their charity golf day last year.

We have a very exciting year ahead with expansion of our current services and it is thanks to these Lions Clubs and donations such as this that our work is possible. There are currently over 350 life-limited children in North London and South Hertfordshire – Currently we have reached over 100 so we desperately need more funding to reach more families.

Thank you once again to the Lions Clubs of Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet for helping those who do not have the gift of time.



Delivering a 'shining beacon of hope' to the homeless

Lions of our District A followed District Governor Martin's message of 'Working Together' and were a 'Beacon of Hope' to the homeless of greater London. Lions of Kenton, Hendon, Sudbury and Swiss Cottage were privileged to recently deliver sleeping bags and clothes, purchased with multiple district funds raised specifically for this purpose. LP Pravin had a good value contact for the clothing. Homelessness could happen to any one of us and homeless people come from all walks of life and social backgrounds. When people pass a homeless person begging or sleeping rough on the streets, many choose to look away but, as we discovered, the many volunteers and staff at the centres for the homeless do a fantastic job in helping to turn the lives of these forgotten people – of all ages, some as young as 16 – around.

We were humbled to hear of their ceaseless work all year round providing assistance to these vulnerable people. The Passage Centre at Victoria is being used by over 4,000 homeless people a year! They offer a wide range of services, all year round, to meet the special needs of homeless and vulnerable people. All their work is aimed at helping each individual address the issues that have caused them to become homeless so that he or she can live normally in the community. They offer the homeless not only a hot meal and shelter from the cold streets, but also basic needs such as showers, laundry and donated clothing. The Street Outreach Teams will use our Lions sleeping bags as they make contact with people as they bed down on the streets and encourage them to go into the day centres for food and assistance. All these homeless shelters and centres are in constant need of funds and also extra volunteers.

We delivered bags to The Welldon Shelter in Harrow, The Passage Homeless Centre at Victoria, to the homeless on the streets by The Connection at St Martin's shelter near Charing Cross, to Acton Homeless Concern and Thames Reach London Street Rescue. We have also given some out on the streets with the Sikh Awareness Welfare Team who are working with the homeless on the streets of Southall. Many are sleeping under bridges and by rat-infested bin areas just to keep warm! Whilst delivering sleeping

bags and a box of clothes over to the Fairlop Lions last week, I discovered that the homeless people we had spoken to the previous Sunday evening near Charing Cross were in fact being served food by the Lions of Fairlop, who have been doing this marvellous service for a year now! Well done Fairlop Lions! Swiss Cottage and Stanmore Lions also regularly volunteer with food preparation and serving to the homeless. Also I have just learnt that Lion Ayn of Kingsbury Lions regularly volunteers with an optical charity that provides free eye testing and glasses for the homeless at three of these London centres we visited. Milton Keynes Lions also delivered sleeping bags via The Salvation Army. It is heartwarming to know that many Lions in clubs in both our District and Multiple District are volunteering so much of their time in feeding and assisting the homeless.

We are also raising much awareness of Lions as we carry out this service. Well done to all!

Lion Vivien Raggett

Kenton Lions/District A Street Children Officer



PDG Louvain Allen

Louvain joined Harrow and Pinner Lions Club in 1993 where she served as club secretary for 3 years and in 1997 she transferred to Northwood Lions Club where she was Club President and Club Secretary.

In 2009 she and Andrew moved to Milton Keynes to live and joined the Bletchley, Milton Keynes Club where again she served in a number of posts.

Within the District Cabinet she took on a variety of jobs from Minute Secretary through to Chairman of the Merl committee and in 2001 she also attended the Senior Lions Institute in Porto.

She along with Andrew also attended three Europa forums in Porto, Brussels and Cyprus, the World Special Olympics in Dublin and any other Lions event she and Andrew could get to. Louvain was District Governor of District 105A in 2006-2007

and as with everything she did she threw herself into the role 110% and had a great year. In typical Louvain style since her year as DG she has advised and helped every DG so that they could have as good a year as she did in her beloved Lions.

Louvain was a progressive MJF and has been awarded a number of awards in recognition of the outstanding work she has carried out in the name of Lions over the years.

VDG Andrew has been at Louvain's side through the whole of her years in Lions and during the very difficult time of her illness and the thoughts, prayers and sympathy of every Lion in District 105A and beyond are with him.

PDG Louvain will be sorely missed by every single person who knew her.

DG Martin Morgan

This is probably one of the hardest things I have ever had to write as I, like everybody else in Lions, loved Louvain for her willingness to help anyone who asked and her ability to always be cheerful. She was known by Lions across the world as someone who was a true Lion in every meaning of the name.



DG Martin's Message



Working Together



Jill and I arrived at the Harrow Leisure Centre at 9 o'clock last Sunday morning as usual to help to set up the hall and make the sandwiches for the annual Senior Citizen's Celebration. Also, as usual, a number of Lions were already there and the work was under way. Parveen and Ken Rouse were walking around organising everyone and ensuring that we were putting everything in the right place. We quickly dumped our coats and joined in to help.

A couple of days later I read the "e" mail from PDG Parveen Verma thanking the Lions involved in the Senior Citizen's celebration and I agree 110% with everything Parveen has said about this year's party and a whole lot more because I think that due to him chairing the committee and being so involved in everything to do with the event he was a little held back in his praise.

During the day while I was walking around the hall quite a large number of our guests said to me what a wonderful event it was each year and how much it meant to the elderly people who attend it. They also went on to say that the Lions must be a wonderful organisation for going to all the trouble and expense of giving so many people such a day out.

While we don't do any of this for praise it is nice sometimes to be told that what you are doing is the right thing and this is one of these occasions. However.....

None of this can happen without the complete dedication of

Parveen and his team as they are the ones that put the planning in place for many months before and get the sponsorship and funding to allow it to happen so to all of them I say a very warm thank you.

The other unsung heroes and heroines of this are the Lions and especially the partners who arrive early Sunday morning and then set the hall up, (under the careful management of Parveen and Ken Rouse), make the food. We also have Lions Peter Codrai, Chris Bryant and Robin Hurley who put in place a sound system so that we can hear the music and then run the day behind the scenes so that it all works seamlessly.

Lions Alf Saunders and Ron Tucker who provided and run the hot and cold drinks so that everyone has a cup of tea or coffee which believe me is vital to the event. The food was organised brilliantly by Lion Lesley Spence who got a number of Lions and partners to help.

It also couldn't happen without our 807 guests and on behalf of them I thank all the clubs who sponsor them and every one of the Lions who transport them and host them during the day in Harrow which I know gives everyone a tired glow of satisfaction at the end of a busy but enjoyable day.

And finally to all the other many, many Lions and partners who make this happen.

To all of you a **HUGE** thank you and can we please do it all again next year.

DG Martin Morgan

Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill Lions Golf Challenge



Golf Challenge 2011

at Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf & Spa



On Friday 20th May 2011

- A round of Golf at Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf & Spa
- Full English Breakfast on Arrival with a Special CBMH Smile
- Trophies for the winning team, individual golfers and many more
- 4 course evening meal

£75 per person

Residential packages are available on request and include: Full English Breakfast on both days, 36 holes, 3 course evening meal and overnight accommodation - £300.00 per room based on two people sharing (£280.00 per room based on 1 golfer and 1 none golfer).

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My Diary March 2011

4-6th District Convention

8th High Wycombe O/V

12th Harpendon Club Charter

14th Hitchin O/V

15th Bletchley Club Meeting

16th Southall Club O/V

20th Hitchin Club Charter

22nd DG's 65th Birthday

26th Milton Keynes Central Club Charter

From the Editor

The Annual Convention is a wonderful opportunity for Lions to meet and mingle with other Lions of the District. Some Lions will be recognised for their exceptional service to Lionism. New leaders will be chosen for the forthcoming years.

Amidst all this one Lion will be sorely missed. Lion Louvain was a person who was always around with a cheery smile and ready to help everyone. We all share Lion Andrew's loss.

Lion Shirish Sheth