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*Ranjena and I extend our best wishes to each and every Lion of **District 105A** and their partners in service and families A Very Merry Xmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.*

YOU ARE GREAT-THANK U

A young woman walked out of a local supermarket, her hands filled with a bag of groceries. She encountered a homeless couple and their little child sitting outside on the curb near the bus stop. They clearly had no money, no home and appeared to have lost all hope. Initially trying to avoid them, she was struck by a sudden sense that she needed to respond. She stopped, turned and handed her bag of groceries to the mother of the family. With a tear in her eye, she stepped onto the waiting bus and returned home. She was not certain why she had reacted in such an impassioned manner to a scene she had encountered all too frequently in this city with the many activities as a Lion member. She quietly whispered a prayer asking God how he could allow such suffering in the world. Why could he not do something that would end the suffering of the many less fortunate in our society and throughout the world? Why not end this travesty?

IMPORTANT & URGENT

The email address of one member of your club to me please.

What's New?

towards new horizons

- ◆ Lions University OnLine Leadership skills courses for self-development via the Internet, is an exciting addition to the leadership development of Lions Members. The programme is also structured to be a positive recruiting tool for attracting new members. The service will be piloted with Lions in the U.K.
- ◆ Details awaited whereby a Club may have a Branch Club without the necessity of being a fully Chartered Club and thus complying with all the requirements as to minimum membership etc.
- ◆ On January 3, 2000 LCI will have a Millennium newspaper advertisement in the Wall Street Journal (International Edition) Financial Times (European Edition US Edition) (Download for use from at www.lionsclubs.org.)
- ◆ Two new levels of giving have been added to the LCIF Contributing Member programme: Gold & Silver tabs for donations of \$100 and \$50 respectively

CELEBRATIONS

.....for less

Our Senior Citizens Millennium

Celebration on Sunday 27 February will cost a paltry sum of £2.50 per person. There is room for 1,000 and Lion Ken Rouse awaits return of the booking form First come first served. Book early to avoid disappointment.

.....for a Birthday

13th January is the birthday of our association's founder, Melvin Jones. LCIF Week is celebrated during the week in which January 13 falls (9-15 January). Support LCIF please.

.....very special one

Our Millennium Convention on 3/4 March in the year 2000 at the Marriott Hotel will be a truly memorable and enjoyable event. Please come along and help us to make this Convention a real success and something to remember for a long time to come. REMEMBER WE ARE TALKING CELEBRATION HERE!

.....in a poem

Lions Poet Laureate will receive a bottle of bubbly and read his/her poem on Lionism at Convention. 10 lines and no more than 2 verses. Entries to Lions Andrew/ Louvain by 24 Feb.

HEARTS OF GOLD

Orissa

The Appeal launched by our District has now been adopted by MD. Your unequalled generosity has raised in excess of £8,000 with £11,000 for the Turkish Appeal.

"The best and Most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart".

Helen Keller

Cooking the book

Ranjana gratefully acknowledges your unbelievable response for the District Cookbook. She is sharpening her typing skills to get the book ready. Her thanks to all who have contributed to her MS Appeal and those selling Stars/ pins. Please send cheques to our Treasurer (Not MS)

FAMILY AFFAIR

The relationship between *membership*, *fellowship*, *partnership* and *leadership* is fundamental. They are all very much interlinked. Good leadership at Club level results in partnership between the President and his members, which in turn leads to harmony and fellowship. A fun Club will attract new members. Perhaps a new century's resolution for us to look at our own Club and see if there are any missing links. There is no future in the status quo.

Mother

Sponsoring Members have a great responsibility in ensuring new members are looked after and even pampered until they are fully settled. It is regrettable to note that although we are attracting new members our drops are equal to our gains, especially amongst newer members. Retention of members is as important as attracting new members. Perhaps we should be careful in the first instance by inviting quality members.

Clubs who sponsor another Club have a pleasant albeit an onerous duty to ensure their offspring is looked after. Fellow Lions children are a lifetime responsibility. Calling all Mother Clubs to assist Clubs, which they created as they face new challenges. My definition of mother Clubs includes all strong and successful Clubs as we are a Lions Family of Clubs. A true Lions Christmas spirit please.

Daughter

Lions Club of Chipping Barnet is delighted to announce the Formation Meeting of:

Lions Club of Kenton

on

Friday 7 January 2000 at Jarvis International Hotel, Watford.

For further details contact Lion Dilip Mandalia on 01923 835555

All Clubs invited and requested to welcome the first new Club in our District in the 3rd century.

Sister

Don't forget twinning is a means of extending International understanding and co-operation. Information on twinning or eye camps from Lion Ram Jaggi or your Regional International Advisers.

New Family Members

A warm welcome to our new members Paul Millington, Meriel Davies, Pramod Narang, Sachdev Singh Seyan, Bob Webb, Christopher Durrant, Meena Navapurkar, Georgina Keen, Harbinder Puaar, Pauline Livesey, Dinesh Pandya, Ramnik Kakkad, Pritam Pandya, Pamela Godwin and Hazel Oliver. Thanks to sponsors.

The Young Ones

Our six Millennium Youth Award candidates were all very impressive. Congratulations to Ambia Khatum sponsored by Lions Club of Bletchley (whose candidate represented the District 10 years ago!) who will be at MD Final in Solihull. All the best to her and all the other excellent and fine 5 young people who participated. Thanks to Lion Mike Baldwin for all his hard work.

Our Final family Hoot

The final of Quiz Competition (Revised 1999) will take place on 6 February at Blakemore Thistle Hotel. For a fun team contact Lions Andrew/ Louvain.

Family Visits

Redbridge 261, Chipping Barnet 259, Stanmore 70, Northwood 32, Edgware 32.

So Sad

We are very sad to announce the demise of the following:

Lion Avtar Sawhney a long serving and active member of Lions Club of Hayes & Harlington.

Betty Gilbert dear wife of PZC Lion Ivor Gilbert of Lions Club of Walthamstow.

Lion Dave Barrie of Great. Missenden & Prestwood Lions Club. A District Membership Adviser in this year's Cabinet. He served in the same post for the last two years and prior thereto was Region and Zone Chairman. He was recently bestowed an Extension Award for his work on the formation of Lions Club of Swiss Cottage.

Lion Charles Smith of Lions Club of Berkhamsted, an active member of many years standing who also served his Club as a President.

All of them will be sadly missed. We extend deepest sympathy to their families and the thoughts of all Lions are with them.

In memoriam

To avoid any names being omitted at Convention kindly advise me in writing the full name of the Lion/Lioness /Leo who have passed away since 1.3.99.

PV'S EXCURSIONS

DECEMBER

15th Milton Keynes (o/v)

16th Pre-Millennium Party Meeting

20th Northolt (o/v)

21st Shepperton & Sunbury (o/v)

JANUARY

4th Bedford Harpur (o/v)

5th Barking (o/v)

11th London Swiss Cottage (o/v)

12th Stanmore (o/v)

13th Southgate (o/v)

14th -16th COG Meeting

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The young woman finally returned home and began to clean up and prepare for the evening meal. As she peered in the mirror, the answer to her prayer came to her loud and clear, "I am doing something about it. I MADE YOU!"

Thank you to all the Lions of 105A for the tremendous work you do throughout the year-we have the edge in service as we move into a New Century of Service. *Happy Millennium.*