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## District 105A Convention

If any past District Governor is asked "what was the most memorable occasion during your year in office?" usually the answer that you receive will be that the District Convention was the high point. This year's Convention at the Holiday Inn Elstree on 5th and 6th March was no exception.

The informal evening on Friday kicked off the weekend. 80 Lions and spouses were present. Old acquaintances were renewed, and lasting friendships, I am sure, were made. This was an excellent way to begin the weekend. The food was very nice and the strains of the steel band gave the evening a pleasant atmosphere, nice and calm yet with expectation of the hurly burly of Convention the next day.

The Convention had been in the planning for many months and my committee had been working very hard to make it happen.



PDG Ken Rouse receiving Appreciation award.

Other volunteers were called upon and the big test for us was to see if it would be OK on the day.

At the Convention 350 Lions were present, representing 78 clubs, a good attendance. Our guests were H.E. The High Commissioner for Guyana, Laleshwar K.N. Singh CCH and LCI International Director Dr. Ton Soeters.

The opening ceremony went with military precision. We all received a geography lesson and an enlightening speech about Guyana by H.E. The High Commissioner. He spoke about climate change and how it affects Guyana. This topic fitted in with the DG Wesley's theme of conservation.

International Director Ton gave us the latest news from Oakbrook and Move to Grow. We had interesting presentations about Water Aid, global climate change, youth projects etc. The District music competition winner played classical guitar music for the delegates.

The candidates for the DG and VDG posts had given their presentations earlier and of course, the election results for next year were eagerly awaited. These were: Lion Martin Morgan - District Governor Elect for 2010-2011. Lion Andrew Allen - 1st Vice Governor Elect and Lion John Savell - 2nd Vice Governor Elect for 2010/2011. I'm sure that we all wish them every success for the future.

The Convention ended at 4.30 which was a real achievement by DG Wesley. The Banquet and Ball later on enabled us all to let our hair down and relax, and enjoy ourselves after all the work that had been put in.

On reflection, I am pleased to report that it WAS all OK on the day. It was a day for DG Wesley to remember for ever.

PDG Lion Ken Rouse Convention Officer



DG Elect Lion Martin Morgan

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#### Marketing & Public Relations Workshops 2010

The Workshops are available to all Club and District Officers and Lion members.

If you are interested please contact Lion PDG Bill Blake at [wlb@blake-consult.org.uk](mailto:wlb@blake-consult.org.uk) Phone 01483 223568

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*To create and foster a spirit of understanding amongst peoples of the world.*



## A dream comes true for Wembley (Brent) Lions Club

Serving the community since 1969

Saturday 31st January 2010 marked a truly historic moment for the Lions of Wembley (Brent) as District A Leo Adviser Lion Minesh Mehta inducted 15 young new members to form a new Leo club. Nearly 70 guests attended including DG Wesley de Mendonca, Dawn Bulter MP for Brent South and Minister for Young Citizens and Youth Engagement, Councilor Zafar Van Kalwala, RC Lion Dinesh, ZC Lion Brinder, other Lions and Leos from the Zone, parents and grandparents of young Leos and members of Lions Club of Wembley (Brent).

These young enthusiastic individuals took their oath to serve the community and promised to help those less fortunate and in need with dedication. The ceremony which took place at Moore Spice (1966) was hosted by Wembley (Brent) Lions Club, proud sponsors of this Leo Club. MP Dawn Butler said she was delighted and so very proud of such a fantastic accomplishment that she has invited the new Leos to the House of Commons!

The forming of the new Leo Club has taken many months of planning. Lion Minesh Mehta, Lion Secretary Rohit Patel (also the Leo Club Adviser) and Lion President Sanjay Mehta worked hard to provide a platform to these young individuals who wanted to make a difference to the community. The dream is finally realised!

Wembley (Brent) Lions



## From the Editor

This issue highlights the successful Convention. The recipients of various awards would feel a sense of achievement. It encourages others to emulate the projects to help the needy.

Conventions also signify the beginning of the end of the current Lionistic year and the start of preparations for the incoming teams at the District and Club levels. My congratulations to the DG Elect and the two VDG Elects.

Lion Shirish Sheth

## Leos of Hadley Wood at the Convention



Leos of Hadley Wood with their Award

On Saturday 6th of March, Leo Club of Hadley Wood attended the District Convention. Leos Aziz, Rhea, Sadia and Jonathan represented the club, enjoying the interesting speeches during the day. It was nice to hear about other Lions clubs' activities through the Zone reports, and the charities being supported (e.g. WaterAid). It will certainly give our club a lot of ideas for future fundraising.

A pleasant surprise was the number of awards we won. These included the Environmental Award, Leo Scrapbook Award, Leo Club of the Year Award and Leo of the Year Award (this award was for me, which I didn't expect!).

The day was fantastic and has definitely motivated us to keep up the good work, and we are very thankful for all the support and help from our sponsoring club and Leo advisor.

Leo Sadia Hameed Secretary, Leo Club of Hadley Wood

## A sad two months for Harrow and Pinner

It was with a profound sense of shock and sadness that we learned of the death of Lion Alec Spence due to a heart attack on 14th December 2009. A Lion for over 21 years, Alec held many posts including President and Zone and Region Chairman. He will long be remembered for his tireless activities for the benefit of Lions and the wider community. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Lion Lesley; his daughters, Kylie, Melissa and Fiona, and the rest of his family.

January brought news of the loss of another of our members: Lion Joan Aldous died from cancer in early January from which she had been suffering, unknown to us, for some time. Sadly, Joan had only been a member for one year but had supported our activities with enthusiasm and humour. Our sympathies go to her family.

Robin Hurley Secretary, Harrow & Pinner Lions Club

# At the District 105A Convention



1st VDG Elect Lion Andrew Allen



DG Wesley and Brenda with the High Commissioner of Guyana and his wife



2nd VDG Elect Lion John Savell.



Lions Club of Mill Hill receiving Club of the Year Award.



DS Lion Parveen presenting web site trophy to Alice Palin



Pirates of the Caribbean



Lion Ron Wilkes receiving Award



ZC Meenakshi Gupta receiving Top Club Award



# DG Wesley's Words

Conservation through cooperation and service



The District 105A Convention is now over. I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who attended and contributed to a very memorable weekend. I hope you were able to meet other Lions, make friends and carry away pleasant memories of the Convention.

There was a full house on Saturday with 78 clubs represented. Tail Twister Lion Kumar (Chipping Barnet) as 'Pirate of the Caribbean' raised over £600 for WaterAid in an enlivening set of interruptions during the proceedings. Brenda extends her gratitude to the attendees and Lion President Kumar.

The opening of Convention was by H.E. Lalestwar Singh, High Commissioner for Guyana. In his speech he gave details of the negotiations at the UN Conference at Copenhagen on compensation to developing countries.

Another speaker, Ms Ashley Erdman from World Development Movement, spoke on Climate Change and their campaign to get rich countries to pay a climate debt to the world's poorest people. The second non Lion speaker, Mr Tom Drake talked about WaterAid programmes in Malawi and Nepal. Their contributions were well received.

Our keynote speaker was International Director Dr. Ton Soeters from the Netherlands. He gave an inspiring speech on the work of LCIF and on the Int. President Eberhard Wirf's theme MOVE to GROW. He also talked about the drive to increase the world wide membership of Lions Clubs in order to provide capacity to serve around the world those less fortunate than ourselves.

Two guest Lion Speakers were PID Phil Nathan and PID Howard Lee. Both made a presentation to support their quest at MD Convention in Leeds to win the Multiple District endorsement to go forward as a candidate for 2nd International Vice President. All Lions Clubs are requested to register their delegates to the MD Convention in Leeds. Further information on the MD website [www.lionsmd105.org](http://www.lionsmd105.org)

Successful Conventions do not just happen. They are the product of months of planning and preparation. Thanks to the Convention Committee consisting of PDG Ken Rouse and wife Margaret, PDG Ron Wilkes and wife Christine, PDG Ram Jaggi, PDG Parveen Verma, PDG Vanmali Mistry, PDG Rati Shah, PDG Erach Amana, PDG Louvain and VDFE Andrew Allen. Thanks also to the Cabinet Officers for their Reports and to Lion Shirish Sheth for the printing of the brochure. My thanks also to the Sponsors who pledged monies to Lion Sanjay Shah to supplement the budget. Thanks to all the many volunteers who were on call to carry out designated duties on the day.

Brenda and I are indebted to Lion Chris Bryant and wife Chris, Lion Peter Codrai and wife Jane, and Lion Robin Hurley for volunteering so much of their time and expertise in getting us to



Gift from District 105A to DG Wesley and Brenda

Script readiness for the Day. Special thanks to camera man Peter Heaps MBE for the splendid screening of the day's programme and for a recording of the Convention proceedings.

Thanks also to PDG Geoff Leeder for taking on the task of being the Convention photographer. The display of so many photographs is now available on the District website.

Two resolutions were approved by Convention. The first one, was to twin with District 60A (Caribbean) and the second one was to keep the District Dues at £10 per member.

My congratulations to the incoming DG Elect Lion Martin Morgan and the VDG Elect Lions Andrew Allen and Lion John Savell.

There is a custom to 'Welcome In' the new District Governor Elects on the Sunday morning of the MD Convention. Each District tries to out do the other by blowing whistles, waving rattles or letting off indoor crackers. So, fellow Lions in 105A, why not come along to the MD Convention, Leeds on 1-2 May 2010 and join our delegation on this special occasion. Please contact Sergeant at Arms Lion Peter Codrai if you are interested in attending.

The MD Sergeant at Arms PDG Lion Brian Yeoman states that Conference Leeds have teamed up with East Coast rail to offer a discount of up to 20% off the published off-line price for train journeys to and from Leeds. To take advantage of this offer use the following link - <http://www.eastcoast.co.uk/lions> In line with all on-line ticket bookings the website is now live.

All Lions Clubs who are behind in submitting reports are being requested to bring their reports up-to-date. All Zone Chairmen are being requested to give help if needed to get all Club reports in their Zone prepared and submitted.

Presidents should monitor the submission of Membership Reports by making it an item at Monthly Board Meetings. Club Secretaries are advised to submit the Reports soon after such a meeting or after the Club's second meeting date. The time is getting very short to complete submissions by June 2010.

## My Diary April 2010

- 7th Wembley (Brent) Lions Club O/V
- 9th Lions Club of Acton Charter
- 10th Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner Charter
- 13th Kenton Lions Club O/V
- 14th London Golders Green Lions Club O/V
- 15th TACADE Advisory Committee Meeting MD
- 15th Enfield Lions Club O/V
- 18th Lions club of London Host Diamond Anniversary Charter
- 19th Lions Club of St Albans O/V
- 20th Luton Lions Club O/V
- 21st Northwood Lions Club O/V
- 24th High Wycombe Lions Club Charter
- 28th COG Meeting Leeds
- 29th COG Meeting Leeds
- 30th COG Meeting Leeds

## LCIF Trophy

Congratulations go to Fairlop Lions Club again, as winners of the LCIF Club Trophy for 2008/09. In joint second place were Amptill and Greenford Lions Clubs and numerous clubs sharing the joint Third place. Well done, all. Keep up the good work.

The Rules for the LCIF Trophy: Points are awarded to Clubs which support the most projects under the LCIF umbrella - not necessarily the most monies raised, but the number of projects. The donations to LCIF are Undesignated or Designated.

The undesignated funds are for LCI to provide Emergency help to earthquakes, floods, building of hospitals, hospices, schools, research etc. the designated funds are for Eye camps (cataract operations etc) Education (sponsoring students), WaterAid, Drug Awareness, Lions Eye Health programme, Street Children, LCIF grants, Spectacles and Hearing aid collection and distribution, and so on.

Results are judged on information obtained from the DO Reports and mainly from monthly M&A reports. Don't forget to include all the relevant information as the Competition runs from 1st March to 31st January every year.

PCC Lion Bert Randall