



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105A
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAM JAGGI

DG'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to our Lions, Leos and Lionesses

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year and greetings for Eid. This is our 6th issue and I can say that I am enjoying my year thoroughly and the reason for this is that I am getting full support from the clubs during my visits and even otherwise Lions in the District are committed to our programmes. I am experiencing good friendship and fellowship during my official visits. I feel proud that you have given me the chance to serve you as your District Governor during this Lionistic year.

FESTIVAL SEASON: DIWALI, EID AND CHRISTMAS

It is the festival season. Our District Lions are enjoying their own religious festivities. Last month we celebrated *Diwali* and during the month of December certain member will be celebrating *Eid* and the rest will be celebrating Christmas. On behalf of District 105A, I wish you all greetings and best wishes for the festivals.

UPDATE ON TWINNING

Lions HQ in Oak Brook will no longer keep records of twinning and the information will not appear in the MD Directory either. It has been decided that MD International Relations Officer will keep this record.

If any club wants to establish links with Lions Clubs in the major centres of English settlement around the world, a list of clubs is available for Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States. British Namesake cities with Lions Clubs outside the UK are Abingdon, Acton, Ashford, Bedford, Buckingham, Carterton, Enfield, Harrow, Kensington, Kenton, London, Northwood, Oxford, Royston, Southgate, Sudbury, Tring, Uxbridge, Wembley and Winslow.

ZONE CHAIRMEN

Please send me the list of names and clubs attending your Zone Meetings. This is required to award the points for the district competition.

DUES AND REPORTS

To consider your club in good standing, all the dues must be paid in good time. If you have any problem, please contact our District Treasurer Lion Manish

Chotai. Also, club Membership and Activity reports must reach our Administrative Officer, Lion Keith Tooley by the 3rd of the month. Your regular efforts will save every body's time. I thank you for your support.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

We are having our Senior Citizen party on 3rd February 2002, at the Harrow Leisure Centre, Harrow, Middx. It is a good opportunity for clubs to bring and entertain elderly people from their areas in a party atmosphere. Please try to reserve the space at your earliest as bookings are coming in very fast and the total capacity is only 1,000. For further information contact PDG Parveen Verma or Lion Ken Rouse.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

All Lions are requested and invited to come to the next District Convention, which is being held on 2nd March 2002, at Sopwell House Hotel, St Albans. Don't forget to reserve this date in your diary. I will be delighted to receive you. It will also be an opportunity to meet our Immediate Past International President Dr Jean Behar who will be our chief guest.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

It has been mentioned before that the MD convention will be held in Torquay from 3rd to 5th May 2002. Please do your bookings in advance. I promise you it will be fun with fellowship.

ABINGDON

Congratulations Lions of Abingdon for presenting a cheque of £4,416.20 for the purchase of TACADE kits for 24 schools in and around Abingdon. We all are proud of you.

LCIF

Lions have been generous in donating funds for the victims of the attacks in USA. A total of US \$985,900 has been collected as of 3rd November.

Did you know we have a Melvin Jones Fellow in the White House in Washington? Yes, President George Bush is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Why not to become a

MJF or a contributing member by donating to LCIF. Remember you will be helping your own Foundation.

DISTRICT YOUTH AWARD

The District Youth Award finals were held on 25th November at Hatfield with 5 very worthy candidates who impressed the judges with their sheer range of community activity. Each candidate was a credit to the Club sponsoring him or her and to themselves.

Those taking part this year were Michael Christofi sponsored by Hemel Hempstead Lions, Katherine Kelly by Berkhamsted Lions, Justin Daich by Enfield Lions, Rakesh Sheth by Hounslow Lions and Richard Angell by Leighton Buzzard Lions.

The judges were at pains to point out that the contest was so very close but in the end there can be only one representative and this year we are delighted that it is Richard Angell sponsored by Leighton Buzzard Lions Club. Richard is a Member of the Youth Parliament, and a member of his school council. He has raised money for UNICEF as well as other charities. He also enjoys rugby and for some reason supports Coventry City F.C.

My thanks to VDG Lion Mike Baldwin for organising the District final and to every one who took part in any way including the Judges, clubs, candidates, Janet Baldwin and Enfield Lions for their sponsorship.

Watch out for next year's competition and most of all please try to take part.

INSURANCE NEWS FOR SANTA

Third party liability cover has again been negotiated with the Royal & Sun Alliance for clubs operating a Santa sleigh this Christmas period. Premiums are £52.50. For further details please contact Elaine Redington at the MD Insurance Brokers 020 8891 4021 or your District Insurance Adviser Lion Mukesh Palan.

CHEVRONS

The Chevron Programme, which recognises members' years of service, is administered by the club secretary. In July 1999 Chevrons became a saleable item to be purchased by the Club Secretary through the Club Supplies Department in Oak Brook.

TRANSFERS

If a member has transferred into a club within six months period, the service is continued from the original joining date. If the gap is more than six months, he will be joining as a new member but can request credit for previous years in service as a Lion. A Reinstated Lions Service Credit form has to be

completed which can be downloaded from the International website membership section.

PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD

Information concerning this award has been sent to each club. All Presidents should review this and judge their achievements in first five months. You are all capable of receiving it. Why not try and meet this challenge?

NEW MEMBERS

I extend a very warm welcome to the following new members in our family:

Anand Kumar	Redbridge
Jawad Ahmad	Milton Keynes Stony Stratford
Micael J Welch	Winslow
Judy I Gyles	Royston
Kenneth W Gyles	Royston
Kathleen Tron	Stevenage
Mohan Cashyap	Harpenden
Martin Guy	Chipping Norton
Alick Kwok	London Chinatown
Michael Riley	London Chinatown
Sunil Patel	London Kingsbury
Chris Hogan	Bedford
Ken Spearing	Bedford

Correction: The new member in the Lions Club of Stanmore is Indy Aujla and not Indy Malhotra as published in my November newsletter. Indy, a genuine mistake!

CHANGE TO PROTOCOL CHANGE

You may have read elsewhere that the positions of immediate past council chairman and past council chairmen have been eliminated from the order of precedence from the Lions Clubs International Protocol. I can now advise you that MD105 has agreed that this change will be ignored and that both positions will continue to be recognised as before.

WELL DONE!

I welcome Lion Jo Messenger of Aylesbury back in the UK after her trip to the Himalayas where she successfully walked blind folded on the day of World Sight Day. Read her account in the 105A News!

DG's Diary December 2001

01	Kenton	Mehfil Night
02	London Finchley	Race Night
03	St Albans	O/V
04	London Newham	O/V
05	Barking	O/V
10	Hadley Wood	O/V
11	Staines & Ashford	O/V
19	Northolt	O/V