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District 105A News

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GONE DOWN UNDER!

The above caption may sound depressing but that is where the 93rd International Convention was held from 28th June – 2nd July in Sydney, Australia!

About a dozen of us went 'down under' from our District in a contingent of 130 from MD105 with worldwide attendance of around 15,000 Lions and families.

Convention activities kicked off with a briefing evening on Sunday, 27th June which was sponsored by the MD Travel Agent (Citibond Travel). On Monday, 28th June 24 Lions/partners went on a full day tour of the Blue Mountains via Featherdale Wildlife Park en-route via Sydney Olympic Village.

Tuesday started with International Parade featuring over 10,000 Lions, many in native costumes, floats and marching bands. MD105 was well supported by a pipe band and red rover bus. There was a spectacular international show in the evening.

In the opening plenary session on Wednesday IPIP Eberhard Wirfs gave his year-end report followed by flag ceremony of 206 countries. Sophie Rosa from our MD representing Europe came second in the Global Music Competition.

On Thursday Humanitarian award was presented to Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai from Kenya and in the evening over 600 Lions attended B & I reception at the Star City Hotel. In the last plenary session on Friday delegates were thrilled by keynote address from Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III, who saved 155 passengers by landing US Airways plane on Hudson river in January 2009.

This was followed by installation of International President 'Sid' L Scruggs III and District Governors which was a moving moment for all of us especially DG Martin and Jill!

Lion Kumar Acharya LC of Chipping Barnet



Lions International President Sid L. Scruggs

NOTICE BOARD

Lions Awareness Week

9th to 17th October 2010

Lions World Sight Weekend

16th and 17th October 2010

Winter Forum – 31st October at The Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Milton Keynes. Please come along for an informative and enjoyable day.

Our Christmas Carol CD

requires no PRS or PPL Licence because the songs are out of copyright and the school singing them have donated their services to Lions Clubs International. We have confirmation that our CD can be played and broadcast from your Christmas Floats without requiring a licence. The Christmas CD features 14 tracks and cost **£6 incl.p&p**. Order your copy now from Lion Nigel Perry at Knaresborough Lions. Telephone **07548 156065** or email nigelahperry@hotmail.com

LCI Purpose:

To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.



To all Clubs

Please send in articles about fundraising activities as well as the service work your Club is doing. Make sure that the articles are sent in a ready format, maximum 250 words, as a Word document. Any photos should be sent separately, as JPEG files. Do not send articles as PDF files, or using Publisher or Excel files. The deadline for any articles is the 20th of the preceding month.

Lion Shirish Sheth Editor

Lions Club of Fulham Handover on 18 June 2010



Some of the club members with PDG Lion Wesley de Mendonca.



Club president with visiting Lions.

From the Editor

We are planning to publish 8 full issues in this Lionistic year. There will be no POL published in August, November, January and May. This is to ensure that the costs remain within the budget. On this page, I have written about how and when to send your articles.

I particularly welcome articles from the Clubs who have not appeared in the Newsletter in the past. This is your Newsletter....use it to share your news and views within the District 105A.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Lions International Board meeting in Edinburgh

Why not join us at the Lions Clubs International Board Meeting in the beautiful city of Edinburgh?

1st October – join the Opening Board Meeting

2nd October – visit Festival Square to see all the Lions Projects stalls and attend the Host Evening at the Stewart's Melville College.

We still need volunteers to help as Airport Greeters, Hotel Information desk, Lions Awareness Event, Host Night and other duties.

Further information and volunteer forms can be found on the M D website www.lionsmd105.org, or by contacting mdhq@lions.org.uk

OFFICIAL CALL for the 46th Annual District 105A Convention

To be held on 5th MARCH 2011,
at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes

I call upon Clubs in District 105A for:

(A) Resolutions for Consideration at the District Convention

*All resolutions for the District Convention must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions Officer and received by him **on or before 1st October 2010** at the following address:*
16 Cranborne Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG5 2BS

(B) Applications for Host Club or Group for the 2012 and 2013 District Conventions

*Applications to host a District Convention must be submitted on the appropriate form, obtainable with the District Convention Guidelines, from the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer. Applications must be submitted to the District Convention Officer, PDG Ken Rouse, and received by him **on or before 30th September 2010** for 2012 and **31st December 2010** for 2013 at the following address: 79 Underwood Road, London E4 9EE*

Clubs are also reminded that nominations for the post of Second Vice District Governor for 2011-2012 must be received by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer by 15th August 2010.

Issued by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer on behalf of DG Lion Martin Morgan.

93rd International Convention, Sydney, Australia





DG Martin's Message



Working Together



The countdown started on a Sunday in July 2009 when our new District Governor Wesley hung a light blue collar around my neck, a pin in my lapel and announced to the room of Lions that I was the VDG for District 105A for the year 2009/2010. The year that stretched out ahead seemed such a long time for me to prepare for the day when I also hung the same collar around the neck of someone else.

How wrong can one man be...it was no time at all! All I had to do was:

Attend a number of Zone and club Meetings and of course quite a few Charters which we both found were the best bits. Organise the trip to the International Convention in Australia, Organise a DG's Garden Party and get all the invitations out. Jill and I also had to attend weekends of training in Birmingham for us both and my attendance at the Council of Governors.

Oh, I almost forgot put together a Cabinet of the best Lions in the District, order the name badges and make certain that all the names were spelt correctly and get an accurate list of Cabinet member's details to MD in time for inclusion into the Directory.

The PM Cabinet meeting, which is also my first Cabinet meeting, just couldn't have taken place without the help of my District Secretary Mike Baldwin, Sergeant at Arms Peter Codrai



and of course my District IT Officer Chris Bryant for which I thank you. Without the three of you life would be so much more difficult.

What a nightmare and what a rewarding experience when it all finally came together.

Finally we had the wonderful experience of walking into the hall at MD Convention in Leeds when we took the long walk across the hall to the strains of Queen singing "It's a Kind of Magic" where our District were waiting to greet us with

just about every instrument of making a noise or throwing confetti they could get hold of.

I can honestly say on behalf of Jill and me a very, very big **Thank You** to everyone who was there to make it a very special day for us both.



What a difficult, tiring wonderful year it's been and this is the easy year.

And finally can I just say that my aim this coming year under my strap line of **"WORKING TOGETHER"**, is to bring the District together and I hope that the clubs will visit the Cabinet meetings to see what we get up to, (after letting the SAA know before hand please), and I intend there to be many more Cabinet Officers visiting clubs to pass on their expertise so please send out Invitations to the officers concerned.

Jill's Charity – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Martin and I have two daughters and our younger daughter, Andrea, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 1980, three months before her 11th birthday.

Type 1 diabetes is a chronic condition and has a life-long impact on those diagnosed with it. People with Type 1 diabetes rely on multiple insulin injections or pump infusions every day just to stay alive. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) works to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research. They also support families living with Type 1 at diagnosis and beyond, providing sources of information including e-newsletters, a quarterly magazine for adults, plus another one for young people called T1. KIDSAC is their pack for newly diagnosed children and their families which contains an educational CD Rom, useful information and a 'Rufus Bear'. You can see one in the picture – he has felt patches on parts of his body which are there to help teach children about injection and blood testing sites.

We wish that we'd had their kind of support thirty years ago when we needed it but I am delighted that I've now got the opportunity with the Lions of 105A to help them to help others today. Thank you so much.



Jill Morgan

My Diary July 2010

6th July

Return from International Convention

11th July

Attend the Harpenden Lions Club Highland Gathering

15th July

Attend meeting at MDHQ

18th July

District Handover

22nd July

Attend the Youth Exchange farewell part

23rd - 25th July

Council of Governors meeting

27th July

Attend the Convention committee meeting