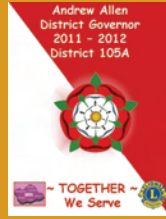


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District 105A News

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105A Youth Exchange

The Youth Exchange programme this summer in our District was a great success. We had youths from Italy, Finland, India, Peru, Germany, Japan, Belarus and the USA. We had many clubs who took part and made the visiting young people very welcome. Lions clubs of Hornsey, Tottenham, Kenton, Kingsbury, Hendon, Stanmore, Mill Hill, Edgware, Harrow & Pinner, High Wycombe and Abingdon, took part. My special thanks to the Leo club of Hadley Wood for their excellent input in the programme. Lions of Harrow & Pinner, Kenton, Mill Hill and Tottenham also hosted the various youths in their homes. This programme is a very rewarding and educational experience for all concerned. We must continue to encourage and work with our young people so that they can continue to do tomorrow what we are doing today.

DG Lion Andrew Allen officiated the farewell gala night which was well attended by the Lions and guests from our District. I would like invite more clubs to take part in this programme in future. Please contact the appropriate District officer.

Lion Raza Ismail / Lion Vivien Ragett



NOTICE BOARD

Lions Club of Osterely 6th Charter Night on 5 November 2011.

November POL will be only a WEB issue. Please check on the Lions website.

25th October is Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

*I would be
unstoppable...
if I could just
get started.*

LCI Purpose:
*To promote
the principles
of good
government
and good
citizenship.*



Candidates for the post of 1st and 2nd VDG 2012



Sarbjit Assi

I am Sarbjit Assi – my wife Kuldip and I have been married for almost 40 years and have been blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

I have been a Charter member of London (Acton) Lions club for the last 34 years. During these years, I have served at the Club as well as District level. I have been the President 4 times, Zone Chairman 3 times and Region Chairman once. I have also served as secretary and treasurer. I am a MJF Progressive award holder.

I believe we need more involvement from our club members, to support and nurture new members – nothing can be achieved without members' support. Not forgetting to have fun, fellowship and enjoyment at the same time! This should hopefully lead to more unity, growth and retention of membership within our clubs, and throughout Lionism.

I often think of the future and the wellbeing of Lionism and wonder... will we as Lions, still be here in the long term? I am sure that we will, but in order for this to happen I feel that we all need to change to accommodate the 'younger' members. We have to accept that some of our methods need to change and move at a faster pace. Therefore I would like to make presentations at Primary and Secondary Schools, and also a Media campaign for our organisation. Let us be known for the services that we provide locally and nationally. So let's make it happen. May I finally take the opportunity to thank you for the commitments you have given to Lions Club International and for your on-going loyal support.

"Together We serve"

Lion Sarbjit Assi



Meena Gupta

I began my journey as a Lion in 2003 with Lions Club of Stanmore. I have been a Club President twice, Secretary twice, and served as Zone C Chairman for two years. I am a proud holder of 2 Progressive MJFs.

In 2005 I co-founded Lions Club of Osterley. Between 2005-2008 I helped Osterley Lions raise over £ 35,000 for Campaign Sight II.

This year I am a Committee Member in District Senior Citizen Party, as well as Global Membership Team. I am also Committee Member in Forward Planning.

In 2005 I attended the Emerging Lions Institute in Marseille and this year will be attending the Senior Leadership Institute in Maastricht. I have been involved in initiating and implementing many of our club's service and fund raising projects, namely fashion shows, tin collection, Message in the Bottle, Eye Glass collection etc. I initiated the Lions Awareness stand in Zone C which has been successful.

I am married with two wonderful children. My husband, Naresh, is currently the Zone C Chairman. All of them are 101% behind me.

I hope my description of my Lions club involvement and activities provide a flavour of my commitment and achievement. I hope I will be able to contribute a lot more to my Club, my Zone and my District 105A.

I am a team player(having played for the Indian Women's Hockey Team) and strongly believe that Lions whose motto is We Serve is all about "Individuals Working in Harmony".

Lion Meena Gupta



Ramesh Parmar

I have been a member of LIONS CLUB OF EDGWARE since 1988. I am married to Nimu and have 2 children, both now married. I have my own business (Euro Bijoux Ltd) based in Park Royal importing fashion accessories and distributing to local wholesale and retail businesses. Both my son and daughter work in my company. I have recently become a proud grandfather.

I have served in all the club offices. I have been Club President twice, and Zone E Chairman twice. I was a Region Chairman in 2000-01, and District Youth Exchange Officer in 2001-02. I have been the Club Treasurer for 2 years and am the Club Secretary since 2002. This year I am the District Golf Competition Officer.

I have received many awards for my Lionistic Service namely, Melvin Jones Fellow (Progressive), International Certificate of Appreciation, President Excellent Award, 100% Club Secretary Award and Membership Growth Award.

Why do I want to become DG? The reason is that I am at that period in my life when I have more time which I can contribute to the community, and to the less fortunate than ourselves. Lions International in existence since 1917, does a great service to to the community and I am honored to be part of it. I would now like to advance myself and contribute more to this worthwhile organisation. I want to try to maintain and encourage the membership and the great work this organisation is doing. I believe in fun and fellowship and that 'one can do so little but together we can do so much more'!

Lion Ramesh Parmar

Editor's Note: In the September issue of POL, the Obituary for **Lion Kirit Patel** stated that he was a member of Lions Club of Chipping Barnet. That was an error. Late Lion Kirit Patel, was the Charter President and member of Lions Club of London Finchley. Apologies for the error.

Lion Shirish Sheth

Thank You from Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

On Saturday 10th September, IPDG Martin & Jill with their daughter Andrea as well as DO Keith Collard & Zone Chair Jennifer Collard of the Lions Club of Royston attended the JDRF sponsored run/walk in London's Regents Park as helpers. Keith and Jennifer manned the registration tent while Martin, Jill & Andrea were marshalls out on the course.

The day had started out dull and humid but brightened up just as the runners and walkers set off. Many of the children were in fancy dress or carrying their Rufus Bears. There were even dogs running wearing JDRF T-shirts.

Later a presentation took place with the cheque from the Lions of 105A. In the photo you can see Stephen Turnbull, one of JDRF's Directors, Hannah Scott, Regional Development Manager (who spoke at District Convention), Jill, IPDG Martin and a life size Rufus Bear. The amount donated by the Lions in the District to the DG's wife's charity last year was £10,350! This was an amazing generous amount.

The money you have raised will go towards a range of research projects that exist to take JDRF closer to the cure for Type 1 Diabetes, including forthcoming trials of the artificial pancreas. In addition JDRF have ongoing outreach work such as the provision of KIDSACs free of charge to newly diagnosed children which your money will help to support. Such a wonderful contribution goes a long way to helping their work. Thank you so much

Jill Morgan



District Youth Celebrations 2011

The 4th District Youth Celebration is to be held on Sunday 20th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. The committee has been working hard to make this event enjoyable for the disabled and disadvantaged young people and their carers.

We need your help and support to make this Children's Party enjoyable

and successful. Our thanks to all those Clubs who have already booked and sponsored tables.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 20th November with your guests and in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any more information.

PDG Vijay Arora

Winter Forum 2011: Thinking Fun and Fellowship

Despite a beautiful warm and sunny day, dedicated Lions and Leos gave their time to improve themselves and hopefully by transference to their respective clubs.

The Winter Forum was held at the Woodhall Primary School, South Oxhey on Sunday, 2 October 2011. The Theme was: Leadership + Membership = Club Success. A total of 96 persons attended, including 87 Lions and 9 Leos, representing 32 Lions Clubs and 3 Leos Clubs.

The day began with coffee, tea and Danish pastry followed by a morning assembly. DG Andrew Allen welcomed everyone with his usual bubbly and positive demeanour. GLT Chair Elliot Shubert described the plan for the day with a brief PP presentation. Cons Noms Res Officer, Colin Davies presented the three VDG candidates [Lions Sarbjit Assi (London Acton), Ramesh Parmar (Edgware) & Mina Gupta (Osterley)] and each candidate gave a 5 minute speech.

This was followed with a variety of one-hour seminars (repeated twice, but with a coffee break in between). The Seminars were grouped as: Leadership: Leading by Example (Harry Lote), Mentoring (Eileen Cox), & Effective Communication (Elliot Shubert); Membership: Recruiting & Retaining Members (Cheryl Peacock and Veni Vaghela), & Making Meetings Enjoyable (Alistair Joel); also two-hour seminars on: Certified Guiding Lions (Geoff Leeder), Leo Advising (Minesh Mehta) & Deaf Aware Training (Penny Tregillus).

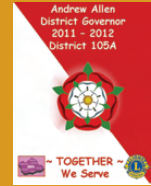
After an excellent lunch, an Ice Breaker was conducted on the theme: What is your favourite place? Lions and Leos were challenged to meet as many other people and record their favourite place. First prize (a box of Ferrero Rocher chocolates) was won by Dinesh Shonchahtra (Kingsbury). This was followed by small group discussions focused on: What did you learn today and what will you take back and share with your club? Overall, there were many positive comments, but some wanted longer sessions and more role play. DG Andrew and 1st VDG John gave the closing remarks.

I am indebted to DG Andrew Allen, SAA Peter Codrai, District IT Officer, Chris Bryant, CNR Officer Colin Davies, GMT Chair Kumar Acharya, Zone Chair, Lesley Spence and numerous Lions and school assistants for assisting with the planning, organisation, facilities, AV, coffee/tea and food preparation, serving and clean up and last but not least all of the presenters, Lions and Leos who collectively made it a very successful and enjoyable learning day. *"The day you stop learning, is the day you start dying."* (Anon)

PDG Elliot Shubert



DG Andrew's Anecdote



I was told that once October arrives forget everything else, the treadmill is working and it really does not stop... and that I should 'book' some down time (R&R) in my diary. This I tried, too late. There is some visit/event on each and every day until the end of November. As for December there are a few gaps and that is my time to catch up, reflect, and to begin planning for Convention. Some of the planning has already been done, not a lot.

So far, since returning from Seattle, I've visited 19 Clubs, been to a couple of Charters, attended several handovers, and a Council of Governors weekend meeting in Solihull. I also attended the Golf Day in Stanmore. That was a hot, but enjoyable day, which raised over £1,400 for Medical Detection Dogs. Thank you DO Ramesh Parmar.

Throw a few Zone meetings. The Watford LC Horse ride, hours in front of a PC and on the phone and I'm still behind the eight ball, but I will get there, given time. Official reclaimable mileage (for DO Alastair Joel's 'Guess the DG's Annual Mileage' to win Champagne) so far 1842, the unofficial figure add another 1402.

The Winter/Summer Forum (another very hot day), our aim was to try and recreate the atmosphere that we used to have when the event was held in High Wycombe. We did and it was superb, thank you GLT Chair PDG Elliot Shubert and ZC Lesley Spence who is Head Teacher of the school we used... along with her happy band of helpers from the school. Thanks also to the Harrow & Pinner Club who prepared breakfast, elevenses and then lunch. There were, also, the back room team and the Presenters who also did their share. A word about school, 80% of the children come from homes that really need our help, 25% of the school have very special needs.

It is rather sad that in spite of repeated requests for clubs to complete MMR's (Monthly Membership Reports) and the CAR's (Club Activity Reports) this none too difficult action falls on so many deaf ears. All Zone Chairman will be given a list of the miscreants. So far on my travels all Clubs are up to date, with one exception, a missing CAR, but that will be rectified, so I'm told.

The proposed system of 'blogging' got off to a slow start and deteriorated so its back to square one... training the cabinet by giving them the full information about front end and back end blogs, whatever that means.

The Twitter is now live on the website and I've put on a few notices, well not quite right. Chris Bryant, our IT Officer, has done that at my behest as I'm struggling with the technology.

PDG Vijay Arora has an initiative to plant more trees during the next few tree planting months and will get the detail out to all, as a matter of course could all Clubs tell me how many have been planted that will count towards International President Tam's target of 1 million and the Districts pledge of 200.

The next Council of Governors meeting is scheduled for the end of October, and I have one request to put to them about Motor Neuron Disease. Anyone got others to include in the meeting, please let me know. I need to remind all that all Lions can attend a Cabinet meeting, providing they give our District Sergeant at Arms Peter Codrai a call on the Wednesday beforehand to book their place and order coffee / lunch whilst preparing the seating arrangements. The next meetings are held October 16th, January 15th and May 20th, all at the Doubletree Hotel in Milton Keynes.

Why not invite Cabinet Officers to your meeting at either Club or Zone level they are prepared to travel and answer your questions. Zone Chairmen have been asked to provide dates of their meetings and if I'm free I will come along.

We have three Clubs which are really struggling and the GMT/GLT are trying to revitalise them. I am planning a special session for selected Clubs, to hold a GMT/GLT workshop to show them how to attract more members.

Remember that we are all part of the same team - District 105A and as such we should be mindful of others, offer support and encouragement just as shown in the Lions Code of Ethics.

Above all have fun serving your Club your District 105A, our Association and our fellow human beings... Together We Serve.

Andrew

Be yourself... Nobody is better qualified.

My Diary October 2011

Sun 2	Winter Forum 2011
Mon 3	OV Ampthill
Tue 4	OV Amersham & Chesham
Wed 5	OV Barking
Thu 6	OV Berkhamsted
Mon 10	OV Letchworth
Tue 11	OV Bedford
Wed 12	OV Bicester
Fri 14	CA Carterton
Sat 15	CA Chipping Norton
Sun 16	District Cabinet Meeting
Wed 19	OV Hounslow
Fri 21	OV Newport Pagnall & Olney
Sat 22	CA Amersham & Chesham
Sat 22	Club Event LPNCLC
Mon 24	OV Hertford
Tue 25	OV Hemel Hempstead
Wed 26	OV Hayes & Harlington
Thu 27 to 30	Council of Governors - Solihull
	OV = Official Visit

From the Editor

Some Lions have queried why the POL is late in being published. The reason is simple. I am not getting the articles sent to me in time. The deadline for any month is the 22nd of the preceding month. If I get articles and photos late, there is not much I can do, other than wait. Please send in your articles early. It will help all of us.

It is Diwali time. Best wishes for a joyous Diwali and Happy New Year.

Lion Shirish Sheth