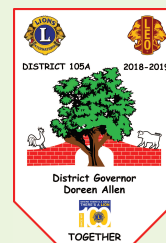




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# PRIDE OF Lions

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## Every Life Has a Purpose

**T**he Fairlop Leos have successfully secured an LCIF grant for the ELHAP project... this grant was a first in MD105! ELHAP (Every Life Has a Purpose) is a local special needs adventure playground and is the only one of its kind in the South East of England. With this grant and an additional donation of £1,100 from their funds, the Leos financed a wildlife hide which is tucked away amongst the trees in ELHAP's wild orchard.

The opportunity to embrace nature is at the very core of ELHAP's ethos and the new wildlife hide provides the hundreds of disabled children and adults that visit ELHAP to truly feel at one with nature. The Hide provides the perfect contrast to the hubbub of the adventure playground, a place for the children to take a moment to themselves in such a calming setting. It is, however, more than just a retreat, the colours and sounds of nature provide a magnificent sensory experience and kitted with Leo funded binoculars and wildlife charts, it enables the children to learn about the large variety of wildlife that ELHAP attracts, teaching them to respect the world around them, as they sit hidden away experiencing it right in front of them. ELHAP will base many projects and activities around The Hide which will positively impact hundreds of disadvantaged and disabled children and will provide a unique experience.

Lion Surjit Chodda



## Visit from Twinned Club

**O**n 16th June 2018, twelve members of London Central Host Lions Club had gone to Venice, Italy and twinned with Stra Riviera del Brenta Host Lions Club in an impressive Ceremony. This year on 6th April Eight Members of Italian Club visited London and we celebrated first anniversary of our twinning.



The Event was joined by many Past District Governors of 105A and guests along with Members of London Central Host and families.

Lion Manji Kara

*Picture shows Lion President Vijay Jain presenting a Memento to Lion President Matteo Levantino of Venetian Lions Club.*

## Family Counselling Service Support

**A**sian Family Counselling Service (AFCS) is a national registered charity. It was established in 1983 and provides confidential and culturally sensitive mental health and relationship counselling services. It has over three decades of experience in dealing with complex issues such as depression, trauma, forced marriage, abandonment, domestic violence and asylum.

**Southall Lions Club** has made a donation to the Southall branch of AFCS for several years. This year was no exception. Kulbir Randhawa, Director of AFCS attended Southall Club's meeting on 17th April 2019. Lion President Jatinder Kaur and Activities Chairman Lion Chirantan Shukla presented a cheque to Kulbir Randhawa.

The Director thanked members of Southall Lions Club for their continued support. She noted that funding for AFCS's work is becoming ever more difficult. She added that donation from Southall Lions Club helps AFCS to continue to provide services which change people's lives and wellbeing.

Lion Chirantan Shukla

## NOTICE BOARD

The **Spring Forum** will take place on **Sunday, 12 May 2019** from 9 am to 12.15 pm at the **Watermill Hotel, London Road, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2RJ**. All Lions members are welcome to attend.

**Lions Clubs of Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill Golf Challenge 2019** at **Hartsbourne Golf & Country Club** on **16 May 2019**. £80 including dinner. Contact **Lion Parveen Verma**.



*Beyond the Horizon*

**LCI Purposes:**

*To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*



# DG Doreen's Dialogue



**W**hat an honour it has been to serve as your District Governor this year! I want to thank all the Clubs in the District for making us feel welcome and working with me so diligently this year.

My theme for the year has been "TOGETHER". The purpose of my theme was to unite and encourage everyone in District to move forward in harmony, implementing the changes that are necessary to adapt to our changing lifestyles. I will still be working around District visible and approachable on any matter until I hand over the reins to our District Governor Elect Kamal in July.

Easter is just a memory and I hope that all your Easter Egg raffles and events were successful. I was delighted to attend the annual Zone B Easter Egg Hunt and Duck Race... excited children and chocolate... a resounding success. I have almost completed my official visits and Andrew and I both enjoy the fellowship and hospitality of all Clubs. During this year several clubs celebrated milestones and I look forward to three amazing events to celebrate 50 years of service by Witney Lions Club, Banbury Lions Club and Wembley Lions Club – My heartiest Congratulations.

By the time you read this the MD Convention in Swansea would have been and gone. Our MD will look different from July onwards as we reduce to eight new Districts. DG Elect Kamal has been organising his team to take our District us forward. We will lose 3 Clubs to District SC, Abingdon, Carterton and Wantage & Grove and sadly Thame will close. We thank them for their friendship and service over many years and wish them well in the future.

Spring Forum on May 12th is an important tool for those taking on Club Officer roles. This applies to all club members as it gives an understanding of how the system works, including the changes that are now part of the organisation. Training and development is very important for growth and succession and for Lions to prosper. Changes are continually taking place. I encourage all Lions to become familiar with the LCI website and

courses. There is nothing more important than understanding the organisation of which you are a member.

Lions Clubs are not social Clubs, we are community service clubs we are members of Lions Clubs international and should be very proud of that fact. Changing lives is what Lions do, and we need to inform people about it. Raise awareness and support for our local and global causes; create more and different opportunities for service as well as building partnerships within your local communities. We have to be visible so ensure our logo is prominently displayed on all promotional material for your Club events. Use social media effectively it's a great way to connect and make partnerships with other groups – more hands make service easier.

A very big thank you to all the Clubs throughout the District for supporting Andrew's Charity Haven House Hospice – all the proceeds will go to the provide support for families with children needing end of life care.

In conclusion... Please enjoy your Lionism and your fellow members, help your community, look after your members.

Till next time, be safe and be happy...

DG Doreen

## My Diary May 2019

1 Watford O/V	15 Sudbury O/V
2-5 MD Convention Swansea	17 Zone D
6 Opening of Leo Wildlife Hide	18 Harrow & Pinner Charter
7 Banbury O/V	19 Cabinet Meeting
8 Chipping Barnet O/V	20 Chinatown O/V
9 Friern Barnet O/V	21 Hayes & Harlington
11 Banbury 50th Charter	27 Leo meeting
12 Incoming Officers	28 Ruislip O/V
13 DG Team meeting	30 GMT meeting
14 Amersham & Chesham O/V	OV = Official Visit

## We need you...

**T**he annual St. Albans Beer and Cider Festival was held last year between 26 and 29th of September. Like any event, it is only successful if there are enough volunteers, to help run it. Many thanks to those of you who came along to help at the event and helped to make it such a success!

This year the 2019 Festival is taking place between 25 and 28 September. St. Albans Lions are 'running' the glasses stand and we need as



DG with an empty pint!

many Lions to volunteer to help as possible. It would therefore be appreciated if you would volunteer to help. If you would like to find out whether it is enjoyable then please ask either DG Doreen or PDG Andrew, both of whom have helped for several years.

Lion Simon Dean

## Welcome new Lions

**Jonathan Hawtin** – Chipping Norton, **Vinod Raval** – Edgware, **Nilesh Shah** – Friern Barnet Centennial, **Samia Chaudhary** – London Acton, **Dylan Lall** – London Acton, **Berkay Ozdogu** – London Central Host, **Khalifa Rashid** – London Westminster, **Naj Qureshi** – Milton Keynes Central, **Darminster Chada** – Southall, **Manjinder Dhanda** – Southall, **Sukie Dhanda** – Southall, **Andrew Crossey** – Winslow.

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Welcome to our new members, I look forward to personally meeting you soon, at an event, a visit or a Charter.



Induction at London Central Host