

Dear Family of Lions

International Convention in Boston

I have returned from Boston after attending my first International Convention, I enjoyed it so much it won't be my last.

When we first arrived a couple of days were free time, then it was into school to be prepared to become a District Governor. It is acknowledged that the training given in MD 105 is superb, we are so well informed when compared to other MD's, full credit must be given to our trainers.

Once school was finished and we had attended a celebratory dinner, it was into the Convention.

Before I go on, I must tell you about our International President Jimmy Ross., He is a 6'4" Texan who wears a white Stetson. I must admit there were times when I expected to see him on his horse! He is a terrific speaker - totally committed to LCI. He will be having a meeting with George Bush this month to suggest that the aid given to developing countries is channelled through the Lions and not, as is at the moment, given to Governments. Quite an idea if he can pull it off!

Back to the Convention: Saturday was the day of the big parade, we had to marshal at 9.00, as MD 105 was number 27 in the parade. There were about 70 of us all wearing the bush shirts with the emblems of England,



He can put his arm around DG? Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with the DGE's spouses carrying umbrellas with either the Union Flag or the Irish Tricolour, we were led by a pipe band. The street was lined with people, all enjoying the spectacle. Once we had walked the third of a mile or so and reached the end of the line we were free to enjoy the rest of the parade as it passed. Great fun!

Sunday and Monday there were many interesting, (and some not so interesting) seminars to attend during the day, and then during the evening attending the functions

arranged by various countries. I went to the French, German and Benelux, all very different but full of fellowship. I have so many cards from Lions of these countries and hope to meet up with a number of them during the Europa Forum in Bournemouth this October.

At long last, Tuesday the 4th July arrived. We, the DGE's, all 756 of us, who had been walking around with a blue ribbon hanging



This must be a Blue Ribbon Event

from our DG name badges for a week, arrived at the Convention hall. Firstly a speech by IP Ashok Metha, giving an account of his year, then results of the resolutions, then the result of the ballot for the 2nd Vice President, Al Brandel, then the swearing in of the International President, Jimmy Ross, then his speech, (only about 1hr 20min); the excitement is building..... At last he asked all DGE's to stand. This is it! He then asked our partners to remove the elect ribbons and that was it, except for the congratulations received from the members of MD105. I think I was expecting fanfares to sound, tie a tape to fall from the ceiling, but we just left the hall and caught the busses back to our hotels.

We, the DG's of 105, did go out that evening for a celebratory meal and a couple of drinks. Andrew and I arrived back in the UK on Saturday morning, a couple of hours sleep, then unpacked the cases, put on the washing and now I'm ready to go.

Sunday was High Wycombe's Handover with a very enjoyable lunch and I inducted a new member. High Wycombe has gone from strength the strength and now has a membership of 37. My congratulations to Lion President Eileen Wheatley.

Now on the Monday, the meeting where we finalised the details for the young people on the Youth Exchange who will be arrived on Monday 17th July. As usual Lion Raza had everything organised.

Tuesday was Swiss Cottage Handover and again I had the pleasure to induct a new member. Swiss Cottage is a young vibrant Club ready and eager to take up Lionistic challenges. (I have written this before the Handover), Sunday is Handover and then it is all systems go.

If there is something you would like me to attend please write or email, I cannot put anything into the diary otherwise.



The Welsh contingent amongst the 105A team...not no flag

My Diary

Add these to your diary

1 st Aug	MERCLPR meeting	16 th Aug	Hendon Leo club Formation
6 th Aug	Cabinet meeting, Blakemore Thistle Hotel	17 th Aug	Zone G meeting
8 th Aug	Chipping Barnet Club Handover	20 th Aug	District Cricket match, at Tring
13 th Aug	Sight First II day, Golden Square	26 th Aug	Northwood Club Fundraiser
15 th Aug	Zone F meeting	28 th Aug	Northwood Carnival
		3 rd Sept	Sight First II Walk, Windsor Great Park
		3 rd Sept	Hertford Lions Club

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DG Lion Louvain Allen

WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

20th August 2006

105A Cricket Match

District 105A

7th October 2006

Inaugural "Moonwalk" in aid of WaterAid and other causes

Bletchley Milton Keynes

Contact Lion John Stupples to book a team & more info

16th October 2006

Europa Forum starts

Everyone

4th February 2007

District Senior Citizens Party

District 105A

Lions Club of Swiss Cottage

3rd September 2006 - Picnic

25th November - Charter Night

16th December - Charity Mehfil

District 105A Charity Golf Day

Supporting a project with "Habitat For Humanity" in partnership with LCIF to renovate flats for disabled families in Eastern Europe.

It will take place on Friday 18th August 2006 at Wycombe Golf Centre, Rayners Avenue, Loudwater, High Wycombe, HP10 9SZ (Tel: 01767 811454)

Coffee & bacon rolls from 9.15am

Golf - 18 holes from 10am

Three Course Dinner at 4.30pm

Cost £50 Each

Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places
Longest Drive
Nearest the Pin,

The Dr. Elliot Shubert Trophy to the winning team.

Teams of 2 players (male or female)
Each team must include one "Lions" member. Clubs may enter several Teams
Buggies are available for hire (book direct with golf club)

This is a fantastic cause, but more importantly it involves team work and lots and lots of fun and a wonderful day out!

District 105A News

HELPFUL HINTS

Lion Chris Bryant has very helpfully provided Pride of Lions with a list of different ideas in fundraising activities that can be tried out by Clubs. Below is the List of all A to B's that he has come up with. Can you think of any others that you could share with other Clubs? Has anyone tried any of the things on the list with good or bad consequences? Care to share the secret of your Clubs' success?

Auctions	Balloon Race
BBQ	Barge Pull
Barn Dance	Beer Festival
Beetle Drive	Bike Ride
Bingo	Bowling Night
Bring & Buy Sale	Burns Night
	Bollywood Night.

How to get things published...

If you would like anything published in future editions of Pride of Lions, then all you have to do is email me at news@lions105a.org. Keep it funky, simple and to the point and no more than 200 words please, in Word format. Any photographs in Jpeg, as small a resolution as is possible, otherwise I can spend up to 20 minutes downloading a picture. If it cannot be included in an edition, this will normally be due to lack of space, so please, don't be upset. If you do not hear back from me when you have submitted something, then this will be because I have not received it, so try again.

Maria - Editor

The new Lions International President



He must have won!!!

HAVE YOUR SAY!

It's Important to Have Your Say

At the District Convention this year there was only one resolution: to set the annual dues. This Resolution is required by the District Constitution. This was the only formal opportunity for discussion of the administration within our District, but there was no one who actually wanted it discussed. The Convention should provide the opportunity for views and concerns to be debated, for the benefit of all. In order to do this, they need to be brought to notice. The way to do this is through a Resolution. If there are matters which members feel should be discussed, then please contact me to see if they can be formulated as a Resolution. It is only by this means that we can be aware of any factors which are of general concern.

PDG Lion John Hunt
*District Constitution, Nominations &
Resolutions Officer*

Important Notice to Club Secretaries

Please could all Club Secretaries when sending their address lists to Birmingham let me have a copy either by e-mail or post so that I can keep the database up to date.

Keith Tooley
The Lion Distribution Officer

LIONS INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB

An enquiry has been received from a fellow Lion: a member of the Lions International Stamp Club would like to make contact with anybody who was involved with the Hatfield Club and an issue of stamps.

Do you have the knowledge? If so please contact the DG.



The Ethical Way to Talk

Lions of District 105A now have a fantastic opportunity to communicate at a reduced cost, whilst doing something to boost funds. Together with AVC, a telecommunications Company, Lions of 105A can now have a phone at no cost, with reduced rates. Here is how it works:

- Lions members can have a mobile phone at ZERO cost with no line rental, (although an upgraded phone can be purchased at a reduced fee).
- Family/Friends/Club Partnerships are also issued with a new phone at zero cost (or addition upgrades can be purchased), the line rental, which will help support the community scheme, will be £5.00 + VAT per month, with the same call costs.
- For each Family/Friends/Club Partnership members who join the scheme 20% of all line rentals are passed straight back to the Lions 105A.

AVC are committed to helping educational, sports and Charitable Community Groups such as Lions Clubs become more sustainable. In addition to vastly improving communications between members of your community this scheme will generate income for your organisation for very little work.

Example - 200 Friends and family members on the scheme equates to £4800 over the term of the service contract

- AVC will pay the Community Scheme an ADDITIONAL £10.00 per Friends & Family member after 6 months of continuous usage.
- 24 month contract (just has to be used)
- Scheme grows but never stops
- Win – Win for all involved.

On a personal note you may have noticed that I have a new mobile telephone number. I have taken full advantage of this scheme and am incredibly happy with the results in my phone bill. I have noticed a reduction in my monthly bill from a previous phone network. I can even get coverage in the depths of the English Channel, (which is at the moment quite vital). I was so impressed with the phone, that I have since got a phone, free of charge for my oldest son, who starts secondary school. He likes the fact that it is, in his own words, “an ethical phone”, where part of the money spent will go back into Lions Clubs District 105A. Even my better half has taken advantage of this offer, and is finding that talking to me is now not as costly as it used to be. AVC even organised him taking his old number. Fellow Lions, if you would like to know more, then log into the AVC website and check out the competitive tariffs. If you want to know how I got on, then just call me.

Pride of Lions

OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 42nd ANNUAL DISTRICT 105A CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT THE OXFORD BELFRY HOTEL ON 3RD MARCH 2007.

I now call upon clubs in District 105A for:

- (a) Resolutions for consideration at the 2007 District Convention
- (b) Applications for Host Club or Group for the 2008 District Convention
- (c) Nominations for Vice District Governor for 2007-2008

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 2006:**

Applications to host the District Convention in 2008 must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions

Officer on the appropriate form, obtainable, with the District Convention Guidelines, from the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer, and received by him **on or before 31st December 2006.**

Nominations for the post of Vice District Governor 2007-2008 must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer on the appropriate form, obtainable from the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer, together with a signed copy of the minutes of the club meeting supporting the nomination, and received by him **on or before 15th August 2006.**

District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer, PDG Lion John Hunt, Details In District Book.

Issued by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer on behalf of the District Governor Lion Louvain Allen



P.E.T. is an acronym for Personal Energy Transportation. These sturdy, hand-cranked carts provide mobility and dignity for persons who suffer from polio, birth defects, war amputations or injury from landmines. PET is a faith-based, volunteer driven organization. Since its founding in 1994, the PET Project has distributed some 7,500 PET units free to persons in need in 57 nations world-wide. Two-thirds of PETs have been donated by churches; one-third by individuals and service clubs. To learn more about PET, go to:

www.giftofmobility.org

From the Editor

“With age, comes maturity and wisdom”, said a woman, possibly a mother of two boys, rapidly growing up and facing the difficulties of right and wrong. School holidays means playing host to a multitude of kids, who will turn up at your house, sometimes at 9 in the morning when you are still not in the land of the living. The other day, as my boys were “hanging out and chillin’” with their mates, an argument ensued about someones’ behaviour at the last school disco. This escalated into a heated debate, where two of them, decided to bring up a misdemeanour, committed three years ago. The culprit had done something naughty and had got a triple detention. “That’s not fair, bringing that up now!” said one. The debate turned into why this past

misdemeanour should or shouldn’t come into this conversation. Knowing that my time to intervene had come, I thought hard and decided to look up the Lions Code of Ethics. “To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy”. These 10 and 11 year olds’, not yet old enough to join the Lions, understood it immediately. We went through all of the Code of Ethics. It was decided not to allow one’s past misdemeanours to come into a present argument. One of the boys asked, “So why don’t adults adhere, to this Code of Ethics, ‘cos we wouldn’t have half so many problems if they did”. I think wisdom fell upon these children that morning.

Maria

How to Help Your Club or The Ten Commandments on: How to Run a Good Club

1. **TEAM WORK** – working in Harmobny is the key to success
2. **ALWAYS** be ready to accept changes when required
3. Leave “**EGO**” at home
4. **RESPECT** the protocol of Lionism and Club meeting timings
5. **COMMUNICATION** is the key to go forward to achieve goals
6. **RESPECT** and understand and care for each other
7. **DON’T BE SHY** to give your suggestions, give your ideas, be creative
8. **BE PROUD** to be a Lion for the good work you do
9. **ALWAYS PROTECT AND BE LOYAL TO YOUR CLUB AND MEMBERS**
10. **REMEMBER** – WE ARE THE VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

This was written by Lion President Nimmi Suri of Osterley Club and included in the Clubs’ new Directory for this year. It is certainly thought provoking and a good way to perhaps start a meeting, together with our Code of Ethics and Objects. Well done Nimmi.

YOUTH EXCHANGE



Youth Exchange BBQ at President Lions Club of Osterley, Lion Nimmi’s House on 22nd July 06.



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2006 Harpenden Highland Gathering

The 2006 Harpenden Highland Gathering was held on Sunday 16th July in Rothamsted Park,



Harpenden.

It was a glorious, hot and sunny day which helped to swell the numbers to a record breaking 8,000 people. The interims estimate of money raised for local charities is £8,000.

During the day there were displays of bagpipe bands, Scottish Country Dancing and there were solo piping competitions.

There were over 80 market, craft and commercial stalls.

The charity beneficiaries are: -

- Community Meeting Point
- Sue Ryder Care, Stagenhoe
- Herts Young Homeless Group

Mohan Cashyap, current President of Harpenden Lions, said



“I would like to thank everyone who made this an extremely successful Highland Gathering. I would not be surprised if it turns out to be the most profitable as well.

The weather was extremely kind and I am sure the people who attended the function will have enjoyed themselves. All the Guests who attended the Presidents Tent were very complimentary and spoke very highly of the effort put into the event by all concerned especially by the Lions.

We can be proud of our achievement in putting on such a special event.

Some photographs are attached. Contact S Gledhill as below for a wider selection or visit our website.

Steve Gledhill
PRO - Harpenden Lions Club



How's-zattt for Zone F!

On Sunday 23rd July (which just happened to be one of the hottest Sundays on record!), avid ricketers from the eight clubs in Zone F were all out in their whites, competing against each other in the Annual Cricket Match which was played at the North Middlesex Cricket Ground in Hornsey. It surely was a brilliant day - not just on the sunshine stakes, but with all the players and guests in excellent Lionistic spirit.

The event was very well organised and as usual, the committee, headed by Lion Dilip Vora, Lion Albert Khanawan and RC Lion Niten Shah had planned everything spot on. It was nice to meet the dignitaries, namely, DG Lion Louvain Allen, Lion Andrew Allen, VDG Lion Ken Rouse, Lion Margaret Rouse, PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry, PDG Lion Rati Shah, PDG Lion Parveen Verma, PDG Eric Amaria & RC Lion Niten Shah, Presidents from the Zone Clubs and District & Clubs Officers too. In fact, altogether we had over 200 people present during the afternoon.

There were plenty of snacks and fruit available throughout the afternoon followed by a full meal at the end of the Match. The Lions partners kept themselves very busy helping with the arrangements and laying out the snacks and fruits and also managed to go on a long walk in the fields by the Cricket Pitch, whilst the youngsters were kept occupied with a bouncy castle.

As the match got under way, in the First round, Mill Hill / Hornsey played against Enfield / Southgate and won that match and Finchley/ Chipping Barnet played against Swiss Cottage/ Hadley Wood and won that match. So against a nail biting final where Mill Hill/ Hornsey played against Finchley/ Chipping Barnet and won overall.

Apart from Finchley and Chipping Barnet winning the day, there were other trophies presented as follows:

The Best All Rounder Trophy - Minesh Shah
The Best Bowler Trophy - Jaz Phull
The Best Batsman Trophy - Amit Radia
The Winning Team Trophy was presented to
Lion Shashi Chauhan of Mill Hill.

This Annual Event will be held next year on Sunday 5th August 2007 at the same venue, at the same time and Mill Hill/ Hornsey will be there to defend their Trophy – so put the date in your diary already and make sure you keep practicing!

Lion Sanjay Shah.

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