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105A NEWSLETTER

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International Convention at Osaka, Japan

service with a smile.....



District Governor Lion Mike Baldwin and his good Lady Janet on the day before convention in the parade held in Universal Studios, Osaka.

Lion Mike and Janet were installed during convention which was witnessed not only by over 7,000 Lions from around the world but also 14 Lions and their family from District 105A.

District 105A Handover Lunch

On Sunday 21 July 2002 for the first time the District 105A Handover was organised at The Belfry Hotel, Thame at lunchtime which was very well supported. Lion Ram Jaggi (now IPDG) welcomed and greeted the new leaders of the Clubs and District. This occasion also saw Lion Mike Baldwin installed as District Governor followed by the installation of the new cabinet for 2002-3. Lady Shashi Jaggi also presented a cheque for over £21,000, These funds were raised for her appeal for Breast Cancer Care to be used to buy breast boards at Mt. Vernon Hospital, Northwood.



IPDG Ram and Shashi Jaggi presenting cheque. *Fantastic!*

District Competition- Are Lions becoming *Weight Watchers*?

Ever noticed how DG's put on weight during their year in office? In the town of High Wycombe, there is an ancient tradition that each year the newly elected Mayor is 'weighed in' into office and at the end of the year of service 'weighed out'.

At this years District Handover we introduced the same tradition. When D G Mike Baldwin was 'weighed in' we were concerned at how many clothes he was shedding to get down to his nett weight - modesty eventually prevailed. He weighed in at 86.5kgs (13st 9lbs for the over 60's) and we invite all clubs in our District to guess his weight at the end of his year of office. Complete the competition form (which will be mailed out separately) and send it, with your donation of £20 - all of which will go into DG's Lady Janet's appeal. In the event of a tie, Janet will nominate the club which has been able to offer the most support for her appeal and High Wycombe Lions Club will donate a perpetual trophy to the winner. This is a 'have fun' activity, please give it your support.

Lion John Crick

Members Winter Forum

Lion Mike Hendy
(Leadership & Training officer)

In conjunction with High Wycombe Lions Club presents

Members Winter Forum
On Sunday 6 October 2002
8.30am to 3.30pm

@ Wycombe High School for Girls
High Wycombe
Contact Lion Mike Hendy on
training@lions105a.org

Thought of the month

*Nothing the heart gives away
is lost ;
It is kept in the hearts
of
others*

"Happiness is a Circus called Zippo" by Region 2 Lions



"A really magical experience for the children, as none of them had been to a circus before & the 'goody bag' added to their excitement" wrote a teacher who accompanied the children to the Region 2 Zippo Charity Show. It was the third and the best attended. Smiles widened on the faces of over 750 children with physical & learning difficulties, children

with special needs, children in wheelchairs, all from special schools in the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow, their carers, and other accompanying adults who thronged on Acton Green on 1st July 2002. The din, the shrieks of laughter and obvious enjoyment were themselves a testimony to the pleasure the show brought into the lives of these children and adults alike. Also present were the Mayors of Ealing & Hounslow, Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon and our IPDG Lion Ram Jaggi, all were being a part of gratification. For the Lions it was just another deed which gave them tremendous satisfaction. My thanks to Virgin Drinks, Natco Cash & Carry & the Clubs in Region 2 for their contributions for the 'goody bag'. Thanks also to all the Lions who helped and made a difference in the lives of those children. Our appreciative thanks to the Management and staff of Zippo Circus for their kindness in providing the show.

Lion Rana Dhawan
Disability Awareness / Speech & Hearing Officer

Meet your Editor 105A Newsletter & Liaison Officer The Lion



I am Lion Minesh Mehta, Editor of the 105A Newsletter and also the Liaison Officer for "The Lion" magazine. I am a member of the Lions Club of London Hendon. As Editor, my objectives are to ensure I meet the DG's objectives of reporting decisions made at cabinet, to provide members with up to date news to improve communications, develop the standard of the printed & internet versions of 105A newsletter and to encourage clubs to send me articles of interest in order to increase awareness of their activities through 105A newsletter.

Deadline - send me any articles together with photographs by 15th of the month by e-mail to editor@lions105a.org Keep them short and interesting.

Distribution - I am not in charge but each club should receive 5 copies. If club secretaries feel their club does not require 5, please let me know. On the other hand if you require more, please feel free to photocopy. But the idea is that every member should now read the newsletter on the Website.

The Lion Liaison Officer - I am your "One Stop Shop" for any articles for The Lion magazine. You should send all articles to me. **Lion Minesh Mehta**

Diabetes Screening - Hayes & Harlington Lions Club

Diabetes is known to be the third biggest killer & single cause of blindness in the world. In UK appx. 8% of the population are victims of this disease. Diabetes awareness is as important as the precautions one should take. Lions Club of Hayes & Harlington have been involved in the screening and has proved to be an invaluable service to the community. With the help of 4 nurses from the Diabetes Unit at Hillingdon Hospital diabetes screening was held at the Hayes Carnival on Saturday 13 July, in order to identify adverse levels of sugar in the persons' blood. Of the 130 tested, 3 were positive and were referred to their GP's. This event has proved to be a very valuable public relations exercise as well. A few people who had come last year remembered the Lions and the service we provide. We also had a visit from the Mayor of London Borough of Hillingdon which attracted more people to our stand. I must conclude that this is a well worth effort, not only for the benefit of the public but also for the enhancement of the image of the Lions generally.

Lion Rana Dhawan

DISTRICT 105A JUBILEE FAMILY FUN DAY & BARBEQUE

Sunday 8 September 2002
9.30 am to 5 pm

**BERKHAMSTED CRICKET
GROUND**
Berkhamsted Cricket Sports &
Social Club, Castle Hill,
Berkhamsted

**MUSIC-GAMES-RACES-
FOOD
LICENCED BAR**

6km SPONSORED WALK
All monies to fund
Senior Citizens Party

FREE ENTRY
**ENJOYMENT FOR ALL THE
FAMILY**

New Lion President Starts at the Run



Lion President Lion Jane Codrai of Luton Lions Club started 2002/3 by running in the Wardown Park ladies 5km run, organised by Stopsley Striders running club. Jane raised £120 for Cancer Research. So far this year, Luton Lions have raised over £620 for local charities at the Jubilee Party in the Park, the Luton Pasque Hospice Fete & the Raynham Way Community Centre Fete.

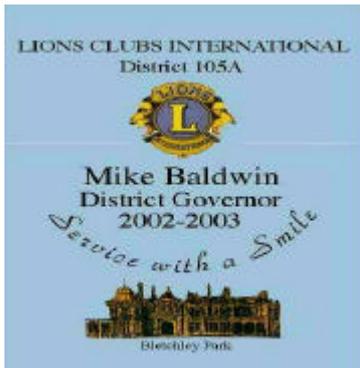
Lion Peter Codrai

Message from District 411

The following is a message received by Lion Neel Shah, District Webmaster :-

Congratulations on your website and the information that is available on it. I am a regular visitor to a number of clubs in District 105A & wish to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs who have assisted clubs in District 411. Best wishes to your District Governor & to you.

PDG Lion Amu Shah
Nakuru Kenya District 411



Lions Clubs International

District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



AUGUST 2002

To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

International Convention Osaka

Well the International Convention has come and gone and I am left with many differing impressions. Firstly of the City of Osaka itself. It is a city of many contrasts. High level free running freeways give way to heavily congested city roads. The people eat wisely to stay healthy yet nearly everyone seems to smoke. It is a city of wealthy people yet the river banks are the home to many as the economic downturn bites. It was also our base for 12 days.

The convention began, as far as I was concerned with the District Governor Elects school. 5 days of fairly intensive work. MD105 was in the same syndicate as MD's 5M & 7. We thus shared our time with Lions from USA & Canada. It is clear that the training provided by MD 105 for DGE's is as good as any and once more contrasts were apparent. Some DG's can make a club visit to each club and never have to travel more than half an hour from their home. My twin Governor from Australia on the other hand, has a District which runs from Adelaide to Darwin, some 3,000 miles away.

And so to the convention itself. If I am honest, I have mixed views about it. It was announced as the biggest convention ever but I felt it lacked real atmosphere and real numbers. Only on the first day were there any significant numbers in the Dome. On the second day, the day of the key note speaker I would put the figure at less than 3,000. On the day before convention opened the parade was held in Universal Studios and this was a great success and Janet and I enjoyed every minute of it. Overall this was the convention at which Janet and I were installed and we will never forget it nor the very many new friends we made or the fact that 14 Lions from 105A attended. Thank you to all of them.

Impact

This is a word that all Lions are going to hear a lot about in the coming year. Our International President Kay K Fukushima has, as one of his objectives, the increase of new club formation from the current average of 1,100 clubs per year to 2,200 clubs in 2002-2003 (a 100% increase). To help achieve his objective he has appointed 22 Impact leaders worldwide. Ours is PID Lion Phil Nathan who also has responsibility for France, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and I think Croatia. Lion Phil has appointed Team Leaders and PDG Doug Cross has accepted the post for MD105. He will be helped by Liaison Officers and ours is PCC David Firth, who is also looking after Districts 105D and 105SE. Lion David will liaise closely with our MERCL Team

MERCL Team

Yes I know, this newsletter is getting to be very heavy reading but I feel it right that members should know about new initiatives.

Outside a café in France a tourist witnessed a strange sight. A young woman sitting nearby put on her beret and ambled across the road, seemingly oblivious to the ear splitting clamour of horns and screeching tyres. "What's wrong with her?" the tourist wondered aloud. "Ignore her, monsieur" sniffed the café proprietor "She is French and saunters"

The MERCL Team has been appointed as part of the overall Impact strategy and includes our Vice District Governor Lion Elliot Shubert. It is chaired by Lion Louvain Allen, Membership & Extension and also includes Lion Mike Hendy, Leadership & Training, Lion Ram Jaggi, Retention and the two Regional Zone & Club Support officers. The team will work with Lion David Firth in order to help club extension and member retention.

In these days of cold rejection you sit by me and everything's fine

Contact Governor

Just to let you know I am the contact governor for Youth Award, International Relations and Street Children. If anyone has anything they wish to raise at MD on these issues please speak to the respective MD officers. These are Lion Larry Trigwell (Guernsey) Ram Jaggi and Max Mongia.

Message in a bottle

Several combinations of various sorts (clubs, zones or geographical areas) are carrying out very successful launches of the scheme in various forms (mostly in partnerships). It is difficult to keep up to date with them and I have therefore asked Lion Rati Shah to keep a record in order to monitor the Lions input. Lion Rati will not get involved in any way with the scheme but I would like any such launches to be brought to his attention just so we can have an overview of the situation. Thanks for your co-operation. (medicalert@lions105a.org)

Region Chairmen

By now you will have realised that I have decided not to appoint Region Chairmen for 2002-2003. This is because I believe we should be moving towards a flatter structure in hierarchy terms. I do however see a need for a " port of call " for Zone Chairman who need advice or help. I have therefore appointed two " Regional Zone and Club Support Officers " whose remit will be to do exactly what it says on the tin (as the Ronseal advert goes) The two officers are Lions Afzal Rai for Regions 1,2,3 & 4 and Charles Perry for Regions 5,6 & 7.

Club News

Sadly I have to report that two clubs, **Rickmansworth** and **Shepperton & Sunbury**, found it necessary to close at the end of June. This is a pity but sometimes hard decisions are the right ones and I know that the Lions involved did not take the steps lightly. Thanks to all the members of both clubs for their caring work over a great many years. I am pleased to report that a number of the Lions from the former clubs have transferred and are therefore not lost to Lionism.

District Quiz

Lion Peter Gent and I have been considering the District Quiz in the light of two things. Firstly there are no longer Region Chairman and secondly the difficulty of finding a low cost venue for the final of around 30 lions in total. In his report to cabinet on 4 August Lion Peter has therefore proposed that the format be altered to 14 Zone finals with the winning team from each Zone going forward to the District Final. This would provide a final of some 56 Lions not counting fun teams. I will report later on the discussion at cabinet.

Youth Exchange

I am sure you will find an article in 105A news about this next month but my thanks go to Lion Bharat Mistri and all his team, for organising a very successful Youth Exchange Programme during July. Thank you all very much.

Get Well Soon

I reported in my last newsletter that at sometime during the year Lion Keith Tooley, the District Administrative Officer would need to go into hospital. This happened rather quicker than anticipated and I am delighted to tell you that Keith has had his operation and is on the way to recovery. Our Best Wishes go to you, Keith, we look forward to your cheerfulness back with us soon, but take care. Thanks go to Lion Ivor Poole from Leighton Buzzard Lions for stepping in to help Keith in his Admin duties

We also wish continued recovery to Lions Christine Wilkes, Marline Kings and to Brenda Hunt, all of whom have received hospital treatment in the past weeks. Additionally, District Officer Lion David Kelsall is receiving treatment on his back. We hope you will all be back to good health very soon. In the meantime try to keep smiling. Contact Lion Eric Bright (welfare@lions105a.org) if you know of any Lions or their families needing our thoughts.

Welcome New Members

I am delighted to welcome the following new Lions into our family. I hope you find your new Lionistic life rewarding in the knowledge that you are helping to care for others. Please take time over the coming months to learn as much as you can about our family. Please feel free to contact me direct dg@lions105a.org or call me on 01908 373966.

Lions:

Alan Gray	Amersham & Chesham
Brian Tagg	Bicester
Ramnik Mehta	Enfield
Nigel Read	Hemel Hempstead
Tricia Owden	Hemel Hempstead
Surinder Singh	London Acton
Boma Ozobia	London Hampstead
Norman Rowley	London Hampstead
Bharat Sheth	London Kingsbury
Paresh Kotecha	London Kingsbury
Vinod Vaghela	London Kingsbury
Mary Hopkins	Luton
John Cowan	Ruislip
Pamela Hilliard	Stevenage
Hazel Butler	Tring

DG's Diary

July 24	Feltham & Whitton	OV
July 25	Wantage & Grove	OV
July 26-28	Council of Governors	Chester
August 1	Enfield	OV
August 4	Cabinet	Thame
August 5	Redbridge	OV
August 7	Barking	OV
August 8	Hounslow	OV
August 12	Wanstead & Woodford	OV
August 14	Dunstable	OV
August 19	Oxford Isis	OV
August 21	Thame	OV