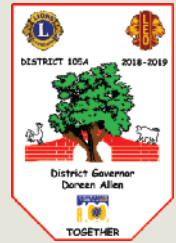




PRIDE OF *Lions*



Heston Lions Club Branch lifts off with five new members

On Friday 19th October, the official induction of 5 members into the Heston Lions Club Branch of London-Hendon Lions Club took place at the Two Rivers in Staines under the CB Liaison Officer DO Lion Srik Gajewada. Induction ceremony was conducted by MDO Lion Minesh Mehta. A further 3 members unable to attend on Friday will be inducted at the next meeting.

All 5 members were presented with their membership pins and certificates by visiting dignitaries from other Lions Clubs in the District. The sponsors Lion Srik and PDG Lion Abhnash Bains were also presented with their sponsors pins and certificates that evening.

The event was graced by members of the sponsoring London-Hendon Lions Club, PDG Lion Abhnash, Zone C Chair Jass, other visiting

Lions and the newly inducted members, their partners and children. In total 30 people attended to witness the induction ceremony as well as enjoy a dinner evening followed by bingo games and raffles with net proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice and MIND charities.

Lion Minesh Mehta



Welcome new Lions

A very warm welcome to our new members

Sarah Donovan – Abingdon

Ian Herne – Ruislip

David Lloyd – Winslow

Toni McManus – Hemel Hempstead

Bharat Popat – Moor Park

Himanshu Radia – London Hendon

Beverley Reece – Redbridge Centennial

Andy Sharma – Moor Park

Pratibha Somaiya – Stanmore

Val Townsend – Carterton

Johnathan Tuddenham – Newport Pagnell & Olney

Caelen Wilson – High Wycombe

and transfer in members

John Beach – Tring

Anthony Bellamy – Newport Pagnell & Olney

Rob Pullinger – Biggleswade Sandy

Victoria Pullinger – Biggleswade Sandy

A special thank you to the sponsors of these New Lions.

Lions passed to Higher Service

Lion Surinder Singh Arora of London Acton Lions Club passed to higher service on 15th September 2018.

NOTICE BOARD

Our 11th District Youth Celebration is fast approaching on Sunday 25th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. We need your help and support to make this Children's Party successful.

Thank you very much to all those Lions Clubs who have already booked/sponsored tables by sending their completed forms with cheques. We need help from more clubs in our district to meet the basic costs to organise this event.

Looking forward to welcoming you on Sunday 25th November with your guests.

PDG Vijay Arora



Beyond the Horizon

LCI Ethics:

To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.



DG Doreen's Dialogue



I am so proud of our District – When I make Club and Zone visits it is so satisfying to learn of the activities of all our Clubs. Each Club is living up to our motto, “We Serve”. I want to personally thank you all for everything you do to serve your communities. Your communities depend upon you, and **TOGETHER** you are making a difference!

It is hard to believe that four months of this Lions year has already flown by! Where did it go? 105A began the year with 1398 members and as of 31st October we had added 42 members but have also dropped 30 members! That brings up the subject of **retention**. We can talk the talk at District level, but it takes a concerted team effort at club level to keep those new members and those members with some years under their belts engaged and active. **Retention** is an issue throughout all the volunteer organisations, not just Lions Clubs. If you haven't heard or seen a member for a while, reach out to them to be sure they are OK.

The **EGMs of all the new Districts** have taken place and the teams are preparing to take office in July 2019. We will have four Clubs from our District, sadly, transfer out – Abingdon, Carterton, Thame and Wantage and Grove. May I extend the congratulations, from all in District A, to ZC Brian Donovan of Abingdon, who was elected as 2nd VDG Elect for the new District 105SC. Redistricting is a large undertaking and much work has taken place to ensure a smooth transition from 12 to 8 Districts.

International President Gudrun's current initiative is “**New Voices**” which celebrates women's contributions to LCI, whilst, promoting gender parity as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. Please visit the LCI website for updates

Everyone has been very busy serving their communities but I want to remind you that your **District Officers are here to Serve You**, if and when you need it. There is still much yet to be accomplished by all of us. Please continue to **invite the DG Team** to Club meetings, Zone meetings and your celebration Charters but don't forget we are Lions and equally would love to help at your service activities.

November, is a busy month. It is National Diabetes Awareness month. Diabetes is now one of the causes targeted by Lions International – selected because it is one of the fastest growing diseases in our world and it affects people of all races, income levels and ages – even children. It is estimated 629 million people will have diabetes by 2045. In the long term, diabetes related health problems include damage to blood vessels, which can lead to strokes and heart attacks, and problems with the kidneys, eyes, feet and nerves. **November** also sees the 31st Annual Peace Poster Contest District deadline.

Please ensure your Club entries are forwarded to Lion Sunil. Good Luck to all contestants. **On 25th November PDG Vijay** and her team have once again organised the **District Youth Celebration** at Allum Hall. It looks like a bumper year for attendees.

Let's look forward to **December, a month of celebrations** and remember the people in our communities that go to bed hungry without enough food – please think about collections for local Food Banks or parcels for those in need. Rob Pullinger our **District Officer for Hunger** has plenty of ideas.

Our **District Convention** Committee is busy preparing for our next Convention. It's your Convention taking place at the Watermill Hotel in Hemel Hempstead from **March 1st - 3rd 2019**. Flyers and Booking Forms will be out soon

LCIF put out a recent appeal for the Indonesia earthquake, volcano eruption and Tsunami – my heartfelt thanks to those Clubs who have already donated but if you do have some spare funds...

In this **50th Anniversary year LCIF are EMPOWERING SERVICE** through Campaign 100. It will be the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, spanning three years and seeking to raise \$300 million worldwide. By June 2021, Campaign 100 will empower and resource Lions to serve 200 million + people each year

Although each of our **clubs have their own identity and uniqueness**, we are all Lions and have that same common goal – to serve our communities, so why not join together with other Lions Clubs to make our presence larger and attract potential new members once they see how “**We Serve.**” The emphasis now will be planning the up and coming Christmas activities, many with collections of food and money, parties for the disadvantaged and Santa and Sleigh runs...I know this is a very busy period for all of us – good luck to everyone and keep safe ... and warm.

DG Doreen

My Diary November 2018

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| 1 MK Lions Food Cupboard | 12 DG Team meeting |
| 2 Watford Lions Firework Display | 13 Covent Garden O/V |
| 3 Royston Charter | 14 London Golders Green O/V |
| 4 Winter Forum | 15 Zone E meeting |
| 6 Carterton | 16-17 District NE Convention |
| 7 Stony Stratford Christmas Boxes | 18 Stevenage Coreys Mill C/A |
| 8 Zone J Meeting | 22 Peace Poster Final |
| 11 MD Cenotaph Parade | 24 Enfield Charter |
| | 25 District Youth Celebration |
| | 29 Membership meeting |

Haven House Children

Haven House Children's Hospice was conceived in the early 1990s to provide care to life-limited children and their families at no cost to them. A 99 year lease was acquired on the White House, a locally listed former family home set in four acres of protected woodland. Many families from all walks of life have had support from the Hospice, children ranging from birth to 19 years of age, both on site and more recently in the patient's homes. Families also take advantage of support groups designed to reduce stress and anxiety of difficult decisions and challenging times.

Their Vision is to provide the best possible life for every baby child and young person with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions along with support from their families

Their Mission is to provide the highest quality palliative and holistic

care from birth through teenage years.

Their Target through the generosity of Businesses/ Individuals, and **hopefully the Lions of District 105A**, is to provide services for life-limited and life-threatened children and their families.

As the DG team (DG Doreen, 1st VDG Kamal and 2nd VDG Alastair) visit Clubs within our District they will have information available and be able to answer questions. Why not visit www.havenhouse.org.uk and see the full picture of this dedicated Hospice and read more about the services they provide. Thanks for taking the time in reading this article

Andrew... Gofer / Chauffeur to DG Doreen

N.B. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN... Cheques via District Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry, payable to LCI District 105A marked on the reverse Haven House Project.

