





Harpenden Lions Club Life Skills Programme

25 years of giving and over £250,000 donated

arpenden Lions Club held an event to mark the 25th Anniversary of its Life Skills Programme, attended by the Herts for Learning Wellbeing Team — who have worked with the project — and representatives of local schools and community. The event was held to thank those who have supported its objectives as well as to raise awareness of the ongoing need for life skills education for young people.

For many years the driving force for the programme was Lion Neville Osmond, who died in 2016. It is a pleasure to report that his enthusiasm and drive have been maintained and that the programme continues to provide active support to local schools. The money comes partly from fundraising activities such as the town's annual Highland Gathering run by the local Lions, and supplemented by grants from local and national charities and local businesses.

Since the project was started in 1992 it has donated in excess of £250,000. The programme currently benefits 27 schools in Harpenden and neighbouring villages with active support for approximately 10,000 children and young people. The recipient schools are encouraged to use the donations to support life skills education in ways which best meet the needs of the children. Initially the programme focused on drug and alcohol awareness and though these issues continue to dominate, the remit has now been extended to cover areas such as interpersonal and reasoning skills and subjects such as e-safety, cyber bullying and sex education. In addition the Herts for Learning Wellbeing Team have provided mindfulness training and support for mental health issues. A total of 8 schools have taken advantage of the Hertfordshire Healthy Schools programme to achieve 'Healthy Schools' accreditation.

Speaking at the event Lion Brian Edwards thanked all the sponsors who had provided financial support. The success of the project was emphasised by Kate Stockdale, Herts for Learning Children's Wellbeing Adviser, who said "While academic qualifications are very important they need to be supported by social and interpersonal skills for children to be able to truly fulfil their potential". This was echoed by Councillor Rosemary Farmer, Harpenden Town Mayor, who thanked the Lions club on behalf of the community and added "Children are growing up in an infinitely more complex world than the one we experienced. It is vital that they acquire the skills necessary to lead fulfilling adult lives".



Brian Edwards, (Harpenden Lions Life Skills), PDG Andrew Allen, DG Doreen Allen, Rosemary Farmer (Harpenden Town Mayor), Kate Stockdale (Herts for Learning), Mohan Cashyap, (IPP Harpenden Lions).

NOTICE BOARD

DISTRICT 105A GOLF DAY

The RAM JAGGI & ELLIOT SHUBERT TROPHIES
Friday 7th September 2018 at STANMORE GOLF CLUB, Gordon Avenue, Stanmore,
Middlesex HA7 2RL

Breakfast, 18 Holes GOLF & Carvery Dinner – £50. Dinner only – £20. Please contact PDG Ramesh Parmar. Mob: 07831 587 495. Email: golf@lions105a.org



Beyond the Horizon

LCI Ethics:

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

Hemel Hempstead Lions donate to Mount Vernon Hospital



P Terry Allen and Lions Barbara Daniels, Anil Padania and Frances Turner visited Mount Vernon Hospital to present a cheque for £1,000 to CEO Claire Skinner in aid of the Paul Strickland scanner appeal.

Lion Terry Allen

Seeing is believing

Collowing the Vegas LCI Conference, Lion Ravi Matharu, who is the District Governor for 411A stopped over in London en route to Nairobi. The LC of Redbridge which is twinned with LC of Nairobi Dagarotti took to the initiative to hand DG Ravi used eye testing equipment from 6 optician shops, which had closed. This was arranged and donated by Lion Anil Gupta.

The equipment which will be shipped will be used in District 411 that covers Kenya, Ethiopia and Seychelles to carry out normal eye inspections including diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

Lion Rita Tanda



From left- Lion Anil Gupta, LS Dr Ranjan Adur, IPZC Abdul Bux, ZC Harvinder Virdee, LP Narinder Mann and IDG Ravi Matahru in front of stored eye equipment

St. Albans Beer Festival

St. Albans Lions will once again be helping CAMRA run the St. Albans Beer Festival from 26th to 29th September at the Alban Arena in St.Peter's Street, St.Albans. We get a proportion of the Beer Festival profits. The Lions are tasked

with selling festival glasses in the foyer and we must man this stall throughout the festival from 10am to 11pm. If you can spare some of your time to help us run this stall that would be fantastic. If you have helped us before, a big thank you. **Contact Lion Luke Adams**.



DG Doreen's Dialogue



As I write this the weather has calmed down to a bearable temperature and we are already three weeks into August. How time flies!

My first Cabinet meeting on August 12th was well attended and a great experience. Thank you to everyone who made the day so successful with lots of interaction, discussion and plenty of fellowship. The Zone Chairmen will feed important information back to their Clubs. We also enjoyed an afternoon BBQ with Zone B, a Leo support day and a lovely morning visit to the Hemel Hempstead Book Shop were some highlights.

LCIF has introduced their most ambitious effort yet - Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. Campaign 100 will span three years and seeks to raise \$300 million by June 30, 2021. The goal of this campaign is to serve over 200 million people a year by increasing service impact, fighting diabetes and expanding global causes. These are not things that any one Lion, club or district can do alone. But TOGETHER, we can. Our International President Gudrun has chosen as her focus, initiatives and programs based on four key elements that are important to moving our association forward. Those essentials are:

- · Moving membership forward,
- Increasing leadership development,
- Sharing our successes and stories.
- · Promoting the fellowship of Lions

My personal goals for the year include; 1. Forming a new club 2. Identifying leaders

and training them to take leadership positions 3. Encourage more women to become involved in our organization 4. Concentrate on better retention in our clubs 5. Encouraging our clubs to do a better job of reporting our service. The DG Team are having regular meetings to formulate plans and ideas to accomplish these goals. I encourage all Lions to come on board and in the words of IP Gudrun 'Chart a course to New Horizons'.

Through a District mail out I asked for nominations of Lion members with five or less years of service to attend the 2nd MD Young Lions Symposium in November. I was not disappointed with the NINE Lions who want to step up to the challenge. With just three places available the DG Team will have some hard decisions to make. The Emerging Lions Institutes provide a great opportunity for Lions who are thinking about becoming a leader in their club or at district level and the Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focuses on building on the skills of Lion leaders to prepare them for all levels leadership responsibilities. Please contact PDG Lion Elliot Shubert, Leadership Coordinator, for

further details.

Our Zone Chairmen will work closely with VDGs Kamal, Alastair and myself to assist you and your club with any concerns you may have. Please make plans to attend zone meetings. Over the years, I have realised that Zone meetings provide an excellent way to share information and successes about service projects from other local clubs.

The DG Team look forward to the coming challenges that await us and thank all who have supported and encouraged us so far. We look forward to engaging with Clubs and members and joining with you on your service projects. Club visit schedules are almost complete and we have started our visits. If your club wants support from the District for whatever reason please contact me directly.

Lastly my congratulations to Fairlop Leo Club who have been awarded the first LCIF Leo grant for their project for ELHAP a recreational adventure playground for special needs children and young adults.

In the meantime, have a great time serving your community.

DG Doreen

My Diary August 2018

- 1 Stony Stratford Club meeting
- 2 Fairlop Trustee Meeting
- 9 Zone J Meeting
- 12 District Cabinet Meeting
- 13 DG Team meeting
- 14 Fairlop meeting

- 16 Motors at the Museum –Stony Stratford Club
- 18 COG Online Meeting
- 19 Zone B BBQ
- 20 Hemel Hempstead Lions Book Shop
- 27 Fairlop Leos Tin Shake

Welcome New Lions

Raj Mapara – Friern Barnet Centennial Priti Mapara – Friern Barnet Centennial David Parker – Aylesbury Jay Patel – Sudbury Nehal Patel – Sudbury Pritesh Patel – Sudbury Bhupendra Pithadia – Sudbury Tihurairaja Mohan – Watford

Thomas Stares – Witney

Caelen Wilson – High Wycombe



Lions Club of Osterley have donate Great Ormond Street Hospital a sum of £1000. GOSH representative Farah was delighted to receive the cheque, and confirmed this amount will go a long way in the purchase of a microscope for their Ophthalmology Department, where it will be used to treat premature babies with retinal problems and others. This amount was collected in 2017-18 Lionistic year as IPP Jaswinder's chosen Charity.

Lion PDG Neena Gupta