

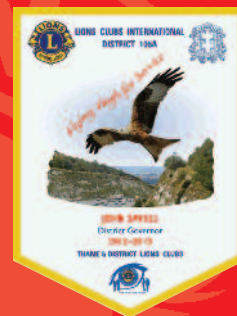


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District 105A News | DG John Savell



Lions in the White House

1st Vice District Governor Lion Sarbjit Assi, together with his wife Kuldip, visited Washington DC, on the 1st and 2nd October 2012 to attend 'Lions Day at the White House'. The event was Lions as CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE.

Two panels of Lions were interviewed by a White House Representative for the services Lions have done and are doing. It was a great pleasure and privilege to be among Lions from around the world.

Lion Sarbjit Assi



Long serving Lion honoured

A long serving Lion has been honoured by Thame and District Lions Club. Lion Keith Lane the longest serving member in the club, who has been a Lion for 34 years has been honoured with a Bert Mason Award, one of the highest awards that can be presented in Lions MD105. Since joining in 1978 Keith has served in many positions including President in 1982/83.

The Bert Mason award is presented to Lions who have shown outstanding commitment to Humanitarian activities. Only 107 have been granted since inception and is the first time that this award has been presented to anyone in Thame Lions Club.

The award was presented to Keith at his

home by PP Ken Babington. DG Lion John Savell with Lions Sandy Seckington, Brian Dickety, Ken Bennell and current President Simon Seckington were also present

Unfortunately Keith suffered a stroke in 2009 and has been confined to a wheelchair ever since. Despite his disability Keith has remained with the club and still takes an active interest in its activities.

One of his sons, Nigel travelled with Keith's granddaughter from France where he lives and works. His other son David with wife Sue and 2 other grandchildren also attended. Despite being in a local Home suffering from dementia, Keith's wife Clare was also able to attend.

Thame & District Lions Club

... NOTICE BOARD ...

Senior Citizens Celebrations – Sunday 3rd February 2013

Harrow Leisure Centre, Harrow Middlesex HA3 5BD
Call Parveen 020 8903 0309 or Andrew on 07076 943817

The Lions Club of Slough – An Asia Experience

Saturday 5 January, 7.30pm. Dance, Music and 3 course meal.
The Manor Hotel Datchet, £40pp.
Tel: 0845 8334356; Email: lions@sloughlions.org.uk



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To take and active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.



40 year Chevron Service Awards

The pictures of PCC Lion Bert Randall (left) and Lion Ivor Gilbert were taken on the occasion of the presentation of their 40 year Chevron Service awards, by IPDG Lion Andrew Allen. Lions Ivor and Bert were charter members of London Walthamstow, and became Lions at the same time. Bert and Ivor went on to form Redbridge Lions Club.

Ivor went back to London Walthamstow where he became a distinguished Lion at both Club and District levels working with youth and was instrumental in the running and formation of Whipps Cross Hospital Radio in Walthamstow. Bert as we all know, was a Council Chairman and is loved and respected by many Lions both in District 105A and other Districts in MD 105.

IPDG Lion Ken Rouse



Osterley Charter Night



Who's who of District 105a present and past leaders graced the Lions Club of Osterley's Seventh Charter Night in Southall, Middlesex on Friday 9th November 2012.

The Club's Top table guests were PDG Parveen Verma and his good lady Ranjena and the worshipful Mayor of Hounslow Counselor Pritam Grewal and his wife Counselor Ajmir. Also present were District Governor Lion John Savell and his wife Linda, First Vice District Governor Lion Sarbjit Assi and his wife Kuldeep, Second Vice district Governor Lion Ramesh Parmar and PDG Eric Amaria and wife Arnawaz along with six cabinet officers and a number of club presidents.

Osterley Club president Lion Jagjit Gill said: "I'm pleased with the support the club received and said this further shows how far we have come as a club in a relatively short time since we were formed. Our club members, over 85% of whom are women, have worked extremely hard to make this function a success."

Lions Club of Osterley's Lion Meena Gupta who is also Cabinet Chair, Forward Planning, was pleased that Lions Protocol was followed and the evening went ahead without a hitch. Entertainment was provided by Rahi and Seema who sang a string of Bollywood hits with dances by mother and daughter Mamta and Kritika.

Lion Naresh Gupta



Another successful Youth Exchange event

This year's Youth Exchange Programme went like a dream and that all the club youth exchange officers did a splendid job. Our District hosted youths from Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Switzerland, Slovenia, Indonesia, India and Canada, who were all good ambassadors for their countries. The Host families were from Lions Clubs of Kenton, Ealing, Mill Hill, Abingdon and Stanmore. Sadly we had to have two non-Lions host families as our own Lions in the District did not come forward to host.

The Youths were also taken on various day and evening trips to London, Brighton, Windsor and Thorpe Park by Lions of Edgware, Finchley, Hadley Wood, Hendon, High Wycombe, Hornsey, Kenton and Stanmore. The Farewell Party was well attended with the company of our DG Lion John Savell, CC Lion Martin Morgan, IPDG Lion Andrew Allen, PDG Lion Vijay Arora, 2nd VDG Lion Ramesh Parmar and Zone E



Chairman Lion Ravina Rattan. The youths then travelled on to the Youth Camp for their final ten days which this year was held in Liverpool. The Gala Dinner in Liverpool was an enjoyable end to a rewarding and educational experience for all concerned and was attended by Lion Martin and Jill, Lion Raza and Yasmin, and Lion Viv and Alan.

The clubs in our District are hardly sending any youths outwards to other countries on the programme. I would like all the clubs to know that the clubs bear no cost by sponsoring anyone within the age group and I would be happy to visit any club to give a presentation.

Lions Raza and Vivien



District Youth Celebration

Our 5th District Youth Celebration was held at Allum Hall, Elstree on Sunday 18th November. It was a great success with help and support from many Lions Clubs and generous Sponsors. Keeping up with this year's theme 'Celebrating Team GB Success', the hall, stage and tables were all colourfully decorated in red, white, blue and Union Jack bunting/flags.

Nearly 400 disadvantaged and disabled young people and their carers were joined by Deputy Mayor of Elstree Cllr Clive Butchins, Deputy Mayor of Barnet Cllr Kate Salinger, DG John Savell, 1st VDG Sarbjit Assi, 2nd VDG Ramesh Parmar and many Lions and Leos. All our hard work was worth it when one saw a room full of happy smiling faces. All present thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we have received many emails/letters of appreciation.

We would like to thank the following clubs for supporting DYC 2012: Lions Clubs of: Ampthill & District, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley MK, Ealing, Edgware, Fairlop, Feltham & Whitton, Greenford Willow Tree, Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush, Harrow & Pinner, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, Leighton Buzzard, London: Host, Acton, Belmont, ChinaTown, Finchley, Golders Green, Hendon, Kingsbury, Seven Kings, Swiss Cottage, MK Central, MK Stony Stratford, Moor Park, Osterley, Royston, Ruislip, Staines & Ashford, Stanmore, Sudbury, Wanstead & Woodford, Watford, Wembley and Winslow.

Thank you all the Lions and Leos for making it possible. Together we touched many more lives through service. See you all next year.

Lion Vijay Arora



Blankets for Maggie Centres

Lion Sue James, Thame Lions Club showing one of the 6 blankets she made and donated to the Maggie Centre in Oxford. The centre supports people with cancer providing information, psychological and emotional support and benefits advice. They have a clinical psychologist, a cancer support specialist and a benefits advisor on hand for drop-in service, as well as by appointment. There are Maggie Centres across the country.

DG John Savell



From the Editor

Another year, already drawing to an end... Are the days going by faster or is this due to the hectic life that so many of us lead? It is humbling to note that Lions manage to find time to help and serve others, particularly in this festive season.

Merry Christmas to all Lions and their families and may 2013 continue to bring health and happiness to all.

Lion
Shirish Sheth



Being seen and staying safe

The smallest gestures that have the biggest impact! The Lions of Eaton Bray & Edlesborough came to realise this when they presented 150 high visibility waistcoats to our local primary school. The waistcoats are all embroidered with our club name, the Lions logo and a statement – 'helping to keep me safe'.

The children couldn't wait to try their waistcoats on. They were keen to learn exactly what 'Lions' are and how they could help us in return for the waistcoats. Our answer was simple – '*wear your waistcoats and stay safe*'. Each child was given an envelope for their parents offering information

about Lions and our club in particular and some of the other projects we are currently involved in.

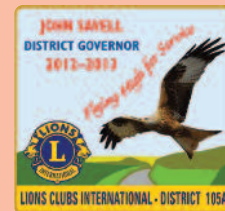
Not only has our club completed another act of community service, but we have also recruited 150 little people to promote our club everytime they leave their houses. We certainly believe that this small project will have a big impact on our community....

Lion Rachel





DG John's Journal



During this busy time many of you will be working hard with your grottos, Christmas sleighs etc., enjoying the fellowship. Many will be organising lunches, parcels, and other festive goodies for those less fortunate than us. This is what Lionism is all about.... helping and serving others. Let us not forget those who maybe homeless, or lonely with no one to talk to? Share a drink or a cup of tea with someone living alone? The little things can make all the difference.

The Lionistic year is half way through. It seems like only yesterday I was in Busan enjoying the fellowship and social activities with my fellow Governors and now we are being invited to the PODGERS (past District Governors) dinner in January!

I have been continuing with my club visits, all of which have been interesting and informative. Every club is working hard in the community with different projects. Nearly every club I visit has completed the Health & Safety questionnaire and adopted a policy. I am looking for 100% completion. We are obliged to have a policy and do risk assessments to protect Lions and those we serve.

I was brought up in South London and lived there until my mid forties. I am ashamed to say I had never seen the Lord Mayor's Parade until this year. I was privileged to watch from an excellent (if wet) seat in front of the blessing point for the new Lord Mayor, outside St Paul's, in the company of DG Phil Robinson from SE and his wife Jackie. The parade is excellent. Our Lion's Float with Lions dancing and waving to the crowds was great to see. Well done those Lions who organised the float from the 4 Districts that surround London. It costs a considerable amount of money to enter the float and every year the organisers ask for volunteers to participate. Can I ask that many more put their names forward next year? For the first time the TV mentioned Lions and gave a very short history.

Publicity is always welcome. The website is conveying the message of Lionism with articles from clubs. When someone logs on, they see what Lions do in pictures and words. Please continue to submit articles for the website and POL. As you may know, the Lions Logo has changed to reflect a more corporate image. Thus much of the regalia requires replacement, and we are starting with banners and drapes for Convention.

I had the privilege to represent the District at the Cenotaph with

other Governors and Council Chairman. Very moving to see rows of ex-service men and women parading past the Cenotaph in memory of their fallen comrades, from the Second World war and more recent conflicts. This was my first time and I would not have missed it for the world, albeit such a sad occasion.

I was delighted to attend the 25th Charter of Birchwood Club, the home club of the DG of 105BN, Meg Philp. We travelled up on Friday, with the Charter that evening, and driving back Saturday morning to attend Stevenage Corey's Mill Charter in the evening and the children's party on Sunday. This is the exciting life of a DG but all great fun. The only downside was a broken down car which meant that we had to be trucked home. Many thanks indeed to President Avo and MC Lion Anthony of Corey's Mill who stayed late in the night until the RAC arranged the journey home.

Once again with the Children Celebrations much fun was had. Vijay Arora and her team excel themselves and long may it continue. That means your support for future years is paramount.

Earlier this week Linda and I visited Luton club and enjoyed a great evening. It is one of the most enjoyable aspects of being Governor, visiting as many clubs as possible. You are always made welcome, even those who like to ask the odd awkward question!

The Peace Poster competition was ably organised by Lion Lesley Spence assisted by the experts in this event, Himanshu and his wife Prerna. The posters were as ever, amazing. I am always surprised at the fertile imagination of children. A very able winner, sponsored by Lions Club of Fairlop.

With December here, Linda and I have Enfield Charter to attend, dampened by the illness of Lion Rati. When I saw him on Monday, I said I look forward to welcoming him to the Convention in March. We wish him an early recovery.

Linda and I will be attending the Christmas party for the central London clubs. Later in the month we are looking forward to the Palace of Westminster Charter. A belated happy Diwali to many of my fellow Lions, a happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas. A happy holiday to everyone and a very prosperous New Year.... but let's not forget those we serve.

DG John Savell

Fish 'N' Chip Babies Need You

Newborn babies, many suffering from Aids, are being called Fish 'N' Chip babies because many of them are being sent home wrapped in newspaper for warmth.

I am working with Jennifer Cawte DG's wife in 105EA to ask you to knit a small jumper which can be sent to Africa to keep tiny children warm. An average knitter can complete a Jumper in an evening; it is a quick and easy pattern. See the photograph with the article.

This is an ongoing project organised by Tools with a mission. The jumpers are distributed to villages in Kampala (Uganda) where they are desperately needed. There are no middle men or profits, simply a Christian charity trying help throughout the world. Thank you from the tiny babies of Africa. If anyone is interested in knitting please contact me via email for the knitting pattern and I will email it to you.

Linda Savell, linda@savell.uk.com



My Diary December 2012

Sat 1st	Thame Club sleigh
Sun 2nd	London Central Clubs Xmas Party Covent Garden
Mon 3rd	Mill Hill Club (OV)
Wed 12th	Thame Club Christmas Dinner
Thu 13th	Personal
Fri 14th	Personal
Sun 16th	Family event
Wed 19th	Palace of Westminster Charter
Thu 20th	Thame Club sleigh
Fri 21st	Thame Club sleigh
Sat 22nd	Thame Club sleigh
Mon 24th	Thame Club sleigh

OV = Official Visit