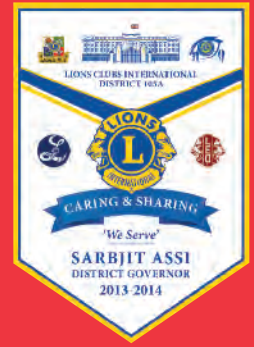




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PRIDE OF LIONS



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Lions help the homeless

When considering what charity Linda Savell, wife of 105A IPDG John Savell wanted to support for the year, there were a number of considerations. It should relate to young people, those who had become homeless or those who had been abused, neglected or where it was simply too dangerous for them to remain at home. The charity should be part of the Street Children program, have a strong educational theme, and be UK based.

After visiting a number of hostels run by the London based charity Centrepont, Linda opted to support the charity. During the year Linda was ably assisted by the Street Children Officer Lion Vivien Raggett whose photograph is the insert. This was a charity which the District 105A took to their hearts and raised a magnificent sum of £9100 which was presented to the fundraiser of Centrepont, Martin Pare-Hall at a small ceremony at the head office in Whitechapel London. Unfortunately Lion Vivien was ill and unable to attend but Lion Joginder Gill, the current Street Children Officer, was present. The money is ring fenced to be used for the educational needs of the young people.

Centrepont helps young people all over the country with a new hostel opening November in Bradford, following on from the service centre opened in Sunderland last year.

IPDG John Savell



Aid for Philippines Disaster

I have some very exciting news for you regarding the Lifesaver Gerry cans appeal for the Philippines. You may recall that LCIF had purchased a pallet of 56 Lifesaver water filter Gerry cans and made the recommendation to us that this was the right product needed in the disaster area. Whilst launching the appeal in MD 105 we also approached LCIF and requested that they help this appeal by 'pump priming' our efforts to enable us to move more quickly.

I am pleased to advise that LCIF have just authorised \$50,000 so that we can immediately order the first 168 Lifesaver units. Donations from the current appeal to clubs will repay this loan, and when repaid, LCIF have agreed we can approach them for a further \$50,000.

Much work has been going on with the Lions of the Philippines to ensure efficient deployment to the people that need them most. As with all disaster areas communication has been difficult but all the necessary paperwork has been obtained and Lions are waiting to distribute them.

Please send any donations for the Lifesaver appeal to your District Treasurer or District Charity Treasurer.

On behalf of the people of the Philippines thank you to all of you for reacting so promptly to this appeal. I will of course keep you updated on progress.

Lion Phil Robinson
Council Chairman



... NOTICE BOARD ...

District 105A Convention 1st March 2014
Make sure you book now. Contact PDG Lion Ken Rouse

Lions Club of London Central Annual Dinner and Dance
Saturday 7th December 2013
The Indian Gymkhana at 7pm

14th Annual Senior Citizens Celebrations
Sunday 2nd February 2014
Harrow Leisure Centre from 2pm to 5pm.
Hot drinks, juice, food, music and entertainment.
Call Andrew 07976 943817
or Parveen 020 8903 0309

LCI Purpose:
To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.





London Chinatown Lions Club in Dragon Race



A record crowd of more than ten thousand people of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds enjoyed the London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival 2013, which took place at the London Regatta Centre in the Royal Albert Dock, east London on Saturday, June 30.

It was the 18th annual London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, organised by The London Chinatown Lions Club, and jointly supported by The London Chinatown Chinese Association and the Hong Kong Executives Club. The Hong Kong Economic Trade Office was the event's principal sponsor.

As well as a full day of competition on the River Thames involving 40 dragon boat teams on a brilliant summer's day, the festival featured cultural performances including lion and dragon dancing, live music, martial arts demonstrations and traditional dancing. It also included the first East-West music festival featuring local and UK pop music acts. There was a food festival allowing people to taste traditional Asian dishes. Two return tickets to Hong Kong and various cash prizes were among the raffle prize draw on the day.

Our vision for this riverside festival is to remain firmly established as one of London's major sport and cultural events, and with it to not only entertain and provide enjoyment for the many, but also to raise fund for those less fortunate in our Chinese community. Together with the



generous support from members of London Chinatown Lions Club, we achieved our vision of charitable work and accomplished our mission with great success.

All the proceeds will be distributed to a number of nominated Chinese community associations, and to LCIF's signature projects.

Lion Edwin Liu
President 2012 - 2013

High Wycombe Fund Raising in Memory of two Past Lions

On Wednesday 20th November some 200 ardent quizzers from 16 local pubs attended the final at Cressex Community Centre with 31 pub teams and 3 fun teams from Lions competing for the Fendom Crick Trophy.

Our quiz masters Alan and Graham had set a challenging but fair quiz of eight rounds of ten questions each. At the end of the evening two teams had tied on 134 points. A tie breaker was therefore necessary to determine the winner of the £500 prize and Fendom Crick Trophy. This resulted in the Falconers Team from The Falcon coming first by their captain answering all three tie break questions correctly. The runners up received a Christmas Hamper.

The Lions would like to thank their sponsors Grant and Stone, Booker Cash and Cary for the Hamper, Cressex Community Centre for providing the venue. They also thank all the teams and publicans for their support, without whom, they would not have been able to raise the magnificent sum of £2500.

£1250 was donated to Claire McMackin of High Wycombe Shopmobility and the other half will be used by the Lions to support several other local charities in the coming months.

The picture shows the winning team The Falconers receiving their prize from the Grant and Stone representative and the Lions Club President Steve Baskerville.

IPP Lion Doug Nower



Thank you...

I would like to thank every club that responded to my request that instead of a presentation of flowers, as is traditional at Charter celebrations, a donation was made to the Lions Measles Initiative. I am pleased to say that during the year many clubs very kindly adhered to my request and the grand sum of £1,255 was raised for this program on top of the money already donated by clubs.

Linda Savell

I want to share with the district an award received from Past International President Wayne A Madden. This was a Reading Action Achievement award representing over 50% of club participating in some form of reading action program. This award is not really for me but for all the clubs in the District 105A who have been assisting and participating in reading programs and my thanks go to each and every one of you.

As Wayne Madden said during his year and Barry Palmer continues with the theme, reading is fundamental to everything we as humans do. Without that essential skill, people cannot improve their lives and make life better for their families. So thank you to every club who made the award possible.

IPDG John Savell



Welcome new Lions



2 new members inducted into LC of Kenton in October 2013: **Lion Renu Patel** and **Lion Shami Kandeepan**
The photo shows the members present at the induction.

St. Albans Leos in Beer Festival!

The 18th St. Albans Beer Festival took place between the 24th and 28th September. As many of you, will know, it is only possible to run such events with the help of volunteers. Once again it was a pleasure to see Lions from Barking, Fairlop and Luton as well as several former Lions. Duties ranged from the hiring of glasses, serving beer as well running the Tombola stall. This year the "thirsty" visitors drank over 34,000 pints of Beer.

This event has long been the St. Albans Leos Club major fund raiser and for a number of reasons the Leos have been unable to field to many helpers during the daytime sessions and Lions have helped to staff these times. Those of us that helped out, would I am sure admit that it is tiring but worthwhile and not only that but you get paid beer and food tokens. The event takes place next year between the 24th and 27th September. If you are able to "help out" it would be much appreciated!

Lion Kevin Dean

Lions Club of Edgware hosts a music night



The LC of Edgware held a Mehfil Night on 14th Sept 2013.

The function was held to raise funds for the Mandeville school for children with special needs. Mandeville is a day primary special school for boys and girls age 2 to 11 with severe learning difficulties some of whom have additional physical, medical and/or sensory disabilities and others have autism.

We had almost 300 people who joined us for a very memorable evening of music and good food and fun. We raised over £3,200 for the school.

Seven club members and my good lady Pratibha visited the

school to personally present a cheque of £3,251. We were all shown around the school and the various special equipment that the school uses for the children with special needs.



The school is going to buy an Acheeva Learning station with the monies that the club has donated. All members present were very impressed with the work this school does and hope to help them further in the future.

Thank you to the committee and all the members who made this possible.

Lion President Rajesh

Wembley Lions help little Scouts

Wembley (Brent) Lions Club, formed in 1969, was delighted to present a cheque for £650 to the 8th Kenton Scouts Group on 16th September 2013. This amount was raised at the "RACENIGHT" event held jointly by both organisations, which was attended by about 100 people at The Scout Centre on Kenton Road. The evening also included the annual handover ceremony of Wembley (Brent) Lions Club.

We thank the generosity of various sponsors and participants at the event.

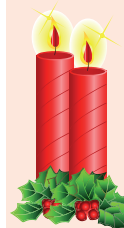
Lion Rohit Patel



From the Editor

Wishing all my Lions colleagues a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Lion Shirish Sheth





DG Sarbjit's Story



I can't believe just how rapidly our monthly newsletter time comes around – and a full-on fireworks kind of a month it has been, with many club visits, club charters, Diwali and Guy Fawkes celebrations, District Youth Celebrations, and Children in Need, just to name a few!

I attended the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph along with Kuldip, CC Lion Phil Robinson and his good lady Jackie, and other District Governors and their partners from MD105. It was a very proud moment for us all. "The Lions Clubs" was mentioned by BBC at the start of the Parade and the Lions actually appeared on TV while Parading along the Cenotaph.



I was delighted to attend the 5th Annual Children in Need "Pudsey Mega Party" organised by Banbury Lions Club along with my sons and grandsons. There were lots of happy smiling children having great fun – I too had just as much fun being part of this exciting fund raising event for Children in Need, as well as viewing all the 'competition winning' super cars from Pro-drive. Well done to the club President and all the members.

Kuldip and I also attended 20th Anniversary of Consortium for Street Children at the Houses of Parliament on 11th November. Around the world there are too many children who lack protection, access to basic support services, and the opportunity to speak out. CSC is a global network that exists to street-connected children to voice, promote their rights and improve their lives.

Stevenage Corey's Mill charter Lunch on the 17th November was very well organised and enjoyable thanks for the warm welcome we received. My second visit to the Houses of Parliament was on the 18th November, where Lion Alec Shelbrooke MP hosted the launch event from our Parliamentary Lions Group. We were presented with two key resources that have been



researched, developed and produced, which are "Up in Smoke" for those working with 11-16 year olds, and "Health and Well-being" for those working with 7-11 year olds (both part of the "Healthy Schools London Programme"). These are the first two we have developed as part of our commitment to providing life skills based resources to address the health and wellbeing for all children and young people. My request to all the clubs is please do support the HSL Programme. The 6th DYC celebration was a huge success and another a big hit with the children – there were many happy faces, all having fun dancing, enjoying the food, and having their faces painted. Vijay and her team worked very hard and the outcome was commendable. It was also very pleasing to see Lion Vivien who made a great effort to be there too.

Well done to the winners of the Peace Poster, and a special thanks to Lion Lesley Spence for all her hard work, and also not forgetting all the other Lions who attended.

My fellow Lions, I would appreciate very much that when contacted by a visiting Lion from abroad, and if it is not possible by the club to meet, please let the DG team know so that we can action accordingly.

Thank you to all the clubs for their generous donations towards the LCI Disaster fund and also the Life Saver Jerry Cans. Shipment of the cans left by air on 22nd November to the Philippines. A special thank you to PDG Lion Vijay Arora and PDG Lion Max Mongia for all their hard work, time and effort arranging this very important shipment.



Just a gentle reminder about our 49th District Convention – please remember to book your attendance (sooner rather than later). All information is available on the website.

My family of Lions, can I thank everyone for your support for the first half of the year for all the services that all the clubs have given to communities, locally, nationally and internationally. May I wish you and your families the best for festive season MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Last but not least, Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most by "Caring and Sharing" We Serve. *Keep safe and warm.*

DG Sarbjit Assi



DG's wife's message

Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia affect more than 800,000 Britons, with the number expected to double in a generation as the population ages. Existing drugs delay the progress of Alzheimer's, but their failure to tackle the underlying cause in the brain means that the effect quickly wears off and the disease soon takes its devastating course.

Simplifying and speeding up diagnosis could mean that many more people get the help they need.

Thank you to all the clubs who have so far supported my charity generously.

Kuldip

My Diary – December 2013

- 2nd OV London Mill Hill Lions Club
- 3rd OV Tring Lions Club
- 4th OV Wembley Lions Club
- 5th OV Barking Lions Club
- 8th OV Hadley Wood Lions Club (TBC)
- 9th OV Letchworth Garden City & Baldock Lions Club
- 10th OV Fairlop Lions Club
- 11th OV Winslow Lions Club
- 18th OV Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Lions Club
- 19th Zone D Event at House of Commons in aid of Alzheimer's, Kuldip's nominated charity