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Greetings to fellow Lions

Let's **GROW**

More helping hands

It is vital to have infusion of new blood, young and old, male and female, in our Clubs. This is how we gain new ideas, energy and leadership for the future. More members for expanded service in the new century. We are delighted to welcome the latest members to our family namely Diane Bell, David Smail, Shailesh Pandya, Bharat K.M. Megpara, Niryair Chadha, Sunil Thakker, Nicholas Martin, Neel Shah.

....and your reward

Yes, sponsors the greatest reward - our gratitude is exclusively yours....thank you so much.

A special pin is awarded for introducing a new member in October. There are various other Awards including 21st Century Award, New Millennium Award and Millennium Club Builder.

Our challenge

We are hoping to make our District Y 2000 compliant by ensuring our membership reaches 2000 by the end of this Lionistic year. Our target is a net increase of 3 members per Club and with your leadership we shall reach our goal.

It's great fun being here.....

Keeping our existing members is equally important. Retaining members is as important as new members and this will only happen if there is *fellowship* between members. Good service and harmony in club arises from friendship/ fellowship between the members. A happy club will mean no one wants to leave and there is a queue waiting to get in. The importance of finding ways to challenge the existing membership in our Clubs and provide higher levels of service and satisfaction is equally important. We must be responsive to the wishes of our members and surely flexibility is the key.

...towards new horizons

It is important to take stock and evaluate if change to the format of our meetings, our current activities and functions, even the clothes we wear at meetings and timings of meetings, is necessary and relevant to this day and age. Fellow Lions it is so much easier to repeat the same activities and functions as last year-the Ditto Presidency?

Even when successful we must endeavour to make them more interesting so as not to stand still. Refusing to change and insisting on maintaining the status quo is dangerous. Be open to new ideas.

Extended family

We Lions need to make a special effort as we near the end of one era to pass on our proud legacy of service to other people in our communities. We at 105A are committed to extend the hand of *fellowship* to communities not currently served by Lions club where community needs may be met through extension.

One big hat...

Lion Kumar Acharya will be looking after Lions /Lionesses Membership and Retention in addition to Extension. So for any information on membership talk to him on 0181 343 2454.

TIME SPANS***Immediate***

Your generosity for the Turkish people has raised £105,000 in MD 105. Excellent. Thanks.

Xmas Decorations

MS star pins & Christmas Stars for the Christmas tree and also helps a good cause. Ranjena on 0181 723 1675 will reserve your box of 100 for a mere £1 each.

Sightfirst Excellence Award

If you have been involved in sight assistance or prevention of blindness project including sponsorship of eye camps you could receive the Award. Contact Lion Ram Jaggi on 01923 820203 who will tell all.

Short Term

Its great to know that our website has been visited by 173 people since 23 September at an average rate of 8 hits per day. Spruce up your Clubs website to win the new D105A Website Trophy.

Lion Geoff Brown on Geoff_brown@bigfoot.com is our Assistant IT/Website Co-ordinator. Welcome aboard Lion Geoff. Our website is fully operative and buzzing-dare you look-you may be on it?

Medium term

November is LCIF Contributing Member month. All it takes is a donation of US\$20. Members receive not only a distinctive pin, but also the satisfaction of knowing they have helped strengthen our Foundations ability to remain a force for good in the new century. PDG Lion Rati Shah on 0181 904 8686 has all the latest literature.

Did you know?

In 1997-1998 there were 95,560 LCIF Contributing Members

Long Term

The practical way of sowing the seeds of Lionism within our communities /children is by participating in the Peace Poster Competition. A simple method to generate local publicity for clubs and to increase interaction with local schools. Contact your school or Lion Kishor will.

Our Bank

Consider a Melvin Jones Fellowship to help boost funds for LCIF.

- In 1998/1998 LCIF provided grants of US\$ 21.7 m to support humanitarian efforts.
- To-date LCIF has approved 419 SightFirst grants in 73 countries for a total of \$74,694,927.

THE YOUNG AND THE EXPERIENCED

The first Night....

The Charter Presentation of the newest Club in our District, Lions Club of London Swiss Cottage will take place on 13 November 1999. Let's support our new club. Contact Lion

Dinesh Kotecha on 0181 868 8388 (H) for details.

.....and 50 years later

Invitations from London (Host) for their 50th Charter on 19 February 2000 although addressed to Lion Presidents personally should be considered as invitation to all Lions in the Club. This occasion is a proud and historic event for all Lions in MD especially for us at 105A. Representation from as many of Clubs as possible would be great.

PRICE CRASH

Our Senior Citizens Millennium Party is on Sunday 27 February 2000. Please return your booking forms to Lion Ken Rouse. The cost for 12 people is coming down. *DEFINITELY LESS THAN £100*. A cash donation of £1,000 free Sherry from Hounslow Lions and free tea/coffee from Stanmore Lions already received. Funds from Pre-Millennium Party/Sponsored Walk are awaited too. [Please don't forget to send in your collections to Deputy Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah at the earliest]

CONGRATS AND THANKS**Young Leader in Turkey**

Lion Alicia Martin from London Host was selected as a candidate to attend the Leadership Institute held in Anatayla in Turkey. An honour for our District and a great achievement for a new Lion.

Loved your party

Thanks to Lion Ram and his excellent Walk Committee for the superb organisation and all the work resulting in a super fun day for all the Lions and their families who attended the Party at Berkhamsted. Lion Luke thanks all those who made cakes for the competition at the Pre-Millennium Party.

Jim fixes it

Lion Jim Morris of Kensington and Chelsea Club received the Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Community Award. The young 77-year-old cycled 2,000 miles return journey from St.Paul Cathedral to John O'Groats. His remarkable jaunt raised £10,000 for St. Christopher's Fellowship, an association providing housing and care for young people. Lion Jim also raised a lot of smiles. Well done Jim.

It was a hoot

The verdict of Lions on the new District Competition (District Quiz). Join in and have fun. Your partners can be officially part of the team.

The footie has attracted 8 Clubs from our District for the MD Youth Competition. Good luck to all the teams and thanks to all the sponsoring Clubs. Please book

for next year with Louvain/ Andrew on 0208 863 4626.

From the 7 Clubs participating in the Fellowship Travelling Lions Competition the positions are :

Redbride 202; Chipping Barnet 126; Northwood 32.

Fun learning

An excellent attendance of 237 Lions at our Winter Forum with 70% of Clubs represented at the Lions Eye Health Programme training session. It was great to see a substantial majority of Lions enjoying fellowship at lunch. Thanks to PCC Lion Viresh for all his efforts and equal gratitude to you all for participating in your Forum.

WHAT DO LIONS EXPECT?

Our Convention 2000 celebrating 50 years of Lionism is on 3/4 March 2000. What should we do so that everyone loves it to death and wants Convention to happen every single day! Your ideas and views please.

PV'S EXCURSIONS

OCTOBER

29-31 Council of Governors

NOVEMBER

1st Newport P &O (o/v)
 2nd Banbury (o/v)
 3rd London Finchley (o/v)
 4th Diwali Banquet with Princess Anne
 5th Milton Keynes (C/A)
 8th Hertford (o/v)
 9th London Hampsted (o/v)
 10th London Host - lunchtime (o/v)
 10th Wanstead & Woodford (o/v)
 11th Great Missenden (o/v)
 13th Lord Mayor's Show
 13th Swiss Cottage Charter Presentation
 15th Northolt (o/v)
 16th Uxbridge & Hillingdon (o/v)
 17th Northwood (o/v)
 19th Biggleswade (C/A)
 20th Redbridge/Barking (C/A)
 24th Seven Kings (o/v)
 27th Enfield (C/A)
 28th Youth Award Final
 28th Wallingford (C/A)
 30th Bicester (O/V)

STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS...

As of 30 June 1999 there were 1741 Lions in our District and 1,417,269 Worldwide.