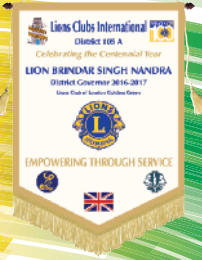




District 105A News

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Christmas Carols in Tring

On a chilly Christmas Eve nearly 700 people turned out to celebrate the start of Christmas by attending the Christmas Carols organised by Lions Club of Tring. Since the Tring Lions took over the event several years ago, the number of people attending gets bigger each year. The event organiser, Lion Derek Grant, said he is amazed at the turnout each year and that this is a true family event in keeping with the community spirit that exists in Tring.

Father Christmas was able to take time out of his busy schedule to hand out sweets to the children once they had sang Away in a Manger. Music was provided by the Vale Symphonic Wood Band.

A collection was taken on the night and the proceeds will be donated to Rett UK, a charity supporting people with Rett Syndrome, a neuro-developmental condition.

For more information about Tring Lions, please visit our website at www.tringlions.org.uk.

Lion President Steve Mitchell



Singing Christmas carols in Tring.

Nuffield Health Club raise funds for Stony Stratford Lions Club

A joint fundraising event for local good causes has recently taken place at Nuffield Health, located in the Escape complex. Thanks to the good efforts of one of their employees, James Hamilton, the son of a former member of Stony Lions, over £500 was raised from a Charity Run in December by members of the Health Club.

On Monday 23rd January the presentation of medals and certificates took place and on Thursday 26th January, fellow Lions members from Stony Stratford joined Lion Gerry Hartgrove for the cash handover.

Stony Stratford Lions Club wish to sincerely thank James Hamilton and Nuffield Health for their very kind support and hope that further joint ventures may be possible in the future.

Lion Christopher Coolen
PRO Stony Stratford Lions Club



..... CONVENTION ISSUE

DG Brindar and the Convention Committee welcome you all to this 52nd District 105A Convention.
Hope you all have a great time.



LCI Ethics:

To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

Fairlop Leos Annual Pantomime



Children were treated to the Rapunzel Pantomime.

Bigger and Better... to celebrate the Lions Centennial and the Leos' 60th Anniversary, the 14th annual pantomime trip for disadvantaged children took place on Wednesday. DG Brindar, eight other Lions, nine Leos and a total of 45 children were treated to the Rapunzel Pantomime at the Kenneth More Theatre Ilford. The tickets, glowies, sweets and drinks were funded by the Leos with a donation from District Leo Advisor Minesh. The children were excited and happy and left asking can we come again next year? This was the first of two trips and in total 120 people were served.

Lion Doreen Carr

Redbridge Lions Centennial Club starts with a worthy project

The Redbridge Lions Club formed only on the 7th of January has embarked on their first project to feed the homeless. They will be feeding the homeless regularly once a month. We do this in conjunction with Karamsar Gurdwara, in Ilford, where the food is cooked by volunteers. Any homeless person, regardless of race, religion or creed will be fed a hot meal.

LP Harvinder Virdee



Fairlop Lions Centennial Celebration

Over the next year Fairlop Lions Club together with 46,000 Lions Clubs worldwide will be celebrating the 100th year of Lions Clubs International. The Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service. Lions are renowned for their humanitarian work within an ever broader range of activities and services – the white cane, Hearing dogs, Life skills, Leos, recycling for sight, reading action programmes, vision screening, disaster relief, diabetes awareness – the list goes on and on.

Leos Club of Fairlop (12-14 year olds) decided there should be more interaction between them and their Lions Club so they decided to set up an annual challenge, with the winning Club keeping the Fairlop Challenge Shield for the year. This year the challenge was Laser Quest. The Leos arranged a game Fourteen players a side, followed by a celebration tea. The afternoon was also attended by Leo parents and families. The Lions team was victorious and were presented with the Challenge Shield by Leo President Maria Bricknell.

A special cake was commissioned to celebrate the 100 years of Lions service and the 60th anniversary of Leos. The Leos also took the opportunity to make a cheque presentation to a local charity 'Little Legs Coady'.

The culmination of the Centennial will be a Fun Day for disadvantaged children on Easter Monday 2017 with a Duck Race, Easter Egg Hunt, sideshows and games and hopefully the formation of a new Leo Club.



Leo President Maria with Lion Surjit.

In memory of John and Brenda Hunt

Iwould like to extend my sincere thanks to so many Lions all across the District and beyond, for your kindness and support in the recent months.

When Dad passed away in October last year, I realised that many people quite close to him were very shocked, as he had not shared how ill he was... he had not wanted to worry people, nor to fuss. Mum and I received an amazing amount of support and kindness over the following days and weeks and it was truly heart-warming to learn the depth of feeling Dad's friends and fellow Lions had for him.

Living without Dad was however too much for my dear Mum to bear, and she died on Boxing Day. As soon as the Lions community learned of her death, I was once again overwhelmed by the warmth and kindness shown to me from people, many of whom I had never previously met, and your generous tributes to her were a great support to me in my sadness. I must also thank everyone who has donated so generously in their names. The level of your support for both the Rennie Grove Hospice and for Alzheimer's Society has been truly generous.

I feel very fortunate to have had Mum and Dad as my parents and I am proud to know that they touched the hearts of people they met. Being so actively involved with Lions International enriched their lives more than they could ever have known at the beginning. As well as being able to make a difference within both the local community and also the wider Lions community, through Lionism they made many true friends, saw some wonderful places and enjoyed many, many happy social events. Thank you all again, you were a huge part of their lives, and I will never forget it. May we remember them both with a smile.

Janet Hunt

Young Ambassador Finals 2016-2017

The **Young Ambassador Final** took place alongside the January District Cabinet meeting at Elstree on Sunday 15th January. Five very able young people sponsored by Lions Clubs of London Westminster, MK Stony Stratford, Fairlop, Seven Kings and Wanstead and Woodford Clubs, along with family and supporters, came to enlighten the audience about their volunteering. An amazingly wide range of activities were undertaken by these candidates – helping at the local Food Bank, Scouting, Army Cadets, Fire Brigade Cadets, Youth Parliament, Anti-Bullying action, Author, Radio presenter, Peer mentoring, Empowerment of their peers, Public speaking, Fundraising and Youth Work.

The event started with three minute timed presentations by all candidates to the assembled audience and then each candidate had a 15 - 20 minute individual interview with our Judging Panel

The winner, James Curtis, aged 16, has double cochlea implants and was sponsored by Milton Keynes, Stony Stratford. He is a national advocate and mentor for deaf children, gives support to parents of newly diagnosed hearing impaired children, has been a youth volunteer for two years and Junior Leader at holiday play schemes, assists with teaching Hebrew and finds time to be a tennis coach. James has also helped to raise £420,000 by helping to organise the AVUK Loud Shirt Day. James also has a full education curriculum taking 11 GCSE's and 4 A levels. He is a member of the School Magic Society and enjoys Tennis, Hockey, Cycling, Hiking and Skiing. We wish him well at MD Finals in February.

DO Lion Doreen Carr



L-R Lashai, Jeremiah, Matthew, DG Brindar, DO Doreen, Sophie and James.

Formation of Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

The new **Redbridge Lions Centennial Club** has been formed in this Lions Centennial year. This club will be working within the local community to help those less fortunate than ourselves. It will carry out Environmental Projects, support youth projects, medical awareness days, recycling of old eye glasses, ink cartridge and batteries, help feed the homeless and work for various LCI supported projects locally and around the world.

The new Club's Formation Ceremony was performed in presence of the Redbridge Mayor Councillor Gurdial Bhamra, DG Brinder Nandra, several District officers, Presidents and members of several Lions Clubs around London. The event was held in the City Pavilion on the 7th of January 2017 where 28 members of the new club were inducted with Lion Harvinder Virdee as the President, Lion Narinder Mann as the Secretary and Lion Jasbir Sagoo as the Treasurer.

LP Harvinder Virdee

Welcome new Lions



New members at Covent garden Club



New members of Lions Club of Redbridge with the worhipful Mayor of Redbridge, District Governor Brindar and other District officers.

Lions passed to Higher Service

Witney Lions, with great sadness, have to advise of the unexpected death of David, age 87, who had been a dedicated, committed and enthusiastic Lion. In his 40 years of service as a Lion, he brought over 14 members into the club. A kind,

gentleman who always saw the best in everyone. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Muriel, Rupert, Rachel, and family.

All Lions of District 105A convey their condolences to the family.



DG Brindar's Bulletin



We are fast approaching our District 105A Convention on the 3rd March 2017. Preparations have gone extremely well. I hope all those who attend will find this year's Convention informative and enjoyable. We are very privileged to have all the way from India, our key note speaker Past International Director Arvinder Pal Singh, and accompanied by PID Sangeeta Jaita, who will also give us a presentation.

A new Lion Club was born on 7th January 2017. Formation of Lions Club of Redbridge was an astounding success with 28 members and a new addition to Zone B. I thank Lion President Harvinder Singh Virdee for spearheading the formation of this club with support of his members and Zone Chair Lion Abdul Bux.

The annually held Pantomime for the disadvantaged children organised by Fairlop Leos under the guidance of Lion Doreen Carr was extremely well organised, as always, and everyone including the volunteer Lions thoroughly enjoyed it.

District Young Ambassadors finals took place after our last Cabinet meeting on 15 January. I thank Lion Doreen Carr for organising this event. The winner was James Curtis. He will now go towards MD finals and I wish him best of luck.

LC of Covent Garden swept me off my feet with their kindness and hospitality during my official visit, concluding the meeting with karaoke.

LC of Hatch End, formed on 7th October had their Charter presentation on 4th February 2017. A very well organised and enjoyable event with almost 30 Lions Clubs present that



Charter Presentation at Hatch End Club

evening. I congratulate all the members lead by Lion President Daksha Patel.

I thank Lion Dinesh Shonchattra for organising an enjoyable afternoon of District Quiz finals on 5th February 2017. Nine clubs participated and congratulations to the winning team of Lions Club of Harpenden.

I had the opportunity to attend the Multiple District Lioness conference in Hutingdon on 18th February 2017. A lot of business was conducted and presentations were given by some very interesting speakers.



Senior Citizens Celebration at Harrow Leisure Centre on 26 Feb 2017

Next Day on the on the 19th February 2017, we had our own Senior Citizens Celebrations. It was a wonderful day for all those who attended. My sincere thanks to the organising committee and especially to the scores of volunteering Lions representing many clubs who are the back bone of this function.

Finally, organising District Convention is more than just hard work. It needs commitment and that is what Lions Club of London Golders Green Convention Committee, led by Lion Ramesh Morjaria has given. I thank most sincerely the organising committee and the Sargent- at- Arms Past District

Governor Ken Rouse for their tremendous effort and dedication to ensure that we have a successful convention.

I wish all those attending a wonderful time.

DG wife's charity:

I thank all those clubs who have so far made generous donations towards my nominated charity:

ADMIRAL NURSE

Balbir Kaur Nandra

DG Lion Brindar



District Quiz Finals



Pantomime for disadvantaged children organised by Leo's of Fairlop

We are sad to report the passing of **Lion David Gentle** of LC of Biggleswade-Sandy on 24 January 2017.

Lion Jiten Joshi of Lions Club of Edgware passed away on 17 February 2017. He was Charter member of the Club and a Lion for 30 years. He was a holder of MJF award. He had served as Lion President, Lion Secretary and Treasurer numerous times, besides many other offices. He was a true and dedicated Lion who will be missed.

Lions of District 105A convey their condolences to the families.



Enjoying Karaoke after the business meeting at LC of Covent Garden