

105A News

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Time to say Bye!

This is the last issue of the 105A News I shall be editing. The time has come to say good-bye because I have decided to take a long overdue sabbatical from District duties. Not only am I giving up the editorship of the **105A News**, but I have also relinquished, with effect from 30 June, all my other District responsibilities and duties.

The last few years have been very eventful and I have made the most of everything I have been charged to do. Apart from serving as your DG and then the Chairman of the Council of Governors the role that I have really enjoyed is editing the newly designed **105A News** because I have a very close affinity with this publication having given birth to at least three different design changes over a period of 12 years!

When I took over the **105A News** under PDG John Hunt it was a photocopied publication that had seen its hey day. From the quarterly, A4 sized glossy that then turned into an A5 sized glossy with even more pages to this version, I have enjoyed the challenge of adapting to the needs of the times.

I acknowledge all the appreciation bestowed upon this humble effort and I am pleased that the appreciation is universal. I regret that the Newsletter has not, despite our best efforts, reached some clubs at the beginning of every month. Clubs must remember that this is not produced on a commercial basis and it relies very heavily on the goodwill of a number of people and, not the least, our very co-operative printers Leighton Press who have done wonders despite having been paid nothing like the commercial price for their efforts!

The DG and I also owe a great deal of gratitude to PDG Rati Shah who has arranged (and paid) for the distribution of copies for each Lion through their club secretaries.

Without their assistance we would not have achieved our goal of providing communication on a monthly basis to Lion members.

- Viresh Paul

INSURED OR NOT?

By Lion Mukesh Palan, District Safety and Insurance Officer

How many times have we all sat at a Club meeting and asked the question "What about Insurance and Safety on our next event?"

I hope this question is raised more and more often! Lion Members should be encouraged to ask this question when any event is organised.

We all know we live in an ever-increasing litigious society. If a Club does an event and there is a claim and if it is not covered by the Lions Insurance then potentially the consequences could be disastrous and far reaching as membership of each Lions Club have a joint and several liability for all actions of the Club whether they are party to them or not.

Against this background and the very nature of our service organisation, we as Lions cannot stop what we do. What we need to do therefore is to be better informed as far as possible and perhaps more able to contend with the ever-changing world we live in.

Well enough of this and let us explore how we can minimise the potential risk.

Basically the Insurance and the related Safety aspects required in organising any event is a vast subject and it is not possible to cover this topic in detail in an article of this nature.

Listed below is a précis of cover for Clubs in the MD 105. There are four policies arranged by Multiple District 105, which are:

- Employers, Public and Products Liability Policy-cover for legal liability for death or injury to members of the public and/or damage to their property
- Regalia, Equipment and Money Insurance-cover for loss or damage to club regalia, equipment and money
- Group Personal Accident for Members
- Legal Expenses

Details of all the above covers are in the MD Insurance Handbook, now available for downloading from the Lions District 105A website.

Please read this Handbook carefully as the covers stated above will not meet all the requirements of every Club and you must arrange for additional cover. If in doubt please contact the MD Insurance Brokers.

At this point I must stress that it is considered a most important part of the effective running of a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club that a Safety Officer is appointed.

Before each event, the Club Safety Officer should carry out a risk assessment; once again a form can be downloaded and completed. Similarly a Lions Club event Questionnaire should be completed to advise the MD Insurance Broker of events, which Clubs are undertaking and enquiring whether or not Lions Insurance automatically covers the planned event.

You should get a prompt reply but please give ample notice!

Finally, a confirmation of cover letter for the current Insurance year is also available for downloading from the District 105A website.

Please be safe in organising all your events. Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the Insurance or Safety, please feel free to contact me on my e-mail - mukeshpalan@aol.com

PERSONAL MESSAGE

From PCC Geoff Leeder

Both May and I would like to thank most sincerely the Lion delegates who supported me at the recent 51st Annual Multiple District Convention in Torquay in my bid to become the candidate for International Director from MD105.

Despite the distance and the long travelling time our District managed to muster 61 delegates from 31 Clubs. Support for my candidacy was also forthcoming from other Districts so I was heartened to learn that I came a good second. Thank you to all of you who supported me.

I'm sure that you will join May and I in wishing PDG Howard Lee and Claire from 105SE every success in 2003 at the International Convention in Denver when we expect Howard to become one of our International Directors from Europe.



It was sunny on the English Riviera

It is not often that you can go to the Riviera for a Multiple District Convention but this year we could writes DGE Mike Baldwin. It didn't matter that it was the English not the French Riviera because it was sunshine all the way. For Janet and me it was also sunshine all the way in the convention hall particularly on Sunday morning.

First though DG Ram and I had to work through the necessary Council of Governors meetings which in total took up 2 days. These session included not only consideration of MD Officers reports but also consideration of MD officer appointments for 2002-2003 and for me participating in the appointment, (through election by the incoming DG's), of the incoming Chairman of the Council of Governors. The result of that particular election was that DG Oliver McDonnell from 105I is the incoming chairman and I am sure all members of 105A wish Oliver and Rosemary well.

Our own Lion Geoff Leeder, stood for election as an International Director for 2003-2005 for Great Britain & Ireland and he did a jolly good job. There were 7 candidates and in the end PDG Lion Howard Lee from 105SE was elected but I know Lion Geoff was very close and I hope he has another go when the next opportunity arises. Lion Geoff also did a jolly good job on the IT presentations all weekend and he should be congratulated.

On the lighter side we had a good host night with 105A dressed as Casualty. Ampthill District Lions took it a stage further with a 'Bob the Builder' Casualty theme. And very brightly coloured they were too (especially the blood colour)

The main highlight for Janet and me however, was the welcome from District 105A when we were presented as the Incoming DG and Partner to convention. It only takes 2/3 minutes but I can assure you it is a very emotional 2/3 minutes. To all the Lions

that were there, a very big 'thank you' for a memorable morning. To the Lions who couldn't make it a big 'thank you' also for trusting us to serve & help you.

Janet and I are now looking forward to Osaka. We will see you when we come home. Thank you again.

is totally exhausting....but that is nothing compared to what disabled children have to put up with everyday of their lives... they can't even walk, let alone run!

This year's New York marathon was all the more poignant. It was dedicated to the victims and the rescuers of the September 11th terrorist attack.

Disabled Children win nine Gold Medals

A group of ten disabled children aged between eight and twelve from a unique residential institution for the rehabilitation of physically handicapped based in rural Rajasthan, India, thrilled the community in the U.K. during their participation in Mini Games at Grantham.

The tournament, organised by the Disability Sport England attracted participants from South Africa, England, Scotland, Ireland and India.

The Indian team won nine Gold Medals for events including the 60 meter wheelchair race, relay race, 60 meter race with a single crutch, Manual Slalom, Cricket Ball throw and Precision Bean Bag.

During their twelve days U.K. tour the children were the guests of Greenford Lions Club. Lion Manubhai Patel, spokesman for the Club said that amongst the many projects undertaken by Greenford Lions Club this was one of the most satisfying projects we undertook. He praised the assistance and help the Club received from District 105AYouth Opportunity Officer, Lion Kishore Patni, many Lions Clubs, institutions, commercial organizations, the High Commission of India and hundreds of individuals.

The Club is now planning to buy a mini bus for the children who have returned to their homes in India.

Another Bumper Year

Lion Kishore Tailor, President of London Seven Kings Lions Club, was delighted to inform fellow Lions and guests at their recent seventh Charter Anniversary of a bumper fundraising year.

An amazing £10,000 was donated from the proceeds of their Charity Walk, to the local Richard House Children's Hospice in Beckton and a further £5000 has been earmarked for their Eye Care Appeal for Eye Camps in the Punjab under the care of Lion Suman Patel. They were also able to purchase 2500 Emergency Data Link Bottles for the vulnerable in the area support a Mencap group and other good causes locally. The Charter Anniversary had fellow Lions from eleven other Clubs and was a superb evening of dancing, fun and fellowship.

Marathon Runner

£1,700 is the grand sum raised by Lion Ayn Chatoo of the Lions Club of Kenton who run the New York Marathon this year writes club President Lion Sangita Adatia.

Lion Ayn was running the New York Marathon for the second time. She adds: "I felt a sense of achievement not only going out there and doing the marathon but also thinking of all the kids who would benefit from my efforts". The money raised will go towards providing young disabled

people with personalised sports wheel chairs, manual wheel chairs and equipment to get them to participate in all kinds of different sports.

Lion Ayn continued: "Running 26.2 mile is not easy. It is painful and tiring; in fact it





First Ever Zone 'F' Swimming Gala

It was our Zone Chairman, Lion Suresh Sharma who came with the idea of organising a Swimming Gala for those with Disabilities in Zone F, writes *Lion Eric Amaria*. But we didn't know where to start so PDG Parveen Verma suggested we called in the expert, Lion Alfred Sanders.

Our Gala Director, Lion Satyen Kabra with his organising committee took up this worthy challenge. The whole idea was that this should be a fun event involving Lions of Zone F with enough seriousness, in order to allow a level of competitiveness, which would reflect the levels of competence of those who take part.

Our committee worked extremely hard and everyone was well geared up, putting their heads together and adamant to make this event successful. I have thoroughly enjoyed working and putting all the effort in this event, and can say that I enjoyed the fellowship and friendship and also gained experience of a life time thanks to Zone Chairman Lion Suresh Sharma.

District A Leos Get The Trophies Again

District A Leos came up trumps again this year at the Leo MD Conference in March. St.Albans Leos won the MD Travelling Leo trophy for the second year running. They also won two Oscars during a fun ceremony on the Sunday morning, best social event – the highly acclaimed St.Albans Charter Night and also Charter member Leo Kathy Lynes won her own personal award for Best Supporting Female.

New club London Golders Green Leos also came away with a major trophy. The District A award for Leo of the Year was very deservedly won by Vishal Raja.

This was presented by Lion Peter Codrai the Leo chairman (see picture on the right) to a very surprised Vishal; it made the award even more worthwhile.

LEO Convention

Over the weekend of 22-24th March, over 120 Leos and Lions descended on the Quality Hotel, Welwyn to celebrate the 24th Leo MD Conference. After 2 Years of planning by the committee, comprising Alison Margrave, Kevin Hopley, Chris Willson, Katy Andrews, Jim Fields and Julian Dyer, all of their hard work paid off and a wonderful weekend was had by all writes *Lion Luke Adams*

The Friday evening saw everyone dressed in their gangster's outfits for a disco that went into the wee hours.

Saturday morning came too quickly but the business session chaired by Adrian Faulkner, MD President, was kept lively and light-hearted by the Sergeant-at-arms Leo Sally Knights. District Governor Ram Jaggi officially opened the Conference and welcomed all to the best District in the MD. During the course of the meeting, MD officers and District representatives had an opportunity to inform the Leos of work they had undertaken. Leo Nick West (105EA) was elected as MD President for the forthcoming year, a position he takes up on 1st July 2002.

After a few hours rest, the Saturday evening celebrations got underway with a drinks reception for all. After a glass or two of bubbly a lovely five-course meal was devoured, interrupted by a few speeches. The guest speaker was Steve Seaber, the Chief Fire Officer for the whole of Hertfordshire (trust Ally to book a fireman!). After the speeches and awards the dance floor was packed as everyone boogied away to the live band. As the clocks chimed midnight, the band retired and a disco took up the challenge to keep up with the Leos.

Yet again the morning came all too quickly, but Sunday was a morning for relaxation as the "Leo Oscars" took place. Awards were won for worst



dancer, worst map-reader, best charter night to name but a few. The weekend was a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones and all present had a brilliant weekend.

Thanks to the Lions in District 105A who helped make the 24th MD Leo Conference one of the best so far. It's true that 105A really does organise the best events.

Zone B Swimming Gala

The Twelfth Zone B Swimming Gala for people with disabilities took place at the Cathall Centre, Leytonstone recently.

Despite two teams being unable to compete this year, sixty-six swimmers of various abilities were mustered for the event. All seven Zone Clubs were in attendance to support this annual event with Zone Chairman Raghbir officiating. VDG Mike Baldwin accompanied by the Mayor of the London Borough of Waltham Forest was on hand to present medals and trophies.

PCC Geoff & May Leeder – see personal message on opposite page.





LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105A
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAM JAGGI

DG'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings fellow Lions, Leos and Lionesses

This is the last issue of my Newsletter. I remember when I sent you all my first issue I did not realise that time would pass so fast. It has been a wonderful and splendid year. This is the year where Shashi and I made many new friends and enjoyed every bit of fellowship and friendship.

I have enjoyed my club visits where I gathered first hand information. I felt honoured for the welcome I received and felt proud for the help and assistance you have all offered. I thank each and every member in the District for the help and support they have extended and for their warmth and hospitality to Shashi and myself at Charter Nights.

I must say that it has been a great privilege to serve as District Governor of a premier District. I hope I have served you well. I have personally learnt a lot with the new ideas and views of different leaders in our District. Our team efforts have made a difference for the future of our District.

This year has achieved certain things for which we have been waiting for some time. For the first time we are issuing our Newsletter on a monthly basis with a hard copy being sent to every member in the District. We have also not forgotten that IT is our future and the same 105A newsletter, along with my own, appears on the District web site within the first four days of each month.

We have been proud to send three members for senior institute training and ten for junior. Hopefully we will be sending another ten for senior training in Brussels. Our policy has been to produce good leaders in our District.

MD CONVENTION AT TORQUAY

We showed the world the strength and togetherness of our District with the largest contingent of nearly 170 in Torquay. I was glad to see all in good spirit and in celebratory mood. During this MD Convention weekend we had the election for the International Director position for the year 2003-2005. There were seven candidates but our PCC Geoff Leeder made a superb performance and delivered the best speech. The convention elected PDG Lion Howard Lee with Lion Geoff coming a close second. We are proud that Lion Geoff, a talented Lion, took this in great spirit. I

am sure that he will be a successful candidate in the next election when the opportunity comes.

Twelve resolutions were presented at the convention and all except one were carried. Next year MD annual dues were agreed at £15.50.

We now have our own projector and screen which will save us money in hiring the equipment and help us to hold more seminars for members. IT training for our members has proved very useful for those who have needed to improve or indeed discover their skills.

DISTRICT HANDOVER

I look forward to seeing you at the Belfry Hotel, Thame in good numbers at our District Handover on 21st July particularly the new leaders of the clubs and district. This is the first time that we are organising a handover lunch. The cost is only £19 with a choice of food and a glass of wine. On this day we will welcome and greet our new District Governor Lion Mike Baldwin and his good lady Janet. We must give them a good start. Please send your Booking forms to Sergeant at Arms PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry, assisted by District Officer Lion Ken Rouse.

INCOMING OFFICERS SEMINAR

All clubs have selected leaders for the next fiscal year and are requested not to forget the incoming officer seminar laid down for them. It is being held on Sunday, 9th June 2002 at Belfry Hotel, Milton Common, near Thame. The Booking Forms have been sent to all Club secretaries. Those who have not taken any action, why not do so now? Please send the fax or e-mail to PCC Lion Viresh Paul. It will be a great opportunity to meet your incoming District Governor Lion Mike Baldwin and listen to his plans for your next year.

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN FROM INDIA

I was delighted to attend the farewell party organised by Lions Club of Greenford Willow tree for disadvantaged young boys from India who were here to participate in the UK games. Hosting these children has required a lot of hard work and time not to mention funds. Well done, Lions of Greenford

MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR KIDZ

We felt proud to see over 2,300 disadvantaged Kidz with carers at this new and exciting venue. I was impressed by the arrangements organised by PDG Lion Ron Wilkes and District Officer Lion Ken Rouse assisted by their ladies Christine and Margaret. I could see the atmosphere inside the park where everybody was having a good time. My sincere thanks to those 38 clubs who had sponsored these children in the spirit of our philosophy "We Serve".

PRESIDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Information concerning this has been sent to all clubs secretaries. Presidents should be aware that they are capable of achieving this award. If you are lacking on any point why not improve it? You are all great and I have faith in each and every one of you.

MESSAGE IN BOTTLE

This I have touched on in my previous newsletter. I am glad to mention that a few more clubs have formed groups and entered this programme. The latest clubs are Ruislip with Northwood and Lions clubs of Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring are in a separate group. It brings good publicity for our association. Well-done and good luck.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

In the beginning of the year, one of our main objectives was membership growth. We have indeed experienced growth but simultaneously we had some drops too. We are lucky to have had a net rise in numbers. Certain clubs who have seen a decline in membership by one or two are advised to convert this into a plus by inviting new quality members and performing the induction. **Presidents are advised that it will also make a difference in their excellence award.** We still have three weeks to try.

SHASHI'S APPEAL

Shashi sends her thanks to all clubs who have contributed so kindly to her appeal for Breast Cancer Care and she looks forward to receiving donations from clubs who are still thinking of contributing to this worthy appeal. The money raised will buy Breast Boards for Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood.

SENIOR INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

I have received application forms from some members for the training in Brussels this September. Those who have not taken any action yet are advised to do so soon before all the places are taken. For further details you may contact me.

LEO ALLY WINS AN HONOUR

District President Leo Alison Margrave was presented the Leo Award of Honour at the Leo MD Conference in Welwyn Garden City. MD President Adrian Faulkner asked her boyfriend Lion Luke Adams to present her with the highest award a Leo can achieve for her tremendous commitment to the Leo programme and the success of this years MD Conference that she organised just goes to prove it. Well-done Alison.

STREET CHILDREN

I thank you for your support in the collection of foreign coins for the Street Children project. We have converted the first collection into English money and the District has received a cheque for £1,035. Another two lots have gone for conversion and we will know the result soon. Also, to boost the appeal South-Herts Moor Park Lions Club are hosting a charity golf competition for Street Children on 14th of June at the Bushey Hall Golf Club. For further details contact Lion Ajay Pabari at 07771 756 746

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

I extend a very warm welcome to the following new members into the family of Lions

Antony Bellamy	Berkhamsted
Janet Sykes	Stevenage
Patricia Brazier	Ampthill & District
Margret Cuthbert	Hertford
Feng Tak Chin	London Chinatown
Amar Notta	Southall
Ashish Meswani	London Hendon
Bhupendra Pithadia	Sudbury
Vinod Tailor	Sudbury
Bharat Mandalia	Sudbury
Ramniklal Dhamecha	Sudbury
Kirit Sonigra	Sudbury
Mukesh Jethwa	Sudbury
Yash Patel	Sudbury
Nilesh Patel	Sudbury
Parag Soni	Sudbury
Lion Paul Graham	Hemel Hempstead
Lion Katrina Graham	Hemel Hempstead
Lion James Kemp	Hemel Hempstead

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- 29 Chipping Barnet C/A
- 30 Southgate C/A

Extra Feature

IT Review on the year

by PCC Geoff Leeder, IT Committee Chairman

At the beginning of the year Shyam K Sippy (London Golders-Green) joined the Committee to add strength and expertise regarding future plans for school-based seminars.

Two well-attended meetings of the IT Committee have been held, one mid-November 2001 and the other at the end of January 2002. The topics discussed concerned the DG's aim to improve communication:

- within the Cabinet
- within the District
- with Clubs
- to/from LCI.

The Committee looked at sponsorship to help cover the costs of the website and the purchase of much needed equipment. Cabinet accepted the recommendation that Lions advertising rates should be £10 per month or £100 per year. Advertising on "District" email is also another option that has been agreed.

Commercial sponsorship is also being considered and it has been suggested that some potential

corporates
sponsors
may be
MBNA,
HSBC,
Kodak
and Orange
— the latter
has bee

n using a lion in their advertising. Another suggestion has been to contact the companies currently advertising in *The Lion*. As yet none of these suggestions have been followed up owing to the lack of time but it has been agreed that a sponsorship flyer should be prepared and circulated to Lions as soon as possible. Further discussion will be required before approaches are made to corporate organisations.

Because the problem in getting immediate sponsorship to help fund the purchase of a video projector and screen for use at seminars and other special meetings, the Committee put a proposal to Cabinet to purchase this equipment from reserves. This proposal was agreed at the January Cabinet meeting and the equipment has now arrived and will be available for the Incoming Officers seminar in June.

Following over 200 responses to the IT Questionnaire, circulated during October/November, and after a successful presentation on Email and the Internet at the Winter Forum, the first IT seminar for novices was held on 21 February in one of the IT rooms at Lady Bankes' School, Ruislip. See photograph below.

Further seminars for novices and more experienced users are to be

organised at the same venue soon. The topics to be covered will be Emailing, the Internet and Website design and will be open to Lions and family members. The cost per seminar will vary from £5 to £10, depending upon the length of the session. If you are interested in any of these seminars, which will be organised for a weekday evening or a Sunday morning, then please contact Lion Geoff Leeder (01582 712379) or Lion Neel Shah (0845 345 1582).

Now equipment is available presentations are to be made to Zones with the intention of showing Club Officers how to communicate with their members, District Officers and LCI.

The District Website has been reviewed to make navigation easier. Further work is envisaged to create a "secure" area for Lions' information. Clubs are to be encouraged to set up and maintain their own websites, which can then be linked to the District Website. A free internet service is available to Lions clubs via www.lionwap, to enable the easy construction of websites. An article by Satnam Loyal about LionWap was published recently in 105A News.



Photo Album



Harpden Lions Club President, Prof. Tony Marriott (right) presents Lion District Governor Ram Jaggi, 105A District (centre) with the cheque for £500.00 for current TACADE support, in the presence of Lion Martin Bucziewicz, Chief Executive, TACADE (left) March 5th 2002



Paul Green & Lion Bob Holness "Stuffina" Bottles at The Skills Development Centre, Eastcote, in the London borough of Hillingdon



PDG Lion Rati Shah is honoured for his services to Lionism by being awarded the Bert Mason Humanitarian Award



Newly elected as Vice District Governor for 2002-2003, Lion Elliot leads District & Multiple District Officers in a rendition of "Yankee Doodle Dandy"



Visiting DG Tebebe Berham Dist 411 from Ethiopia adds his own colours to the colourful caribbean theme Host Night at this year's convention



The DG & his lady in full "Lions Regalia"



The wide eyed top table guests at Host Night are clearly awed by something



The DG with Shashi before the heavens opened up at the International Parade in Indianapolis



It was a Fun Day... But it rained!
The DG presents a bottle of bubbly to warm the spirits...



Abingdon Lions do their bit for "Skills"



Ram & Shashi obviously do not want Mike to take over...
Yet! Photographed at MD Convention



Lion Jo Messingen in the Himalayas... Blindfolded (to mark world sight day). She conquered the mountains with the help of a guide



A truly thrilled swimmer receives his medal & certificate from Shashi Jaggi



It was fun, colourful & full of cheers & goodwill. Another highly successful senior citizen's party

