



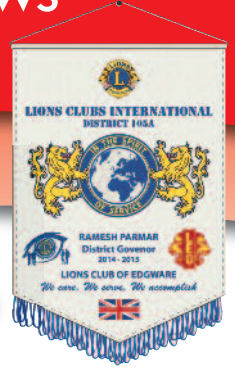
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Moor Park Lions Charitable donations exceed a record-breaking £1 million



The Lions Club of Moor Park, now in its 14th year, celebrated Diwali and Eid with a sell-out Musical evening (Mehfil) at the Sheraton Skyline which raised in excess of £33,000. The amount pushed the total amount raised since their formation in 2001 to over £1,000,000.

"We are very proud of our achievements over the years" said Lion Raj Vora, current president of the club, "It has been the result of a lot of hard work by our members."

Over the years the club's donations has supported major international charitable causes including the development of their own Paediatric

centre in Gujarat, Campaign Sight First prevent blindness in Ghana; multiple missions providing lifesaving heart surgeries to children in Mozambique, East Africa and Egypt and natural disaster appeals in Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand.

But equally high on the agenda for the Moor Park Lions has been to support the many local charities providing services in our community. Their work has provided support for new equipment at the Paul Strickland Scanner unit, the Teenage Cancer Trust, MacMillan Cancer Support unit, RNIB Sunshine School, Mountwood Surgery, and funding for multiple research units

like the Harefield Heart foundation, the Northwick Park Kidney unit, Mount Vernon Cancer unit the Great Ormond St Hospital and Moorefield's Eye Hospital.

The club members efforts have not gone unnoticed. Most members have been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship acknowledging individual dedication to humanitarian services – not once but twice! A record unmatched by any club across Europe!

This year's nominated charities are two hospices, St Luke's in Kenton and Michael Sobell in Northwood, who provide a tremendous support to the families of terminally ill patients and are funded entirely by charitable donations.

The Moor Park Lions take pride in their ability to help causes providing such worthy services to the community – Long may the work continue.

Lion Himanshu Bavaria



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Ebola Appeal

LCIF has given a \$150,000 grant from disaster fund to the local Lions to be utilised for immediate need. Our MD 105 has already committed their support. Please consider making a donation to LCIF Ebola Aid campaign. Send the cheques made payable to LCI DISTRICT 105A to our District Treasurer and mark at the back with LCIF EBOLA AID.



LCI Ethic:

*To Be Careful with my criticism
and liberal with my praise; to
build up and not destroy.*

PDG Lion Vijay Arora



High Wycombe Lions help Children in Need

Here is a photograph taken on Thursday 13th November, the penultimate day of the BBC One Show Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need. The photograph was taken outside the home of Alex Webb, a sufferer from XP (Xeroderma Pigmentosum), who brought the rickshaw on the final stage of that day's journey. The picture shows five High Wycombe Lions who were there to show their support for Alex, and TV presenter Matt Baker can be seen in the background. The Rickshaw Challenge raised more than £2 million for Children in Need this year.

XP is a rare genetic skin condition which causes a severe reaction to ultra violet rays. There is no known cure. Sufferers are unable to go out in daylight unless they cover all exposed skin with creams or clothing and even indoors, windows have to be covered by a protective film.

High Wycombe Lions have helped for ten years the XP Support Group, set up by Alex's Mum, Sandra Webb. The Club also helps every year with the Owl Patrol Camp which the Support Group runs for children with this condition. The event takes place over a weekend each February at Parmoor, a Sue Ryder retreat just outside High Wycombe. It is an opportunity for families with members who suffer from XP to get together and learn from each other's experiences.

Lion Pam Nower works as an administrative assistant for the charity and various Club members have volunteered at the Owl Patrol Camp. Wycombe Lions main role is to provide



transport from airports and bus stations, to those visiting the Camp. Visitors come from all over UK and the world.

It was a great thrill for Sandra and her husband Steve when Alex was selected as a member of this year's Rickshaw Challenge Team, but it's been a delight for High Wycombe Lions Club, too, to see a charity they have supported for so long at last achieve truly national awareness.

If you need any more information on any of this please contact Lions Doug or Pam Nower by email (address above) or by telephone on 01628 521405. I am available only until 26th November and my telephone number is 01494 813631, but I will be happy to help up to that date.

Lion Doug Nower

Sleeping Bags Appeal

The go ahead from the Cabinet to proceed with the Sleeping Bags Project has been granted. Winter is around the corner and the timing and need to raise funds for this project could not be better timed. It is the right time to embark on the fund raising exercise as Xmas, and New Year are approaching upon us. It would be the right time to serve the homeless by providing them with some warmth.

The amounts raised from our Clubs will be matched by the Treasurer from the MD. My request to all Zone Chair Persons is to organise fund raising activities for this project. All donations should be sent to District Treasurer Lion Vanmali, made payable to LCI District 105A, and endorse Sleeping Bags on the back of the cheque. Kindly keep me advised of the donation made. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lion Joginder Gill, 105A Street Children District Officer

New Lion Member inducted at the Winter Forum

Lion President Girdhar Sodha. London Host Club, had a new member, Ms Francesca Dalla Volta inducted as a Lion member by our D G Lion Ramesh Parmer.

She recently arrived in London for work in Legal profession. Her father is a Past President of Parma Host Lions Club in Italy District 108. Her sister is a Leo President in Parma.

Lion Pravin Nathwani, GLT Coordinator

Winter Forum 5 October 2014

There was a slow start in attendance numbers but in the last week this changed and we had a good uptake. Total number of members who attended was 72. Quite a few members submitted their completed course assessment forms which we will use to communicate feedback from the members. It is important for the Cabinet to get members' views so that we can improve on presentation and the course seminar. There were various suggestions from the members on the topics they would like to be covered in the next Winter forum.

Most of the courses and the presenters scored over 85% and the courses were well received. Finally I would like to thank all the Presenters for their excellent work and Lion Lesley Spencer, the Head Teacher and her staff for the use of the venue and catering of the food on the day.

Lion Pravin Nathwani, GLT co-ordinator





Zone D Quiz evening was on the 18th September. The winners for the Zone 'D' were Lions Club of Southall.

In the photo there are Lions from Ealing Club and Southall club. In the (centre) from the left: DO Lion Dinesh Sonchhatra, ZC D Karanjeet Assan, PDG Lion Sarbjit Assi, Southall President Lion Ajit Dhanjal.



A photo of the presentation made at the Cabinet meeting of £15,107 to Alzheimer's Society. The funds were raised as the chosen charity of IPDG Sarbjit Assi's wife Kuldip during his tenure last year.



New Members

DG Ramesh inducted 2 Lions into LC of Kenton on 15th October. The picture shows from left new member Lion Jyoti Pandya, LP Ravina, new member Lion Sulochana Sethi and myself.

From the Editor

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year 2015.

Lion Shirish Sheth

District Youth celebrations

The 7th District Youth Celebration was held at Elstree on Sunday 16th November. We had, including Lions nearly 500 people in attendance.

DYC committee, consisting of Lions Alastair Joel, Vivien Raggett, Kishore Pattni, John Savell and Satnam Loyal, worked hard over the past months to organise this event. We also thank the many Lions/ Leos/partners who worked tirelessly to set it up, and at the end to clear it all. The hall, stage and tables were all colourfully decorated in orange and yellow. Just after 1pm the guests started arriving. All the hard work was worth it, to see room full of happy smiling faces, enjoying the wide variety of entertainment on show: from the jovial clowns, the Balloon Maestro, Jay Kumar and his dancers, face painting by Sami and dancing to the music by DJ Nimesh. All contributed to a fantastic and joyful atmosphere.



We would like to thank the following clubs for supporting DYC 2014 by sponsoring tables. Lions Clubs of: Aylesbury, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Ealing, Eaton Bray & Edlesborough, Edgware, Fairlop, Harpenden, Harrow & Pinner, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Hitchin, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Central, London Chinatown, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Host, Lion Bharat Sheth, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, London Swiss Cottage, Luton, Milton Keynes Central, Moor Park, Northwood, Royston, Ruislip, Staines & Ashford, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Thame & District, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford and Watford.

Everyone who came had a great time. Thank you very much for sponsoring tables, and helping, bringing the kids to the party. It was a great success with help and support from many Lions Clubs, Leos and generous sponsors. Thank you all for making it possible. Together we touched many e lives through service. See you all next year.

PDG Lion Vijay Arora





DG Ramesh's Report



My fellow Lions.

We are now coming to Christmas and I wish you all a happy festive season.

It was a great experience to attend the Europa Forum held in Birmingham and to meet all the Lions dignitaries and fellow Lions from all over Europe. Lion Martin Morgan and Lion Geoff Leeder were presented International President's Awards for their hard work organising the Forum! Congratulations to them both.



Congratulations to the winners and their sponsors LC of Hemel Hempstead, LC of Harrow and Pinner and LC of Fairlop. Well done Lion Pravin!!



Winning entry sponsored by LC of Hemel Hempstead.

The District Youth Celebration Party held on 16th November was an excellent event with over 400 disadvantaged children attending. Thank you Lion Vijay and the organising committee for their brilliant effort to bring happiness to so many children! Thank you to all the Lions who have partaken in the event.



The planning committee for the Senior Citizen party is working very hard to have a successful event in February.

And the District Convention committee is working hard to sort the numerous tasks that have to be planned to make it a successful event in March.

The Peace Poster chairman Lion Pravin Nathwani held the Peace Poster Judging on 16th Nov and I was very impressed to see so many entries submitted.



My heartfelt thanks to all the Lion members and Lions Clubs that have donated for the DG charity – CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – and also for MD Sewing Machines Project and Orphans of the Ebola victims appeal.

My Visits



An official visit from DG Ramesh to Lions Club of London Park Royal. Zone D Chair Lion Karanjeet Assan also attended.



LC of Bletchley Milton Keynes 45th Charter Anniversary 25th October.



LC of Hornsey Business meeting 11th November.



LC of Aylesbury Business meeting 5th November.



LC of Osterley 9th Charter Anniversary 14th November.



Remembrance day ceremony at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, 9th November.



LC of Stevenage Corey's Mill 24th Charter Anniversary 16th November.



LC of Hitchin Business meeting 10th November.

Hope that you all have a good break and look forward to seeing you next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Lions of District 105A.

DG Ramesh

My Diary – December 2014

Mon 1st	LONDON MILL HILL CLUB VISIT (O)
Tue 2nd	BUSINESS MEETING OF EDGWARE
Thu 4th	3RD ZONE MEETING (O)
Mon 8th	LONDON CHINA TOWN CLUB VISIT (O)
Tue 9th	FAIRLOP CLUB VISIT (O)
Wed 10th	LONDON COVENT GARDEN CLUB VISIT (O)
Thu 11th	CONVENTION MEETING
Sun 14th	HADLEY WOOD CLUB MEETING
OV = Official visit	