



Melvin Jones (January 13, 1879 - June 1, 1961)

Celebrate **LCIF Week** by supporting your Lions Clubs International Foundation. **LCIF Week January 11-17, 2009** coincides with Melvin Jones' Birthday and provides the chance to reaffirm our commitment to making a difference in the lives of millions. Raise funds in the community for LCIF's general humanitarian grant fund and increase your support by becoming a Contributing Member or Melvin Jones Fellow. **Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly to a grant. LCIF is able to help millions through our support.**

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN IN REDBRIDGE



Lions Club of Fairlop were delighted to fund the whole Christmas party which amounted to £3500 for disabled children in the Redbridge area in conjunction with Redbridge Forum. The Redbridge Forum is an organisation working with and for people with physical and sensory disabilities that live or work in the London Borough of Redbridge. The party took place on Monday 22nd December 2008 at the St. Pauls Community centre, Goodmayes. Food, drink, and entertainment were all provided and of course Father Christmas paid a visit to hand out those all important presents! The Mayor of Redbridge Lorraine Sladden also attended with her daughter and thanked the Lions Club of Fairlop for their support.

Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Notice Board

LCIF Gala Night

17th January 2009
Heathrow Renaissance Hotel

YAA & Music Competition

25th January 2009
High Wycombe School

Senior Citizen Party

1st February 2009
Harrow Leisure Centre

District Quiz Competition

8th February 2009
Letchworth, Hertfordshire

District Convention

6-8 March 2009
Sofitel London Heathrow
Terminal 5 Heathrow Airport

MD Convention

26-28th April 2009
Southport

105A Membership

At 30-06-08

1829 members

At 31-12-08

1836 members

THE MAYOR TURNS OUT WITH SANTA

The Mayor of High Wycombe, Councillor Paul Lambourne, was one of the volunteer collectors who turned out to help High Wycombe Lions with their Christmas collections in December. Members also collected outside local supermarkets. As a result of these efforts the club raised £6900 and were able to deliver 250 food parcels to elderly people, single parent families, and others in need before Christmas.



LIONS PURPOSE

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

Ealing Lions Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2008

Christmas came early this year for senior residents of Hugh Clark House in West Ealing. On Saturday 6th December, Ealing Lions entertained over forty senior citizens to an enjoyable Christmas party. There was plenty of sumptuous food, drinks and entertainment. The cosmopolitan group of elderly, but young at heart, joined in the sing song, danced and had fun. At the close, they thanked DG Vijay Arora, President Parminder Amrit and members of Ealing Lions Club for splendid work done by Lions in bringing Christmas joy to the local senior citizens. *Lion Pervinder Panesar (PRO)*



Meet New Members of 105A & LCI Dec 2008

A warm welcome to the new members who joined us in December and sincere thanks to all the Sponsoring Lions.

Leonie Sim	Abingdon
Tony Hodgson	Bicester
Sunil Thakker	London Swiss Cottage
Upesh Thakrar	Moor Park
Philesha Thomas	Northolt

During this festive season, Lions Club of Fairlop said merry Christmas to their local King George Hospital by donating 14 parent beds to the children's Clover ward. Parents who may have to spend Christmas in hospital with their child will at least now be comfortable, rather than having to sleep on chairs or very small futons. The club also purchased mattress covers and donated some presents for the children. The total cost of £2700 was raised at a charity walk that the club did earlier this year.

Lion President Guy Jandoo with other members of the club and ward manager Ann Honey (right) with one of the nursing staff.



Mike Penning, MP for Hemel Hempstead with Nurse Lion Carol Smith and LP Maria (Roary).

The Lions Club of Hemel Hempstead were very pleased when our MP Mike Penning dropped in to see us at our Diabetic Screening event at the Vounteer Bureau on 14th November co-ordinating with World Health Organisation Diabetes Awareness day. We screened 168 people and 13 of these were advised to contact their doctor. There is obviously a need for this service and due to the requests we have had, we will be organising another one in the spring.



LP Gary Foster & Bedford Lions visiting school with father Xmas

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.



We were approached via a local Toy Library to see if we could help a little girl who would benefit from a specialist Trike. Her mother told us that 4 year old Maisie had Cystic Fibrosis, Bone Dysplasia and a neurological disorder and as a result is barely able to walk. Within a week and in time for Xmas, we sourced with the families help, bought and delivered.

— Lion Mike Bartlett,
Sec-Bletchley Lions Club



The sleigh is our main way of raising funds, it was built by members of the club many years ago on the chassis of an old caravan that they dismantled. It has been worth its weight in gold over the years. I am pleased and proud of our members response to raising funds. Given our age profile and the weather at this time of year it is not easy for some to walk the streets and stand outside supermarkets, but they do it without a word of complaint. We may be a small club, but our commitment to those in need is absolute. This past month alone we have sponsored two Christmas events for disabled and disadvantaged children.

LP David Webster—Barking Lions Club

District Convention

Lions Club International, District 105 A
6–8 March 2009, Sofitel London Heathrow

District Governor Lion Vijay Arora
& District 105A Convention Team invite you to
44th District Convention

There will be:

- Convention Golf Competition
- Informal Dinner with Fun and Fellowship
- Partner's Trip (subject to minimum number)
- Business Session
- Convention Lunch
- District Governor's Banquet & Ball
- Informal Meeting with the International Guest

The Convention is to be held at a new five star venue at **Sofitel London Heathrow, Terminal 5, Middlesex TW6 2GD**

For further information contact:

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PDG Lion Ram Jaggi MBE, ramjaggi@aol.com

For a booking form visit our website:
www.lions105a.org.



LEO AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Zone B party for Disabled & Disadvantaged children

On Saturday 6th December, Lions clubs of Seven Kings, Fairlop, Redbridge, Walthamstow, Barking and Wanstead and Woodford from Zone B area organised a Christmas party for disabled and disadvantaged children at the St. John's Roman Catholic school in Woodford Bridge. Instigated by Zone Chairman Dipak Purohit, to bring some Christmas cheer to the children who enjoyed an amazing afternoon A buffet lunch was provided by Deli-oh-Deli restaurant and the day finished with a visit from father Christmas with those all important presents and a cheque presentation of £500 from Lions Clubs to the School towards their School Bus Appeal.



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DG'S NEWS

Touching Lives Through Service



Welcome to the first issue of 2009, the 7th of this Lionistic year.

Krishan and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous year ahead. We hope you enjoyed a well-earned break. Now we're back, let us all re-new our commitment to Serve and move together with optimism, in friendship.

The past six months have been very eventful, during which I have attended 55 Club business meetings, a number of Club Charter anniversaries, service/fundraising events, 9 Zone meetings as well as District and COG Meetings. It has been a privilege to attend all of these meetings and events, everywhere being greeted with warmth and kindness.

It makes me very proud to see that so much is going on throughout our District and how our members are making a difference to the lives of those in need. We hope for continued and greater successes in the second half of this year.

January is a very special month in the Lionistic Calendar, because our founder Melvin Jones was born on 13th January and to mark the occasion we're again holding the LCIF Gala night, to celebrate his birthday and the achievements of LCIF.

LCIF Gala Night is on 17th January at the Renaissance Heathrow Hotel. PIP Ashok Mehta will be our chief guest to preside over the MJF Presentation ceremony along with PID Howard Lee. District Officer Lion Rati Shah is working hard, with his committee members, to make it both enjoyable and successful.

Please support our Foundation LCIF through contributing pins or Melvin Jones fellowship. Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly to a grant. LCIF is able to help millions through our support.

Our congratulations go to PCC Lion Geoff Leeder for his recent appointment as the LCIF Multiple District Coordinator.

District Sponsored walk: Sponsorship money is still outstanding from the walk at Virginia Water. Please send any funds collected in aid of LCIF/CSFII to the District Treasurer Lion Vanmali Mistry without further delay.

YAA & Music Competition: District finals are to be held on 25th Jan at High Wycombe School. Please support by attending even though you may not be participating.

Annual Senior Citizen Party is on Sunday 1st February. I hope you have sent your completed booking form with a cheque to Lion Andrew Allen. Please also support by contributing £50 per club to cover the shortfall to organise this worthy District service activity. Committee is working very hard to make



LP Frederick Freedman and DG at Bletchley Milton Keynes Club visit 2-12-08

it enjoyable for all our nearly 1000 senior guests.

District Quiz finals: Sunday 8th February at the Cloister, Letchworth Garden City. For more details please contact Competition Officer Lion Eric Amaria.

As the convention is fast approaching, please don't forget to send your Club entries for various District Trophies/Awards. There are many competitions such as the Club newsletter, scrapbook, website and many others. There is one competition, which always creates a lot of excitement among those attending the convention for the first time, the "First-Timer Trophy".

44th Annual District Convention: 6-8th March, at the 5-star brand new Sofitel Hotel, Terminal 5 London Heathrow Airport, TW6 2GD. I am pleased to report our International guest will be PID Dr Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong. The 2009 Convention committee has been working hard and please help them by sending your bookings ASAP, well before the deadline. This is your convention and the only time when we are all together, so please try to attend this year. Krishan and I, along with the committee, are looking forward to it and eagerly waiting to welcome you all.

My Diary January 2009

2	Jan	LCIF Committee Meeting
5	Jan	St Albans OV
7	Jan	London Host
7	Jan	Beaconsfield O/V
11	Jan	Committee Meeting
12	Jan	Letchworth & Baldock O/V
13	Jan	London Swiss Cottage O/V
14	Jan	London Golders Green O/V
15	Jan	Enfield O/V
16	Jan	Meeting
17	Jan	LCIF Gala Night
18	Jan	3rd Cabinet Meeting
20	Jan	Luton O/V
21	Jan	Watford O/V
22	Jan	Leo Robert Clack O/V
23	Jan	COG Meeting
24	Jan	COG Meeting
25	Jan	COG Meeting
25	Jan	YAA & Music Competition
26	Jan	Stevenage Corey's Mill O/V
27	Jan	Hemel Hempstead O/V
28	Jan	Feltham & Whitton O/V
30	Jan	Convention IT Meeting
31	Jan	LIMJ Club Charter Presentation

Members Dues: Please make sure that all your Club's, District's, MD and INTL dues are paid in full before the Convention.

Send your Convention Delegate forms to Credential Officer: Lion Dilip Shah.

For Social and Business bookings for the Convention please return your completed forms to: Lion Ron Wilkes.

Lionistic Activities/Projects: We have so many worthy projects and they all need our support. For example: Water Aid, Malawi Education, Medic Alert, Eye Camps, Sight Savers, Dent Aid, Gift for Living, Special Olympics and so on. Please consider any of these and other Lionistic charities if and when thinking of making a donation from your club's charity account. Send funds to any of these projects to the District Treasurer.

Thank you for supporting the District Appeal to sponsor a Parent's room at the world famous Moorfields Eye Hospital.

Thank you for the wonderful work that you do for our great organisation. I am looking forward to serving with you during the next six months.

Together in Service
Vijay Arora