

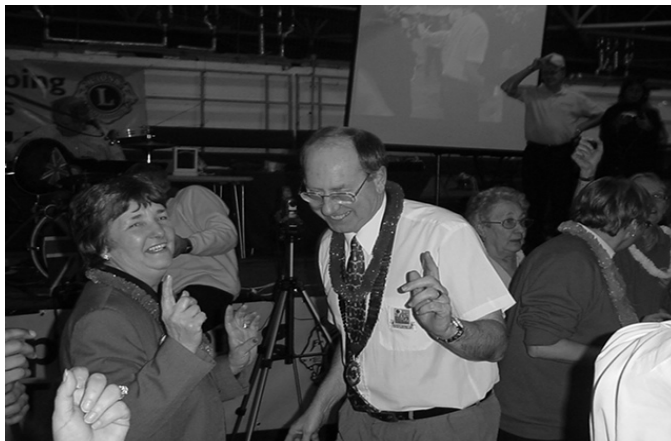
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105A NEWSLETTER

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How do you make a 1,000 people smile on one day ?



Left: District Governor Lion Mike and Janet having a go at "Bhangra" dancing.

Below clockwise:

Leo Vishal Raja and Leo Raj Mistri chatting up a few ladies for a date at the party; DG Lion Mike with "Lily Savage" Helen and "Crystal the Fairy" Nik; Senior citizen's having a great time at the party.

On Sunday 2nd February, over 1,060 Senior Citizen's and over 500 carers and volunteers braved the cold weather to be at the District 105A Senior Citizen's Party at Harrow Leisure Centre, Middlesex from 2 to 5 pm in what was a memorable day and a most enjoyable event organised by the District under the joint chairmanship of Lion Parveen Verma and Lion Ken Rouse. Besides the food and drinks, the 3 hours of fun-packed entertainment included Old Time Music Hall with the Cockney Duo John & Dennis, comedian "Lily Savage look-alike" Helen, "Crystal the Fairy" Nik, Bingo, numbers recited by Lion Val Jones and Bhangra dancing by Awaaz, the Asian Youth Centre group from Hounslow. Also a Raffle was co-ordinated by Lion Ron Wilkes with 38 prizes all donated by Lions from the district and helped raise £601.35. Lion Martin Jenner who was the MC for the afternoon kept everyone on their feet with his DJ skills. Lion Geoff Leeder helped those with sight related problems to see what was going on by having a big screen available throughout the afternoon. For emergency, the St John's Ambulance crew was in attendance with only one reported incidence that required their expertise. And to capture the whole event on video was our resident cameraman Lion Erauch Daruwalla of Hounslow Lions Club. However, these events cost money and more donations are required for future funding of such events. Thanks to all the Lions, Lionesses and Leos from the district for making this event a huge success, especially the committee members who were all there in full force in their yellow caps. It was very nice to see over a 1,000 people all smiling on the same day, after all, it is our District Governor's motto, "Service with a Smile" that was fulfilled on that day.

Editor



Meet your District IT Officer and IT committee Chairman, Lion Geoff Leeder

The District IT Committee comprises DG Mike Baldwin, VDG Elliot Shubert, DS Parveen Verma, PDG Mike Hendy and Lions Neel Shah, Dave Bower, Satnam Loyal, Shyam Sippy and Keith Tooley. The IT Programme for 2002-2003 has been formulated to continue last year's aim, to improve communication within Cabinet, District, Clubs and to / from LCI.



Now with the availability of two video projectors, we intend to make presentations to Zones and Clubs about communicating via the Internet, particularly with LCI. With the facilities available via Lion Shyam Sippy at a school in Ruislip, we shall be holding seminars on emailing, accessing the Internet, website design and Microsoft software. A beginner's session on PowerPoint was held recently. Further sessions are planned. The District Website www.lions105a.org is constantly being reviewed in order to improve its performance. It is now becoming a valuable resource centre for Lions having access to the Internet. The club data section is proving very difficult to keep up to date and it would be easier if all clubs adopted their own websites, which could then be linked to the District site. Several clubs are using www.lionwap.org as a free host for their websites. The cost of hosting the District Website is approximately £100 per year but the District Webmaster, Lion Neel Shah, like his predecessors, is spending many invaluable hours working on it. It is hoped to offset the costs of running the District Website and the IT costs incurred at Convention by attracting sponsorship. Already VDG Elliot Shubert has managed to obtain £500 corporate funding and Lion Neel Shah approximately the same through Lions. The scourge of computer viruses continues to threaten most of us connected to the Internet and it is vital that adequate preventative measures are taken to protect equipment. For this reason two special presentations have been given on anti-virus software and measures to District Officers. The MD IT team have produced a magnificent resource CD, which includes the new MD video. Your IT Committee have added some further information and will be making a CD available to each club at the District Convention at no cost.

Edgware Lions donates Toys to Children at Northwick Park Hospital over Christmas



*Lion President Yogesh Vora, IPP President Nirmal Shah
and one of the children from the hospital*

DISTRICT 105A DISTRICT CONVENTION

Saturday 1st March 2003

*The Oxford Belfry
Milton Common, Near Thame
Oxfordshire*

Convention - Gratis
Convention Pin £2.50 each
Lunch £13.50 pp
DG's Banquet & Ball £28 pp

Partners - visit Oxford for the day
For only £7 pp

**Accommodation - Book Directly with
Hotel Tel: 01844 279381**

Formation of Lions Club of Mill Hill

At Wembley Plaza
Empire Way, Wembley, Middx
on 20th February 2003
Time: 7.30pm for 8pm

A Full Indian Meal including
Soft Drinks, Beer & Wine
will be served

All Inclusive Price of £15 pp

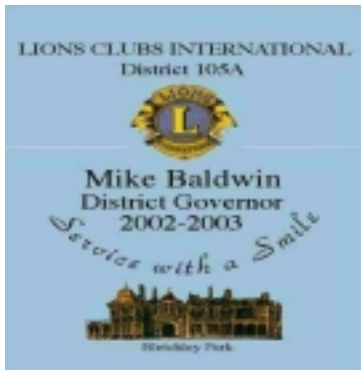
For bookings contact:

Lion Manish Chotai
Tel: 020 8861 6000 (office)
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Tel: 01923 820656 (home)

!!!! Reminder !!!! District Cabinet Appointments (2003-2004)

*Please contact VDG Lion Elliot Shubert for
an application form which needs to be
returned **urgently***

*Over the last 8 months I have been
fortunate to receive various club news
for publishing in the 105A Newsletter.
However, I have not been receiving
much for The Lion magazine to pass on
to the editor of The Lion. Whilst I have
no control over what is published by
her, I would still like to be able to send
her various club news from District
105A for every issue. Time is running
out. Please send me your articles. **Ed.***



Lions Clubs International

District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



FEBRUARY 2003

To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

Senior Citizen's Party - Sunday 2 February 2003

A memorable day and a most enjoyable event for the senior citizen's was successfully held on Sunday 2 February 2003 at Harrow Leisure Centre, Harrow with over 1,500 senior citizen's including carers and volunteers (Lions, Lionesses and leos) from around the district. Thanks to the committee and all Lions involved. *(Full coverage of the event in the 105A Newsletter)*

District 105A Convention - Saturday 1 March 2003

Preparations for the District Convention are almost complete and this is the last time I shall be able to write about it. Everyone concerned has worked very very hard to make it a success. We have interesting resolutions, interesting speakers, and a couple of filmed items to show you. I hope it will be totally interactive with all delegates playing their part to the full. Our keynote speaker is Lion Stephen Twigg MP a junior Minister in the Department of Education and he has promised 10 minutes of open debate on community education,?? Questions on Skills for Life and support from high up??. We have done as much as we can, now its over to you. Please fill the hall and the evening ball. Show you care, get involved. Janet and I look forward to meeting as many Members as possible. *Please come and say hello to us. Thank you very much.*

Club Branch Programme

I am pleased to report that we currently have two club branches within District 105A. Shepherd's Bush a club branch of Redbridge Lions Club and London Westminster a club branch of London Host Lions Club.

MD 105 Leos Conference 2003 Stoke on Trent

The Leos of MD105 are celebrating their 25th Anniversary on 14-16 March in Stoke on Trent. The Leos would like to thank all clubs who have sent sponsorship to them and for the support shown to them. They are still looking for Lions clubs to sponsor particular parts of the conference or simply to give a donation. Any clubs in 105A who wish to contribute please contact the Conference Committee Chairman whose name appears at the end of this article. The Leos would like as many Lions as possible to attend the week-end or part of it to help them celebrate their 25th year. Booking forms available at www.md2003.org or from our Leo Clubs. Last year the conference was hosted in 105A and it was very very successful. Could I urge Lion members to continue your support for the Leo's. The conference Committee Chairman is victoria_wake@hotmail.com

Contact the Elderly

This is a national charity operating in various parts of our district. Its purpose is to offer friendship, companionship and an opportunity to keep up with friends, for the elderly. This note is simply to bring it to the attention of clubs and for clubs to make enquiries or not as they wish. The group finds small groups of elderly people and once a month takes them to tea at a volunteers home. This is done with the help of volunteer drivers and Contact the Elderly are enquiring if any Lions could be the volunteer drivers. There are groups of Contact the Elderly operating within 105A in Greater London, Dunstable, Milton Keynes, Oxford, Luton and St Albans. Further details are available from me.

Wear A Smile, One Size Fits All

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Christine Westwood	Berkhamsted
Mike Bartlett	Bletchley Milton Keynes
Michael Brewer	Carterton
Jignesh Desai	Hadley Wood
George Singh	London Host
Atul Ravalia	London Newham
Jean McLaurin	Stevenage
Liz Upchurch	Stevenage Corey's Mill
Brian Upchurch	Stevenage Corey's Mill
John Wilkins	Thame & District
Linda Wilkins	Thame & District

Taking into account re-instated members and dropped members the District is +5 at the end of December. Thank you to all clubs for their efforts and to all the new members joining in the first half of the Lionistic Year

Hadley Wood & Chipping Barnet Lions Clubs Joint Project

This is an exciting project which needs your help. On Friday March 21 these two club plan to have a Lions presence at the following main line stations: Charing Cross, Liverpool Street, Victoria, Paddington, Euston, Kings Cross, London Bridge, Waterloo and Fenchurch Street. They will also be at the following Underground Stations: Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus, South Kensington, Holborn, Hammersmith, Embankment, Sloane Square, Goodge Street, High Street Kensington and Tower Hill. The Objectives are: Raise Awareness of Lionism and Vision 20/20, collect as much funds from the public as possible, promote teamwork and fellowship among Lions. Fellow Lions this is a tremendous undertaking and they need your help. They need 3 shifts per station - 4 hour shifts - 6 volunteers per station - 7.00am to 7.00pm. Please help if you can. Contact Lion Kish Soneji on 07956 390890

Lions Charity Shop

Another first for our District (though not the Multiple District) London Kensington & Chelsea Lions Club are about to open our first Charity Shop in Hendon. A great fund raising venture but also great PR for Lions Clubs International.

Change of Details

District Secretary Lion Parveen Verma: New Home Telephone No. 01923 821548 wef 7 Feb

Hounslow Lions Change of Venue: Master Robert Hotel, Great West Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW5 0BD Tel: 020 8570 6261

District Youth Award

On 19 January, 6 young people who are keenly involved with their local community met at Quality Friendly Hotel, Hatfield for this years District Youth Award Final. St Albans Leos were on hand to put the candidates at their ease and there was an excellent turn out from Lions and family supporters. As in the past, it was noticeable how quickly the young people mixed together with no thought of rivalry among themselves which in itself is a valuable lesson. YAO Lion Doreen Carr had organised the day. The candidates were as follows Donna Arya (sponsored by Uxbridge & Hillingdon Lions), Paul Coxswell (High Wycombe Lions), Brian D'arcy (Redbridge Lions), Aurnab Ghosh (Enfield Lions), Elizabeth Golden (London Chingford Lions) and Gursharonjit Kaur Sond (Hounslow Lions). Each candidate is interviewed in turn having drawn a lot to determine the order and this year the judges pointed out the very high standard of each. In the end we can only have one representative and this year that will be Gursharonjit Haur Sond sponsored by the Lions Club of Hounslow. Gursharonjit receives a bursary of £500 for her community projects and a chance to "win" a further £1,000 bursary at the Multiple District finals at the end of February. Gursharonjit is a members of Hounslow Youth Council and Connections Youth Forum. She is also a member of Awaaz Youth Group, a support group for young women. In 2002 she helped on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Many congratulations to all who took part and thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to Lions Doreen and Jean.

DG's Diary

March 1	Convention Oxford Belfry	
March 4	Greenford Willow Tree	OV
March 5	Disabled Games Harrow	
March 5	Northolt	OV
March 7	Leighton Buzzard	CA
March 8-9	District 105BN Convention	
March 10	Harrow & Pinner	OV
March 11	Harpندن	SV
March 11	Lion Day with UN House of Parliament	
March 12	Stanmore	OV
March 14	Launch of Safety Squad Luton	
March 14	Bedford Harpur	CA
March 15	Aylesbury	25th CA
March 16	Zone E Swimming Gala	
March 19	London Acton	OV
March 21	Rail Stations Project	
March 22	London Acton	CA
March 23	Zone I Swimming Gala	
March 25	Banbury	OV
March 29	Hounslow	CA