



PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News

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Youth Exchange Outing

Kenton Lions with the assistance of Lion Ayn from Kingsbury Lions and Lion Jen preparing a delicious meal at Lions Viv's, enjoyed hosting this year's Youth Exchange participants on a day's outing in London. Other clubs who also hosted different events included Hornsey, Swiss Cottage, Hadley Wood Leos, Hendon, High Wycombe, Belmont and Mill Hill Clubs as well as Harrow & Pinner and Tottenham.

We all met up with Lion Raza, District Youth Exchange Officer and his wife Yasmin at Westminster, on what luckily turned out to be a beautiful hot summers day with blue skies. The students who had travelled from Italy, Spain, Mexico, The Republic of Georgia, Finland the Netherlands and Slovenia all enjoyed the riverboat cruise along the Thames to Tower Bridge. They found The Tower Bridge Experience with amazing views of the Tower of London, and the City very interesting. We then travelled on to Greenwich and walked up to the famous Observatory before leisurely taking the River Cruise back to Westminster with the sights and sounds of London all around us. After a long day we then took the tube back to Lion Viv's where other Kenton members and Lion Raza and Yasmin joined us to relax in the garden and enjoy the delicious Italian food prepared by Chef Lion Jen!! A memorable day and a chance to get to know the students. Lion Viv and Alan hosted student Natia from Georgia for her second week after the youth camp.

Lion Vivien Raggett - Kenton



Zones E and F Pakistan Flood Appeal Fundraiser

A very successful fundraising Dinner and Dance was held at Premier House Banqueting, Harrow Weald, on Friday 17th September. The event was held by all the Clubs from Zone E & F: Kingsbury, Edgware, Hendon, Belmont, Stanmore, Kenton, Enfield, Chipping Barnet, Swiss Cottage, Finchley, Hornsey, Mill Hill, Southgate, Hadley Wood and Leo Club of Hadley Wood. They were joined by Lions clubs of Sudbury and Loudwater & Rickmansworth. Lions joined hands on the night to make this event possible and raise nearly £7000 to help the Pakistan Flood Victims.

Lion Nick Parmar and Naila of Premier House, kindly provided the venue and food at a discount. The entertainment was subsidised by Events4U, who brought 'The Stars of Music' band and dancers from 'Honeys Dance Academy', including Honey Kalaria, who performed free of charge.

Among the guests who attended were local Harrow MPs Bob Blackman (*Harrow East*) and Gareth Thomas (*Harrow West*), and the Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Asad Omar. Raffle prizes were donated from the general public, Lions and by John Lewis Store Watford, Balika Gift Shop of Kingsbury, Bhagwanji Ram & Sons Jewellery shop of Kingsbury and 7 Telecommunications of Stanmore.

Zone F Chairman, Lion Ali Musani, thanked all members and guests for their support for this worthwhile cause. He said a lot of hard work was put in by the Lions to make the event a success and to raise a substantial amount in the very short time period available.

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ZC Lion Ali Musani

NOTICE BOARD

The 11th Annual Senior Citizens Celebrations will be taking place on Sunday 13 February 2011 at Harrow Leisure Centre. Please make a note in your diaries. A booking form and full details of the programme will follow. Contact Parveen Verma.

DIWALI DHAMAKA 2010

The Lions Club of London Seven Kings presents DIWALI DHAMAKA 2010 on **Saturday 20th November 2010** at HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, ILFORD. Live Music by MARINA. 3 course Indian dinner including drinks. Tickets £35 per person. For more info and tickets please contact: Pradeep 07956 597533. Harish 07931 353815. Kalpesh 07973 166940.

LCI Purpose:

To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.



Hadley Wood Lions help flood victims



The food that Hadley Wood Lions raised funds for is being packed for onward distribution at my friend's sister's house, and she was supervising throughout the night. The distribution is being done by my friend Amer, a substantial industrialist and philanthropist, in the city of Lahore, I am getting a daily report directly from him.

The second picture shows tents that have been set up in Muzafargarh. Our funds have reached there and therefore the 160 tents will be added to the site.

ZC Lion Ali Musani



Sudbury Lions raise £4,000 for Liver Transplant for Children

Lions Club of Sudbury held a fundraising event on 26th September, 2010. The Shraadh Bhajan Bhojan charity event was timed for the holy period in the Hindu Calendar, to raise funds in aid of Rays of Sunshine Ward, Kings College Hospital, where they carry out Liver Transplants for Children.

The event attracted over 300 guests who were treated to a sumptuous vegetarian meal and were enthralled by Bhajans (religious songs), by Nitu Shah and Friends. Professor Anil Dhawan from Kings College Hospital gave a speech explaining the complicated procedures the children have to endure when they go for Liver Transplants. This encouraged the guests to donate nearly £4000 for the project.

Lion President Sevak thanked all the guests for their generosity and said that the event would not have been possible without the support of Lion Pami and her committee as well as Lions and Leo Members of Sudbury who had put in a lot of effort.

Lion Pami Sevak



President Sevak with his lady Pami and Prof Anil.

Seven Kings Charity Walk for diabetes

Lions Club of London Seven Kings held their 14th annual Charity Walk with BBQ Picnic at popular Lee Valley Park, Cheshunt on Sunday 5th September.

It was a fine warm Sunday with slight overcast, making it a perfect weather to enjoy a brisk walk for those energetic ones and a leisurely walk for the rest along the canal with lovely views.

We had good turn out of around 90 people joining us on the day and we are very proud to have from young toddlers to grand dads who participated in the walk to raise funds for the charity.

All children who did the walk were awarded a certificate for their participation. After the 10km walk along the scenic canal all were looking forward to nice BBQ and picnic prepared and organised by the members of the club. 'A good team effort', as our Lion Dinesh says, is all that is required to organise an enjoyable event.

Our nominated charity for the day was Diabetes UK along with other charities which support disabled and disadvantaged children.

Lion Sailesh Kansagra



NOTICE BOARD

**Diary Date – 12th February 2011
Stoke Mandeville Stadium 7.00pm**

District 105A's 7th Annual Bowls/Quiz Evening in aid of WheelPower. An informal evening shared with the British Wheelchair Bowls Association, all welcome. Details from Lion Steve Foott 01525 636145.

Winter Forum

The 2010 Winter Forum will be held on Sunday, 31 October at the Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes. A programme and a booking form will be sent at a later date. If you have any questions or comments please contact: PDG Elliot Shubert. Dist. Officer for Member Training and Leadership Development.

40 years of Lions and Leonard

Two Hitchin Institutions with a close history are celebrating their 40th anniversaries this year.

Leonard Cheshire Disability and the Hitchin Lions Club both entered their fifth decade this year, and to celebrate combined forces at a barbeque last month. Lions members put on a huge spread for the 20 residents of the home, their relatives and friends, with around 90 people in attendance.

Hitchin Lions Club has supported the Cheshire Home since it was built in St Johns Road in 1960. This has included the decorating of residents' rooms, the provision of holidays and outings for the residents as well as the organisation of parties, quiz nights, fish and chip suppers and much more. The support has continued since the home moved to Lavender Fields five years ago.

Aileen Baker, service manager of the charitable home which cares for people with MS, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy among other conditions said: "The Lions cooked and prepared everything and set up a bar. It was just a really nice day. We don't do a lot of things like that. It was really nice to acknowledge what the Lions have done for 40 years".

Lion David Kelsall



Welcome New members

Lions Club of London Seven Kings have recruited 3 new members in Sept 2010. They are:

Lion (Mrs) KIRAN MANDALIA

Lion Satish SHAH

Lion Nilesh CHOTAI

Information request from archives

Request for photograph or any information on district governors from 1950 - 1979 or Banneretts for their term of office or any information about them and the club. Or anything you think would be of interest to district 105A history.

Thank you, Lion Pat Pratt, archivist.

Young Ambassador competition

Could I ask all clubs to do their utmost to find suitable candidates so that we can have a successful event for 2010/2011. If you have any queries please do get in touch with me at: youngambassador@lions105a.org.uk.

Lion Rachel Addy, District Young Ambassador Officer 2010/2011.

From the Editor

A diversity of service activities are reported in this issue. It is pleasing to see that many different clubs are now sending in articles about the variety of fundraising activities they undertake, to serve the needy. Please continue to do so and spread your success.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Pride of Lions, please send in that as well.

Next full issue will be the Christmas issue in December.

Lion Shirish Sheth

EDUKIT Appeal

As you will all be aware Pakistan is going through a major humanitarian disaster on a unprecedented scale. In such natural disasters children are always among the most vulnerable. There are nearly 8.6 million children affected, of which 3.5 million are estimated to be at serious risk of waterborne diseases. We cannot allow those who were saved from drowning to die of disease; stagnating water is creating perfect conditions for the spread of malaria and cholera.

In the wake of these emergencies children desperately need a lifeline and help to recover from trauma. We have to help them for rehabilitation. This is precisely what EDUKIT (a school in a box) can provide as these portable containers can help to create an instant classroom the moment they have shelter.

The cost of an EDUKIT is now £175 and they are designed to be used by one teacher and 40 students. A club or an individual can donate even £50 which can be pooled with others.

The funds will go to UNICEF who has already trebled their immediate needs appeal from £30 Million to £90 million.

Please send your cheque to District Treasurer payable to LCI District 105A with a note on back for Edukit account.

PDG Ram Jaggi MBE

District Edukit, WaterAid and UN Officer



Zones E and F Pakistan Fundraiser Committee



Northolt Lions
Registered Charity Number : 393625
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THEIR

25th
CHARTER ANNIVERSARY
DINNER AND DANCE
13th NOVEMBER 2010

AT
THE CAVENDISH HOTEL,
FIELD END ROAD, EASTCOTE, HA4 9PG

Guest of honour, His Worshipful the Mayor of Ealing, Cllr. Rajinder Mann
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dress Code: Formal **Carriages 11.30pm**

The Club would like to extend an invitation to you to join us on this momentous occasion.
We do hope you are able to accept.



DG Martin's Message



Working Together



Where is the time going as it was only 2 minutes ago that I sat down to write my third Newsletter and here I am putting together yet another one?

I am now beginning to find just how busy the next 10 months are going to be as the Club visits and the Charters are coming in thick and fast Jill and I have to spend more time with 2 large SASCO Year Planners getting all the dates organized.

My 'duck' was broken at London Finchley. It was a really good meeting full of discussion and debate and the meal was good too (here goes the start of my DG DIET).

Then came a very enjoyable visit to London Central where after a mix up in reception about Lions meeting there I luckily spotted a 'man with a pin'so I got to the meeting on time. Dare I say it, the meal was excellent (another few pounds on the waist but too good to miss).

We then went to our first Charter with London Walthamstow where again we were made to feel so welcome by all the Lions who had attended. It was also good to enjoy a chat with 2 TA soldiers who were there on behalf of the Royal British Legion and we were invited to the launch of the Poppy Appeal as members of Lions and we will definitely try to be there.

The highlight of the evening for me was being asked by PDG Ken Rouse to present an MJF to LP Alice when she knew nothing about it. Well deserved Alice.

I visited the Redbridge club next which was certainly an experience due to a gas leak at the venue which caused it to close about an hour before the meeting. Lion Doreen Carr organised a fall back venue in the shape of



the front room of a lady club member who coped wonderfully at such short notice. We all sat round with cups of tea, and had a really good meeting.

Banbury followed and I have to say that they, like my other visits, they were so friendly and the meeting showed me what a great club they are. I thank everyone for some very enjoyable evenings.

The thing that has struck me during all my visits so far is that IP Sid Scruggs would be delighted with our response to his "Shine a Light on Service" as part of his theme for this year which is "Beacon of Hope."

While fund raising is of course vital to us all, he sees the giving of our time in service even more important as that is at the heart of Lions and in some ways is far more difficult to give. Sometimes giving our time to help a person who is unable to carry out a menial task themselves such as cutting a lawn or taking them to visit a loved one when perhaps they can't do it by themselves can be far more onerous than signing a cheque for a few pounds and this is what IP Sid means by us giving Service.

From my visits so far, to a small number of clubs, I feel that I can say with confidence that we certainly do give service in 105A

DG Martin Morgan

My Diary Oct-Nov 2010

1st-3rd Oct COG & Internation Board in Edinburgh

6th Oct Ealing Club O/V

8th Oct Dunstable Club social evening

9th Oct Bletchley Club Barn Dance

12th Oct Greenford Willow Tree O/V

13th Oct Hayes & Harlington O/V

16th Oct Biggleswade & Sandy Charter

17th Oct Cabinet & Partners

20th Oct Hounslow Club O/V

22nd Oct British Legion Poppy Appeal Launch

28th Oct Leighton Buzzard 40th Celebration Dinner

30th Oct Bletchley, Milton Keynes Charter

31st Oct Winter Forum

31st Oct Amersham & Chesham Charter

9th Nov Hemel Hempstead Social Evening

10th Nov Abingdon O/V

11th Nov MERL Meeting

13th Nov Lord Mayor's Show

13th Nov Stony Stratford Charter

14th Nov Remembrance Sunday

17th Nov Acton Club O/V

20th Nov Stevenage Corey's Mill Charter

21st Nov Redbridge & Fairlop Joint Charter

25th Nov Peace Poster Judging

27th Nov Berkhamstead Charter

JDRF Annual Walk

JDRF held their annual 'Walk to Cure Diabetes' in Regents Park, London on Sunday 12th September. The sun shone on more than 800 runners and walkers of all ages for the 5km course - some of which went past London Zoo.

DG Martin & Jill and PDG Ken & Lion Margaret Rouse (District Diabetes Officer) helped at registration and with serving the hot lunch. Some of the children came in fancy dress and the competition winners were dressed as 'Pingu'.

Rufus (the JDRF Bear) was also at the event. Luckily he had escaped from the cage of Bletchley's tombola lions at the Stony Stratford Town Fayre!

A huge "thank you" to London Walthamstow Lions Club who presented me with the first donation to my charity at their Charter celebrations.

If you would like to find out more about the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the work that they do, please look on their website www.jdrf.org.uk
Thank you so much.

Jill

