

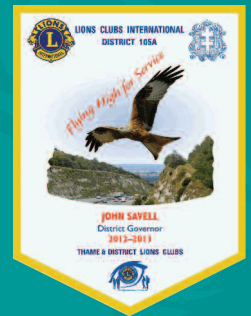


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PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



A new Milestone...

On September 7th Hemel Hempstead Lions Club celebrated reaching the milestone sum of £50,000 raised since their charity bookshop re-opened in April 2011. With the help of Tring Berkhamsted and Watford Lions clubs the outlet is open 7 days a week at the Marlowes Centre, Hemel Hempstead.

Lion President Barbara Daniels and Lion members along with local MP Mike Penning and Past Mayor Brian Ayling presented cheques to Hemel Warriors, a football club for young people, sponsored by the Lions for the past three years. A cheque was also presented to Barbara Gatehouse, a mum of young Jack who has many problems including severe epilepsy. This money will go toward a sensory room which will help protect Jack from the falls caused by his chronic condition.

Lion President also thanked the non Lion volunteers who help to man the shop, and the Marlowes Centre in particular for their generous rent free accommodation!!

Lion Terry Allen



Belmont Lions celebrate Eid



Lions Club of London Belmont held a Eid Party to celebrate the end of Ramadhan. The event was a sell out attended by members, guests and Lions from other Clubs in the Zone E and other Zones. The Club had to turn away some guests as the venue could just not accommodate anymore.

The afternoon was filled with fun and fellowship. Music entertainment was provided by Anil and Anita with the hits from yesteryear to latest.

Lions Club of London Belmont presented a cheque for the sum of £1,000 towards the appeal for a four year old child who needs to undergo heart surgery in Pakistan. Lion President, Surriya Rahman accompanied by the Treasurer, Lion Hema Kabra presented the cheque to Mohamed Khatri (child's uncle) based in London.

Lion President and all the members would like to thank the fellow Lions and guests who supported the Eid Party where good time and food was had by all.

Lion Amin Dada

... NOTICE BOARD ...

The Fifth District Youth Celebration for the disabled and disadvantaged young people and their carers, is to be held on Sunday 18th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. We need your help and support to make this enjoyable and successful. Lion Vijay Arora

Do you have any packets of Vegetable or flower seeds that you have no further use for? I support a school and some families in South Africa and going for a visit in November. Seeds are expensive there, and any packets that I can take will help many families for years to come. I can collect them at the Winter Forum or you can send them to me.
DG John Savell

LCI Purpose:
*To unite the clubs
in the bonds of
friendship, good
fellowship and
mutual
understanding.*



Lions Help Carly's Dream Come True

The Lions Club of Bletchley are proud to have helped Dr Carly Webb achieve her dream of serving in Uganda. Newly qualified Dr Carly Webb has started her Foundation Year 1 training in intensive care at St Georges, London. What makes Carly different from other newly qualified doctors is that, already suffering from ME, she has recently been diagnosed with Myelofibrosis, a form of cancer that results in progressive scarring of the bone – the average survival rate is 4-5 years. Carly's story outstanding is one of courage and drive to achieve her ambition of becoming a doctor whilst coping with her medical problems. For her elective period Carly went to Uganda and the pictures show her providing practical help to the medical services out there.

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Lion Brian Phillips



City of London Lord Mayor's Show 2012

This year's Lord Mayor's Show, in the City of London, will be on Saturday 10th November and our theme will be centred around Youth in the community.

Our entry this year will incorporate a Land Train, as well as Roary the Lion. We will also have 50 Lions and Lionesses from the four Lions Districts 105A, D, EA and SE, providing the escort. Each of our four Districts will be entitled to provide a contingent of 10 members of the Lions family. I regret the Pageantmaster does not allow children to take part in the procession.

PDG Lion Ken Rouse

Hemel Hempstead honours members with MJF award



Chiman Sheth who has served his local community for over 40 years, receives his MJF award from DG John Savell, in presence of Lion President Carol Smith.



Anil Padania who has given over 40 years service to Hemel Hempstead Lions Club receiving his MJF from DG John Savell.



Ghansuam Patel receives his MJF award following over 40 years of service to Lionsim, both in the UK and Uganda. Here with Council Chairman Martin Morgan.

The Youth Trust Explained

**Do you know what the Youth Trust pays for?
How it is funded? If not read on.**

At MD convention in Birmingham there was considerable discussion about the MD Youth Trust and related issues. It was apparent that many Lions are not clear about its role and funding, some dissatisfaction was expressed and so the Council of Governors set up a small committee to review all aspects of Lions MD105 Youth activities and their funding. This committee is chaired by MD Youth Coordinator 2008-12, PDG Shirley Vaughan and comprises two governors from 2011-12, IPDG Frank Lees and IPDG Larry Pearce; with two current governors, DG Paul Anstice and DG Ken Wild.

Given the recent changes and debate the committee feel one of its priorities must be to provide information for clubs about the Youth Trust to encourage more contributions, hence this article.

The money comes in. The trust is administered by the MD Charity Treasurer and has as its trustees the MD Youth Coordinator, the MD Leo officer, the MD Young Ambassador Officer and the Council Chairman. The Trust's income comes from contributions made by clubs across the Multiple District, in the past this was a request for £60 per club; following the resolution in Birmingham this year the request is £3 per member, which is thought to be fairer. The request for this donation is made via District Treasurers who collect all contributions from their District and send it on to the MD Charity Treasurer. The donation to the Youth Trust counts as a charitable expense and can be paid from the club's charity account. Club contributions to the Trust for 2010-11 totalled £30,965

The money goes out. Funds from the Youth Trust are used to defray the expenses of MD105 Youth activities at national and international level. Some of these have very

significant costs e.g. Youth Centre and Young Ambassadors; some only nominal costs e.g. Peace Poster. In the past the Trust administered club donations to Tacade but did not contribute directly. Figures from Charity Treasurer's report for 2012 MD105 convention show net expenditure for 2010-11 at MD level as follows:

Young Ambassador	£13,339
Youth Football	£6,044
Youth Centre	£18,919
Young Leaders in Service	£4,073
Peace Poster	£100
Leos	£100
Music	£2,832
Miscellaneous net figure (mainly audit fees)	£472
Total expenditure	£45,879

The difference between income of £30,965 and expenditure of £45,879 resulted in a deficit of £14,914 for the year.

The problem. Increased demands on the Trust in recent years have given rise to the significant negative imbalance between income and expenditure; this has been met by using surplus funds from the early years of the Trust. However such reserves will not last forever and so the 2011-12 Council of Governors concluded some significant changes in both the income and expenditure of the Trust were required. As yet the effect on the trust's income of the change in the way the request for a contribution from clubs is phrased is unknown.

At the same time changes were also made in the Trust's expenditure, principally removing funding from both the Music and Football competitions. The Music Competition has since received business sponsorship for the next three years. The MD Convention of 2012 voted to suspend the 2012-13 Football Competition at MD level to save money. **Even this will not**

balance the books, hence the in depth review currently being carried out. In the long term it is essential to bring income and expenditure on to a level footing. This means more money in, less money out or a combination of the two.

In order to gain a fuller picture the committee has been asked to consult widely and to canvass the opinions of as many Lions as possible. Your club can have its say by completing the questionnaire that you have already received or will be receiving very shortly. Alternatively you can download the questionnaire from the MD Website. Please complete the questionnaire "on screen" and return it to **dg105m@lionsmd105.org** before the end of October, but ideally well before that date. All responses will be included in a summary and reported to Council of Governors.

The problems we are currently facing arise from a shortfall of funds as not all clubs choose to contribute. At our conventions we all proudly clap our District Young Ambassador winners and display our winning District Peace poster. These competitions are both funded by our MD105 Youth Trust. **All Districts** take part in at least two of the Youth projects funded by the Youth Trust and therefore **all Districts** have to assume some responsibility for the running costs.

The future of our Youth projects should be decided by their intrinsic value, their relevance, their role in supporting young people: It is right that these factors are considered periodically, it is wrong that such reviews be dominated primarily by finance considerations. Funding has already been withdrawn from two projects; without greater support for our Youth Trust from clubs the question may well be **what goes next?**

**DG John Savell on behalf
of The Council of Governors**

From the Editor

When you read this issue, the overall message that comes through is the variety of causes that Lions support, here and overseas. Yet, as I have heard many times, Lions are the best kept secret around. So many people have no idea about Lionism. They may have heard of other service organisations, but Lions are not as well known. Why?

DG John quite rightly writes about the need for communication... amongst ourselves, as well as projecting Lions to the wider world. In this age of 24/7 news bulletins and social networking, we should proudly publicise our work. It can only help us!

Lion Shirish Sheth

Lions Club Of Osterley

Invites you to its 7th

CHARTER NIGHT

Friday 9th November 2012




Mehfil Restaurant, The Green, Southall
Middlesex UB2 4AR
020 8606 8811
7.30pm till late

Entrance £22.50 with Three Course Dinner
Music with Rabi Bains and Seema Sargam
Terrific raffle prizes

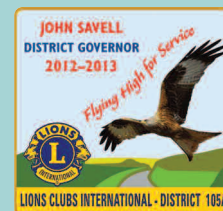



Money raised will go to Lions Club Charities

We Serve



DG John's Journal



Another month slips by and before I know it, I am writing another article for the Pride of Lions.

The use of the computer for all communications, social networking, information sources, and video conferencing has been a boon for many people; it does however bring with it a down side. Among the District Governors we have been receiving unsolicited emails from people using the generic email addresses which can only come from either emails on someone's computer or from the directory. It is important that everyone should protect the information contained within the directory. If disposing off please do so securely, ideally shred or burn. For your computer ensure that there is up-to-date antivirus and all your firewalls are activated. This generally protects you from unwarranted intrusion and misuse of your personal data.

I will be shortly sending out details of an Australian Lions initiative for a Children's Audio Theatre. Can I commend the initiative to every club? It is an excellent programme.

Within this newsletter you will find an article produced by the Council of Governors on Youth Projects/Trusts. Could I please encourage every club to participate in the questionnaire. Decisions do have to be made regarding these programmes and it is only correct that the opinion of clubs is sought.

I was very fortunate to attend, together with Linda, the formal presentation to Carterton Lions Club of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service given on behalf of Her Majesty by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson. It was a great evening and it was a pleasure to see such a well deserved award being given. It would be nice if more Lions clubs could aim for this award. It is designed to reflect the service that a voluntary organisation gives to their community and as the premier service organisation Lions should have many more to their name.

On celebrations, on Saturday 22nd September Linda and I had the pleasure to attend the 40th Charter of Lions Club of Luton; it was an excellent evening with good company and short speeches. With so many issues of membership around, it is always good news

to celebrate a club which has worked in the community for such a long time and long may it continue.

Hopefully, many of you will have seen the changes to District's website with many news articles on the front page. This is another opportunity for clubs to say what they are doing or have done. Please submit articles to Naresh Gupta, PRO for the District who will be pleased to upload them. There is a link between the POL Editor and PRO to ensure that no article for publication is missed. If not in the Pride of Lions then it is on the website. I am great believer in communications. We need to sell ourselves to the public and to use every method at our disposal: website, newsletters, local press, but also strong contacts with the local politicians and councillors, all of whom can help promote Lionism in your area.

The Young Leaders in Service Awards is starting to take hold with more interest being shown by clubs and outside organisations. This is an ideal way of making contact with Youth Organisations, and schools, not only to recognise the work that many young people do within their communities but also encouraging future Young Ambassador Candidates. Let us not forget our own Leos. How many clubs have a Leo club? What can your club do to start one? Do you have a Leo Officer? Contact Lion Minesh Mehta who will be pleased to help. It is a cliché but the young are our future, not only the society's but the Lions' as well.

A serious question regarding the District Convention which will be in March 2013. I am considering ways by which it can be made more interesting. We do, of course, have the formalities but after that it is your day as Lions. So what would you like to see? We will have two presentations, but what else? I would welcome any suggestions. Please tell me what you want by the end of November and we will see what can be done.

Finally don't forget to book your place at Winter Forum; I am assured that there is a new format and that it should be a great day. This is your opportunity to meet with fellow Lions, learn about new ideas and even take away information which will benefit your club.

DG John Savell

Message from Linda Savell

As many of you will know my nominated charity for the year is Centre Point, one of the Street Children programmes. When choosing to support this charity I wanted to be certain that they would be able to benefit from the generous donations that Lions make to worthwhile causes. I have been sent material with information and there will be a representative to speak at convention and to cabinet.

To ensure that everyone can see the work that Centre Point do, I have asked the District IT officer to place a link on the District Website which is a You Tube video of the annual report told by young people and how Centre Point has been able to help them.

The link is also in the body of this letter and I am sure that you will find it both interesting and informative about the work of Centre point. Some of the statistics are appalling and the thought of young people being on the streets without support I find scary and I hope that you do also and will see your way clear to helping in any way you can.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-MIoVlh8I&feature=player_embedded

Rest assure that all money raised will help young people with the support of Centre Point away from a life on the streets.

Yours sincerely, Linda Savell

My Diary October 2012

Mon 1	Parish Council Meeting
Tue 2	OV Banbury Lions Club
Wed 3	OV Thame Lions Club
Thu 4	OV Barking Lions Club
Fri 5	Friends Circle Charter
Mon 8	OV Harrow & Pinner Lions Club
Tue 9	OV Hornsey Lions Club
Thu 11	Lions Magazine - Lincoln
Sat 13-14	District cabinet with partners
Tue 16	CAC Meeting Birmingham
Fri 19	Charter Dinner Carterton Lions Club
Sun 21	Winter Forum
Mon 22	OV Letchworth Lions Club
Wed 24	District Convention Meeting
Fri 26-28	Council of Governors Solihull

OV = Official Visit