

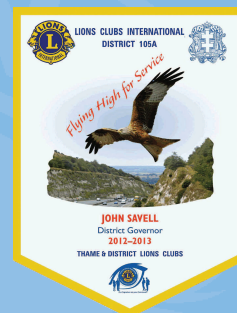


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PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News | DG John Savell



MD105 and the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

The Council of Governors has approved a working agreement with Marie Curie to assist with their Great Daffodil Appeal (GDA) 2013.

The GDA includes collections at Tesco Stores through-out British Isles and Northern Ireland spread over the period 7th February 2013 to 28th March, most collections are 8th and 15th March. MD 105 has been offered the opportunity to collect on behalf of GDA.

Lions Clubs collecting at the stores will be recognised as Lions Clubs collecting on behalf of Marie Curie raising funds for care in the local community. Every £20 collected will pay for one hours care in the local community. Posters will be produced explaining this. During the collection Lions will be wearing Lions Tabards and PR releases will be issued locally recognising the work of Lions.

Lions will benefit from recognition amongst the supporters of Marie Curie Cancer Care in print and on their web site.

Every club with a participating Tesco store nearby (there are 650 listed) will be approached by the local Marie Curie Fund Raiser to enquire if they want to be involved and are able to support a collection. We are providing telephone numbers of clubs to Marie Curie to facilitate this process. They have signed an agreement restricting their use of this information.

For those Clubs who agree to support the appeal Marie Curie will provide a full briefing document.

Our previous work with Marie Curie was successful but was felt not to have fully recognised the part played by Lions Clubs, this working agreement addresses these issues.

Any issues concerning this agreement, please contact Lion **Andy Pemberton** at secretary@lionsmd105.org or 07831 558810.

Belmont Lions help the Homeless

Lions Club of London Belmont presented "DENS" with food parcels for the homeless and a cheque for £ 225 towards their Christmas party.

DENS, started in 1998, is an independent charity, supporting homeless people in and around the Dacorum area of Hertfordshire - Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring, Kings Langley and the surrounding villages.

In 2003 DENS opened a permanent night shelter, open 365 nights a year. In 2005 DENS opened a Day Centre for 3 days a week and from 2008 began operating on a 5 day a week basis.

DENS currently operates 6 main services: Dacorum Foodbank, DENS Day Centre, the Night Shelter, Move-On Accommodation, Dacorum Rent Aid, and DENS Retail.

The presentation was made at a dinner held by and at Lion President Surriya Rahman's residence in Hemel Hempstead. Other Lions present were the 2nd VDG Ramesh Parmer, Zone Chair Ravina Rattan, District PR Officer Naresh Gupta, DO Meena Gupta, Charter President, Amin Dada and other members of London Belmont.



Ms Millie Stone of "DENS" commented: "Lions Club of London Belmont have always supported our organisation by way of food parcels, donations and also blankets for the homeless. We will always be indebted to them. I have learnt a lot about Lionism and may even one day consider joining Lions as a member"

Amin Dada - MJF
Lions Club of London Belmont

... NOTICE BOARD ...

Senior Citizens Celebrations 2013

This Annual event at Harrow Leisure Centre is being held on Sunday 3rd February 2013. Contact Lion Parveen Verma for details and booking.

District Convention 2013

The District Convention this year will be held at "The Quadrangle Conference Centre", The Kassam Stadium, Grenoble Road, Oxford OX4 4XP. On Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and 10th of March 2013.

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To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.





DG John's Journal



A Happy and Prosperous New Year to everyone, welcome to the first Pride of Lions of the New Year.

I do hope everyone had a busy and hectic December with fundraising and welfare projects; this is a time of the year when Lions excel in their community service. I look forward to seeing articles from the activities both on the website and in the Pride of Lions.

Linda and I started the month of December with a social event organised by the clubs of Zone A held in China Town. It was great evening with a lot of fun. There was Karaoke singing which yours truly avoided but there were some excellent performances by others. Thanks are certainly due to Lion President Monita of Covent Garden and her team for all their hard work, together with Zone Chairman Abhnash, as well as Lions Paresh and Kiran.

The 8th December brought the opportunity to attend a Lions Awareness stall at the Mayor of Redbridge Christmas Fair. The stall was manned by Zone B Lions organised by Lion Doreen Carr with the support of Zone Chairman Deepak Vijn. Also in attendance with the new GMT regalia was Lion Meena Gupta with 2nd VDG Ramesh, with myself and 1st VDG Sarbjit coming along later. First reports are of a successful event with a number of potentials leads to follow through.

Although District Governor this year, I like all those before me, belong to a club with the obligations of being a club member. In this instant that meant 3 nights collecting on the street in Oxford and two days collecting at our local supermarket with Santa's Sleigh. At my club Christmas social I had the pleasure of inducting a new member, a welcome addition to our club.

The Lions of Abingdon held a Lions Awareness day at Abingdon College with Lion Leonie of Abingdon and Lion Meena encouraging potential members. It proved to be another successful event as I found out when I visited them for a couple of hours during the day. Members of staff and older Students were interested in Lions but staff also expressed interest in starting an Omega Leos club which would be excellent news.

It was great pleasure for Linda and I to attend the Palace of Westminster Lions Club 5th Charter, an enjoyable evening with excellent company. The club's longest serving member, the Right Honourable Mark François was awarded progressive Membership Keys by PID Phil Nathan and I had the pleasure of awarding a 10 year chevron to Mark as well. We were then given a tour of the House of Commons chamber. Truly an interesting opportunity and it is remarkable how many of the English language expressions or sayings derive from House of Commons activities, such as "in the bag" or "toe the line" as well as many more.

Before Christmas I was approached by Lion Doreen Carr regarding a young child of 3 years who had a brain tumour and whilst under the care of Great Ormond Street Hospital they had arranged for treatment, only available in the USA. The family had never been abroad before and would be there for 3 months and whilst all travel costs, accommodation was being dealt with by GOSH they would be alone at this traumatic time. Through the good office of DG Pat Hall of District 35L who I met in Busan I was able to arrange for the Lions Clubs in Jacksonville Florida to make contact with the family and to support them through this time. I am very grateful to DG Lion Pat who really took the matter in hand with the Florida Lions. This involvement from another district in another country really shows the power of the community of Lions.

DG John Savell

Breaking News... Newborn knitted jumper appeal

The response to the article by Linda in Pride of Lions has been overwhelming to the extent that the organisation do not require any more. Between the 105A knitters and those in 105EA a considerable number have been produced and we were advised to bring an end to the project. Please, therefore, finish the one you are knitting and then Linda will be in touch shortly as to how we will transport them to 105EA.

On behalf of Linda and Jennifer Cawte of 105EA could I thank everyone who has been involved. It has been a tremendous response.

DG Lion John Savell

My Diary January 2013

Tue 8th	OV Lions Club of London Seven Kings
Wed 9th	OV Lions Club of Stanmore
Sun 13th	Cabinet with Partners
Mon 14th	OV Lions Club of Fairlop
Tue 15th	Pantomime with Dagenham Leos
Thu 17th	OV Lions Club of Enfield
Sun 20th	Formation Leo Club of Milton Keynes central
Mon 21st	District Convention meeting
Tue 22nd	OV Lions Club of Staines
Wed 23rd	Convention Meeting
Fri 25th to Sun 27th	Council of Governors Solihull
OV = Official Visit	