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District 105A News

Pride of LIONS

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Meet the incoming team for 2020-21



DG Elect Alaister Joel



1st VDG Elect Karanjit Assan



2nd VDG Elect Kavaljit Dev

From the Convention



The Top
Table at the
Convention



PDG Vanmali
Mistry retiring as
District Treasurer
after years of
distinguished
service

Hendon Leos help widows and poor women

The Leo-Lions of Hampstead & Lions of Hendon held a Barn Dance on 22nd February and raised £1,000 which was donated to Life Global UK's Women Empowerment Programme. This charity initiative helps to train widows and women living below the poverty line to become self sufficient. The skills taught to them include embroidery, beauty and make up, and making snacks which they can then sell to outlets which are contracted with Life Global UK. These women obtain 3 months of training and also receive basic equipment like sewing machines, cooking utensils etc to ensure they no longer have to rely on hand outs from the government or beg for daily food and other essentials.

Lion Minesh Mehta



Lion Minesh Mehta with members of Lions of Hendon and Leo-Lions

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Data Protection Act – Privacy Notice Under the data protection legislation of 2018, all organisations must have a privacy notice with certain concepts in it. This needs to be tailored to each Club by law. Each Club is a “controller” in its own right because the club collects and processes data Lions Clubs will collect and process personal information on members, non-members, adults and children alike. The District Data Compliance Officer can provide wording for your Club if you wish and will need some information from you as a Club and then will be able to email the wording to you.

Lion Jyoti Inamdar, Data Compliance Officer



LCI Ethics:

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

District 105A Young Ambassador

Our District Finals were held on Sunday 12 January and I am very pleased to announce that we have a very worthy winner; **Chanel** sponsored by the Lions Club of Fairlop represented us at the Multiple District 105 Young Ambassador of the 21st Century competition held in Dudley at the end of February.

The Lions Young Ambassador Competition recognises, encourages and supports young people (age 15-18) who are actively involved in helping others. In previous years the entrants in the Young Ambassador competition have been involved in helping young and older people, as well as disabled or disadvantaged within their community. The winner is awarded a £100 bursary from Lions District A for their project and can move on through to the Lions National and European competitions where further bursaries are awarded.

Chanel, is an amazing young person. She is passionate about volunteering, is a long term member of Fairlop Leos club and was co-organiser of a Grenfell Tower

project to provide rucksacks of essential educational equipment to the children affected by the fire. She is involved in local environmental projects, and is part of a girl's group "Raised Voices" giving presentations to schools on body image, mental health and wellbeing. Being a Beaver, Cub and Scout, she is currently working towards Leadership qualifications within the Scouting organisation.

Chanel was "thrilled, that the bursary will allow, amongst other things, the purchase of Laerdal Little Anne QPCR manikins which would enable everyone within a scouts group to have life like and effective CPR training" AND "very proud and extremely motivated for all the good that I can do, to motivate other young people and to enhance my own skills and experiences".

There are so many youngsters giving their time mentoring younger pupils, working in projects in schools, with environmental groups, with local charities or faith groups and caring for others at home. Lions, they all deserve our



encouragement and support. The Young Leaders in Service Awards and the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Awards do just that. Whatever part you may play in your local community as parents, grandparents, School Governors, Charity Trustees, Youth Leaders, Scout Leaders you may know or be aware of someone your Lions Club could sponsor.

Wouldn't it be great to give young people the encouragement and support they deserve? For more information contact me.

Lion Lesley Spence

Dignitaries flock to Ruislip Lions Charter night

Once again the glitz and glamour was prominent at Ruislip Lions 44th Charter Night. A wonderful occasion, made particularly special as we were graced with a visit from The Worshipful, The Mayor of Hillingdon Councillor David Yarrow and his Mayoress Mrs Mary O'Connor as well as DG Kamal Sharma and his lovely wife Anita.

This year we had a change of venue – we were looking for tradition to celebrate this very festive evening and The Barn Hotel in Ruislip did not disappoint. It was perfect to celebrate LP Jackie Lack's Charter night; we were greeted with a beam-clad Victorian entrance and a fantastic roaring open fire – a welcome much appreciated as shelter from the



damp and cold February evening.

The meal was a delicious roast beef meal (plus a vegetarian option) and some of the largest Yorkshire puddings I have ever seen!

The passionate speeches befitted the

evening. The Mayor spoke of his year in office so far, and how important the community in Hillingdon was to his chosen charities. DG Kamal spoke with emotion about his wife's charity for his year in office. His story of how The Air Ambulance had come to the rescue of his own family was so touching; Lion President Jackie was delighted to be able to donate a cheque to the Air Ambulance for £250.

Everyone departed, late into the night after a wonderful evening and respite from the dreadful winter weather. Ruislip Lions were grateful to the dignitaries who attended and helped to make this an evening to remember.

Lion Lynn Kauffman

From DG Kamal Sharma

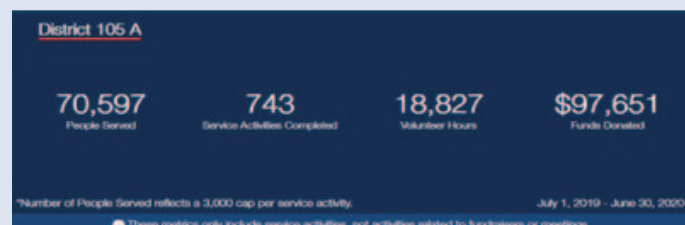
A brief glimpse of what we as a District have achieved. This is only possible where all clubs record their service activities and volunteer hours and I do know many of you also carry out worthwhile projects abroad making a massive difference to the lives of many who need to be served.

My sincere gratitude to all the clubs who donated generously to the District's Appeal towards the Australian Fires and with your help over £12000 was sent to LCIF.

I believe the exercise to check and take corrective action to streamline details from clubs has paid dividends and in essence we are providing true facts about membership status. It should also be noted over a period from July 2019 – we gained 77 new members and dropped 86 and this is due to 12 of our beloved members going to higher service, a club closed due to suspension of not paying dues and numbers not accounted from a club yet to be reinstated after the general election.

So overall the District has

made significant progress in comparison to other districts **BUT** this exercise was vital for us to build from with the correct status on our membership – the main objective is we continue to remain over the 1300 threshold to avoid redistricting and continue with our path of openness and transparency.



The Seniors have Party to remember... 20th time

In its 20th year, the Senior Citizens Celebrations, held on Sunday, 1 March at Byron Hall, Harrow Leisure Centre brought a huge smile of satisfaction to the chairman PDG Lion Parveen and his hard working team.



The Committee, volunteers and Lions began their day around 8am to get the hall ready for the party. Sandwiches were prepared and preparations made for urns of tea and coffee. Zones were colour coordinated for serving the guests with refreshments. 750 seniors along with their sponsoring clubs, volunteers and guests gradually filled the hall, for the party to begin at 2pm. 80 tables were colourfully decorated complete with garlands, cups and saucers, pencils for the bingo, crisps and drinks and numbered with the name of the sponsoring club. Balloon decorations were a sight to behold. As always, guests were welcomed at the door by a welcoming party who escorted them to their tables. Guests were treated to tea with pre-booked vegetarian and non-vegetarian snacks. Leos and Lions sold raffle and mingled with guests, while music filled the hall.

More than ever guests enjoyed the music played by Recollections and guests danced the afternoon away with Jay Kumar and his dancing group. The aisles were packed with participating seniors and Lions. An absolutely amazing sight, especially to see guests joining in with the dancing troupe on stage.

International Director Geoff and DG Kamal Sharma were both full of praise and commented that without a doubt this is the flagship event of our District.

Lion Parveen as chairman praised his committee for their selfless service in organising this annual event for our Senior Citizens and thanked the sponsoring clubs for their support. We look forward to welcoming all next year.

Some of the comments posted are as follows:

"We have thoroughly enjoyed today's event. It was fun dancing and mingling with friends. We met an old friend from Essex which was nice. Well done to the whole team. Thank you very much."

"Really wonderful! Very well organised. Thanks to all the Lions of District 105A for entertaining seniors and giving them an opportunity to meet lost friends under one roof. Thanks again!"

"Me & my wife enjoyed this afternoon – Well done (Lions)."

"Yes, we had a good time and too much fun. Nice time passed happily. Thanks to all for making our day special."

"Excellent Programme. Carry on the good work! Fantastic Dance routines. Music was fantastic Table 35."

"Absolutely great. Great Venue, great food, beautiful decorations, well organised, good atmosphere and I love the balloons!!! Keep up with it!! Great welcome and enjoyed everything. Having a lovely time. Thank you for all the time and effort – very much appreciated."

"I enjoyed today's gathering. Well organised and glad to see so many senior citizens of different cultures joining in to enjoy the afternoon. Well done LCI District 105A."

PDG Lion Meena Gupta



Volunteers

are not paid
because they are
worthless,
they are not paid
because they are

Priceless!





DG Kamal's Chronicle



This is our March Convention issue and hopefully you had attended and enjoyed the sessions. When Lions meet it's always a great place to learn about other clubs and exchange ideas for new service projects. Service is always easier with more members to help. But remember, once you have new members, you must get them involved and nurture them.

A massive THANK YOU to committee chairman District Secretary Lion Parveen Verma and the hard-working committee for once again delivering a wonderful and memorable 20th Senior Citizen Party and no wonder it is dubbed the flagship event of our District. The smile on our guests and them taking part in all the activities laid out for them, music, raffles, bingo etc was just mind-blowing. We did mingle with them, they were ever so grateful for making it so special for them. It goes without saying you all made us and the District very proud and as such deserve all the accolades and praises for your efforts and hard work.

Thank you all for your moral support in helping towards the Convention. The District Convention committee under the chairmanship of Lion Peter Codrai has been working tirelessly throughout the last eight months. We have lined a wonderful program for the 55th District Convention being held at the Watford Hilton on 6- 8th of March. The Keynote speech will be delivered by our very own current International Director Lion Geoff Leeder. We have speakers from the Brain Tumour Research, London Air Ambulance and Vision including the speciality clubs and Message in A Bottle. So don't miss out.

The MJF Gala on the 24th of February was attended by PIP Frank Moore, PID Howard Lee and ID Geoff Leeder and various dignitaries. In the morning the team visited the Moorfield Hospital and Kings College where they witnessed the state-



DG and Anita at Ruislip Charter Night



DG with ID Geoff Leeder at the SCC

of-the-art Eye Bank and research laboratories.

Orientation for new members is a great way to start, and it can re-energise the established Lions as well. The District Governor Team which includes GST, GLT & GMT lead officers have continued to take actions from various meeting and to ensure and evaluate what sort of support is required at ground and club level.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Clubs and Zones visited to date. The visits have allowed us to establish or renew our friendships with you and to increase our knowledge and understanding of Club and their projects. It also enables us to establish areas where Clubs might need or want support from District specialist officers. Remember there is a team of people at your disposal to help with Membership, Leadership and Service. During our visits, we have found some innovative projects which we also shared on visits

around our District.

As you know, retention of current members is one of the key objectives in our District and across the entire Lions family. It is really is no point recruiting new members – which we in this District do well – if we are losing members in the process. A total of 72 new members gained so far this year but we have also lost 52 lost to higher service and a club deleted due to general elections. Let's all work in keeping our member happy and motivated.

Do you know the percentage of women in our District membership is just 26%? The power lies in diversity, and in the background by ACHIEVING TO HELP OTHERS the young, old, the inexperienced.

My thanks to all the clubs for donating so generously to the LCIF our own Foundation. We have experienced natural disasters around the world in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Australian Fires where we initiated by the District Appeal and in doing so have raised over £12000 which was sent to LCIF. I would also ask that you all look on LCIF website and Campaign 100 to discover for yourself what our Foundation is all about.

DG Kamal



DG at the MJF Gala evening

MY DIARY March 2020

- 1 March Senior Citizen Party
- 6 – 8 – District 105 A Convention
- 17 – Sudbury BM
- 21 – Southall Charter
- 28 – MK Stony Charter
- 29 – Hatch End Centennial Charter