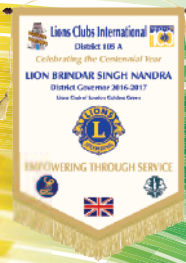




District 105A News



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Formation night of Hatch End Lions Centennial Club

This is the First Centennial Club in our District 105A sponsored by Lions Club of Harrow & Pinner. Our Club Formation was held on Friday 7th October 2016, at Mumbai Gardens, Harrow.

DG Brindar, and several PDGs attended as well as 1st VDG Lion Ravina, Zone Chairpersons, Presidents, District Officers, and several Clubs Lion Members. In total 80 people were present.

PCC Lion Geoff Leeder called the meeting. Zone Chair invited the prospective members to be sworn in as Chartered Members of the Club. DG Brindar & 1st VDG Lion Ravina pinned the badges to the New Members. This is a mixed Club with 21 Members, under the Leadership of Lion Daksha Patel.

ZC Lion Lesley installed the Club President Lion Daksha Patel and placed the President Collar. LP Satnam Loyal, President of the sponsoring Harrow & Pinner Lions presented to Lion President Daksha the gift of Gong & Gavel.

Special thanks go to our chairman Lion Sunil Patel who put in tremendous hard work in forming the Club. Also thanks to PCC Lion Geoff for his guidance and for being the MC for the evening.

PDG Lion Erach Amaria

New Lions of Hatch End Centennial Club:

LP Daksha Patel, Seema Agarwal, Arnawaz Amaria, Erach Amaria, Karanjeet Kaur Assan, Mukesh Desai, Kiran Devani, Sheila Faruqi, Kamaljit Kaur Kaley, Chandrakant B Patel, Narendra Patel, Sunil Patel, Vandana Radia Patel, Vishram Patel, Bharat Rajani, Reshma Rajani, Naren Sapra, Varsha Shah, Lila Thakerar, Kirit Upadhyay, Malini Visandjee.

Welcome new Lions



Formation of Lions Club of Hatch End

Dresses for Africa

After reading the article in the June/July edition of The Lion eight ladies from High Wycombe Lions Club decided to hold a sewing workshop to make "dresses for Africa" from pillow cases!

So armed with sewing machines, pillow cases in abundance, scissors, cotton, binding and enthusiasm we met on Thursday 3rd November to embark on our quest. Amid a lot of frivolity and chat as we spent time working out how to cut arm holes, make gussets and different ways to secure the dresses on shoulders we set to work. With sewing machines whirling, scissors snapping and needles darting (not to mention iron gliding) each lady made at least one dress.

Lunch was a very jovial affair with time to talk over events taking/taken place during the year – time we often don't have at Club meetings and a lovely day was had by all.



With the pooled knowledge gained we returned home determined to put our new found skills to good use and with the promise to hold another such event in the New Year in the hope that our endeavours will brighten the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves.

Lion Pam Nower
High Wycombe Lions Club

NOTICE BOARD

Don't forget to book for the Senior Citizen's Celebration in February 2017.

Has your club replied to a Redistricting questionnaire? Closing date 31st December 2016. Very important that your club replies.



LCI Purpose:

To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



Does Re-districting affect us? Of course it does.

The Council of Governors has proposed that our multiple district (or MD) should be re-organised with effect from 1 July 2019 by reducing the number of districts from 12 to 8. Forced to put back their original plans by a resolution at the last MD Convention they are now (following the terms of the resolution) carrying out a "consultation" – a process by which members **input** on matters **affecting** them is sought.

Does it **affect** us? Of course it does.

Have you provided input? Time runs out by 12 midnight on 31st December 2016. Each club is required to comment (if necessary) and answer one simple questions with 3 sub-parts with either a Yes or a No: *Is your Club broadly in agreement with the proposals outlined in this consultation document for (a) your club (b) your district and (c) your multiple district?*

Clubs need to provide this vital input even though the proposals, as the document says, "will have little effect on individual Lions or their Clubs in the way in which they serve their communities". This is where I start to get concerned. By saying that we are in agreement to the proposals we will be complicit in agreeing to changes that on one hand do not affect us but on the other hand need our agreement to impose the proposed changes.

As we are part of this organisation the proposals must affect us and the rest of the Lions in this MD. In order to explain this we need to study and reflect on the reasons given for this exercise bearing in mind that any re-organising is bound to be fraught with tribulations and rarely achieves any major cost savings. In other words, if it ain't broke, why try and fix it?

As an outsider who has not been involved in these discussions I have distilled from the Council's document the following reasons:

Reason No 1: The underlying reason given for why a redistricting of the 105 should be undertaken is that the membership numbers in all but 2 (out of 12) districts are below 1,250 which is deemed by Lions Clubs International to be viable to support the full range of Lionistic activity. Council believes that it is essential that the MD reorganises to deliver service to the community; retain our present members and to attract, recruit and retain new members to carry forwards Lionism.

Reason No 2: The creation of new larger Districts would provide a larger pool of potential leaders in each new District. It is claimed that the process of change could energize Lions who have not so far put themselves forwards to be inspired by the process of modernization and to engage as potential leaders of the future.

Reason No 3: In the long term further ongoing efficiency savings can be made to the costs of running the Multiple District if the

number of districts is reduced. Larger new Districts would need to work differently and it is envisaged that there will be a more modern and streamlined District organisation, with locally based and empowered officers.

So the reasons are a need to tackle falling membership, need to re-energise potential leaders and achieve future cost savings. The Council may believe these issues don't effect individual Lions or their Clubs in the way in which they serve their communities but I would beg to differ.

The question of falling membership was discussed at a recent District 105a Cabinet meeting. The consensus of opinion was that redistricting will not in itself reverse the membership trend. It was seen as no more than a short term fix. Instead of wasting time on carrying out such time wasting and potentially expensive administrative changes that will affect the fabric of the bonds within the MD, our Cabinet felt that the Council needs to rethink its membership and leadership policies with a view to reversing the decline in membership in the whole of the MD and re-energising leaders within the current MD structure.

Redistricting is acceptance of the fact that we cannot do anything about the membership numbers which amounts to defeatism and is, accordingly, totally unacceptable.

The Council's attempt at cost savings already planned was laudable but the savings proposed under redistricting through the use of technology and working more efficiently can be accomplished in the current framework. We can achieve the same goals without the need for redistricting.

In short, Cabinet feels that there isn't a strong enough case for redistricting of the MD given the upheaval that would be inevitable.

But what about our District and your Club – part (b) and (c) of the question posed? Before I comment further it is worth recording how the proposed changes will affect our district, 105A.

Our membership is currently just under 1,500. We are currently the second largest district; all the rest bar one are much smaller. Under the Council's proposals we will lose one of our zones to another district and our membership will reduce to just over 1,400 while all other districts will end up with more members. At a stroke we will be the smallest district bar one. A total reversal of our status. So, you need to ask yourself how does that meet the rationale for the redistricting.

A lower membership base will increase the cost per member of managing the district and not reduce it. I see our dues going up while the costs borne by others will fall.

You and your club can decide how you want to respond to the consultation, but respond you must.

By the way, did you notice that our District will in future be known as 105HC?

PCC Lion Viresh Paul

Malawi School Aid

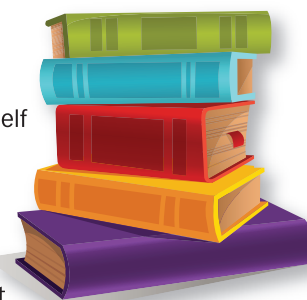
A large number of Educational Books in various subjects from Elementary to A-Level were donated by schools, various Lions Clubs and these will be used for Schools in Malawi.

Around 4000 books were collected by School Aid, Operational Manager Mr. Thomas Broon. I would like to thank Mr. Thomas for his van and help us to unload. I would like to thank all the Donors and these Lions Clubs: **Wembley, Hendon, Ealing, Southall, Hatch End Ruislip, Harrow & Pinner.**

I would like to thank Lion Jessi Gill and his wife from Ealing Clubs who bought huge piles of Book Boxes (around 30 Boxes)

and kindly helped my wife and myself to unload in the School Aid van.

PLEASE fellow Lions I request if you have any Educational Preliminary or Secondary Educational Books, do give me a ring. I will make the effort to collect them. You will be giving knowledge to school children in Malawi.



PDG LION Eric Amaria

John Hunt Tribute – October 2016



John Hunt devoted over 45 years of his life to Lions Clubs International – “Lions”. He was an exceptional example of someone who truly believed in the organisation’s purpose and ethics and he exemplified the Lions motto, “We Serve”.

John became a Lion nearly 40 years ago in 1969 when he joined the Walton and Weybridge Club which was close to where he worked at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. He became the club’s President and later was Zone Chairman and also Deputy District Governor as well as holding other District roles. Early on he gained wide experience when he helped manage Lion Bert Mason’s successful campaign to be elected International Vice President.

He and his wife Brenda moved to Harpenden in 1983 and he transferred to Harpenden Lions Club. The local club had been formed in 1981, John employed his experience and wisdom to make the club into a highly successful one.

John not only devoted much time to his local club but was one of few Lions who joined in leadership at Zone, District, national and at times international level. He was elected District Governor of Lions District 105A in 1989. In 1998 he became President of Harpenden Lions club.

John and Brenda attended many Lions International Conventions throughout the world making good friends in many countries. In 1998 it was the turn of the British Isles and Ireland group to host the International Convention in Birmingham, John was very active in the organisation and administration.

In District 105A John held many roles including Membership Officer, Credentials Officer, Administrative Officer and for several years Constitution, Nomination and Resolutions Officer for the District Conventions.

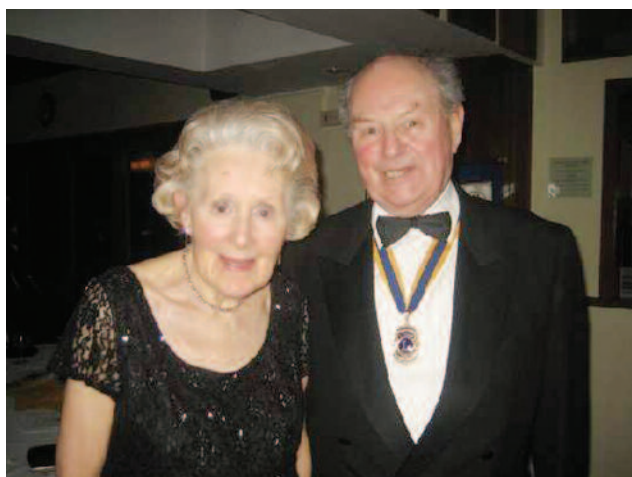
In 1995-1996 he held a key role in the management of British Isles and Ireland Lions when he served as Secretary to the Council of Governors.

John’s wife Brenda loyally supported him. She would always be at his side at major Lions events from club Charter Nights through District, national and international events.

In 2008 John and Brenda made the difficult decision to leave Harpenden and moved to Aston Clinton to be near relatives who could help them in their twilight years. John couldn’t break away from his beloved Lions however and became an active member of Tring Lions.

John was a great example of someone who truly believed in helping others. Many Lions and others are grateful for his commitment, enthusiasm, kindness and guidance.

Lion Steve Gledhill
Harpenden Lions Club



Lion John Hunt with Brenda

Walking to raise funds for children



Lions Club of London Covent Garden organised a Fund Raising Walk for members on Sunday 4th September 2016 at Green Park, London. This is the Club’s annual Fund raising event held in Autumn time.

The weather was nice and warm, and everyone enjoyed the

day. The event was successful as supported by our members and their friends. Funds will be donated to the Great Ormond Street Children Hospital, as part of the named charity projects selected by President Sabrina Ho.

Lion Secretary Flora Man



District Peace Poster Competition

It gave me great pleasure to announce the winner of this year's District Peace Poster Competition. This year's theme was "A Celebration of Peace".

The finals were held at the Swaminarayan School in Neasden and I would like to thank the School for allowing us to stage the finals and their hospitality.

We had twelve entries for the final and the judges DG Lion Brindar S Nandra, PCC Lion Geoff Leader, PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar and Zone Chair Lion Lesley Spence had given some serious considerations to the theme and messages the posters were showing.

The judges were unanimous in their decisions and the following three entries were selected:

Winner **Rosie Pennington** (age 12)
from Greneway School
Royston, Herts
Sponsored by Lions Club of Royston

Runner Up **Adanna Efuribe** (age 12)
Sponsored by Lions Club of High Wycombe

Third Place **Ty Barnett** (age 11) from Eastbrook School
Sponsored by Lions Club of Fairlop

I would like to thank all the participants and the sponsoring Clubs and would like to invite all the Clubs to encourage Schools to enter this Competition as students will feel confident and express their feeling in free and openly manner.

I would also like to thank the judges for taking time in selecting the winner. We all wish best of luck to Rosie Pennington at the Multiple District Finals of the Competition.

Lion Sunil Patel
District Peace Poster Officer



Winner: Rosie Pennington



Second: Adanna Efuribe

Third: Ty Barnett



WORLD DIABETES DAY – 14th November 2016



I arranged a meeting in October with Public Health and Health Promotion Officers at Brent Council. Brent has the highest number of diabetes cases in UK. For the last three years I've been involved with Diabetes Awareness in Brent and registered as a Diabetes Community Champion. We organise many community events with the help of other Diabetes Community Champions, Dieticians and Nurses for diabetes awareness.

This year Diabetes UK provided mobile vans for checking people for their risk factors. The Civic Centre Brent Council and ASDA Superstore Diabetes Awareness stand and the mobile van from Diabetes UK checked risk factors and screening of diabetes was fully supported by Brent Council nurses, dieticians and diabetes community champions. It was a very busy day with community people from 10am to 4pm. Over 500 people took part in both events and we provided all kind of leaflets, Diabetes Awareness advice, checking their risk managements and advice about their diet and life styles.

I have also taken opportunity in Navratri event and carried out over 300 diabetes screening at five different community halls with help of Lions club of Sudbury. Last year Diabetes UK honoured me with special award for working in community. Lions club of Sudbury supported this event at ASDA Super store.

The Civic Centre Brent Council stand and risk management was supported by Lions club of Wembley. Our District Governor Lion Brindar and

District Secretary PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar attended the photo call with football players, councillors, nurses, community champions. FIFA agreed to light the Wembley stadium arch light in blue for Diabetes Awareness.

My big thanks to Brent Council, Diabetes UK team, FIFA, Lions Club of Sudbury, Lions Club of Wembley and all the other volunteers for their support.

Lion Dr. Roheet Mehta
District Diabetes Officer 105A





DG Brindar's Bulletin



As we are fast approaching the end of 2017, and yet a very busy past six months, I would like, once again to thank all the Lions for their commitment to serving their communities with many successful events. These two months have been so far most enjoyable with visits to zone meetings, Charters, visits to clubs and many of the Lions events that are taking place constantly throughout our District. Our district is buzzing with fund raising, social and service events and some of these events are amazing.

I have concentrated in visiting smaller clubs in order to motivate and offer support. I have been brainstorming with clubs on ways we can improve our services to the needy and increase membership. There are many brilliant ideas and some innovative ones. We all need to learn from each other. Inter-club visits and visits to Zone meeting is the best way to learn. Although small, these clubs are by no means stagnant. They have long lists of activities which they carry out. I am truly impressed. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to visit clubs and share my thoughts with them. I thank them for the warm welcome and their hospitality.

Congratulations and Thank you to PDG Lion Vijay Arora and her team for once again organising a very successful District Youth Celebration programme with record number of children attending. It was one of the best ever.

Well done to Lions club of Royston for sponsoring the winner of our District Peace competition. And thank you Lion Sunil Patel for all your hard work and bringing the competition to a successful conclusion.

We had a very successful Diabetes Screening programme, held at the Brent Civic Centre and Wembley Asda. Thank you Dr. Lion Roheet Mehta. It was superb effort and dedication on your part. Your team served with commitment and looked outstanding.

My visit to LC of Hemel Hempstead bookshop was an eye opener. Located in the centre of shopping mall, It is an extremely a well-run shop and collects almost £75,000 each year for charities. And it is run entirely by Lion Volunteers including Lions from surrounding clubs, seven days a week! All books are donated by the public. A fantastic set up. I would highly recommend all Lions to make an effort to visit the shop and get inspired.



LC of Hemel Hempstead Bookshop

LC of Hemel Hempstead also runs annually a quiz competition for the schools. A very worthwhile and enjoyable event and service to the local community. This competition was of extremely high standard and the children, aged 12, were equally brilliant. It was a serious business. Perhaps a future District event?



LC of Hemel Hempstead School Quiz

I had an opportunity to visit a Food Bank and a Hostel for the homeless, sponsored by LC of Belmont. Thank you Lion Tania and Belmont team for giving me this opportunity to learn more. These places are looked after by highly dedicated and motivated volunteers. Their dedication to serve the homeless and those with little to eat left me emotional and inspired to do more for the less fortunate in our communities.



LC of Belmont

There are numerous senior citizen parties taking place throughout our District sponsored by individual clubs. Two of them I attended were LC of London Golders Green and LC of Hays and Harlington. Excellent functions with food, music, raffles and entertainment.

I attended the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph with few Lions from our District. It is one of the most important days in our calendar, to honour and remember those who laid their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Just as a reminder, please do not forget to reply to the re- districting questionnaire and Pride of Lion survey questionnaire.

For now, I would like to wish all a very merry Christmas, a peaceful holiday and of course a prosperous, health and happy new year.

DG Lion Brindar



My Diary December 2016

2nd	LC of Belmont Food Bank	13th	LC of Hornsey OV
5th	LC of Mill Hill OV	14th	LC of Winslow OV
6th	LC of Hemel Hempstead Inter	15th	LC of Hayes & Harlington
	School Quiz Finals		Senior Citizens Party
6th	LC of Kingsbury OV	16th	DG Team Meeting
7th	LC of Watford OV	18th	LC of Southall Centennial
8th	Zone H meeting		Winter Festival
9th	LC of Golders Green Fund	21st	LC of Wanstead induction
	Raising		
12th	LC of China Town OV		OV = Official visit



*Lion Shirish Sheth
spotting Lions in
the heart of
Australia*



Wishing all the Lions of District 105A a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Editor Lion Shirish Sheth