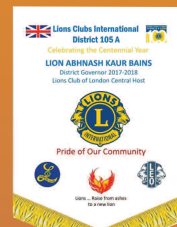




Pride of LIONS

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Fairlop Leos help the Grenfell survivors



Within a few hours of the fire, Fairlop Leos Club responded to the recent Grenfell Tower tragedy in June, by organising the purchasing of 393 rucksacks filled with essential school items, for primary children 5-10 year olds and secondary students 11-17 year olds plus smaller books and toys for the pre-school age group.

Raising over £2000 of the funds themselves, their sponsors, Fairlop Lions and other 105A Clubs helped with the total needed. Each family affected has an individual keyworker within the Grenfell Response Team. These rucksacks were delivered to them for distribution to the families in time for the start of the new School term in September. The Leos also ensured a floral tribute was organised from the Lions family of District 105A.



The project is ongoing with the Leos set to provide a Legacy Library for the Grenfell Tower Nursery and another for the Kensington Academy where four pupils lost their lives in the tragedy. These two will be funded by the Leos alone.

A real bonus is that at least two local schools are interested in finding out how the Lions organisation can enhance their students volunteering with the Leos Club of Beal Academy chartering early in the new School year.

Lion Doreen Carr

Youth Exchange 2017

The Youth Exchange Programme had started on 26th July 2017 and ended on the 4th of August 2017. We had 6 youths from Brazil, Belarus, Finland, India, Ukraine and Israel hosted by families in District 105A.

During their time in London they were taken out to various places by Lions Clubs. They visited City of London by day and night, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court, Cambridge and various other places. Also they were invited to the Charter Nite of LC of Belmont and to dinners hosted by Lion clubs.

On 3rd August, their last day, a Farewell Dinner was held at Mumbai Junction where 70 people had attended including DG Abhnash. It was a very enjoyable evening with delicious food, entertainment and slide shows of the photos of their days in London. A very successful Youth Exchange Programme with all the youths taking home good memories of their time in London.



From London they all went to their next camp in Worcester to join the other youths. In all there were nearly 40 youths from 29 countries at the Worcester camp.

Lion Ashwin Malkan
District Youth Exchange Officer 105A

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Waltham Forest Lions Club 1st Charter Night. Saturday 30th September 2017. 8:00 pm
at The Score Centre, Oliver Road, London
Hospitality Charges: Lion Member: £20.00 Non Lion Member: £ 25.00
Further details of the program will be informed shortly, please contact Lion Fatima Ahmed.

Winter Forum will be held on **Sunday, 5 November 2017** at the **Holiday Inn, Elstree** from **9am to 2.30pm**. The theme is: **"Leadership through Action"** and will involve a variety of topical sessions and group discussion. The cost is £20 per Lion, which covers coffee/tea breaks and a two-course hot buffet lunch.



LCI Ethics:

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unwavering loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.



DG Abhnash's Article



Hello my fellow Lions,

Lion saying of the month:

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

Mary Anne Radmacher.

We are all aware that we are the largest organisation and the best kept secret! WHY? Why are we not known to our local communities? I believe one reason is because we do a lot of work as individual clubs, but we do not work as an organisation. If we could organise even just one day of the year when all Lions join forces to do an event within their communities, that will have a great impact. A DAY OF LIONS!

So let's aim for that. This month let's open up the discussion of a "Day of Lions". I would like to hear your thoughts, ideas and opinions, for or against?!

It's been a great second month as your District Governor and here is what the month has had in store for me: The month of August started well with Lion Eric Amaria and the Hatch End Lions Club hosting the dinner for the youth. It was a wonderful event, with many Lions from various clubs attending. We also had an overseas Lion from Mumbai who was very impressed with the UK Lions. The next day Lions Ashwin and Manesh organised the Youth Exchange farewell dinner, with music and dance performances. It was enjoyed by the youths and the attending 65 Lions members and their families.

I would like to say a special thank you to my cabinet officers who took the time and effort to attend the cabinet meeting on the 13th August, especially on a sunny day. And thank you to those who could not attend but sent their advance apologies. We are all aware that the SAA Lion Ken puts much effort in organising these meetings. The meeting went well and was productive due to all the attendees being prepared and organised. This also gave us time to address any concerns and feedback about how to improve future meetings. We finished the business part of the meeting in the morning with a recap in the afternoon when we also did some workshops. The feedback from the cabinet officers was very positive.

On Monday the 14th August I attended the Zone F meeting, one of the strongest Zones in the District. They had some concerns regarding the three clubs that were closed in their Zone. These issues are a great concern to all of us, and I would be asking the Zone Chairs as well as the GLT and GMT to actively investigate, assess as well as visit clubs in an effort to prevent further closures.

On the 19th August I attended the handover of Hayes and Harlington club, which is the second oldest club in the UK. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout and I congratulate IPP Lion Jogeshwar and LP Varinder. It was a pleasure speaking to the new prospective Lions, who have been encouraged to join Lionism by the Club's Lions.

At the end of the month I am looking forward to seeing Lion Alf and the

Whitton and Feltham Lions at their Charity Fun Day on the Bank Holiday Monday, an event I have always enjoyed. Later that day I hope to get across to Berkhamsted Fete to show my support for the Lions who have done an enormous service within their local community

I hope you've all had a lovely summer. I certainly have, both with my fellow Lions as well as the Lion cubs that are my grandsons, aged 5 years and 6 months.

I look forward to the events of the next month and the tasks ahead!

DG Abhnash Bains

My Diary August 2017

- 2 Youth gathering Dinner by Eric Amaria and Hatch End Club
- 3 Youth Exchange farewell party
- 3 DG team meeting
- 13 Cabinet Meeting
- 14 Visit to Zone F
- 19 Hayes and Harlington Handover
- 28 Feltham and Whitton Lions Fun Day
- 28 Berkhamsted Lions Fete
- 29 District Convention Meeting
- 30 GLT Meeting
- 31 DG team meeting

September 2017

- 8 District Golf
- 10 Golf
- 25 Lifeskill at the House of Commons
- 30 Waltham Lions club Charter
- OV = Official visit

London Central and Finchley Lions collect for Macmillan Cancer Support

On Sunday 30th July 2017 Lion Vijay Jain of London Central and PCC Lion Viresh Paul of London Finchley organised Macmillan Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of their wives Kalpana and Meera who lost lives to cancer. Beside cakes and savouries the event included freshly made Dhosas (South Indian dish) with potato, lamb and chicken filling which was unique. Lions from both clubs attended with families, friends and children. Nearly 170 people attended. Over 100 Dosas were freshly prepared by a generous volunteer, Mrs. Rakshika Khimasia.

The event was attended by Ms. Angela Kelly, Fundraising

Manager for North West London Macmillan Cancer. About £2500 was collected on the day as Donation and more still coming. We hope to reach £3000 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope to have long relationship with Macmillan. For Lion Vijay this event was second time as last year he collected through his Club £1100 for Macmillan.

God was kind on the day with good weather and sunshine when everyone including children had great time.

Lion Vijay Jain
London Central Host Lions Club