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District 105A News

# Pride of LIONS

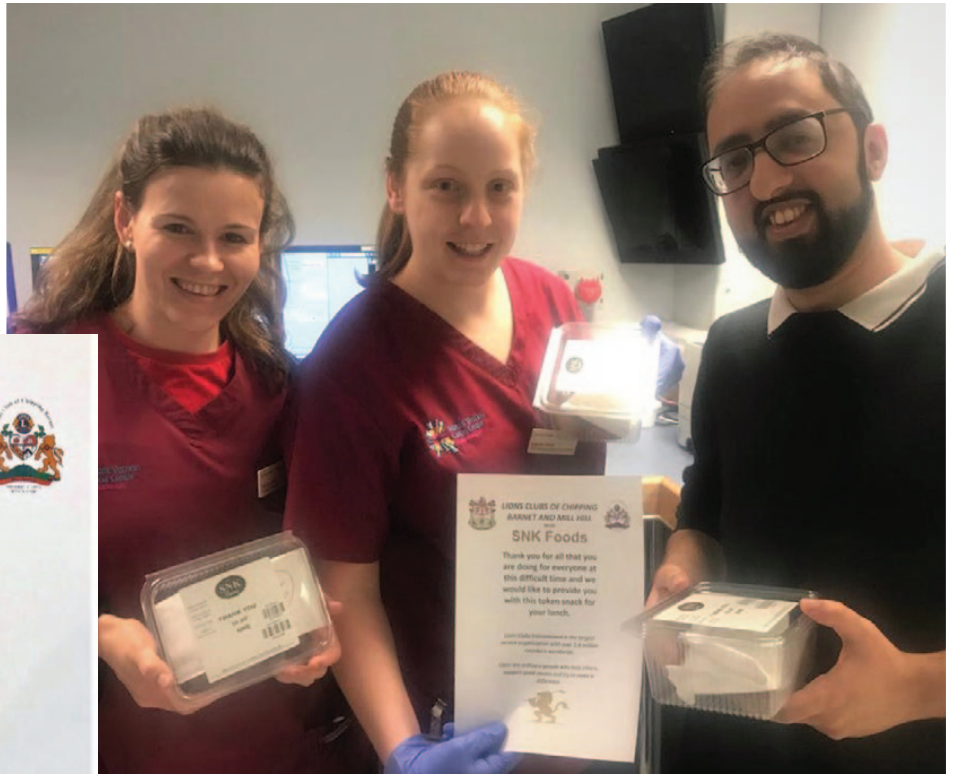
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## Lions serving NHS Staff at Hospital

A team of four Lions connected with the annual Golf Challenge namely Lions Parveen Verma, Manish Chotai, Sanjay Shah and Dilip Shah, Lions from **LC of Mill Hill and Chipping Barnet** with assistance from SNK Foods organised a delivery of food to the staff of the Cancer Care Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital. A total of 96 lunch packs were delivered and distributed amongst staff including



Staff at Mount Vernon Hospital



nurses, physicians, radiographers, secretaries, porters and cleaners. A second delivery of lunch packs is scheduled for 1st April.

DG Kamal responded by saying, "This is what defines us as Lions. Going that extra mile to provide food parcels to Mount Vernon hospital makes a massive statement that we care and under the difficult circumstances, Lions will continue to serve. You make us proud – well done Chipping Barnet & Mill Hill."

**MH and CB Golf Challenge Committee**

## ..... NOTICE BOARD .....

**Letchworth & Baldock Lions Club** have cancelled their 37th Charter Anniversary till further notice. All those who paid will be refunded. Contact: Lion Secretary Harry Lote.

### Lions passed to Higher Service

Lion Peter Ellmers – Letchworth & Baldock Lions Club  
Lion Dilip Mandalia – Friern Barnet Centennial Club. Lion Dilip, was the current Zone Chairman for Zone F. Lions of District 105A send their condolences to their families.



### 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 unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.*

# Lions Club of Tring help in South Africa

**T**wo Lions from **LC of Tring** have developed links with a township Early Years Centre in Hermanus, South Africa which they visit regularly. This centre has been established through the input of visitors to the region, local companies and supportive individuals. Funding is provided through a Trust, which is a UK registered charity, with local government now paying some of the costs. In the last few months the number of children in the school has increased from 150 to over 200. The Headteacher has a full teaching qualification, made possible through the Trust with other teachers now similarly engaged.

Tring Lions have been sourcing relevant books for the Centre. Lions Sandra and Robin took them on their recent visit as part of their ongoing commitment to the development of the



*Lion Sandra in the white hat*



*Book corner*

Yomelelani Centre. The school is delighted with the books and started using some of them with children almost immediately. Others are part of the book corners available in each classroom in the school. The Centre is becoming a key resource for the area and Robin and Sandra were part of a group providing an after-school craft club in the Centre for local children.

**Lion Steve Mitchell**

## Spectacles Project suspended

**C**hichester Lions Club is sad to have to announce that with immediate effect it is suspending the Spectacles & Hearing Aids Project at the Apuldrum Centre.

Most of our volunteers are in the "vulnerable" group who have been advised by the government to stay at home and not have any social contact so it will be too difficult to maintain any level of sorting under this condition.

Please do not send or deliver any spectacles to our centre for the foreseeable future and until we have released a statement that we are fully operational again. We will try to keep our website updated on [www.chilions.org.uk](http://www.chilions.org.uk)

We also have to report that Parcel Force have terminated the contract that has enabled clubs to send spectacles to

us for many years. This has nothing to do with the current situation with coronavirus. Over the years the use of this contract has grown exponentially and has to a certain extent been misused with e.g. call-outs just to pick up one small box and others asking for the "24-hour" service.

We will try to talk with the company to see if the contract can be reinstated and if not try to find another carrier who might be able to help.

Once we are in a position to reopen, clubs that are able to deliver directly to us can continue to do this.

We thank all clubs that have participated in our project over the years and hope that we will soon be able to continue our work.

We wish you all the best in the difficult times ahead.

## From the Multiple District 105

**A**s a communication Team we can offer Clubs the facility to have a on line meeting due the CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). This is one way of ensuring our clubs have a way of communicating with all its member via a video conference or a Phone in service. Also this service is free for 30 Minutes to everyone if they want a quick meeting. Should they need Longer we can accommodate them with our Licences. This link shows what you would see on the screen and the link below gives instructions on how to set up a zoom meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFhAEoCF7jg> [https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/\\_files/resources/zoom-instructions.pdf](https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/resources/zoom-instructions.pdf) Regards

**DR Allen,**  
**MD Information Technology Officer**



# Convention 2020



*The Registration Desk*



*Promoting Membership*



*The Flag Ceremony at the Convention*



*The Conccention Tamer Lion Kumar Acharya*



*DG with ID Geoff Leeder at the Convention*



# Convention 2020



*DS Parveen with ID Geoff Leeder*



*PDGs Lions Vanmali Mistry and Ken Rouse*



*DG and Alastair Joel DGE*



*VDGE Kamaljeet with PDG Ramesh Parmar*



*Some of the award recipients at the Convention*



*Lion Lesley Spence introducing the Young Ambassador Chanel*



*DG with the Minutes Secretary PDG Lion Andrew*



*Some of the delegates*



# DG Kamal's Chronicle



Dear Lions,

I trust you are all well and continue to follow the Government and Medical advice. I have continued to keep in touch with you via the District Secretary and the Club Presidents. The PM Boris Johnson issued further instructions recently.

**Considering the circumstances what Lions continue to do to help each other within Guidelines & Restrictions.** Let me share with you with pride and gratitude :

- Food Banks are being supplemented as and when contact is made by local units. Lions from various clubs make regular contacts and are collecting these food parcels and delivering them
- Unfortunately, most of the shelters have been closed for the Homeless - Lions have found ways of dropping food parcels in concentrated areas known to where the homeless can pick them up.
- Lions are joining other clubs within their areas and taking turns or using external provider to deliver food to the front line Hospital staff and communities who need them.
- Lions have engaged with Pharmacies to help with delivering medication to those who are not mobile.
- Many Lions have registered with the NHS to offer support and assistance. Three retired Lions from the medical practitioners professions have joined the front line team to offer their expertise and support.
- Lions have also engaged with Councils in their areas with the view to help front line staff with any moral and physical support required without compromising their safety.
- Lions are donating their dinner subsidies to front line staff to help with their weekly shopping and charities for e.g the battered wives refuge and children centres who rely on outside donations for support.
- It was a story mentioned in my last update. A hospital in Milton Keynes naming a waiting room the Lions Den after the efforts from this particular Lion and his club to build that room where visitor's whose loved ones are in hospital can see a doctor in privacy and if required spend the night.

## Updates from the District, MD & LCI

- MD Convention to be held on the 1st-3rd of May has been postponed. The Council of Governors under the chairmanship of Council Chairman will continue to review the situation.
- The International Convention to be held 26-30 June will not be held in Singapore and the International Board will meet in April to decide a new location.
- Following an on-line meeting with the DG & GAT team on Monday and considering the current situation, the Cabinet meeting to be held on the 10 May will be deferred to another month as we continue to review the situation and our options.
- Whilst it is noted and keeping in line with social distancing, many clubs are holding ONLINE Meetings, keeping in touch with Whats App, Emails and by phone. It is also that period where many clubs hold elections to choose the incoming team for 2020-21.
- The Nominations for the incoming team for year 2020-21 should probably have been discussed at your March meeting and to confirm them in April. It is perceived due to matters related to COVID 19 this action may not have been completed by some clubs. Having spoken to the Comms & Nomms officer Minesh Mehta and to ensure this vital action is completed it is suggested that considering the circumstances and if elections were to be held, the current team can request the vote either by phone or email for the nominated candidates. This can be sent to the Club Secretary or the nominated chairperson to save the email. If a member does not have access to an email two phone calls from the nominated persons will suffice to register the vote. Please do make sure the relevant forms are duly completed
- Each member of the DG team working in conjunction with the Zone Chairman will have a delegated responsibility to 15 clubs in the district with the view to offer moral support and assistance during these difficult times.
- **CIO Update** - 25 clubs have registered, 16 in progress, 5 under £5000 threshold and 5 clubs yet to respond.
- **ICO Update:** - further communication to follow shortly.
- The GLT officer Viresh Paul is also exploring options in regards to the new Incoming Officers & Zone Chairs Training.
- The GMT Officer Mick Claxton provided updates on current membership status and it was suggested under the circumstances we continue to support our current membership and all cabinet officers keep in regular touch with your administration team offering support, motivate and do provide a listening ear.
- If you recall at the January's Cabinet Meeting, the DT Vanmali Mistry provided a comprehensive set of accounts including a list of those monies allocated to various charities but have not been disbursed for a period of time. I requested VDGE Alastair to set up a committee and put forward proposals. I am pleased to say he will present them to me shortly and as such will circulate them to you for your consent i.e YES or NO.
- **SPOT Camera** - I have been advised no sponsor has come forward and considering the District has raised £13100 - GST officer Doreen has been asked to work with our MD colleagues to ensure we are able to match those funds and able to buy at least 4 cameras.
- DGE Alastair Joel will take over from me on the 1st of July 2020. The Current International President, Directors and Executive board will continue in their current positions to July 2021.
- 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 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 December 2019.



## DISTRICT CONVENTION

My sincere gratitude and immense appreciation to the Convention Team headed by Lion Peter Codrai who led from the front with a no-nonsense approach. The team including Alastair Joel, Lesley Spence, Penny Tregillus, Jane Cordrai, Sunil Patel, Steve Foott and Sanjay Mehta for delivering a fantastic and a revitalizing Convention. I will also register my thanks to DS Parveen Verma & DT Vanmali Mistry.

From the entertainment on both days. Elvis was a massive hit on Friday including the dancers and DJ on Saturday, the Party continued until midnight until we were pushed out. It's people saying me and Alastair to take the stage was a class act and what do you say about Richard Williams VGDE from Kidderminster and PDG Sarbjit Assi – they were just superb.

The Business Session was attended by about 260 people was finished in time. Adjustments which were required to be made on the day were professionally executed and on the day we smashed it. Tea, coffee, water and biscuits served all day. Registration team did us proud and the Hilton Staff were there when you needed them and we could not fault the facilities.

**The International Guest:** You could have not asked for a better companion other than our very own Lion Geoff & May Leeder. We thoroughly enjoyed their company and it goes without saying the keynote speech delivered by him had substance, humour and the members thoroughly enjoyed the interactions which was well received and appreciated by all present.

The questions and answers session on Sunday once again was informative. It was good to see so many staying behind to take part. He took the time and effort to explain every question with vigour and sincerity.

Both myself and Anita wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank our International Guest Geoff and his good lady May for attending our District Convention and the functions. They both have been my inspiration and idols. Being with them over the Convention weekend made it so special and I will always treasure and savour those moments and their kind words and wisdom.

- From speaking to many of you, it is good to note many clubs have held elections and have appointed the

new team for year 20/21 and you are following advice in regards how to hold fair and transparent elections to appoint your officers.

- Whilst it is noted and keeping in line with social distancing, many clubs are holding ONLINE Meetings, keeping in touch with Whats App, Emails and by phone.
- If you need any assistance in supporting with your ONLINE meeting or would want one of the DG team or Cabinet Member to join, do let me know and I will try to help and assist with your request.
- The International convention to be held on the 26th to the 30th of June to be held in the city of Singapore has been cancelled.

You are all heroes in whatever capacity you serve and many of you those who have registered with NHS and have come back from retirement to help have made us immensely proud to be LIONS.

I hear so many good stories which lifts our spirits and also know many people are recovering and will continue to do so. It goes without saying **WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS BY HELPING EACH OTHER** through these unprecedented and challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any officers of the District Governor's & GAT team for support and assistance.

**DO TAKE CARE, KEEP SAFE  
AND HELP EACH OTHER**

DG Kamal



DG Kamal with Chief Guest ID Lion Geoff Leeder at the Convention

## MY DIARY April 2020

Isolating at home, communicating with Lions by digital means and phone calls.

## Volunteers

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

## Priceless!



## District Administration

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries,

It's that time of year when Clubs need to be appointing their Officers for the forthcoming 2020-21 year and then updating MyLCI with the information so that we can start the new

Lionistic year with a worthwhile District Directory.

If you have any problems with updating MyLCI, please contact me at [steve@foott.co.uk](mailto:steve@foott.co.uk) and I'll do my best to assist you.

Lion Steve Foott