



Lions Club International
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THE TEAM THAT
TURNS DREAMS
INTO REALITY

Pride of Lions

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More of the Dream Team.....

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Members Welfare Officer-Eric Bright (Hemel Hempsted)

"As Welfare Officer I say-Keep fit!"



Medic Alert,/Message in A Bottle Officer - Kamaljit Sood (Ealing)

"Finding a route to emergency awareness"



Street Children Officer - Brindar Singh Nandra (London Golders Green)

"Children are our future- Nurture them!"



Young Ambassador Officer- Doreen Carr (Redbridge)

"Grasp every opportunity!"

London Phoenix New Century Lions

Be part of history and join in the Charter celebrations of a new breed of Lions. The first New Century Lions Club to be formed in District 105A are holding their first Charter celebrations on Saturday 17 January 2004 at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Watford. The evening will commence at 6.45pm with dinner being served at 7.15pm. There will of course be a few short speeches but then dancing will continue to 1am. Tickets for this event are only £25 and can be booked via Martin Curtis, 112 Westborough Road, Westcliffe on Sea, Essex, SS0 9JG. Full details about the event will be sent to all Clubs. Please show your support for this new and exciting Lions Club.

Education, Culture and Membership Development All At Once—Only in 105A!

On Saturday 6th December, Lion Dr Roselle Antoine, the newly appointed District Women's Membership and Participation Officer has organised a wonderful evening of song, dance, drama, music, storytelling, youth talent to name but a few of the activities.

This is a fantastic family evening out, not to mention the extra added benefits of being a fund raiser for Special Education Needs, a great way to increase membership and promote inter-club and wider community fellowship. It will be voyage of discover, an experience not to be missed and certainly enjoyable to all who attend!

It will be held at the Greig City Academy, Hillfield Avenue, Hornsey, London, N8 7DT from 6.30 to 11pm. Admission is £10 for adults and only £5 for children under 12.

Need more information, then contact Lion Dr Roselle Antoine on 0208 206 2988 or email Lion Roselle.

A Gentle Reminder.....

If you would like your Clubs' future event publicised in Pride of Lions, The Lion Magazine or both, or just want to share your success stories about things you have done, people you have met along the way or feel that someone in your Club, (or someone you know), deserves a mention, then drop me a line to pro@lions105a.org or write to me using the old fashioned post. Remember, we cannot write about it if we don't know it's happening!

Lions—The Visionaries

There were so many events held for Lions World Sight Day on Thursday 9th October, it was wonderful to see! It was recognised with high profile events at Trafalgar Square, Central London, Brent Cross Shopping Centre, North London, Oxford town centre and High Wycombe, to name but a few.

I must tell you all of a little incident that took place at Trafalgar Square though..... Picture this: group of Lions, blowing up the big "Eye Balloon" with 5 canisters of helium gas, trying not to laugh as some of the gas was inadvertently swallowed by Lions who were at this point doing impressions of the little Munchkin people from the Wizard of Oz, (do not try this at home). Fellow Lion Mike Moon had the task of making a miraculous change over from mere human, to fluffy lion, when someone had a bright idea for a great photo opportunity. Wouldn't it be great if our Lion, could sit on one of the Trafalgar Square Lions? Sounded great in principal and Mike, being up for anything new, amazingly agreed. Now picture this: our fluffy lion hanging on to the rear end of a big brass Lion. How was he going to get on top? Someone noticed 3 very big burley Spaniards watching him trying to do this, so asked in Spanish, (which Mike cannot understand), to give our Lion a bunk up. The scene that followed was, that our lion had six hands on his bottom, who pushed him up with such force, that not only did he shoot forwards, but very nearly overshot the big brass lion by sliding over his head. The look on his face was priceless!



Bongiorno Italia (or The Italian Job)

A couple of months ago, Les and Christine Westley and DG Eliot and Eileen returned from Italy where they attended the Italian Congress to set up the twinning agreement with 1081a-1 as well as spread the wings of District 105A.

From this, there is now a call to arms for any Lion who would like to meet with the Italian party expected to attend our own Convention on 6th March, especially those who speak Italian, (and you know who you are!) As we speak, the programme is being set up, but if you would like to meet the visitors, maybe attend a reception, perhaps sit with them at dinner, then please contact Les Westley, Twinning Officer or see page 16 in the MD Directory.

Roary Roars for 2004!

Roary the Lion has popped his head up in every Pride of Lions since July and will be making a special guest appearance on your wall throughout 2004!

This cuddly mascot, (don't let him hear you call him that, as he considers himself a District Lion), has agreed to pose for pictures for this special one-off calendar, kindly drawn by our doodler, Jacqui Walsh. Every month he is depicted in a striking colour pose, where he will introduce his family and wide circle of Lion friends.

All monies raised will be going to Dr Eileen Cox, DGs Wives' Appeal, for the Mental Health Foundation. Each calendar is a very reasonable £5, (or more if you wish to donate!) and will be available in December. Please email me at pro address with your Clubs request. All cheques to be made payable to "LCI, District 105A". Numbers are limited, so get emailing right now!

Happy Birthday Soon!

The editorial team are working very hard to produce a special edition of Pride of Lions next month, were we will be starting the celebrations for Melvyn Jones' Birthday in January! Any memories, thoughts or stories in 105A of Lions throughout the ages, please email me at the pro address and give us your juicy bits!

Kerboom, Whizzz, Ahhhhh!

By Steve Foott

On the 7th November DG Elliot experienced a traditional night out that is over 170 years older than America's Independence Day! He visited Ampthill District Lions on their busiest night of the year.

The Lions Annual Charity Fireworks Display has always been a great hit on Ampthill Town's Calendar. However its' success has meant it is now too big for Ampthill Lions to run by themselves, on the night. This is not an insurmountable problem in Zone J, however. Bedford Harpur, "Bigg Sandy" and Shefford Lions Clubs all supplied willing Lions to make sure that everything was under control on Ampthill's night; as well over 4,000 paying visitors ranging from babes in arms to old age pensioners enjoyed a well-organized, family event to celebrate 398 years since the demise of Guy Fawkes all those years ago.

We've got the NPower!

As you all are aware that the District has for the last few years held a Senior Citizen's Celebration. This year we also want to give a Disabled Young Citizens Christmas Party and if possible take many more disadvantaged children to Chessington World of Adventures then ever before. This can only be possible if we have adequate funds within our charity account to do it.

To achieve this, we need your help (and we are not going to ask you for the money!),

As part of the Activities and Marketing Team we have been asked to look at ways of raising the sum of £30,000 to help us achieve the above. We as a team have been looking and working hard to ensure we meet our target.

So how can you help?

We have been working in partnership with other organizational and small/large companies to raise money and increase awareness of Lions. NPower are the second largest supplier in the UK for gas and electricity, (They sponsor "The Bill and the cricket). They are going to help us meet our goal.

Some of you may already know that if you change your gas and electricity supplier to NPower, up until the end of December, we will get £17 coming back to our District. With over 1800 members, it means we can achieve an extra boost of nearly £40,000! The application forms and price lists are enclosed, but just to prove how simple this is, here are the instructions below:

1. Please use a black pen and fill in all the boxes clearly.
2. Fill name, address, postcode and telephone number.
3. Fill in names of your current supplier, i.e. British Gas, TXU, Powergen, or London Energy.
4. If you know your supply number, which you will find on the bill, please write it on the contract. For Gas it's called the MPR number or the M number, for electricity is the S number, which will be in a box on the bill.
5. Please sign and date the contract. If you are going to pay by Direct Debit then please fill in the Direct Debit mandate at the bottom.
6. Do not worry about the sales agent name or their ID as that will be filled in by NPower.
7. Please post it as soon as possible to Danwise Sales and Marketing, 12, Nicoll Place, Hendon, London NW4 3PD

NPower will in return send you with your copies and any other paperwork back with thanks, and please be aware that all details will be treated in the strictest confidence.

As we all use and pay for Gas and Electricity, why not see how you will benefit and help raise some funds for a good cause.

We have the full support of the District Governor and of the Cabinet Officers.

If you have any questions or need help please phone or email Dipak Shah on 07958 224643 or drop him a line.

A big thank you for your support in this project from DG Dr Elliot, and The Partnership Officer Dipak Shah.

Let's make the Dreams turn into Reality for all the people in the world.



DG'S NEWSLETTER

Autumn Outings DG Diary Dates for November

- 3 November: Buckingham OV
- 4 November: Bletchley Milton Keynes
- 5 November: Biggleswade Sandy OV
- 7 November: District Golf Tournament; Bicester OV
Amphill District Bonfire & Fireworks
- 8 November: Lord Mayor's Show, London OV
Ealing 26th Charter Anniversary OV
- 9 November: Remembrance Day
- 10 November: Witney OV
- 11 November: High Wycombe OV
- 12-16 Nov: Europa Forum, Cyprus
- 17 November: Judging of Peace Posters at
Westminster City Hall OV
- 19 November: Thame & District OV
- 20 November: Reception for Peace Poster participants,
winners, & club sponsors, Ramada Jarvis
Hotel (The Comet), Hatfield OV
- 22 November: District Gala Charity Ball, Radisson
SAS Portman Hotel, 22 Portman Square,
London W1H 7BF (contact B.K. Patel or
Manish Chotali)
- 25 November: Northwood Fish & Chips Dinner for
the elderly OV
- 27 November: 2004 Convention meeting, London OV
- 29 November: Enfield 30th Charter Anniversary OV

Christmas Party for Young Citizens with Disabilities

Let's get into the Christmas seasonal spirit! The Christmas Party for disabled young citizens will take place on Sunday, 7 December 2003 from 3.00 to 7.00 PM at the Pavilion Banqueting Suite, 324 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 9PX.

The stage is set with a DJ for musical entertainment, a magician, and even Father Christmas will be on hand, as well as pizza and soft drinks. 50 Lions are invited to attend to assist with the decoration and help on the day. Initially only one Lion is being requested from each club, but you can propose more names in the event that some clubs do not respond. Each child will receive a CD and the Clubs will be asked to make a contribution (approx. £10) per young person attending. Please make cheque payable to "District 105A". Please contact Maria Azcona pro@lions105a.org whether you plan to attend or not. With the names and numbers of the young people attending, please contact Lion Alf Sanders, Zone C Chairperson.

Winter Outings DG Diary Dates for December

- 1 December: Mill Hill OV
- 2 December: Senior Citizens' Celebration meeting OV
- 3 December: Milton Keynes Stony Stratford OV
- 6 December: London Hornsey, Asian/African Showcase
- 7 December: Christmas Party for Disabled Children,
Walthamstow OV
- 9 December: Wallingford & District OV
- 10 December: Chipping Barnet OV
- 11 December: Great Missenden & Prestwood OV
- 13 December: Amersham & Chesham Christmas
Parcels OV
- 14 December: London Phoenix New Century OV
- 15 December: Newport, Pagnell & Olney OV
- 16 December: Luton Christmas Party OV
- 20 December: Bedford Harpur Christmas Fayre
- 22 December: Banbury Christmas Party OV

Spotlight on Women

Dr. Roselle Antoine is the new District Women's Membership & Participation Chairperson.

Roselle is an award-winning education specialist, businesswoman and literary specialist, having founded TCS Tutorial College, and has been Principal for a decade. She is Chairperson of the Education Committee of London Hornsey Lions Club and in 2001 she was the first female member to be inducted into the Club.

Roselle has developed several new and exciting programmes for 2003-2004 to encourage women to join Lions. Recently, LCI announced that the joining fee will be waived for all females joining an existing club or as a charter member of a new club, effective 1 November 2003 to 30 June 2004. A special form for reimbursement must be submitted to LCI and it can be obtained from the DG or the MERCLPR Committee.

District Musical Competition

A District Musical Competition has been organised by Vijay Arora, District Cultural and Community Affairs Officer and is scheduled for 15 February 2004.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Clubs to tap into young people who have a natural talent for music. The participants, which must be between the ages of 16 and 25, will be asked to learn set piece for the clarinet. The District winner will advance to the MD Musical Competition to be held on 18 April 2004. The winner of the MD competition will compete at the Europa Forum to be held in Rome in Autumn 2004. A letter to all clubs will be coming out very soon with all of the details.

New Appointments to Cabinet

Due to health, family or job, I have received several resignations. I have made the following new appointments:

Zone N Chairperson: Derek Pilkington (Witney)
District Women's Membership & Participation Chairperson: Dr Roselle Antoine (London Hornsey)

Welcome to the *Dream Team!*

Charity Gala Ball in support of *Caring for the Community*

Plans are progressing for the Gala Charity Ball to be held on 22 November 2003. I encourage clubs to buy tickets for the event and to invite non-Lions (contact B. K. Patel or Manish Chotai). This is an opportunity to show non-Lions what a great organisation we have. It will be an enjoyable social event. Don't miss out on the fun!

Welcome to New Members of the District 105A Family

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to the Lions family of 105A. I hope you enjoy your new experience as a member of the largest voluntary organisation in the World. I appreciate the dedication of the sponsors and the clubs to membership growth. I am proud to report that the September Membership report from LCI showed that we have 1,875 members, which is a net gain of 9 from August. Keep up the good work! Please ensure that all new members receive the proper LCI orientation.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Yvonne Collier	Northwood	Martin Woodley
Vishram Patel	Edgware	V. Patel
Pravin Karia	Edgware	D. Krone
Sharon Woolridge	Feltham & Whitton	J. Stephens
Kalidas Morjaria	Milton Keynes-Stony Stratford	Transfer
Susan Dubois	Ruislip	Geoff Brown
Peter Arnold	Chipping Norton	J. Romer
Sian Arnold	Chipping Norton	J. Romer

A Rhyme for Growth

TEN little members standing in a line,
one disliked the President and then there were nine.
NINE ambitious members offered to work late,
one forgot their promise and then there were eight.
EIGHT creative members had ideas as good as heaven,
one lost enthusiasm and then there were seven.
SEVEN loyal members got into a fix,
they quarrelled over programmes and then there were six.
SIX members remained with spirit and drive,
one moved away and then there were only five.
FIVE steadfast members wished there were more,
one became indifferent and then there were only four.
FOUR cheerful members who never disagree,
'til one complained of meetings and then there were three.
THREE eager members; what do they do?
one got discouraged and then there were only two.
TWO earnest members; our rhyme is nearly done,
one joined a Rotary club, and then there was one.
ONE faithful member was feeling rather blue,
met with a neighbour and then there were two.
TWO earnest members, each enrolled one more,
doubling their number, and then there were four.
EIGHT excited members signed up sixteen more,
in another six verses, there will be one thousand and twenty four!

-Author Unknown

What are *YOU* going to do to improve membership growth?

District Golf Competition Judged a Success

Peter Gent organised a very successful Autumn golf competition at the Bicester Golf and Country Club on Friday, 7 November 2003.

Altogether, amongst the participants 9 clubs were represented. A late lunch/early dinner was held and prizes were awarded. The Dr Elliot Shubert District 105A Golf Trophy was won by S Sharma and A Shah, representing London (Finchley) with 42 points. They received a trophy each and a putter. In second place, with a very respectable score of 41, were M Vigurs and B Mullen, representing the Hertford Club. They each received a pair of winter mitts and six balls. In third place, were D Thipthorpe and Peter Gent, representing Berkhamsted, with only 1 point separating them from second place. They each received a towel and six balls. Nearest the Pin prize at the 9th hole was won by Vass Sharma from London (Finchley). Longest Drive on the 17th was won by Chris Johnson from High Wycombe.

In addition special prizes were awarded to Dilip Shah and his "harem", Meena Shah, Ranjena Verma and Marian Tooley for their special efforts.

The 19th tee was the final meeting point for all, and it was generally agreed that this was a good spirited, fun for all who took part event. Next years' event will take place at the same venue in early November. The golfers were blessed with mild and dry autumnal weather. My personal thanks to Peter and to all of the Lions and spouses who participated.

Public Relations at Work

The following story shows us a pleasant twist to see that there are companies and individuals who face discrimination head on, if only one small step at a time. Enjoy and applaud British Airways for their action in this situation.

On a BA flight from Johannesburg, a middle-aged, well-off white South African lady found herself sitting next to a black man. She called the cabin crew attendant over to complain. "What seems to be the problem Madam?" asked the attendant. "Can't you see?" she said. "You've sat me next to a kaffir. I can't possibly sit next to this disgusting human. Find me another seat!" "The flight is very full today, but I'll go and check to see if we have any seats available in club or first class," answered the attendant. The woman cocked a snooty look at the outraged black man beside her (not to mention many of the surrounding passengers). A few minutes later the stewardess returned with the good news, which she delivered to the lady, who could not help but look at the people around her with a smug and self satisfied grin. "Madam, unfortunately, economy is full. I've spoken to the cabin services director, and club is also full. However, we do have one seat in first class." Before the lady had a chance to answer, the flight attendant continued....."It is most extraordinary to make this kind of upgrade; I have had to get special permission from the Captain. But, given the circumstances, the Captain felt that it is outrageous that someone be forced to sit next to such an obnoxious person." With that, she turned to the black man sitting next to the woman, and said..."So if you'd like to get your things, Sir, I have your seat ready for you..." **People may forget what you said. People may forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel!**