



Pride of Lions

District 105A News



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DG Lion Erach Amaria

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2006

A New Club is Born! Formation of Loudwater & Rickmansworth Lions Club



Friday was a day of contrasts, having woken in a hotel room in Durham and spent the morning working on temporary assignment at the University. A long train journey home, quick change and we were off south again to Harrow, for the Charter Formation of the new **Lions Club of Loudwater & Rickmansworth**.

Having myself grown up in Rickmansworth, as well as my father before me, it appealed to me to be present at the formation of this new club.

For those who have not had the privilege of being present at the birth of a new Lions club, it can be a very formal occasion, quite ceremonious. Yet somehow the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at The Matrix, together with the competent organisation of Barney Patel, made it feel less daunting for the new inductees, who perhaps may not be used to Ceremonies. It was one of the coldest nights of the year and the venue was somewhat lacking in heating, but this was more than compensated by the warm & friendly atmosphere. Due to the adverse weather some of the guests were a bit late arriving, so the tasty starters were served before all the tables were fully occupied.

Merry
Christmas
To All



The ceremony was soon underway and we saw about 25 people being inducted as members of the new club, lead admirably by DG Erach Amaria.

This was followed by some truly wonderful entertainment from Indian style dancers and even the President of the newly chartered club took to the floor

with his two handsome sons. I feel that many clubs could learn from this example at their own Charter dinners - more fun! When the main course was served

it was a delicious selection of eastern food - some of my favourites. However it might have been better to serve the meal before the entertainment, as the delicious aroma of the food that was to follow was mouth watering to say the least. As we had a long way to travel home I was sorry to have to miss the dessert, but we had over an hour's drive and it was already after 11:30 pm. Having

woken that morning several hundred miles away - my own comfy bed was beckoning alluringly.

When Erach asked me to write this article, he requested a critique of the evening. Overall, I was impressed by the dedication of so many Lions, the friendly atmosphere, and that the formality of the event was not over emphasised. It was refreshing to see the young, enthusiastic members of the new club visibly moved by the occasion. I have already said that the venue was a bit cold, but that was not the fault of the organisers who I felt coped very well with the challenges of the evening.

Editor writes: It sounded like a truly fascinating evening. Best wishes from 105A go to the new Club. May you serve your community well, but do it with grace, vigour, integrity and have a lot of FUN and FELLOWSHIP in the meantime.

Lions bring Diwali to Stanmore and launch Message in a Bottle

Stanmore had a double whammy and were extremely busy when they organised a super Diwali lunch. The recipients, who were all adults with learning difficulties, were dined and entertained by the Club at the Vaughn Centre in Harrow.

Also, the club had a most interesting talk by Peter Thorp, of the Ambulance Service, who together with Stanmore Lions, will be launching the much needed Message in A Bottle scheme in the area.

The photograph shows Stanmore President Lion Kundanjit Raina, Lion secretary Harvinder Nath with Peter Thorp and DG Erach Amaria.



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TO SHOW my faith, in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

Happy
Christmas
from
The team at
PRIDE
OF
LIONS!

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Lions of MD105 Give direct help to the people of Kashmir and those on our own doorstep

by Lion Mike Baldwin
MD Street Children Officer

Through the past generosity of Lions of this MD we have been able to give practical help to the people of Kashmir.

Because we were in credit with donations, and had some stock from our past sleeping bag appeals, with permission from the Council of Governors, we have been able to send 300 sleeping bags, hats and scarves to the people of Kashmir. These were taken to the cargo bay for despatch by Pakistan Airlines, on 16 November. Although the donations were originally for MD105 it was felt that the need of the people of Kashmir, as winter falls on them was, for the moment, over-riding.

We intend to follow this donation by a further 1000 sleeping bags, once we are sure that the first 300 have reached those in need. We are confident they will, as we have arranged for the Council Chairperson of the Region to meet the plane and to take charge of the consignment.

All District Governors and District Street Children Officers were appraised of our donation and all the feed back to me has so far been very positive.

I am grateful for all the work done by **District Officer Brindar Singh Nandra of District 105A** for collecting, packing and transporting the bags to Heathrow and for contacting the Council Chairperson in Pakistan. In addition Lion Brindar has sourced a new supplier which will enable the additional 1000 sleeping bags to be purchased at a cost of £6000.

In depleting our stocks and finance I am conscious of the continuing need of the homeless within our MD and have ordered a further 100 sleeping bags, hats and scarves for use here. These will be delivered in the near future.

Once these have been delivered and paid for we will need to replenish our funds and I would ask all clubs to consider making a donation to **The MD Sleeping Bag Appeal**.

Remember for a donation of just £90 we can purchase the necessary equipment to help 3 homeless people. Donations should be made to your District Treasurer and be marked MD Sleeping Bag Appeal. (£30 to a homeless person in the form of a sleeping bag can mean the difference between life and death)

Fellow Lions of MD 105 I hope that our action in temporarily switching the emphasis from home to Kashmir meets with your approval and that however



Lions Club of Mill Hill

Mill Hill were asked to by one of their members' daughter, Miss Bijal Mehta, if it was possible to send any help to the earthquake victims in Kashmir. A friend of hers had managed to organise free airfreight to Pakistan. Mill Hill

Lions swung into action and 150 Army blankets were purchased, packed and delivered within 2 days for onward journey to Pakistan.

The organisers in UK were astounded at the generosity of Lions and have thanked ALL Lions.



Earthquake Appeal Continues

Should you wish to make a donation to the Pakistan Earthquake appeal, please send your cheques to LCI Dist 105A, to the District Treasurer, marked appropriately on the reverse, "LCIF Earthquake Appeal".

Please note that by sending money via LCIF, you are assured that all your hard earned pennies will reach the people who needs it most.

From the Editor

Isn't it amazing how your life can change in the blink of an eye? Mine certainly did when my parents where hit head on in their car. One careless person has changed the life of literally dozens of people. I always say that "things happen for a reason" and sometimes at the time we just don't know why. This has made me realise that my parents are 69, that I have found reserves of strength and courage that I didn't know I had and on a lighter note, my dad now realises that referring to me as "his baby", (being the youngest), doesn't mean that I can't hold my own faced with the masses of paper work, calls and care that I now have to help them with. On the upside, (and there jolly well is one) is that with time and help, they are going to be fine. They are improving by the day and they, as well as all the family, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind words of support. Keep it coming! It just goes to show that communication does work and that Lions are the most caring.

Thank you once again.

Maria

Peace Poster Competition 2005

by Lion Penny Tregillus

The Peace Poster Competition attracted more entries this year. 27 Clubs showed an interest in entering the Competition Organised by Lion Satyen Kabra. The Final was held at the Hotel Ramada Jarvis, Hatfield, on Thursday November 24th. Around 30 people attended the event, including Lions from participating Clubs, Art Teachers, Parents and Competitors. The Judges- PDG Mike Baldwin, PDG Elliot Shubert, Lion Raza Husein Ismail and Lion President Pravin Nathwani found it hard to choose a winner to go forward to the next round at Multi District level. Sixteen pictures were eligible for judging on the night. Each of these portrayed well the theme "Peace Without Borders".

Results

- 1st Tim Gregory, sponsored by Banbury Lions Club, will receive £100.
2nd Chris Bean, sponsored by High Wycombe Lions Club, will receive £50.
3rd Kelly Reid, sponsored by Royston Lions Club, will receive £25.



All other eligible entries will receive a voucher for £5. DG Eric Amaria praised all those who entered the competition. He said although only one can be selected to go through to the next round, at Multi District level, there were no losers on the night. He congratulated them on their art work and said it was a fantastic opportunity for students to stimulate their thoughts around a theme. The posters will be on display at District Convention in March 2006 for all Lions to view.

Osterley Charter Another New Club

Charter President Nimmi Suri

Lions Club of Osterley was presented with their Charter on the 21st October by District Governor Eric Amaria. They also celebrated Diwali with Geet & Ghazal. Charter President Lion Nimmi Suri says, "Our new club will add an extra dimension to awaken the community to help the less fortunate than ourselves. I am pleased to advise you that our club was chartered with 25 members who are keen, community minded and full of fellowship. I thank them for taking up the challenge to service the community as per our Club's Motto, "Individuals Serving in Harmony". I would like to thank our mother club Feltham & Whitton Lions Club. Sincere thanks to Lion Alf Greenbank and Lion Alf Sanders for their confidence in us. We will make you proud. Hearty thanks to District Extension officer Lion Kumar Acharya and Lion Alf Sanders and Lion Minesh Mehta for being our Guiding Lions. We thank all the visiting Lions who came and supported us. We raised £3600 towards building a class room with our twinned club on Bangalore. Finally a very big thanks to all the members of OSTERLEY for their dedication and hard work. For new members they did extremely well in organising the

MELVIN JONES for LION KEITH TOOLEY

Lion Keith Tooley was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by members of the Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes at their Charter Night. Lion Keith has been a member of the Club since 1971 and has been President and Secretary twice. For many years he has administered the 300 Club Lottery raising in the region of £1000 a year for the Charity Fund. Keith is well known in District 105a, having served continuously on the Cabinet since 1983. He was Deputy District Governor some years ago and was District Administrative Officer for a several years. He is still the District Distribution Officer. For the past 30 odd years Keith has been involved in "Sound News Milton Keynes". Recorded weekly, some 200 tapes go out to blind recipients. "I used to

read for them but am now the recorder, twiddling all the knobs!" Keith told me. The award was presented by Lion President Mike Bartlett who was supported by PCC Geoff Leeder; PDGs Mike Baldwin and Alan Kings; Zone Chairman Chris Bryant and Club Presidents John Gout and Derek Beazley from Leighton Buzzard and Bedford Harpur respectively.

Lion President Mike informed those present that when he asked Club members for a nomination for the Melvin Jones Award one name was put forward again and again, this was Lion Keith, who is a popular member of the Club. He also reminded those present of the support that Keith has always received over the years from his wife Marion.

Keith then went on to celebrate his award with a holiday in Kenya where he met many lions, with manes and four feet. Thankfully he was not on their menu and got back safely.

Guiding Lions Training Day with Lions Mike Baldwin & Geoff Leeder

The First Training Day will be on:

Thursday 15 December 2005

at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel Hatfield.

St Albans Road West, Hatfield AL10 9RH.

Attendance will be on a first come first served basis, 15 to start with.

There will be a second session on 11 January so if you can't make 15 December, please state if 11th January is better.

It is important to respond reasonably quickly as the actual list of potential attendees is over twice as many and I will need to contact others on the list should you be unable to attend on 15 December. When you respond please let me have your full (postal) address in case we need to send pre course work to you.

Please respond to Lion Mike Baldwin,
(details in the book).



*To unite the clubs
in the bonds of
friendship, good
fellowship and
mutual understand-
ing*



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D&D Party



As a newly formed club, Lions Club of Osterley volunteered to help at the D&D Young Persons Christmas Party on Sunday 20th November at the Spelthorne Leisure Centre in Staines.

13 new members from Osterley volunteered to be the "Trolley Dolly's" dressed in white hats and aprons and did a great job severing food to all the children.

Lion Alf Sanders and Lion Alf Greenbank from Feltham and Whitton, Zone C organised this District 105A D&D Christmas Party, with the help from Dist. Governor Lion Eric, Dist. Officers and their committee members. Six months of planning paid off when we saw the children enjoying the dancing, playing with the clown, doing magic tricks and finally receiving their Christmas Goodie bags.

As the Charter President of Lions Club of Osterley it was very important that I involve our new members in this project so they are aware of the good work we Lions do throughout the world. Osterley Lions enjoyed the day helping and playing with the children, and also meeting other Lions. My Congratulations to Feltham & Whitton Lions Club and to all the Committee Members for this excellent Project.

Charter President Lion Nimmi Suri



Come and join in the

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on

Sunday 5th February 2006

at

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Harrow, Middlesex

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NOW!

District Convention

District Governor Erach Amaria and the
Lions of London Swiss Cottage
invite you to join them at the

2006 District 105A Convention

At The Holiday Inn – London Elstree

(Formerly Moat House)

on 3rd & 4th March 2006

Do you want to take part in something a bit different?

Do you want to meet fellow Lions and spark up a friendship?

Do you want to listen and share your views with others?

District Governor Erach is one for springing a few surprises, whilst keeping his theme, FUN and FELLOWSHIP firmly in mind.

We can all take part in the business session, with a programme designed to move swiftly through the formal parts and to linger seductively on your enlightening areas of Lionism.

Join in the informal dinner and DG's Ball, with great food, hilarity and entertainments. Speeches will be short, (hooray!). For partners, a memorable trip to the famous Hindu Temple in Neasden could prove to be a tranquil and peaceful journey.

New Orleans

Due to the recent tragedy that has befallen New Orleans, the next International Convention in 2006 has now been moved from New Orleans to BOSTON. Details to follow in February's issue. Our heartfelt condolences & thoughts to the people of

A Gift for Living

The project "A Gift for Living" started some 10 years ago and during this time it has helped and even saved the lives of many children and babies in Bosnia.

A new appeal has been launched to raise funds for new equipment at the paediatric department of the Banja Luka hospital. Currently newborn babies in the hospital do not have reliable oxygen delivery, or any other intensive care that may be needed. 58 infants and children died in the hospital last year. These deaths were preventable with modern equipment.

The target is to raise a minimum of £ 75,000 within 9 months. I urge ALL clubs within District 105A to donate some funds at this Christmas for this most worthy cause. A small donation from your club could save a new born life.

Lion Shirish Sheth
D.O. for "A Gift for Living"

Correction and Apologies

There is an item in the November Newsletter congratulating Brenda and John Hunt on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. I'm afraid this is wrong as this was celebrated five years ago. It was in fact their EMERALD anniversary which they celebrated!

TO BE
CAREFUL with
my criticism and
liberal with my
praise to build up
and not destroy.



The Hypnotic Hertford Lions

by Lion Angela Little

This past Lionistic year has been as busy and crazy as ever, and amongst many projects that we have undertaken, here is just a sample.

In August we hosted a very successful and memorable Sixties and Seventies Night, when we put on our dancing shoes and showed the young ones how it's really done! Following a good old fish and chips and ice cream supper, our audience was entertained during the evening by an Internationally renowned comedy stage hypnotist, who promised all would go away with an overwhelming urge to lose weight and give up smoking. He also had many volunteers on stage to keep us all in fits of laughter with their antics.

DG Erach attended our meeting just before the event and thought it was a wonderful idea - not just the event but the reason we were doing it: all the money raised was going to an organisation called PLAN. Sometime after the Tsunami we learned of many children whose parents had never been found trapped in Aceh, Indonesia. These children were being exploited in an appalling way. PLAN Asia are currently working to provide protection of vulnerable children in this area. They are providing fund to ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) Having looked into this organisation, we decided to do something so these children can have a future so raised and sent off cheque for £1000,

FROM THE EDITOR – AGAIN!

As the year closes to an end, I have been looking back over past copies of **YOUR PRIDE OF LIONS**. Can I just say, without a shadow of a doubt, that the articles you have sent me have been brilliant – inspired and funny, in fact well worth the read. I hope that you feel that you have ownership of your magazine.

The magazine doesn't just magic itself out of the air however, (I wish) and many hours are spent collating, writing, chasing up Lions in order to get it ready for the printers.

There are two people I think you should know about however... these are Lion Shirish Sheth, our very own Affinity Card Officer and Ian Laney who spends about 6 hours with me every month having to tidy everything up, change definitions on photographs and make a final production worthy of the Lions, (and the poor man has to put up with my jokes as well!). This doesn't include the rest of the time that he spends with me not there, still working on the layout etc.

Shirish is the owner of Bounds Green Press who produce what you hold in your hands right now. I hope you will agree that the 100+ hours we spend every month on Pride of Lions is well worth it. Thank you Shirish, Ian and all your team for making

LIONS DISTRICT 105A

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Webpage Design

WHEN?

Sunday 19 February 2006

WHERE?

Aspire IT Training Suite
The ASPIRE National Training Centre
Wood Lane, Stanmore
Middx HA7 4AP

WHAT TIME ?

Registration & Coffee: 9.30am -10.00am
Training from 10.00am to 4.00 pm

COST?

Likely to be minimal for such training
around £7 per person.
Refreshments available to purchase on the day at
nominal costs

SPACES WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 persons

CONTACT:

District Leadership Training Officer
Lion Mike Baldwin,
no later than 30th January 2006
leadershipdevelopment@lions105a.org

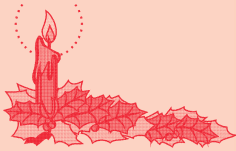
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*To remember that in
building up my
business it is not
necessary to tear
down another's; to be
loyal to my clients or
customers and true to
myself*



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TO HOLD a friendship as an end and not as 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.

ALWAYS to bear in mind, obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty my word, act and deed. Give them freely of my time, labour and means.



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THE DENTAID PROGRAM

by **Lion Kamaljit Sood**

We are now in the second quarter of the Lionistic Year. By now, your budgets are well established. This is therefore an appropriate time for me to seek a piece of your budget for the DENTAID PROGRAM. Please donate generously. Last year District 105A collected £9007. So far we have collected £250. So there is a lot of mileage left. Please stand up and be counted for this program. I look forward to receiving your donations in the weeks to come.

Want to know more? If you like, I can make myself available to make a presentation to your club, about the DENTAID program. Please feel free to contact me by email or telephone to make arrangements

The Dentaïd Dental Healthcare Programme is approved by Multiple District 105

HOW WILL THIS DONATION BE APPLIED?

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Preventing future dental pain through education and prevention programmes.

Increasing the dental capacity of developing countries through training and volunteers.

WHAT AID HAS LIONS BEEN PROVIDING TO DENTAID?

Lions have been assisting Dentaïd in a number of areas: collection of donated dental equipment from around the UK, yearly sponsorship of an engineer, publicity amongst dentists, sponsorship of projects and overseas clubs assisting in the delivery and monitoring of projects.

With the growing support from Lions across the UK coupled with the potential additional assistance from Lions Club International Foundation (L.C.I.F.), the Lions' Dentaïd Partnership promises to be a power for good in the desperately needy and underserved field of dentistry and oral health in the developing world.

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS to:

LCIF DENTAID, C/O LION K SOOD,
33 COMPTON ROAD, LONDON SW19 7QA
Enjoy this Festive Season!

**DON'T
DRINK & DRIVE**

A Fact:

Music Creates Good Publicity

Has your club decided to sponsor a budding flautist in the forthcoming Lion's European Musical Competition? **writes PRO Steve Gledhill.**

You may not think that it is a subject for PR – but it is. I can speak from personal experience. Alice, my daughter, as MD 105 finalist in Rome for the 2004 competition, was a subject of considerable press interest. Local papers splashed Lions around and the Lions name got in music journals including the National Youth Orchestra paper as Alice had been a member. The Lion magazine featured it too. Vijay Arora is 105A coordinator, but please also feel free to contact me as I have first hand experience from the “customer” side.

Just find a good flute player (under 25), sponsor the player and see what happens. I did – and ended up in Rome supporting my daughter. It happens! Great fun and great PR... I still get calls and get stopped in the street by people who have read about this and want to know how she is getting on..

Deadline is 30th December 2005. Not long!



Brains of Wantage & Grove

Wantage and Grove Lions Club held their Annual Brains Night Quiz at the Civic Hall on 4th November.

As usual the event was well supported with 20 or so local teams pitting their wits in a friendly rivalry that has been a highlight of the local calendar for many years.

The winning teams received their trophies from Lion Secretary Ernest Draper were Senior Team Winners were the Red and Blue Army comprising of **David Hall, Nigel Coppendale, Andrew Harper and James White.**

The Junior Team Winners and also winners of the Funniest Answer competition were the Inverse Cricketers comprising of **Ben Reeve, Reuben Green, Clare Bristow and Tom Finn.** Well done to all the winners and to all who took

Emerging Lions to the Front....

Once again Multiple District 105 will be holding an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Walsall from **19th to 22nd January 2006.** Presidents and fellow members, if you know of a members with 3 years service or less, and think that they will benefit from this mind expanding, leader forming weekend, then please get in touch with PDG Lion Mike Baldwin, Leadership Officer.

Lords Mayors Show

By Lion Tony Hurley

This year was the tenth Anniversary of Lions being involved in the Lord Mayor of London Show, (the last 7 of which involved us being in the main parade itself).

In past years, Lions from Districts A, D, EA and SE have represented all the Lions from MD105 and have proudly flown the Lions flag high, promoting various Lions activities, such as the Eye Health Programme, Medic Alert, Diabetes UK and Message in A Bottle. This year it was all about Lions retention, by promoting that Lions are Ordinary People, from all walks of life and professions. We walked wearing clothing of our profession, carrying a banner saying, "I'm a Lion".

We were looking to the future:-

The children of today who will one day be Lions.

We went into partnership with Irisbus, who manufacture and sell a specially designed "School Bus", designed from the ground up, with the emphasis on child safety. It is bright yellow, covered in writing promoting the Company's own scheme, "BUSK", (Belt up School Kids). Children are our future -



Admin Matters



There will always be changes within our organisation, and the sooner the District Secretary is told of them, the sooner we can get them to you, fellow Lions:

Email address for Secretary for Amersham & Chesham Lions Club Lion Dennis Gambier dennishgambier@btinternet.com
The new secretary of Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush is Allan Charles of 58 Auckland House, White City Estate London W127NL Tel:(H)020 87620776 (M) 07951308362.

Maria Azcona is transferring to Hemel Hempstead Lions Club as of 1st January. All relevant contact details remain the same.



Following tradition, the Mayor and his entourage all wear glove puppets to wave at the crowds. This year, it was agreed that the Mayor would wear "Lion Glove Puppets", together with his wife and daughters. The photo shows the presentation of the puppets, just before the Mayor got into his gold carriage, with Lion Ken Rouse, myself, as President of Harrow and Pinner and Lion John Haynes and Lioness June Mills from District EA. We had a phenomenal day out, meeting crowds and other Lions and that at the end of the day, we are all just one big happy family of fellow Lions.

Thinking Caps and Dancing Shoes to the Ready!

Hertford Lions Club have produced a Winter Christmas Quiz that normally is just sold within Hertford Lions but this year, due to its popularity, has been produced in a format that can be sold by any other Lions Club if they would wish to do so.

Quizes are supplied free of charge and they are sold for £2 each. £1 is retained by the seller for their own charities and the other £1 is sent back to Hertford Lions Club. Each quiz has a serial number so that duplicates cannot be produced. It's a win/win situation!

Copies have already been sent out to some clubs but if any more would be interested they are welcome to give me a ring on 01992 583213 or email Angela on a.little33@ntlworld.com and some will be put in the post.

Hertford Lions have a Barn Dance on Friday 10th February, 2006 with the famous Pete Skiffins. It is always a great fun night. Why not treat your man/lady to a bit of Valentines Reel, a Romantic Ho Down and mend those Aichey Breaky Hearts. Tickets are already selling fast but Hertford would love to hear from more Lions. Those who have been before will remember a really great night and continue to come back every year to another night of the Barn Dance.

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TO REMEMBER
that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.



WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.



Indian Gala

A Gala weekend with a Superstar from India was the talk of the night when Falguni Pathak entertained many on 17th November at the Hotel Millennium Mayfair and on the 18th November at Harrow Leisure Centre.

Falguni Pathak is not just a household name in India, but she is recognised as one of the most renowned entertainers and in many other foreign countries is hailed as the “Garba Queen”. She put on an array of medleys that took one’s breath away. Everybody who came on this special weekend, raising funds for various 105A Charities were fully entertained. It was indeed a weekend to remember.

My congratulations go to everyone involved in this Gala weekend, dinner, dance and Garba, making them special evenings to remember for a long time. Many people from different walks of life listened to good music and learned how Lions work for the community at large.

The fundraising committee worked tirelessly to achieve a great success. My profound thanks go to Chairman Rati Shah, who was on his toes for months to make this a reality. Also, hearty thanks to Lion Kirit Patel who helped in bringing Falguni Pathak and her troupe to the U.K. Lion Ramesh Radia gave a lot of support as well to make things happen. My sincere thanks to the following Lions, without whose help and input, this Gala evening would not have happened. Committee Members: Lions Vijay Arora, Mukesh Chandarana, Jaggi Chaudhry, Manish Chotai, Ram Jaggi (MBE), Hitesh Karia, Dinesh Kotecha, Surinder (Max) Mongia, Harihar Patel, Balubhai K Patel, Dr. Thakorbbhai Patel, Bhupendra (Barney) Patel, Rajendra Patel, Raju Paw, Parveen Verma and lastly, but by no means least Amratlal Radia, (President of North London Lohana

Ordinary People Doing Amazing Things

Six months have nearly passed, and it makes me very proud to be a Lion.

As your District Governor, I continue my visits to various Clubs, (58 so far!). It is encouraging to see how hard our Lions are working, with dedication and enthusiasm. Be it Message In A Bottle, Bonfire Nights, supporting LCIF, donating monies around the world, helping local charities and individuals, membership growth, Campaign Sight First II, Little Steps – the list is endless.

Very soon many Clubs will be busy organising Christmas festivities, with an aim to raise funds for their local community and making a special difference at this special time. A gentle thought for those Lions who are giving a helping hand, out on the streets, collecting money, dressing up as Santa



Volunteers are not paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

According to a well known proverb, “nothing succeeds like success”. Sharing our success will reinforce pride in our membership and also convince other service minded people to be a part of our good work.

The greater our membership strength, the greater we share and meet the needs which are growing in major proportion in our communities.

The selflessness of the members in the District is helping those less fortunate and showing what great humanitarians the Lions are when it comes to giving. I am glad that we are forming more Clubs and increasing membership, because without YOU, the members, this would not be possible.

Thank you and congratulations to all!!

My Diary

December 2005

- 1 Dec Zone ‘E’ Official
- 5 Dec Mill Hill (OV)
- 7 Dec Kingsbury (OV)
- 10 Dec Swiss Cottage (OV)
- 12 Dec Hitchin (OV)
- 13 Dec Kenton (OV)
- 14 Dec Chipping Barnet (OV)
- 15 Dec Abroad

January 2006

- 9 Jan Stevenage Coreys Mill (OV)
- 10 Jan Newport Pagnell & Olney (OV)
- 11 Jan Winslow (OV)
- 13 Jan LN Tottenham (OV)
- 14 Jan LCIF Gala Night
- 18 Jan Northwood (OV)
- 21 Jan Harpendn (OV)
- 23 Jan Wanstead & Woodford (OV)
- 24 Jan Ruislip (OV)
- 25 Jan Leighton Buzzard (OV)
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- 29 Jan Council Of Governors Meeting

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