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Hail to fellow Lions

A MILLENNIUM OF PEACE

Every Lion in every country in the world ushered in the New Year and Century in their own special way. Ranjena, Aneeka, Anushka and I joined Lions, their partners and families at the Big Ben to see one of the finest exhibitions of fireworks display anywhere in the world. It was most impressive and enjoyable. However, we cannot say the same for the tube journey home! We have lived through an amazing century of developments and quite a contrast from the way we started the century in 1900. Many great people have shaped the world we now live in and amongst them was our founder Melvin Jones.

Two Heads

Our Lions membership pin displays two Lions heads, one looking in each direction: one to our proud past and the other to the bright future. It is natural that we now reflect on our proud past. It is easy for us to look back with pride at all the accomplishments we have made in District 105A. We have touched the lives of thousands through our endeavours. All our Clubs have many stories to tell of the value they bring to their local communities. We truly have a legacy worthy of reflection and praise. However, now it is of greater importance to focus on our even brighter future. Opportunities of service for our fellow human beings have never been more apparent. In an age where technology breakthroughs make yesterdays discovery tomorrows old news, we must seek out new ways to use that technology to create a world of peace and understanding.

Our greatest asset

Lions of District 105A have an opportunity to leave an even greater legacy to the world by promoting harmony and sharing through our youth. Apart from our Leo Clubs who contribute so much we have many other wonderful youth programmes.

It gave me great joy meeting our Youth Award finalists. Each and every one of the worthy candidates showed the value in teaching our youth the very importance of human understanding through community service. All Clubs should seriously look at this excellent Lions project which may soon be accepted as worthy of adoption by Lions throughout Europe and beyond. The pleasure of witnessing the creative talents of our children with the Peace Poster Competition was a humbling experience. Our Youth Outreach programme is so good that it should form part of the curriculum of every school in the land. Lion Wesley Mendonca our Youth Outreach Adviser is keen for your local schools to benefit so please contact him. Our Youth Exchange Programme is one of the best ways we can enhance the knowledge of our young of other values and traditions resulting in

hopefully more jaw jaw in the world. We are also always looking for hosts. Lion Kishore Pattni will provide details.

Our contributions

Most conflict in this world is as a direct consequence of misunderstanding and intolerance to the differences in our cultures. As Lions we must not forget that although each individual is the citizen of his community and his nation, a Lion is the citizen of the world. We at 105A have shown that the concept of "community" has wider dimension by donating over £11,000 for the Turkish Earthquake Appeal and £14,000 for the Orissa Cyclone Appeal". All Clubs are requested to assist settle our debt of honour for the Berlin Declaration. Please send your cheques to ID Lion Phil Nathan now. Our motto "We Serve" has no conditions: concern, love, humanitarian services cannot be limited.

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"

Melvin Jones

towards new horizons

The hearts of our 105A Lions Clubs beat with a proud legacy. We must see that the next generation of Lions volunteers are nurtured in a manner that ensures the legacy will continue. We must do all we can to shape the lives of our children, teach them tolerance and understanding Our Lions projects provide the means. Yes a new

beginning for peace to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

IMPORTANT BITS & PIECESGreetings from you

Send greetings to Lions in the District or publicise your Club in the prestigious Brochure to celebrate 50 years of Lionism -a momento for your collection. The cost is a mere £50. Full B&W page £100. Colour £200. Contact Lion Ram Jaggi who also awaits historical material.

No penalty but...

All Clubs should, if not already submitted by 31 December last, forward their yearly accounts to District Treasurer.

Have you seen it in colour?

The health and safety regulations, the winning Peace Posters, the Youth Award candidates, your photograph, expanded 105A News Internet and shortly the Convention Booklet 2000 (be the first one to download it for your Club) & much much more:

www.lions105a.org

New Family Members

Warm welcome to new members:

Jim Spragg, Steve Baskenille, John Wood, Girish Mehta, Stephen Twigg, Brian Hill, Susan McGhie-Sang, Purushottam G Patel, Ramesh Modi, Nikki Peters Becky Davis and Betty Atkins. Thanks to sponsors.

Family Visits:

Chipping Barnet 329, Redbridge 280, Stanmore 80, Northwood 32 Edgware 32.

Did you know?

- ◆ As an Association we have pledged to save 20,000 sights every week in the year 2,000 in *partnership* with groups like the Carter Centre.
- ◆ Lions emblem adopted from Rosa Bonehur's painting in 1921

REJOICE! CELEBRATE!He is coming

It is a great honour for our District that International President Lion Jim Ervin will join us to celebrate London Hosts 50th Charter Anniversary on 19 February. He flies out on 20th. Thanks to ID Lion Phil Nathan for persuading him. For further information contact Lion President Elliot Shubert on 0181 317 0165.

Good Hosts dressed to impress

All the clubs participating in the Senior Citizens Millennium Celebration on 27 February are the hosts to our senior citizens. Lions accompanying their guests please wear something Lionistic-a badge is great unless you have a Lions T-shirt. Thanks. Lion Ken Rouse has a few more places. We shall show our gratitude to our senior citizens in style although the cost remains at £2.50 per person.

Our own three day Special Party

All Lions are cordially invited to attend a function at the Marriott Hotel, on Friday 3 March when attendance of 20th Century personalities such as Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, President Bill with Monica are expected. Join your fellow Lions for an invigorating and interesting day at the London Suite on Saturday 4 March for our 35th Annual Convention. Exercise your democratic right and debate the five resolutions whilst enjoying fun and fellowship. It culminates in a celebration at the end of the business session before we dress up for the Banquet at the exclusive 5 star brand-new Marriott Hotel. All car-parking fees have been paid. For bookings and further information contact Lions Ron / Viresh.

Deserved Acknowledgement

For any Lion/Club to be considered for any of the following advise Lions Andrew/Louvain:

- ◆ District Poet Laureate for 1999/2000. A poem on Lionism. Winner to read it at Convention with a bottle of champagne to take away.
- ◆ Website trophy for the best website in 105A. Application forms and rules on website.
- ◆ Medic Alert trophy.
- ◆ Cramped hand award
- ◆ Your club's Newsletter for the best District Newsletter.
- ◆ Inform PDG Bert Randall of your work on LCIF for the District LCIF trophy.
- ◆ Don't forget to bring your scrapbooks to Convention.

PV's EXCURSIONS

JANUARY

17th Peace Poster finals

17th Buckingham (o/v)
 18th Stevenage (o/v)
 19th Royston (o/v)
 21st London Tottenham
 22nd Tree Planting -Region 3
 23rd Cabinet Meeting - Blakemore Hotel
 24th Southgate (o/v)
 25th Kenton (o/v)
 26th Walthamstow (o/v)

FEBRUARY

1st Bletchley (o/v)
 2nd Teddington (o/v)
 3rd SCMC Committee
 5th Kenton Charter Presentation
 6th District Competition Final- (W/A)
 8th Bedford (o/v)
 9th Winslow (o/v)
 12th Chipping Barnet Valentines Ball
 13th Shepperton -Swimming Gala
 14th Witney (o/v)
 16th Watford (o/v)
 17th SCMC Committee
 19th London Host (C/A)
 20th Feltham & Whitton (C/A)
 21st Rickmansworth (o/v)
 23rd London Chingford (o/v)
 24th Aylesbury (o/v)
 25th Leighton Buzzard (C/A)
 26th Stanmore (C/A)
 27th Senior Citizens Millennium Celebration
 29th UN Day at House of Commons

SO SAD

We are very sad to announce the demise of the following:

Lion Stewart Tilley of Amersham & Chesham Lions, Mrs. Joan Lochart wife of Lion Tony Lochart of Berkhamsted Lions, Lion Rudolf Schwecke of London Host, Lion Maureen Green of Thame Lions, Mrs. Joy Aspinall wife of Lion Tom Aspinall of Beaconsfield Lions.

All of them will be sadly missed. We extend deepest sympathy to their families and the thoughts of all Lions are with them.