



KEN'S CORNER

NOVEMBER 2007



We are fast approaching a very busy period for all clubs. Many clubs are organising Firework displays, Halloween nights, and after that we are straight into the build up to Christmas. I am pleased to see that some clubs are taking up the opportunity given by Wyvale Nurseries for clubs to run their Christmas grottos for them. Also the clubs in zone C will be manning Father Christmas's Grotto at the Whyte Macay Boat Show at Earls Court in London. This is a new project for us, and an excellent opportunity to do some awareness and PR about Lions.

So far to the end of November, Margaret and I will have visited 42 clubs, attended 9 Charters, 3 zone meetings, Barbecues, Fun Days, 2 Cabinet and 2 Council of Governors meetings, as well as many other meetings and social events. As expected we are having a fantastic time. We are very proud to represent 105A wherever we go.

By now you should all be aware of our International President's Programme "Challenge to Change". Part of that is the 20K programme, where by the end of this Lionistic year membership will have grown by 20,000 net. Towards this PDG Lion Max Mongia was appointed 20K Special Initiative Co-ordinator. He is responsible for MD105 and parts of Europe as part of this programme.

Lion Urszula Cioleszynska, also a co-ordinator from Poland was invited to a meeting attended by me and other relevant parties to discuss the possible formation of a Polish club made up of English speaking business people working and living in England. This was a very positive meeting, and our District Extension officer Kumar Acharya is on the case, and I look forward to this new club in the coming months.

This is the year of Campaign SF2 and PDG'S Max and Rati ran a breakfast meeting to re-focus and pass on the latest information and help to Presidents, and co-ordinators. It was a good seminar and we saw new ways of putting SF2 across with DVD's and new small players which can be taken to club meetings so that we all get the same message.

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT RECYCLING DRIVE

PDG Alan Kings the District Environment Officer is promoting a project to persuade people to stop using plastic bags, and to change to a bag that is environmentally friendly, and recyclable.

At the October cabinet meeting, Alan presented his plan of using a strong cotton bag. The Lions Logo will be printed on both sides of the bag together with web site address and slogan.

This is an excellent opportunity for publicity and making the general public aware of our great association. The cabinet have approved this project. The bags will cost the club 88p each, and perhaps we can sell them for £1.50 or £2. This project was well received by the cabinet and 3000 bags have been ordered.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Sunday 11th November is the day when all over the world people remember those who gave their lives to make our world a better place, and to remember those of our families and friends who are no longer with us. I know that many Lions go to their local Remembrance day services, and once again Lions will be represented at the service in Whitehall. 40 Lions from the Multiple District will take part, and 14 Lions from 105A including Margaret and myself will be proud to be part of that parade.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

On Saturday 10th November the Historical Lord Mayors Show Procession will take place. Once again the four Districts around London (known as the Lord Mayors Show Committee) have a float in the form of an open top bus which will have Leos and members of the Disabled Olympics Team on the top deck. The theme is Youth.

There will also be 40 walkers escorting the bus. Watch out for us on TV, from 10.30 on BBC 1.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

On Sunday 3rd February 2008 this fantastic activity will take place at the Harrow Leisure Centre. I have been associated with this activity since its inception in 2000, and it still makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up when I see what my fellow Lions in District 105A can achieve when we work together and make it happen for our senior citizens. 800 of them together with you the Lions serving them will make this a special

day for them. So fellow Lions don't delay, book today to avoid disappointment. It is first come first served. I'll see you all there.

LION PAT MOFFAT

It is with much regret that we mourn the passing of Pat Moffat, a charter member of Stevenage Coreys Mill Lions Club, who died on 5 October, following a long and valiant fight against ovarian cancer. Pat was 65 and worked tirelessly and with much humour until she was forced to retire from the club in 2002/3. She was particularly keen on fund-raising, especially when accompanying her husband, Alister, also a charter member, as Father Christmas. Alister worked tirelessly in an attempt to escape the inevitable and refused to give up, scouring the internet for herbal remedies and caring for her until the end.

Monica Sage, President Stevenage Coreys Mill Lions Club

My Diary

November 2007

- Sat. 3rd Enfield Charter
- Sun 4th Winter Forum
- Mon 5th Wanstead & Woodford O/V
- Tue 6th Edgware O/V
- Wed 7th Rickmansworth & Loudwater O/V
- Sat 10th Lord Mayors Show
- Sun 11th Remembrance Day Parade
- Mon 12th Witney O/V
- Tue 13th Seven Kings O/V
- Wed 14th Hayes & Harlington O/V
- Thu 15th Royston O/V
- Sun 18th Stevenage Coreys Mill C/A
- Mon 19th Amptill O/V
- Tue 20th Bletchley O/V
- Wed 21st Biggleswade & Sandy O/V
- Sat 24th Berkhamstead C/A
- Sun 25th Redbridge C/A
- Tue 27th Wallingford & Didcot C/A
- Wed 28th M.E.R.C.L.P. Meeting
- Thu 29th Peace Poster Final
- Fri 30th Fairlop C/A.

December 2007

- Sat 1st London Belmont Charter Pres'tion
- Mon 3rd Mill Hill O/V
- Wed 5th Finchley O/V
- Thu 6th Milton Keynes Central O/V
- Fri 7th District Musical Night in aid of the Senior Citizens Party
- Sat 8th Phoenix New Century O/V