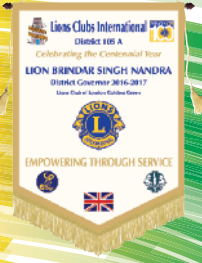




District 105A News

# Pride of LIONS



DG Brindar Singh

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## Visit to Twinned District 121 (Poland)

Our Twinned District 121 (Poland) invited DG Brindar, PDG Max and Aruna to attend their 26th Convention at the end of May 2017. It was a very successful event with visual presentations, and musical performance. We had an opportunity to visit their organic farm, an ECO project established to improve the ways of living.

This was followed by an extensive tour of the recently built Hospice to assist the increase in demand for palliative care. The hospice facility is a two-floor building with a total usable area of 900 sq. metres. It has 7 double-rooms and 1 single-room for patients as well as one operating room, bathroom and the kitchen. The building is equipped with all the devices in accordance with the



standards required for hospital facilities including elevators, and safe flooring systems adapted for the disabled people.

For the construction in Phase 1, with the help of Lions Clubs of Szczecinek and Public funding efforts, they managed to raise £215,000. We were truly amazed and impressed with the quality of the construction building, a worthy project almost complete.

The hospice project is now in Phase 2 where District 121 has asked for our assistance. The request from them is to match a grant of £7,500 to purchase kitchen items and necessary equipment. **Clubs are requested to respond to the District 105A appeal to make this happen.**

DG Brindar Nandra and PDG Max Mongia

## Enfield Lions help with educational facilities



The Library and Science Block

With the tremendous support received during 2015-16, from Lions Club of Enfield, Empowerment through Education, (ETE), a UK based charity was able to build and equip a Library and Science Block, Computer and Digital Classroom and a Dining Block in Talakondapally Village – Government school, 60km from Hyderabad, India.

The Library, has propelled an interest in reading books and newspapers in the children. The experiments conducted are brought to life in science laboratory, motivating students to study science in higher education. A dedicated computer lab equipped with desktops / laptops and internet facility is helping children explore and acquire more knowledge. These facilities have not only increased the attendance in the school, but also inspiring the children from disadvantaged background to aim high in life for themselves. 12 Lion members and Lioness attended the formal inauguration in Feb 2017 and dedicated the facilities to the children of the school.

IPP Lion Srikanth Mandemula

## NOTICE BOARD

### Lions passed to Higher Service

Lion Colin Howlett of Aylesbury Lions Club  
Lion Dr Terence H. Jones of Feltham & Whiston Lions Club  
Lion Doreen Freeman of Bletchley, Milton Keynes Club  
Lion Keith Evans of Bedford Lions Club.  
Lion Wendy Webb of Luton Club.



LCI Ethics:

*Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

# Join our fight for Street Children

As we are approaching end of our Lionistic Year let us make a difference to the lives of children who are vulnerable, living alone and at risk on the streets. Your donations to our chosen charities will make a difference to the lives of these innocent souls.

**UNICEF** has been in existence for 70 years and has been protecting children's rights throughout the world. They play a vital role in providing vaccinations, shelter, school books for rural areas, edukits, medicine supplies and life saving equipment.

**The Jubilee Campaign** works worldwide with the philosophy that that ordinary people can change the lives of forgotten children in slums, on the streets, in areas of natural disaster, or poverty, war, disease and drugs. Last year the opening of a music school for the children of the slums in Mumbai as one of the highlights.

**Centre Point;** Supports the homeless and provides shelter. A donation of £146 will assist them in keeping a roof over a homeless individual for the year. This charity has been involved with renovating properties in the north of England to house the homeless.

**The Railway Children;** This is the Official charity partner of the award-winning film "LION" which has touched the hearts of all who have seen it. The film portrayed the true story of a 5-year-old boy Saroo, who got lost on a railway station in India and depicted the traumas he experienced. Very generous donations have poured in from individuals who have viewed this film.

I am often asked how clubs can make payments. Please note that all cheques should be made payable to LCI Dist 105A. At the back of the cheque please mark the name of the charity/s that the cheques are intended,

**Lion Joginder Gill**  
District Officer (Street Children)



Donation for Street Children

# Hemel Lions recognised with chevrons

Lions Barbara Daniels and Frances Turner receiving their 10 year chevron and 20 year chevron respectively from Z/Chair Lion Mick Claxton. Congratulations to both for their service to the local community and Lions Clubs International

**Lion Terry Allen**  
LC of Hemel Hempstead



# Well done, Leo

At MD Convention in Blackpool, Leo Eashan Thakrar of London-Hendon Leo Club was awarded the Bert Mason Bursary for a Leo under 21 years of age. He will now be entitled to attend an International Youth Exchange Camp in Summer 2018 and provided with a substantial sum to pay for his travels. Thank you to District Leo Advisor Lion Minesh Mehta for nominating him.

## Welcome new Lions

### LC of Hendon

DG Brindar Nandra inducted Prakash Neupane, a Customer Services Officer with the RAF, into Lions Club of London Hendon in April 2017. Lion Minesh Mehta is his sponsor. Lion Prakash who moved to UK from Nepal said he was looking "to serve those less fortunate than ourselves".

### LC of Barking

Lion Dr Pradeep Sanghi  
Lion Jaswant Singh Jhita inducted by LP/ZC Abdul Bux.  
Lion Brijpal Bedi  
Lion Deepak Puri

### LC of London Central

3 new members Milly Ng, Vivek Srivastava and Yeshim Dilek were inducted in London Central Host Lions Club by PDG Lion Vijay Arora. LP Niles Palan and LS Salim Muman were the sponsors.



Lion inducted at Hendon Club



New Lions inducted at London Central



## Sponsor a Tree Project

As a part of environmental awareness and protection it was planned to plant 30 trees at a community centre in Hayes, London, at the end of February 2017. All the clubs in the District 105A were invited to sponsor a tree. The response was overwhelming. The cost of sponsoring, £100, included the cost of the tree, tree guard, pre-dug hole, tools, etc. for planting and the cost of future maintenance of the trees as well as the sponsoring club's plaque to be put on the tree, when it matures. Hence the name of 30 clubs would be in a single location, a show case for Lionism, for years to come.

The event started at 3.00pm with high tea and finished with dinner and live music at midnight. Almost 300 people attended.

Trees and humans are in intimate relationship. With global warming and climate change there is a crying need to plant more trees. It is hoped that after the experience gained here, more Lions Clubs would plant trees in their own area.

This project was set at a community centre and thus gave us as Lions an opportunity to build legacy with community. Moreover nearly 200 community volunteers were present there. They can be a pool for recruiting new members. Over 50 people showed interest in becoming Lions. There was even a talk of starting a new Lions club at the community centre itself.

I would like to thank all the clubs who sponsored the trees and all the volunteers who gave a helping hand to make this event a great success. My special thanks to DG Brinder for supporting this new and untried project, Lions Karanjeet Assan and Varinder Chott for putting up the banners and decorations, Lion Kadu Shah for setting up the membership stall and Lion Geoff Leeder for taking over 140 photographs.

**District Officer Lion Rajnikant Sheth**



*Lions gathered after the tree planting*

## Adventure Day at Thorpe Park – A Centennial Legacy Project

The Lions of 105A organised a successful fun filled day out at Thorpe Park for disabled and disadvantaged children on Sunday 14th May 2017. We would like to thank the clubs that took part as well as the clubs who donated funds.

We would like to use the actual feedback from some of the guests as a way to show the impact this has had on those who attended. Here are two direct quotes.

*"It was a great day and the family enjoyed it thoroughly. If it was not for Lions club, we wouldn't have gone due to it being so expensive and travelling with three disabled/ SEN people. But it was so well organised as we didn't have to queue for tickets etc. which gave us the incentive to go. I thank Hendon club for inviting us."*



*"Hey we had a fantastic day, we all enjoyed the whole day, we had so much fun it was a lovely family day out, we went on every ride and some a few times, got soaked, our cheeks hurt where was smiling and laughing so much, a huge thank you for today."*

We will build on the success of this event and make it even better next year. We hope we can get every club to participate next year.

**Satnam Singh Loyal (Chair)**  
**DG Brindar Singh (Co-Chair)**



## Celebrating 100 years of Lions Clubs International

Bedford Lions Club hosted a tea party at Clapham Village Hall on 7 June 2017 to celebrate the formation of Lions Clubs International (LCI) by Melvin Jones on 7 June 1917. There are 1.4 millions Lions in 46,000 Clubs in 200 countries united by 1 idea – We Serve.

Present were Bedford Lions Club former Treasurer Vic Warren, seen cutting the cake, with current President Elinor Ashby and former Presidents Bob Allen, Ian



Clarke and Les Farndale, watched by Bedford Modern School Junior Choir who provided some of the entertainment.

Other guests were local residents and people from retirement homes, residential homes and the community, with their carers, who were treated to a substantial afternoon tea and further entertainment from Sharnbrook Village Choir finishing with a free raffle.



**LP Elinor Ashby** *Bedford Lions celebrating Centennial Year*



# DG Brindar's Bulletin



As in the previous months, this month has been an extremely busy one, with six charters, few club official visits and numerous events in between. The horrific fire at the Grenfell Tower has shocked the nation. I have sent an appeal to all clubs for funds and I am happy to say that the MD is joining forces with us to raise funds for the victims of the fire. I am in the process of forming a team of Volunteers from our District to help on the ground in the long run.

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome and support I have received over the past 3 years and especially in my year as a DG. It has been an honour to be a District Governor of District 105A and great privilege to be invited to club meetings, charter anniversaries and numerous other club events. It is a unique privilege to be a district governor during the Centennial year of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organisation. To mark the centennial year, clubs throughout our District carried out activities and events during the Bank holiday week in April.

Our District is the best of all Districts. It is progressive, proactive and achieved great heights during the year, by Chartering two new Centennial Lions clubs and launching two new District Centennial Legacy Projects with great deal of success ie Message in a Wallet and Outdoor Adventure for disadvantaged and disabled Children. And without doubt, we made a great deal of progress in strengthening our weaker clubs. **Truly a Great Team Work that made it a success.**

**Let's take time to be proud of what we have achieved as a group of ordinary people who have achieved extraordinary things when we work as a team.**

Other joyous occasions for me during the three years were the birth of my two grandsons. I look forward to spending more time with them rattling the toys. The last 12 months have flown by

and both Balbir and I have really enjoyed ourselves. And that enjoyment was due to the support we received wherever we went.

I hope in my year as District Governor I have made positive difference in the District. I now look forward to Lion Abhnash, Doreen and Kamal to take over as DG Team. I wish them well for the future and I shall always be available to help.

**For my part, I have been more proud to serve this District than any of you will ever know. I have done the best that I can and tried hard not to fail you. Thank you to each and every one.**

**DG Lion Brindar**

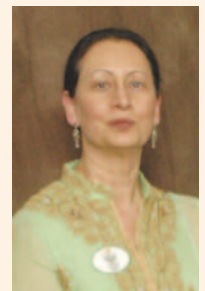
Dear Lions,

I would like to thank all those clubs I visited with DG Brindar for their warm welcome, hospitality and friendship extended to me. Thank you for your excellent company and gifts.

As Brindar's year as a DG is coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs in our District for their generous donations to my chosen charity 'Admiral Nurses', so far almost £7000 collected. For those clubs which missed out on the donations, may I request them to donate whatever amounts they can afford. There is still time to support. Please do keep supporting this worthwhile charity in the future.

I thank you all and I wish you good luck in the future.

**Balbir Kaur**



## Kingsbury Lion honoured by the Queen



In this year's Queen's birthday honours list, Lion Vinod Kotecha of Kingsbury Lions Club, was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for his 'hands-on' service to the local community over many years.

For almost 30 years, Lion Vinod has been involved in fundraising for Kingsbury Lions Club. In addition, he is also leading the Bereavement Committee for Asians in north London as well as organising mass weddings for poor couples who would otherwise not afford a wedding.

Incoming President of Kingsbury Lions Club, Lion Campbell commented: "We are all very proud of Lion Vinod for being recognised for such dedication to the local community to which he has made such a huge difference".

Lion Vinod was more modest of his award saying "I am so thrilled with the award but could not have done it without the total support of my wife Uma and the family of Lions".

Now Lion Vinod can look forward to being invited to Buckingham Palace garden party to celebrate his achievements!

**Lion Sanjay Morzaria**

## My Diary June 2017

- 3rd Charter- Hayes & Harlington LC
- 4th Memorial Service-Lion Jiten Joshi, Edgware LC
- 9th Charter- Witney LC
- 10th Social- Zone D
- 11th Incoming Officers Seminar
- 11th Charter- Finchley LC
- 13th OV - London Westminster LC
- 14th OV- Stanmore LC
- 15th Visit to Grenfell Tower
- 16th Golf Presentations- London Golders Green LC
- 17th Charter - Barking LC
- 18th DG's Garden Party
- 23rd Handover - Redbridge Centennial LC
- 24th Charter - Sudbury LC
- 25th Charter - London Golders Green LC
- OV = Official visit