



DG Erach's News



My fellow Lions,

It is the time of year again when the weather is wonderfully warm. The time to take a break with your families, outings with children, grandchildren, enjoying barbecues, swimming parties and just lazing about on a sunny afternoon.

In spite of all of the above, your District Governor is still very much on the go...

In pursuit of my goal and theme, **Fun, Fellowship and Friendship**, I have visited many Lions Club meetings and thank them all for a very warm welcome to me and my Lions who accompany me.

I am impressed with the work carried out by the Clubs; their Community works and fundraising projects. Some Clubs, despite their small numbers, have contributed to the success of our motto, "WE SERVE".

I will continue my visits to Zones, Clubs and functions and anything else you wish to invite me to. Please keep me informed of your special events.

Arnawaz's Charity-"SCOPE" (Children with Cerebral Palsy)

My personal thanks to all the Clubs for their generous donations so far! **Arnawaz Amaria**

Kellogs Cornflakes Great Walk

The Kellogs Cornflakes Great Walk is rapidly approaching Hyde Park, London.

The full details of this magnificent event can be found on www.great-walk.org.

We have been asked if we can provide 200 marshals for 2000 participants. This is an enormous number of helpers - but we will get enormous PR!

There is television coverage planned, as well as local press and radio stations, but each Club that participates can get their own PR in their local paper just by taking part. Our District PRO, Steve Gledhill (Harpenden Lions Club) will be delighted to help with this.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

If you can, then please contact Paul Withers by E-mail, telephone or letter on the following: lionpaulwithers@msn.com or telephone 01483 548349 or write to him at Corrie Cottage, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 7EF

Mission 30... Plus 1

The Membership programme that the International President Lion Ashok Mehta has in his portfolio is called Mission 30... Plus 1. This is under the guidance of 30 Present and Past Directors. It will run as part of the MERCL Initiative, i.e.; Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership, plus PR and IT.

The Plus 1, is that it is hoped that each Lions Club will increase its membership at least by one. Also that each District will increase its Club by at least 1 in this Lionistic year.

If we want to increase the effectiveness of our Association in community service and guarantee a strong and successful future, then membership increases and strengthening of Clubs must be the main tasks in all Lions Clubs.

Lion Kumar Acharya, our MERCLPR Chairman will be our Mission Co-Ordinator. Leadership and Training Officer is PDG Mike Baldwin.

My Diary

- 1-2 Sept Abroad
- 3 Sept London Walthamstow (OV)
- 5 Sept Newport Pagnell (OV)
- 6 Sept Edgware (OV)
- 7 Sept Beaconsfield (OV)
- 8 Sept Osterly (Branch Club) (OV)
- 9 Sept Mehfil Night (Edgware)
- 12 Sept Letchworth Garden City (OV)
- 13 Sept Wallingford (OV)
- 14 Sept Winslow (OV)
- 15 Sept Charity Golf (London Host)
- 16 Sept Mehfil Night (Stanmore)
- 18 Sept Denham (OV)
- 20 Sept Uxbridge & Hillingdon (OV)
- 22 Sept Zone E (OV)
- 25 Sept Luton (OV)
- 27 Sept Hemel Hempstead (OV)
- 28 Sept Dunstable (OV)
- 29 Sept Training for DG (Holiday Inn)

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DG Lion Erach Amaria

London (Host) Lions Club Pay Tribute

It has been a busy month for the London (Host) Lions. Following the atrocities of 15th July, Lion Alicia Martin, secretary of London (Host), did a most thoughtful thing when she visited St. Pancras Church near Euston Station, placed a bunch of yellow roses and wrote in the Book of Condolences this beautiful message: "We didn't know you yesterday, but we know you now. In deepest sympathy".

Also this month, they were visited by DG Erach himself, on his Official visit, where he had the pleasure of presenting the Treasurer, Lion Ramesh Kantaria with a Membership Drive and Retention pin from Lions Clubs International for all his tremendous work he has carried out in this area. Also, a cheque for £200 was presented to Arnawaz's Charity SCOPE, which was greatly appreciated.



ZONE F CRICKET TRIUMPHS By Lion Niten Shah

The Annual Zone F Cricket was held on Sunday 7th August 2005, at the North Middlesex Cricket Ground, Hornsey.

Over 55 players were present on the day and all eight Zone clubs were represented. Over 200 Lions including District Governor Lion Erach Amaria, families and guests were thoroughly entertained with all four matches.

Supporters applauded generously to all players, and the final was competitively played between Mill Hill and Hornsey versus Enfield and Southgate. The triumphant Captain, Lion Afzal Rai ably held high the trophy presented by the Zone Chairman Lion Niten Shah to the delight of the players of Enfield and Southgate.

Fellowship bloomed during the afternoon and the day ended with celebration. Delicious snacks, savouries and tropical fruits were in abundance followed by a pleasant meal and the event was an overwhelming success.

Enduring an exhausting day in his 12th consecutive year as Cricket Chairman, Lion Dilip Vora and his committee comprising of Lion Albert Khanawan and myself, Lion Niten, smiled in celebration.

Vice District Governor Lion Louvain Allen commended the success of the event and ensured its continuation next year on Sunday 6th August 2006, so mark this date in your diary.

It Could Be You

As I lay in my hospital bed,
My thoughts began to enlight,
I'd been there over a week now,
And nobody had bothered to write.
Just a card would have made all the difference,
To show that somebody cared,
To say you remembered,
And was concerned as to my fate.
But no; all the Lions had forgotten,
And nobody had bothered to phone,
I lay there feeling depressed and downhearted,
And feeling very alone.

I later looked down from Heaven,
And saw all my friends, the Lions.
They showed sorrow in my passing,
And expressed their feelings and desires.
But now its' too late for the message,
To show what they had meant,
But a card would have made all the difference,
But my time is now truly spent.

Did you send a card of well being,
Did you phone, my friend,
Or did you forget like the others,
To cheer somebody up at the end?
Just a card would have made all the difference,
To show how you felt for a friend.

My fellow Lions, please let me know of any bereavements or illness of any Lions, Lionesses, Leos or their families. The DG, and the District may make contact and acknowledge our concern for those indisposed or bereaved. We are after all members of the Lions Family. Let us show we care. -

Remember, it could be you!!

PCC Lion Bert Randall - District Welfare Members Officer.

Don't forget:
Important Date
for your Diary:
Winter Forum
23rd October

Did you know?
The phone number
at the bottom of
this page is the
District phone

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www.lions105a.org

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Grand Fund Raising Planned

Tentative arrangements are being made to hold a fund raising event on 28th and 29th October to raise funds for various District Activities and Charities to be held throughout the year, writes **Lion Rati Shah**. Talks are in the process at the moment to invite an extremely renowned and famous artistic entertainer from India. Keep these dates in your diary free, because if all goes to plan, it will be a spectacular and whopping event!

Barking Lions Poppin' About

For the third year running, Barking Lions have won the best dressed mini-bus competition in the Dagenham Carnival. The theme this year was "films", and they chose Mary Poppins. The bus was all dressed up as the house, (chimney included naturally!) with members and their families dressed up as the characters from the film.



To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding

Annual LCIF Gala Night coming soon!

District 105A proudly presents
LCIF GALA NIGHT
on SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY 2006
to celebrate the birthday of the founder of
Lions Clubs International
MELVIN JONES
and the achievements of
Lions Clubs International Foundation at
LONDON HEATHROW MARRIOTT.

Ticket price only £30 per person includes a four-course dinner, live music, multi-cultural show and much more. An evening not to be missed, so to avoid disappointment please book early. For more details and booking forms contact Vijay Arora 020 7323 0580, 077 1244 7408 or lcif@lions105a.org.

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Call to all Clubs for WINTER FORUM SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2005

**The Thistle at Heathrow
(Formerly Heathrow Park Hotel)
Bath Road, London.**

**Total cost including coffee/tea
and lunch is only £13**

This year we have Ms. Solveig Stupples (a management consultant) speaking about mentoring and its relevance to Lions & Lionism. A presentation on Habitat for Humanity, Romania by Lion Elliot Shubert and the team.

- **A surprise inspirational video (if possible)**
- **An update on Campaign Sight First II**
- **Future leaders-** prepare yourself in Leadership
- **New Lions-** learn more about / LEHP/ Vulnerable Persons Act /Use of the Club Tool Box/The MERCLPR committee (what on earth is it?) (It will become much clearer!)
- **Orientation** for new and not so new Lions.
- **Senior Lions-** learn new techniques, new ideas and new technology
- **All -** Membership solution
- **Listen** to the candidate for District Governor & candidates for Vice District Governor

Most of all come and enjoy Fun, Fellowship and Friendship all with a Smile from me, all the trainers and our DG Lion Erach

Application Forms and a full programme will be sent out to all Club Secretaries in September. For further details, please contact Lion Mike Baldwin, District Leadership Development Officer, Tel: 01908 373966.

E-mail: leadershipdevelopment@lions105a.org

From the Editor

Firstly may I sincerely apologise to all Clubs, the Cabinet and our DG Erach for the lateness of September's issue. Sometimes, events just take a different turn, but I can assure you that having got the first two editions out on the 1st of July and August, I am not about to let it slip again, (which was beyond my control, but still sticks in my throat anyway).

The school holiday season is always a stressful, yet enjoyable time of year, but always brings round many Lionistic events, which no doubt you will be telling me all about so we can share all those magnificent things the Clubs have been getting up to.

Any articles for October should be with me before 17th September, preferably by E-mail on news@lions105a.org. - Maria Azcona

NEWSFLASH

**Moor Park Lions Sponsoring
New Lions Club**

By Barney Patel - Charter President

At their July meeting the Moor Park Lions resolved to sponsor the formation of a new Club namely Loudwater & Chorleywood Lions Club which when formed will become part of Zone G. For this to happen and when it does happen New Century Club London Phoenix has made a very generous and commendable gesture of moving to another Zone because Zone G already has eight Clubs. DG Eric Amaria had convened a meeting of all Zone G Presidents with the assistance of VDG Louvain Allen to answer all questions about the formation and also consider the matter of rezoning which at the end of the day was unnecessary as a result of the practical solution provided by London Phoenix. The matter was put to the Cabinet on 14th August 2005 where the Cabinet approved the formation of the new Club which will be sponsored by the Moor Park Lions. Watch out for further news as the formation process is implemented. New Lions, new blood, new ideas towards new horizons. Lion Barney says to all the Clubs in the District, "Fellow Lions: look around. In every corner there is a potential Lion. Reach out to him or her and, who knows, your Club too could be sponsoring a new Club. We need more Lions. Lets go get them!"

ROARY IS ROARING AGAIN!

Available on a first come, first served basis, original drawings of Roary the Lion from the 2004 calendar, professionally matted and framed and signed by the artist, Jacqui Walsh. All months, except June and December, are available. Each framed and signed picture is £40. Make cheque payable to: "Lions Club of London Westminster". Send cheque to: Dr. Eileen Cox, 11 Everest Road, Eltham, London SE9 6PX. Pictures can be picked up at the October Cabinet meeting (16 October) or Winter Forum (23 October). The pictures make great Christmas presents.

Admin Matters

District PR Materials

There are a number of PR materials available to every member and Club; these include the PR Stands, a TV/Video and some stands. They are being looked after by myself, Maria Azcona. Unfortunately yet miraculously, my boys have asked for this brick built outhouse in which they are stored to be turned into a **homework den!** Not being foolish enough to pass up this opportunity of actually agreeing that this is a good idea, I can no longer store the PR materials. I am looking for someone who can store them, but more importantly can take over the booking in/out of them. You have to be a little strict at times and learn how to say "no", if all the materials are out, but generally, it is a rewarding thing. Please HELP!!

Tools for Self Reliance

**What do you do with your tools?
By Yogi Pandya - District Environment Officer**

This is an organisation I have looked to support this year with **your** help, fellow Lions.

What is it they do? - Tools for Self Reliance collect tools that you do not want / require / use. They then refurbish them.

What sort of tools? - Wood / metal working, blacksmith, building, car & cycle repairing. They do not require electrical or garden tools, (as in lawn mowers or hedge cutters).

What do they do with them? - They send them to 4 countries in Africa to help local communities.

Which 4 countries? - Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania & Uganda.

Why do they (Africans) need them? - Empowers the people and their communities to build / re-build their lives in using them for their trade and also make other tools.

What can I do as a Lion? - check out their Website, www.tfsr.org or contact me

environment@lions105a.org

Also see your Zone Chairperson who has a pictiory of the sort of tools required.

What do I get out of it? - clears your garage of unwanted / unused tools. Satisfaction that someone will use them once you have finished with them.

So far I have received approximately a dozen tools and a sewing machine - Many thanks!!

WheelPower - The Update

Martin McElhatton, the ex-Paralympic Basketball player who is now chief executive of WheelPower gave a short presentation to Cabinet on the benefits of introducing sport into the rehabilitation of people with disabilities. For the wheelchair user, sport can

- Aid rehabilitation
- Decrease the need for healthcare and medical treatment by maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- Give back independence, thereby making everyday life easier.
- Provide an opportunity for fun and friendship
- Motivate by giving new goals and improving quality of life.

WheelPower are seeking new Partners to help them launch and run their "SportStart" programme, which aims to introduce newly disabled people to the tremendous benefits of sport. This aim strikes at the heart of Lionism.

Cabinet voted to take up this Partnership proposal and develop a working relationship with WheelPower.

To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy