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Late Breaking News

2nd International Vice President Ashok Mehta (India) will be visiting District 105A on 15-16 June 2004. A reception/dinner is being planned for VP Mehta on 15 June. I have appointed DS, PDG Parveen Verma, to arrange the details. Let's have a good turnout and give VP Ashok a warm welcome!

Harpenden Hit the Right Note!

Harpenden Lions Club sponsored student clarinettists Alice Gledhill to enter the British Isles and Ireland heat of the MD 105 European Musical Competition and SHE WON!

Proud father Lion Steve from Harpenden was in Bournemouth on May 2nd at the MD Convention to witness his 20 year old daughter perform what, I have heard described as "music played by an angel". In fact, one of the judges commented, "When you have to stop writing to listen, it says something!"

Alice, a second year student at the Royal College of Music in London, has been a member of the National Youth Orchestra and played in a promenade concert at the Royal Albert Hall with Sir Simon Rattle.

The prize not only included £500, but also an all expenses paid trip to Rome to represent the Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland in the European finals, from September 30th to October 2nd. This is B&I's first ever entrant to this long running European competition, which was organised by PDG Ian Jones, MD Cultural and Community Affairs Officer, who was responsible for organising the music competition. District Cultural and Community Affairs Officer, Vijay Arora, organised the candidates from 105A for the competition.

We have high hopes for Rome!

If you cannot wait until then to hear Alice perform, she will be performing at Harpenden's Charity Concert on 15th May from 7.30pm at Rothamsted Manor. There are still a number of tickets left. Please contact Ian Williamson on 01582 791699 or email concert.harpendenlions@ntlworld.com.

FOR SALE - Des Res Wishing Well

Comprises of: 5' tall x 4' wide pitched roof non-static wishing well. "Olde" fashioned designed. Complete with wooden plastic tiles surround with security grate, bucket and padlock.
For use indoors by Santa, Roary the Lion or any fair weathered gnomes. Great for fundraising!
Interested parties contact Jo Messenger, Aylesbury Lions Club on 01525 383820.
Asking Price: A mere donation.

Zone J Joins Together for Macmillan Cancer

On the 22nd January Lion President Tony Wright asked Zone J's Presidents to consider helping Macmillan Cancer Relief in their task of raising funds to pay the running costs of the new Macmillan Primrose Cancer Unit at Bedford Hospital for first three years until the NHS assume responsibility.

Macmillan were looking to purchase a 16m^2 tent to enable them to present their merchandise at fetes and functions, throughout the spring and summer, in a manner that was both inviting to potential customers and weather-tight. The prospect of helping them to raise funds in their own right was quite appealing to Ampthill District, Bedford, Bedford Harpur, Biggleswade & Sandy and Shefford Clubs who all agreed to take part.

Some three months later £1,820 had been raised through holding raffles, race nights, railway tin shakes and club donations.
On 13th April, District Governor Elliot was present at the Bedford Club meeting to witness Zone Chairman, Steve Foott, present a cheque to Roger White, the Chairman of the Bedford & District committee for Macmillan Cancer Relief, to purchase for the tent.

The tent will carry the Lions Logo and an acknowledgment that it has been donated by *The Lions Clubs of Bedfordshire – Ordinary People, Amazing Things!*

Kensington & Chelsea get the Message (In a Bottle)

Lions Club of London Central have been literally spreading the message, by donating 150 of these potential life saving bottles to the Kensington Day Care Centre, equipped to help the older generation.

The bottles have been placed in the houses of the elderly, primarily living alone in the area. If paramedics, doctors or any of the emergency services are called to their homes, they have available instant life saving information, including contact details for doctors, next of kin and medication needed.
President of the Club, Lion Vijay Jain, wants to stress the importance of these simple, cheap but yet vital resources, which are now recognised by the majority of emergency services, including home helps and Social Services. They are not there just for the elderly however, as they can and should be used for parents with children who are under specialised treatment, single parent families where only one adult is at home or, come to think of it, by anyone who is undergoing ongoing long term treatment or medication.
In fact, the club have been approached by a Sergeant of the Metropolitan Police, for these bottles to go in the houses of the elderly in his ward, as he says they will be highly beneficial. The club is in now approaching more Day Care Centres, where the idea is being taken up.
All clubs will agree that the Message in a Bottle scheme is a fantastic, but yet simple idea. Yet how many have taken up the gauntlet? To the Clubs that have: well done! To those that haven't: what are you waiting for? For more information, contact Kamaljit Sood, District Message in a Bottle Officer on medicalert@lions105a.org or telephone him on 07968 092 964.

Maximum Publicity for Clubs

How can your Club achieve maximum publicity? Did you know you have material available? How can you get hold of it?

These are questions that I am asked all the time, so what we have done, is with help of the clubs, all the PR material we are aware of so far, is now stored in one place and a booking in/out system has been scientifically, (a slight exaggeration) devised, so Clubs can book it way in advance.

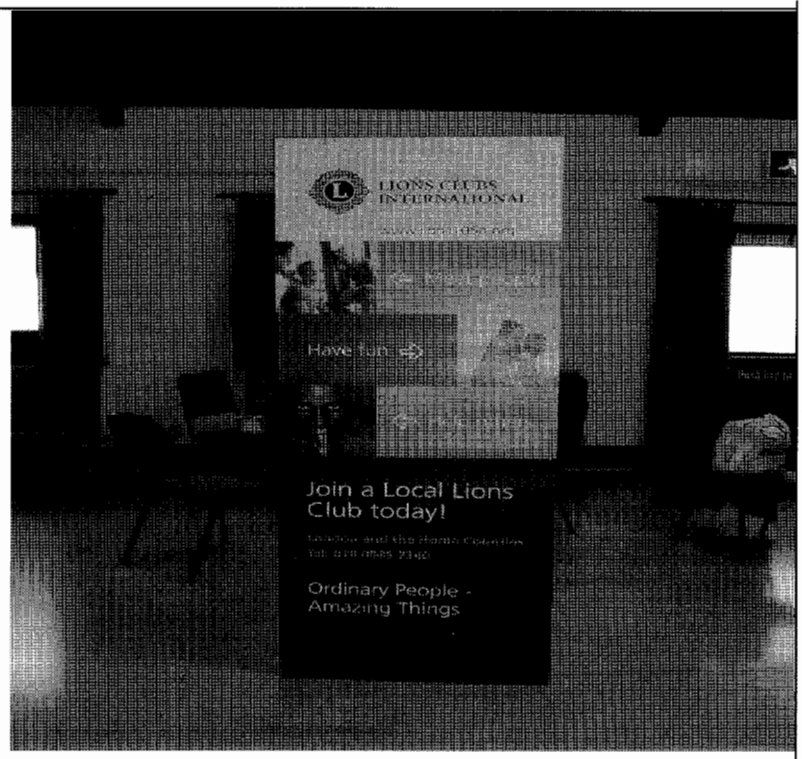
Here is what is available:

12 x PR stands (see picture)
1 x TV/Video
1 x Rolling Promotional Lions Club Video
1 x Promotional Video Senior Citizens District Party 2003
4 x Velcro Boards 3'x4'
5 x Velcro Boards 3'x3'
2 x Velcro Boards 3'x2'
4 x Velcro Boards 3'x1'

You can also order material for various projects direct through your Club, from MD in Birmingham. District Officers will be able to guide you more directly.

If your Club is holding any District material, please contact me. Also, somewhere out in our District are a dozen or so laminated A3 visual posters, which were never returned, which belong to the District, therefore belong to all the Clubs. **These are needed back urgently.**

We are also asking that if Clubs have found a particularly good visual aid, that they could share it with all clubs. Please send me details of this and I can get it copied, laminated and return the original to you.



The aim here is to be able to provide **all** Clubs with material as and when it is needed and to carry on building on the PR log book. So, if a club is doing a recruitment drive, for example, whoever the District PR Officer is, can make available as much material as a club needs, without them having to order posters and such material.

It also shows a more professional and uniform side to Clubs, allowing them to use material available, as well as adding their individual touch to suit their communities needs by using the display boards.

What you need to do: telephone me on 01727 752919 or email me with your request on pro@lions105.org.

St Albans Lions Bring out the Boff in Boffing

The local quiz boffings were out in force on 28th April in St Albans, when local businesses took part in the Annual Corporate Quiz, now in its tenth year! This ever popular event not only raised £1,100 part of which will go to Grove House Youth Section, but creates much needed awareness amongst St Albans business people about what we do and what we are about.

It was a fantastic night – a three-course meal, raffle with terrific prizes such as a weekend away for two, chocolates and much booze...(In the raffle, naturally, as the teams like to keep a clear head). Many of the teams have been joining in since it 1994, so there is a natural competitiveness. However, nobody loses sight of the goal at the end of the night to raise money.

One of the organisers, Lion Peter Day commented, "It really is one of the most enjoyable fundraisers. This year it was won by Faber Mansell. I would like to thank my fellow Lions who helped, but more importantly all the teams for taking part. May it long continue

What a Picture!

Photographs that were taken by the official photographer at the District Convention are available to order. Please call Maria Azcona PRO, on 01727 752919 and she will post the proofs and order form to you.

Buckingham Lions Make a Public Stand

On Saturday, 24th April Buckingham Lions got together to tackle that age old problem that send shivers up most Lions spine, but in fact shouldn't. They tackled recruitment head on, with some very promising results.

Having racked their brains of where to hold this recruitment drive, they chose the most obvious and logical place, namely the Community Centre. After all, Lions are about community...

They picked up Velcro display boards from the District PRO, together with PR stands and the TV/Video, they added their own touch of class by providing the general public with very simple graphic information of what their Club does in their own community. Having seen some of their posters, I have to say that they seem to have got a brilliant balance, without overloading the public with too much information at once. They chose poignant pictures of them at work, with simple one liners, explaining what it was they were doing, or who they were helping.

President, David Lloyd commented, "On the day, many people stopped to have look and have a chat, and six people said they wanted to know more and will be attending the next meeting, which we have decided will be a more informal affair, so we can all get to know each other".

Not just resting there, however, they preceded this with a blanket leaflet drop, advertisement in the local paper, (who, I understand, as with most papers tend to give a discounted rate for charities like ours), and followed up their drive with a "Letter to the Editor", afterwards, thanking people for their time in stopping to have a look. That has resulted in more "future members". Congrats !!!!

Lions Club International
District 105A
District Governor
Dr Elliot Shubert

DG'S NEWSLETTER

REALISING THE DREAM

Manic May
DG's & District Diary Dates

1-2 May	MD105 Convention, Bournemouth
3 May	Bank Holiday (R & R)
4 May	Luton OV
5 May	Teddington OV
8 May	Harrow & Pinner 40th C.A.
9 May	4th Cabinet meeting, Thistle Blakemore, Hitichin
10 May	London Hendon OV
11 May	London Swiss Cottage OV
12 May	Chris Moon-Leonard Cheshire Dinner
13 May	S. Herts-Moor Park OV
15 May	Thame & District C.A. OV, London Golders Green 25th Charter Anniversary
16 May	Kidz Day at Chessington World of Adventures!
18 May	Paris Doyen OV
19 May	Northwood OV
20 May	London Central OV
22 May	London Hornsey C.A.OV
23 May	District 105SE Spring Training Forum OV
24 May	Wanstead & Woodford OV
25 May	Senior Citizens Committee Social OV
26 May	London Chingford & London Walthamstow joint OV
27 May	Hounslow OV
28 May	Zone D social OV
31 May	Bank Holiday (R & R)

REMINDER SECRETARIES:
PU101 Form Deadline

The deadline for the submission of the PU101 form to Oak Brook is 31 May 2004. To date, 20 of the 89 Clubs have submitted their form to Oak Brook with a copy to me. If you need a form, please contact the DG. The form is also available at www.lionsclubs.org. If the form is not submitted, the 2004-2005 International Directory will have 2003-2004 officer information and communications from Oak Brook may be delayed. You have been forewarned.

60th Anniversary of the Normandy Landing

The Lions of District 103 (Normandy) are offering to host, on a complimentary basis, all Lions, who are veterans of the battle of Normandy and wish to attend the anniversary ceremonies (1 June to 15 September 2004). Please request a Hosting Form from the DG as soon as possible.

Lions Leadership Institutes

Younger Lions please take notice that an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute is being planned by the MD105 Leadership Committee for January 2005 and it will be held in Walsall. Further information will be forthcoming. Qualified Lions in Constitutional Area IV (Europe) will have an opportunity to attend the Senior Lions Leadership Institute scheduled to be held 26-30 September, 2004 in Rome, Italy. An Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Europe is scheduled for March 17-21, 2005 in Marseille, France. Applications for each event will be posted on the association's web site 4 months prior to the start date of the institute. Here is a direct link for further information: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train.shtml

Surfing in June
DG's & District Diary Dates

1 June	Carterton OV
2 June	London Kingsbury OV
3 June	Enfield OV
4 June	Beaconsfield C.A OV 10th *Wedding Anniv.*
4-6 June	VDG-elect seminar, Birmingham;
5 June	MDO seminar, Birmingham London Finchley 26th C.A. OV
6 June	Incoming Club Officers' Seminar, Presentation Skills-Public Speaking Sem., Ramada Hatfield
7 June	Guiding Lion Seminar (by invitation)
8 June	Staines & Ashford OV
9 June	London Seven Kings OV
10 June	Great Missenden & Prestwood OV
11 June	Tring Cake & Plant Sale OV, Zone E Social OV
12 June	Membership meeting, MDHQ
13 June	Witney 35th C.A.
14 June	Hitchin OV
15-16 June	2nd International VP Ashok Mehta visit
17 June	London Covent Garden OV
18 June	Symposium "Service in the Community: A Woman's Perspective", Westminster City Hall
20 June	Denham & Northolt joint OV
21 June	Greenwich-Woolwich OV with 105SE DG
21 June	Chris Moon walkathon, North London
22 June	Chris Moon Walkathon, central London OV, Harpenden OV
23 June	Ealing OV
24 June	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush OV
25 June	Edgware Handover OV
26 June	Sudbury C.A. OV
27 June	Hertford Craft Fair, LEHP meeting, MDHQ Wembley Brent C.A./Handover OV
28 June	London Hampstead OV
30 June	*Surf breaks* at 12 midnight!

HANDOVER 17 JULY 2004

The Handover from DG Elliot to DGE Max will take place on Saturday evening, 17 July 2004, at the Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes. More information will be sent to all Clubs and District Officers during May. Please reply with your booking, as soon as possible, so that Sergeant at Arms, Luke Adams, can make the necessary arrangements.

Lions Clubs International Convention

The 87th International Convention will be held on 5-9 July 2004 at Detroit, Michigan USA and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. For more information look at the website www.lionsclubs.org or contact PCC Geoff Leeder for more details.

In Memorium

It is with much regret that the DG has learned of the passing to higher service of:

11 April 2004 Mike Toulson (Ruislip)
27 April 2004 Katie Wallace (Leo - Robert Clack School)
30 April 2004 Shashikant Patel (Charter member Sudury)

I know they will be sadly missed and I extend my deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

Mike Toulson was a Lion for 16 years. He was involved with the service side of the Ruislip Lions Club and he was a keen photographer. He was an active participant in the monthly film nights for the elderly and he was the club PRO. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Katie Wallace, 15 years-old, became a Leo in September 2003 and helped out at many school and community functions, especially involving the elderly. Katie was a talented actress and was studying for her G.C.S.Es at the Robert Clack School, Dagenham.

Talking Book Project

Nearly £2,000 has been generously donated by Clubs to support the joint international project with Districts 108I a/1 (Italy) and 111NB (Germany) to supply "talking books" for blind people in Kenya (District 411a). Our match is £5,000. I appreciate your support for this LCIF-funded project. For more information contact EF/Twinning Officer, Les Westley.

MD Appeals

Several appeals are being included in the next MD mailout, including Gift for Living, BESO, and LIBRA. Please consider supporting these very worthy causes and show that 105A clubs can give generously.

PR Opportunity at Supermarkets

Advertising will appear in the following supermarkets from 17 May to 1 June 2004 (Somerfield-Kensington & Chelsea; Safeway-Hounslow; Safeway-Milton Keynes; Safeway-Hitchin; Harlequin Centre-Watford; Safeway-High Wycombe). This is an excellent opportunity to promote Lionism by handing out leaflets and/or doing a tinshake (if prior approval has been received by the appropriate authorities). If you need assistance with the planning ask the Membership Team and/or PRO. All clubs should have received reproductions of the advertising.

Multiple District Awards: Congratulations!

District 105A received recognition at the MD Convention in Bournemouth for the following:

President's Leadership Award (Medal) presented to **PDG Parveen Verma** (Chipping Barnet).
Scrap Book Competition awarded to **Witney Lions Club**.
European Musical Competition to **Alice Gledhill** (sponsored by **Harpenden Lions Club**).
Women's Golf Trophy, First Place presented to **Marian Tooley** (Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club).

New Members

Welcome to the new members of our great Lions organisation. You have joined the largest voluntary organisation in the world whose primary aim is to help those less fortunate. Thank you sponsors for your vigilant efforts and interest in membership growth. More members means more service and more fun!

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Sudbury	Raj Thakrar	G Rughani
Uxbridge & Hillingdon	Christina Habbishow	Meg Wynne Mayfield
Shefford	Louise Lowther	Juliet Parry
Shefford	Kathleen Donachie	Juliet Parry
Shefford	Sylvia Sutton	Dennis Fensome
Hammersmith & Shepherd Bush	Chinwe Aneka	Doreen Carr
Berkhamsted	Philip Gibbs	R Thame
Watford	Christine Ann Cremore	Allen Spires
Bicester	Sam Squires	A Whittard
Bicester	Richard Slatter	B Tagg
Sudbury	Laxman Savlani	N Bopat
Sudbury	Kiran Vaghela	V Vaghela
Sudbury	Ashwin Vaghela	A Solanki
Sudbury	Raj Patel	V Vaghela
Sudbury	Asok Patel	V Vaghela
Sudbury	Kisore Savjani	R Rughani
Sudbury	Nirmal Singh Rayat	N Popat
Bletchley M.K.	Colin Stenton	Mike Baldwin
Bletchley M.K.	Margaret Bee	Richard Abery
London Walthamstow	Robert Clements	
Hitchin	Judith Jones-Nugent	E Nugent
Leighton Buzzard	Donna Hughes	Malcolm Alberry
Leighton Buzzard	David Hughes	Malcolm Alberry
Dunstable	Don Allen	P Mihill
Bedford	Lawrence McDonald	D Green
Bedford	Hanne McDonald	D Green
Bedford Harpur	Frances Milburne	Patricia

REMINDER SECRETARIES: Annual Activities Form

This is a reminder to all Club secretaries that Oak Brook expects every club to submit an annual Activities Form. This provides valuable data for LCI to publicise the important service, fundraising and charitable activities of Lions Clubs collectively to the public via media outlets. The form is available at **Resources** www.lionsclubs.org

District Seminars

Presentation Skills / Public Speaking Seminar for District Officers, Ramada Hotel, Hatfield, 6 June 2004.

Guiding Lions Seminar (by invitation), Ramada Hotel, Hatfield, 7 June 2004.

For more information, please contact Leadership Development Officer, PCC Geoff Leeder

CLUB CARE MONTH (see page 5 of the April-May 2004 issue of the Lion Magazine)

During May 2004 Lions Clubs are encouraged to undertake a self assessment of their members' views on all aspects of the club's activities and operations. Why introduce this idea towards the end of the Lionistic year? By completing the review in May and having a club meeting in June devoted to a discussion on the findings, the incoming President has the opportunity to ensure that plans for the next year reflect the thoughts and aspirations of the club members. By listening to the existing membership we can build a stronger organisation to meet the needs of the future. See the **"Let's Make Waves"** document.