



# KEN'S CORNER



## 105A CONVENTION 2008

One of the highlights of any District Governor's year is the District Convention. The 43rd 105A convention held at the Holiday Inn Elstree on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> was no exception.

Our International Guest was P.I.D. Lion Sid Scruggs III and his wife Lion Judy Scruggs. They arrived on Friday morning, and after a brief rest Lion Sid and myself attended the lunch and prize-giving of the Convention Golf Tournament at a local golf course. The organiser Lion Peter Gent together with the golfers made Lion Sid very welcome. He was very interested because he himself is a keen golfer.

During all this the Convention Team were very busy getting things ready for next day. The IT team were making sure that everything would run smooth, the room was being made ready. Under the direction of Convention Chairman PDG Lion Ron Wilkes all the other members of the team were very busy with their given tasks.

The Friday evening informal dinner was attended by approximately 60 people. It was a low key affair and was enjoyed by all who attended. We were entertained by a harpist who played lovely music throughout the meal enhancing the nice calm atmosphere of the evening. This was just what was required before the hurly burly of the convention.

At 9 am on Saturday morning the Seargent at Arms Lion Peter Codrai called the Convention to order, and after the safety announcement by Lion Mukesh Palan the opening ceremony began with the Fanfare for the Common Man. This set the tone for the rest of us to walk in to our various but appropriate music that we had chosen.

It was nice to see that every club and its President were recognised on the screen. After this came the Flag Ceremony which was a very dignified ceremony. The flags were carried by the Leo's of Hendon Leo Club and they carried out their duties with reverence and they should feel very proud of that.

Another moving moment was the invocation and in-memoriam which was read by PCC Lion Bert Randall. Next came the Lions Code of Ethics read by Lion Shirish Sheth and the Lions Purposes read by Lion President Meriel Davies.

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An address of welcome by Lion President Lesley Spence, a member of the convention team followed. P.I.D. Lion Sid Scruggs then gave a short address to formally open the Convention and he received the 105A Convention Flag which he then presented to me.

The 1st business session was about to begin. After being advised of convention procedure, and appointment of the taitwisters, we at last got down to business. The various reports were all adopted including the Treasurers report.

Various presentations were made including International President's Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Lion Parveen Verma, Lion Kumar Acharya, Lion Shirish Sheth, Lion Alf Sanders, Lion Steve Foott and PDG Lion Ron Wilkes. Also I presented my personal Certificate of Appreciation to Lion John Stephens of Feltham and Whitton Lions Club

It was my great pleasure to present a "Bert Mason Humanitarian Award" to Lion President Margaret Lathwell of Luton Lions Club. This award is given to a Lion who is involved in working with Youth. For many years Lion Margaret has been involved with an organisation called "Safety Squad" of which she is the chairman. They teach young people how to overcome certain situations that they may encounter in real life.

We heard the speeches from the candidates for Vice District Governor Lion Martin Morgan, and Lion Wesley De Mendonca.

This was followed by a speech from the candidate for District Governor- Lion Vijay Arora.

After a paper ballot by accredited delegates, Lion Wesley De Mendonca was elected Vice- District Governor Elect 2008-2009, and Lion Vijay Arora was elected District Governor Elect 2008-2009, and here I would like to wish them every success for the future.

We then had a wonderful address from our guest speaker Mr James Partridge who represented an organisation called "Changing Faces". He spoke about the problems that people have with facial disfigurement. Some are born with it and some are victims of a tragic accident. James himself was a victim and suffered burns to

his face. At the end of his enlightening but tragic speech he received a standing ovation and many enquiries.

Afterwards. PDG Lion Max Mongia gave a presentation for the latest position regarding Sight First 2. He informed us that 105A are the leaders in MD105. He also gave us a run down of the situation both in Europe and worldwide.

After lunch it was the turn of Youth to take centre stage. Lion Doreen Carr came to the lectern to introduce the Peace Poster winner Anna Sayle, the poster depicting peace around the world was inspirational and I was impressed by its portrayal of truth and realism. It gave me much pleasure to present her with a voucher for £100 and my personal

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## My Diary

### APRIL 2008

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury	O/V
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Feltham & Whitton	C/N
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup> Harrow & Pinner	C/N
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> Walk for the World Osterley Park	
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup> Mill Hill	O/V
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton	O/V
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Watford	C/N
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Zone / RC Workshop	
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> London Chinatown	O/V
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Loudwater & Rickmansworth	O/V
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Watford	O/V
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Going to Wroxham	
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Banbury (Wroxham)	C/N
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Coming Back from Wroxham	
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> Going to MD Convention Aberdeen	
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup> MD Convention	
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> MD Convention	
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> MD Convention	
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> MD Convention	
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> MD Convention	



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## District 105A News

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DG Lion Ken Rouse

## WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008

LION RAZZA ISMAIL  
WILL BE DOING A  
SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP  
FOR **WHEELPOWER**.  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY,  
CONTACT  
**LION RAZZA**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### DISTRICT HANDOVER SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008

### BOWLS AND QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 19th April 2008

Stoke Mandeville Stadium

Starting at 7:00pm

**Tickets: £10 each**

includes Finger Buffet Supper

Tickets available from:

Lion Steve Foott - 01525 636145

### CONVENTION GOLF MATCH

Elstree Golf & Country Club - Friday 29/2/08

The Convention golf competition took place from 9 a.m. on Friday 29th February 2008. Everyone appeared to enjoy the event and the friendship that was enjoyed afterwards.

The competition results were as follows :-  
Edgware - Represented by Rajiv Puri & Arvind Hibani won the RAM JAGGI TROPHY with 67 points.

Hitchin - Represented by David Kensall & John Sheller won the DR. ELLIOT SHUBERT TROPHY with 63 points.



Lion Peter Gent

## HELPFUL HINTS

### THE DISTRICT SECRETARY

Your current club secretary should have received a letter from Janet Davis of MD Headquarters in Birmingham with specific directions as to completion of the New Officer Details. The system has been simplified to allow you to complete one form only which will be used for MD Directory and for International.

I attach the letter from MDHQ and new officer blank form which should of course be completed for your clubs if you are using my blank drafts where as each club has got its own pre-printed NOD form.

In our District please return your new office details form to Lion Ivor Poole by email if possible so that there is no error in transferring handwritten details.

**These forms must be returned to Lion Ivor Poole by 10/04/08 (Do not return to MD).**

E-mail: [ivor.poole@btinternet.com](mailto:ivor.poole@btinternet.com)

Lion Parveen Verma

**P.S.** Lion Ivor requests that the Membership Reports being forwarded to him by post should reach him by the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month and likewise if you are posting the above forms please ensure they reach him by 10 April 08.

Best score not in a winning team:- Edgware. Ramesh Parmar 35 points.

Nearest the pin:- 4th hole. Luton. Jane Codrai. 11th. Hole. London Host. Dorothy Scott

The District Governor. Ken Rouse and the Past International Director Sid Scruggs III joined the golfers for lunch and presented the prizes. The District Golf Officer, Peter Gent was thanked for organising the event.

A picture of all the Prize winners taken by Trevor Gent is attached.

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

### THANKS, LIONS

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4 am in the morning, there was a fire at my office. It was a huge blaze and it has gutted my office premises and all the files etc. have been destroyed. It has been a major disaster. I have received so many messages of help from so many Lions. I wish to thank everyone who has contacted me and shared the pain of such a loss. Thank you, Lions and friends.

Lion Rati Shah

### CALLING ALL CLUB SECRETARIES:

Please note the new changes to the filing of the monthly membership reports. Memo sent to all clubs if gone astray read FAQ document for explanation of the new reporting dates and information:

<ftp://ftp.lionsclubs.org/extension&membership/common/MMRNewDueDatesFAQ.pdf>

### CONVENTION 2007



Following attendance at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Lions District 105a Annual Convention in 2007, CHOx were presented with a £500 donation by Oxfordshire Regional Chairman Lion John Savell, of Eurocopter Kidlington, of funds raised from the Lions. Pictured attending the convention are John Banbury (CHOx volunteer), Penny Hambridge (Charitable Funds), John Savell (Thame Lions Club) and Susannah Maxa (STL-Intellion, corporate sponsors of the event, and CHOx supporter).

Lion John Savell

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## LCIF TROPHY

I congratulate High Wycombe Lions Club on winning the LCIF Trophy, also Fairlop and Enfield Lions Club on being Joint Second, there were 6 Clubs sharing Third place.

### RULES FOR THE LCIF TROPHY

Points are awarded to Clubs who support the most Projects under the umbrella of LCIF - not necessarily the most monies raised, or the greatest number of Melvin Jones Fellowships awarded.

#### UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS

Left open for International to provide for, International appeals such as Emergency donations, Earthquakes, Floods, building of Hospitals, Hospices, Schools, Research etc.

#### RESTRICTED DONATIONS

**Eye Camps** - Cataract operations etc.

**Sponsoring Melvin Jones Fellowships**

**Education** - Sponsoring Students abroad.

**Water Aid** - Supplying Pumps, Wells etc.

Clothes collected and distributed.

**Spectacles & Hearing Aids collections**

**Drug Awareness** - Sponsoring local schools. TACADE

**LEHP** - Diabetic Screening. Advising Public on Eye Problems.

**LCIF** - Grants - Support in District.

**Street Children support** - Home & abroad.

**Twinning** - With Clubs in other Countries.

**Emergency donations** - Earthquakes.

Floods. Food parcels etc.

**Miscellaneous** - Supporting other Districts appeals

Results are judged on information obtained from the District reports, and mainly from M & A. (Activities) reports, so do not forget to include all relevant information in your reports. - Competition runs from 1st of March to 31st January.

**PCC. Lion Bert Randall.**

## SINCERE APOLOGIES

At Convention when I gave the Immemorial I inadvertently omitted the Name of Lion David McClunney from Amersham & Chesham Lions Club. This was due to the fact that 3 Lions died within the last 10 days before Convention, and in amending the names Lion David was missed out. Although he was included in the original list, I offer my sincere apologies to Lion David's family and to Hertford Lions Club.

**PCC. Lion Bert Randall.**

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## COVERING CSF11 AT THE 105A DISTRICT CONVENTION

Campaign Sightfirst stall was set up at the 105a District Convention, showing a DVD on "The Year of CSFII". London Central manned the Stand during the convention, promoting the project and requesting donation for Wrist Bands specially made to further awareness of the Campaign. We received donations over £100, each wrist band denotation for £3, preventing one child from blindness. Thanks to the members who were kind enough to make their donation for the wrist bands.

We also had the opportunity to present the Wrist Bands to our Chief Guest PID Sid L Scruggs III and wife Lion Judy. We still have plenty of Wrist Bands in stock and would like Clubs from the District to join in this Campaign. Clubs can obtain these for £1 in small batches and secure donation of £3 each for the CSFII. Please contact Lion Vijay Jain, 020 8202 7692 or e-mail vijay@interlinks-marine.com. This is really a good way to pass the word about what we Lions do for Blindness.

### THE LAST LAP

Wrist Band will also be available at the CSF11 "WALK FOR THE WORLD" on 6th April at Osterley Park. We hope clubs from Dist 105a will support this project as this is the last walk for this Campaign. Lot of effort and time has been spent in organising this event. With my team Parag and Minesh both from Hendon and our volunteers, we will put on a good show for you in the beautiful lake side surrounding of OSTERLEY PARK, providing you with hot drinks and a picnic but WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to raise money for **CSF11 WALK FOR THE WORLD..**

Credits will continue to be set against your club. MJF will be granted to members raising \$1000 and over.

Who says we have reached our target, a child goes blind ever minute so let us work towards our "stretch Target" of 200 million

This issue is full of news and pictures of the Covention. It was an enjoyable and very well run event. Months of planning and hard work goes into staging the Convention and we all congratulate the team that put it all together.

We also congratulate the District Governor Elect Vijay and Vice District Governor Elect Wesley and wish them and their teams all the success.

Lion Shirish Sheth



*Lion Sid Scruggs III, Lion Judy Scruggs, Lion Margaret Rouse, Lion Nimmi Suri, DG Lion Ken Rouse & Lion Max Mongia*

to provide "Lions vision for All" and secure our own " Moorfields Lions Eye Centre", Korle Bu, Ghana supported by LCIF, Moorfields Trust and MD105.

### ALL CLUB ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THIS WALK

Lion Nimmi Suri

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### ZIPPOS CIRCUS

**Monday 12th May 2008**

*(a little earlier than previous years)*

on Acton Green, London for children and young adults with disabilities and learning difficulties.

Contact: Lion Rana Dhawan



*The Tail Twisters*



*Presentation to Lion Shirish Sheth*

## From the Editor

Spring brings cheer and sunshine, but this year with so much news of the credit crunch and its effects, together with everrising fuel, food and energy costs, gloom is spreading. There will be a lot of elderly people who will face hardships and we as Lions should remember to do all we can to help the elderly and the less fortunate.

## PHOTO GALLERY OF 2008 105A CONVENTION



*Opening Ceremony - Top Table*



*Winner - Music Competition - Kokila*



*Presentation to Lion Alf Sanders*



*Winner of Website Competition - Belmont Lions*



*Presentation to Lion Ron Wilkes*



*Acceptance Speech from DG Elect*



*Young Ambassador winner with Lions Doreen and Tony*



*Acceptance speech from VDG Elect*



*James Partridge of Changing Faces*

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Certificate of Appreciation. I would like to congratulate Berkhamstead Lions Club for placing before us such a worthy winner.

Lion Anthony Church came forward to introduce the Young Ambassador Winner Kayleigh Weedon, Kayleigh then gave an inspirational address to the Convention, her commitment was there for all to see. She was sponsored by Redbridge Lions Club. She then received the trophy from PDG Lion Mike Baldwin

The Music Competition winner Kokila Gillett was then introduced by Lion Geoff Brown.

Kokila then played 2 pieces unaccompanied, and received a rapturous standing ovation by all present. It was then my pleasure to present Kokila with a cheque for £250 and my personal Certification of Appreciation.

Convention was then addressed by Leo Clare Robinson of St Albans Leo Club. Clare who is the MD Leo President, gave a thought provoking speech, and it is essential that we as Lions give more consideration to forming Leo Clubs.

PDG Lion Vanmali Mistry then introduced our international guest PID Lion Sid Scruggs III.

Lion Sid is the endorsed candidate for second International Vice President in Bangkok. He gave an inspirational address about family values, the family of Lions and our families at home. During their short stay with us Sid and Judy went out of their way to speak to everybody, and I am sure he will make an excellent International President in three years time. PCC Lion Geoff Leeder then gave a vote of thanks.

There were a lot of things that I wanted to say at the end to thank people for what they had done. The committee had already been thanked, but I would like to thank Lion Peter Codrai, as Sergeant at Arms. I needed somebody to whom I could totally trust and he totally fulfilled my belief in him. PDG Lion Ron Wilkes and Lion Christine worked tirelessly to make the Convention happen. It is true that the committee did their bit, but without Lion Ron's leadership we would found ourselves wanting. One last person that I thanked was Lion Margaret. Since I decided to stand for Vice Governor, Margaret has been 100% behind me. I could not have done this job without her support. This is a team effort and was



the reason why I presented her with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The icing on the cake was the standing ovation that you all gave her at the end, that was a wonderful moment for me, very emotional. We had a wonderful day thank you all for making it special.

**DG Lion Ken Rouse**

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