

PRIDE OF LIONS



District 105A News
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Award to Lion Tatiana Birch

Lion Tatiana Birch of Milton Keynes Central Lions Club has been honoured by a state award from the Ukrainian Government which is similar to an award of an MBE in the UK. The award is by the Ministry of Extraordinary Affairs in Ukraine for making a difference in the lives of those less able to help themselves, bringing distinction to Ukrainian life and enhancing its reputation. Lion Tatiana has spent nearly 20 years with activities in charities helping to clear up the aftermath of the Chernobyl catastrophe.

The award came as a complete surprise to Tatiana but it was a very pleasant surprise, not only because it was awarded to Tatiana for her work with the children and orphans of Chernobyl, but also because in these times of economic difficulties and recession the Ukrainian Government had recognised and appreciated the charity and social work of an individual who does not live in the Ukraine.

Lion Tatiana, understands that her award should be shared with other people involved and particularly Lions from Yateley and District (105D) Lancing and Sompting (105SE) and Milton Keynes Central Lions (105A) for their continuous support of her fund raising initiatives. In all over £1m has been raised in Humanitarian Aid and sponsoring the treatment for hundreds of children with damaged immune systems in the Ukraine.

Lion Tatiana also the founding member and charter president of Donetsk Universal Lions club in 1995. She moved to England in 1998 but is still in constant contact with Donetsk Universal LC. which helps her to monitor CRF projects in the Ukraine.

She is now a happy member of Milton Keynes Central Lions club, which is very supportive of her work. All members of District 105A congratulate Lion Tatiana on her award.



Lion Mike Baldwin
Guiding Lion MKCLC

Senior Lions Institute

Dear Lions
A Senior Lions Institute is planned for **October 17-20 in Maastricht, The Netherlands**. The deadline for submission of an application (see attachment) is 8 August.

As your District Global Leadership Team Chair, I am requesting you to nominate one of your club members, with respect to their

qualifications, desire and interest to stand as 2nd VDG within the next two - three years, as a potential candidate for attending the Senior Lions Institute. The potential candidate has to agree to your nomination.

Please send your nominations (with the reasons why you are nominating the Lion) by Email to me no later than 29 July. Based

on the nominations received, up to two Lions will be asked to complete the application form.

I look forward to receiving your nominations on or before **Friday, 29 July**.
Yours in Lionism,

Elliot,
GLT Chair, glt@lions105a.org.uk



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



DG Andrew's Anecdote



The second newsletter is with us and the preparation for the third must begin within the next couple of days.

I've now worn my white coat three times and it is still in pristine condition. It must be due to the fact that there was 'an exclusion zone' ...the first time was at the International Convention when all the other incoming DG's had the same idea, by keeping all at arms length !

Handover was ably organised by our SAA Lion Peter Codrai and went according to his usual immaculate planning. The Council of Governors weekend was exhilarating with a steep learning curve filling in 'the blanks' from the previous year whilst taking on board forthcoming matters.

The National Arboretum, in Lichfield, is facing a shortfall of some £1000 because of the increase in VAT to 20% and unexpected Building Regulation changes. Our Patron will formally open the Shelter. More details will be sent via email.

Our premises at MDHQ have been valued and a planned maintenance programme put in place. Working practices are under constant review and being updated to keep pace with the constant technological advances.

The success of the St Dunstan's appeal was outstanding and the opening Ceremony will take place on September 15th involving major sponsors to celebrate the completion of the building programme. The first Service beneficiaries will take residence in early October with the official opening planned for February/March.

The position on Vulnerable Persons/CRB policy are still awaited.

Our Special Olympians (157) came back from the World Games, in Athens with a wonderful collection of 187 medals, made up of 72 Gold, 63 Silver and 52 Bronze – a superb return. The next British Games will be held in the North East in 2013,

work has already begun in identifying possible athletes in our District.

Details of the Global Teams covering Membership and Leadership are being prepared and will be circulated within the next few days.

The British Legion have written to say that Lions have 24 places for the Cenotaph Parade, in November. This means that we have two per District, with those that are not taken up being sent to us. Applications should be made to me with preference given to those that have not previously taken part.

Our International President Wing-Kun Tam is sadly unable to join us at our MD Convention, in Birmingham, due to a prior LCI commitment in Oak Brook but he will be ably represented by PIP Al Brandel.

UN Day in Parliament has two hundred places; again these will be shared amongst the MD with the unused balance coming to District 105A. Tickets will be available from PDG Ram Jaggi, but limited to two per Club. One excellent point, on this matter, is that our International President Tam will be joining us for the day whilst spending a few days in our MD and will attend other functions, possibly in 105D and 105BS. Details will be published once finalised.

Could I remind all Lions that Cabinet meetings are not a closed 'shop' an invitation is extended to all to attend – all that is needed is to 'book in' via our SAA Lion Peter Codrai.

My Diary is herewith for September but the Club visits have to be confirmed.

My thanks to those Clubs that I've already visited for their warm welcome and hospitality
Keep well

Andrew

District Charity Golf Day

Only 3 weeks to go before our District Charity Golf Day on 1st September 2011 at Stanmore Golf Club. Details are as per attached flier.

If you are a golfer then please support and enter your name for the competition- there are prizes to be won. Only £50 will for light lunch, golf and dinner. If you are non golfer, you can still join us for the dinner in the evening for £20.

This is a charity golf day All proceeds collected will be in aid of Medical Detection Dogs Charity – a charity dedicated to training dogs in the detection and recognition of

human disease by odour. This is our District Governors nominated Charity.

We are asking for individuals or Clubs to sponsor a hole for £100 – their name will be displayed on the particular hole on a very prominent placard! I would like to request all clubs to please pledge to sponsor a hole

A raffle will also be conducted in the evening and I would like to ask if any member would like to donate raffle prizes.

I look forward to your support.

Lion Ramesh Parmar
District Golf Officer

My Diary

August 2011

	10th	OV Abingdon
	11th	OV Wantage
	15th	OV Oxford Isis
1st	Youth Exchange Kingsbury Farewell Party	16th Convention Meeting
2nd	OV Banbury	17th OV Biggleswade & Sandy
3rd	OV Wembley	18th OV Hatch End
6th	Rugby Twickenham	21st Club Event Fenny Stratford
7th	District Cabinet Meeting DoubleTree Hotel MK	22nd OV Wanstead
8th	OV Witney	23rd OV Sudbury
9th	OV Wantage & Grove	24th OV Feltham & Whitton