



Pride of LIONS



DG Abhnash Bains



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Fairlop Lions help local Alzheimer's Group

Fairlop Lions, family and friends raised in excess of £13,000 at their annual 2017 Charity Walk. Lion President Iqbal has chosen the Alzheimer's Society for his Charity of the Year.

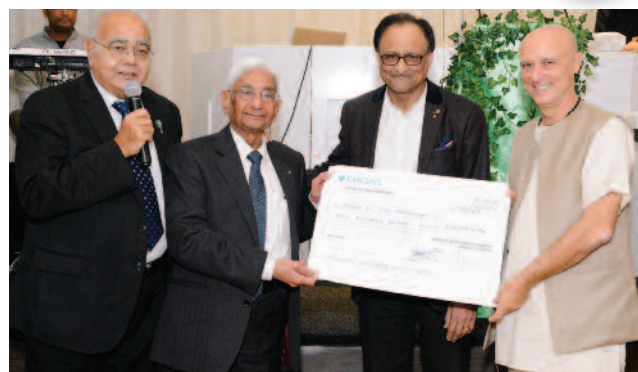
Alzheimer's is a care and research charity for people with dementia and their carers. The Club were delighted when Jane McGoldrick a representative came along to explain about dementia and its issues and to collect a £6,000 donation from the Charity Walk donations. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia. The word dementia describes a set of symptoms that can include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language.

1st VDG Lion Doreen



Fairlop donation for Alzeimers

Finchley Lions donate to FFLV



From L to R Lion Mahendra Patel, Treasurer, Lion Vasant Parikh, IPP and ZC Lion Praful Pattni and Rupa Ragunath Das.

Lions Club of Finchley organised a fund raising event in April 2017 to raise funds for Food For Life Vrindavan (FFLV), a charity operating in Vrindavan, India. The charity is dedicated to the poorest of the poor, especially women and girls, educating and guiding them in pursuance of a fulfilling life, enabling them to become exemplary members of society. FFLV is also dedicated to protecting and developing Vrindavan's natural environment.

At Appreciation Event held by FFLV on 17th November at Venue 5 attended by over 200 people we presented cheque for £4000 to Rupa Ragunath Das, Founder of FFLV. The event was a success, few high profile people in our community were present along with media.

Lion Mahendra Patel

...STOP PRESS... Convention Notice

Dear Lions,
Our 53rd District Convention is been held from the 2nd-4th of March 2018. The District Governor Abhnash strongly believes that this YOUR Convention and not just the DG's alone. Hence she would like as many of the members and clubs to get involved by promoting the event as well as attending it. Let us make this a

memorable weekend for all Lions to cherish.

Also this is a time when you elect your future leaders. So I would urge all of you to attend and be an active participant, as your involvement will decide the future of Lions in 105A District.

The forms for the Convention are on the website.

Lion Vijay Jain, Convention Chair Person



NOTICE BOARD

Senior Citizens Celebration is to be held on Sunday 18 Feb 2018. Make sure you book tables for your Club and help the senior Citizens have a wonderful afternoon. Contact PDG Ken Rouse or PG Parveen Verma for more details.



LCI Purposes:

To Coordinate the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.

A Busy Day in Biggleswade

When a 1st District Governor comes visiting, it's good to be able to keep them busy. On the 1st November Biggleswade Sandy Lions achieved this by getting 1st VDG Doreen to give us a talk about the excellent work carried out by Fairlop Leos providing rucksacks full of essential school items for the children from the Grenfell Tower tragedy. She also inducted our new member Helen Robinson, before rendering our President



Lion Ian Williamson, 1st VDG Doreen. LP Keith Lewis



1st VDG Doreen, Lion Helen Robinson, sponsor Lion Judith and LP Keith

Keith and long serving member Ian Williams totally speechless by presenting them both with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Two well deserving Lions. The meeting was extremely productive with planning for the 26 fundraising and service activities coming up in December.

Lions Club of Biggleswade Sandy

Hendon Lion recognised

Lion Navinkumar Shah of London Hendon Lions Club was recognised as a MJF by his club for his 20 years of service to the local community. Lion Navinkumar has been President, Secretary and in recent years headed up the social services chair. He is an active member in his club and his age has not deterred him to keep on working hard. Well deserved award presented by DG Abhnash on 13 November 2017.

Lion Minesh Mehta



At LC of Hendon, the proud recipient of MJ Fellowship

Stony Stratford and Willen Hospice



As part of their Centennial 100 Challenge where the Club agreed to organise 14 challenges (one for each member) involving a 100 number, Stony Stratford Lions Club organised hospital packs for emergency overnight stays.

Willen Hospice is based at a peaceful lakeside location in Milton Keynes and offers specialist care to individuals with life limiting illnesses. There are 15 beds on the in-care unit with a family room where those visiting a patient can stay overnight to be close to their loved one. Often this is an emergency time and families do not have time to leave the Hospice and collect basic washing equipment. The packs were presented by Lion David Tunney.

1st VDG Lion Doreen



Superb month for Ruislip Lions

October was a very eventful month for Ruislip Lions with three very exciting activities to share with you.

A collapse of technology makes a record for the charity!

Ruislip Lions were collecting funds for the Royal Society of the Blind Children outside South Ruislip Sainsbury's. Wow what a record – it was the RSBC charity best one day's collection with almost £570 collected!

The windfall had a strange tale to tell. Sainsbury's cash converter stopped working for that one day – how lucky for us that the shoppers were so altruistic! Three very generous shoppers tipped all their money they could not change at the converter into our RSBC buckets.

100 hours of volunteering in our Centenary Year

We are so proud that in the Lions Centenary Year there was an award to a Young Carer.

Lucy took up the challenge of completing 100 hours of volunteering. At a time when young people are often in the spotlight for negative reasons here was an example of a wonderful caring and determined individual. Lucy was very

modest when accepting her certificate and a £50 voucher from our IPP Hugh of Ruislip Lions. Lucy worked with the young carers group for 100 hours helping with activities and chatting to the group.



Lucy receiving her award.

MD Cconvention 2018 –The Wessex Way, 4-6 May 2018



The MD Convention 2018 website is now OPEN! Book early and get free entry into our prize draw.

All you need to do is book online for either the Host Night or Banquet and Ball (both would be better!), and your name will automatically be entered in a draw for free accommodation for the weekend at the Convention hotel, two nights bed & breakfast for two.

Booking and payment must be by 31 January 2018. Members of the Host Committee, MD staff, guests, MD Officers required by MD to attend and District Governors/ District Governors Elect are not eligible.

Join us on the weekend of 4 to 6 May 2018 for a right royal occasion, with the usual Lions mix of work and fun. Book online at:

www.md105convention.uk

Steve Spencer

MD105 Convention 2018

Host Committee



Welcome new Lions



LP Harvinder Virdee of LC of Redbridge welcoming transferring member Lion Ajit Saigal and a new member Mrs Veena Adur.



Lion Sangeeta Bhandari & Lion Renu Sharma – both sponsored by Lion President Sulochana Sethi and inducted by DO Lion Minesh Mehta joined LC of Kenton.



DG Abhnash's Article



"Probably no greater honour can come to anyone than the respect of their colleagues"
Cary Grant

My dear fellow Lions,

It is almost the end of a wonderful six months and great experiences but that is not to say that I sometimes have not wished to switch off and just relax. A massive thank you to those clubs who have supported my charity 'Place to Be'. The money will be put to good use. I am sure your service and dedication shall help us have a great Convention.

This month we paid tribute to the martyrs of past wars and as a nation remembered them by taking part at the Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade. The nation has not forgotten those who died to secure and protect our freedom. I think what we Lions do for the nation and worldwide also counts. Those Lions who leave for a higher service are also missed and we must carry on their legacy.



On behalf of District 105A a wreath was laid to honour the heroic efforts of those brave people. DG Abhnash K. Bains was accompanied by fellow Lions at the Cenotaph Remembrance on Sunday 12th November 2017.

By now everyone has heard that redistricting has been approved. As you are all aware the redistricting resolution was taken to MD Convention where it was carried. Once approved a submission was made to the International Board to ratify that decision and they have done that now. We have to implement it, as the date is July 2019. So let us not admit defeat but take it in our stride and use to make our District even stronger instead of

disputing and making excuses.

As the saying goes *"If you are persistent you will get it. If you are consistent you will keep it"*.

Elliot and his team organised a very interesting and useful Winter Forum on the 5th November with very interesting speakers. The feedback from those who attended was very positive.

A musical night in aid of 'Get Kids Going' was organised by Wembley Lions Club on the 11th November where a brave young man hoping to take part in the special Olympic was given a cheque by the Club towards buying a specially adapted equipment.

Invitation from the London Hendon Lions Club on the 13th November to their meeting gave me a chance to perform a very pleasant duty. I was able to show gratitude to their members for their service and hard work by presenting some with their Chevrons and the Club with a Centennial service Challenge Patch.

President Iqbal and the members of Fairlop Lions Club made me feel very welcome at their business meeting on the 14th November. The speakers from the two organisations, doing the presentation, were interesting and proved that the clubs are very involved within their local communities.

My thanks LP Dr. Mukund Patel and LS Jayant Doshi of Lions Club of Enfield for inviting me to their charter evening on the 18th of November. It was a very happy and fun filled evening. It was interesting to hear about their various activities, here and abroad. My special thanks to Dr. Mukunds' wife for looking after me when I got a fish bone stuck in my throat. I enjoyed speaking to the members and listening to their experiences.

LP Trish and the members of Stevenage Corey's Mill Club truly live up to slogan "Lions doing amazing things". They seem to adapt as and where the need is. LP Trish seemed to have a special relationship with local officials as friends, which is great for a good partnership. The young Mayors' mother seemed interested in joining Lions.



My official Zone D visit on the 21st November also gave me a chance to listen to our 2nd VDG candidates and to hear from the members regarding issues of concerns which was noted and taken on board.

I was looking forward to visiting Zone M and N on the 23rd of November and I was not disappointed as lot of positive as well as some constructive comments were made by the members. These clubs are very much hands on service clubs who are fully aware of what is required by their local communities and provide it. These hardworking Lions may feel like we are patronising when we preach them regarding membership /retention. I would like to see more interaction between London and outside London clubs as I know we can learn a lot from each other. Our DG team meeting was useful and productive as it keeps us on track.

As you all must be aware, I have put together a project to benefit the people of the Grenfell Tower. I am very grateful for your votes and time. My heartfelt thanks extend to you and your family and friends. The project got 4456 votes and we shall find out if we made it to the final round by the 28th of November. The winners shall however be announced by mid of January.

Fellow Lions, your cooperation, hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. I would like to end this newsletter by wishing all my Lions, Lionesses and Leos and their families a **Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year**. Thank you for all your good wishes and support.

DG Abhnash Bains



My Diary December 2017

- 1 Enfield Lions, Musical Night
- 3 Ealing children party
- 4 Mill Hill Lions
- 6 Aylesbury
- 11 45th Charter, High Wycombe

- 13 Redbridge Lions
- 14 London Central Host
- 15 Wanstead Lions
- 17 Fairlop Lions
- OV = Official visit