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## *District Convention 2003*



DG Lion Mike Baldwin, Lion Stephen Twigg MP and PID Lion Phil Nathan; DG and PID Lion Manfred Westhoff from Germany; Leos of London Golders Green after the flag ceremony; Peace Poster Winner Emily Burns; Youth Award Winner Gursharonjeet Kaur; The Stoke Association exhibition stand; District Leo President Leo Alison Margrave (the Youngest Melvin Jones Fellow?) with PID Lion Phil and VDG-Elect Lion Max Mongia.

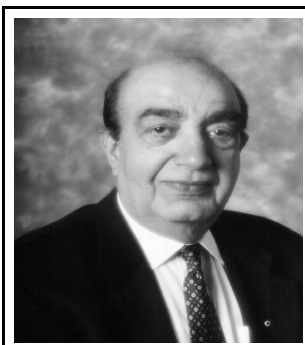
# 105A NEWSLETTER

Editor: Lion Minesh Mehta

## Meet your District Membership Retention Officer

### IPDG Lion Ram Jaggi

This year the Retention Campaign is our strongest and most important programme for membership drive. It will be helpful to share ideas with other clubs on how we can arrest the decline and stop Lions from leaving our organisation. Last year our MD105 lost members and we had new members. Our target should be to reduce the drop by 50% for which we will have to work hard and be serious in our approach.



We must establish the main reason for members leaving or wanting to leave Lions Clubs International. **Why do members leave?** We have all seen lists of reasons for leaving given by the clubs.

**Long and boring meetings** are one of the main reasons. It is very important to have interesting and productive meetings. **Cliques in the club** The evidence suggests that politics is getting in the way of 'club life' making it difficult for new members to feel part of the group. Breaking down the cliques and politics will make your club environment welcoming and productive. **Lack of social involvement** The newly inducted members get disillusioned if there is lack of information and if they are not engaged in the club's activities. Members who are made to feel important in the club are far less likely to drop out. **Poor Leadership** The progress of a club depends a lot on its leader. How he/she conducts the meetings. Besides these important reasons, there are quite a few more such as **Lack of Motivation, Lack of Support for Individual, Lack of Innovation, Low Attendance at meetings, Inappropriate Meeting venues, Personal conflicts** and **Stagnation-lack of progress**. Out of the total membership in our MD, about 8% are new members. It means that after every 3 years, we have 25% more new faces in our association. Our duty is to look after all these members, make them welcome and make them feel as part of one family. **We should tell them the good work our association is doing and must involve them in our activities.** The club Presidents should organise Orientation of New Lion Members and encourage effective leadership training of all Lions Leaders. We must support the Club Development Programme and encourage total involvement of all Lions Members. For your information our District has the second lowest percentage drop at 3.5% of membership. (Lowest is 3.4%). Well done members of this great District - I hope with collective efforts, we can bring the membership loss to Zero percent.

**Lion Ram Jaggi**

**It's good to talk !!** Never lose an opportunity to talk about Lions. Redbridge Lions in their quest for candidates for the Peace Poster and Youth Award went to the top and spoke to local Head teachers about the Youth programmes of Lions Clubs International and how we might work together to promote citizenship and volunteering in Schools. The result one school taking the Peace Poster contest, a Youth Award candidate from another and a group of twelve young people who since January have attended three welfare and service activities including the District Senior Citizens Party. They are now in the process of forming the first Alpha (school based) Leos Club in our District and one of just a handful in MD. If we can do it so can you!

### Peace Poster 2002/3

A total of 11 posters sponsored by Clubs throughout District 105A were sent to the District Final at the Hatfield Comet Hotel. Each poster was a unique interpretation of the theme 'Dream of Peace' by young students in the 11-13 age range. The quality of the artwork and the understanding of the theme were extremely high and the judges faced a difficult task. The Lions Club of Wembley (Brent) sponsored the poster chosen to represent the District at the MD level, with the highly commended entries from the Lions Clubs of Royston and Sudbury being placed equal second. All the posters were on show at District Convention.

**Lion Doreen Carr**

### DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2003 / 4

*If you want to sponsor a Youth to go abroad on a Youth Exchange Programme or you would like to host a Youth from abroad during the Summer 2003 programme, please contact me as soon as possible.*

#### **Lion Bharat Mistri**

*Youth Exchange Officer*

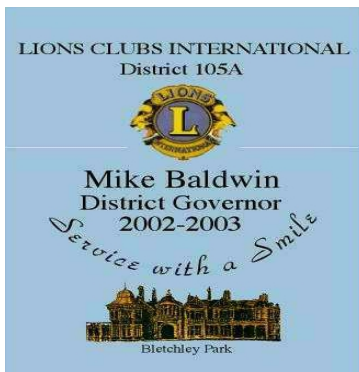
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### LIONS ARE HEROES

Lions Club of Hayes & Harlington has been awarded the Local Community Group Hero Award, sponsored by Uxbridge Gazette and Uxbridge College. A campaign for entries was run in the local papers for nearly 3 months before the final. The categories for awards were: Local Hero; Community group; Carer; Braveheart; Top of the Class and Community hero. There were over 70 entries and 25 finalists in all these categories. The judges were the Mayor of London Borough of Hillingdon Councillor Josephine Barrett JP, Uxbridge College Principal Rachel Davis and Editor-in-chief of West London Bucks Newspapers Adrian Seal. Besides the finalists the event was attended by other organisations and dignitaries. There were cheers of joy and smiling faces brimming with pride as the winners were announced. Lion Rana Dhawan, President of Lions Club of Hayes & Harlington was presented with a cheque for £250, a trophy and a certificate by the Mayor. This award could not have come at a more opportune time than this when the club celebrates its "50 years of Service to the Community" this year. It was a matter of pride and privilege for the President to receive this award on behalf of the Lions. The event was well covered by the local press. Besides winning the award, this has given the club much needed publicity and awareness amongst the public the kind of work the Lions do for the benefit of the community.



# Lions Clubs International

## District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



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MARCH 2003

### To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

#### District Convention (A great day to remember)

Janet and I were pleased to welcome in excess of 350 Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests to our 38<sup>th</sup> Convention on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Our International Guest was PID Lion Manfred Westhoff and Lion Marina Westhoff and we were very pleased to see them. In all around 70 Lions Clubs, our 1 Lioness Club and 2 Leo Clubs were represented. We also had 6 visiting clubs present and visitors PID Phil Nathan 105EA, DG Volkmar and Ingrid Tent from 111NB our twin District, DG David Seager 105BN, PDG Brian Yeoman and Beryl 105C and of course Lion Brigid Hendy 105D (really not a visitor at all, one of the family of 105A) We also had 12/13 stands with excellent displays. Thank you for taking part.

This was the first year we had tried a one day convention and I believe it worked well. On Friday night we had an informal dinner in the Hotel with our International Guest. I had no idea how many Lions and guests would come but in the event some 50/60 were there and Janet and I were delighted.

Saturday saw a day of business and a day of fun. The fun started with the appointment of the tail twister (A policeman on stilts) and the fun theme was carried through throughout the day. We also did the business and in fact completed 7 Resolutions. I will report on the results in April when I have received the minutes. There were also a number of awards made and congratulations are due to Lions Charles Perry (Amphill District) and Roy Thame (Berkhamsted) who both received an International Presidents Leadership Medal. To Lions PDG Parveen Verma, (Chipping Barnet), John Chan (London China Town), Bhupendra Naker (London Golders Green) and Jack Whiddett (Luton) all of whom received an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation. Also to IPDG Lion Ram Jaggi (London Finchley) and to Leo Alison Margrave both of whom received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. I know these awards mean a lot to all the recipients but I think Leo Alison was particularly overcome which nearly had PID Phil Nathan and myself in tears.

There were many highlights during the day but I would like to mention our Youth Award representative Gursharonjit Kaur Sond and Youth Peace Poster winner Emily Burns, both of whom spoke very well and our key note speaker Lion Stephen Twigg who was an excellent key note speaker. I would also like to mention the Leos of London Golders Green for being excellent flag bearers. Well done.

Could we, Janet and I, congratulate District Governor-Elect Elliot Shubert and Eileen on their election as District Governor 2003-2004. Also Lion Max Mongia and Aruna as Vice District Governor Elect 2003-2004. At the same time could we acknowledge both Lion Louvain Allen and Andrew and Lion Eric Amaria and Arnawaz who were also Vice District Governor candidates. Thank you for your input and speeches. Keep on being positive.

*I could go on and on but I know space will be at a premium in this newsletter, I would therefore like to acknowledge everyone involved on the day, if not specifically mentioned here your part was nevertheless crucial.*

Janet and I and all the organising committee would like to thank all of you for your support. Thank you for taking part, thank you for showing you care.

#### Formation of Mill Hill Lions Club

On 20 February the newest Lions Club was born into our District. This is the Lions Club of Mill Hill.

The formation of a new club is a matter for celebration and I thank all Lions and Lions Clubs who attended. There were over 140 Lions and guests present and about 20 Lions Clubs presented their Club banner to Lion President Niten Shah. Mill Hill Lions will meet on the first and third Monday of each month at the Tree Tops Club. Could I thank all the new members and the officers of the club for their time and effort. Could I also thank the MERCL team for their support and in particular Lions Afzal Rai and Charles Perry who conducted the formation ceremony between them. Also PDG's Vanmali Mistry and Rati Shah who undertook the task of badging up all the new members. I wish Lion President Niten his wife Nilam and all the members and partners of Mill Hill Lions, Good Luck for the future.

*Where there is sadness in Life, let me bring Joy*

## Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: This is a bumper month so please bear with me.

Ann Harding	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush Club Branch (Redbridge)
Stuart Warton-Mc Kenzie	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Wayne Mc Kenzie	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Kay Yusuf	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Mohammad UL Hassan	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Lorraine Gunther	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Lita Wing King	Hammersmith & Shepherds Bush
Jacqui Mitchell	Letchworth Garden City
Dorothy To	London Covent Garden
Bin Bin Lin	London Covent Garden
Kaushik Patel	London Golders Green
Yoginder Malhotra	London Golders Green
Bhavesh Sutaria	London Hendon
Rajan Chauhan	London Hendon
Kanti Patel	London Kensington & Chelsea
Vijay Walia	London Kensington & Chelsea
Neil Makwana	London Kingsbury
Anil Ruparelia	London Kingsbury
Randip Rehinsi	London Seven Kings
Jeeram Singh Ahluwalia	London Seven Kings
Sylvia Newbury	Staines & Ashford
Susan Gamwell	Teddington
Norman Mc Conochie	Tring
Ann Nutkins	Uxbridge & Hillingdon

## The Wine - From Vine to Bottle

We now have an excellent book on sale with all proceeds going to the Stroke Association. All the illustrations are by Pat Moon and they really are good. The Author is Sila Maria dos Santos from Brazil. Fellow Lions there is so much work in this book that it deserves success. The price is £8 and copies are available from Zone Chairman Mike Moon. (I believe there will be £2 postage if sent through the post) The book will make an excellent Christmas or birthday present or can simply be used as a reference book. It is also very readable. There will be an order form on the web-site or simply ring Lion Mike Moon. I will also have copies available as I continue to come to club meetings of all kinds. I recommend the book to you. Thank you in advance for your support for this venture.

## Multiple District Youth Award - Nottingham

Over the week-end of 21-23 February, 13 District Youth Award winners travelled to Nottingham for the MD final. Our representative Gursharonjit Kaur Sond was an outstanding representative and did us, her sponsoring club London Hounslow, and herself proud. We also had great support from within the District with around 10 Lions or friends attending during the week-end. Thank you for your support. Many thanks to District Youth Award Officer Lion Doreen and to Lion Jean too. As we all know there can only ever be one person who receives the MD bursary and this year the young person was sponsored by District 1051. Well done to all who took part and thank you.

## District Quiz

On 23 February five teams contested the final of the District Quiz at The Blakemore Hotel in what was a keenly fought battle. The teams represented the Lions clubs of Biggleswade Sandy, Berkhamsted, Harpenden, Thame &

District and London Kingsbury. The category of questions were varied and interesting. Janet and I were included in the fun team which was made up of Lions and partners from Biggleswade Sandy, from London Kingsbury and an imposter feeding us incorrect answers called Louvain Allen. The winning team and therefore the 2002-2003 champions are Harpenden Lions. Well done. Sadly the fun team came 6th. Ah. Many thanks to Lion Peter gent for the overall organisation and for setting the questions and to the Zone Chairmen and Regional Zone and Club Support Officers for organising the earlier rounds. Following the quiz we had lunch filled with fellowship. Thanks everyone.

## Zone Chairmen / Incoming President's Workshop

This has been set for **Sunday 27 April** at the Rameda Jarvis Hotel ( Comet Hatfield ). Cost will be £10 which will include light buffet and 3 cups of tea/coffee. This will be a great chance for next years ZC's and Presidents to meet up and hear DG-Elect Elliot. Please watch out for full details later.

## Incoming Officers Workshop Sunday 15 June

I am delighted to report that this will be held at Wycombe High School for girls. This is the same place as Members Winter Forum and High Wycombe Lions have agreed the hosting. All those who attended MWF will know what a great job was achieved at MWF and I know the Incoming Officers will be just as good. Would all Secretaries, Treasurers and other club officer please take note of this early notice. Full details will be posted later but put the date **Sunday 15 June** in your diaries now.

## 21 March (A day to remember - So don't forget )

Remember two events: District Golf competition and Lions Clubs of Hadley Wood & Chipping Barnet BR Project.

## Edgware Leos Club Formation 3 April

I am delighted to announce the formation meeting of Edgware Leos Club. This will be on 3 April and is the culmination of work done by Edgware Lions Club. Full details will follow but I wanted to give advance notice now. Please watch for a mail out and watch the web-site.

## Change of Details

Please note the new secretary of Kenton Lions Club is Lion Ayn Chatoo, 32 Bishops Avenue, Northwood Middlesex HA6 3QA Tel: (H)01923 841344, (B) 0207 602 3065 (M) 07957 366302. Please send correspondence to Lion President Kailash Mistry

## DG's Diary

April 1	Tring	OV
April 2	Beaconsfield	OV
April 4	Newport Pagnell & Olney	CA
April 5	Southall	CA
April 8	Kenton	OV
April 9	Bicester	OV
April 10	IT Committee	
April 12	High Wycombe	CA
April 13	Zone F Swimming Gala	
April 14	Letchworth & Baldock	OV
April 16	Aylesbury	OV
April 18-21	Easter	
April 25	Deadline cabinet reports	
April 26	London Tottenham	CA
April 27	Zone Chairmen/President workshop	
April 30	Ennis Multiple District Convention	