



LOUVAIN'S LETTER



Pride of Lions



District 105A News

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DG Lion Louvain Allen

Dear Family of Lions,

We are now two months into 2007 so it is too late, I wonder, to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year? I don't think so!

January was the start of a very busy couple of months - I will be attending the Senior Citizens party, a three day meeting of the Council of Governors and not forgetting our Convention.

Senior Citizens Party

The Lions involved in the planning of the Senior Citizens party have completed their plans and are ready and waiting for the big day.

Our 105A Convention

The Convention team are also ready and waiting with everything prepared. Have you sent your booking form in yet?

An important question regarding Convention is this: has your treasurer paid your Club dues? If not, you will not be in good standing and therefore not eligible to vote. The request for dues will have been sent to you by the District Treasurer.

Remember: it is your Clubs' vote that counts; whether it is a vote for the resolutions or voting for the candidates for Vice District Governor. If you don't vote you cannot complain at the results...

A reminder: I am planning an open Forum within Convention, so if you have any questions, come along. I just ask one thing and that is that you please send your questions to me ahead of time, (and not the night before either). This is not so they can be censored, I hasten to add, but there would be nothing worse than asking a question and the answer being, 'I'm sorry I can't answer that as my papers are at home'.

See you at Convention!

The Convention is **our** AGM and your input is needed.

Vive Le Tour De France in London

In July the Tour De France will start in London. We have been asked to provide Marshalls for the Prologue Day which is the 8th July. The race that day will be in the form of a figure of eight course starting in Whitehall, touring around London and ending in The Mall. I have no other details but will keep you all informed. The decision to support this event has been approved by Cabinet. VDG Lion Ken has said he also will support the event.

Now for the Important Admin Bit

I will end with a plea from Lion Ivor Poole the District Administrator. Please please, when you send your reports to Oak Brook, send a copy to him, electronically or in paper form. I have visited a number of Clubs and when I have asked about their reports, the answer has always been that they have been sent to International only and not to Ivor. Your Clubs' records are important to the District. If I could ask you to send any backdated copies to Ivor, that would help him and the District enormously.

Have a great month.

Louvain

"Together we can"

District 105A welcomes the following new Lion members!

OCTOBER

George Flack – **Aylesbury**, John Leane – **Beaconsfield**, Iqbal Abdeali – **Fairlop**, Jasbir Roorprai – **Fairlop**, Sudesh Vij – **Fairlop**, Anthony Davies – **Harpenden**, Ambi Loyal – **High Wycombe**, Robin Chung – **London ChinaTown**, Kamlesh Mehta – **London Hendon**, Suresh Chawda – **London Kingsbury**, Dilip Navapurkar – **Moor Park**, Uday Rajay – **Moor Park**, John Faulkner – **Witney**

NOVEMBER

Karin Lee – **Bedford**, Malcolm Rayner – **Berkhamsted**, Bhangra Karam Singh – **Ealing**, Sehmi Jaswinder Singh – **Ealing**, Lesley Stansfield - **Harrow & Pinner**, Breda Russell - **Harrow & Pinner**, Lorraine Warren - **Harrow & Pinner**, Pilipp Wittig - **London Westminster**, Kiran Patel - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Chander Goel - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Mitul Shingadia - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Saroj Howes - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Sonal Devani - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Tariq Velm - **Loudwater & Rickmansworth**, Gurinder Ahluwalia – **Osterley**, Prasad Dave – **Osterley**, Sarwan Kang – **Osterley**, Dayalji Pattni – **Oxford Isis**, Sadie Levy – **Redbridge**, Kevin Holyoake – **Tring**, Lucy Wade – **Tring**, David Goodall - **Winslow**

DECEMBER

Victor Williams – **Berkhamsted**, Siva Sivanandarajah – **Fulham**, Olive Leslie – **High Wycombe**

My Diary

3rd Feb	London Phoenix New Century Lions Club CA	13th Feb	Kenton OV
4th Feb	Senior Citizens Party	17th Feb	Ruislip CA
7th Feb	Barking OV	20th Feb	Stevenage OV
10th Feb	Tring CA	21st Feb	Stoney Stratford OV
11th Feb	District Quiz Final	23rd Feb	Leighton Buzzard CA
11th Feb	Music Competition	24th Feb	Stanmore CA
12th Feb	Hitchin OV		

WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

3rd February

London Phoenix
New Century Lions Club
3rd Charter

4th February

District Senior Citizens Party
District 105A

8th February

Northolt Lions
Alzheimers Concern
Grand Buffet & Auction

17th February

Lions Club of Osterley
Valentines Theatre Night & Dinner

23rd February

Leighton Buzzard Lions Club Charter
Dinner

10th March

St Albans Lions Club
Charter Dinner

10th March

Harpenden Lions Club
Charter Dinner

2nd March

105A Convention Golf Competition
at Waterstock, Oxford
Contact Lion Peter Gent

2nd - 4th March

105A District Convention

13th March

United Nations Day
at Houses of Parliament

21st April

Bowls & Quiz Night in aid of
Wheelpower
at Stoke Mandeville Stadium

HELPFUL HINTS

Vulnerable Persons & the Criminal Records Bureau

The Multiple District has now agreed the updated policy document to give information to clubs on when members should apply for a disclosure from the CRB.

The document is available on the home page of the MD website www.lionsmd105.org but if you don't want to read it all then section 4 on how to protect you and your club is only two pages long!

It is strongly recommended that every club appoints a Vulnerable Persons Liaison Officer. If that is not possible this Lionistic year, then perhaps the club Secretary could stand in until June and then the new officer can start in the next Lionistic year.

If you need more information or require forms to apply for CRB disclosure then contact Lion Chris Bryant – District Vulnerable Persons Officer.

A Hero Found in Our Midst By DG Louvain Allen

A Lion from this District has become a celebrity for all the right reasons - he saved a man's life! The full story, which has been reported in local press, as well as GMTV, and local BBC News goes something like this: Lion Brian Tapp of Bicester Lions Club was out collecting with Santa's sleigh and the Bicester Lions and approached one of the doors on the round. Upon approaching the house, he found a young child standing on the doorstep. "My daddy is on the floor," said the young child. Brian went in and found the father on the floor going into a diabetic coma. Brian knew exactly what to do and gave him orange juice and a piece of cake, to get his sugar level back up.

The happy ending to this story is that the father is now OK. Brian's comment to me was, "I was a policeman for thirty years, retired for 14, for the first time I have used my training to save someone's life".

Brian Tapp of Bicester Lions Club: I, and the rest of the District are very proud of you.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Peace Poster Competition

With the success of this year's Peace Poster competition, Clubs are advised that the Peace Poster Competition packs for 2007-2008 are available and will be on sale at the District Convention from Lion Doreen Carr. The ongoing theme of Peace is entitled "Peace Around the World". This is a marvellous way for Club's to get our younger people, namely children from 11 to 15 years old, to get to know what we do. Any questions, Lion Doreen will be on hand at the Convention to talk with you.

District 105A Convention Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March 2007

This is your chance enjoy the fun and fellowship of our wonderful hosts and fellow Lions and make a difference with the way YOU vote!
Book now to avoid disappointment!

Show We Care!

"Of course we care, after all that's what Lionism is all about!". But do we remember our own? Sometimes, we forget that a simple card, a phone call or email to tell some one we are thinking of them at a horrid time in their lives, is all that's needed. It's the difference between thinking that no one cares and knowing that you can go on against all the odds. Lion Bert Randall, our District Welfare Officer is always on hand to send those few words of comfort when a member loses a loved one, or when there is illness. All too often, when we hear that someone has passed away, or that they are ill, it is followed by the thought, "I wish I would have known earlier". PLEASE, don't wait until it's too late to let Lion Bert know if someone is ill or going through a tough time. Just call him! It's what makes us care...

Ealing Lions Make a Blind Person Happy

by Lion Pervinder Panesar

Ealing Lions club's 10 km Charity Walk, which started at Osterley Park and terminated with a party at the Wellington Day centre, was a great success. Sixty two participants (age ranging from 6yrs to 81yrs) completed the walk, enjoyed it and managed to raise around £2500 for Lionistic charities.

At the club's Business meeting held at Wellington Day centre on 1st November 2006, IPP Lion Ranjit Mangat handed representatives from the local Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, a cheque for £1,000. Dilys Morgan and Helen Ryan, thanked Ealing Lions for their donation which will support the basic training of a Guide Dog. It was pleasing to hear that Ealing Lions donation would make a local blind person very happy. The picture below shows Dilys Morgan (holding a guide dog) receiving the £1,000 cheque from Lion Ranjit Mangat.



At the same meeting, a cheque for £500 payable to Lions Appeal Fund for Water Wells was sent to Lion Ram Jaggi for implementation.

NB - This story was due to appear in December's edition, but due to lack of space amongst other things, it has been held back until now. We are glad it can finally appear! - Ed



Lions Club of Osterley, brings a little festive cheer to the elderly of Heston House Nursing Home.

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Ruislip Lions Oh Yes They Did!

by Lion Mac McArtney

Ruislip Lions were in full swing when they presented a Christmas Concert on Sat 9th December at The Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip. Amongst the performers were "Stageworks" who beautifully reinacted excerpts from Half A Sixpence. Also featured



was the Ruislip Operatic Society with a mini traditional pantomime, a group of local singers "Sounds Easy", a brass quintet - The St Albans Brass and local school choirs. The concert also featured a Chinese acrobat from the Chinese Cultural Centre, with amazing feats. It was a super evening, with all proceeds being donated to Moorcroft School and local charities.



From the Editor

It is now just over ten years that I first saw Chipping Norton Lions at work and thought "what's it all about?" I will this month celebrate my 10th year as a Lion. So, what have I learnt in these 3652 days, (give or take)? Many things - tolerance, talking out, keeping my mouth shut, that I have wonderful Lions (and non Lion) friends and a hundred little and big things that help me in my everyday life. More importantly, I know that if I had not been surrounded by good Lions, I would not have continued against some stacking odds at that time. My sponsor and mentor, Ken Whyman,

made sure that things I didn't understand were explained. I miss Ken - he passed away just a few months later. The other members of the Club included me and listened; they seemed interested in what I, an inexperienced future Lion had to say. The thing that stood out, was that I felt valued as a human being and they made me feel as if I, like them, could make a difference. Sometimes, I forget that new members don't know what we're about. If there is one lesson learnt that I don't want to lose, it is this: that every new, prospective member will want to learn like I did.

Maria

Osterley Bring Joy to The Elderly On New Years Day

by Charter President Lion Nimmi Suri

Lion President Nimmi Suri and the members of Lions Club of Osterley visited Heston House Nursing Home for the elderly at Vicarage Farm Road, Heston on New Years Day as part of their Community Service Project.

The 60 elderly residents received small food parcels consisting of fresh and dry fruit, nuts, biscuits, dates and one packet of Barfi all donated by local businesses to Lions of Osterley bringing a smile and a cheer to the day. Three residents were also celebrating their birthdays! A fresh cream cake was cut and candles blown to celebrate this happy occasion over a cup of tea with samosas as an extra treat. A big thanks must go to Paul Bakers of Southall who donated a scrumptious cake - Fruit and biscuits from Quality Food Store - Nuts and dates from Rayte Food Store - Packets of Barfi from Mazz Confectionary and Samosas from Galaxy Sweet Centre which were all generously donated.

Lion President Nimmi and members of Osterley Lions Mina, Gurinder, Nirmala, Kamla, Krishna, Pummy and Sudha were very happy to spend their New Years day with the elderly at Heston House wishing them good health for the New Year. The staff at Heston House was very supportive and helpful.



Luton Provide Diabetic Screening By Lion Geoff Leeder

Lions Club Of Luton provided a much needed service, when they carried out approximately 300 diabetic screenings at the Luton Arndale Shopping Centre recently. Out of this phenomenal amount of tests, only two showed "positive" and even some diabetics who were tested and were found to be under control. Mary Hopkins counselled three diabetics who had "old" machines, so these were replaced with new machines. It was certainly a very rewarding but intensive day with Mary Hopkins and May Leeder running two screening lines and Savi Bailey providing relief for breaks. The set up was in Nelson Square just by Mothercare, starting from 8am. Display boards were put up around the screening lines to provide some privacy for individuals being checked.



The photo shows May Leeder checking a member of the Mall staff who was dressed up in a cartoon character outfit to publicise the Arndale shopping mall.

Watford Lions New Year Celebrations

by Lion Brian Turner

Watford Lions saw in the New Year with a wiz, bang and a bit of a dance. Following previous years successes fifty-four Lions and friends from Clubs including St Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Tring and Harpenden joined in the celebrations at Harries Hall in Watford Leisure Centre. There was a sumptuous buffet catered by Creative Cuisine, a super disco and the night finished off with a magnificent firework display organised by one of Watford's' newest members, Mark Pity.

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The Leo Club of Mill Hill
presents...

A Quiz Night

Saturday 17th February 2007
7:45pm-11:00pm
Hadley Wood Association Hall,
1-7 Crescent East,
Hadley Wood,
EN4 8EL

Tickets:
Age 16+ - £8
16-15 - £6
Under 10 - Free
Quiz starts at 8:00pm!
Prizes to be won!

Light refreshments and desserts will be served.
For more details contact:
Leo Suraj Shah 07968 521 809
Leo Meera Sheeh 07961 808 708
Lion Niten Shah 07956 328 566
All proceeds go to charity.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday 17th February
A fun quiz nite for all

Formation of The Palace of Westminster Lions Club

On Tuesday 17th October International President Jimmy Ross and Velda, accompanied by PID Phil Nathan, visited the Palace of Westminster where they first met The Speaker of the House of Commons, The Right Honourable Michael Martin, in his private apartments. Within the splendour of these magnificent rooms the International President exchanged gifts with Mr Speaker and learnt the history of Parliament.

Later the President and Velda assisted with the formation of the The Palace of Westminster Lions Club which took place in Portcullis House.

The Palace of Westminster Lions Club has been formed from the All Party Parliamentary Group. It has about 30 members from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Formation of this prestigious Lions Club has resulted from the joint efforts of PID Phil Nathan and Lion Mark Francois MP, both members of the South Woodham

Ferrers Lions Club, District 105EA, which acted as the sponsoring Club.

Elected as Club Officers were Mark Francois MP - President, Frank Cook MP and David Amess - Vice Presidents, and Stephen Hammond as Secretary/Treasurer.

The formation meeting was chaired by Zone Chairperson Yvonne Alexander (London Tottenham) and the installing officer was Region Chairperson Trevor Hill (Barking) assisted by the District Membership Extension Officer Lion Kumar Acharya (Chipping Barnet).

Also in attendance were PIP Ashok Mehta and Kokila, PID Howard Lee, Council Chairperson MD105 Chris Iles and Yvonne, District Governor 105A Louvain Allen and Andrew, Past Council Chairperson Philip Goodier and Jacqueline, Past Council Chairperson Geoff Leeder (Certified Guiding Lion) and May, PDG 105A Erach Amaria and Arnawaz, and PDG 105A Max Mongia and Aruna.

After this busy afternoon President Ross and Velda travelled to Bournemouth for the 2006 Europa Forum, hosted by MD 105, the British Isles and Ireland. The Forum President was PID Phil Nathan.



the photograph shows:
Region Chair Trevor Hill, DG Louvain Allen
Lion Kumar Acharya, IP Jimmy Ross
Zone Chair Yvonne Alexander.



**District 105A
Convention
2nd - 3rd March 2007**

**Send your Club's
Delegates Forms
NOW!!!**

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