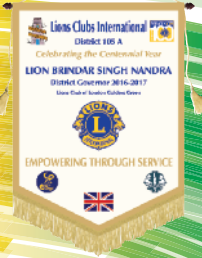




District 105A News

Pride of LIONS



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DG Brindar Singh

The incoming leaders of District 105A for 2017-18

All the members of 105A
congratulate the new team
and wish them all success



DG Elect Abnash being introduced



1st DG Elect Lion Doreen Carr being
introduced



2nd DG Elect Lion Kamal Sharma

Redbridge Lions off to a roaring start

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club was formed on 7 January 2017 and was presented with its Charter on the 25 March 2017. We have made a great start with 29 members, 20 of whom are new to Lionism. The club members are grateful to DG Brinder Nandra, PDG Vanmali Mistri and ZC Abdul Bux for helping and guiding us enormously in the setting up of the club.

In the few months since inception, we have already paid for planting 10 trees and sponsored a Youth Bhangra Group. We feed around 50 homeless people every month, we have collected and delivered around 50 pairs of eye glasses for reuse by the needy and continue to do so with collection boxes in opticians' shops. We also helped to raise funds for Marie Curie appeal and will be taking full part in Zone Project on Easter Monday. Our plan is to hold a Diabetes Day and Eye Disease Awareness Day shortly. Redbridge Lions will be fully involved in local, community and International charity work whilst members enjoy social and fund raising events.

LP Harvinder Singh Virdee



Charter presentation to Redbridge Centennial Club

NOTICE BOARD

Lions are organising a **Sponsored Walk in Aid of LCIF** on Sunday 30th April at Rickmansworth Aquadrome Hertfordshire WD3 1NB. This will coincide with **World Immunization Week** (24-30 April). We need help from all the Lions/Clubs and their family and friends to make it enjoyable and raise funds for our own Charity. Please contact PDG Lion Vijay Arora on victory801@hotmail.com for any further information.

10th Lions Golf Challenge 2017 by **Lions Club of Mill Hill** at Abridge Golf & Country Club, Essex on Wednesday 17 May 2017. Contact Mill Hill Club.



LCI Ethics:

*To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration
or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or
success at the price of my own self-respect lost
because of unfair advantage taken or because of
questionable acts on my part.*

A celebration to be proud of...

Every February is fixed in District 105A annual calendar as the month for the Senior Citizens Celebration. This year, Sunday 19th February was the day when nearly 800 of our beloved Seniors converged to have a day of fun and meet up with friends they may have made the year before.

The atmosphere is buzzing as soon as the senior guests make their way in to the huge Harrow Leisure Centre from midday onwards. However, well before the party begins Leos and Lions begin preparations to welcome their guests. Leos have regularly set up and laid out all the tables each colour coded with balloons close to strategically positioned tea and coffee stations. Each table was provided with cups and party horns, streamers, saucers, biscuits, crisps, water and juice to ensure guests were greeted with refreshments on arrival.

Scores of Lions began early in the morning to prepare sandwiches and snacks for the hundreds of senior citizens. Sandwiches with cheese, ham and a variety of pastes were meticulously prepared. Guests had a choice of vegetarian and non-veg food, preassembled in plates ready for each table.

Jay Kumar and his Bollywood team of dancers were ready to entertain and with several dance routines. Guests could enjoy a game of bingo followed by a raffle with several glorious prizes.

Lions Clubs from District 105A pulled out all the stops as usual to ensure that the Senior Citizen Celebrations was another roaring success. The committee chair Parveen Verma was overjoyed that this 17th celebration was a success, as in all the past years. Every year the event has grown from strength to strength thanks to the support from many Lions from our District.

It was a joy to see so many happy and smiling faces, with many seniors saying they couldn't wait till next year's next year's celebration. I look back and think how pleased my parents



Enjoying the music



Some of our guests

would have been to be invited. For them and for so many others it is a chance to have a break from their surroundings and let their hair down for one afternoon.

Lion Naresh Gupta

Kenton Lions's fundraising

The Harrow Apollo Choir entertained us with songs from West End musicals and £1,300 raised on the night, has been donated to Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Harrow, which is entirely self-funding and The Alderbourne Rehabilitation Unit at Hillingdon Hospital towards equipment needed. Our second Musical/Charter evening held at The Blue Room, with music provided by Jhankers team via our member Lion Rhea, had many Lions and friends dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Monies raised from our raffle on the night have gone to Lionistic charities.

Lion Vivien Raggett



Kenton Lions with Choir members

Who remembers The Supermarket Sweep?

On Sunday 26th February Ruislip Lions club did their own version called the RUISLIP LIONS TROLLEY DASH in collaboration with Ruislip Waitrose.

The week prior to the Trolley Dash, Ruislip Lions members, and Rory their famous mascot (alias Fred), enthusiastically sold raffle tickets. The coveted prize for potential raffle winner was a challenging 2 minute dash around the store to collect all the goodies the winner had earmarked. Rory our mascot was a real hit with Waitrose's youngest shoppers.

Our raffle winner, David Weatherhead pictured below with Lion Justin came up with the idea that he would like to donate his winning dash to THE UXBRIDGE FOOD BANK. What a generous gesture, something not seen often these days.

Once the store had closed, Pastor Vine and Mark Stimpson from Uxbridge Food Bank were ready, to do the dash in place of David as he felt they would be clearer about the Food Bank's needs. Waitrose's manager was the time keeper! On your marks, get set go... off went Mark like a rocket. Two minutes just flies by. Uxbridge Food bank had collected £135 worth of food desperately needed.



Goodies for the Food Bank

David's family gave terrific support on the day. His grandchildren seemed to have fun and were so well behaved; David's daughter-in-law said she was surprised it was so exciting – better than normal shopping – perhaps we should all take to doing a dash for our weekly shop.

Ruislip Lions send their heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful Waitrose customers who gave so generously to our local charities. It was a shame more could not win. The Waitrose staff were marvellous during week and during the dash.

On the day everyone was a winner because they helped Ruislip Lions raise £897.54. When the cost of the food and expenses were deducted we cleared £736 for our local charities. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Lion Lynne,
LC of Ruislip

District 105A – 52nd Convention 2017



PCC Geoff Leeder elected as District 105A candidate for International Director



Competition winners



Recognition by the DG Brindar



Questions from the delegates



At the end of the day

Well done Leos

Leo Club of Fairlop has been awarded the Leo Excellence Award by Lions Clubs International. It was presented to the Leo's on Sunday 19th Feb 2017 by IPDG Meena Gupta where Leos were present to help with the Senior Citizen's Party at Harrow Leisure Centre. The Leos, with great guidance by their Leo Club Advisor Lion Doreen Carr, had raised a total of £7,569 during the year through 22 fundraisers. This includes £1,366 by shaking tins for an Air Ambulance and £1,235 by selling raffle tickets. They carried out a total of 28 service activities during the year serving 2,481 people in total including taking children to pantomime shows, tree planting and donating books to name a few.

Lion Minesh Mehta, District Leo Advisor



Leos receiving Award for Excellence



DG Brindar's Bulletin



February and March have been extremely busy months. Preparations for the District Convention kept me occupied in February, and after the Convention I had to catch up on club visits and functions. Despite running around I have enjoyed every moment and will cherish it forever.

Our Convention was held at Holiday Inn Elstree on 3rd -5th March 2017. A record breaking turnout of members on Saturday business session and more than 200 Lions partaking Convention lunch. We were honoured by the presence of the towering figure of Past International Director Lion Arvinder Pal Singh (A P Singh), our keynote speaker. He was accompanied by PID Sangeeta Jaita. On my special request they had travelled from India for our Convention. Such is the commitment of truly dedicated Lions. I sincerely thank them for attending and giving superb presentations at the Convention and taking part in question answer session the following day.



DG Brindar and Lion Balbir

Friday night was the informal Host dinner with great fellowship. On Saturday the day started very well with the Convention opened by the Mayor of Barnet. The resolutions for the Accounts and District dues were duly approved. Resolution 3 was also approved but resolutions 2 and 4 were defeated.

There were six presentations during the Convention. Lion Lesley gave an excellent and emotional presentation on our District Centennial Day of Action. This was followed by a passionate plea from PID Sangeeta encouraging women to become Lions. PDG Max introduced our keynote speaker A P Singh. His speech stole the show. A nonstop half hour speech which had everyone glued to their seats. His message was very clear. If we want to survive and move forward as Lions, we will have to change drastically in every way we conduct ourselves as Lions. Vote of thank was proposed by PCC Lion Geoff Leeder.

Balbir then introduced the speaker

from Admiral Nurses, her nominated charity. A specialist nurse provided us with information of her organisation stating that Admiral Nurses provide respite and help to those carers and families whose family members are suffering from dementia.

We had an excellent presentation from Lion Satnam Singh Loyal on our District Centennial project, launched this year. The Lions Adventure Day Out for Disabled, Disadvantaged and Young Adults. Anyone who would like to join in the fun at the Thorpe Park, the date is 17th May 2017. Finally the sixth presentation was given by PCC Martin Morgan on the way MD will be celebrating Centennial.

1st VDG Elect Lion Doreen, introduced the Young Ambassador from our District, who also won at the MD level and will represent our MD at the next level. We wish him all the success and hope he comes out a winner at the International Convention.

PCC Geoff Leeder was nominated by our District to go forward and stand for the election of International Director 2018-2020. I congratulate Lion Geoff and wish him success at the MD Convention. I also congratulate the elected DG Team for next year. The results are as follows: DG Elect Lion Abhnaish Bains, 1st VDG Elect Lion Doreen Carr, and 2nd VDG elect Lion Kamal Sharma. I wish them success as Lion leaders.

Congratulations to Lion Viresh Paul and GMT Coordinator Lion Kadu Shah for being awarded International President's Leadership Medals. I also congratulate District Secretary PDG Ramesh Parmar, District Officers Lions Karanjeet Kaur (Tamer) (Mati), Dinesh Sonchatra (Competitions), Satnam Singh Loyal (IT), Doreen Carr (Young Ambassador), Mick Claxton (Zone Chair and Message in Wallet), Rita Kimberger and Ronald Syrratt (Zone Chairs), for being awarded International President's Appreciation Certificates.

I was pleased to present gifts to our two International guests. The evening of Banquet and Ball was a resounding success. The numbers attending far exceeded our expectations. The meal was most enjoyable and the music for dancing provided by The Good Old Boys, playing the 60's music which was absolutely brilliant, going on till late evening.

For the whole of the Convention I have to thank my own club of London Golders Green, the Host Committee and the Convention Chairman Lion Ramesh Morjaria, together with SAA PDG Ken

Rouse, IT team Lions Neil Shah, Jay Pawagadhi and Satnam Singh, Lion Tamer Karanjeet Assan, who worked extremely hard over two days putting up the District banners, a huge banner outside the entrance gate and regalia, our Tail Twister Lion Kumar Acharya who collected £462 for Admiral Nurses with his ingenious method, and finally our Convention Photographer Lion Pravin Soni (LP of Chipping Barnet) who spent three days taking very beautiful photographs. I am most humbled by your contribution in making this Centennial Convention a greater success than was expected.

Please take part in our District's Centennial Project on 14th May 2017 for the disabled, disadvantaged and anyone who wishes to have a day out and have fun. Contact Lion Satnam Loyal: 07534 210678. Email: satnam@nimbusweb.co.uk

DG Lion Brindar

DG's wife's message

I wish to thank all the Clubs who have supported my nominated charity, Admiral Nurses, by their generous donations.

Balbir Kaur

My Diary March 2017

- 3-5 District 105A Convention
- 10 Ruislip LC Charter
- 11 Stoney Stratford LC Charter
- 13 Hendon LC (OV)
- 14 UN Day - Palace of Westminster
- 15 Thorpe Park meeting
- 16 GB Blind Bowls Team Send off - Heathrow
- 18 LC Harpenden Charter
- 19 MD online meeting
- 21 Sudbury LC (OV)
- 22 Kenton LC (OV)
- 24 London Golders Green LC Meeting
- 25 Redbridge Centennial LC 1st Charter
- 26 Zone C Swimming Gala
- 28 Harrow & Pinner LC (OV)

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- 6 LC of Wembley OV
- 8 Thame & District 40th Charter
- 10 LC Hendon - Induction
- 11 LC of Fairlop OV
- 12 Chipping Barnet OV
- 13 Funeral Service - Meera Paul
- 17 Zone B-Centennial Activity Day
- 19-24 MD 105 Convention - Blackpool MD 105 Convention
- 28 LC Acton 40th Charter
- 29 LC Fairlop Vaisakhi Fund Raiser
- 30 LCIFWalk
- OV = Official visit