



### Lions and Diabetes Awareness

The primary objective of this Program is to reduce the number of cases of blindness caused by diabetes through diabetes education, early detection and treatment, and research.



### Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program

Symposiums are an effective way to build awareness of the critical needs of underprivileged children in your area and develop collaborative relationships with other interested organizations.

# PRIDE OF LIONS

## District 105A News DG Vijay Arora

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## Lions raise more than US\$200 million to save sight

Bangkok, Thailand, June 26, 2008 — Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions around the world have exceeded their campaign challenge goal of US\$200 million for their flagship, global blindness-prevention program, SightFirst. Funds raised during Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), a three-year worldwide campaign operated by the international charitable foundation, will save or restore the



vision of more than 37 million people around the world. Led by 7,000 CSFII Lion volunteers, Lions surpassed their initial US\$150 million goal in February, four months in advance of CSFII's conclusion. During the final month of the campaign alone, Lions raised more than US\$20 million to surpass the US\$200 million challenge goal.

## Miracles Through Service – 2008-09

**"The most important Lion is the individual Lion member. The big picture is about the people we serve, and the Lions who serve them."**



IP Al Brandel, DG Vijay & Patti Repenn From LCI

Watch the International Program video, "Everyday Heroes," online. The video brings to life 2008-09 International President Al Brandel's program "Miracles Through Service" illustrating the everyday acts of Lions that make them everyday heroes. It is an excellent resource to share with your club members.

## Team Work



Bringing Lions together in teams — at the club level, among several clubs and at the district level increases fellowship and understanding. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. Lions' service is not modest; it's ambitious and far-reaching, whether it's related to sight, hearing, youth, the elderly or another concern in the communities we serve.



was ranked number ONE among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide.

Its Mission is To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded 9,000 grants totaling US\$640 million.



## Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

## Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

## Notice Board

### Membership Dues

Send Club's dues promptly to District Treasurer  
PDG Vanmali Mistry.  
treasurer@lions105a.org.uk

### MMR

Monthly Membership and District Activity Reports by 25th of the Month: District Administrator Lion Ivor Pool  
admin@lions105a.org.uk

### Youth Exchange Week 22 July – 1 August

Youths arriving from Turkey, Greece, Algeria, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Belgium, Finland, Georgia and Slovenia

### 105A Website

Visit your New and improved Website [www.lions105a.org](http://www.lions105a.org)

## 105A Membership

At 30-06-08

**1829 members**

Target 30-06-09

**100+ members**

## LIONS PURPOSE

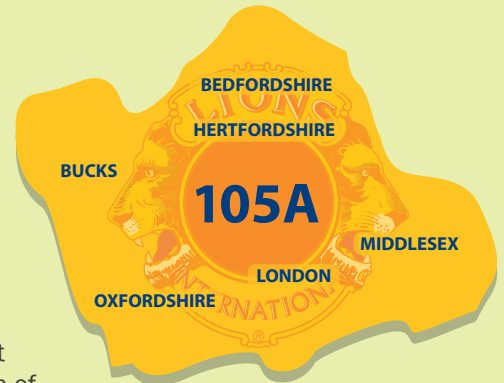
TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

## District 105A

### Ordinary People Doing Amazing Things

District 105A is part of Lions Multiple District 105, which covers the British Isles and Ireland. District 105A comprises the boroughs of Greater London, (north of the Thames River) and the Counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, but excluding - Henley-on-Thames, Goring, Woodcote & District and Burnham Lions Clubs.

Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 Countries and Geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the World. Beginning in 1917, the association of Lions Clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their Communities. Members are there to help. Our motto says it all "We Serve". To find out more or to help just visit [www.lions105a.org](http://www.lions105a.org)



Lions Club of London Finchley celebrated their Pearl Charter Anniversary on 7th June 2008 which was attended by 166 members and their guests including the DG Lion Ken Rouse, DGE Vijay Arora, many Past District Governor's, Past Council Chairman's and Members from 16 Lions Clubs.

*My proudest moments were to present our Club's final five Melvin Jones Fellowships and thirty year pins to our 10 Charter Members. Our Club is now 100% MJF Club and we can be proud as a Club in this achievement.*

**IPP Chandrakant Devani**



Newly elected 2nd IVP Sid Scruggs III & Judy Scruggs with Vijay and Krishan at District 105A Convention- March 2008



Zone E Social held on 14th June all Lion Presidents: Satish Dhir, Amin Dada, Vijay Joshi, Ramesh Parmar, Josephine Joshi, Jayshree Pattni, Ramesh Shah and Yoginder Malhotra presented a token of appreciation on behalf of all the members of Zone E to ZC Munjal and Prafula Joshi. Incoming ZC Ramesh Parmar highlighted ZC Lion Munjal Joshi's achievements during 2007-08 watched over by his ZS Dinesh Shonchhatra.

## Year Round Membership Growth Changes

The Year-Round Growth Program encourages all Lions to actively participate in membership growth and to strengthen their clubs by sponsoring quality Members. Effective for 2008-09 every Lion who sponsors a new member is eligible to receive a certificate of sponsorship which is included in the New Member Kit.



## LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists on an account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.



London Host the first Club in British Isles & Ireland planted A Tree at the Hyde Park Corner Commemorating 50 years of Lionism in this Country.

A Plaque was unveiled by The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster Ms Carolyn Keen on 18th April in the presence of Members of London Host, DGE, officials from the Council and the Club. The Plaque is mounted on wall of the Club Les Ambassadeurs, Park Lane, London W1



Lions Club of Osterley has raised US\$50,000 in just three year for Campaign Sight II. At its Handover held on 13th June, a cheque showing the full amount was handed over to District Governor Ken Rouse celebrating this landmark achievement.

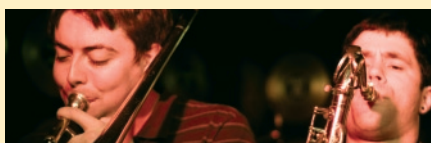
A number of Melvin Jones were presented to Osterley members and the club is proud to be a 100% Melvin Jones Club.

IPP Meenakshi Gupta



## LEO AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### European Music Competition 2008-2009



The nominated instrument is the Trombone and Candidates must have been resident in the territory of Multiple District 105 for 3 years prior to 1st January 2009 and must have been born after 31st December 1985. For further details contact Cultural Community Affairs officer Lion Geoff Brown: [culture@lions105a.org.uk](mailto:culture@lions105a.org.uk)

### Peace Poster Competition Theme for 2008-09 "Peace Begins With Me"



Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's vision of peace with your community.

Getting involved in the Peace Poster Contest is easy and very simple. Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to learn more about the contest and rules.

Contest is open to students 11, 12 and 13 years.

To order your poster kit, please contact Peace Poster officer: Lion Himanshu Bavaria: [poster@lions105a.org.uk](mailto:poster@lions105a.org.uk) or call 07979 911126.

### Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Lions Club of London Chinatown 25th Charter Anniversary 19th July 2008

### DG's Partners Charity 2008-09

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

**NSPCC**   
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.



# DG'S NEWS

Touching Lives Through Service



Welcome to the beginning of this new **Lionistic Year 2008-09**, a start of a new Journey together to help and serve those in need. Wish all the Members of 105a enjoyable and successful year and good luck with new challenges ahead. I would like to thank all those Lions who have accepted the office at Club or District level. We look forward to seeing all those that have booked for **District Handover on 6th July**.

By the time you receive my first Newsletter, Krishan and I will have returned from the International Convention in Bangkok and I will write about our experiences in the next edition. Our thanks to all those in the District who shared that special moment of induction in Bangkok with us.

Our thanks to **IPDG Ken and Margaret** for all the support they gave Krishan and myself during last year and wish them well as they enjoy little less busy year. Congratulations and our thanks for the progress made during the year and together we'll continue to build and improve on those achievements.

At our convention in **March**, Lion Wesley De Mendonca was elected as Vice-District Governor and we would like to wish both **Wesley and Brenda** the very best. I would like to thank all Lions who have served on the Cabinet who are now taking a well earned rest. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and for your continued support.

My Theme for our year is **Touching Lives Through Service**. Service is our motto. We as Lions are touching lives everyday of those we help through service and with those we serve.

Our International President **Albert F Brandel** Theme for 2008-2009 is **Miracles Through Service**. Let us all work as a team to create Miracles and Touch many more Lives through Service and appreciate the Everyday Heroes within our Clubs.

It has become traditional for the District Governor's **Partner** to nominate a Charity for the year of office. This year is no different and Krishan's **Chosen Charity** which was approved by Cabinet is **NSPCC**.

Those of you who attended the **Incoming Officers Seminar** in June, I hope found it useful in your preparation for taking Club office. It was very encouraging to see such a high attendance and was well organized thanks to PDG Mike Baldwin and his Leadership team of Presenters.

The next leadership event will be **Members Forum on 26th October** and would encourage all members to come and meet friends old and new, exchange ideas and learn something new. Any views or suggestions for the forum to Leadership officer PCC Viresh Paul or me.

Fellow Lions I will try to **visit all Clubs** at least once during 2008-09. I'll try to attend Special Charters but I am going to accept Charter Invitations on a first come, first basis in writing from the Club.

**100 Plus Members challenge** during our year. The MERL Team has new members, Lions: Max Mongia, Viresh Paul and Manish Chotai. So any membership issues please get in touch with them. We not only need to form new Clubs but also build Clubs with less than 10-12 membership, looking after current membership, Retention is the one of the key issue in membership expansion.

**MMR and District Activity Reports.** I need your cooperation to achieve 100% monthly reporting by Clubs. Please make sure the reports are sent soon after your 2nd meeting as this is the only means of knowing the activity within our District - hours of service, funds raised/donated and Number of members, any questions from the Club and so on.

In your July or August District Activity Report please include total number of members, number of Members at large and Affiliated members in your Club.

Any news of illness or bereavement of Lions or their immediate family please inform via phone to our **Welfare Officer**, PCC Bert Randell - as we are a family so share the news good or bad.

**PR/Membership Drive** to be held in conjunction with local fair over August Bank holiday in Harrow with maximum local Clubs participation. Recycle this newsletter by giving out in your local area to promote who we are.

## My Diary – July 2008

2 July	London Host O/V
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6 July	District Handover
7 July	London Mill Hill O/V
9 July	Stanmore O/V
10 July	Wantage & Grove O/V
11 July	Osterley O/V
13 July	Highlands Gatherings
13 July	Zone F Cricket Match
14 July	Hadley Wood O/V
16 July	Committee Meeting
19 July	London Chinatown 25th C/A
20 July	DG Garden Party
22 July	Committee Meeting
23 July	Youth Exchange Outing
25 July	COG Meeting
26 July	COG Meeting
27 July	COG Meeting
31 July	YE Farewell Party

District **Youth Exchange 22nd July- 1st Aug**. Contact Lion Raza Ismail for helping with day hosting or joining in Farewell Dinner on 31st July. Thanks to all those Lions and Clubs who help regularly every year and those joining for the first time.

We have some new faces on District **Youth Activities Team** Lion James Juggapah (YAA) Himanshu Bavaria (PPC), please use their enthusiasm and support, as they are only too willing to help you together with other Team Members in all Youth Activities.

This year we have introduced a new office of **Lions Alert program** under the leadership of PDG Ron Wilkes. Please send your proposal or suggestion on to how we as a district should be prepared and ready to provide immediate help and assistance in case of emergency like last year's Flooding.

I send my very best wishes to every member of the **Lions family in District 105A** and look forward to meeting as many of you during 2008-2009.

**Together in Service**  
**Vijay Arora**