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District 105A News

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DG Lion Ken Rouse

WHAT'S IN YOUR DIARY?

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WELCOME TO THE 43RD CONVENTION

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all from Feb 29th to March 2nd to the 43rd Annual Convention of District 105A at the Holiday Inn Elstree. It is the highlight of any D.G.'s year and I am no exception. Lion Margaret and I have visited 72 clubs and with Charters, Council Meetings, Cabinet Meetings and others. In total we will have represented our District close on to 100 times at these events, and we are extremely proud to do so.

Our International guest is Past International Director Lion Sid Scruggs III and Lion Judy Scruggs. Lion Sid is the endorsed candidate for 2nd International Vice President at the International Convention in Bangkok, and has also been endorsed by MD105. I am sure that we will all make them both welcome.

Convention is the time for us to look at the accomplishments for our year together, in which we have demonstrated once again, our commitment to serve our communities in accordance with our humanitarian objectives inherent within our motto "WE SERVE".

District 105A is probably the best district in the world (just to paraphrase a well known lager advert). This is not an idle boast. The facts and figures bear this out and it is you the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of our District that make it happen. Enjoy your Convention.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

DG Lion Ken Rouse

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JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

My wife Bala, our daughter Baneceta and myself set on a special journey- a pilgrimage of holy shrines in India interspersed with meeting Lions in these places. Our first stop was Jammu where our journey to the Holy Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi started.

After Jammu, our next stop was Amritsar, the 100 years old city founded by the fourth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Ramdas. It has been the seat of the Sikh religion and culture from its very inception. To visit the Golden Temple, literally 'Pool of nectar' was a dream come true. In Amritsar we met Lion Narinder Singh, President of the Amritsar Golden Temple Lions Club. Besides other projects the Lions have been concentrating on building an eye hospital, so that those in need of care can come where the service will be available all the time. This will obviate the need for organizing Eye Camps. They are seeking funds to equip the hospital.

Following Amritsar, we visited Shimla to experience the narrow gauge railway with 102 tunnels. There I met the past president of Shimla Lions Club. Here the Lions are prominently active. Besides organizing eye camps, Lions are also contributing for the betterment of the environment. I saw bill boards 'Grow more trees for healthy environment- courtesy Lions Club of Shimla.'

Our next stop was **Ajmer**. Ajmer is a popular pilgrimage centre for the Hindus as well as Muslims. I managed to meet the President Lion Amarnath Gupta and the Secretary Lion Arjandas Tewaney of Lions Club of Ajmer. The Lions in Ajmer have a post eye surgery I.C.U ward in Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital. They also organize eye camps on a regular basis.

India is now home to the world's largest number of blind people. Of the 37 million people across the globe who are blind, over 15 million are in India. The Lions, therefore make a tremendous contribution in helping blind people through Eye camps and Eye hospitals.

All these shrines welcome everyone regardless of the religion or faith one follows. The Ethics and Purposes of Lions International kept coming in my mind. At the shrines so many people of different faiths, transgressed religions and ethnicity. Too often we dwell on big matters and less on sympathizing with those less fortunate and just try to be better human beings. In these places there was no distinction between the rich and the poor, strong and the weak - they all queued at the same place, ate at the same place and outwardly looked the same.

It was a wonderfully rewarding and enriching experience.

Lions Rana Dhawan
Lions Club of Hayes & Harlington

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

This fantastic occasion was once again a roaring success, PDG Lion Parveen and his committee worked hard to make it so.

We had 800 senior citizens present, and if you take into account the helpers the numbers were swollen to around 1100.

The help that the Leo's of Hendon and Mill Hill provided was well appreciated both before the party, during and after. St John Ambulance were very visible all afternoon, and in particular bringing people in at the beginning. At the end of the party I thanked everybody, but very remiss of me I didn't thank the members of Harrow & Pinner Club who were outside in the car park. It can get chaotic out there but Lions Tony and Lesley did brilliantly and have my grateful thanks for the superb job that they did. Everything went with a swing with the music and dancing. At about 5 o'clock a lot of tired senior citizens made their way home already asking about next years party. Once again well done every body.

DG Lion Ken Rouse



The singer is Peter Grant from Harrow Weald...a Senior Citizen who amazed everybody with his voice!



Dance Performance

From the Editor

The Convention -the highlight event of the year for the District is here. Many of the excellent deeds that the Lions have carried out in the last year will be mentioned. Clubs or individuals will be awarded prizes in recognition of their achievement. It reinforces our motto that Lions are Ordinary people doing Amazing things.

The activities that inspire the future generation of Lions like the Music competition, the Peace Poster, the Young

Ambassador have very worthy winners. We hope that they will carry the spirit of Lionism and inspire the following generation of young people.

I wish DG Ken Rouse, his wife Lion Margaret, visiting international guests and all the Lions of 105A a happy and successful Convention.

Lion Shirish Sheth
Editor



Lions and Guests



LIONS CLUB OF LONDON BELMONT

Lions Club of London Belmont was formed on 15th August 2007 with 31 Members. The Club was presented with the Charter on 1st December 2007 where over 150 guests graced the occasion.

Amongst the VIP's were PID Lion Howard Lee, DG Lion Ken Rouse and his good lady, Lion Margaret Rouse, VDG Lion Vijay Arora and her husband Kishen, MERL Chairman, Lion Kumar Acharya, Region Chairman, Lion Bharat Mistri, Zone E Chairman, Lion Munjal Joshi and Zone F Chairman, Lion Harihar Patel as well Presidents and Members from other Clubs in the District. Donations of over £1,000 were made on the night.

The new Club has already made its mark in the District and has pledged to become



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a "Model Club" for CSF II. Belmont Lions donated 400 vegetarian food parcels to the Senior Citizens Party on 3rd February. The club was involved in the Bollywood Valentine Nite on 16th Feb to raise funds for CSF II. Currently the Club members are actively working towards the Zone Swimming Gala which takes place on the 16th March.

The Chief guests at the Bollywood Nite were the Mayor of London Borough of Harrow, Councillor Jean Lammiman and her Consort, Mr John Hinckley. The Mayor was so impressed with the work that Club had done in the short time since formation that at the invitation of the Charter President, Lion Amin Dada, she agreed to become an Honorary Member. I am pleased to report that The Mayor was duly inducted at the Club's business meeting on 20th February by the DG Lion Ken Rouse and the ceremony was witnessed by over 60 distinguished Lions and guests.

A SAD FAREWELL

We regret to announce the death of
Lion Alan Thelwell
 of Harrow and Pinner Lions

Lion Juliette Davies
 Secretary - Harrow and Pinner Lions

SEVEN KINGS DONATE TO NEWHAM HOSPITAL

A donation of £6000 has been made to the Neo-natal Unit (NNU) at Newham General Hospital by the Lions Club of London Seven Kings, a voluntary group which raises money for charities.

Club members were happy to help the Newham team and held a dinner and dance to raise the money for an additional ventilator. Club President, Dipak Purohit, said: "We have some extremely generous people in the community. We wished to raise £6000 for the machine and this was achieved within 30 minutes of the appeal being launched on the night! Imagine, there were just 110 people at the event. We were overjoyed with the result."

Dr Vimala Gopinathan, Consultant Paediatrician and Lead Clinician, said: "We are very grateful for the Lions Club for making this donation to the unit. Additional ventilators are always welcome as they are in constant use on the unit."

BOLLYWOOD VALENTINE NITE CSFII

Bollywood arrived at the famous Harrow Leisure Centre on Saturday 16th February 2008. Over 500 guests enjoyed an evening of glamour, dance and musical entertainment from Region 3 and ably supported by the Lions Club of Sudbury.



The guests of honour were the Worshipful Mayor of London Borough of Harrow Councillor Jean Lammiman and the Mayor of London Borough of Brent Councillor Harshad Patel.

Byron Hall was magically transformed to a top London venue with wonderful table floral displays. Ladies in their sensational sarees and costumes added to Bollywood ambience.



My passion to excel in Lionism for Campaign Sight First II began with a challenge from PDG Lion Rati Shah for a Region 3 project to aid this valuable cause.

I thank all the Region 3 Clubs and the Lions Club of Sudbury for their support in ensuring this event was a success. In particular, I recognise the Zone E Chairman Lion Munjal Joshi, the Zone F Chairman Lion Harihar Patel, Lions Amin Dada, Minesh Mehta and Jennifer Giannoccaro.

The organising of a successful evening is only possible with support shown by the Advertisers in the Bollywood Nite brochure, generous sponsors and raffle prize donors.

Music and dance entertained all present and the evening was complete with a Valentine's gift sponsored by Lion Ramesh Parmar for all ladies present.

Together we serve...

Lion Bharat Mistri
 Region 3 Chairman - District 105A

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KEN'S CORNER


ordinary people
amazing things

KENYA

On the 30th December 2007 at about 5 pm Presidential Election results were announced and the incumbent was declared the winner. This news was not received well by the supporters of the loser, and looting, arson, raping, murders, started in Nairobi, Eldoret, Kisumu, Molo, and Kisii all of these areas being the strongholds of the opposition. In Kisumu shops of Asians were looted and burnt and about 500 Asians escaped to Uganda and Tanzania. In other towns there was ethnic cleansing and people of Kikuyu origin were killed, looted, farms and houses burnt.

Nakuru is in central position of all of these towns. In Nakuru where the local Lions Club is based is a safe haven so all the people affected went there, and were given shelter by the Government in an open arena. The Lions Club of Nakuru witnessed the whole episode and realised food was a big problem besides sanitation, clean water etc. The Lions have been cooking food for 2,500 people daily since this disaster began, and serve the food themselves to the displaced people.

International organisations have given blankets, mattresses, food for cooking etc. At present care is being taken but a more difficult situation is envisaged in the future when these people will need to be resettled, there will be a need for houses, schools, clinics etc.

The Lions of Kenya are therefore appealing to us as fellow Lions and humanitarians to assist these people with their resettlement and together we as Lions can look into how best we can play our part in this hour of need.

The cabinet meeting on Sunday 20th January District 105A voted unanimously to ask clubs in our District to make donations towards alleviating this situation in Kenya, in District 411, a district that we are twinned with.

We will be liaising with the Lions of Kenya and they will let us know when and where they want the money to go. District International Officer PDG Lion Ram Jaggi will be in constant touch with them to keep us up to date with the situation. All donations must be sent to the District

Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah and made payable to "Lions Clubs International District 105a" and endorsed on the back Kenya Appeal.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GUEST TO OUR CONVENTION

We are delighted to have PID Lion Sid Scruggs III and his good lady Lion Judy to the District 105A Convention.



The PID is a retired commercial airline pilot. Sid L. Scruggs III was elected in June 2000 to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at their 83rd international convention in Hawaii.

A member of the Vass Lions club, Lion Scruggs has held many offices within the Association, including club President, Multiple District extension chairman and District Governor. In addition he has served on the board of directors of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. He served two years as an Area Impact Leader for new clubs and recently served as chairperson for the worldwide Mission 30 Team for International President Ashok Mehta's "Plus-One" program.

Scruggs has been a presenter at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership Forums and an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute, the Southeastern Leadership School and the International District Governor-elect School.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Scruggs has received numerous awards, including four Lion of the Year awards, the 100% Club President Award, eight New Club Extension Awards, the Guiding Lion Award, the Governor of Excellence Award, the Key of Nations Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, six International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour the association gives to its members. He is also a 10 diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Scruggs is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is chairperson of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind Board of Directors, a member of the board of directors for the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind, Inc. a life member of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and a life member of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association.

Past International Director Sid Scruggs III is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The honour is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the State of North Carolina. It is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina.

My Diary

March 2008

Sat	1 st 105A Convention	
Sun	2 nd 105A Convention	
Mon	3 rd Newport Pagnall & Olney	O/V
Tue	4 th Tring	O/V
Wed	5 th Rickmansworth & Loudwater	O/V
Thu	6 th London Central	O/V
Fri	7 th District 105d Convention	
Sat	8 th District 105d Convention	
Sun	9 th District 105d Convention	
Mon	10 th Hendon	O/V
Tue	11 th UN Day House of Commons	
Wed	12 th Chipping Barnet	O/V
Sat	15 th Mill Hill Gala	
Wed	19 th Northwood	O/V
Sat	22 nd Ealing	C/A
Tue	25 th Chipping Norton	O/V
Sat	29 th Southall	C/N
Sun	30 th Hitchin	CL

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