

Food for the Homeless

Homelessness is an isolating and destructive experience, apparent throughout the country but very prevalent in London.

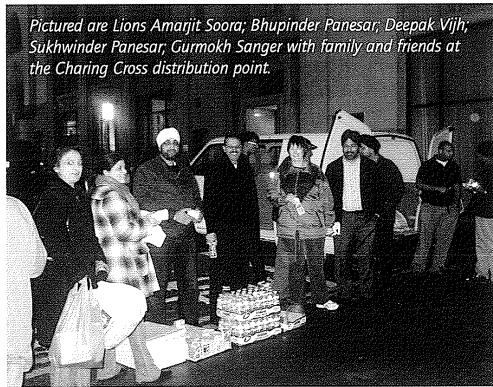
Homeless people are some of the most vulnerable and socially excluded members of our society. Unless you have experienced real hunger, you cannot appreciate what homeless people struggle with every day. They never know when or how they will get their next meal. Hunger affects their ability to function, making it more difficult for them to find ways to help themselves.

To help fill part of this vacuum Lions Club of Fairlop decided to initiate a programme of feeding the hungry and homeless with regular balanced meals. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month the club provides an average of 100 meals, consisting of rice, lentils and a sweet dish to these needy people. The meals are distributed in Charing Cross. The club has partnered with the Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Seven Kings Ilford who is generously providing what is freshly prepared on their premises. The packing and distribution of the food is undertaken by Lions of our club together with their families and volunteers.

The programme has been running since 17th January 2010 and has been an uplifting experience for everyone involved. People of all ages have given their time to this project and the club would like to thank all of them and the volunteers at the Sikh Gurdwara who prepare the food.

The club hope to expand its activities in this area and if anyone would like more information or would like to help, please call Lion Amarjit on 07831 502621.

Lion Amarjit Soora
Lions Club of Fairlop



Pictured are Lions Amarjit Soora; Bhupinder Panesar; Deepak Vijh; Sukhwinder Panesar; Gurmokh Sanger with family and friends at the Charing Cross distribution point.

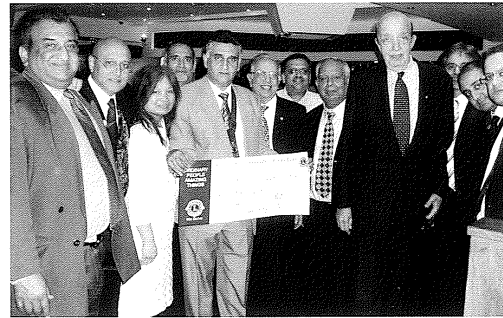
From the Editor

Another Lionistic year is drawing to a close and it is time to reflect upon the successes and failures(?) of the year gone by. New teams are getting ready to take over the running of the District as well as Clubs with new ideas and hopes. However, for Lions the unchanging theme is to help the needy. This is particularly important as the country faces difficult times ahead.

The articles in this issue point to the wonderful work being done by Lions of 105A. It truly lives up to our motto of "We Serve".

My thanks to DG Lion Wesley for his support throughout the year in the publication of the Newsletter.

Lion Shirish Sheth



Lions Club of Hadley Wood raises £5000 for Albino Charity

The Lions Club of Hadley Wood held a very successful Charity mehfil in aid of Persons With Albinism in Tanzania at the Cavendish Banqueting Suite on the 10th of April raising £5000 in support of Under The Same Sun, a Canadian charity organisation that is very active in the field.

Albinism is a condition whereby the body lacks pigmentation, this creates problems with eyesight and skin cancer.

Lions Club of Hadley Wood's intention of choosing and supporting this charity was two-fold, one was to raise funds and the other was to create awareness of the plight of Albinos in Tanzania where they are being murdered and their body parts sold off to Witchdoctors to create 'magic potions' with the false promises that these potions help one get rich. There has been an outcry in the international press against this barbaric practice and the Tanzanian Government has started to arrest the perpetrators. Lions Club of Hadley Wood intend to involve Lions International to take up the mantle in defence of these innocent victims, Lion Amit Ruparell will be co-ordinating on that front, and Lion President Ali Musani is organising a campaign on Facebook and Twitter.

We all need to spread the awareness of this problem wherever and whenever we can, as not many people are aware that this problem persists, so that we can educate people who believe in these outdated beliefs that it is wrong and mindless to kill innocent people.

More information can be viewed at www.underthesamesun.com and anyone who wishes to pledge any more donations or requires any more information are welcome to contact Lion Ali at ali@dewood.co.uk.

Lion Ali Musani

Twinning

The twinning ceremony of London Westminster with the Siauliai Women Lions Club of Lithuania, took place on 8 May 2010 at the Lions District 131 Convention in Kaunas, Lithuania. Photo shows PDG Elliot Shubert, President of London Westminster and Ausra, President, Siauliai Women exchanging twinning documents.

