



# PRIDE OF LIONS

District 105A News

DG Martin Morgan



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## Message from Lion Mike Baldwin to all members within District 105A

*Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos*

Janet and I have been overwhelmed by the goodwill messages sent following my heart problems. We enjoyed reading them all and we thank you all very much for taking the time to write to us. I think I am on the mend at last, certainly I am feeling much better now.

In about 4 weeks time I am expecting to go back to hospital but only for a check-up to make sure my heart is working properly.

We were very disappointed that we could not attend our own MD convention and the MD111 convention organised with help of Heike Voss. It would have been fun. I have spoken to Helmut Voss on the phone in the last week and it seems like it was.

It seems funny that as I write this we are so close to a new Lionistic year with DG Andrew at the helm. My thanks go to DG Martin and to Jill, I am sure they had a great time during their year and I certainly remember convention 2011 with affection.

Janet and I look forward to meeting you at handover and other forthcoming events. Thank you all for your messages which certainly have an uplifting effect on both Janet & I.

Yours in Lionism



Lion Mike Baldwin

## Greenford Willows Silver Jubilee

The Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club celebrated its 25th Charter Anniversary and capped the milestone with yet another successful fund raising campaign.

The Club President Lion Kanti Nagda presented Adam Feder, of St Marks Hospital Foundation with a cheque of £2,150 for the Life Gym project. The funds were raised at the Charter Night dinner held on 2nd April 2011 where the guests enjoyed the atmosphere, delicious food and music. The evening was even more memorable as it was on the day when the Indian Cricket Team won the Cricket World Cup. The convenor of the evening was by Lion Madhu Shah.

The Foundation's executive, Adam Feder, said: "I would like to thank the Lions Club for this generous donation. We very much rely on voluntary contributions and donations from the community. This money will help so many more people and will make a huge difference to the patients who come to St Marks Hospital."

Greenford Willow Tree Lion Club would like to thank everyone who attended the evening and donated so generously.



From L to R: Lion Mahendra Pattni, Mr Adam Feder, Lion President Kanti Nagda

## NOTICE BOARD

### 14th Annual Senior Citizens Celebration

booked at Harrow Leisure Centre on Sunday 5 February 2012

### The theme for 2011-12 Peace Poster Contest is "Children Know Peace".

Cost per kit £8 including P+P

To order your Peace Poster Contest kits, please contact District Officer Lion Himanshu Bavaria.

### LCI Purpose:

*To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.*



## Ladies Fashion Show

Leighton Buzzard Lions Club organised a Ladies Fashion Show on Wednesday 6th April to raise funds for the local Dial A Ride Company, The Buzzer Bus, and Willen Hospice, based in Milton Keynes.

The more fashion conscious came to Leighton Buzzard Day Centre and watched clothes from Smartys Clothing Company, based in Stratford on Avon, being modelled. The evening was well attended and made a profit of £731.

Lion Penny Tregillus



The Leighton Buzzard Lions watch an exciting fashion show.

## Osterley Lions grow from strength to strength

Lions Club of Osterley has inducted 5 new members during this Lionistic year 2010-11. Lions Baljit Ahluwalia, Harjinder Ahluwalia, Sandy Ghudial, Jaisri Parmar and Rita Kumar have been inducted taking the club membership to 17. VDG Elect, John Savill inducted Jaisri Parmar and Rita Kumar at the club's monthly business meeting in May.

More new members are expected over the next few months with confident expectations that the club will reach its target of 20.

District 105A Zone Chairperson Meenakshi Gupta and club secretary IPP Joginder Gill, both welcomed the new members to Osterley and confirmed that the strengthening of its club membership will ensure that Osterley Lion Club continues to raise funds and awareness for its many service projects.



Lion President Naresh Gupta said: "I am excited and pleased with the increase in our club numbers," adding that "all the credit goes to our team of Osterley Lions who have worked hard to introduce new blood to our club." He added that "Osterley Lions are a small but committed family of volunteers with the same goals and aspirations."

## From the Editor

As this Lionistic year draws to a close, it is time to reflect upon the successes and the less successful events of the year gone by. Your Club's successes should be shared with other Lions, naturally through the Pride of Lions.

Please remember to send in your articles and photos so that other Clubs can emulate your achievements. Moreover, when non Lions read about the good causes that were supported, the needy that were helped, it might inspire them to join the Lions. As we all know, membership is an issue in most Clubs.

My thanks to all the Clubs who have contributed articles to the POL and I hope that more of you will do the same in the forthcoming year.

Lion Shirish Sheth

## Dear Lions Clubs of District 105A

Re: 2017

Lions Clubs International is planning the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our association in 2017. Your feedback is important in helping them determine what will be of most interest to your club and your community.

Please share your thoughts in the simple survey LCI have put together and help make this a world wide celebration.

The link to the survey is:  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/U2JSXZUYG6M4>

Let's help make this really special by sending all our ideas to LCI.

Regards

Martin Morgan  
District Governor 105A

## Charity Golf Challenge

5th Annual Chipping Barnet and Mill Hill Charity Golf Challenge held on 20th May at Luton. This attracted 70 golfers and it is hoped to raise good funds for a special school in Edgware. It was a most successful fund raising event.

DGE Lion Andrew visited during the day to wish all golfers well at the prestigious Luton Hoo golf course.

Lions Club of London Belmont are pleased to welcome the following new member to Lions Family.

### Lion Lynda Nebab

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Lynda to "Help those less fortunate than ourselves".

## Lions Hospital in Kenya



I have been visiting Kenya frequently in the last few years and one of the memorable events was my visit to the Lions Hospital in Loresho area of Nairobi.

The hospital (pictured above), has been built completely through donations and most of the equipment and wards have been fitted with donations from Lions, including Lions from UK, particularly the Lions Club of Enfield. The standard of wards and the hygiene is very impressive. They also have some "executive" standard hospital rooms where higher charges are payable. These higher charges are used to subsidise the general wards.

As befits a Lions project, eyesight treatment is given priority. There is a project where cataract operations are heavily subsidised, for the very poor at a cost of KShs.4000 which is about £30 per operation. This includes the pre-treatment, the surgery, and 2 days stay at the hospital and medication.

There is also a state-of-the-art Eye Bank Hospital where eyesight is given to a blind person, by an organ donor scheme. Again this is subsidised for the very poor. One such operation costs Kshs. 40,000 (about £ 300)!! Huge posters advertising the Eye Bank are plastered all over Nairobi with the Lions logo featuring prominently.

I had the pleasure of attending the inauguration of a general medical centre, where the needy will be treated for a small sum. The whole medical centre has been built by donation from one family.

If any of the Clubs in District 105A wish to donate to the above projects, contact the Lions Hospital. If you wish, you can contact me as well and I will put you through to Jain Social Group in Nairobi, who are committed to raising funds for the above projects. During your next visit to Nairobi, do not miss out on visiting this Lions Hospital. It is a sight that makes one feel proud to be a Lion.

**Shirish Sheth**  
Lions Club of Mill Hill

## Lions European Musical Competition

Aisling Maguire sponsored by the Lions Club of Fairlop won the MD Final in Birmingham in April and will now represent the UK at the European finals in Holland in October 2011.

This year's instrument is the OBOE, and together with her accompanist Odette Cotton on the Piano, Aisling performed to very high standard in a competitive field which impressed the judges. She will also perform at the National Convention in Belfast on 8th May 2011

Aisling is very much looking forward to the European Finals and Club President Paul Chakravarti and the whole Club is very proud of her achievement and believe she has an excellent chance of further success.

Aisling is pictured below receiving her trophy and a cheque for £500 from Chairman of Council Jacquie Prebble.



## Official call for nominations for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor for 105A

I call upon Clubs for nominations for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor for 2012-2013.

Nominations shall be in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and must be submitted to the District Constitution, Nomination and Resolutions Officer together with a signed copy of the minutes of the club meeting supporting the nomination.

At this call, a nomination for District Governor may only be submitted on behalf of the incoming Vice District Governor 2011-12, Lion John Savell of the Lions Club of Thame & District.

The position of Second Vice District Governor is vacant for 2011-12, and therefore any candidate who meets the criteria for that

position may be nominated for First Vice District Governor 2012-13.

Nominations for First and / or Second Vice District Governor 2012-13 should be submitted on the application form available from the District Constitution, Nomination and Resolutions Officer. The nominee should clearly indicate on the form whether they are standing for 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, or both positions.

Completed nominations must be received by District Constitution, Nomination and Resolutions Officer before 15th August 2011.

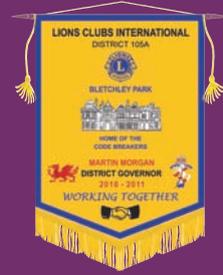
Issued by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer Lion Colin Davies on behalf of the District Governor 2010-11, Lion Martin Morgan.



# DG Martin's Message



## Working Together



This is the last time I shall sit down as the DG and write my newsletter, it just doesn't seem possible but there we are time has marched on.

A couple of weeks ago Jill and I returned from MD Convention in Belfast and my last Council of Governors meeting with the new council holding their first meeting afterwards.

I received a phone call that completely knocked me for six when I was told that PDG Mike Baldwin, the District Secretary, had suffered a major heart attack and was in hospital in ICU. After many days of waiting for news and getting updates from Lions, I'm pleased to say he's now home with Janet and well on the road to recovery.

We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with St Dunstan's hospital which enables us to work more closely with them in helping to set up the facility for service personnel with sight loss problems.

Then I watched DGE Andrew being welcomed into convention by members of this District with lots of party poppers and thinking the District will be in safe hands.

All this is the culmination of a very hectic year and I can't help but to look back on that year with enjoyment when I think of the highlights of what Jill and I have done.

It started with us walking into the hall in Leeds as the DGE to a wonderful welcome by 105A and was followed by our garden party where my incoming cabinet joined us for a great day of fun and fellowship. The International Convention in Sydney and being sworn in as DG by IP Sid Scruggs with so many of this District there to share it with us came next and was a fantastic experience.

Then of course there was District handover where I was finally, truly the DG of 105A as DG Wesley hung the collar around my neck. Then the work began. The many club visits and Charters then began and I can honestly say that we have loved every one of them and give our thanks to all the clubs that hosted us and made us feel so welcome. I hope we can meet many of you again at future charters and events that we may get invited to.

Last October we were lucky to have a visit by the International Board in Edinburgh where we hosted the board for a few days and attended the board meeting, quite an event.

The Lord Mayor's Show, followed by marching on Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph were so memorable and will stay with us for ever.

Then of course was the Senior Citizens Celebration which is such a success every year and this was no exception as was the Youth Celebration which was very special.

Luckily I had PDG Mike available when I needed the District Convention organised as he and his team put together what I believe was the best one ever, (show me a DG who doesn't think that), but the weekend was so special to all who attended that I stand by my claim.

We now come full circle to DGE Andrew shortly going to Seattle to be sworn in at International Convention and returning to District Handover and the whole cycle starts again within this District of ours called Lions 105A.

Thank you all once again for the support and friendship you have given us this year.

DG Martin Morgan

## Jill's Charity - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

It hardly seems a year ago that I introduced my choice of charity to Martin's incoming Cabinet and asked for their approval for it to be the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

It is 31 years since our younger daughter, Andrea, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and the management of the condition has improved greatly in that time. For example in 1980 glass syringes were still being used which had to be sterilised but now injections are given using a form of epi-pen. **BUT THERE IS STILL NO CURE.**

This past year has renewed my interest in the control and management of Type 1

Diabetes, especially in teenagers and I hope to continue supporting JD RF. Their annual sponsored walk takes place in Regent's Park, London on Saturday 10th September and they are always



looking for helpers on the day. More details can be found on their website [www.jdrf.org.uk](http://www.jdrf.org.uk) As well as fundraising for JD RF, I hope that this year has made people more aware of the condition, especially in children and young people. Thank you all for your support and the donations I am still receiving. I will let you know shortly how much we have raised together towards finding the cure.

Jill

## My Diary

June 2011

- 3rd** Witney Club Charter
- 4th** Rotary Club of Aylesbury Charter
- 5th** DGE Garden Party
- 12th** Incoming Officers and Youth Symposium
- 16th** Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
- 18th** Abingdon Club Charter
- 19th** Bletchley President's Bar-B-Q
- 20th** Ampthill Club O/V
- 21st** Bletchley Club Handover
- 26th** Letchworth Club Charter