

PRIDE OF LIONS

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Meet your DG team!

This image was taken at the District Handover Ceremony, which was held at Aubrey Park Hotel. Read more about this on page 2.



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NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the team!

Below are the names of the newest additions to our family of Lions. Congratulations and welcome to:

- Lion Mital Patel, Edgware Lions Club
- Lion Gillian Fallon, Letchworth Garden City and Baldock Lions Club
- Lion Canute Stephen Thompson, Letchworth Garden City and Baldock Lions Club
- Lion Rakesh Nair, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club
- Lion Tajinder Singh Bhogal, Southall Lions Club
- Lion Ketual Patel, Southall Lions Club
- Lion Sunir K Patel, Southall Lions Club
- Lion Deepak Mehan, Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club
- Lion Baljinder Kaur Jheeta, Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club
- Lion Arti Gidwani, London Central Host Lions Club
- Lion Ganga Basnet, London Belmont Lions Club

Covid-19: staying safe

This is just a reminder to our family of Lions to stay safe in these unsure times.

District Governor's diary for August 2021

05/08 – convention meeting

07/08 – New Voices workshop

08/08 – 1st Cabinet meeting

10/08 – Kenton Lions Club business meeting

12/08 – Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club golf

17/08 – Multiple District (MD) Council meeting

16/08 – GAT and GMA meeting

21/08 – Handover of Hornchurch Lions Club, District CE

25/08 – Edgware Lions Club golf day

28/08 – New Member Orientation workshop



"To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy."

– One of the Lions Code of Ethics

The District Handover Ceremony

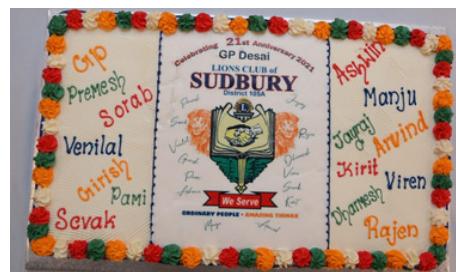
After almost 16 months, the Lions of District 105A were reunited on the evening of 24 July for the District Handover Ceremony. A huge thank you to Lion Alastair Joel for leading District 105A through a challenging year. We wish District Governor (DG) Karanjeet Kaur Assan, 1st Vice District Governor (VDG) Kavaljit Dev and 2nd Vice District Governor Lesley Spence and the whole team all the best for the next year.



A wonderful celebration

by Lion Rajen Sangani, Sudbury Lions Club

On 22 July, Sudbury Lions Club got together at the Blue Room to celebrate our 21st anniversary, and the 81st birthday of our Charter President Lion G P Desai. Guests were dressed in Hawaiian themed outfits, listened to live music, and watched an incredible dance performance in the presence of our esteemed guests: DG Karanjeet Kaur Assan and District Secretary (DS) Ramesh Parmar. It was an excellent event that was enjoyed by one and all.



Strive not to be successful, but rather to be of value – Albert Einstein

New Voices initiative

by Lion Kadu Shah, Milton Keynes Lions Club



New Voices is an exciting new initiative launched this year in our district. Its mission is to give every Lion and Leo a voice even if they have no official role within Lions. It's a platform for sharing new ideas and learning from each other by sharing success stories. These stories will be published monthly in the Pride of Lions and on social media at district level.

The New Voices team will be working closely with Zone chairs and Clubs to identify success stories and to acknowledge individuals for their contributions in the following fields: **Leadership** (led by Lion Kadambari Shah), **Membership** (led by Lion Rajah Lotay), **Service** (led by Lion Sulochana Sethi) and **Publicity** (led by Lion Kam Kalra).

The New Voices team would like one person from each club to volunteer as a New Voices Champion. As a champion, you will identify success stories within your club and submit them to us. Along with a feature in the Pride of Lions, selected stories will also be shared and published internationally. The club submitting the story will be recognised for their success by a gift sponsored by DG Karanjeet Kaur Assan.

Please contact us on nv@lions105a.org with your stories. We look forward to hearing from you!

Meet the District 105A New Voices team



Lion Sulochana
Sethi



Lion Kam
Kalra



Lion Rajah
Singh Loatey



Lion Kadambari
Shah

Coming soon: the New Voices workshop

When: Saturday 7 August at 10am

Duration: 1 hour

Where: Zoom

Join this workshop to discover how the New Voices team can help you with Publicity, Leadership, Service and Membership.

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else – Booker T. Washington

New Voices success story of the month

by Lion Minesh Mehta, London-Hendon Lions Club

This is a success story in the Service category that lead to a Membership increase.

Every Friday, I carry out the service activity of feeding homeless people at Charing Cross in London. One Friday, I met a young man who had also come to volunteer. He asked me where I was from and how I got involved, so I told him I got involved through the Lions. He told me that he had heard the name, but didn't know who we were. So, over the next few Fridays, I told him all about us. Then, due to the pandemic, we did not meet for a while. However, in July 2020, we re-connected to serve together.

Almost 2 months later, I asked him to join our club meeting on Zoom, which he did. He became interested in getting to know more, and after a further 2 months, I asked him if he would like to become a member. He agreed and was inducted in November 2020. Now, he is taking the position of Club Secretary for 2021/22 and has been nominated for 1st Vice President 2022/23, which I am sure he will do justice.

Making our community a little tidier

by Lion Igiletu Musa, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club

A growing problem that continues to affect our community is littering. In the last year alone, an estimated 25 million tonnes of litter was dropped in the UK. Littering makes our community look untidy, unhealthy and is also a threat to public health – especially now during the pandemic. To do our bit in fixing this issue, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club carry out a litter pick every first Saturday of the month. We go out into the community to help preserve the neighbourhood whilst adhering to the current government guidelines. Picking up litter is one of the ways we help our local community, and we have lots of fun doing it.

If you would like to join us, we would be glad to welcome you to the team! Simply send us an email at satnam@harrowandpinnerlions.org.uk and we will send you more information.



Signs of Lions on your high street?

by Lion John Ferris, Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club

Where would we be without the support of retailers, businesses and other traders in our towns? In a normal Lionistic year, all manner of licenced premises, shops, offices and businesses become involved in supporting local Lions club activities. Whether they're sponsoring events, or simply providing a regular raffle prize for our Charter Nights. But how do we say 'thank you' to these businesses? Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club have designed an item that can do just that.



The vinyl decal, pictured above, is now available via MD HQ. The vinyl decal simply affixes to clean glass and is placed on the inside of the premises window or glass door, facing the street. This indicates to all who pass that the trader is an active supporter of Lions and at the same time is a highly visible advert for the club – a win, win for all.



Past Lion President (LP) John Ferris, Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club recently awarded the first decal to CT Wilson and Sons, a local hardware shop in the town of Olney. The staff recently raised a substantial sum by selling Lions branded eco bags in addition to having acted as a box office, selling tickets for a number of Club events.

Reunited with a special guest

by Lion John Bennewith, Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club held our first face-to-face meeting on 21 May when we were able to extend a warm welcome to International Director, Geoff Leeder (pictured on the right). Geoff presented the Melvyn Jones Fellowships to Lion David Jones (who has been our treasurer for 15 years now) and to Lion Ivor Dodgson (our Fundraising Chair). Geoff also presented service chevrons to several other Lions, including a 45 year chevron to Lion Roger Wolburn.



It's all fun and games

Welcome to the new section of the Pride of Lions. Every month, there will be a new puzzle for you to solve, along with the answers from the previous month. For July, we've created this word search with a charity theme. Enjoy!



Community

Giving

Teamwork

Hope

Service

Support

Together

Volunteer

Help



DG'S CORNER

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as your DG. I can't believe it's almost coming to the end of July! I've had a very busy and enjoyable couple of weeks.

Firstly, on 18 June, I attended Group 23's last training session



with PID Vijay Kumar and the special guest of the session, International President Douglas X Alexandria. I then had a wonderful time at the DGE Training at the Grange Hotel from 18 June to 20 June, as we governors met after almost two years.



Following this, I exchanged banners with DG Ann from Ireland District 133 over a cup of tea at my home.



I then attended a get-together for taking my DG Oath with the International President on 29 June, which was arranged by LP Varinder and the members of Hayes and Harlington Lions Club. Thank you, everyone!



My first day as a DG was on 1 July and it

was a land mark; not only was it my first day, it was my birthday and I was also invited to the Lions Club of London Central Host's business meeting to induct a new member and conduct the handover. I'd like to thank Lion Vijay, who gifted me a bunch of beautiful roses and a delicious cake.



I also inducted a new member into the Lions Club of London Belmont (Lion Ganga) and awarded a Lions yellow jacket to Lion Rakesh.



I then went to see LP Elect Kuldip Singh from Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club take the oath as incoming President, and inducted 2 members: Mr Deepak Mehan and Mrs Baljinder Kaur. My heartiest congratulation's to them and to LP Kuldip Singh for increasing the Membership.



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Do you have a story that you would like to share in the next issue of Pride of Lions? Please submit your article to: pol@lions105a.org.uk