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Merry Christmas!

The Lions of District 105A wish everyone a safe and happy festive season, and a prosperous new year.



DG KARANJEET KAUR ASSAN

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NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the team

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

- Rachel Lucy Walls – Aylesbury Lions Club
- John De Silva – Hatch End Centennial Lions Club
- Karla Boban – London Westminster Lions Club
- Sukhwinder Singh Jassal – Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

Greenford Willow Tree Virtual Lions Club:

- Kushweet Kaur Bharji
- Aditya Dhawan
- Dilip Modi
- Hiren Panchal
- Vaibhavi Parekh
- Ajay Patel
- Dhilan Patel
- Sreedharan Sreejith

London St John's Wood Lions Club:

- Virendra Adhikari
- Praveen Challa
- Ruchir Dave
- Gurprit Kaur Dhaliwal
- Deepu Francis
- Deepak Jain
- Keyur Kanabar
- Prashant Kapur
- Pavan Nagori
- Gurjeet Singh Oberoi
- Bimal Sabarwal
- Ashit Samani
- Bijal Shah
- Meesha Shah
- Amanjit Singh
- Ajay Vyas



District Governor's diary for January 2021

03/01 – Youth Camp meeting

08/01 – CIO and ICO workshop

11/01 – Zone F meeting

16/01 – 3 Cabinet meeting

17/01 – GAT meeting

17/01 – GMA meeting

21/01 – Council meeting

22/01 – Council meeting

23/01 – Council meeting

29/01 – Banbury Lion Club's Charter

To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on 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.

– One of the Lions Code of Ethics



New Voices success story of the month

by Lion Dr Ranjan Adur, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

This is a success story in the Service category

A National Menstrual Hygiene Survey was carried out under the leadership of Mr A.C. Nielsen by the Government of India. It was found that only 12% of women have access to sanitary pads all over India. An average maturing schoolgirl misses 50 days a year due to a natural bodily function. This study also found that 88% of women all over the country do not have any access to pads on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, Reproductive Tract Infections (RTI) are 70% more common in women who do not use sanitary pads, compared to those who do use sanitary pads. This is due to the cost of the pads and lack of education in many communities. In fact, an average pad costs about Rs 5-12 (5-12 pence in GBP).

Therefore, we decided to start a project in Gujarat Ahmedabad in the Sanand area, which covers five villages including Chancharwadi Vasna, Changodar, Moraiya, Rajoda and Sari. Fifteen (full-time and part-time) volunteers were found, to start initially from Chancharwadi Vasna, who will be trained as a small scale industry to manufacture and distribute sanitary pads. We worked this as a cost-effective plan, after making it a self-funding and self-generating effort to solve a simple problem which has the potential to improve the lives of many villagers. After using the product, the pads will be safely and hygienically collected by volunteers and disposed sustainably by being used as fireballs for fuel.

Monthly village meetings have been planned in a local Panchayat School, with presentations discussing the health and hygiene benefits of using these pads, compared to reusing cloth. Posters and banners will be exhibited in the villages to inform and encourage women and girls. We have also planned to put special experts into place to educate women about other health issues, and to conduct free medical screening check-ups. We hope that this will reduce RTI infections by 70%.

We will evaluate the project with regular monitoring and quarterly reports coming back to the coordinator. The coordinator will report back to the club, having regularly collected the information from the supervisor and the people producing and distributing the products.



Helping the homeless

by Lion Ashwin Vora, Edgware Lions Club

Last month, Edgware Lions Club distributed 180 blankets to the homeless and the local community in London and the surrounding areas. Just in time for the upcoming cold winter months.



District 105A quiz

by Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra, London Kingsbury Lions Club

The district quiz final will be taking place on Sunday 6 February 2022 (subject to the Covid-19 government restrictions).

Zone E, F and G held their quiz jointly on 17 November 2021 at Blue Room Harrow and it was a fun filled evening. Twelve clubs took part and over 70 Lion members attended the event. So far, Stanmore Lions Club, London Mill Hill Lions Club, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club, Harpenden Lions Club and Biggleswade Lions Club have reached the finals.

There is still time for other Zones to organize their team quiz and take part in the finals. If you need any information or help with any other district competitions, please call Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra on 07956 810647.



The formation of London St. Johns Wood Lions Club

by Lion Virendra Adhikari, London St. Johns Wood Lions Club

On 3 December 2021, London Central Host Lions Club inaugurated London St. Johns Wood Lions Club with 19 new members in a function with the presence of over one hundred people. This new club was formed in a record short time by Lion Vijay Jain, who proposed to start a branch club in an October 2021 meeting, and in a November meeting he declared that he has almost 20 new members ready to join. This was a pleasant surprise for all, and District Governor (DG) Karanjeet was extremely happy and asked Lion Kumar Acharya (her New Clubs Officer) to provide all assistance.

The two Guiding Lions, Lion Nilesh Palan and Lion Kiran Shah, provided their help in informing new members of the history and progress of Lions and its Foundation. The function was held at a beautifully decorated Venue 5, a popular banquet hall, and efficiently presided by London Central Host Lions Club's president: Ashok Bhardwaj. Lion President Ashok then swiftly handed over to Lion Kumar and DG Karanjeet to induct all new members and present their certificates and lapel pins. DG Karanjeet was ably helped by 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors: Kavaljit Dev and Lesley Spence. Lion Vijay Jain was declared Charter President of London St. Johns Wood Lions Club with Lions Virendra Adhikari as Secretary, Amanjit Singh as Treasurer and Raj Banga as Membership Chairman.

The ceremony was then followed by some fun and celebrations. The music was provided by a couple of Mariners from the Alumni of Vijay Jain's College of Marine Engineering in India. Everyone fully enjoyed the event in this festive season.



Greenford Lions Virtual Club Branch

by Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club

On 7 December, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club launched the first virtual club branch: Greenford Lions Virtual Club Branch. This event took place in the presence of eminent guests from District 105A, Zone D and the Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Sunil Patel from Nadiad, India. The virtual club was officially inaugurated by District Secretary (DS) and PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar in the absence of DG Karanjeet Kaur Assan, though the DG was virtually present for the induction of her daughter, Kushweet Kaur Assan from Nairobi.

The virtual club was inaugurated with 12 members from all over the world, such as Singapore, India, USA and Kenya. The youngest member of the virtual club branch is 21 year old Lion Dhilan Patel, who has taken the initiative of becoming the virtual club branch's secretary.

The District, the Zone and all the members at Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club thanked Lion President (LP) Salil Patankar for taking this great initiative of incubating the idea back in October, and launching the virtual club branch in only eight weeks!



It's all fun and games

Welcome to the Pride of Lions puzzle page. Here is a new puzzle for you to solve, along with the answers from the previous month's sudoku puzzle. Enjoy!

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Answers

Here are the answers from the soduko puzzle in the November issue of Pride of Lions. Well done if you managed to solve it.

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DG'S CORNER



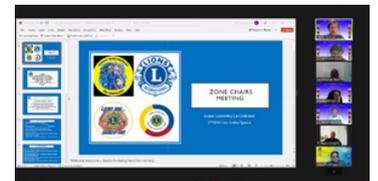
Pictured above is the MD Council meeting, which took place at Chesford Grange Hotel Kenilworth on the 29 to 31 October. In the picture with me, we have: DG Lion Mark, DG Lion Neil District, DG Lion Jaap District, DG Lion David, DG Lion Brian, and DG Lion Dave.



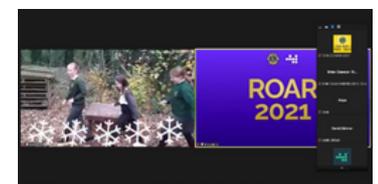
I attended a MacMillan Coffee morning held by Heston Lions Club.



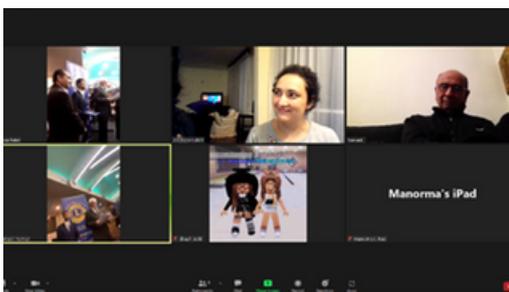
I visited Enfield Lions Club and presented four Melvin Jones Fellowships to members. I was also presented with a cheque for the DG Charity, Lifelites. It was a wonderful evening.



This was the Zone Chairs monthly meeting



Here is the Virtual ROAR Final program 2021.

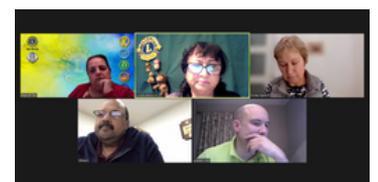


The image on the left is of the formation of Greenford Willow Tree Virtual Club Branch. Congratulations to Lion Kushweet (my daughter) who became a member from Nairobi.



This was a fun Zone Quiz evening.

Pictured on the right is me attending the formation of London St. Johns Wood Lions Club. It was another fantastic evening that was a pleasure to be at.



This was the Youth Camp meeting.



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