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WELCOME TO THE 57TH DISTRICT 105A CONVENTION!

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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:

- Harshad Makwana – Edgware Lions Club
- Sherneur Coutinho – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Akshad Guru – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Prashik Mamtora – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Mukesh Mishra – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Sudhir Sethi – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Sudhir Sharma – St Johns Wood Lions Club
- Ivo Jacobus Haest – Winslow Lions Club
- Shirley Ramnarine – Wembley Lions Club

District 105A Convention

The time has come. Almost eight months of preparations is over, with our last meeting on 24 February, for the Annual Convention. The final details have been checked and we're all very pleased that a good number of Lions have registered for convention.

District Governor's diary for March 2022

- 02/03** – Patti Hill visit at District SE
- 04/03 to 06/03** – District 105A Convention
- 10/03 to 13/03** – Districts CW, SC and CE Conventions
- 16/03** – Business meeting at London Belmont Lions Club
- 19/03** – Hendon dinner and dance
- 20/03** – MD Council meeting
- 21/03** – GAT and GMA meeting
- 26/03** – Charter of Harpenden
- 27/03** – Charity walk Zone B



To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

– One of the Lions Purposes

New Voices success story of the month

by *Lion Kam Kalra, Moor Park Lions Club*

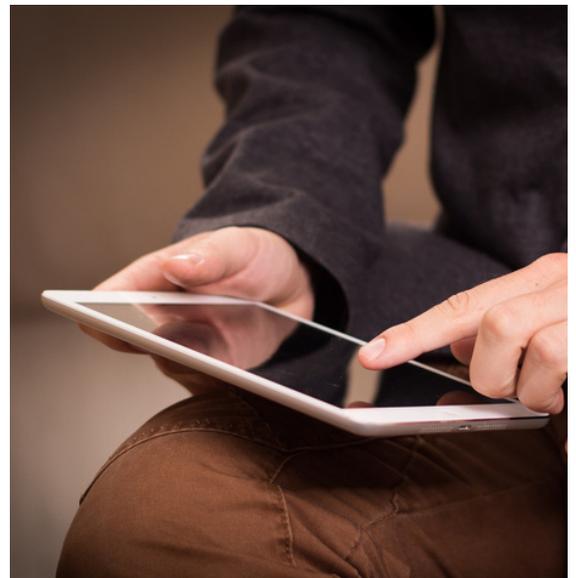
This is a success story in the Service category

Moor Park Lions Club initiated an awareness campaign on various subjects through their monthly magazine.

Their magazine has hit in excess of 50000 monthly circulation, and due to the strong circulation, they have now started to attract advertisement from various businesses for a donation of £250 per advert. They have signed up with eight firms, generating £2000 of charitable donations and counting.

So far, the following topics have been covered in their monthly magazines:

- Environment
- Peace
- Hunger
- Diabetes
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Vision/awareness re avoidable visual impairment
- Cancer: awareness campaign



New members

by *Lion Meera Parmar, London Park Royal Lions Club*

The London Park Royal Lions Club has been reactivated with all brand-new members to Lionism. They have been busy with lots of activities, including a fundraising event that they held in December for the homeless. This event was held at Trilogy Bar & Restaurant in Edgware, and they managed to raise £630. The donations were used to provide food and clothes to London's Community Kitchen Harrow.



Lions Clubs International Foundation

by Lion Vijay Arora, Stanmore Lions Club

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – the Lions Charity – was started with a mission: to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants. Since 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 1.1 billion U.S. dollars in grants! As the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, LCIF is committed to support Lions life-changing, often lifesaving, service possible.

LCIF is the only charity that serves 1.4 million Lions and the whole world! A vast majority of funds received by LCIF are donated by Lions clubs and individual members, and 100% of our donations directly support LCIF's Global causes. At present we are in the final five months of our most ambitious Campaign 100 to raise \$300 million by 30 June 2022, to serve 200+million people every year. You will be pleased to know that over \$251 million has been achieved towards our goal of \$300 million. Our aim is that Campaign 100 will make even greater impact on causes we already support (Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts) as well as these new global causes: Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, and the Environment.

There is still time to commit to become a model club by pledging \$500 per member. Clubs who take the challenge in the final year of Campaign 100 will now have full three years to fulfil their commitment. All donations made since 1 July 2017 count towards Model Club goals. Currently, we have 21 Campaign 100 model clubs in our district: London Acton Lions Club, Watford Lions Club, Chipping Barnet Lions Club, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club, Stanmore Lions Club, London Finchley Lions Club, Harrow & Pinner Lions Club, Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club, London Seven Kings Lions Club, Wanstead & Woodford Lions Club, Newport Pagnell Lions Club, Luton Lions Club, London Golders Green Lions Club, London Belmont Lions Club, London Central Host Lions Club, Fairlop Lions Club, Redbridge Centennial Lions Club, London Hendon Lions Club, London Mill Hill Lions Club, London Park Royal Lions Club and Friern Barnet Centennial Lions Club.

We are requesting clubs to donate a small amount to LCIF on a regular basis. You and your club can help support Lions projects all over the world through giving to LCIF. Through your generosity, LCIF is able to help Lions change lives and make a difference for millions of people around the world. Thank you!

Young Ambassador

by Lion Doreen Allen, Hemel Hempstead Lions Club

The Young Ambassador of the 21st Century MD Finals took place on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 February 2022. Nina Andersen (our winning District candidate) took part representing her sponsoring club (Hemel Hempstead Lions Club), District 105A and the Youth of our District. Although the finals were via Zoom, over 100 people attended to socialise with the candidates and hear their project presentations.

The afternoon saw the participants give presentations on their diverse projects. All were worthy winners, but one had to be chosen: Khan Odita, a 14 year old author sponsored by City of Liverpool Lions Club District CN. Khan will represent Lions MD105 in the European Final in Zagreb in October 2022. Cameron Cox from District SE won the MD Shipshape Award and a future trip on a Tall Ship.

Nina's first project, 'Community Senior Music', was set up with semi-professional musicians performing concerts at various care homes. When possible, this initiative will be started again. Unable to perform due to COVID-19, she still wanted to find a way of bringing connection to care home residents and counter social isolation, particularly for those unable to receive any visitors. When the COVID-19 pandemic closed care homes to visitors to protect residents and staff, Nina set up the initiative Community Senior Letters, matching schools to care homes so that students could write letters to lonely elderly residents to lift spirits and provide human connection during the difficult times. The project went viral, and she single-handedly linked almost 70,000 school children from primary schools in London, Edinburgh and Dublin as well as schools over 20 different countries internationally with care homes in their areas.

Nina's work for this project has been awarded the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award, the Children and Young People Now Award, the Hammersmith and Fulham Youth Achievement Award and the Faith and Community Beliefs Award. It has been listed in the Independent's Happy List and articles appeared in the Telegraph, HuffPost, the Speaker and Primary Times. Nina has recently been featured in Captain Sir Tom Moore's One Hundred Reasons to Hope book which was published in September. This feature led her to become one of three Youth Ambassadors for the Captain Tom Foundation working closely with the family of Sir Tom to promote her new book, as they share a similar mission: reducing loneliness and bridging the gap between young and old people.

Fairlop Leos serve with a smile

by Lion Chanel Vigille, Fairlop Lions Club

Throughout COVID-19, Fairlop Leo Club have continued with their many avenues of service. As the only Alpha Leo Club in our District, they are a true example of how youth can interact with Lions and their community. Their major projects over the last two years to date include weekly telephone calls to thirteen local senior citizens who were isolating, but now just enjoy the intergenerational friendships that have built up. Two of the seniors have underlying illnesses and were unable to give their dogs long walks – in stepped the Leos with a rota of daily walks. The Leos have also purchased Shoes that Grow for disadvantaged children in Kenya, and provided 100 rucksacks filled with educational items for children in Romania. They partnered with their local neighbourhood to plant tree whips to help create a Forest of Thanks for their local NHS staff – ensuring families could participate by donating 40 smaller spades to the Environment Team for children to use. The Leos have also: carried out food collections for the local Food Bank, delivered food parcels to families in crisis, read with younger children, collected hearing aids and spectacles and distributed books to local schools and libraries.

Join the MD105 Convention: Lions It's a Kind of Magic

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

Taking place in Birmingham, London St. Johns Wood Lions Club will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of Lionism. With an inspirational line up including Past International President Lion Jim Ervin, the convention takes place at The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre. Here's what you can expect during the weekend:

Friday 29th April – evening

Host Night and Social to Celebrate our 70th Anniversary

Saturday 30th April – morning/afternoon

Convention – Our AGM

Saturday 30th April – evening

Gala Dinner

Sunday 1st May – morning

Convention



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Pictured here are some memorable visits to past international conventions, forums and overseas events



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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