

PRIDE OF LIONS

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DG KAVALJIT DEV

**OUR 58TH DISTRICT
CONVENTION WAS A SUCCESS**

This issue of the Pride of Lions is dedicated to our 2023 convention.

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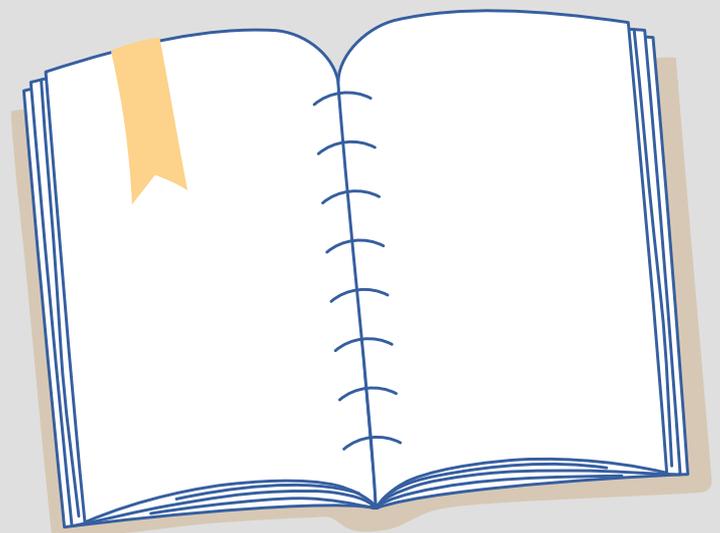
Fellow Lions, we'd like to apologise for the delay of the March issue of the Pride of Lions. But good things come to those who wait - we hope you enjoy this special edition of the Pride of Lions dedicated to the District 105A Convention 2023.

To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

– One of the Lions Purposes

District Governor's diary for April 2023

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| 01/04 – Zone Chair's briefing; District CW Convention; ICO and CIO webinar | 23/04 – London Central Host & Kingsbury Lions Mehfil Night. |
| 02/04 – Cabinet meeting on Zoom | 25/04 – Hertfordshire SACRE agreed syllabus launch |
| 03/04 – Newport and Olney Lions | 27/04 – Zone G meeting |
| 04/04 – UN day | 29/04 – Isleworth Lions Charter |
| 05/04 – London Finchley Lions | 30/04 – LCIF walk |
| 06/04 – Post Convention Meeting | |
| 07/04 to 09/04 – Family Time | |
| 10/04 – Zone B Egg Hunt and Duck race | |
| 11/04 – London Seven Kings Lions | |
| 12/04 – Winslow Lions | |
| 15/04 – MD GST meeting | |
| 16/04 – Hatch End Centennial Race Night | |
| 16/04 – Redbridge Aria Club Branch | |
| 17/04 – London Platinum Jubilee Lions | |
| 18/04 – Northwood Lions | |
| 19/04 – Biggleswade and Sandy Lions | |



Behind the scenes

The Convention Team started work on the preparation and plan last October. Several meetings were held, and specific tasks allocated to members. Under the leadership of Peter Codrai and Judith Jones-Nugent, who acted as Secretary, ensured the completion of activities allocated to Lions.



The Convention Team members: Arnawaz Amaria, Erich Amaria, Kav and Pammy Dev, Peter and Jane Codrai, Trish Newton, Jennifer and Keith Collard, Martin Langdon, Rob Spragg, Chris and Christine Bryant, Penny Tregillus, Satnam Loyal, Judith Jones-Nugent, Jatinder Kaur, George Matthew, Sukhdeep Loyal, Rita Tanda

Programme of events:

Friday – Abba Tribute

Saturday morning – Delegate and Voting Registrations for Business Meeting and Voting

Saturday evening – Banquet and Ball

Sunday morning – Meet the International Director

Don't forget Lions, what happens at District Convention does not remain at District Convention!

Voulez Vous



Loud and clear, the answer was "yes" to Friday night's dinner and entertainment. There were 190 diners. Just to let you know that the bread rolls went down as a treat because many Lions took three! How could anyone resist the fellowship of those who attended. We definitely got to "Knowing me Knowing you" as you will see by the pictures. The Abba tribute band got everyone moving.

Past District Governor (PDG) Andrew Allen fabulously modelled the vest donated by PDG Surjit Bhalla. Lions Rita, Rob and George went round the tables getting silent bids for it.

Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance – Anne Lamott

Let's get down to business



Once sergeant-at-arms (SAA) Lion George Matthew welcomed everyone and Lion President Brian Dickey did a Health and Safety announcement, convention attendees welcomed DG Kavaljit Dev (escorted by Lion Paramjit Dev), International Director Lion Teresa Dineen and Declan Moon (escorted by Past International Director - PID - Geoff Leeder and Lion May Leeder), and 1st Vice District Governor Lion Lesley Spence. This was followed by the flag ceremony.



Lion President Mike Lee, Lion Rita Tanda, and Lion Elaine De Bruin read the Lions Vision and Mission Statement, Lions Purposes and Lions Ethics respectively. DG Lion Kavaljit Dev lit the candle as PDG Lion Andrew Allen conducted the Invocation In Memoriam (in remembrance of our fellow Lions who passed on to higher service).





SAA read some messages, tellers were appointed, and so was the Tail Twister - first in a business suit and then in a lion outfit. DG Lion Kavaljit Dev secured the agreement of the 57th annual convention minutes and the matters arising. This was followed by the next business items and several fines were incurred by Lions. Nick Schofield from DG's Partner's charity gave a short presentation on the charity, and was pleased that all fines were going to be donated to VICTA. Then it was time for the competition trophies to be given out.



District Website trophy, Facebook trophy, District Quiz trophy, and Travelling Lion trophy were awarded. PCC Lion Viresh Paul did a talk on "Membership and Mountain Climbing". We then moved on to the winners of the District Peace Poster and District Peace Essay winners with Lion Lara Stroebel.

Money, Money, Money



Lion Rita was helped by Lion Robert who acted as her eyes and ears when she was absent from the room and ensured that delegates opened their wallets, purses or took their credit cards out. Plus, Lions Sanjay Mehta (Wembley) and Mayur Mehta (Kingsbury) were roped in to pass the buckets to attendees to collect money for VICTA.

Pleased to let you know that on Saturday over £3000 was collected.

Thank you again to PDG Surjit Bhalla for donating the vest.





PDG Lion Doreen Allen introduced the Young Ambassador Iman Shakeel Darr. He then gave a short speech and his sponsoring club was given the Young Ambassador Sponsoring Club Trophy. After the acknowledgement of the Leo Trophy Winners by Lion Jatinder Kaur, CC Lion Alastair Joel and Lion Gemma Driscoll presented the ROAR Trophy.

Elections for 2023/24



It was then time for Governorship Elections Addresses 2023-2024. Introductions of candidates for DG, 1st VDG & 2nd VDG were given, followed by speeches from candidates for 2nd VDG. SAA Lion George Matthew then closed the first business session, and everyone went to lunch. During the lunch break, Lions mingled, visited the various stands, and checked out the free prostate screening. In the mean time, the votes for who District 105A's 2023/2024 DG team will be were being counted.

Some laughs, a talk by Under One Sky, and more trophies



After lunch, we were entertained by the wonderful comedian Ian Richards. Following Ian was a talk by Mikkel Juel Ivneson from Under One Sky. It was then time for some more awards - first were the Diabetes Trophy and Hunger Trophy.



Next were the Environment Trophy, Fight Against Cancer Trophy, and Club of the Year (Community Service) Trophy. PID Lion Geoff Leeder then took to the stage to introduce the keynote speaker: International Director Teresa Dineen. This was followed by a vote of thanks by PDG Lion Surinder (Max) Mongia and the presentation of the LCIF Trophy.

Election results



It was then time for the election results. Congratulations DG Elect Lion Lesley Spence, 1st VDG Elect Lion Kadambari Shah, and 2nd VDG Elect Lion Harvinder Virdee.

During the convention, DG Kav also gave out International Awards.



Lion Peter Codrai took to the stage to announce the 2024 District Convention. DG Lion Kavaljit Dev then gave her closing remarks. She thanked everyone who came, everyone who helped with the organising of the convention, and of course her husband Lion Paramjit Dev.

After SAA Lion George Matthew closed the convention, it was time for everyone to get ready for the evening.

It's party time



Brazilian dancers brought energy to the night and got all the Lions on their feet. The evening was filled with food, drink, entertainment and great company.



After some speeches, gift giving and banner swapping, the night was over and everyone went back to their rooms for a restful night. The following day, everyone had a chance to meet the International Director after lunch. Final speeches were given, and that was a wrap for District 105A Convention 2023.

Answers

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

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Out and about with DG Kav

Find out what our DG has been up to recently

*Never mind, March, we know; When you blow
You're not really mad; Or angry or bad;
You're only blowing the winter away; To get the world ready for April and May.*

by Annette Wynne

Fellow Lions and Leos, welcome to spring. The start of the month for me was delightful as I welcomed Lions, partners and friends to our 58th District Convention. A big thank you to the 290 Lions who attended the business session on 4 March. Fellow Lions, your support was most appreciated for bringing over of 53,000 spectacles for delivery to our head quarters in Birmingham. Plus, it was great that we were able to carry out 68 prostate cancer screenings. My warmest congratulations go out to those elected for the District Leadership post for 2023/24: District Governor Elect Lion Lesley Spence, 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Kadambari Shah and 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Lion Harvinder Virdee.

I got the opportunity to play a dual role at Zone I's annual swimming gala on 11 March. I was the chief timekeeper and given the honour to present medals to the winners. Plus recognise a non-Lion who, for many years, has played a key part in making this gala event a success by awarding him a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Pammy and I continue to visit Clubs and hear from members the service activities they have been involved in. It was my pleasure to present long service chevrons to members of the Lions Clubs of Wembley, Bedford, Hatch End Centennial, Hemel Hempstead and induct new members.



We were delighted to join Harpenden Lions Club for their 43rd Charter celebrations, Enfield Lions Club for their Gala evening and Sudbury Lions Club for their Holi function. March is the month that District Conventions take place. We attended District SW for their Convention in North Devon and District CW's Convention in Coventry.

March has also been a very sad month for our District, as several Lions passed onto higher service. Pammy and I were able to say farewell to Lion Elisabeth Ramlal of Hornsey Lions Club, Lion Narinder Singh Mann of Redbridge Centennial Lions Club and PDG Lion Ram Jaggi of London Finchley Lions Club.