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Pride of Lions



October is vision awareness month

Has your club done something for this month? If so, please send in your article to be featured in the next issue. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of page 11.

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District 105A
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NOTICE BOARD

Welcome to the team

A big congratulations to the newest members of our Lion family! We're excited to work alongside you as we continue our mission to serve and support as many people as possible.

- Savinder Singh Oberai, London Acton Lions Club
- Jaime N/A Law, London Covent Garden Lions Club
- Elizabeth R Tsai, London Covent Garden Lions Club
- Phoebe Hk Wong, London Covent Garden Lions Club
- Jayesh Mistry, London Kingsbury Lions Club
- Viren Patel, Sudbury Lions Club
- Adnan Awan, Witney Lions Club

District Governor's diary for October 2024

3 October: Street Children Charity Golf

4 – 6 October: Nurturing a Culture of Growth : Mission 1.5 Summit in Oslo

8 October: Post Oslo Membership meeting

9 October: Zone I meeting

13 October: Cabinet meeting

14 October: Zone F meeting

15 October: GET meeting

18 October: 54th Watford Charter Celebrations

19 – 20 October: Council of Governor's meeting

21 October: GAT meeting

22 October: Zone C meeting

26 October: 55th Bletchley Charter celebrations

31 October: Drop in session

So far this Lionistic year...



7
new members
joined in
September



112,857
people served



District 105A Diamond Anniversary

CONVENTION

28 February to 2 March 2025

Join us at the stunning Mercure Bedford Centre Hotel as DG Kadu and the Milton Keynes Central Lions Club proudly invite you to our Diamond Anniversary Convention celebration in 2025!

SAVE THE DATE

District 105A Diamond Anniversary Convention 2025

We are delighted to invite you to the District 105A Diamond Anniversary Convention 2025, hosted at the stunning Mercure Bedford Centre Hotel.

Led by District Governor Kadu, the convention will bring together Lions from across our District to honour our achievements and share ideas for the future. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the remarkable work we have done, while setting our sights on new horizons.

Whether you've been with the Lions for years or are newer to the club, this Diamond Anniversary Convention is not to be missed - save the date and keep an eye on our website where the booking form will be made available very soon.

Motivating and Retaining Lions Club Members in District 105A

By Lion Salil Patankar

Our Clubs thrive on our members' dedication and enthusiasm. We aim to create a vibrant community where members feel valued, engaged, and committed. Let's explore strategies to motivate and retain our members.

Some effective strategies for motivating and retaining Lions Club members:

- Build Community:
 - Foster inclusivity and create a welcoming environment.
 - Organize regular social gatherings to strengthen bonds.
- Diverse Programs:
 - Offer varied activities to engage members.
 - Tailor programs based on individual interests.
- Listen and Act:
 - Regularly check in with members.
 - Implement their feedback to show value.
- Celebrate Achievements:
 - Publicly acknowledge contributions.
 - Consider awards for outstanding service.

Let's strengthen our pride and continue making a positive impact. Remember, motivated Lions are more likely to recruit new members and contribute actively to our community.

Retention focussed ideas - keeping our Lions happy:

- Happy Clubs Matter: Members should feel genuinely content. Regularly check in with them.
- Conflict Resolution: Address conflicts promptly to maintain a positive club atmosphere.
- Service Projects: Engage members in meaningful service—they stay when they see the impact.
- Individual Impact: Remind Lions that their contributions matter to the community.

Our Lions Club is more than an organization; it's a family. By fostering friendship, purpose, and a supportive environment, we strengthen our pride and continue making a difference in our District 105A.

Remember, every Lion counts!

Formation of new club branches in District 105A

Two new club branches have been formed in the District, bringing the total to three new branches in just three months this year. A big thanks to everyone who contributed to making this impressive achievement possible!

London New Gen Club Branch - club branch of Chipping Barnet Lions Club:



Formation of London Central Host Virtual Club Branch - club branch of London Central Host Lions Club:



The first 90 days of this Lionistic year

My family of Lions, I would like to share some of the successes we have had in the first 90 days of this year. We have been Roaring to serve as a team and our passion has made our achievements possible.

Membership

The focus of our District is on Mission 1.5 - we have our District's own challenge to increase our membership to 1250 before the end of this Lionistic year so that we are out of transition. I am happy to say that working together as a TEAM and Roaring To Serve, we have achieved a membership of 1230, which is 57 new members in 3 months! We have created three new club branches in the District in just as many months.

Leadership

We have had 100% of Zone Chairs trained for this year and since the beginning of the year we have had:

- 4 Webinar sessions which have been very well attended with videos available on the website.
- 3 Drop-In sessions with a central topical theme followed by open and free discussions.
- 3 new members Orientation sessions
- We have a full contingent of 5 Lions attending Symposium this year

Service

- Started a LIFE project - Lions Incentive for Environment and Hunger. A community garden growing fruit and vegetables in London Borough of Ealing.
- The District Vision Programme of Child Sight UK has had a fantastic start, with £36,500 raised so far!
- We are supporting our 8 global causes with a focus on Hunger and Environment.
- Our District Golf event raised over £3500 for the DG's Partner charity - Brain Tumour Research.

Youth

- Awarded 108 Young Leaders in Service Certificates to Valence Primary School, Fairlop.
- We have had our first Youth camp in District 105A for 25 years, which was so successful that we have been asked to do it again next year!
- Thank you to all the clubs in our District for participating in Roar, Peace Poster and Essay and Young Ambassador. For those who are thinking about it - well It is not too late to add your entries.

Lions hearing aid recycling

By Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club

In addition to spectacles, Lions also recycle hearing aids. The items are repurposed and used again by those in need.

Retired Lion, John Ferris, is our champion for collecting hearing aids. This period, he sent off 275 sets on our behalf!



St Albans Lions Club Bookshop

By St Albans Lions Club

The shop is a big fundraiser for Lions and raises considerable amounts of money for local charities in the areas of Hemel Hempstead, Luton, Tring, St Albans, Harpenden and Watford and the surrounding district. Please consider visiting us, volunteering with us or donating good-quality books and other items.

Each month we have a featured area, this month is Health, Mind, body Spirit & Fitness.



The North Bucks Bike Ride

By Winslow Lions Club

The North Bucks Bike Ride successfully raised £4,000, which has been donated to Medical Detection Dogs.

The success of the North Bucks Bike Ride wouldn't be possible without the fantastic collaboration of the Winslow Wheelers Cycle Club and, of course, the dedication of our own members at Winslow Lions Club. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and made this year's event such a success.



Day out for Mencap Harrow

By Wembley Lions Club

WLC was delighted to take 14 clients and carers from Mencap Harrow on a day out at ProGolf in Wembley on 23rd July. After golf, they all enjoyed lunch at a local well known fast food outlet. In the supporting role were LP Vinod, Lions Madhu and Sneha together with Nanda, Sneha's husband and an honorary lion.

This was one of our activities where we used funds raised at our Bhojan Bhajan event. We would like to thank our supporters at this event.



Pinner Village Show

By Harrow and Pinner Lions Club

The members of Harrow and Pinner Lions Club had an amazing day at the Pinner Village Show. Joined by many fellow Lions and members of the **Rotary Club of Pinner**, who did an incredible job organizing such a fun event, the weather couldn't have been better as families visited the stall for Hook-a-Bag and lucky dip fun. They even had a visit from the Mayor of Harrow!



Collecting spectacles

By Waltham Forest Lions Club

Waltham Forest Lions Club regularly collect unwanted spectacles from local opticians and other collection points. All the usable spectacles are boxed up and sent to Lions Clubs District 105A Birmingham, where they are expertly sorted before being shipped to Medico France in Le Havre. Here, they are optically graded and refurbished prior to distribution to clinics and eye camps.



Serving those in need

By London Platinum Jubilee Lions Club

London Platinum Jubilee Lions Club and the Harrow Elders Group Bridge Club jointly raised a total of £4459 for Jalpa Patel, a kitchen helper of limited means who has been diagnosed with cancer. This is an example of Lions working with other organisations to serve those in need.



Celebrating culture

By Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

An event celebrating Indian culture took place at Romford Market on September 28 2024. Organised by Redbridge Centennial Lions Club, the festivities included vibrant dancing and colourful displays that entertained both shoppers and stallholders. Havering Mayor Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan, alongside other councillors, participated in the celebrations. The event highlighted community spirit and was well-received by all attendees.





Out and about with DG Kadu

Find out what our DG has been up to recently



North London Chinese Association with St James's Lions Club and London West End Lions Club organised a lunch for the community to celebrate the Mooncake Festival.



The celebrations continued in Chinatown on the actual Mooncake Day.



Finally attended the 42nd Anniversary dinner for CIAC charity celebrating Moon Cake Festival with an opportunity to meet London West End Lions Clubs members.



Sudbury Lions Club's flagship event of Bhajan and Bhojan.



Official visit to Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club.



Official visit to London Platinum Jubilee Lions Club.



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