



PRIDE OF LIONS



District 105A News
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Guide Dog Faldo becomes a Lion

Guide dog Faldo has become the latest recruit to High Wycombe Lions Club. The golden Labrador retriever was applauded enthusiastically by club members as he was inducted as an Honorary Member of the club on November 10th. Faldo has been a guide dog for blind club member Bob Gerhardt for 9 years and is about to retire. Bob's new guide dog Coco – a black cross Labrador Retriever bitch – looked on as a ribbon was placed around Faldo's neck and a special certificate presented to owner Bob.

Proud Bob said Faldo deserved the honour: "I am a very active person but I'm totally dependent on my guide dog to get around. Anything I have contributed to the Lions Club has only been possible because of Faldo. The Club members love him and he's very popular with members of the public too."

Club President, Lily Noble, endorsed this, saying: "We're delighted to do this for Faldo. Thanks to him Bob can be an active member of the Club and he gets involved in all of our activities. We often collect money for the charities and good causes we support, and Bob and Faldo are our champion collectors. Much of that is because of the number of people, especially children, who want to stroke Faldo and talk to Bob about him. We wish Faldo a happy retirement and look forward to Coco taking his place."

Lion Chris Arckless

Father Christmas from the Bletchley Lions

A new hotel has opened in Milton Keynes those of you who attended Winter Forum will have visited it. The Bletchley Lions were asked by the hotel management if they would hand out leaflets on two Saturdays when the MK Dons were playing at home. Of course we would! One of the conditions was that Father Christmas had to be in attendance. No problem as we knew him personally.

We gave out leaflets from 1.30 until kick off and then we were taken to the hotels private box from where we watched the match in great comfort. Oh how we suffer for Lions!

Lion Andrew Allen



The Lions in the picture are Cliff Burt, Doreen Freeman, Father Christmas (Fred Freeman) Louvain Allen and Mike Baldwin

NOTICE BOARD

Senior Citizen's Annual Celebration

Sunday 7th February 2010.

District 105A Convention 2010
at The Holiday Inn
– London Elstree

Barnet By-Pass, Borehamwood,
Herts WD6 5PU.

5th March & 6th March 2010.

Booking Office – Lions Ron &
Christine Wilkes.

Tel: 01462 624034. Latest date for

Booking: 14th February 2010.

The deadline for filing Convention
Reports is 3rd January 2010

LCI Purpose:

To unite the clubs in the bonds
of friendship, good fellowship
and mutual understanding





District Youth Celebration

Second District Youth Celebration took place on Sunday 15th November at Allum Hall, Elstree. The Wizard of Oz was this year's theme. The hall and stage were decorated beautifully in keeping with this theme and formed a fitting backdrop for a great party. With a large team of helpers all the tables were nicely decorated and laid with variety of food, drinks and party items - everything was set for our young guests of honour.

Slowly our guests started arriving. It was a beautiful sight to see so many happy faces all having good time. They enjoyed all the goodies and danced to music all afternoon along with a host of characters from the cast.

Mayor of Elstree Town Council, Cllr Pat Strack and Deputy Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Hugh Rayner and Mrs Rayner along with members from 25 Clubs attended this event.

To organise such an event, takes a lot of hard work and DYC Committee Members worked extremely hard to put it together. All the young people and their carers thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we have received many emails of appreciation from parents, carers and Lion members.

Thanks to all the members of 105a for their support in making



our second District Youth Celebration a great success. Thank you all for: sponsoring; helping; bringing the kids to the party; and for many other things too numerous to list, which helped to make it all possible. Special thanks to all the Leos and young people who came to help.

Together we brought smiles to many faces. Thank you and we look forward to your support and participation next year.

Lion Vijay Arora

Fairlop introduces new members

Whilst Friday the 13th is known to be unlucky for some, for the Lions Club of Fairlop it was a lucky night indeed. It was on this night that LC of Fairlop held their 3rd Charter Anniversary and were able to induct 3 new members to their Club. Parminder Virdee, Anurag Sinha and Ajit Battu have attended business meetings leading up to their induction. They have proved themselves worthy of joining and calling themselves Lions. The induction was done by our DG Wesley de Mendonca.

All members of the Club are looking forward to them participating in our busy diary and no doubt they will inject their own enthusiasm to help the Club go from strength to strength.

A warm welcome to our new members.

Lions Club of Fairlop



Annual Leo Funday for Disadvantaged Youths

Joy and happiness was seen across people's faces on the 11th October, as the Annual Leo Funday organized between the Leo Clubs of Hadley Wood and Mill Hill took place at the Aspire Centre, Stanmore. The day started at 12 noon with the Leos playing sports which included football, bowling, cricket and hula-hoops with members of the Ashiana Foundation.



A delightful three course lunch donated by Hadley Wood and Swiss Cottage was followed by mehndi by Mill Hill Leos. Three dances by members of Ashiana and a Hawaiian dance by Hadley Wood Leos made up the entertainment. The day concluded at about 6pm with presentations by Lion President Ali Musani (Hadley Wood) and Zone F Chair Lion Dilip Patel.

A big thanks to the Lions Club of Hadley Wood for all the help, as well as all clubs in Zone F and those Lions who helped on the day to make it a complete success! It was great to see familiar faces giving us support as well as help on the day.

Leo Ali Agha's father took the role as the official doctor, and Leos Nawal and Michaela's mothers helped with lifts. Thanks goes to St. Johns Ambulance for being present, and to the staff of Aspire.

I can surely say that the reactions of the Ashiana members made every effort worth it. See you all at next year's event which will hopefully be bigger and better.

Leo Sadia, Leo Club of Hadley Wood

Polish Lions visit Bletchley

A visit to Bletchley Milton Keynes by four Lions from Poland was timed to coincide with BMK 40th Charter Anniversary. The Lions were from Elblag and Wroclaw clubs.

The Lions arrived on Friday 23rd and were met at Luton by Lions Mike Baldwin and John Stupples. The plan was first of all lunch, and here they were met by other members of the club. The photograph was taken in front of the Lions wishing well, one of two at local garden centres.

After lunch the party moved to Bletchley Park, home of Enigma machine. This machine has special significance to the Polish Lions as the Polish people were a major influence in the Enigma code breaking efforts during World War 2. At Bletchley Park a special tour had been organised by the Park Director, who later in the afternoon entertained them to tea in the library.

Friday evening saw the club and visitors at a social gathering at a Lions



Member's home. On Saturday the two younger Lions headed to London for the day. They couldn't come this close without a visit but they were back in time for the Charter anniversary.

Sunday saw a visit to the centre of MK visiting the local museum and the shopping centre. The evening was again with the Club, with an exchange of banners and pins and an invitation from both Polish Clubs to visit them next year. An invitation that will be taken up by many of the BMK Lions.

A great weekend leading to lasting friendships and who knows what else in the future.
Lion Louvain Allen

Teamwork? Humanity?

Recently when I went to India, I visited a school for disabled girls to make a donation of £2,000 from Lions club of Mill Hill. They had organised a presentation ceremony and one of the items was a running event.

Six children were ready on the track for the participation of a running event. "Ready! Steady! Go! With sound of toy pistol, all the girls started running. Hardly had they covered fifty steps, when one of the girls fell down and she started crying due to bruises and pain.

When the other girls heard her cry they stopped running, and turned back to help the girl on the floor. One of them picked her up and enquired how she was hurt. Two of the girls then picked and held her firmly while all others joined hands together and walked towards the finishing line!

There was silence in the spectator's stand. Slow claps multiplied into hundreds as the spectators stood up in appreciation. They were ALL mentally challenged girls. On the way back home we thought about that incident and asked what did these girls teach us? Teamwork? Humanity? or Equality among all?

Lion Shashi Chauhan

District Peace Poster Finals – 'The Power of Peace'

This District judging was jointly sponsored and hosted Lions Club of Moor Park and Northwood College at their Performing Art Centre on 26th November 2009. The event was attended by our DG Lion Wesley and PDG Lion Vijay with other District officers, members L C Moor Park, parents, participants and members of many other clubs.

We were honoured to have Mr. Paul Hillary, an artist from Welwyn Garden City to do the judging.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Place – L C of Berkhamsted

Ben Chalmers Age 12 – Bridgwater School
Winner has advanced to Multi District Judging in Birmingham



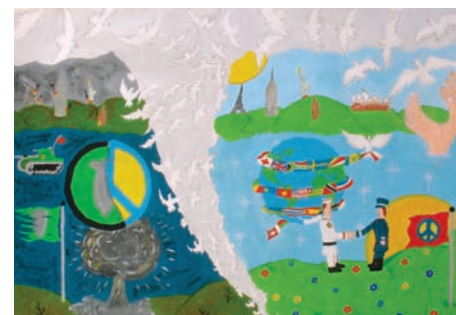
2nd Place – L C of Royston

Sebastian Jaunzens
Age 13 – Greenways school



3rd Place – L C of Leighton Buzzard

Jayden Newman Age 12 – Linslade Middle



Special Prize – L C of Ruislip

Rose Tasher Age 12 – Bishop Ramsey School



Our sincere thank and gratitude to following Lions Clubs for taking part in the Peace Poster Contest. Moor Park, Berkhamsted, Fairlop, Leighton Buzzard, London Westminster, Luton, Teddington, Royston and Ruislip.

We salute all the children who took part in the LCI Peace Poster Contest. "These young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. "We are so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions." All the District winning posters will be displayed at the District Convention on 5th and 6th March 2010. The winner Ben Chalmers and President of Lions Club Berkhamstead will be invited to attend the Convention for the prize presentation.

Lion Himanshu Bavaria



DG Wesley's Words

Conservation through cooperation and service



Brenda and I wish all members of the Lions families and their friends a happy and festive Christmas Season.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to the communities in Cumbria who suffered from the flooding and still need our support and help. Our District has an outstanding reputation to help good causes abroad. Now is an opportunity to direct our goodwill within the 105 MD. All cheques to be sent to our District Treasurer PDG Vanmali Mistry made out to LCI District 105A, with "Cumbria Disaster" written on the reverse.

December is a time for stocktaking and a review of our programme for 2009/10. Congratulations to Lions Clubs who have succeeded in recruiting their quota of new members. Best wishes to all other Clubs who are striving to meet their quota of membership. Our record as of 1st December report is 1,821 members, a net gain of 15 overall. We recruited 47 new members. MERCL team members Lion Manish Chotai and PDG Mike Baldwin are available to provide assistance on request. The Committee Chair PDG Max Mongia has been busy in mobilising Club support.

My congratulations to the Palace of Westminster Lions Club on their 2nd Charter Anniversary held on 5th December at the House of Commons. Members attending were treated to a guided tour of the Chambers of House of Commons and the House of Lords. Our gratitude to PCC Geoff Leeder for his mentoring role.

We recognise the special effort made by the Lions Club of Westminster Central and PDG Lion Elliot Shubert in hosting a party of Lions from Lithuania visiting London and for those Lions Clubs members who attended the reception on 28th November 2009. Congratulations to the Lions Club of Enfield on the occasion of their 35th Charter Anniversary held also on 28th November 2009.

The Peace Poster Competition was held on 26th November at Northwood College. The entries were of a high standard and the judging very difficult. The winning entry was from the Lions Club of Berkhamsted by 12 yr old Ben Chalmers. We extend thanks to the other sponsoring Lions Clubs. My thanks to Lion Himanshu and his wife Perna, without whose efforts the activity would not be its usual success.

MMR and District Monthly Activity Reports: All Lions Clubs who are behind in submitting reports are being requested to bring their reports up to date. All Zone Chairmen are being asked to identify these Clubs and help if needed to get all reports submitted.

The Convention 2010 is at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Elstree. The booking forms were sent out with the November Newsletter. Copies are available on the District 105A Website. Club Presidents are requested to ensure that their Clubs fill in these forms to be represented at the Convention. Registration forms for delegates and deputies are in circulation to all Clubs, and an early response is requested.

Vulnerable Persons: The VPO Committee with its Chair PDG Lion Louvain, are putting in lots of effort visiting Clubs in the District. Please ensure that all Club members involved in contact with vulnerable people are checked, as the Legislation for the new Independent Safeguarding Authority is soon to come into force.

Brenda and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2010.

My Diary

December 2009

4 December

Guyana High Commission visit

5 December

Palace of Westminster Lions Club Charter O/V

7 December

London Mill Hill O/V

8 December

London Hornsey

16 December

Ealing Lions Club O/V

17 December

Enfield Lions Club O/V

21 December

Sudbury Lions Club O/V

22 December

Harpenden Lions Club O/V



L P Ketan Karia (Moor Park), DG Wesley, Perna Bavaria (Moor Park), Shirley (Northwood College), Dist PP Officer Lion Himanshu Bavaria, PDG Vijay Arora.

Congratulations to PDG Lion Max Mongia



Surinder Max Mongia was awarded the prestigious title of 'Asian of the Year 2009' at London's Dorchester Hotel on Monday 30th November 2009

The 'Asian of the Year' Award made by the Asian Who's Who is a definitive directory of the most prominent and successful Asians living in the UK. It has become an important event in the social calendar of the British Asian Community.

This high profile event was attended by members of both Houses of Parliament, International Ambassadors, Business leaders and televised live on BBC News 24.

Lion Wesley Mendonca

From the Editor

Another year closes and hopes for a brighter new year and indeed a new decade are in our minds.

The first decade of 21st Century has been challenging for everyone all over the world. And despite all the upheavals of terrorism, natural disasters, financial meltdowns, Lions have remained faithful to the motto of "We Serve". We all hope to continue to help the less fortunate in the coming decade.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all the Lions of 105A.

Lion Shirish Sheth

