

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A

**Lion Kadambari Shah**  
District Governor 2024-2025



*Roaring to Serve*



# 60th ANNUAL CONVENTION 2025

Agenda . Procedures . Reports  
28th Feb to 2nd Mar 2025

**Venue:**  
Mercure Bedford Centre Hotel  
2 St. Mary's Street  
Bedford  
MK42 0AR

## Lions Club District 105A Celebrates Peace Poster Competition Winners

Lions Club District 105A is delighted to announce the winners of this year's Peace Poster competition, a global initiative by Lions International that empowers young people to creatively express their visions of peace. This year's theme, "**Peace Without Limits**" inspired participants to explore the boundless possibilities of a harmonious world.

Taking **first place** is *Imran Khan* from the Youth Group, sponsored by the Fairlop Lions Club. His artwork masterfully conveyed the limitless potential of peace through vibrant symbolism and creativity.

The **second-place** prize goes to *Martha D'Strange*, whose thoughtful and heartfelt poster, also sponsored by the Fairlop Lions, resonated deeply with the judges. In **third place**, *Callum Wilson*, another talented young artist sponsored by the Fairlop Lions, impressed with his striking and imaginative design.

This competition holds a special place in the Lions Club's efforts to promote peace and understanding. It encourages young people to reflect on the importance of compassion and unity, while also supporting the charitable mission of Lions International.

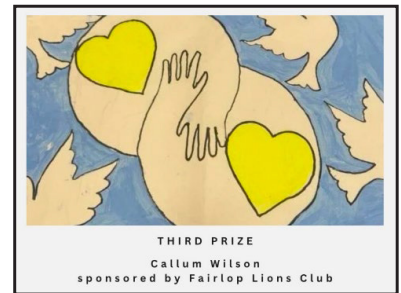
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated—you have truly inspired us all. We can't wait to see what next year's competition brings!



FIRST PRIZE  
Imran Khan Cranbrook from Youth Group  
sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club



SECOND PRIZE  
Martha D'Strange  
sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club



THIRD PRIZE  
Callum Wilson  
sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club



## Lions Clubs International

**Lion President Raghav and the Members of Milton Keynes Centre Lions Club of District 105A,  
wish our fellow Member District Governor Kadambari Shah  
a successful 60th Diamond Jubilee District Convention 2025**





# WELCOME TO THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT 105A CONVENTION.

*Roaring to Serve*



## FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

4.00pm

Cabinet Meeting

4.30pm

Cabinet members and Partners High Tea

7.00pm for 7.30pm

60s Themed Party and Dinner

## SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025



9.30am to 11.00am

Registration of Attendees  
Certification of Delegates/Alternates  
(CLOSES 11.00AM PROMPT)

8.40am

Convention Call - Attendees to be seated

9.00am

Opening of Convention

1.00pm

Lunch

2.00pm

Business Session Resumes

7.00pm

Bar opens

7.30pm

Call to Dine for Banquet and Ball



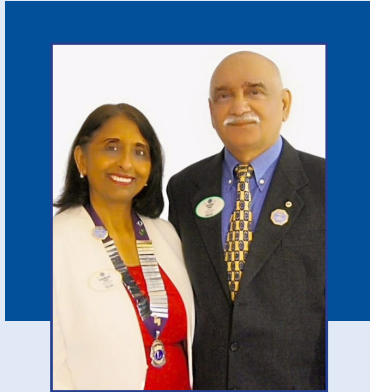
## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025

10.30am

Informal Session with International Guest  
PID Elisabeth Haderer



Lions Clubs International



### Welcome, Fellow Lions!

Dear Lions Family,

It fills me with immense pride and joy to welcome you to our 60th Diamond Anniversary District Convention. I have had the privilege of witnessing the remarkable impact our clubs have achieved over the course of this year. I am thrilled to

have this opportunity to celebrate our achievements together at the Mercure Central Bedford Hotel in Bedford.

Each of you is **“Roaring to Serve”** and embodies our motto, **“We Serve,”** in remarkable ways. From feeding the hungry and supporting vision care initiatives to empowering our youth and protecting our environment, your dedication continues to transform lives and create lasting change. This convention celebrates your collective tireless efforts, shared vision, and unwavering commitment to serving our communities.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to every Lion and Leo for your generosity, dedication, and talents. It is both, humbling and an honour to work alongside such exceptional individuals.

The convention is hosted by the Milton Keynes Central Lions Club, under the joint leadership of Lion Bharat Miangar, Lion Paramjit Dev and Lion Martin Langdon. I extend my heartfelt thanks to them and their team for their hard work and dedication in making this event possible.

I am delighted to warmly welcome our International guest PID Elisabeth Haderer from the Netherlands. As a past chairperson of the DG-elect School, leader of the New Voices Initiative in Europe, and member of the LCIF Legacy Society, she brings a wealth of experience and inspiration to our convention.

We are also privileged to have two motivational and inspirational speakers joining us: Col. Leona Barr-Jones and Manjiri Gokhale-Joshi, whose insights and stories promise to enrich our weekend.

Furthermore, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our European Lion friends from District 121 Poland and District 111NW Germany, along with the Lord Mayor of Bedford, Tom Wootton, and the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Susan Lousada.

Kaushik joins me in welcoming you to this sparkling Diamond Anniversary convention. We wish you an enjoyable weekend to create wonderful memories and look forward to the discussions, innovative ideas, and lasting friendships. Let us make this convention a milestone to cherish as we continue our journey of service together.

In the spirit of Lionism,

**District Governor  
2024-25**



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**



3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025

*Dear Mrs. Dev,*

The King has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of loyal greetings sent on behalf of the Members of Lions International, District 105A on the occasion of your 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention which is being held between the 28<sup>th</sup> February to the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.

His Majesty appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, has asked me to send his warmest good wishes to all those who will be present for a most successful evening.

*Yours sincerely,  
James Dawson*

James Dawson  
Private Secretary's Office

Mrs. Kavaljit Dev



**Sophie**  
Dutchess of Edinburgh



Many congratulations to the Lions of District 105A in Multiple District 105 as you celebrate your 60th Anniversary.

I am thrilled to know that Lions in your District have been serving both the local community and the wider world for over 60 years. Your support for your area and those in need is truly valued, so thank you for all that you have done and I know will continue to do.



**HRH The Dutchess of Edinburgh GCVO**



**March 1, 2025**

**District 105-A  
United Kingdom**

Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your District Convention's 60th Diamond Jubilee! Your dedication and commitment make you outstanding examples of what it means to be Lions – to your family, your friends, your community and to Lions around the world. Your incredible accomplishments honor our association's motto, "We Serve," and show the people around you how you Make Your Mark on the lives you touch, the community you serve and the world we share.

Your contributions make a real difference in your district and throughout your communities. Your kindness is not only changing lives – it is inspiring others to do the same. It is through your commitment to service that you are ensuring that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come.

As we look to the future, I know you will continue to work together to deliver the life-changing service for which Lions and Leos are known. Thanks to you, we will continue to leave an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of those we serve.

Congratulations and best wishes.

At your service,

**Fabrício Oliveira**  
International President



Happy 60th anniversary to all the members of District 105 A and especially to District Governor Kadambari and her team!

*“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world”.* This quote by the famous William Shakespeare would perfectly describe a Lion or Leo today.

As our International President, Fabricio Oliveira introduced the global theme **“Make your mark”** during the International Convention in Melbourne, we are all encouraged to serve and grow our clubs and our districts. To have more candles throw their beams we all embrace the important Mission 1.5. Looking into the future of our association we ask ourselves: how are we able to attract the new generation of volunteers. Studies have shown that young people certainly want to contribute to our communities. Maybe in different ways than we do, therefore we must find common ground, inspire and empower them to join us in service. I am very pleased that District Governor Kadambari has chosen exactly this as her theme of the year. Let’s all Roar into service together. The district leadership’s vision to foster personal development and provide quality training will create the leaders of the future and I am sure that young people will embrace this opportunity to learn and make their mark.

I am very honoured to be your international guest at the district convention in Bedford and celebrate your 60th anniversary with you and I am very much looking forward to seeing my dear friends from District 105 A and beyond.

Let’s enjoy the convention together!

### **Elisabeth Haderer**

Past International Director  
MD110, The Netherlands





District Governor Lion Kadambari and my family of Lions of District 105A,  
On behalf of the Lions and Leos of MD 105 heartfelt congratulations go to each one of  
you on this momentous 60th Diamond Anniversary Convention.

An annual convention is always an excellent opportunity for us to come together, reflect  
on our achievements, and reaffirm our dedication to our motto “WE SERVE”.

**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”** – Mahatma  
Gandhi

Over the last six decades the efforts of the Lions and Leos of District 105A have touched  
countless lives locally and worldwide with your commitment to self-less service. Thank  
you for the unwavering dedication to make a difference in the world we live in. May all  
our efforts continue in the years to come.

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be the Council Chair in the year that my own  
District is celebrating this extraordinary milestone. Paramjit and I look forward to  
celebrating our Diamond Anniversary with you all and wish DG Kadu and Lion Kaushik  
a fantastic and successful District Convention.

Yours in Service

**Lion Mrs. Kavaljit Dev**

Council Chair Lions International MD105 British Isles  
District Secretary - District 105A





March 2025

I would like to send my warm greetings to the Lions 105A District and wish you a very successful Annual Convention.

The Lions have an outstanding reputation for helping people who face natural disaster or those caught up in war and your continued support through humanitarian service for those suffering and in distress is so important.

Your contribution locally in Bedfordshire, across the UK and around the world to help communities improve their health and wellbeing and to encourage peace and understanding across communities has never been more relevant and vital.

On behalf of the people of Bedfordshire, I would like to thank your volunteers and partners for their kindness and generosity and for the important work that you do to help so many throughout numerous communities.

I wish you a highly successful convention.

Best wishes

**Mrs Susan Lousada CStJ**

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire



December 10, 2025

District 105-A  
United Kingdom

Dear District Governor and Honoured Guests

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend and speak at the annual District Convention. I send my heartiest warm greetings to all members of the Lions family and my gratitude to attendees for your dedication and professionalism that you meet your mission to serve. The Lions has a rich heritage and tradition of making a huge difference every day, everywhere you serve. You truly are changing and transforming lives and communities in so many ways, globally and locally.

On behalf of the Armed Forces and our Cadet Forces, I thank you for our many shared values, including integrity, respect, loyalty and our shared passions for community, humanitarian needs and investment in youth.

I very much look forward to meeting many of you and enjoying the convention together.

Kind Regards

**Colonel Leona Barr-Jones DL VR FRSA**

Chief Executive

East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association



Dear District Governor and members,

Thank you for the honour of inviting me to join the Lions District 105A Annual Convention as a motivational speaker. It is a privilege to be part of such a meaningful event, celebrating the dedication and achievements of Lions Clubs in fostering community spirit and making a tangible difference to countless lives.

Over the last 15 years of my association with the Lions as an external observer, it has been a privilege to witness and learn from the remarkable generosity of Lion members. Their willingness to share their invaluable time and effort for the larger good of society has been truly inspiring.

Your efforts as leaders and members of this esteemed organization continue to reflect the values of service, unity, and hope. The projects you undertake not only address pressing needs in local communities but also serve as a reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared vision.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share insights and perspectives that I hope will energize and inspire you as you continue this impactful journey.

Wishing you a memorable convention filled with camaraderie, celebration, and renewed purpose.

Warm regards,

**Manjiri Gokhale Joshi**

Co-Founder, Elephant Connect

Co-founder, Maya CARE

Co-founder, The Vi Foundation



# Agenda for the 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Roaring to Serve*

## ASSEMBLE

All attendees including Delegates, Alternates,  
Lions, Leos, Partners, Ladies & Gentlemen are  
requested to take their seats.

SAA Lion George Matthew

Health & Safety Announcement

Lion Mukesh Palan

## PLEASE RECEIVE

District Governor Lion Kadambari Shah escorted by Lion Kaushik Shah

PID Lion Elisabeth Haderer escorted by Council Chair Lion Kavaljit Dev

Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Mrs Susan Lousada escorted by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Harvinder Virdee

Mayor of Bedford Tim Wootton escorted by Lion Paramjit Dev

## OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome & Introduction of Distinguished Guests,  
Lions and Partners

DG Kadambari Shah

Flag Ceremony and Anthems

Union Jack  
Netherlands Flag  
Lions Clubs International Flag  
Leos Flag

Opening Convention

Lord-Lieutenant Susan Lousada

Address by the Lord Mayor

Mayor Wootton

Lions Vision and Mission Statement

Lion President Vaishali Mehta

Lions Purposes

Lion President Alfred Samuels

Lions Ethics

Lion President Hasmita Solanki

Lighting of the Remembrance Candle

DG Lion Kadambari Shah

Invocation and In Memoriam

PDG Lion Andrew Allen

*A single rose will be placed at Centre Stage for each of our Lions who have  
Passed to Higher Service since our last Convention.*

*The Lord-Lieutenant accompanied by Lion Virendra Adhikari.*

*The Mayor accompanied by Lion Paramjit Dev,*

*Partners and Guests can leave at this point.*



## BUSINESS SESSION 1

Messages	SAA Lion George Matthew
Convention Procedure and Appointment of Tellers	PDG Lion John Savell
Appointment of Tail Twister	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
Adoption of Minutes of the 59 <sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
Matters arising (as notified in advance to the District Secretary)	DG Lion Kadambari Shah

## REPORTS TROPHIES PRESENTATIONS

<b>Team Reports</b> District Governors Team Administration Team	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
<b>District Accounts and Budget</b> District Treasurer's report and accounts 2023-2024 District Treasurer's Budget for 2025-2026	DT Lion Kunal Vyas
<b>Consideration for Resolution</b>	PDG Lion John Savell
<b>Appointment of Auditors</b>	DT Lion Kunal Vyas

## INSPIRATIONAL TALK BY Colonel Leona Barr-Jones DL VR

<b>District Youth Team Reports</b>	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
Introduction of District Peace Poster Winner Peace Poster Presentation Peace Poster award to Club	Lion Srik Gajewada
Acknowledgment of the Leo Trophy Winners	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
Introduction of the Young Ambassador Address by the Young Ambassador	PDG Lion Doreen Allen
Young Ambassador Sponsoring Club Trophy	Sponsored by PDG Lion Mike and Lion Janet Baldwin
Roar Trophy Presentation	Sponsored by PCC Lion Alastair Joel and Lion Gemma Driscoll
<b>Team Reports</b> Advisory Team Communication Team	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
<b>Competition Trophies</b>	Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra
District Website	Sponsored by PDG Lion Parveen and Ranjena Verma
Facebook	Sponsored by PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar
Travelling Lion	Sponsored by Late PDG Lion Harbhajan Dhaliwal
LCIF Trophy	Sponsored by Late PDG Lion Bert Randall
<b>Governorship Elections Addresses 2024-2025</b> Introduction of candidates for DG, 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG & 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Speeches by Sponsors and candidates	PDG Lion John Savell
<b>Closure of First Business Session</b>	SAA Lion George Matthew



## LUNCH

### BUSINESS SESSION 2

<b>Call to Order</b>	SAA Lion George Matthew
<b>Competition Trophies</b> Diabetes	Lion Dinesh Shonchhatra Sponsored by PID Lion Geoff Leeder and Lion May Leeder
Hunger	Sponsored by PDG Karanjeet Assan
Fight Against Cancer	Sponsored by Late Lion Vijay Jain
Club of the Year (Community Service)	Sponsored by Prof PDG Lion Elliot Shubert and Lion Dr Eileen J Cox
Environment Photo Competition	Sponsored by PDG Lion Vijay Arora
<b>Team reports</b> Service and Health Team	DG Lion Kadambari Shah

### MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY Manjiri Gokhale-Joshi

<b>Team reports</b> Membership Team International Team Six Decades of Making A Difference: The A Team's Journey of Service.	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER PID LION ELISABETH HADERER

<b>Introduction of International Guest</b> Keynote speaker Vote of Thanks	PID Lion Geoff Leeder PID Lion Elisabeth Haderer PDG Lion Max Mongia
<b>International Awards and DG Recognition Awards</b>	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
<b>Election Results</b> The District Governor Elect 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect	DG Lion Kadambari Shah Acceptance by nominated Candidate Acceptance by nominated Candidate Acceptance by nominated Candidate
<b>Introduction of Convention 2025 Committee</b> District Convention 2026 Announcement MD Convention Announcement International Convention Announcement	Lion Bharat Miangar
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	DG Lion Kadambari Shah
<b>Close of Convention</b>	SAA Lion George Matthews



**Lions Clubs  
International**



## VISION STATEMENT

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service

## MISSION STATEMENT

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs



## LIONS PURPOSES

- To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- 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.
- 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 endeavours.

## LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.
- 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 another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.





## LIONS WHO HAVE HELD THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IN DISTRICT 105A

2023 – 2024	Lesley Spence	1991 – 1992	Vanmali Mistry
2022 – 2023	Kavaljit Dev	1990 – 1991	John Smith ∞
<i>(Chairperson of Council of Governors)</i>		1989 – 1990	John Hunt ∞
2021 – 2022	Karanjeet Kaur Assan	1988 – 1989	H. Bert Randall * ∞
2020 – 2021	Alastair Joel*	1987 – 1988	Alan Kings ±
2019 – 2020	Kamal Sharma	1986 – 1987	Derek Knight ∞
2018 – 2019	Doreen Allen	1985 – 1986	Granville Thornton ∞
2017 – 2018	Abhnash Bains	1984 – 1985	Alex Starnes ∞
2016 – 2017	Brindar Singh Nandra ∞	1983 – 1984	Surjit S Bhalla
2015 – 2016	Meena Gupta	1982 – 1983	Cecil Worbey ∞
2014 – 2015	Ramesh Parmar	1981 – 1982	Dr Vijay N Capoor ∞
2013 – 2014	Sarbjit Assi	1980 – 1981	Philip Ashworth ∞
2012 – 2013	John Savell	1979 – 1980	Harry Ashcroft MBE ∞
2011 – 2012	Andrew Allen	1978 – 1979	Tom Dix ∞
2010 – 2011	Martin Morgan* ∞	1977 – 1978	Harbhajan S Dhariwal ∞
2009 – 2010	Wesley de Mendonca	1976 – 1977	George T Scott ∞
2008 – 2009	Vijay Arora	1975 – 1976	Bill Bainbridge ∞
2007 – 2008	Ken Rouse	1974 – 1975	Patrick Green ∞
2006 – 2007	Louvain Allen ∞	1973 – 1974	Basil Rowland ∞
2005 – 2006	Erach (Eric) Amaria	1972 – 1973	Claude Timewell ∞
2004 – 2005	Surinder (Max) Mongia	1971 – 1972	Joe Stirling ∞
2003 – 2004	Prof. Elliot Shubert	1970 – 1971	Keith Coles ∞
2002 – 2003	Mike Baldwin	1969 – 1970	Robert (Bob) Moore ∞
2001 – 2002	Ram Jaggi MBE ∞	1968 – 1969	John Holdham ∞
2000 – 2001	Mike Hendy	1967 – 1968	Harry T Addison ∞
1999 – 2000	Parveen Verma	1966 – 1967	W H (Bill) Bumstead * ∞
1998 – 1999	Donald Lyen∞	1965 – 1966	John W Carlton ∞
1997 – 1998	Brian Yeoman	1964 – 1965	Eric Sparrow ∞
1996 – 1997	Viresh Paul*	1963 – 1964	Peter Harrison ∞
1995 – 1996	Rati Shah MBE ∞	1962 – 1963	A W Ron Welling * ∞
1994 – 1995	David Green∞	1961 – 1962	Peter Bennet ∞
1993 – 1994	Ron Wilkes		
1992 – 1993	Geoff Leeder*		

\* - Past Council Chair of Governors

∞ - Passed to Higher Service

± - Resigned



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

	2023/2024		2022/2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Multiple District Dues @ £35 (£29.50) per member	43,242.50		34,397.00	
Multiple District Insurance @ £44.25 (£44.25) per club	2,787.75		2,743.50	
MD105 Youth Fund @ £4.00 (£4.00) per member	4,942.00		4,664.00	
		<b>50,972.25</b>		<b>41,804.50</b>
District Admin Fund @ £5.12 (£5.64) per member	6,327.23		6,674.94	
District Convention Fund @ £5.96 (£0.35) per member	7,362.03		414.23	
District 105A News @ £1 (£1.25) per member	1,235.59		1479.38	
District Youth Fund @ £40 (£40.00) per club 63 Clubs(62 Clubs)	2,520.00		2480.00	
		<b>17,444.84</b>		<b>11,048.54</b>
Affinity card commission (net)	0.00		0.00	
Bank deposit interest (net)	386.32		105.39	
		<b>386.32</b>		<b>105.90</b>
		<b>68,803.41</b>		<b>52,958.94</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Multiple District Dues, Insurance and Youth Fund	50,972.25		41,408.50	
District Officers	960.12		508.22	
District Secretariat	1836.50		2,425.00	
District Governor	117.50		379.90	
District Hospitality	300.00		300.00	
District Cabinet meetings	240.00		176.00	
District Seminars & forums	287.80		667.00	
105A News	677.00		0.00	
Supplies and Regalia	507.95		547.61	
District Website	511.80		789.08	
District Youth Fund	2,520.00		2,480.00	
District Convention Fund	7,357.62		414.23	
Club Formation	0.00		91.95	
Depreciation - Equipment, fixtures and fittings	0.00		0.00	
		<b>66,288.54</b>		<b>50,583.49</b>
<b>(DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>2,514.87</b>		<b>2,375.45</b>
ADMIN FUND		<b>1,951.87</b>		<b>896.08</b>
105A NEWS FUND		<b>558.59</b>		<b>1,479.38</b>
DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND		<b>4.41</b>		<b>0.00</b>
		<b>2,514.87</b>		<b>2,375.45</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 2024

### DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	10,444.49	10,444.49
Additions during year	681.28	0.00
Less Depreciation	<u>-10,443.49</u>	<u>-10,443.49</u>
	<b>682.28</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Sundry debtors and prepayments	364.32	150.00
Bank balances	<u>56,806.63</u>	<u>55,223.42</u>
	<b>57,170.95</b>	<b>55,373.42</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	57,853.23	55,374.42
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>-14,452.02</u>	<u>-14,488.08</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>£ 43,401.21</u></b>	<b><u>£ 40,886.34</u></b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Represented By: Administration Fund		
Opening balance	29,499.88	28,603.80
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	<u>1,951.87</u>	<u>896.08</u>
	<b>31,451.75</b>	<b>29,499.88</b>
<b>DIST 105A NEWS</b>		
Opening balance	7,372.36	5,892.98
Surplus(Deficit) for year	<u>558.59</u>	<u>1,479.38</u>
	<b>7,930.95</b>	<b>7,372.36</b>
<b>District Convention Fund</b>		
Opening balance	4,014.11	9,719.11
Surplus(Deficit) for year	<u>4.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>4,018.52</b>	<b>4,014.11</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	<b><u>£ 43,401.21</u></b>	<b><u>£ 40,886.34</u></b>

Approved by the District 105A Cabinet on 30th September 2024

Lion Kadambari Shah  
District Governor

Report of the accountants to the Members of Lions Clubs International District 105A.

In accordance with the instructions given to us, we have examined, without carrying out an audit the financial statements on pages 1 & 2 and confirm that these are in accordance with books and records of Lions Clubs International District 105A.

Chapmans Associates Ltd  
Chartered Accountants



## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

### **DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

#### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Status** The Charitable Trust was created under a Declaration of Trust dated 6 January 1986 and is registered with The Charity Commission under registration number 294186.

**Trustees**

<b>District Governor 2024/25</b>	<b>Kadambari Shah</b>	<b>- appointed July 2024</b>
<b>District Secretary 2024/25</b>	<b>Kavaljit Dev</b>	<b>- appointed July 2024</b>
<b>District Treasurer 2024/25</b>	<b>Kunal Vyas</b>	<b>- re-appointed July 2024</b>

The Trustees are the individuals holding office as District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer and such other offices as appointed by the District 105A Cabinet.

**Correspondent** Kunal Vyas, c/o Euro Ashfords, 2nd Floor, 39 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JN

**Honorary Auditors** **Chapmans Associates Ltd** Chartered Accountants  
9, Churchill Court, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7SA

**Main Bankers** **Barclays Bank Plc**  
North East London Business Group  
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London E4 8US

#### **ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

The Charity's principal activities are those of receiving donations and payments from Lions Clubs in District 105A and distributing them as nominated to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 105 and District 105A initiatives. Details of funds received and disbursed are set out in Note 2 of the attached accounts.

#### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are required by law to prepare accounts for each of the financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the results for the year then ended.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approved by the Trustees on** 4th January 2025

and signed on their behalf by

**Lion Kadambari Shah**

District Governor 2024/2025



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

	2023/2024			2022/2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Donations and collections	0.00	83,633.82	83,633.82	0.00	105,780.46	105,780.46
Investment income	897.92	-	897.92	377.82	-	377.82
	<b>897.92</b>	<b>83,633.82</b>	<b>84,531.74</b>	<b>377.82</b>	<b>105,780.46</b>	<b>106,158.28</b>
Fund balances brought forward	24,821.49	87,346.50	112,167.99	24,443.67	77,948.18	102,391.85
	<b>25,719.41</b>	<b>170,980.32</b>	<b>196,699.73</b>	<b>24,821.49</b>	<b>183,728.64</b>	<b>208,550.13</b>
Charitable disbursements	0.00	-91,271.70	-91,271.70	0.00	-96,382.14	-96,382.14
Fund balances carried forward	<b>25,719.41</b>	<b>79,708.62</b>	<b>105,428.03</b>	<b>24,821.49</b>	<b>87,346.50</b>	<b>112,167.99</b>

represented by:

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>		
Barclays Bank plc Current	14,138.73	21,776.61
Barclays Bank plc Deposit	91,289.30	90,391.38
	<b>£ 105,428.03</b>	<b>£ 112,167.99</b>

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105A CHARITABLE TRUST

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2024, which are set out on Pages 21 and 22

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

#### It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

#### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### 2 Collections and Disbursements

	Balance at 30th June 2023	Collections 2023/2024	Disbursements 2023/2024	Balance at 30th June 2024	Collections 2022/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
LCIF Fund	2,009.00	35,871.50	34,646.50	3,234.00	31,394.64
District Youth Party	2,028.13	5,300.00	5,325.00	2,003.13	5,100.00
Youth Fund, Leos and ROAR	9,714.57	6,300.00	5,561.64	10,452.93	4,998.00
Street Children	1,954.86	-	-	1,954.86	-
Water Aid and Water Wells	342.00	100.00	100.00	342.00	-
Sight/Children Vision/ Spot Camera	1,001.04	750.00	-	1,751.04	750.00
Senior Citizens Party	13,567.98	8,431.00	10,144.06	11,854.92	600.00
Speech Aid/Hearing	544.84	-	-	544.84	-
Medic Alert Foundation	650.00	-	-	650.00	-
DG Partner Appeal 2019/20 Air Ambulance	541.00	-	-	541.00	-
DG Partner Appeal 2020/21 Brain Tumour Research	4,433.00	798.00	1,080.00	4,151.00	1,080.00
DG Partner Appeal 2021/22 Lifelites	100.00	-	-	100.00	4,000.39
DG Partner Appeal 2022/2023 VICTA	9,118.00	641.32	9,653.00	106.32	9,118.00
International Projects	7,237.81	-	-	7,237.81	-
International Disaster Appeals	3,561.14	17,361.00	17,585.50	3,336.64	37,551.00
District Flooding Appeal/Alert	8,175.95	5,776.00	5,776.00	8,175.95	2,877.00
Ebola/Measles	956.56	-	-	956.56	-
1-2-4 Sewing Machines	150.00	-	-	150.00	-
Sleeping Bags	0.45	-	-	0.45	-
Sundry Collections	11,645.17	25.00	-	11,670.17	900.00
Go Green	-	880.00	880.00	-	-
Spot Camera	7,000.00	-	-	7,000.00	-
Diabetes	100.00	750.00	1,750.00	100.00	1750.00
Refugee Ukraine	-	650.00	650.00	-	5,661.43
Edukit	2,515.00	-	-	2,515.00	-
	<b>87,346.50</b>	<b>83,633.82</b>	<b>91,271.70</b>	<b>79,708.62</b>	<b>105,780.46</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>24,821.49</b>			<b>24,821.49</b>	
Bank Deposit interest	-	897.92	-	897.92	377.82
	<b>112,167.99</b>	<b>84,531.74</b>	<b>91,271.70</b>	<b>105,428.03</b>	<b>106,158.28</b>



## BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025/2026

### DISTRICT 105A ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

EXPENSES	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	2025/2026	2024/2025	2023/2024	2023/2024	2022/2023	2022/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Officers	1,000	1,000	960	1,000	508	1,000
District Secretariat	2,500	2,700	1,837	2,500	2425	2,500
District Treasurer	25	25	0	50	0	75
District Governors Fund	300	250	118	250	380	250
District Hospitality	400	400	300	300	300	300
District Hospitality (Twining Convention)	600	450	0	0	0	0
Cabinet Meetings	275	500	240	500	176	300
District Seminars and Forums	400	500	288	500	667	500
Regalia & Supplies	500	400	508	250	548	250
District Website	600	600	512	600	789	1,100
Membership	500	200	0	200	92	500
Public Relations/contingency	375	375	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>6,775</b>
<b>INCOME &amp; RESERVE</b>						
Admin Reserve (Twining Convention)	-600	-450	0	0	0	0
Admin Reserve Utilised	-125	-825	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	-150	-25	386	-5	-106	-5
<b>Net Administration Expenses</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>5,148</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>6,770</b>
District 105A News	0	1,000	677	1,200	0	1,500
District Convention Fund	8,400	8,000	7358	7,150	414	419
<b>Total Annual Expenses</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>13,183</b>	<b>14,495</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>8,689</b>
Assumed Membership	1,250	1,250	1,235	1,200	1,184	1,200
<b>Total Dues per Member</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>7.24</b>
<b>Split up as follows:</b>						
Administration Fund	5.28	4.88	4.17	5.12	4.88	5.64
105A News Fund	0.00	0.80	0.55	1.00	0.00	1.25
Convention Fund	6.72	6.40	5.96	5.96	0.35	0.35
<b>District Dues - 2025/2026</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>12.08</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>7.24</b>

Note-1 The Finance Committee recommends that the cost of printing POL should be utilised from the District 105a News Fund Reserve of £7930.95.



## MINUTES OF THE 59TH DISTRICT 105A ANNUAL CONVENTION, HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2024 AT THE DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON, ELSTREE

The meeting was called to order by SAA George Matthew at 9:00am

The official photographer Lion Angelo Ferraro was introduced, a reminder to switch off mobile phones and if you are parked in the car park, to register it at reception.

The Health and Safety briefing was given by DO Brian Dickety.

Convention welcomed District Governor Lesley Spence accompanied by her daughter Lion Melissa Murphy, International Director Barbara Grewe, escorted by 2nd VDG Harvinder Virdee, the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Lionel Wallace, escorted by Immediate Past Governor and Chair of Council Elect Kavaljit Dev.

District Governor Lesley welcomed everyone to Convention, and introduced the platform party, distinguished Lions, and acknowledged all clubs within our District.

The flag ceremony was conducted by SAA George who received the Union Flag carried by Lion Ravi Haria, the German Flag carried by Lion Zoe Bradford, the LCI flag carried by Lion Nikhit Shah, and the Leo flag carried by Leo Haley Carr and Leo Charlie Browne.

The DG proposed a vote of thanks to the flag party.

Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Lionel Wallace, officially opened our 59th annual convention.

Deputy Lieutenant Lionel Wallace received the convention flag from Convention officer Lion Peter Codrai.

DG Lesley went onto introduce visiting Lions and guests from outside of our District.

The Lions Vision and Mission statement was read by Lion Sunita Raman.

The Lions Purposes were read by ZC Monita Hung and the Code of Ethics were read by PDG Surjit Bhalla.

DG Lesley lit the candle of remembrance. Invocation was read by PDG Andrew Allen, followed by In Memoriam. A rose was placed in the vase for each Lion who has passed onto higher service since our last convention.

Thanks were given to Lions Sunita, Monita, Surjit and Andrew for carrying out their respective duties.

The Deputy Lieutenant then left accompanied by IPDG Kavaljit Dev.

SAA George Matthew introduced the first business session. Full protocol was given by George who went on to inform

convention that the shortened protocol of DG, ID and my Fellow Lions will now be used.

Messages of good luck and best wishes for a successful convention had been received, a selection was read out, including a letter from HM the King.

There were no apologies received.

District CNRO PDG Doreen explained convention procedures, these are printed in the convention booklet on Page 50, Doreen appointed CC David Pope, PCC Stewart Sherman Kahn, PDG Ujjal Kular, as tellers.

ZC Luke Adams was appointed as Tail twister, he would be collecting fines in aid of Brain Tumour Research, cash, or payment via the QR code would be accepted.

The Minutes of the 58th Annual convention was proposed by PCC Viresh Paul and seconded by Lion Kumar Acharya, convention voted in favour of their approval. There were no matters arising.

The DGs team stood to be recognised, no questions were asked in relation to their reports. The reports were moved for adoption, proposed by Lion Jagnesh Shah, and seconded by PDG Karanjeet Assan; convention voted in favour of their approval.

DT Kunal presented the accounts 2022/2023, there were some questions raised by members, the accounts were moved for adoption, proposed by Lion Sunjay Mehta, and seconded by Lion Dinesh Shonchatra. Convention adopted these, with one against

DT Lion Kunal presented the budget for 2024/25, CNRO PDG Doreen Allen talked through budget resolution:

**Resolution 1** Proposed by the District Cabinet; This Convention resolves that the district dues 2024/25 be £12.08 per Lion member (comprising £4.88 for administration fund £6.40 for Convention fund and £0.80 for the 105A news fund) payable in two equal instalments by the 31st July 2024 and 31st January 2025. Based on known membership as of 1/7/24 and 1/1/25.

The budget was proposed by DT Kunal Vyas and seconded by PCC Alastair Joel on behalf of the cabinet.

Convention voted in favour of the resolution.

DT Kunal Vyas proposed that Messer's Chapman be used. (they do not charge for this service), as independent examiners, this was seconded by Lion Robin Hurley, convention approved this.

DG Lesley thanked DT Kunal Vyas and PDG Doreen Allen for their work.

DG Lesley then introduced Taz Khan MBE, from the London Community Kitchen, who then gave a presentation about the work that they carry out. Taz thanked the Lions for their support of this project.

The Youth Team were recognised, their reports were moved for adoption and were proposed by ZC Luke Adams and seconded by Lion Nila Solanki. Convention voted in favour of their adoption. DG Lesley thanked the team for promoting all our Youth Projects.

Lion Lara Stroebel introduced the Peace Poster Competition and introduced the winner Phoebe Seymour- Davies and





LP Sharon Patel of Hatch End Centennial LC. The trophy, sponsored by the Late PDG John and Lion Jennie Smith was presented to the winning club. Lara presented the prize and certificate to Pheobe.

Lion Lara announced the Peace Essay competition winner Erica Steel, the Essay is in the convention booklet on page 48. The trophy sponsored in the name of the late Lion Alec Spence was presented to the sponsoring club, MK Stony Stratford by DG Lesley's daughter Lion Melisa Murphy from Sandwell LC, 105CW. The Peace Essay went onto win the MD competition.

Leo trophies - Alpha Leo club of the year, Fairlop Leos Club and the Alpha Leo of the year is Leo Jesse Cabulo. The Omega Leos club of the year is Heston Leos. The Omega Leo of the year is Leo Devansh Gauri. The trophies will be presented at a future Leos activity/meeting.

PDG Doreen Allen introduced the Young Ambassador winner, Liliana Noor, who was sponsored by Harrow and Pinner Lions Club. Liliana then addressed convention. The trophy sponsored by PDG Mike and Lion Janet Baldwin was presented to the club and the prize to Liliana.

DG updated Convention on: Attendees: 236, Delegates: 77.

CNRO officer PDG Doreen Allen introduced the second resolution:

**Resolution 2** Proposed by the District Cabinet; This Convention resolves that:

District 105A shall adopt the International Standard District Constitution dated July 2023 and to include current District 105A By Laws

Explanatory notes:

The current District 105A Constitution and By Laws document on our District website, has not been updated for many years and is at variance with the mandatory parts of the International Standard District Constitution. The District Cabinet has debated at length and advice was sought from Lions International Legal department and MD CRNO Trevor Kell. The Cabinet has therefore decided that the best way forward is to have this complete document adopted at District 105A Convention March 2024

The areas in yellow are those clauses that are defined as mandatory(compulsory). The red paragraph on page 12 was voted in at the July 2023 Boston International Convention and will be in place as mandatory from 1st January 2024. The light blue paragraphs are District 105A By Laws. This has meant some changes in dates to facilitate the smooth running of the District. The document also includes an automatic update paragraph which will allow future District CRNO to update immediately, any approved amendments to the International Constitution and By Laws that are passed at an International Convention.

Doreen thanked PDGs John Savell and Elliot Shubert for their help in producing this document.

The resolution was proposed by PDG Doreen Allen and seconded by Lion Satnam Loyal on behalf of the District Cabinet.

There would need to be a 2/3rds majority to pass this resolution. In favour: 72, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0. Resolution passed.

The DGs Advisory team, were recognised, there were no questions of the reports, they were moved for adoption, proposed by Lion Rajnikant Sheth and seconded by PDG Ramesh Parmar. Convention approved the reports, with 1 against, 2 abstentions.

All ZC were thanked for their leadership and dedication by DG Lesley.

ZC Luke Adams gave an informative presentation about Bees. Luke answered questions from Convention.

PDG Sarbjit Assi spoke to convention about Alzheimer's and the recent loss of his wife Kuldip, who was an Alzheimer's ambassador. An emotive video was played at the convention.

PDG Doreen Allen introduced the Governor elections. Doreen confirmed that there is one applicant for each of the posts, all of whom had filed their application by the due date of the 15th Aug 2023. Each applicant had been verified by the Nominations committee.

As per the International Constitution, DG Lesley had appointed 3 non-cabinet Lions to form the nominations Committee. Doreen recognised the following lions for their work on this Committee: Lion Kishore Tailor- London Seven Kings, Lion Mark Deacon - Harpenden, and Lion Sonya K Singh - London Central Host.

For DG 2024/25: Kadu Shah from Milton Keynes LC, addressed convention.

For 1st VDG 2024/25: Harvinder Virdee from Redbridge Centennial LC addressed convention.

For 2nd VDG 2024/25: Dilip Shah from Chipping Barnet LC was introduced by PDG Parveen Verma, followed by Dilip who addressed convention.

Doreen explained to convention the voting process. 3 Lions will act as observers in the counting process. One from each of the candidate's clubs.

The Communications, Service and Health teams were presented to Convention, their reports were moved for adoption, proposed by IPDG Kav, and seconded by PDG Doreen Allen. Approved by convention.

DG Lesley thanked them all for the huge amount of work that has been completed.

The first timers to convention were given the opportunity to have their photo taken with International Director Barbara Grewe.

SAA George Matthew reported to convention we have 241 attendees. Including two Leos.

George closed the first business session 12.30pm for Lunch.

SAA George Matthew called the convention to order and opened the second business session.

Competitions Officer Lion Keith joined DG Lesley on stage to present the following Trophies:

**Club of the year for Community Service**, Sponsored by Professor PDG Elliot Shubert and Lion Dr Eileen J Cox, won by; MK Stony Stratford, **Fight against Cancer trophy**, sponsored by Lion Vijay Jain, won by; St Johns Wood.

**Hunger trophy**, sponsored by PDG Karanjeet Assan, won by, MK Stony Stratford. **The Environmental Photographic**



**competition**, sponsored by PDG Vijay Arora, there are 6 categories; Native Trees – won by, Lion Penny Tregillus, Native non-Flowering Plants, Native Wildflowers, Vertebras, Weather and Landscape – all won by Lion Aurora Ghita, Invertebrates – won by Lion Bobby Das.

The 'Story So Far – the update' a video of all clubs within our District was played.

DG Lesley recognised Lion Nila Solanki, whose friend had provided the sarnies for the SCC last Sunday, also to SNK who have donated the Vegetarian meals for many years. DG Lesley thanked everyone for making the event a special one.

PCC Alastair Joel introduced the ROAR programme, a promotional video was played. PCC Alastair Joel and Lion Gemma Driscoll presented the trophy to the winning club, Harrow and Pinner LC who had sponsored the district winners from, Glebe Primary school.

Fines were extracted from naughty Lions!

A presentation was given by Lion Aurora and Lion Bobby Das from Sudbury who had attended last year's Symposium, they spoke about the symposium's aims, which is to develop future leaders within our MD, at all levels. They spoke about some of the topics discussed and games played. Their understanding of Lions was widened, including awareness of our Service projects. They keep in contact with other Lions from the year. In groups they worked on specific projects.

New members of District 105A were recognised.

DG Lesley presented New Voices certificates to the following lions: Marketing- Aurora Ghita, Leadership-Bobby Das, Service-Virendra Adhikari, Membership- Daljinder Mudhar.

The members team were recognised, there were no questions, their reports were moved for adoption, proposed by Luke Adams, and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Harvinder Virdee. Approved by Convention.

DG Lesley thanked the officers for the important work that they carry out.

DG Lesley congratulated Heston LC on the formation of the new Branch Club of Heston-London West.

Lion Keith Collard and DG Lesley presented the following Competitions:

**Website Trophy**, Sponsored by PDG Parveen and Ranjena Verma, won by; Mill Hill, **Facebook trophy**, sponsored by PDG Ramesh Parmar, won by; London Central Host, **District Quiz shield**, Sponsored by the Late PDG John and Lion Jennie Smith, won by; Harpenden, **LCIF trophy** sponsored by the late PCC Bert Randall, won by; Harpenden, and last but not least, the **Travelling Lion**, sponsored by the late PDG Harbhajan Dhariwal, won by Hatch End Centennial.

Lion Jess Bharj won the hamper from the St James Place Stand.

The Administration, Advisory and International team were recognised, there was one question of the reports. They were moved for adoption, proposed by Lion Lara Stroebel, and seconded by PDG Ramesh Parmar. Convention approved the reports.

DG Lesley thanked all the officers for their support, and hard work throughout the year.

PID Geoff Leeder introduced our International guest, International Director, Barbara Grewe from Germany, who went on to address Convention. Barbara brought greetings from our International President Dr Patti Hill. Barbara spoke about Mission 1.5, the need to grow in order to continue delivering our Service. Barbara spoke of how different we all are across the globe, and yet we all share one goal. Barbara spoke of her Lions Career, how she was the first female President of her Leo club. Barbara encouraged us all to be mentors, its more than just the official programme. We should embrace our young people, giving them a chance.

Barbara answered members questions.

A vote of thanks was proposed by IPDG Kavaljit Dev. International awards were presented to:

**Presidential Award:** Lion Satnam Loyal

**Leadership Awards:** Lion Paramjit Dev and PDG Doreen Allen

**International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:** LP Jagnesh Shah, Dharmesh Desai and Edmond Yeo for their membership efforts. Lion Peter Codrai for his work on convention

**District Governor's appreciation certificates were presented to:** Lions Steve Foott, and Brian Dickety.

The election results were announced:

DG 2024/25 Kadu Shah, received 57 yes votes.

1st VDG 2024/25 Harvinder Virdee, received 68 yes votes.

2nd VDG 2024/25 Dilip Shah, received, 57 yes votes.

All winners addressed convention; they were then congratulated by DG Lesley. The Ballot papers will be kept for 15 days.

A presentation on MD convention in Weston-Super-Mare (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> May) and the International Convention in Melbourne (22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> June) was shown.

Convention officer Lion Peter Codrai introduced his convention committee and thanked them all for their hard work in a successful event. Including Lions Jennifer Collard and Surjit Chodda for organising the registration desks this morning.

The 2025 Convention Officer, Lion Bharat Miangar, gave a presentation on Convention 2025, our Diamond Convention, to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb -2<sup>nd</sup> March, at the Mercure hotel, Bedford.

The Convention flag was presented to Lion Bharat from SAA George Matthew.

IPDG Kavaljit Dev gave a vote of thanks to DG Lesley on a successful convention.

DG Lesley presented ID Barabara with a donation to LCIF in her name.

Closing remarks were given by DG Lesley, who thanked all for making this convention totally memorable, and wished all a safe journey home.

S@A George Matthew gave details of the Banquet and Ball this evening, wished those heading home a safe journey and then invited all to join him in singing Auld Lang Syne.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Convention was then formally closed at 16.30hrs.



**District Youth Celebrations**  
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24th November 2024



Wishing DG Lion Kadambari Shah a very successful  
60th Diamond Jubilee District Convention 2025

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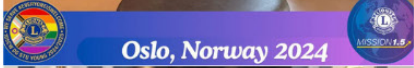
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## Kadambari Shah

### District Governor

- dg@lions105a.org

As I write this report, I reflect on an incredible journey—from being elected 2nd Vice District Governor in March 2021 to becoming District Governor-Elect in March 2024. This milestone coincided with my return from the 1st VDG training at Lions International headquarters in Oak Brook, USA. Immediately after an overnight flight, I drove straight into a full-day Convention—a truly unforgettable experience!

After being elected, I translated the intensive training into action by assembling my cabinet, designing the pin and bannerette and planning the year's timetable. All made possible through invaluable guidance and support I received from a number of people.

My ears are still ringing from the warm welcome Kaushik and I received at the MD Convention in Weston- Super-Mare as DG-Elect. At the half-cabinet meeting in May, we shared our goals and bonded as a Cabinet.

In June, the DG Garden Party held in Milton Keynes brought together 120 guests on a sunny day. Later that month, Kaushik and I proudly represented District 105A at the **International Convention** in Melbourne. Being installed as your District Governor among 700 fellow DGs worldwide was deeply moving, marked by the symbolic removal of the DG-Elect ribbons. This moment was reaffirmed at the **District Handover**, where IPDG Lesley Spence placed the collar around my neck, marking the start of this incredible year. We took our IP Fabricio Oliveira's tag line - **make your Mark** as a guide and created an impact by forming the first Club branch of the year at the District Handover. We will cherish these memories forever.

The first six months have flown by as we celebrate our 60th Diamond Anniversary Convention, my heartfelt thanks go to the Convention Committee, led by Bharat Miangar, Martin Langdon, and Paramjit Dev for their exceptional efforts in making this event a success.

My core focus remains increasing membership and retention, strengthening communications, and fostering leadership. This year's cabinet balances fresh perspectives and seasoned experience, blending innovative ideas with valuable expertise.

**Our District leadership team** comprising of myself, 1st VDG Harvinder Virdee, 2nd VDG Dilip Shah, IPDG Lesley Spence meet fortnightly, and have held monthly

meetings with the **Global Action Team**, encompassing leadership, membership, service, and extension leads. I commend each member for their commitment and diligence in advancing our District's goals.

**The Advisory Team**, including John Savell, Bharat Miangar, Surjit Chodda, Mukesh Palan, Nilesh Palan and Angelo Ferraro have ensured timely execution of all their tasks.

I am fortunate to have a highly dedicated and efficient **Administration Team**. Thank you, Kavaljit Dev, Parveen Verma, George Matthew, Kunal Vyas, and Alastair Joel, for your invaluable support and guidance. You have truly been the backbone of my year. Special thanks to **District Administrator** Steve Foott for managing directories and reports and for your invaluable support for Convention.

Under Lion Penny Tregillus, the **Service Team** has been **Roaring to Serve**, impacting over 250,000 people with 41,000 volunteer hours. Over 70% of Clubs now use the new reporting portal. The LIFE project thrives, addressing global causes of Hunger and Environment, thanks to Kam Kalra and Virendra Adhikari. My thanks to Sundeep Ruparelia, Rita Kimberger and Anant Patel for their invaluable contributions to service projects. Rob Spragg's promotion for the MD Child Sight UK initiative raised £36,500 and secured 20 cameras this year. Special thanks to Geoff Leeder for serving as District Coordinator for this project.

**The Health Team**, led by Manji Kara, has been passionately promoting their portfolios. It's heartwarming to witness the dedication of team members Penny Tregillus, Rita Kimberger, Paramjit Dev, Erach Amaria, and Sarbjit Assi. Manji Kara and Daljinder Mudhar will lead efforts for free prostate and blood pressure checks at the upcoming Convention.

**Zone Chairs** have risen to their roles admirably and excelled in connecting Clubs with the DG Team. Thank you, Viny Poon, Neshawar Singh, Jatinder Kaur, Daljinder Mudhar, Parthiv Kumarswami, Piyush Patel, Sue Carr, John Powell, Keith Hedges, Mike Lee and Andy Whittard for your excellent work with your Zones and attending early morning briefings on first Saturday of the month.

**Thank you to the Youth Team**, led by Doreen Allen for an exceptional year. A new Leo Club, Hendon Stars, was launched, 118 certificates were presented for Young Leaders in Service. And eight entries participated in the Roar programme with Lesley Spence. Young Ambassador final is set for January Cabinet and Srik Gajewada brought professional artists to judge Peace Poster competition. Lion Raza and Yasmin

hosted a successful Youth Camp after 25 years. Its success was so remarkable that MD has invited us to host it again next year!

**Membership** efforts, led by Rob Spragg, Mick Claxton, and Salil Patankar have welcomed 103 new members. Retention remains a focus, and for the first-time mentoring programmes are planned around our District. Congratulations to **The Extension Team** with Karanjeet Assan, Ramesh Parmar and Salil Patankar for forming three Club branches and a new Club in six months, exceeding expectations.

**Leadership development**, spearheaded by Viresh Paul, has been robust, with training, workshops, and briefings fostering growth. I am deeply grateful for his dedicated efforts and innovative approach.

The energetic **New Voices Team**, led by Sonya Singh, is preparing for the District's first membership and PR event. Radhika Verma for Membership, Superna Patel for Service and Aurora Ghita for PR are doing a fantastic job.

Our PDGs and Cabinet officers bring a wealth of knowledge to our organisation. The **CIO/ICO** receives excellent guidance from Nilesh Palan, while Farokh Daruwala remains readily available to assist anyone in need of **DBS**. Andrew Allen plays a proactive role in **member welfare and archival responsibilities**. This year, he has been sending birthday wishes to the partners of PDGs who have advanced to higher service.

Special thanks to Dinesh Shonchhatra for his efforts in compiling the **Zone and District Quizzes** and organising the trophies for the Convention.

Thank you, Ramesh Parmar, for organising the **District Golf day** which raised an incredible amount of money for Kaushik's charity, Brain Tumour Research.

**The Communications Team**, with Satnam Loyal ensures effective communication across the District. Pride of Lions produced by Sukhdeep Loyal updates us with events. Aurora Ghita for PR and Neshawar Singh for the website have done a sterling job.

I thank Geoff Leeder for **International Affairs** updates, Max Mongia for connecting us globally with International Relations, and Vijay Arora for her efforts in promoting and fundraising for **LCIF**.

The **Senior Citizens Celebrations** remains the largest single-District event and has proudly stood as our flagship programme for 22 years. This year, it continues its tradition of bringing joy to our senior citizens. A simple "thank you" hardly captures the depth of our

gratitude to **Parveen Verma** and his dedicated team.

**The District Youth Celebrations**, another hallmark event, spreads joy to 500 youth and their carers. This vibrant party creates heartwarming memories for all involved. Thank you goes to **Vijay Arora** and her committed team.

Kaushik and I, along with Vijay Arora, Bharat and Jennifer and Keith Collard were honoured to represent the Lions of District 105A at the **New Year's Day Parade** in Central London. Despite the rainy weather we all thoroughly enjoyed the spirited walk from Berkeley Square to Westminster, surrounded by cheering crowds lining the streets.

My sincere thanks to our Cabinet officers and District members for entrusting me with the leadership of our remarkable District. Your confidence in me has been both humbling and inspiring. Let us carry on doing what we do best and live by our motto **"WE SERVE"**

During my journey as District Governor, I have visited 65 of 67 Clubs and all 11 Zones, attending meetings, charters, inducting members, and presenting service awards. On behalf of Kaushik and myself, I extend our gratitude to every Club and Zone for your warm welcome, hospitality, and friendship.

I owe special recognition to my husband, Kaushik, without his dedication and organizational skills none of this would have been possible. He has been my rock throughout my DG journey.

Kaushik and I welcome you to our Diamond Anniversary Convention 2025. We are excited to create lasting memories with all of you as we continue **Roaring to Serve**.

## **Harvinder Virdee**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

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As First Vice District Governor (FVDG), my journey is progressing with purpose, and the transition to the role of District Governor (DG) is drawing near. I am excited to share updates on my activities, accomplishments, and plans. This experience has been immensely fulfilling, highlighted by nearly completing my official Club visits, participating in Zone meetings, and attending my first two Council Meetings lead by CC Kavaljit Dev.

The Club visits have been vital in delivering the DG's message early in the Lionistic year, ensuring Clubs are aligned with the vision, goals, and targets for maximum impact.

In preparation for my upcoming role, I am actively engaged in the District Governor training programme. This comprehensive

programme, led by our LCI DG trainer, includes assignments, group discussions, and one-on-one Zoom sessions. It has been an invaluable opportunity to collaborate with Vice District Governors and District Governors from around the globe. I eagerly look forward to attending the in-person training at the Q Centre in Chicago in February 2025.

With the kind permission of DG Kadambari progress on forming my cabinet is well underway, with key milestones established. The new cabinet will be officially introduced during the Cabinet Meeting on May 18, 2025. Additionally, the District Handover is scheduled for July 27, 2025, at Cloisters, where I will present my Theme, Objectives, Goals, and Targets for the upcoming Lionistic year.

I have also embraced the opportunity to lead the Youth Exchange Camp committee for August 2025. The next six months promise to be equally exciting, with highlights including celebrating DG Kadambari

Shah's accomplishments at the District 105A's 60th Convention, attending the MD Convention in May 2025,

and the International Convention in July 2025.

As FVDG, I remain fully committed to supporting the District's operations by participating in key meetings and events, including:

- Fortnightly DG Team Meetings
- Monthly FVDG Meetings
- Monthly Global Action Team (GAT) Meetings
- Zone Chair (ZC) Training Sessions
- Monthly Drop-In Sessions
- District and Club functions as required.

I also stay actively involved in my home Club's meetings and activities, which keeps me connected to our mission. Our Club's dedication to Mission 1.5 objectives has resulted in significant achievements, including membership growth, enhanced public relations, and improved communication.

It has been an honour to work alongside DG Kadambari Shah, IPDG Lesley Spence, and 2nd VDG Dilip Shah as part of the DG Team. Their leadership and mentorship have been invaluable.

I remain committed to upholding Lions' Code of Ethics, fostering a spirit of fellowship and excellence, and empowering our District to create meaningful, positive change. Together, with the collective efforts of Lions, I am confident we can achieve lasting success.

## **Dilip Shah**

**2nd Vice District Governor**

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It has almost been a year since I was elected as 2nd Vice District Governor for District 105A and I officially took over that role from 1st July 2024.

During my first six months in the office, I have attended DG Team meetings held once every two weeks, GAT monthly meetings and the Finance Committee meetings.

I have been assigned by the District Governor to follow up LCI, Multi District and District dues outstanding over 120 days and also to follow up all Clubs to ensure that they remain in good standing to be eligible to vote at the Convention.

During the last six months I have visited various Clubs, Zone meetings and inducted new members. I will continue with the Club and Zone visits during the second half of this year.

I have attended Lions International SVDG virtual seminars over a period of two months in November and December 2024, comprising of six sessions dealing with Leadership skills, LCIF, Membership growth and New Club growth. These have been very informative and inspiring.

I am looking forward to serving the District 105A over the six months and for years to come.

Thank You.

## **Lesley Spence**

**Immediate Past District Governor**

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*Good day, all.*

Firstly, I would like to thank all the members of District 105A for all their friendship and support during my year as District Governor. It was a real privilege to serve you in 2023-2024. I learned so much about myself and my capabilities personally and Lionistically. I enjoyed meeting all our fellow Lions across the District and have many very special memories of both the friendships extended to me, and of the honour of being in a position to witness the phenomenal amount of service each and every Club takes on to support those in their local communities who need help. THANK YOU for being there.

At the moment, I feel as though I am starring in my own Ground Hog Day film; I broke my arm again, elbow this time to be precise, as I did last year and have been unable to attend or take part in as many of the events and service activities as I would have liked in the past three months. However, my role as the IPDG is to support and advise the District Governor and the Vice District Governors. I have been able to do this by participating in the DG Team meetings and by being part of the Global Action



Team and the Aylesbury Lions Club rebuilding team.

The District Handover attended by over 100 Lions and friends in July was a great success. It marked the traditional District passing of the collar and the baton to our DG Kadambari and the introduction and swearing in of the new District team. Thank you to Lion Satnam and Lion Pammy for the organisation of the event with bookings, the venue and menu, and thanks to S@A, Lion George for leading the formal proceedings. Another amazing memory to cherish!

In the same month, I also had the pleasure of officiating at the handovers for the Lions Clubs of Luton, Isleworth and Kenton and the Charter of Letchworth Garden City. I was also able to attend the Harpenden Lions Highland Games, such a fantastic event, and be part of a fond farewell to Biggleswade and Sandy members Judith and David Hagger who after long and distinguished service with the Club and District were heading off to Australia.

Due to the kindness of Lions members and my own Club members, I have also been able to attend Hemel Hempstead Charter and the London Fortitude Formation evening. I have also been part of the judging team for the Lions ROAR competition at two local primary schools.

At the Club level, I participated in the Club fundraising and service activities and am this year's official Club secretary. Our meetings are held face to face, but the option to join via Zoom is a bonus that enables me and others to join when circumstances otherwise make this impossible. As you might guess, I have needed quite a lot of help in actually 'writing' and producing sets of minutes at times.

At District level, thanks to Lion Robert, I was also able to participate, with others from our District, in the Plusoptix Vision Camera Training in December at Birmingham HQ.

At Multiple District level, I was appointed to a new role of Foundation Trustee at the beginning of the Lionistic year and am due to attend the third meeting of Trustees next weekend in Birmingham. I have also taken on the role of Chair of the ROAR management team, which meets monthly via Zoom with representatives from each of the eight Districts of 105. The team works to improve publicity, take up, and general operation of the programme for schools and Lions Clubs. From January 1st, 2025, I will also become the MD Officer for the Lions ROAR programme.

As all the PDGs, I am here to support our District in any way I can at any level I can.

I wish our District Governor Kadambari an enjoyable and successful Convention and as always, I will be there to offer my support.

IPDG Lesley

## ADMINISTRATION TEAM

### Kavaljit Dev

#### District Secretary

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This is my first Convention report as the District Secretary and I am grateful to both Past District Governor Lion Parveen Verma for giving me the opportunity to follow in his footsteps and to District Governor, Lion Kadambari Shah, for having the confidence in me to take on this role.

One of my main tasks is to send communications to all the members in our District from the Cabinet members and Multiple District. I would like to acknowledge and thank our IT team, Lions Satnam Loyal, Neshawar (Bob) Singh and Robert Spragg for all the support they have given me in becoming familiar with our new email system to enable me to send all the emails as requested.

In addition, it has also been possible to have these emails available on our District website so that all our members can catch up with any communications they may have missed. Unfortunately, we still have members that do not open the communications sent to them, so access via the website is now another avenue open to them.

Our District Administrator, Lion Steve Foott, has supported me in producing the District directory and keeping our membership database up to date. This is never an easy task but thanks to Steve we have a well compiled directory and prompt reports on membership for distribution.

I have worked closely with our DG on agenda matters for Cabinet meetings, Convention planning and have been able to discuss and advise on matters as required.

My thanks go to Past Council Chair Lion Alastair Joel for producing the minutes in an accurate and timely manner.

This is also by my first time in coordinating the production of the Convention brochure for our 60th Convention and my aim is to have this ready for distribution in early February as per previous years. PDG Lion Parveen is always there to guide me with his invaluable experience.

Thank you to all the Cabinet members and Club officers for their cooperation in ensuring the administration part of my role is carried out efficiently.

Best wishes to District Governor Kadambari and Lion Kaushik for a successful and enjoyable Convention.

### Parveen Verma

#### District Assistant Secretary

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I had a very easy relaxing year as the District Secretary Lion Kav carried out her duties in an exemplary manner and did not require assistance from me as her Assistant.

### Kunal Vyas

#### District Treasurer

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#### DG Kadu, Dignitaries, and my family of lions

The District has been on a steady course of membership growth for a few years and this year it stood at 1227 at the time of writing this report, and this reflects on various aspects of budget and income for the District.

I must commend the new set of Club Officers particularly the Club Treasurers, who have made their best efforts to settle the dues promptly as well as sending me their Clubs financial statements as soon as these were ready and available. Also, whilst most Clubs settled their dues promptly, there were a few persistent late payers who had to be chased up. Non-payment of MD and District and LCI dues leads to financial suspension for the Clubs and restricts their service activities, until resolved.

I must urge all the Clubs to set up online payment systems with their banks and bring in a change in their payment system, which is much needed now and moving forward.

I resolved most of the queries from treasurers, there are two lots of half yearly dues payable each year; payment of invoices from the District for District and Multiple District Dues, Club Insurance and Youth Funds, for which I sent out dues invoices on half yearly basis and settlement of monthly continuous statements from Lions Clubs International Oakbrook in US Dollars, converted in sterling at their conversion rate, for payment in sterling, made to LCI District 105A.

I believe many of the questions posed by the Club Treasurers could be resolved by attending the Treasurers Sessions at the Incoming Officers online Seminar, which is geared to dealing with such matters. I sincerely hope that when they next receive notification of such Seminars, that they will make the effort to attend and participate.

Enquiries from the Clubs, particularly regarding the International Dues and amounts due to Lions Clubs International, based on numbers reported to them, were satisfactorily resolved; attendance at the Incoming Officers seminar would have given a better understanding on the working of Lions Clubs International, and highlight the need for correct numbers

to be reported on MyLCI regularly each month.

The Financial Statements for the year to 30th June 2024 and the Budget Proposals for the year 2025/2026 are included in the Convention papers for your consideration and adoption. These were duly approved at the 30 September 2024, District 105A's Cabinet Special Meeting.

**Administration Account**

The Financial Statements shows surplus on Admin Account of £1951.87 (2023: £896.08) Surplus on 105A News Fund £558.59 (2023: £1479.38) & Surplus on Convention fund for £ 4.41 (2023: £0).

The main areas of saving were in under-utilised budgets for Admin Fund, District 105A News. Our Membership numbers on paid basis worked out at 1235, 25 members more than budgeted. The Balance Sheet reflects a very healthy financial situation with Bank balances supporting various Funds as reflected thereon totalling £56,806.63 (2023: £55,223.42).

**Charity Accounts**

The Charity Account Statements detail collections of £83,633.82 (2023: £105,780.46) and Investment Income of £897.92 (2023: £337.82). The Charity Funds at the year-end amounted to £105,428.03 (2023:

£112,167.99).

Most of the collections balances at year-end have been disbursed, as advised, after 30th June 2024 leaving funds for ongoing projects/appeals, which will be utilised/dispursed in due course.

**Budget Proposals -2025/26**

Based on the current circumstances and in consultation with the incoming VDG and Finance Committee set by

the DG (reference: Article IV District Committee's in the constitution), I set out the 2025/2026 budget for you all. The Budget encompasses the challenges and uncertainties of the high costs we all face.

The Budget for 2025/26 is based on 1250 members, which I am hopeful the District will be able to maintain and perhaps increase through formation of New Clubs and members. The allocation between various funds will remain unchanged.

I will strive to maintain the District Dues at reasonable levels for future years as much as possible, but due to increased costs it may be difficult, and dues may need to be increased to reflect reality. The budget was duly approved at the 30 September 2024, District 105A's Cabinet Special Meeting. This Year the budget recognizes few items like Twinning District and Symposium as done in previous year.

Twining: Cabinet approval 2019/2020 was to make available, funds to allow the hosting of up to 3 couples from our Twinning Districts to attend our District Convention social functions as our guests. These costs would be met from reserves. Their travel and accommodation would be their responsibility.

Symposium: is a programme approved by the MD Council of Governors, designed for lions who have less than five years' service. It is an opportunity to promote Lions beyond their Club, to look at opportunities, to grow and inspire them. Seven years ago, there was a lack of leaders coming forward, not only as DGs, but as District and MD officers too. One of the aims of the Symposium was to ensure succession planning in our future leadership. The success of this programme is shown in our very

own 1st VDG Harvinder, who attended the 1st ever Symposium, there has also been many District officers and Clubs Presidents who have graduated over the past 7 years. MD have introduced a non-refundable deposit (Currently £75pp) for attendees, every year there is a dropout rate, of which the MD picks up these costs (hotel and food) and Council felt this was unfair on members. The Finance Committee strongly recommend that we should invest in our leaders of tomorrow, therefore, upon full completion of the symposium, the deposit would be refunded to those attendees.

The District currently has large reserves that have been built up over many years, the Committee feel that in line with MD policy, we only need to hold a year's operating cost as reserves. The reserves could be used to reduce the need to increase dues, which at this current time, we believe would be welcomed by members. The Committee have worked hard in looking at all costs to make savings where possible and to ensure we get value for money. Any reserves should be spent wisely but could be used to support District growth. If necessary, venue hire costs for new Club formations, and supporting District or Zone Membership opportunities.

**The Budget Dues is made up as follows:**

	BUDGET 2025/2026 £	BUDGET 2024/2025 £	ACTUAL 2023/2024 £	BUDGET 2023/2024 £
<b>Split up as follows:</b>				
Administration Fund	5.28	4.88	4.17	5.12
105A News Fund	0.00	0.80	0.55	1.00
Convention Fund	6.72	6.40	5.96	5.96
District Dues - 2025/2026	12.00	12.08	10.67	12.08

I sincerely hope that you will support the Dues Resolution which is intended to provide incentive for recruiting new members, and thereby the cost of Lionism, which will assist in attracting new membership and encourage any past members no longer associated with lionism to re-join.

Thank you. Lion Kunal Vyas

**Steve Foott - admin@lions105a.org**

**District Administrator**

I have waited until the 2nd of January to give our Club Secretaries chance to update their records which now shows that we have 1,227 members in 66 Clubs.

12 months ago, we had 1265 members in 65 Clubs.

I am aware that there is a new Club, "The Lions Club of London Fortitude", but as yet our young Portal does not have details of membership.

**John Savell**

**Constitutional, Nominations & Resolutions Officer**

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This is my first year acting as the Constitution Nominations and Resolutions Officer and I have to say that with the adoption of the Standard International District Constitution it has been made easier than in the past. The constitution will be updated as new amendments come through, the revised document will be passed from each CNRO to ensure a proper record, the document now includes a revision schedule.

Since the last Convention the International Board has changed the requirements for second vice District Governor, and these are incorporated within the constitution. This document together with the Version schedule is shown on the District website.

In accordance with the constitution the District Governor established 3 committees which are required to oversee the election process, Nominations Committee, Credential Committee and Election Committee and each has worked well as required.

Only one additional resolution has been received within the timescale and that has been submitted for debate.

**Bharat Miangar**

**Convention Officer**

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It is a great honour for my Club LC of Milton Keynes Central to Host the 60th District 105A Convention and I thank DG Lion Kadambari for appointing me Convention 2025 Chair. I have been very fortunate to work alongside Co-chair Lion Martin Langdon, with great guidance from Lion Paramjit Dev. The rest of the committee has been working hard over the last few months to get us all ready for the weekend.

Lion Elisabeth Haderer - Past

International Director from MD110 of Netherlands will be our special guest. We will also be joined by our colleagues from Germany and Poland.

The Convention will be held at the Mercure Hotel in Bedford – a superb venue with excellent facilities and great setting on the river with car park.

The Friday Night will be a 60s theme night - we expect to see you dancing the night away after a great dinner.

Highlights of the Saturday business session will include the flag ceremony, various award presentations, keynote speech by PID Lion Elisabeth, elections for DG and VDGs and the DG award presentations.

The Saturday evening will the DG Celebration Night with 5 course dinner, dancing and music. Sunday morning will be a question-and-answer session with PID Lion Elisabeth.

I wish the District Governor an excellent Convention and thank her for giving me this opportunity.

**Surjit Chodda**

**Credentials & Elections Officer**

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This is only my second year as Credentials Officer, having spent previous years assisting the Credentials Officer. The new directive introduced whereby all Clubs need to have paid all dues prior to 31st January, thus allowing them voting rights, has indeed made the role more straightforward.

I am grateful to all Zone chairs for their assistance in chasing completed forms and of course to the Credentials Committee for providing the up-to-date list of votes per Club.

Registering Clubs for voting rights in 2024 was definitely more practical and simplified than it has been in previous years. Looking forward to another successful registration at Convention 2025.

**Mukesh Palan**

**Health & Safety / Insurance Officer**

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I take this opportunity to thank District Governor Kadu Shah for appointing me to the Cabinet. This year, I have visited the following Clubs and Zones:

- ✓ **London Kingsbury** - Tuesday 10th October 2024
- ✓ **Zone F** - Monday 14th October 2024 [7 Clubs]
- ✓ **Zone C** - Monday 22nd October 2024 [5 Clubs]
- ✓ **Zone G** - Wednesday 8th January 2025 [5 Clubs]
- ✓ **Zone E** - Thursday 20th February 2025 [8 Clubs]

**Webinar:**

Presented a webinar together with Lion Craig Gibson on Saturday 9th November 2025 [approximately 35 attendees]. Presentation slides uploaded on website.

**Information on District 105A Website**

All updated information with information on Lions Insurance, Event guide, Risk Assessments, sample Risk Assessment, Allergen sheet etc. are uploaded and a dedicated QR Code is presented to Lions at all visits for easy reference.

A link as well as a Bookcase with all information relayed by the MD is also available on the District 105A website.

Queries raised are dealt with and relevant information sent as requested.

**MD Health & safety Group**

I regularly attend Zoom calls with the group and exchange ideas and queries with all.

**Senior Citizens Party** - Sunday 16th February 2025 - part of the committee organising the event over many years.

**Nilesh Palan**

**CIO**

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I am grateful to DG Lion Kadu for appointing me to this challenging and important role for our District. I am fortunate and grateful to have PDG Lion John Savell as my guide and mentor.

**Current Status of CIO Registrations**

**District 105A -CIO Registrations - Current Status**

Zone	Total No of Clubs	No with CIO	No applications in process	No of Clubs Outstanding
A	8	1	2	5
B	6	3	0	3
C	6	0	1	5
D	7	3	0	4
E	8	1	1	6
F	7	3	1	3
G	5	4	0	1
H	5	3	0	2
I	5	3	0	2
J	6	4	0	2
K	3	2	0	1
	<b>66</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>

It is clear from Table below, that we have some way to go.

In preparing this table, I have used the District 105A Directory to locate Clubs on the Charity Commission website.

I urge Clubs who have not decided to get CIO status to consider the benefits which include:

1. **Gift aid** which enables Clubs to claim additional 25% charitable donations made by tax paying donors.
2. **Banking arrangements:** CIO status simplifies opening new bank accounts or transferring existing ones.
3. **Legal Protection:** CIO status affords certain legal protection to Clubs.

I am happy to elaborate on the above, at your Club and/or Zone meetings. It will take 5-10 minutes of your agenda.

## Nilesh Palan

**ICO - ico@lions105a.org**

I understand that majority of the Clubs in our District have registered with ICO (Information Commissioner's Office).

For any entity that handles personal data (date of birth, address, marital status etc.), it is a legal requirement to register with ICO and needs to be renewed each year. All Lions Clubs fall into this category.

It is a simple process and will cost £40 per year. Clubs who haven't registered, please do so at the earliest – get in touch if you need any assistance.

## Vijay Arora

**Honorary Committee Chairman  
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Thank you very much to all my fellow Past District Governors for giving me the opportunity to serve again as chair of the Honorary Committee during 2024-25.

The Honorary Committee is composed of all PDGs in District 105A.

Our primary responsibility is to undertake discussions and decisions based on requests from the current District Governor. We also provide suggestions based on our observations of current situations, through our understanding and experience. We as a committee will continue to support our DG as and when needed in the interest of our members and the District.

We as a committee are always ready to support our fellow lions as and when required. All our committee

members will only be too pleased to support lions, Clubs, and Zones, so please feel free to contact anyone of us for any

information or discussion. There is a vast wealth of knowledge and experience among members of HC so please make use of it when needed!

Sadly, since our last Convention we have lost one of our HC members - PDG Rati Shah MBE - to higher service.

Honorary Committee: PDGs Lesley Spence, Kavaljit Dev, Karanjeet Assan, Alastair Joel, Kamal Sharma, Doreen Allen, Abhnash Bains, Meena Gupta, Ramesh Parmar, Sarbjit Assi, John Savell, Andrew Allen, Wesley de Mendonca, Surinder Malhotra, Vijay Arora, Ken Rouse, Eric Amaria, Max Mongia, Elliot Shubert, Mike Baldwin, Parveen Verma, Brian Yeoman, Viresh Paul, Tony Bilsdon, Geoff Leeder, Vanmali Mistry, and Surjit Bhalla.

My sincere thanks to all my fellow HC members for their time and support.

Both Krishan and I would like to wish DG Kadambari & Kaushik Shah and all our family of Lions a happy and successful Convention 2025.

## MEMBERS TEAM

## Penny Tregillus

**GST Service Lead  
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Clubs are supporting their local communities and national and worldwide causes by carrying out service and fundraising activities as well as making donations. It is important to share this news with others and show the impact Lions are having on their local community and the wider world.

The way to do this is to report on the Lions Portal. The majority of the Clubs are doing this. At the end of December 2024 71% of the Clubs were reporting showing that over 1,584 service activities have been carried out and 245,395 people served.

I am able to help those Clubs having problems reporting on the Lions Portal. My contact details are in the header of this report.

More information about what Clubs are doing can also be found in the Pride of Lions, on the District Facebook page and other social media sites.

Fairlop (Robert Clack) Leo Club won the District round of the Kindness Matters Award, and their entry has been forward by Multiple District to the International round.

I am always available if you have any questions or need any help in reporting.

## Viresh Paul

**GLT Leadership Lead  
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As the GLT lead who has done the leadership training job for more years than I care to remember, this year has been quite an involved year in that the amount of training was notched-up considerably from top to bottom.

Starting with the bottom end of the scale I introduced "pre-induction" orientation training to speak to potential members of new Clubs and Club branches before they signed up to become Lions. In some cases, the induction took place after the Club had been formed.

For the general membership, we offered monthly webinars on the first Saturday of each month starting at 10am on different subjects. The attendance varied from very large numbers (around 60 for the social media and Canva training including training on the portal) to a handful of members who attended to hear about the multifaceted youth activities Clubs can participate in.

We have also offered members of all Clubs the opportunity to participate in the monthly drop-in sessions on zoom where, after an opening discussion on one of the main celebrated causes supported by Lions, we have opened the floor to have a discussion about anything to do with Lionism whether it is relating to Club matters or even District matters.

At the top end of the scale, I started the year with a full day training for incoming Zone chairs and we have continued to support them by having a briefing session on the first Saturday of each month where we have had an open discussion about matters to do with Zones, Zone meetings and Zone reports as well as general discussions about anything to do with their responsibilities as Zone Chairs.

The Certified Guiding Lion programme is also in progress. Potential Guiding Lions have been working on their own completing a workbook which will qualify them to attend the face-to-face final training session at which they will be certified or, in the case of those who were certified over three years ago, to be re-certified.

All in all, an extensive and wide training programme that I hope has been of benefit to members. During the remaining half of the year there is to be training for Trustees, and incoming Club officers as well as incoming Zone chairs.

## Karanjeet Assan

### GET Membership Team

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District Global Action Team was introduced in 2021 as a pilot programme by Lions International, and the focus since then has been to support the District Governor with the District Club Extension goals.

At the District level, with the support of Lions International, we are still pursuing the possibility of introducing a new Lions Club in a British Overseas Territory. The door is still open.

Congratulations to DG Kadambari Shah, we have introduced 3 new Club branches in the District. Meaning membership increase.

- 7th of July 2024, Hendon Serenity Club Branch at the District Handover - Lions Club of London Hendon.
- 5th of September 2024, London Central Host Online Club Branch - London Central Host.
- 11th September 2024, London Next Generation Club branch - Lions Club of Chipping Barnet.

Congratulations to DG Kadambari Shah, for her full Club formation on 14th of November 2024, hosted by Lions Club of London Belmont.

We have introduced one Leo Club in the District which was chartered on the 26th of September 2024 by the

international called Leo Club of Hendon Stars.

More good news, 2 fully-fledged Clubs are in discussion but this has not yet come to fruition, fingers crossed hopefully in next few months.

Forming new Clubs has been a challenge and discussions are continuing. I have been trying to focus on communities not represented in our District, but the process is slow. We still have a couple of months so I will keep persevering.

In July 2023, a new membership growth campaign "Mission 1.5" was launched at the International Convention in Boston. The goal is to reach a worldwide membership of 1.5 million by the year 2027. Have attended the Mission 1.5 Summit in Oslo Norway in October 2024 organized by the International. Message from the Summit was to form new Clubs which will increase membership in the long run. We are aware of the back door which will always be there, we have to work harder, come up with new ideas on retention in the District.

I have regularly attended monthly meetings with District GAT and MD - GMT/GET.

## Robert Spragg

### GMT Membership Lead

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Since our last Convention there was a significant membership drop at the end of June - with a drop of 50 members being reported in the June figures, down to 1207 members. This unfortunately put District 105A back into transition status. Whilst our "targets" set by International were very modest we as a District have set our own target to get out of transition and to end the year in June 2025 with greater than 1250 members.

In October myself, the DG and our GET coordinator went to Oslo for the Mission 1.5 summit. Mission 1.5 is the Lions International programme which aims to increase our worldwide membership from its current level of just under 1.4 million to 1.5 million members. The summit introduced strategies to help achieve these goals which include expansion of our District to 1300 members, expansion of the MD to 10,000 members and International to 1.5 million by 30th June 2027. The summit hopefully laid the groundwork to stop the decline in membership across Europe as a whole, but it energised the UK contingent to try and promote some significant growth over the next three years.

As you will see from other reports there have been three Club branch formations and one full Club formation so far, this Lionistic year, and a couple more in the pipeline. This has boosted our numbers up to 1228 and there are all the members of the new Club still to be added to these figures.

In January we held three mentoring meetings. The idea behind these meetings was to talk to members who feel that they need mentoring, as well as those members who would like to become mentors. Part of this policy is aimed at preventing some of the loss of members we have experienced over the last few years. If members become disillusioned with their current Club, opportunities can be explored to help them move to another Club. This has also shown promise in that some members of the newly formed London Fortitude Club are members who had recently left Lions.

In November we distributed 2000 leaflets around one of the new housing estates in Aylesbury, as part of the Aylesbury Rebuild Programme. Thanks to our little band of dedicated helpers (including at least one non-Lion) we dropped the leaflets and held a public meeting a week later in the local community hall. There were two interested people - connected to the community centre, so overall no members of the public responded to the leaflets. However, I am reliably

informed that this is "normal" and that we should do two more in the same area at least a couple of months apart. We also publicised it on Facebook and had some posters around the area. This is an on-going project and has been made necessary because the Lions Club of Aylesbury's ageing membership had dwindled down to just 2.

## Robert Spragg

### Membership - Focus New Members - [mem\\_newmembers@lions105a.org](mailto:mem_newmembers@lions105a.org)

Having ended the last Lionistic year with a large number of dropped members, we started the current year with 1207 members, putting us back into transition status.

Since July the membership team have been actively trying to increase the numbers - and so far, 100 members have been added in the Lionistic year so far. Sadly, for various reasons, we have also lost 82 members in this time. This is still a net growth of 21, which is at least in the right direction. As other members of the membership team have reported, there have been three Club branches formed and one full Club. The net increase of 21 members reflects the three Club branches but the 20 members of the new full Club are not included in this figure yet as International haven't activated the Club as the time of writing this report. Once this is done, we should end up with a net gain of 41, which will leave us JUST below the transition threshold.

With new Clubs still in the pipeline we are on target to finish the year in June out of transition status.

## Salil Patankar

### Membership - Motivation & Retention - [mem\\_retention@lions105a.org](mailto:mem_retention@lions105a.org)

#### Motivation and Retention Initiatives

As a Motivation and Retention Officer, plays a pivotal role in enhancing member engagement, fostering retention, and strengthening the overall membership of the district. In lieu, I have continued to actively contribute towards enhancing member engagement and club growth through strategic initiatives. My focus has been on writing motivational articles for the *Pride of Lions* Magazine, crafting actionable strategies that resonate with members and support retention efforts. These articles are sent to the District Governor for approval before publication, ensuring alignment with the district's strategic objectives, receiving positive feedback from members.

Social media efforts, such as regular posts and reels, have further strengthened outreach and visibility across our district through smart usage of #hashtags and @

followers.

A key highlight of the retention strategy was the successful reinstatement of 9 former Lions members who had left our organisation in June last year, now joined the newly formed London Fortitude Lions Club.

### District Membership Growth

Our district began the year with 1,207 members, placing us in transition. Through the collective efforts of all teams and clubs, we have achieved a positive net membership growth, breaching the threshold of 1250. This milestone takes our district out of transition, a significant achievement reflecting our united commitment to growth. Most zones are now working toward sustained positive growth, demonstrating their dedication to Lionism's values and objectives.

### Formation of London Fortitude Lions Club

The pre-formation meeting in October, led in collaboration with the DG, GET & GMT team, culminated in the club's official formation of the *London Fortitude Lions Club* on November 14, 2024, with the total membership count of more than 25, was a major highlight. This "Cancer Specialty" club, a first of its kind in MD105 is located in our zone D. The club's vision, led by Lion President Alfred Samuels, emphasizes impactful campaigns such as advocating for NHS-provided PSA testing for men over 40, an inaugural event held at Houses of Parliament on the 16th of December.

The club's name, "Fortitude," symbolizes strength and courage, in pain and adversity reflecting this new club's mission to address challenges with resolve and hope.

### Guiding Lion Appointments

I am honoured to have been appointed as a *Guiding Lion* for two significant club initiatives:

1. Supporting and mentoring the *London Fortitude Lions Club* alongside PDG Lion Ramesh Parmar.
2. Reactivating the *Aylesbury Lions Club* with PDG Lion Doreen Allen. This initiative aims to rejuvenate and sustain one of our district's valued clubs.

### Conclusion

This year has been marked by significant achievements, including taking our district out of transition, forming the *London Fortitude Lions Club* and the three club branches so far! Together, we are building a strong foundation for sustained growth and impactful service, making District 105A a beacon of excellence in Lionism.

I take this opportunity to wish our DG Kadu and Lion Kaushik a fantastic 2025 Convention and extend my best wishes for the year ahead.

*"Hopeful is a dreamer until action makes them a Doer."*

## Michael Claxton

### Membership

- **Focus Club Re-Building**  
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The focus is very much on supporting and assisting clubs which are struggling to form teams or there is the potential of members numbers dropping. Below are a few ideas/pointers to enable Clubs to raise Public awareness in their area and increase membership.

### Membership Tactics – what could be on your plan?

#### Visibility

- Wearing Lions clothing
- Using pop-up banners and signs
- Traditional media
- Social media and internet, website
- Membership stand at events, promote Lions Shop windows
- Posters and flyers
- Trifolds, business cards
- Car stickers
- Presentation to local groups e.g., Council, PTAs

Go out and meet the local community with a Meet The Lions event and let them know that **We Are Lions, why not join us in serving the local community**

### Leafletting for a 'meet the Lions' event.

- Has to be done to a plan
- Decide on the area/s to leaflet Have the correct leaflet
- Have the correct event to invite people to Not too much talking
- Social element
- Mix of Lions and volunteers
- Hospitality
- Follow-up plan

### Make sure you keep hold of the Lions you already have –

### Retention – keeping Lions in Lions Clubs

- New Members involved and active in Service
- Ideas listened to and tried
- Find appropriate Service Activities to suit the ability and lifestyle of each Member

Aylesbury Lions Club currently have only two Members plus an associate Member. A project team is in place to try and rebuild the Club. A plan has been put in place to increase public awareness of the Club in the local area and surrounding villages.

This will involve targeting large housing developments on the outskirts of Aylesbury with publicity fliers and a meet the Lions events in local Community Halls.

Other Clubs have asked for assistance and guidance on how to increase their membership, so PR fliers and other publicity materials has been passed on to them.

## Sonya Singh

### New Voices Coordinator

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A unified approach was adopted to integrate the efforts of New Voices, Communications and IT, and PR/Marketing, aiming to:

- Increase the visibility of Lionism.
- Highlight its commitment to diversity and inclusivity within its membership and service activities.
- Foster recruitment and retention of members.

Team facilitated their efforts throughout with virtual and in-person meetings, optimising the collective skills and knowledge of the team to connect with a broader audience effectively.

By assigning specific zones, the New Voices team maintained a clear focus on its core objectives. Introducing New Voices Champions within clubs proved instrumental in executing plans and encouraging active club participation. Our primary goals included enhancing the visibility of Lions through strategic use of social media, fostering engagement during key events throughout the year, gathering feedback from new recruits, building connections with prospective Lions, and ensuring the team's efforts were widely recognized within the District. This approach aimed to deepen understanding of the New Voices mission—amplifying the voices of underrepresented members within Lions and promoting inclusivity across the organisation.

The PR/Marketing Team has consistently provided unwavering support at every level of the District's daily activities. In the area of Membership, the team has dedicated significant efforts to addressing retention challenges and understanding members' concerns at the grassroots level. The Service Team has introduced innovative ideas to enhance community service within the district, setting exemplary standards for others to follow. Similarly, the Leadership Team has been actively empowering members to take initiative and cultivate strong leaders for the future. Together, these efforts have strengthened the foundation of the District, fostering growth and unity across all levels.

## District-Wide New Voices Event for Publicity & Engagement

The team orchestrated a groundbreaking and impactful event designed to spotlight Lions' service activities while giving back to the community, with a dedicated emphasis on empowering youth.

Event will also Inspire new recruits through dynamic activities that foster connection, break the ice, and ignite motivation, empowering them to serve with unwavering conviction and confidence.

Special thanks to Visionary DG Kadambari Shah who believed in us and motivated us to work on New Voices mission. A heartfelt thank you to the team for their passion, innovation, and unwavering dedication to improving communication and outreach.

### In service

New Voices Team - District 105A

## Andrew Allen

### Member Welfare

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A similar email, made up of my report for Convention 2024, was sent to every Lion in the District, which did not significantly increase the number of notifications from Clubs.

Having said that I am led to believe that roughly 30% of our Clubs have not taken up the use of the Lions Portal, which accounts for a repeat of last year's Convention report.

### District Almoner / Welfare

Pre-COVID, we began widening the scope of the Almoner to encompass good news .... Someone's 70 / 80 / 90th birthdays or the 25 \ 30 \40 \50 \60th Wedding Anniversary.... becoming a Parent, Grandparents, University Graduation, or such like ..... We also ask for notification for those amongst the membership, who are ailing and need a cheery word, especially as COVID has highlighted so many concerns, well-being especially on isolation and the lack of contact.

A note will be then sent to acknowledge each event. It is envisaged that the **focal point be the Club Secretary**

To this end, all Club Secretaries will be asked to check with each member their date of joining, and their birthdays .... the day and month will be enough ...having looked at these dates on the LCI records. The 1st of the month seems to be the default date....it may involve a little work ...but once, if needed, corrected then it's set.

In previous reports to the Cabinet and Convention, it has been asked that this

information, be passed across via all Cabinet Officers, especially Zone Chairs. To date, some "Good News" is filtering through, but there is no doubt more that should be acknowledged.

### And it's a struggle to get more notifications.....

As for those "Passing to Higher Service" It is considered that the Club Secretary will, again, be the contact point, but sadly this is not always the case .... could I please ask?

- Once known, the information is passed, via email to the District Secretary and copied to the Almoner.... who in the first instance reports the demise to all, secondly the Almoner will gather the details.
- Please, please spell the name as held by LI and not the "as known by" i.e., nickname.
- Once the date of the funeral arrangements is known, another email to the District Secretary and the Almoner .... every effort will be made for a Cabinet Officer to be in attendance.

## Andrew Allen

### District Archivist

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We had a considerable amount of History of District105A, until a few years ago then all went "missing".

Many Clubs responded to the call "Who are your Parents" but those that did not I would be obliged if they could now, do so

The next request is for those memorable Club / District moments caught on Camera or DVDs .... could they be copied to me and I will collate them into a presentation for future use

I have a supply of old District Directories, but not complete, going back 20+ years. A question of all our yesterdays.... history is quite revealing.

Regards

Andrew Allen 105A Almoner, Welfare and Archivist

## Farokh Daruwalla

### Vulnerable Persons/DBS

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Fellow Lions

Looking at our Districts January zone reports the Lions of our District continue from the previous year's working hands on for the general public and the vulnerable in our own community service roles.

With all these activities taking place, I continue to encourage all Presidents/ Secretaries to take note of members who

are/are not DBS checked in their club and encourage members that are still not DBS checked to start the process.

Talking to members at meetings and quizzes... I get asked "if I am a professional...Teacher, doctor, solicitors, Health Carer, lawyer, Minibus drivers...

### Do I need a DBS check from the Lions Association?

**The Answer is yes to all as other DBS applications from employers are not recognised by our Lions Organisation.**

**Please note it is now strongly encouraged from our organisation that any new members who Joins our association are advised to be DBS checked when representing and working on behalf of our lions Organisation once they have settled in.**

**All active members and regular friends who volunteer their services at the club activities and work around the vulnerable representing Lions need to be DBS checked.**

Fellow Lions, we work hard all year round and are most of the time around the vulnerable even without noticing it.

We owe it to members of the public and the vulnerable people we serve to ensure all Lions have been DBS checked.

**Parents and family members who drop off kids and youths to our youth party or the elderly we serve yearly at our senior citizen's party, drop them off assuming their child or partners and friends are surrounded by safe and secure members of our association.**

I continue to approach all clubs that do not have any members DBS checked at all...Yes, I know. Still a few out there.

We all should have a DBS, this shows me, as the District Representative for our Multiple District, we have happy safe Lions members working on behalf of our District and hopefully it will also keep away new or old members from even thinking of the unthinkable.

**Club Presidents please discuss DBS requirements with your Clubs members and if you stumble on any question/ answers or need any help and support with regards to the DBS process, convincing some members who are flaunting the process then please contact me.**

I or a member of the DBS team will join you at a meeting when invited and help your members start off the process.

Fellow Lions new applications are now processed quickly and when I register your DBS online to the update service this will keep your certificate valid as long as your personal circumstances don't change.

You then receive an annual email stating your DBS is renewing every year. Fellow Lions applying for a DBS as a member of our District is completely free.

Zone chairs/Lion Presidents and fellow Lions members feel free to contact me with any of your Lions DBS enquires throughout the Lionistic year. I am here to help.

Finally, many thanks to all Club Presidents/Secretaries, Zone chairs and club DBS Officers along with the District DBS team who have helped me throughout this Lionistic year to promote /complete the DBS process for our District.

Look forward to talking/seeing some of you soon.

## Dinesh Shonchhatra

### Competitions

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I would like to thank DG Lion Kadu Shah for appointing me as District Competition Officer 2024- 2025, a very challenging role, but I thoroughly enjoyed to serve the office. We have following competitions this year.

- District Quiz
- Club Website Competition
- Club Facebook page
- Club of the Year
- Young Ambassador of the 21st Century & Young Ambassador Sponsor Club
- Roar Competition
- Diabetes Awareness
- Environment Photo/Trophy
- Cancer Awareness
- L.C.I.F. Competition
- Travelling Lion
- Peace Poster Competition & Peace Poster winner Sponsor Club
- Peace Essay Competition & Peace Essay winner Sponsor Club
- Hunger

I would like to congratulate Lions club of Fairlop for winning the Peace Poster Competition this year and their entry has been forwarded to the Multiple District.

Seven zones have managed to have held quiz competition; 2 more zones are holding the competition this week. By the time you receive this magazine we will have the winners.

By the time of the Convention, with the support of the Zone Chairs and the District Officers, I hope to have received all the trophies and the names of the

winners of the all the competitions, and I look forward to greeting the winners at Convention.

Most clubs in the District have website and Facebook, but only handful of clubs enters the competition. I would like to have some guidance and suggestions to make more clubs taking part in District competitions.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Zone Chairpersons and District officers for their kind co-operation and other Lion members who have helped me throughout the year.

I really enjoyed my term as a District Competition Officer, it has been a pleasure to meet various members across the District and would like to thank all the zone chairman and other members for their help and guidance.

Finally, I wish the District Governor Lion Kadu a very successful and enjoyable convention.

## Ramesh Parmar

### Golf Officer - [golf@lions105a.org](mailto:golf@lions105a.org)

District Governors golf day was played on 10.9.24 at Stanmore Golf Club

This was in aid of District Governor's Partner Charity which is BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH. As you know Brain Tumour is the only UK Charity funding sustainable research to find a cure for all types of brain tumour.

42 players took part. and the evening was well attended with over 80 diners. Sumptuous 3 course dinner and prize presentation, followed by raffle and auction then took place and we managed to raise over £3500 for the Charity.

## DG'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Viny Poon

### Zone Chairman A

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There are 8 Clubs in Zone A with the current membership of 150 Lions.

### London Chinatown Lions Club

Serving the diverse and vibrant community of Chinatown, the London Chinatown Lions Club works tirelessly to promote charitable causes and support local families, while fostering a spirit of unity and giving. For the past year, the club has been organising the National Dragon Boat Festival at the Excel. Each year, the event attracts over 10,000 members of the public who come to watch the tournament.

### London Covent Garden Lions Club

With a strong commitment to community welfare, the London Covent Garden Lions Club is dedicated to improving lives through charitable outreach by organizing events that benefit those less

fortunate. The club has supported the Lions District campaign by collecting over 200 pairs of old spectacles and has donated food and non-food items to the local food bank.

### London Central Host Lions Club

The London Centre Host Lions Club is dedicated to making a positive impact in our community by providing essential support to those in need through charitable initiatives and services. The club holds regular business meetings and general club meetings. It also organizes fundraising events such as charity walks and has formed a club branch. The club will be celebrating its 75th Charter in April.

### London St John's Wood Lions Club:

The London St John's Wood Lions Club is focused on supporting local charities and offering assistance to individuals in need, embodying the true spirit of service and compassion.

### London Westminster Lions Club:

Focused on community service, the London Westminster Lions Club is actively involved in charitable endeavours that support those in need, working towards building a stronger, more compassionate community. The club has made the donations to LCIF for last 5 years regularly.

### London West End Lions Club:

The London West End Lions Club is dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the community by organizing charitable events, supporting local initiatives, and bringing together individuals for the common good. The club has sponsored elderly people to attend the Christmas lunch, provided Christmas presents and raffle prizes for attendees, and delivered hot meals to homeless individuals in the West End.

### London St James's Lions Club:

Guided by the values of service and kindness, the London St James's Lions Club is dedicated to improving lives through charitable actions, focusing on empowering individuals and creating lasting positive change in the community. The club has presented a cheque for £10,500 to the Cleft-Lip Project in Nepal and volunteered at the Lunar New Year Community Open- day event at the RAF Museum in Colindale.

**The Palace of Westminster**  
reorganising themselves

## Neshawar Singh

### Zone Chairman B

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Membership: Zone B consists of 6 Clubs; the fiscal year (July 2024) started with 101 members and currently has 105 members.

Zone B is and has always been very active in all fields which include regular feeding for the needy, annual eye camps, borehole



projects and spectacles collections, We are encouraging more clubs to partake in the youth projects. As a Zone this year we were able to acquire a lorry load of toys from Hasbro and distribute these in local schools and charities in our area. This year as a zone we have joined the Lions Food Distribution Project, where Zone members as a team are picking up and distributing surplus food to local food banks and charities. We all come together to partake in the District Activities, namely the District Youth Celebrations and the Senior Citizens Party, we are also continuing our annual Easter Egg & Duck Race event. We are also pleased and proud to have a school-based Leo Club within Zone B.

#### **Barking Lions Club**

Continue with their international projects of eye camps and water boreholes and the local feeding programmes.

#### **Fairlop Lions Club**

Were able to secure free toys from Hasbro and shared with other clubs in the Zone and were distributed locally where needed.

Had 3 winners of the Peace Poster Competition coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Were instrumental in securing a regular food collection programme from local supermarkets to distribute where needed – again shared with other clubs in the Zone. Many are benefitting from this initiative.

#### **London Seven Kings**

Continue their success with the Kiva Project and shared with all other Zone Clubs. Still very active in their giving tree project and were able to recruit new members.

#### **Redbridge Centennial Lions Club**

A fairly new but very active club who introduced their club branch Aria. Both RCLC and Aria between them continue a considerable amount of service and they have been fortunate enough to have recruited 5 new members.

#### **Waltham Forest**

A small but active club, very productive in sharing their work on social media, distribution of foods and collection of hearing aids and spectacles. Members regularly donate funds themselves as they do no major fundraising – despite that, still very successful.

#### **Wanstead & Woodford**

Continue to do excellent service both locally and abroad, 2 members attended the Lions Symposium and they have recruited 3 new members since the beginning of the fiscal year, with a possibility of two more.

## **Jatinder Kaur**

### **Zone Chairman C**

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Zone C comprises six Lions Clubs with a total of 88 members. These clubs are actively engaged in serving their local communities and extending their support to international causes. Over the first six months of the Lionistic year, their wide-ranging activities have reflected the Lions' commitment to the motto: "We Serve."

The **Hounslow Lions Club** has focused on supporting local charity collections for schools and assisting pensioners and disabled individuals by helping with weekly shopping, painting, decorating, and gardening. Members also provide vital transport services for hospital visits and other medical appointments. In addition, the club has been raising funds for a nursery and school in India and supporting a Lions Club in Gujarat that assists children with disabilities. Hounslow Lions members also actively participate in events hosted by other Lions Clubs, demonstrating their strong sense of collaboration within the Lions community.

The **Isleworth Lions Club** continues its dedication to the "Food with Love" initiative, providing food donations and equipment maintenance weekly. Their efforts were recognised during the One Hounslow Community Awards Evening. The club also hosted its annual Duck Race, raising funds for the Mulberry Centre, and made a meaningful contribution by donating a Bleed Control Kit to the Royal Oak pub. Isleworth Lions are deeply committed to enhancing their visibility in the community and actively engaging with various local organisations.

The **London Park Royal Lions Club** has undertaken significant fundraising activities, including selling donated items such as rucksacks from RIVE CASE, a German company. The club has donated clothes, toiletries, and medical supplies to Caribbean Tsunami victims, as well as £1,000 to an Eye Hospital in Kathmandu. Members actively participated in the District Governor's Golf Event and other Lions Clubs' events. They also provided six days of service in Paris, assisting a kidney patient with housekeeping and meal preparation. Additionally, London Park Royal Lions donated 1,000 reusable children's water bottles at the India Forum in Hyderabad, showcasing their commitment to both local and global causes.

The **Osterley Lions Club** successfully raised £600 through their annual charity walk, which was donated to Wexham Park Hospital for a wheelchair. The club also organised a fundraising Boat

Trip, which resulted in a donation of £1,000 to Makindu Hospital in Kenya for new wheelchairs. Furthermore, the club supported the Autistic Society with a donation of £200, reflecting their dedication to supporting diverse needs within the community.

The **Heston Lions Club** has prioritised addressing hunger by collecting customer donations and surplus food from supermarkets seven days a week. This food is distributed to food banks, soup kitchens, schools, shelters, homeless charities, and churches. The club has secured a piece of land from the council to grow fruit and vegetables for these organisations. Heston Lions also collaborate with "Under One Sky" to serve the homeless and provide breakfast to children throughout the academic year, as well as hot meals during school holidays. During Christmas, they purchased and donated pallets of toys to schools and children's charities. Separately, toys received from Lidl's toy banks were distributed to various children's organisations. The club actively supports an elderly ladies' group by cooking and serving meals at events and assisting with their other needs. Additionally, they are working with a children's charity to establish a fully funded after-school programme offering learning support and hot meals. Internationally, the club supports children's charities in India and Africa and has raised funds through various programmes, including participating in CSR projects.

The **West London Lions Club** has been working closely with the Heston Lions Club, supporting various local and international initiatives. Together, they are fostering impactful collaborations and delivering meaningful service to their communities.

## **Daljinder Mudhar**

### **Zone Chairman D**

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Zone D consists of eight clubs with a total membership of 169. All the clubs have been working hard this year to grow membership with 6 prospective members joining Lions Club. A new Lions club "Lions Fortitude Lions Club" was formed on 14th November 2024.

Please see below a summary of service and fundraising activities for the first half of the year:

#### **Sudbury Lions Club**

Organised a joint wellbeing Reiki session with another club including lunch on 20th October Organised Fundraising Bingo on 27th October Christmas celebration event on 22nd December

### **West Drayton Lions Club**

We have a new therapy dog Buddy who visits the local schools and hospitals in the West London area twice a week.

Participated in the Tough Mudder (obstacle course) – raised £586 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. One of our Lions Parm Assi participated in a bike ride covering 400km in 4 days in Forza Italy – raised £1100 for Dementia UK.

On 24th December a donation of over 30 toys including and many other gifts wrapped to children's ward at Hillingdon Hospital plus drinks and chocolates to staff.

### **Southall Lions Club CIO**

Regular diabetic screening performed in the community Eye camp in India set up in November Sponsored walk postponed due to poor weather conditions, will be rescheduled

### **Hayes & Harlington Lions Club**

Participating in all zone meetings and activities Supporting other clubs in zone with diabetic screening in the community.

### **Ealing Lions Club**

Donated and delivered wool knitted items for Battersea dogs knitted by Lionette Gurmail Rooprai (20 items)

Donation of £1000 for guide dogs for the Blind Donation £500 for Kids Cancer charity Donation £500 for West Middlesex Hospital Children's ward collected £360 For Prostate Cancer awareness for District 105A

### **Greenford Willow Tree Lions Club**

Donated £10k to the London Air Ambulance Organised a Bhajan and Bhojan event on 29th September Organised a wellbeing Reiki session with lunch on 20th October

### **London Acton Lions Club**

Donated £750 to LCIF for charitable causes in May Donated £250 to Mayor of Along Charity for Homeless Vulnerable Donated £ 250 to Brain Tumour Charity in June Summer social event held on August 25th – Boat Trip

### **London Fortitude Lions Club**

This Lions Club was formed on 14th November 2024. It is a specialty club with the focus on cancer fundraising and awareness.

## **Parthiv Kumarswami**

### **Zone Chairman E**

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Zone E consists of eight clubs and all the clubs have been working hard this year to grow membership and activity serve the community. Zone E has 171 members in total with an overall growth of 5.85%.

### **London Belmont**

The Lions Club of London Belmont embodies the motto "We Serve" through impactful initiatives, including monthly food donations, fundraising for prostate cancer, and sponsoring the first Lions cancer specialty club, London Fortitude. Members supported schoolchildren and preschools in Sri Lanka, donated Christmas toys to Northwick Park Hospital, and hosted a senior citizens' Christmas party. The club also collaborates with other Lions clubs and aims to continue community service, organize fundraisers, and grow its membership to expand its impact.

### **Edgware Lions**

The club, with 21 members with key leaders holding district offices. Club has actively participated in community and district initiatives. Members have raised £17,000 at the Krishna Janmashtami festival, collected 250 spectacles for the district, and joined the Diabetes My London Bridges Wellness Walk. The Lion President's charity, Noah's Ark, supports children with disabilities and cancer. Donations and fundraising efforts included £1,250 for Sai Seva Trust, £2,000 for Mission Africa, £4,000 from a Diwali event, and contributions to food sponsorship, Acton Homeless, and memorial causes. Upcoming plans involve sponsoring 10 tables for the Senior Citizens' Party and hosting the final Zone meeting in May 2025.

### **London Golders Green**

Club has hosted a successful annual golf day in August 2024 – raised nearly £8000 for various charitable causes. The club is trying to change format of the meeting to encourage members to attend the meeting. They also inducted a new member at November 24 Zone meeting. The club has been actively supporting district initiatives and other Zone club events.

### **London Hendon**

Lions Club of London Hendon members have been actively supports the community through weekly food collection and distribution in areas like Harrow and Charing Cross. Winter efforts include distributing packs with essentials and providing jackets and coats for Crisis. Members contribute to

community events such as the District Youth Party, a Christmas party for a sheltered housing scheme, and the February Senior Citizens Party. With dedication and teamwork, the club continues to make a meaningful impact.

### **Kenton**

The club has raised £1,400 for Childhood Cancer at a Bhajan Bhojans event in November 2024 and nearly £1,000 in a Sponsored Walk for LCIF, with an additional £1,000 donated for disaster relief. Members helped raise £2,000 for Cancer Research UK and welcomed two new members, with four prospective members expected soon. Contributions included £100 to Acton Homeless Centre. Weekly tea parties for the elderly at Lion Vivien Raggett's house continue as a beloved signature activity.

### **London Kingsbury**

The Lions Club of London Kingsbury currently has 34 members. Club has been focusing on fundraising and service activities, raising funds for Cancer Research UK and supporting initiatives like "101 Weddings Under One Roof" for underprivileged communities in Valsad, Gujarat. The club has been honoured with the District Trophy for its contributions to Cancer Research. It has also helped fund projects such as a Nursing College, an Eye Hospital in Kenya, and resources for schools and a crematorium. Members provide bereavement services, assist at food banks, and volunteer for humanitarian causes. The club actively supports district activities and collaborates with other clubs to enhance efforts. Recognized for its fundraising, the club is proud of its accomplishments and continues to grow.

### **Stanmore**

Lions Club of Stanmore has been focussed on membership retentions for the Lionistic year 2024. They have been involved in supporting the current members and supporting other Lions club's events.

### **Wembley**

Lions Club of Wembley expanded its membership from 13 to 20 in 2024 and has since conducted 23 activities, serving 9,475 individuals, contributing 1,210 volunteer hours, and donating £2,097, with additional support to LCIF. Key initiatives include hunger relief, humanitarian efforts such as supporting

disabled sports and care homes and raising £15,000 for cancer awareness. The club also contributed £500 to a district vision initiative. Future plans include a Christmas dinner for Acton Homeless Concern, fundraising events, treats for Mencap youth, and tree planting for environmental conservation.

## Piyush Patel

### Zone Chairman F

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**Zone summary.** As Zone F Chair, I'm very honoured and privileged to report a zone in good health, with overall membership growing marginally, vibrant fellowship activities forming the foundation for membership growth (and retention), diverse service activities, high level of fundraising, inter-club collaboration (both within and outside Zone F), and strong support to District and LCI fundraising, initiatives and activities.

**Enfield.** The club celebrated 50 years in November 2024 with two Charter members still at the club and three new members recently inducted. The annual gala raised substantial funds for acquiring two special needs minibuses for the Swiss Cottage School, London and building a vocational training block at the Children of The Rising Sun School in Malindi, Kenya. The club's Past President is current Zone F Chair.

**Hornsey.** One new member and despite its relatively small membership the club continues, almost singlehandedly, to lead the way on the District Youth Exchange Programme. The club supported LC Enfield on fundraising for the school at Malindi and other club activities include feeding the homeless and collection of unwanted spectacles. The progression of the youngest member (ex Leo) is a great example of leadership development at the club.

**London Platinum Jubilee.** The club, now in its second year, lost some members but still boasts membership of 49, with 2 new members about to join. Regular social events have led to increasing member engagement and various service and fundraising activities. A relationship has formed with Sion Lions Club in Mumbai which LP Anup Mehta visited recently and the clubs will be undertaking joint projects in due course.

**Chipping Barnet.** New branch launched – the London New Generation Lions Club – with 11 members bringing youth, dynamism and new perspectives. The club hosts an annual golf day jointly with LC Mill Hill, from which £5,000 raised in 2024 has been donated to the District's Spot Camera appeal. Lion Dilip Shah is second Vice DG.

**Mill Hill.** Steady membership, with ongoing fellowship and fundraising activities. £9,000 raised for economic empowerment of 25 underprivileged women in rural India. A great example of inter-club collaboration is the annual golf day held jointly with LC Chipping Barnet, from which over £5,000 has been donated to the District's Spot Camera appeal.

**Friern Barnet Centennial.** Steady membership with a big current focus on awareness of health issues, well-being and, in particular, mental health. LP Neelam Chawla presented on mental health at the Lions ISAME forum in Hyderabad in December. £2,000 raised for Noah's Ark Hospice and ongoing project for collection of unwanted toys and spectacles.

**Finchley.** The club has recently added two new members, with net reduction over the year of two. Service activities include collection of 4,000 unwanted spectacles. The club supported LC London Central and LC London Kingsbury by donating £11,000 for the Lions International eye hospital proposed for Kisumu, Kenya.

## Susan Carr

### Zone Chairman G

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This report is for the first half of the Lionistic Year. I congratulate all Clubs in the Zone for their excellent service this year with many hours given and a high level of funds raised for local charities.

#### Membership 1/7/24 - 31/12/24

Harrow & Pinner Lions started a new Virtual Club in June 2024 with 5 Lions. Membership for the Zone overall remains fairly constant. All Clubs are actively seeking new members.

#### Service & Fundraising Activities organised this year

##### Harrow & Pinner Lions

The Club continues to run a weekly Food Hub with 200 people supported and the monthly musical evening for Sheltered Accommodation residents is ongoing. Food Parcels for the needy were produced in December & Santa's Sleigh ran over 3 evenings. District events such as convention and training seminars were well attended and ROAR supported in 3 schools. Lion Sukhdeep continues to edit Pride of Lions and Lion Satnam keeps the District IT on track.

##### Hatch End Centennial Lions

Two members help with the Food Hub by transporting donated food & another member regularly helps with cooking at the YMCA. The club assisted with organisation at the DYC Party & held a successful Charity Bingo event. The MD Symposium was attended by a member in November. The club also joined in the Santa Sleigh run in Harrow this year.

##### Moor Park Lions

Continued with their usual activities this year.

##### Northwood Lions

Weekly assistance is given at Hillingdon

Young Carers after school club & Christmas Hampers were distributed to the families of the Young Carers. The Club arranged sponsorship of 2 local schools in ROAR 2024 and judged at 4 local schools in the competition. Books from Amazon were received & distributed to 4 local schools.

The partnership with David Lloyd Northwood continues with money for local charities raised at the annual Quiz Night and Fireworks Night raffle.

##### Ruislip Lions

The Club carry out regular Food Bank collections from local Supermarkets to support an average of 76 families weekly. Two Lions regularly volunteer at the Ruislip Manor Carers Cafe, organise speakers and give support with IT problems. Three Lions visited a children's ward at Hillingdon Hospital to make a £1,000 donation.

## John Powell

### Zone Chairman H

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This report to convention is based on information on the activities within the Zone since 1st July 2024, i.e., the first 6 months of this Lionistic year.

Compared to the end of June 2024 the Zone has grown by 5 to 87 Lions in total. Every Club is either the same size or larger than in June. Several Clubs report likely/planned induction of new members during first half of 2025.

As a Zone we have a strong link through the Lions Bookshop in **Hemel Hempstead** which is managed by **St Albans** but all clubs in the Zone (plus Luton) contribute time, on a rota basis, to the running of the shop. The Clubs consider the bookshop to be both a service activity (it brings people to the centre and acts as a meeting point) and a fund raiser. For all Clubs this is a major source of funds to distribute to other causes. The bookshop also acts as the collection point for the Zone for glasses and hearing aids, over 40,000 pairs of glasses this period.

Clubs both within and outside the Zone help each other with their other activities, for example **St Albans** and their Beer Festival, **Harpenden** and the Highland Gathering, **Watford** and their 2 very successful Firework displays.

**Tring** have been carrying out ground maintenance in locations in Leighton Buzzard, Tring and Wigginton plus litter picking. **Harpenden** have been planting Trees and bulbs for the local Council.

**Tring** have been raising funds through running online quizzes, holding Tring Together Christmas Evening and Christmas Eve Carol Service (over 1000

people attended and £1600 raised for Herts Young Homeless) and will be holding stalls at the Aldbury May Day Fair and Tring Carnival.

**St Albans** supports Centre 33 giving meals to needy families on a regular basis. **St Albans, Watford** and **Tring** have run Fish and chip suppers for the elderly, over 250 attendees. **Hemel Hempstead** have run cream teas at local care homes and sponsor a local girl's football team.

**Hemel Hempstead** have helped a number of individuals in the local area. These include families who have moved on from abusive relationships, funded a wet room for a gentleman who has Huntington's chorea and provided Christmas goodies for children in 6 needy families.

**Hemel Hempstead** have also fully funded a sight camera for the district.

**Harpenden** have this year now exceeded £300,000 in total given to local schools through their Life Skills Programme.

**Harpenden** held a very successful Ceilidh in support of the Waterways Experience charity for trips for disabled people and a Christmas Tin shake for Harpenden First Responders. Their Harpenden based interactive defibrillator map is now available on the web.

**Watford** and **St Albans** (and **Harpenden** supporting Rotary) been actively fundraising through Santa Sleighs running up to Christmas.

**Harpenden** and **St Albans** will be collecting Christmas Trees supporting the [Hospice of St Francis](#).

All Clubs have done many other service activities and given generously to many causes over the period.

Finally, the Clubs are looking at a new 'Zone Project' linked to the regeneration of a museum and education facility at Frogmore paper Mill which was devastated by arson. The facility serves people and schools both within the Zone and further afield.

## Keith Hedges

### Zone Chairman I

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Zone I consist of 5 clubs with a combined membership of 74, regrettable we have lost some members

having past to higher service or resigning through health problems, but with the recruitment of 1 new member and another in the pipeline.

### Ampthill

Are a small club with 7 members that are actively endeavouring to recruit new members but still active within their area supporting their community physically

and financially.

### Bedford

Bedford are a club that is still in the process of re-building with a membership of 11 are actively endeavouring to recruit new members to add to the 1 in November 24. They have been fully active with their service activities Spectacles Recycling, Collecting Food for the Food Bank and Homeless in Bedford, Distributing Message in a Bottle in the Charity Shop. With their Charity Shop now up and running it will be the clubs main fundraising activity in the future, but also included Christmas Store Collections, Santa Sleigh Street and Static Collections.

### Biggleswade & Sandy

Are a very busy club with a membership of 20 having lost 2 resignations through health problems. They won the Zone I Zone Quiz. Their service activities are extensive, support to Ukraine & Rohingya Evacuees, Disabled Horse-Riding Association, Spectacles Recycling, Manned Poppy Collection Stall. Swimming Gala, the fundraising over the Christmas period was extensive, Christmas Tin Shakes 11 Supermarkets raising £4500, Christmas Dance, Biggleswade Lights turn on, that has enabled donations to Child Sight UK, Preen and Need Food Bank, Air Ambulance, Sutton Primary School.

### Letchworth Garden City & Baldock

Current Membership 22: having lost 3 in the last quarter, but in the process of recruiting 1 new that has attended 2 meetings, Several Members Actively involved in the 'Lions Child Sight UK' Programme. Started attending the local OPALS (Older Peoples Activity, Learning and Safety) at the events they have their stall promoting Lions Programmes such as MIAB and MIAW. 6000 spectacles collected and sent to Birmingham. Supporting local food banks. Swimming Gala. Having purchased a Sleigh from Witney Lions in 2023 and completely Refurbishing it they were ready to start their Christmas Collections, comprising 3 Street, 3 Store, 2 Pub Runs and 3 Static Collection

### Luton

Current Membership 14. A number of Members Actively involved in the 'Lions Child Sight UK' and the Diabetes Programme. Activities: Marshalling Park Rums. Recycling batteries and Spectacles. Transport to Hospital. Hosted Youth Exchange Candidate. Supported Luton Food Bank and Battery Box. Keech Hospice, Swimming Gala. Fundraising primarily the Lions Book Shop, and Keech Hospice Santa Street Collection.

With numerous donations around £7070 to: Child Sight, Cell Therapy, L and D Hospital Prostate Support, Luton Food Bank, Battery Box, RNLI.

## Mike Lee

### Zone Chairman J

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Zone J consist of 6 clubs with membership 113, the membership has remained steady and although we have lost members who have passed onto higher service 4 of the clubs have recruited new members this Lionistic year.

### Aylesbury

Have been in rebuild having only 2 members at the start of the year, membership recruitment events have been held and the club is on track to be a functioning club again shortly.

### Bletchley Milton Keynes

Have recruited 3 new members and membership is now at 24 the club have been very busy with supporting the Vaccination centre at the Open university MK which has helped raise funds they have also been busy with environment projects, winning an HRS distinction for the Sensory garden in Bletchley and maintain a garden in MK hospital, 6000 pairs of spectacles have been collected and over 200 message in a bottle given out. The club have made over £15000 in donations to local charities and Lions international appeals.

### Milton Keynes Central

Have 16 members and have supported lots of local charities and India day MK which had over 20000 visitors as the home club of the DG they have supported the district in many ways at several events, held quiz nights and other fundraising events been involved in the Cancer centre at MK hospital. They have also supported Newport Pagnell and Olney on several occasions.

### Milton Keynes Stony Stratford

Have 10 members and are very much a service club having served over 37000 people in the first 6 months of the year. The club under the guidance of PDG Doreen Allen do lots of youth work, peace poster and young ambassador and books for schools to name but a few. The club also supports the book shop in Hemel Hempstead, several local library and food banks they also organize a car show and litter picking. A club that punches well above their weight.

### Newport Pagnell and Olney

Have 17 members and have recently recruited a new member, they are very active in their local community. Their fund-raising events are various with a

local calendar, a Dickens at Christmas Fair a motorama, firework night and Christmas lights switch on. They have made numerous donations to local charities and Lions international. They are a very busy club with a small core of members and lots of friends of lions that work very hard.

### Winslow

Have 43 members and are very much a part of the community of Winslow, raising over £28000 last year and £15000 so far this year, the highlight has been a donation of £5000 to BURPS to cover the cost of 5 new apnea monitors for babies in the neonatal intensive care unit at Stoke Mandeville hospital. The club work very hard with several large events that raise funds including the North Bucks Bike ride, Winslow show Bucks county show gate control, firework display and beer festival to name a few. A very active club that highlight all that is good about Lions.

## Andy Whittard

### Zone Chairman K

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There are three clubs in Zone K, Banbury, Bicester and Witney, a rural zone covering North and West Oxfordshire, with a membership of 45. The zone has unfortunately lost 4 members during the past 6 months. However, each club delivers exceptional service into their local communities with the limited numbers of active members.

### Banbury club

Banbury has been busy running race nights as fundraisers, and also social evenings, supporting amongst others two brothers who were completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards. The members have also again assisted with marshalling for Covid vaccination centres in October, as well as running a Santa Sleigh in December. Banbury is hopeful they will add to their membership in early 2025.

### Bicester club

Their main activities are their Christmas sleigh collection, this year raising almost £4500 across 10 nights in December. The club also continue to assist many who get rehoused in supplying white goods. Bicester also distribute a high number of Message in a Bottles across the county, utilising the internal mail service within the NHS. The club promoted Lions, and Message in a Bottle, at the regular Friday market within Bicester during September. Bicester sadly lost a long-standing Lion member in November who passed to higher service.

### Witney club

Witney was again fully involved with

organising Witney Carnival in July, a joint venture with the Rotary Club and The Air Cadets, attracting over 8000 people. Witney organise all the arena events, the live music and the beer tent, and this year the event raised over £9000 to share between the 3 organisations. Witney also assisted with the switch on of Carterton Christmas lights and supplied Father Christmas and the grotto for the Christmas market and did 11 static collections plus 2 evenings going around Long Hanborough.

## SERVICE TEAM

## Penny Tregillus

### GST Service Team Lead

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My thanks go to all the officers in the District Team for the work they carry out to promote their projects.

In their reports, which follow, Lion Robert Spragg will be reporting on Vision; Lion Virendra Adhikari on Environment; Lion Kam Kalra on Hunger; Lion Sundeep Ruparelia on Homelessness, Refugees and Displaced persons; Lion Anant Patel on Diabetes and Lion Rita Kimberger on Childhood Cancer.

These officers rely on Clubs reporting their activities or donations made on the Lions Portal to know what is going on. So, I would encourage Clubs to report all information on the Lions Portal and let the relevant Officer know by email or ring them. If your Club is having problems to report on the Lions Portal, please contact me.

## Robert Spragg

### Vision - [vision@lions105a.org](mailto:vision@lions105a.org)

DG and my family of Lions,

Since our last Convention we have delivered approximately 110,000 pairs of glasses to Birmingham HQ, and my office and the Hemel bookshop are empty (for once!). There have been many donations from a number of Clubs including some we have collected from for the first time, such as London Central Host. Many Clubs including St Albans, Luton, Letchworth Garden City & Baldock, Bletchley, M K Stony Stratford, Harrow & Pinner, Hemel Hempstead, Bedford and London St Johns Wood (to name just a few) have been involved in this valuable service activity. There will hopefully be a van available at the District Convention again this year for collecting as has become usual. I would be very grateful if Clubs would please ensure that they record their collections on the Lions Portal, as sometimes this is the only way we can keep a track of how many pairs we are collecting as a District.

The main news over the last few months relates to the Child Sight Vision Screening Project. Approximately £13,100 was raised for the original Spot Camera project back around the time of the pandemic. We then set up a fundraiser with the aim of boosting this to £56,000 - which will purchase 10 of the Plusoptix cameras we will be using for the project. A match-funding grant was then applied for in October which would boost this to 20 cameras - we will know if we've been successful at some point in mid-January.

In the meantime, the fundraiser currently stands at £51,000, leaving us roughly £5,000 short of the target, though an additional fundraising email has been sent out to try and fill this shortfall. MD have organised training for members of each District to act as "train the trainers". Several members of District 105A were trained in this role on 7th December and there are approximately 15 of us who can now train the "ground crew" who will eventually be going into the schools. Paperwork has been drafted and will be finalised very early in the new year, so that when these Lions members are being trained on the use of the cameras, the paperwork side of things can be sorted at the same time.

Only two Districts (us and CE) are participating in the first round of match funding applications - the other Districts should follow next time around. Since District 105CE have already participated in pilot screenings, it is anticipated that some members of the 105A team will join them on their first rounds of real screenings (beginning in January) so that we can learn the ropes in a real environment.

Each District has been asked to nominate a District Lead for the Child Sight Project. Past International Director Geoff Leeder has now been appointed to this position and will be responsible for the bulk of the coordination work and the running of the project in District 105A. There is still much going on behind the scenes and we are working together to ensure that this valuable service activity can fulfil it's potential, to both change the lives of some of the nation's youngsters and raise the profile of Lions in the UK at the same time.

## Virendra Adhikari

### Environment

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The past year has been an inspiring journey of environmental service and leadership across **District 105A**.

Under the visionary guidance of our **District Governor, Lion Kadambari Shah**, and her motto, "**Roaring to Serve**," coupled with the passion, dedication of

fellow lions and Club Officers we have collectively worked towards making **District 105A a greener and cleaner place.**

#### **Key Achievements:**

#### **Tree Planting Initiatives: Building a Sustainable Future with “Each One, Plant One”**

The “Each One, Plant One” initiative has been pivotal, with over **1,500 trees planted**, exceeding our target of 1,000. On **Earth Day 2024**, 600 trees were planted during a large community event, reflecting Lions’ collective dedication. Similarly, on **Environment Day 2024**, a biodiversity walk at **Headstone Manor** showcased Lions’ sustainability efforts, marked by two commemorative plaques honouring their significant achievements.

#### **District 105A - Go Green Fund**

Recognising the need for a dedicated fund to support environmental projects and initiatives, the **District 105A Go Green Fund** was proposed and received cabinet approval. The fund focuses on raising resources for large-scale efforts such as tree planting and clean-up drives, and environmental initiatives while ensuring transparent and structured funding for significant #GoGreen projects.

#### **Project LIFE: Lions Initiative Feeding Ealing**

The LIFE Project is a transformative initiative designed to establish a sustainable community farm in Ealing, addressing two core Lions’ global causes: hunger and the environment. Led by Lions Manny (Southall Club) and Jatinder (Heston Club), with support from several District 105A clubs, the LIFE Project grows fresh produce for local food banks while promoting sustainable farming practices.

#### **Environmental Service Activities: A Collective Impact**

Since July 2024, District 105A has conducted 66 environmental service activities, benefiting over 31,330 people. Fellow Lions, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the **each one of you** for your unwavering commitment to environmental causes. Your dedication exemplifies the spirit of Lions and serves as an inspiration to the world in driving impactful environmental initiatives.

As we look to the year ahead, let us continue to inspire and innovate. Together, we can ensure that District 105A remains a leader in creating a greener and cleaner world.

### **Kam Kalra**

**Hunger - [hunger@lions105a.org](mailto:hunger@lions105a.org)**

We are proud to announce that we have expanded our food collection network to include a wider range of supermarkets,

thereby increasing our distribution capacity and reaching a larger number of people in need. Our organization has been able to provide consistent and reliable food aid to a significantly larger portion of the community, particularly those who face food insecurity daily. This effort has been critical in reducing hunger and improving the well-being of countless families.

**Positive Environmental Impact:** Food that would otherwise be discarded is now redirected to those in need, contributing to sustainability efforts and lessening the environmental burden of wasted resources. This dual focus on hunger relief and environmental sustainability exemplifies our commitment to creating a better, more responsible future.

**Impactful work by various clubs and DG’s one of the focus areas this year:** As of the 9th of December 22 Clubs have carried out Hunger Projects, 199 Service Activities and 47,746 people served.

**New distribution channels:** I cannot thank Lion Jatinder enough for introducing me to food distribution platform. I would further like to mention that Ellis and Co – Stanmore & Harrow has committed to food collection from their local supermarkets: Sainsburys. They have also secured a distribution channel for collected food to be collected / dropped off, i.e., Gratitude Charity, St Joseph School, Barnet Council, and many more.

**Collaboration with all Zone Chairpersons:** I personally reached out to all the zone chairpersons in our district, encouraging them to join our food collection platform. This collaboration with district leadership is a key factor in our ability to extend our reach and impact across a larger geographic area.

**Conclusion:** Our hunger charity’s recent expansion has allowed us to assist more individuals while simultaneously reducing food waste. We remain committed to addressing food insecurity and environmental sustainability through collaboration and community support, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make a lasting impact. We thank all those who have contributed to these accomplishments and welcome continued support as we further our mission.

### **Anant Patel**

**Diabetes - [diabetes@lions105a.org](mailto:diabetes@lions105a.org)**

So far, the District Diabetes service activity has not been as productive as I was hoping for this year. But we still have a few months to catch up before July.

To date 6 clubs have been active who have served 1,171 people. - that I know of. Activities have taken place in various forms.

These included full assessments and even testing with professional medical support!

Elsewhere Lions were providing valuable advice, information and support to the public.

Some of these were targeted to high street shoppers, inside supermarkets and places of worship. Thereby aiming at the areas with high footfall.

I attended and helped with a couple of events, from which I learned a lot about how to improve on our service.

I am aiming to visit some clubs to provide them with further information and help.

### **Margarita Kimberger**

**Childhood Cancer**  
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In the UK, around 3,755 children and young adults get diagnosed with cancer each year and unfortunately it remains the leading cause of all childhood deaths. Our role in Lions Club District 105A is to raise awareness and funds to help the young people and their families as they cope with the diagnosis, treatment and after effects of the many forms of cancer.

District 105A can be extremely proud of their achievements in raising awareness and funds whilst also providing practical help. Since July 1st, 2024, until December 2024 the District has completed 19 service activities serving 1,836 people.

Lions Centennial Club held a bucket collection on the 9th of August and Milton Keynes Stony Stratford raised £295 in August at a Car Boot Sale. Fairlop Club raised £100 at a Fund-Raising Golf Day on the 1st August and their Leo Club organised a Bring and Buy Sale raising £124.

Penny Tregillus from Tring Club attended the Studhambury Music Festival where over £5,000 was raised and she ran 2 can shakes in September raising £321.50. I joined Penny at the Young Lives vs Cancer fundraiser, run by SD Carpentry, at the Axe and Compass in Heath and Reach 7th September where £1001.41 was raised.

Ruislip Lions donated £1,000.00 to the Rainbow Ward and the Bumble Bee Ward in the Hillingdon Hospital on October 2nd.

Harpenden Lions donated £5,000 to Young Lives vs Cancer on October 26th raised from this years’ Highland Gathering

Harrow and Pinner Club donated goods for the children at Jack’s Place, Northwick Park Hospital which included an End of Treatment Bell and 100 Care Packs. The Club has set up a Fundraising Page to raise funds in order to provide more items and resources for Jack’s Place with a goal of £200. Plus a 2nd Challenge to raise £150 for Emergency Care packs. The links to donate can be found on the Lions Clubs District 105A Facebook page.

Your Club can help by using any of the activities listed above or get in contact

with Young Lives vs Cancer via <https://younglivesvscancer.org.uk> Alice Bellinelli will help with collection buckets, bands to sell etc. Please use me as a contact if you prefer. Your contribution is valued and very much appreciated.

## Sandeep Ruparelia

### Homelessness

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Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank District Governor Kadu Shah to elect me as the Homeless officer

It has been my first year in this role combined with displaced people.

I have been visiting clubs within my zone and other zones encouraging and inspire to continue with the projects in helping to feed the hunger people on the streets of London.

I have also been working very closely with Lion Jatinder Kaur from Lions club of Heston on the groundwork for the urban garden in Greenford to help cleaning and clearing rubbish resurfacing the ground with fresh soil and make ready to harvest vegetables.

On our annual Christmas evening event we had raised £2300 which was donated towards feeding the poor, alongside I have been working for many charities on weekends and late evenings to serve food for those less fortunate individuals.

I have made a very strong contact with a large charity organisation FOOD FOR ALL, this organisation has been serving not only in London but going to Ukraine & Gaza where food was most in need.

I am in talks with them about building up more teams to include individual Lion members who have spare time to help, but this will depend on the number of helpers within the district.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have supported me during my time as the Homeless officer.

### YOUTH TEAM

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### Youth Team Lead

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### Youth Team Report

For publication reasons this report is compiled in early January 2025. The Youth Team has enthusiastically promoted their respective projects this year and I thank them for their dedication. Please read their individual reports for more information

### Leos

A new Alpha Leo Club -Hendon stars were formed in September and is already making its mark. The Fairlop Leos reached the ripe old age of 21 and this year won the MD Kindness Matters Award. We now have two authorised Cub

Clubs for 5-11year olds in our District.

### Peace Poster and Peace Essay

The Peace Poster Final took place in November with the theme "Peace without Limits". The entries were independently judged, and we are most grateful for these people's expertise and assistance and to Fairlop Lions entries who were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places -all entrants aged 11 years. Regrettably there were no entries for the Peace Essay this year.

### ROAR

The Roar competition organised by PDG Lesley was judged by the District Governor Team with the MD Final being held in December. Congratulations to The Earlsmead Primary School who were chosen as the District winners, sponsored by Harrow and Pinner Lions Club.

### Youth Camp/Youth Exchange

The MD International Youth Camp was held at Rickmansworth in our District. It hosted 20 young people from around the world who enjoyed seeing our District sights and were able to do a hunger service activity. Due to its success, we have been asked to host for 2025. I must thank the team leaders PDG Kav, Pammy and Raza who ensured the youngsters had so many experiences. A special thank you from MD for host families in our District Peter and Rosemary Beynon, Julie King, Andrew and Doreen Allen and Naresh and Kala Chauhan. We also sent a number of youths on outwards exchanges.

### Young Ambassador

This year again we managed to find five inspiring candidates for the Young Ambassador programme. The Final was held in January (after writing this report) and the MD Final in February so we will have an update at this Convention.

### Young Leaders in Service

A great way for Clubs to get young people involved with volunteering in Lions community activities from the ages of 8 to 18 years old. Depending on the number of hours they have spent serving their community throughout the year, young leaders will receive a certificate and to celebrate their achievements. A wonderful increase in numbers awarded this year.

## Sreekanth Gajewada

### Peace Poster / Peace Essay

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It was my privilege to organise the Peace Poster Competition for District 105A. The District-level competition was held on November 25, 2024, at the Harrow District Masonic Centre.

We received 8 outstanding entries for the District 105A finals, selected by various schools and clubs from a total of 82 submissions.

The results of the District 105A

competition are as follows:

- ♦ **1st Prize:** Imran Khan, CranBrook Youth Group, Sponsored by Fairlop Lions Club
- ♦ **2nd Prize:** Martha D'strange, Wanstead youth Club, Fairlop Lions Club
- ♦ **3rd Prize:** Callum Wilson, EastBrook, Fairlop Lions Club

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to LC Northwood, LC London Hendon, and everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

## Chanel Vigille

### Leo's Alpha & Omega

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At present there are no Omega (18-30 years) Leos within MD105.

In our District we have two active Alpha Leo Clubs -one school based, and one community based.

The Fairlop Leo Club, the oldest in our MD won the District and MD rounds of the Kindness Matters Award going forward to the International level. At the time of writing we await the result.

On World Kindness Day November 13th, they encouraged their school peers by advertising the statement "From Today, let's commit to sharing kindness in all its forms - because it's the little things that can truly change the world" to commit to small simple acts of kindness. This culminated in a Pile for a Smile - 217 tins/packets for the local Food Bank.

Our newest Club the community-based Leo Club of Hendon Stars was chartered in late September and are already making their mark serving food to the homeless and planning other volunteering events. They hope to be helping at the Senior Citizens celebration in February.

I have heard that a few Clubs are looking at ways to encourage the formation of other Leo Clubs. Please ask if you need handouts or a PowerPoint presentation.

## Raza Ismail

### Youth Exchange

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The Youth Programme was a great success, thanks to Lions of Hornsey, Kenton and Harrow and Pinner as a welcoming committee at Heathrow Airport. Then after the Youth were sent to their respective host families.

Our District hosted six youths out of seventeen that came to our Multiple District, thanks to Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner, Lions Club of Hendon, Lions Club of Luton and Lions Club of Stoney Stratford, this being as the Multiple Districts Officer was unable to find host families in outside our District as per the rules and regulation.

On behalf of the District thank you to all the Clubs and Lions for supporting the

Youth Programme and may it go on with your continued support in the coming years.

The venue for the Youth Camp 2024 was the Royal Masonic School for Girls in Rickmansworth and in 2025 is the same. Support from all the Clubs and Lion would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you all for supporting this Youth Programme.

## Lesley Spence

ROAR - [roar@lions105a.org](mailto:roar@lions105a.org)

As part of the Roar management Team, I attend the regular monthly meetings to share progress, issues or concerns and ways we can improve the Lions ROAR programme for the future. We are pleased to be able to say that every District within our Multiple District 105 was represented in both the registration of schools taking part and the Lions Clubs sponsoring those schools. In total, one hundred and Forty-Six schools, an increase of 7%, were sponsored by seventy-six Lions Clubs, a growth of 17% on the 2024 numbers.

District 105A had nine schools registered and taking part this year.

Congratulations go to the Lions Clubs of:

London Belmont for registering Belmont Primary School, Luton for registering Wigmore Primary School, Biggleswade and Sandy for registering Gamlingay Primary School, Northwood for registering Frithwood Primary and Hillside Primary, Harrow and Pinner for registering Camrose Primary, Earlsmead Primary, and The Glebe Primary School.

The judging to determine our District winner took place via Zoom, and I thank the DGs team for their time viewing the school videos and scoring them. After much deliberation, I am pleased to announce that the **Earlsmead Primary School was our winning school**; they were sponsored by Harrow and Pinner LC, and the trophy will be presented to the club at the upcoming District Convention in March.

The National Awards Day took place on December 4th and was very well attended by Lions and schools alike. The children's enthusiasm was a joy to see, and presentations were outstanding with ideas from teams ranging from air pollution filter robots to homeless pack distribution machines, plastic sea clean-up robots, and seed planting drones.

Pupils given opportunity to take part in the Lions ROAR programme are learning life skills for the future, collaborating and communicating with others, making decisions and assessments, beginning to understand the importance of presentation and the need to make and evaluate prototypes to try out their ideas. These children may well be the adults of the future finding solutions for the problems facing the earth which they will inherit. Prince Williams Earth

Shot Prize has very similar aims. It allows people to work with others to share their ideas, innovations, and technology to make the world a cleaner, better place. They too are given the opportunity to "Think and Dream big".

Our District has had at least 15 schools involved in this project in the last three years, which means over five and a half thousand children in our District have heard of the Lions and know a little about what they do.

Multiply that number by the number of teachers, school staff, parents, and relatives involved with schools with access to school newsletters and events, and we could be reaching more than ten thousand people. Any one of those contacts could be a future member of your club or a club in our District.

It is never too soon to be thinking about this year's competition; whilst it doesn't start until September 2025, identifying schools now and starting those early discussions is crucial for the success of the programme and of course, it would be great to increase the number of schools and Lion Clubs from 105A taking part this year. As you answer the call to donate monies or books to schools in your community, ask for 5 minutes to talk with the Headteacher, Deputy headteacher or year group lead about the ROAR programme.

As incoming MD Roar Officer (January 2025) I was also part of the Team that met with \*8BillionIdeas in November to begin planning for ROAR 2025. Although both parties were pleased with the joint progress made this year, we continue to investigate ways to expand the marketing strategies to better involve both schools and Lions Clubs in the ROAR programme. Previous marketing ideas were discussed, including approaching schools who had previously taken part in ROAR with a letter inviting them to voice their interest in taking part in ROAR 2025, making contact with local headteacher groups, increasing social media coverage, District Officers working to grow interest in the Lions ROAR programme and to ask those schools attending the National Finals in December to use the QR code to voice interest in taking part in Lions ROAR 2025. The data is still being collected, but 105A is off to a good start, with four schools already asking to be involved in ROAR 2025.

Go to the Lions 105 website to find information about ROAR (under youth projects look for the Lions ROAR bookshelf) or straight to the Lions ROAR website [www.lions-roar.com](http://www.lions-roar.com)

I am more than happy to attend your club or Zone meeting to explain more about the Lions ROAR project, which not only builds confidence and grows life skills for children, but by using social media and school contacts such as newsletters and school websites can also be an amazing Membership-generating opportunity within your local community.

## Doreen Allen

Young Ambassador  
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I would like to thank those clubs who endeavoured to forge links with their communities, local voluntary groups, and schools in the Young Ambassador process.

This report was written in December and with just days till the deadline, Clubs have come forward and we will have at least five candidates - a special congratulations to Chipping Barnet Lions Club who have their first Young Ambassador candidate ever.

The District Final took place alongside our January 2025 Cabinet meeting where the candidates were interviewed by an independent panel of three non-Lion judges. This year from the Business, Voluntary and Education sectors we had:

- PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER HERTFORDSHIRE- Neil Connolly
- DEPUTY LIEUTENANT HERTFORDSHIRE - Professor Sir Tim Wilson
- Mrs. Denise Poore MBE

The candidates were introduced at the start of Cabinet and had a morning of ice breakers, presentations, and interviews. All candidates joined Cabinet members for lunch and then heard the judges' decision.

The District YA Final winning candidate went forward to represent our District at the MD Final at Dudley in February and today they will address Convention.

To all Clubs a pleas exceptional young people can be found in all areas of our District. Please continue to look and encourage your local young people in their volunteering.

## Doreen Allen

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Young Leaders in Service

This youth activity is simple to manage. The Lions club makes contact, distributes the log books and overseen by a group leader the young person logs their volunteering information. They record the date, how many hours spent on the activity and what the activity was. The Group Leader signs to confirm the hours.

Participants can start any time within the year and can attain a bronze (25 hours), silver (50 hours), gold (100 hours) or platinum (250 hours) certificates and badges within one year. This year our District has seen an amazing number of entries from a small group of Clubs.

Fellow Lions, please look at local youth groups/schools/uniformed groups and carers groups - interact with them and increase participation.

As always, I am available to you to help and support



## Manji Kara

### Health Team Co-ordinator

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This is the third year since the Health Team was formed. The team was formed to enable team to focus on objectives and targets, with a view to target our services more efficiently. Considering the success we had over the years, DG Lion Kadambari Shah has decided to continue with the Health Team. We thank her for the confidence she has in the team.

It has been a very busy year for the team. I personally thank the team, as listed below, for stepping up to the mark and doing their best to deliver much required service.

When this report gets published, (March), we still have more opportunity until end June 2025 to continue to deliver. Please meet the team at the convention and find out how your club can participate in the service.

#### The officers are as follows:

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**SOGB** - Erach Amaria ([sogb@lions105a.org](mailto:sogb@lions105a.org))

**Physical & Learning Disabilities** - Erach Amaria ([physicallearning@lions105a.org](mailto:physicallearning@lions105a.org))

**Prostate Cancer** - Manji Kara ([prostatecancer@lions105a.org](mailto:prostatecancer@lions105a.org))

**MIAB/MIAW** - Paramjit Dev ([miab@lions105a.org](mailto:miab@lions105a.org))

**Medic Alert** - Paramjit Dev ([medicalert@lions105a.org](mailto:medicalert@lions105a.org))

**Brain Tumour Research** - Rita Kimberger ([btr@lions105a.org](mailto:btr@lions105a.org))

**Mental Health / Dementia** - Sarbjit Assi ([mentalhealth@lions105a.org](mailto:mentalhealth@lions105a.org))

If you need any information relating to the health awareness, please free to contact them.

## Penny Tregillus

### Speech & Hearing Officer

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To help members of the deaf community communicate more effectively with the hearing community I can provide resources (Door Hangers, Deaf Aware Cards and I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Badges). I can come to Clubs/Zones to give talks about Deaf Awareness and Deaf Aware Training to members of the

hearing community so they can learn about deafness and how to communicate more effectively with people who have a hearing problem.

To help hearing impaired people abroad Lions in MD105 have been collecting used and unwanted hearing equipment (hearing aids and other audiological equipment). They are sent to Dr Michael Nolan who refurbishes it and finds new owners for it. Since the 1st of January they been sent to Cambodia, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia.

When a hearing-impaired person receives a refurbished hearing aid and additional equipment it opens up a whole new world to them and they hear sounds again that we take for granted.

Between July and December 2024 11,299 used hearing aids have been donated by Clubs in the Multiple District. 875 hearing aids have been donated by 5 Clubs in this District and hospital audiological departments. These Clubs are Bletchley Milton Keynes, Letchworth Garden City and Baldock, Luton, Newport Pagnell and Olney and Tring. My thanks goes to them. I would encourage all Clubs in this District to get involved. Instructions are below on how to send off used hearing aids.

Send them, via the postal service or a courier service, to Dr Michael Nolan, Lumb Gaps Barn, Haslingden Old Road, Rossendale, BB4 8TT. In your package include contact details- name of person and Club and a telephone number or email address so a "Thank You" message can be sent. Alternatively send used hearing aids and audiological equipment with your spectacles via Chichester Lions Club or to National Headquarters.

New NHS hearing aid batteries are being distributed through the Lions Bookshop in Hemel Hempstead, to the general public. If you have a location you could distribute them to please contact me.

Lion Andrew Zelkin from District 105CE, is collecting used button sized hearing aid batteries. He is recycling the metals from them. The money raised from them is going towards buying Sight Cameras for the District Child Sight Programme. Clubs, please collect them and give them to Zone Chairman to bring along to Cabinet Meetings so they can be given to me.

Support Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, which is a charity which helps deaf people. It is based District. To find out more about what they do please visit their website <https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/> They

welcome donations and visits to their headquarters.

Please contact me, if you want any hearing resources, have any questions or would like me to come along and give presentations or training on deafness and communication.

## Margarita Kimberger

### Brain Tumour Research

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#### Progress so far:

MD105's challenge to raise £1 million for BTR by 2027 is progressing well. The total raised by the end of November 2024 was £ £333,886.00. I continue to attend the monthly meetings with the other District Officers of MD 105, led by Lynne Roberts [105 CE]. Russell Marriott, Director of Income Generation and Development [BTR] attended the November meeting and informed us that he will be bringing out a new promotional video to replace the pre-covid one currently in circulation. He also explained that for every £1,000.00 raised it is match funded 1:3. The match funding comes from corporate and independent donors. He also shared the good news that Alfie Boe and Pete Waterman would be joining Sarah Beeny, Denise van Outon, Russell Watson, Dannielle Lloyd and Danny Clarke as Patrons of BTR. All helping to raise the profile of this worthy cause.

Once again can I please beg for invites to come to your Club/Zone meetings to give a brief talk about the role of Lions throughout 105 A in raising the much-needed funds for Lions Brain Tumour Research.

Further activities and more information for this grossly underfunded research can be found at [www.lionsbraintumourappeal.co.uk](http://www.lionsbraintumourappeal.co.uk)

Clubs are reminded that any donations/collections should be sent to LCI MD105 Brain Tumour and Paediatric Cancer Foundation

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with your club and district as a reference i.e. [Banbury 105a] to ensure it can be allocated towards the goal of One Million Pounds.

## Manji Kara

### Prostate Cancer

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Dear fellow Lions,

My sincere thanks to DG Lion Kadambari

Shah in having confidence me and giving me the opportunity to serve as Prostate Cancer Officer for the year 2024-25 and continue my quest to make the senior male population aware of Prostate Cancer.

It has been a very busy first half of the Lionistic Year 2024-25 with many meetings and community events. I thank all Zone Chairs, LPs and LSs who have responded to my request to attend their meetings.

Having updated the Prostate Cancer Awareness Informative Leaflet, I shared the same with all Zone Chairs with a request to invite me to their meetings. I also asked them to share the information with the clubs in their Zone.

I received tremendous response from Zone Chairs and Clubs which has led to visits to zone, clubs and community events to share the awareness information.

At the invitation of Zone D Chair Lion Daljinder, Attended Zone D meeting on 14 August. Made members aware of Prostate Cancer and shared informative literature. LS Ranjit of Ealing Lions extended invitation to a community event in Ealing.

Attended East African Asians Senior Citizens Association community event organised by Ealing Lions on 12 September. It was a pleasure to talk to nearly 100 senior citizens present. All my informative literature including Punjabi versions were gone in no time! This was followed by a discussion over a simple but delicious lunch.

Received an invite from Lion Secretary Baljit Sood of Acton Lions to attend their meeting on 2 October where the awareness information and literature were shared with the Lions present. Many thanks to Lion Baljit for organising.

Zone F Chair Lion Parthiv invited me to their meeting on 19 September where I shared awareness literature with Lions Presidents present requesting them to take the message back to their club members.

Attended a community event at a Hindu Temple in East London on 22 September. Delivered awareness talk to the congregation. Gave informative literature (in Gujarati) to the senior citizens present. I also had one to one chat with some of the members.

Joined Finchley Lions ZOOM meeting on 2 October (before Acton Lions Meeting). My sincere thanks to Lion Praful for the invitation. Spoke to Lions present about

prostate problems and cancer.

Attended Central Host Lions on 3 October at the invitation of LP Soniya. The talk and literature were well received by Lions present. It was good to catch up with members of my old club too.

Zone A Chair Lion Viny had invited me to their meeting on 9 October. Unfortunately, I had my own club meeting on the same day. I shared the informative literature with ZC Lion Viny to be shared with clubs in Zone A.

At the invitation of LS Penny of Tring Lions, I attended their club meeting on 5 November. After the informative awareness talk, I shared the informative literature with members.

I met a group of 15 senior citizens over lunch on 5th November. I spoke to the diners and made them aware of Prostate Cancer and shared the literature with them.

Lion Secretary Rajpal Sagoo of Southall Lions invited me to address their members on 6 November. It was a lively meeting with a discussion after the talk. Members helped themselves to the informative literature.

I have meeting invitations to the year end in June 2025, making this a very busy and fulfilling year. My sincere thanks to Prostate Cancer UK have supplied free of cost all the awareness literature.

### **Charity begins at home.**

It would be a service to our Lions if we can provide health screening at our District Convention 2025. To that end I have produced a letter seeking contribution towards the cost of screening. I have shared this with Clubs and Zone Chairs asking them to request clubs to consider contribution. The response so far has been very encouraging, and I do hope that we have sufficient funds to offer health screening at the LCI District 105a Convention 2025

Please contact me for more information.

## **Paramjit Dev**

### **MIAB / MIAW**

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The Lions "Message in a Bottle" initiative is a simple way for people to keep their essential personal and medical details where they can be found by emergency services, on a standard form, and in a common location, i.e., the fridge.

It means that first responders can save valuable time by identifying an individual and knowing if they have any allergies or take any special medication.

Many Clubs in our District have embraced this service project and distribute the bottles through various places:

- Hospital discharge centres.
- Sheltered accommodation for Vulnerable people
- Housing associations.
- Community Health Centres
- Events in the community.
- Libraries.
- Surgeries.
- Organisations working with elderly and lonely individuals.

The bottles are available directly from the Multiple District headquarters in boxes of 100 or 200. and the cost is £60 plus postage for 100 bottles. Unfortunately, pallets are no longer available, however, larger amounts can be ordered. The cost for the bottles is the same but the postage will vary.

There is a dedicated website to the Lions "Message in a Bottle": <https://lionsmessageinabottle.co.uk/>

This service project is simple and a good way to establish contact with the emergency services, whilst promoting Lions in the local community. I would urge Clubs not already participating to look at starting this service activity in their communities.

Message in a Wallet is another lifesaving initiative and is used by many Clubs to complement Message in a Bottle. Whereas the bottle is designed to contain emergency medical and contact details and sit in the fridge at home, Message in a Wallet does the same thing for someone who is out and about. The details are filled out and the credit-card sized fold-out leaflet is for a purse or wallet.

## **Paramjit Dev**

### **Medic Alert**

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MedicAlert are the pioneers of medical IDs and are the only charity that provides life-saving medical ID services worldwide. Medical IDs hold the most vital medication information and provide essential information in an emergency. They are most commonly bracelets or necklaces, worn on pulse points for easy identification by first responders. The most vital conditions are engraved alongside the membership number on the jewellery. With access to a 24/7, 365 days emergency helpline, the fully digital medical record can be accessed when

needed.

The cost of a basic MedicAlert bracelet can be £20-£40 with an additional membership of £32 per year. Clubs can sponsor adults by giving a donation for MedicAlert.

Lions in the British Isles have had a relationship with MedicAlert for over 55 years. Clubs are encouraged to support the Early Start programme by sponsoring a child for £300. This covers a free annual membership for a vulnerable child up until their 10th birthday. If the child does not use the full ten years, membership can be passed onto another child. MedicAlert have list of children so Clubs can ask to sponsor a child in their own area.

In our District, we can promote MedicAlert by:

- Providing awareness about MedicAlert in events – leaflets are available from the Multiple District Headquarters.
- Invite a guest speaker to Club meetings.
- Partner with a school, scouts/cubs, or a youth organisation to sponsor a MedicAlert membership for at risk child /children with Type 1 Diabetes.

More information on how MedicAlert works can be found at: [www.medicalert.org.uk/MedicAlert-Videos/](http://www.medicalert.org.uk/MedicAlert-Videos/)

The MedicAlert service project is going to be revived at the national level, so more information will be available in the future.

## Erach Amaria

**SOGB - [sogb@lions105a.org](mailto:sogb@lions105a.org)**

Dear Fellow Lions

My sincere thanks to DG Lion Kadu Shah for approaching me to serve as a district officer for Special Olympics Great Britain for the Lionistic year 2024-2025.

I am honoured to have been appointed for the second year serving this SOGB post. This exciting role gave me the great privilege to spearhead a cause that I was passionate about and have personally committed to get more involved.

I can only say that it was an “experience” of lifetime. I would highly recommend lion members to get involved and give hands to this worthy cause.

Finally, District Governor, I wish you all the best for your convention.

## Erach Amaria

**Physical and Learning Disabilities  
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I sincerely would like to thank Club members for giving me the opportunity to visit their club meeting and giving me the opportunity to speak on physical and learning disabilities.

I certainly had a good year, and I would encourage Club members to give your valuable time and hand to physical and learning disabilities. I urge more Club members to take part in this worthy cause and get involved in the future.

Finally, I take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to District Governor Lion Kadambari Shah and wish her the best for the year. I also wish District Governor an enjoyable and successful convention.

## Sarbjit Assi

**Mental Health / Dementia  
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Alzheimer's and Dementia Fundraising Story.

The Radyr and Morganstown volunteer fundraising group was established in 2018 after the local community association chose to support Alzheimer's Society during their annual festival. Starting as an informal group, it has since grown into a team of eight members who meet regularly to plan activities, driven by personal experiences with dementia.

The group organizes diverse events, such as coffee mornings, beetle drives, and choir concerts, while incorporating creativity through initiatives like crafting and jewellery fundraising. They also collaborate with local organizations, schools, and choirs to expand their efforts. Their approach involves careful planning, leveraging local support, and starting small, which has led to remarkable success, including raising over £100,000 to date.

Their advice to others is simple: start small, involve existing community groups, and use social media and local newsletters to promote events. Support from Alzheimer's Society has also been instrumental in their journey, which they celebrate with pride.

**COMMUNICATION**

## Satnam Loyal

**Communication Team Co-ordinator  
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The Communications team has been

busy helping when and where needed covering Website, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram as well as assisting in the organisation of various training sessions and booking forms for events such as convention and cabinet.

The team are here to help you promote your club and Lions so why not get in touch and see how we can help you promote your local activities better and increase your local reach.

I would like to thank Lions Neshawar, Aurora and Sukhdeep for all their hard work and continued support.

## Neshawar Singh

**IT Webmaster - [it@lions105a.org](mailto:it@lions105a.org)**

After our communication seminar, we have been looking at different ways in which we can communicate with our members. The top 4 options were:

1. Email
2. District Website
3. District Facebook
4. District WhatsApp

We have had numerous input for changes to the new website and where it was possible implementation has taken place. All I can say is please push harder for further changes.

### Lions District 105A - Welcome

Again, I would like to push my fellow lions to look at the Lions tab on the website and join both the District WhatsApp group and the District Facebook page

### Lions District 105A - LIONS

Lastly once again if you do not have a Facebook page or a Website, please communicate with I.T. Please consider how are you promoting Lionism in your local community if you have neither.

## Sukhdeep Loyal

**POL Editor - [pol@lions105a.org](mailto:pol@lions105a.org)**

The Pride of Lions (PoL) has been going well, and the new format has been well received by Clubs. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

If you would like your Club to be featured in future issues, please do email [pol@district105a.org.uk](mailto:pol@district105a.org.uk) with 60 words and a high-quality image informing me of what your Club has been up to in the last month.

I look forward to receiving more stories from you all about the great work your Club is doing. Thank you for your continued support.

## Aurora Ghita

### Social Media

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This past year, I've focused on strengthening our district's social media presence and encouraging collaboration among clubs.

In September, I organised a training session on social media, giving members practical tips to improve their online presence and share their work more effectively. I also created a group for Social Media Officers across the district, which has become a useful space for sharing ideas, solving problems, and highlighting best practices.

Throughout the year, I've been responding to messages and emails from members, offering support and guidance. I've also worked to reinforce the importance of sharing the fantastic work we do with the wider public, ensuring our impact is seen and celebrated.

It's been a rewarding year, and I'm proud of how far we've come in making our work more visible.

## Aurora Ghita

### PR / Marketing - [pr@lions105a.org](mailto:pr@lions105a.org)

Over the past year, I've worked to enhance the District's PR efforts by improving how we share and promote our work with the wider community.

In September, I led a training session focused on social media, equipping members with tools to better communicate their club's achievements and engage the public. I also set up a group for Social Media Officers across the district, fostering collaboration and ensuring a consistent approach to promoting our activities.

Throughout the year, I've actively responded to messages and emails, offering guidance and support. I've emphasised the importance of telling our story—sharing the amazing work we do—to build stronger connections with our communities and increase our visibility.

It's been an exciting year for PR, and the progress we've made in showcasing our collective impact is something to be proud of.

## INTERNATIONAL TEAM

## Geoffrey Leeder

### International Affairs

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#### 1. Background

This post was established to:

- i. keep the District Governor and District Cabinet up to date with international matters.
- ii. liaise with Lions International Divisional Staff and with Board Committee Chairpersons and International Directors over issues affecting our District.

#### 2. Important Dates:

- i. Information about the Lions Day with the United Nations, organised by LCI is given for each of the three venues on the LCI website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/lions-advocacy/lions-day-united-nations>

- a. Nairobi, Kenya, February 13, 2025.
- b. New York, USA, March 21, 2025.
- c. Geneva, Switzerland, April 15, 2025.
- ii. Lions Day with the United Nations, is scheduled to be held in The Palace of Westminster, London, UK, on Tuesday March 11, 2025
- iii. The International Convention, Orlando, USA, July 13-17, 2017
- iv. Europa Forum, Dublin, Ireland, November 6-8, 2025.
- v. Europa Forum, Karlsruhe, Germany, October 22-25, 2026.
- vi. Europa Forum, Venice, Italy, 2027.
- vii. Europa Forum, Hungary, 2028

#### 3. AOB

- i. Lions International will celebrate 79 years of partnership with the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN). This event commemorates our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the U.N. dating back to 1945, when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the U.N.
- ii. In Europe, the 47th annual LDUN will also be celebrating the theme "The Future of Service." The event will be attended by LCIF Chairperson, Past International President Dr Patti

Hill and other Executive officers. General enquiries about the events can be addressed to [ldun@lionsclubs.org](mailto:ldun@lionsclubs.org).

- iii. Details for the LDUN event in London have not been finalised. There have been discussions with Past President Douglas Alexander to be the VIP Guest Speaker.
- iv. Keep an eye on the LCICON website as more detail is released about the International Convention in Orlando. Delegates intending to travel should consult our MD Website for details. Again, this year, delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation. See <https://www.mcievents.com/lci2025/index.cfm?page=hotelfinfo>
- v. The website for the 2025 Europa Forum, <https://europaforum2025.ie> is operational and bookings can be made now.
- vi. There were several other miscellaneous items which were followed up successfully on behalf of the District Governor, Secretary and Treasurer, with Staff at our International Office in Oak Brook, Illinois, mostly concerning the functionality of The Lions' Portal between April 2023 and August 2023.

## Surinder Mongia

### International Relations

- [international@lions105a.org](mailto:international@lions105a.org)

District 105A is twinned with Poland District 121 & Germany District 111NW

Upon reviewing the urgent flood relief situation in Poland 121, DG Kadu sent an appeal to the Clubs to raise much needed funds to meet the urgent need. We have to date received a sum of £1176.00, however an update will be in due course.

I am also waiting for a report from Poland as to how they are progressing and coping with the situation.

We have sent out 'Save the date' invitations to Germany District 111NW and Poland District 121, for the attention of DG or representative to attend our District Convention on February 28th - 2nd March 2025.

#### Street Children

I would like to take this opportunity to recap a project supporting Street Children across the world.

I was introduced to this initiative at the International Convention in 1996-1997 in Montreal, when PIP Augustine Soliva presented a programme focused on building bridges with Street Children in the aftermath of the much-publicized shootings of Street Children in Brazil. I introduced the programme to District 105A and it was also adopted by MD 105.

I served as the District/MD Street Officer and was followed by PDG Brindar Nandra and Lion Joginder Gill as District officers. D105A introduced programmes like sleeping bags, hats and scarves etc., and established a coordination with a number of NGOs actively supporting street children in the field, under the umbrella of Consortium for Street Children (CSC).

A presentation by the members of the Consortium for Street Children (CSC) team supporting street children across the world was very well received at the last cabinet meeting on 13th October 2024.

They also presented a project to improve of thousands of street children and have identified Kolkata in India as a launchpad. The project was voted to be supported by the Cabinet members.

CSC is in the process of preparing the documentation to support this project going forward. An update will be issued in due course.

I also took further initiative with this project and discussed it with 1st VP AP Singh (based in Kolkata) at the Europa Forum. He has re-confirmed interest in supporting the project on the ground giving support to the CSC team.

#### **68th Europa Forum 2024**

I attended the Europa Forum in Bordeaux, France in October, and re-established contacts with Lions in Europe and International. The emphasis at the Europa Forum was supporting the Mission 1.5 and LCIF.

#### **UN Days**

Update schedule for UN Days in UK and Europe:

- The Lions Day with the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, April 15, 2025
- The Lions Day with the United

Nations, London, UK,

March 11, 2025 Lions Clubs International – Convention

As seen in the media the International Convention in Mexico has been cancelled. International Convention will now be held in Orlando July 13-17 2025.

Please see further details:

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>.

### **Vijay Arora**

**LCIF - [lcif@lions105a.org](mailto:lcif@lions105a.org)**

Every donation to LCIF, no matter the amount, is helping change lives in both our local and global communities in need. Thank you for your continued support.

LCIF Mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

The vast majority of LCIF funding comes from Lions clubs and individual members. Since 1968, LCIF has given more than US\$1.3 billion in grants impacting 200 countries. 100% of donations directly support LCIF service to provide support in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian needs, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

LCIF continues to ensure that all donated funds are used efficiently to help even more people. Through LCIF, Lions are doing more to support our global causes and respond to humanitarian needs and natural disasters.

During 2023-24 over US\$70million was donated worldwide and around \$90,000 was donated by over 70% of the clubs in 105A towards LCIF. This year so far 40% of clubs in our district have donated around £20,000 towards various disaster appeals, and other areas of LCIF. **LCIF serves Lions. Lions serve the world.**

100% of our donations directly support LCIF global causes and are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships. Every year, LCIF helps to ensure that the humanitarian service of Lions reaches those who need it most. **Service is both Giving & Serving.**

There are a wide variety of grants available to help Lions serve their local communities and the world. Please visit [www.Lionsclubs.org](http://www.Lionsclubs.org) to explore the different grant types to find out if there is a grant that is right for your club either now or in the future.

LCIF is commemorating 40 years since awarding the first grant for Lions Quest programming, and 10 years of partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

For over 20 years, Johnson & Johnson and LCIF have helped transform eye health for school-aged children worldwide through the co-founded Sight for Kids program. With 100% of every donation benefiting grants and programs, your generous support goes a long way to help those in need across the globe. Please support youth, sight and other global causes through giving to LCIF.

The annual LCIF Presidentially Themed Recognition is to encourage personal donations and has three pin levels: \$50 for Bronze; \$100 for Silver; and \$200 for Gold and these donations are all eligible towards MJF credits. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps to make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you to all those lions who have donated personally to date.

The Melvin Jones Gala Dinner is to be held on 8th April 2025, and pleased to inform that MJF/PMJF will be presented by our international guest LCIF Chairperson PIP Dr Patti Hill.

LCIF Golf Day will be held on 15th May 2025 at Stanmore Golf Club. Preparations are going well, and we look forward to your participation and support.

Please contact me if you wish me to attend your meeting and/or for any help/info related to LCIF. Please send your donations towards LCIF online to LCI District 105A: sort code: 20-53-00, Account no: 10578401, Ref-your Club name & LCIF-area of giving.

You and your club can help support Lions projects all over the world through giving to LCIF. **Together We Serve.**

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful Convention 2025.

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**Resolution 1: Proposed by the District Treasurer on behalf of District Cabinet**

**This Convention resolves that:**

The District Dues for the Fiscal Year 2025/26 shall be in the sum of £12.00 per member as per breakdown below@

<b>The breakdown of figures are: 2025-2026</b>		<b>2024-2025</b>
Administration Fund	5.28	4.88
105A News Fund	0.00	0.80
Convention Fund	6.72	6.40
<b>District Dues - 2025/2026</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.08</b>

This sum shall be payable in two equal instalments - £6.00 per Lion member by 31st July 2025 based upon the known membership as at 1st July 2025 and £6.00 per Lion member by 31st January 2026 based upon the known membership as at 1st January 2026.

**Explanatory note:**

“To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of District 105A the District Cabinet shall table a resolution at every Annual District Convention to set the per capita levy for the following fiscal year. If such resolution shall fail, then the per capita levy in place at that time, shall be continued until changed by resolution.

The administrative sum shall be levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments per club member.”

**Resolution 2 Proposed by Fairlop Lions Club**

**This Convention Resolves that:**

District 105A shall adopt the policy of Lions International and MD 105 regarding Leo-Lions that current or former Leos of legal majority (18 years of age) through to age 35, who have served as a Leo for at least one year and one day may continue to serve as a Leo-Lion, thus giving a discount of 50% of District Dues.

**Explanatory note:**

The Policy of Lions International (LI) is that Leo-Lions are entitled to a discount of 50% of their International Dues. MD 105 agreed a similar resolution at May 2024 Convention in Weston Super Mare. If adopted, this resolution will bring the Policy of District 105A into line with that of LI and MD 105.

We all wish to see our Association grow, particularly with younger members and this is one way in which we can recognise the contribution of our Leos to our Association. It will also positively encourage them to become Lions, once reaching the age of Legal Majority. While the cost to our District is small with just three Leo-Lions at present, the benefit and impact to our District and our Clubs could be far greater. The adoption of this Resolution by Convention could encourage more Leo-Lions in further education especially, who can further encourage their fellow students to become members, by demonstrating that Lions care about the younger generation. To be enacted, this Resolution will require a simple (50% + 1) majority of those delegates who exercise their right to vote.



## CONVENTION RULES OF PROCEDURE – 2025

### CHAIRPERSON

- 1 The District Governor or, in their absence, the First Vice District Governor or if they are not available the Second Vice District Governor, shall preside at Convention.
- 2 The Chairperson shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever they considers it appropriate.
- 3 The Chairperson, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his/her Club. If, at any time, he/she wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion, he/she (or they) shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

### SPEAKERS

- 4 On the Chairperson standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume their seat.
- 5(a) Any delegate wishing to speak on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce their name and Club and address the Chair.
- 5(b) If a member of the Cabinet speaks on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business, he/she shall state whether he/she is representing the views of Cabinet or otherwise.

### RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 6 Resolutions/amendments will be moved and seconded as follows:
  - (a) By nominees on behalf of the Cabinet
  - (b) By delegates on behalf of a Club (or of two Clubs when a Resolution is sponsored by more than one Club).
- 7(a) If no delegates are present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Chairperson of the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee in writing at least ten (10) days before commencement of the Convention of the names of a proposer and seconder from another Club, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn, unless Convention shall decide otherwise. With this one exception no resolution/amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of Convention.
- (b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there is an amendment to that resolution tabled, then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution.
- (c) All resolutions/amendments shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention and not

more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time.

- (d) A delegate shall not move more than one amendment to any one resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.
- (e) Where appropriate and convenient, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant Committee Chairperson's or Specialist Officer's report.

### EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- 8 The Chairperson shall have discretion to submit an emergency resolution/amendment for consideration at Convention provided:
  - (a) Where appropriate, the resolution/amendment was received by him/her in writing before the commencement of the opening session of Convention.
  - (b) In his/her opinion, the resolution/amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions, Nominations, Constitution and By-Laws Committee on or before the closing dates as decided by Cabinet for their receipt by such Committee and
  - (c) Convention consents by a majority of registered delegates present and voting to the resolution/amendment being so considered.

### DELEGATE TO SPEAK ONCE ONLY

- 9(a) Subject only to the provision of Section 17 hereof, a delegate shall not speak more than once to the same resolution/amendment without the consent of Convention:
- (b) Only the Chairperson or the mover of a resolution exercising his/her right of reply shall speak more than once on any resolution.

### TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

- 10(a) The proposer of a resolution/amendment will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes to put his/her case and after doing so shall formally move the resolution/amendment. Normally the seconder will formally second the resolution and may reserve the right to speak later. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution, the proposer of the resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised. He/she will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments and shall not be allowed more than two (2) minutes for this purpose;
- (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been

displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 7(b) above, when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.

- 11 (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 10(a), every speaker in general debate will be limited to two (2) minutes and must direct his/her speech strictly to the report, resolution, or amendment under discussion.
- (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with approval of Convention.

### VOTING

- 12 The voting on any resolution/amendment or general business shall be by show of delegate cards of those present and voting and the Chairperson shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairperson's declaration is challenged by twenty or more delegates the votes shall be counted.
- 13 Any election of candidates for office shall be in accordance with Article I, Section 3, of the District Constitution By-Laws.
- 14 Any election for the appointment of Host Clubs for future Conventions shall be by secret ballot and the nomination receiving the majority of votes shall be declared elected.
- 15 In the event of a tie following a show of delegate cards or secret ballot the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

### ACTION TO PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

- 16 Any delegate, provided he/she has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to the next business and, if this resolution be seconded and carried, the Chairperson shall put the matter to Convention, after the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

### POINT OF ORDER QUESTION

- 17 Any delegate may, at any time, ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

- 18 Any of these Rules of Procedure (to be known as Convention Standing Orders) may be suspended by resolution of Convention in relation to a specific item of business properly before Convention, provided at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall vote for such resolution.



## HARVINDER SINGH VIRDEE PMJF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT 2025-2026

With the blessings and unanimous support of all members of the Redbridge Centennial Lions Club (CIO), I am proud to stand for the position of District Governor for the 2025-2026 term.

I bring with me over 40 years of experience in engineering, where I have successfully led and managed large teams and projects. These skills, combined with my passion for service, equip me to effectively serve the district as District Governor.

I am married to Lion Karpal Virdee, and together, we are proud parents of two accomplished, professionally qualified children. My family has been a pillar of support in my Lionistic endeavours, including my application for this esteemed position.

### As a Club Lion

Over the past 16 years, I have been actively involved in charitable work and have made significant contributions to various organizations, including serving as President of a Rotary Club. My journey with Lions has been equally fulfilling:

- I served as President of the Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club.
- In 2016, I founded the Redbridge Centennial Lions Club, serving as its Charter President.
- I established a twinning partnership with the Lions Club of Nairobi Daggarotti in Kenya, fostering collaboration on impactful service projects.
- In 2023, I expanded the Lions family by establishing the Redbridge Aria Club Branch, welcoming 15 new members.

My commitment to service extends beyond leadership roles; I remain actively involved in fundraising, organizing service activities, and participating in international eye camps.

### At the District Level

For the past seven years, I have served in various district cabinet roles, including: Zone Chair (Zone B), Global Membership Team Member, District CIO/ICO Officer, Brain Tumour Research Officer and a Guiding Lion. These roles have provided me with valuable insights into district operations and inspired me to take on greater leadership responsibilities.

### As the 1st Vice District Governor

Elected as the 1st Vice District Governor in March 2024, I have embraced the role with enthusiasm and dedication. As a member of the District Governor's Team, District Finance Team, and Global Action Team, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the scale and impact of Lions' projects. My official club and zone visits have underscored the transformative power of Lions' initiatives in terms of membership and community service.

I actively participate in monthly MD wide sessions with VDGEs from across the Multiple District. I have also attended two MD Council Meetings, pursued advanced training provided by District 105A and Lions Clubs International, including specific courses tailored for 1st Vice District Governors.



HARVINDER SINGH VIRDEE PMJF  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
ELECT 2025-2026

### Personal Statement

I am deeply committed to continuing the legacy of service and community impact upheld by Lions Clubs. My vision for the district includes:

- **Growth and Engagement:** Driving membership growth through targeted initiatives aligned with Mission 1.5.
- **Empowering Service:** Strengthening leadership development and engaging younger generations in service via New Voices initiative.
- **Fostering Unity:** Enhancing communication, collaboration, and partnerships across the district.

I pledge to uphold Lions' Code of Ethics, foster a culture of fellowship and excellence, and dedicate my energy to empowering the district. I firmly believe that with the collective support of Lions, we can achieve lasting, positive change.

This year, I prioritized completing my official club visits early, achieving this milestone within the first five months. This approach ensured that the District Governor's goals and targets were communicated promptly to maximize their impact. It also allowed me to dedicate time to intensive District Governor Elect (DGE) training provided by both the district and LCI.

The opportunity to connect with international VDGEs during LCI training has been immensely enriching, and I eagerly anticipate the next phase of training at the Q Centre in St. Charles, Chicago, USA.

With readiness and excitement, I look forward to taking on the responsibilities of District Governor and leading the district to new heights of success and service.

### Yours in Lionism

Harvinder S Virdee





**Personal:**

Happily married to Meena who has stood by me and supportive in all my Lionistic services and activities over the years.

By profession I am a practising Chartered Accountant with a degree in Economics. It has been a privilege to serve as a school governor in a private co-ed school in Woodford Green since 1994 and chair of governors for 4 years, now chairman of the Finance committee dealing with school fees, teachers' remuneration and major development programmes.

**As a Club Lion:**

Inducted as a charter member of Lions Club of Chipping Barnet in May 1982 and a life member of Lions Clubs International. It has been a great honour to serve my fellow club members as their president on 5 occasions, club secretary on 2 and club treasurer on 8 occasions apart from serving all the committees in the club. Playing golf has given me great joy and have been an active member of annual charity Golf Challenge for 14 years held jointly with Lions Club of Mill Hill.

**As a District Lion:**

It has been a privilege to serve our District:

Zone chairman on 2 occasions, Region Chairman, District Credential & Elections officer, District Convention officer and District Treasurer under the stewardship of 5 District Governors.

The hands on work in District events have given me an immense pleasure and satisfaction, among these is the largest ever celebration since 2001 serving the needs of our Senior Citizens.

Also assisted our District by acting as Independent External Examiner, reporting on District Financial statements which are required to be filed annually to the Charity Commission.

**As a 2nd Vice District Governor:**

I was elected as 2nd Vice District Governor in March 2024 and have enjoyed being part of District Governors team, District Finance team and Global Action team. I have also benefitted from training courses and seminars held by District 105A.

**Candidate Statement:**

As a Lion since 1982 going forward I offer my candidature for the selection of First Vice-District Governor. This is a significant post and I humbly believe to be suitably qualified to serve in that capacity with my experience as 2nd Vice District Governor. This will give me an opportunity to further enhance the reputation of our District as the best District in Multiple District 105.



**LION DILIP SHAH & MEENA**

**LION DILIP SHAH**

**NOMINEE FOR**

**1ST VICE- DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026**

**NOMINATED BY LIONS CLUB OF**

**CHIPPING BARNET (MODEL CLUB)**



## **ROB SPRAGG**

### **Personal**

I was brought up in Luton and graduated from the University of Cambridge in 1988 with an MA in Natural Sciences.

My first year working was spent between teaching sciences in my old high school, teaching A-level chemistry at my old sixth form college and setting up my own IT business. The business took priority for the next few years, but I ended up teaching evening computer and networking courses at the local adult education college for the next 19 years. During this time I obtained several teaching qualifications including a Cert. Ed. from the University of Bedfordshire and have been a Microsoft Certified Trainer, a Cisco Certified Network Academy instructor and was awarded train-the-trainer status. This has resulted in me teaching a large number of students and teachers alike. Through much of this time I have been an Associate Lecturer at the Open University, and more recently a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Bedfordshire specialising in Cyber Security, and delivering live lectures for upto several hundred people.

Through work I found myself on the management committee of one of the local alternative learning provisions – which in our area are places where young people go when they are not suited to their educational environment and are in danger of (or have been) ejected from school. The alternative provision grew so much that it eventually became a fully-fledged independent school – which meant the whole management committee suddenly became school governors! I have therefore been a school governor for the last 6 years.

### **As a Club Lion**

I joined Lions originally in 1995 and have had the honour of being President for six of these years, along with treasurer for many more. In my first year we converted the club from male-only to a mixed club, with the corresponding increase in membership.

I have participated in nearly all of the Club's activities over the years and have recently succeeded in changing the Club into a CIO.

I was honoured to have been awarded an MJF by the Lions Club of Luton in 2023.

### **As a District Lion**

I have served two District Governors as Zone Chairman, and more recently served as your Vision officer, Global leadership Team lead and as Global Membership team lead. I have assisted as part of the District IT Team ensuring that our communications work smoothly.

I have worked on a number of Multiple District websites including Child Sight, Brain Tumour Appeal and A Gift For Living.



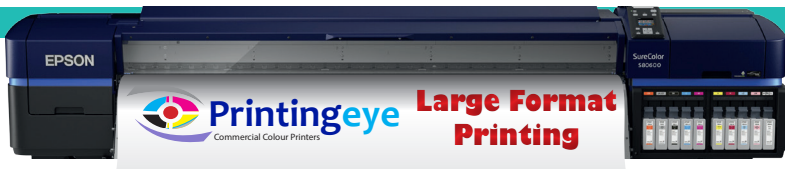
**ROB SPARRG**

I am very honoured to have been awarded a District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation and an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

This year I have participated in the Mission 1.5 Summit in Oslo, as well as been to Vienna for the Lions Certified Instructor Programme and well as helped kick off the Child Sight UK project in our District. This project has the potential to detect and prevent treatable eye conditions in the nation's schoolchildren, enhance the reputation of Lions and our youth programmes, as well as having a positive effect on our membership.

### **Candidate Statement**

The District is now 60 years old and I believe that reforming some of our Clubs, as well as attracting younger members into Lionism is the only way to ensure that our Clubs will be around for the next 60 years. The world has changed dramatically in the last few decades and we have all adapted our lives to fit the new world. Lions must also change and fit into our surroundings in order to both stay relevant and attract the next generation into our organisation. Lions are more needed in the world than ever before and we can only provide service to the world if we retain and grow our numbers. District 105A is the "A Team" and if elected I will be committed to ensuring that we are the best District in MD105.



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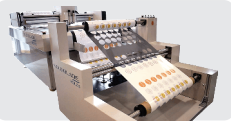
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*Additionally, I want to acknowledge my daughter-in-law, Rupinder, for creating the collages, and my daughter, Rupi, for correcting the many errors found after proofreading.*

*District Secretary,  
Council Chair Lion Kavaljit Dev*



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## About Pavan



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