



THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2020 ISSUE

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Greetings Lions and Leos of 20 E1,

Labor Day has come marking the unofficial end of summer. Most clubs are gearing up for activities to help their communities. We need to adapt to the new world. Many clubs are trying new activities. Drive-thru fundraisers is something that has become very big. Each club can continue to serve their neighbors while staying safe. We must keep creative and try some new ways of doing things at meetings, service projects, and fundraisers.



Being creative, I decided to try and change things up this year. Normally, the District Governor chooses a district project and clubs try and contribute to make it successful. However, this is a special year and requires thinking differently. Therefore, I have chosen 2 district projects. I was going to choose a Childhood Cancer project, called The Magic Yarn Project. Then, looking at the community needs and some gentle encouragement by Helen Unterborn of the Kendall Lions, I decided to add a Hunger project. The St. Peter's Soup Kitchen was chosen as a community source of food, companionship, and warmth. I know this will be tough year due to the loss of fundraisers but remember my theme: *Challenge Yourself!* Both projects are written up in this newsletter.

FREE...FREE...FREE Got your attention? The USA/Canadian Forum has been a great way to learn about Lionism and get enthused by motivational speakers. It usually involves travel, but this year it has gone virtual for only \$20. The first 60 Lions who give proof to Cabinet Treasurer Jan that they paid for the forum will be reimbursed. In parallel, if a cabinet member is a first-time attendee, the Past District Governors will reimburse you.

We still have a little time if you would like to attend the MD20 Leadership Institute, but time is running out. This training could give you the tools that the district desperately needs, because we all want someone to volunteer to be a 1st and 2 Vice District Governor next year.

Challenge Yourself,

District Governor Mike Donner | 20-E1 The Genesee River Region
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Zone 6 Chair David Markham

Region 4

Zone 7 Chair Gary Nacaster

Zone 8 Chair Gary Nacaster

Region 5

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Zone 10 Chair Tracie Edwards



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If you would like your fundraiser / event to appear on the Calendar Page, please list separately at the end your article submission.

When listing these, include only:

Day, Date, Name of Fundraiser / Event



District Governors are required by Lions Clubs International to visit every club within the district at least once a year. Although this is a responsibility, for me it is a pleasure and I look forward to it and I will be happy if I could meet all your members. It will be a unique opportunity: for me to learn about your club and your services. Please let me know of changes.

T	9/15	Fairport
Th	9/17	Cuba
W	9/23	Greece-Ridge
Th	9/24	Dansville
Th	9/28	Bolivar
Th	10/1	Angelica
T	10/6	Medina
W	10/7	Spencerport
Th	10/8	Scio
W	10/14	Lyndonville
M	10/19	Canaseraga
T	10/20	Hamlin



MD20 Leo Chairperson Pablo Romano, Leo MD20 President Melissa Amante, District 20-E1 LEO's Chairperson Curt Burdick and 20-E1 DG Mike Donner met via Zoom Conference to discuss the Leo Program in MD20



The Golisano Children's Hospital is the home of this Brady Buggy. They sent thanks for the incredible support IPDG Rick Whitney and Lions Clubs from 20-E1 provided. "We are thrilled with the buggies. They are wonderful and have been a much-needed addition for our children's hospital."



A gift in appreciation for a wonderful job by IPDG Rick Whitney

First Cabinet Meeting of the Year

The First Cabinet meeting was highly successful. We had a good turnout. Everyone practiced social distancing and masking. It was good to see faces in person and make contact with fellow Lions. Some of the highlights were:

- The Cabinet voted to pay the \$25 dues for all Leos clubs
- The Finger Lakes Hearing Foundation has presently suspended its collection of hearing aids but will resume doing so in the future.
- PDG Lund suggested removing all eye glass collection boxes until further notice.
- DG Mike is the District Campaign manager for PID Doug Alexander who is running for President of LCI and is selling raffle tickets to support the cause.
- The Cabinet realizes the dire need for both a 1st VDG and a 2nd VDG for next year.

Passing the gavel

from Rick to Mike



A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

**Complete Event Registration Fee
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions**

\$20

Learn More - Register Now!

<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925061>



From surgery to radiology to chemotherapy and all the side effects in between, battling childhood cancer is a long and painful journey. While not the most severe of side effects, hair loss can still be difficult for the young patient. The district is taking on a project making wigs that can transform these young patients into fairy tale characters, superheroes, and most popular of all, Captain Jack Sparrow, from the Pirates of the Caribbean. How did we find this project? It had a write-up in the Lions magazine.

The Magic Yarn Project is a nonprofit organization crafting character wigs for children with cancer. Their mission is to bring magic into the lives of children battling hair loss, and to inspire volunteerism to make a difference. From donations for supplies to time devoted to putting these wigs together, there are multiple ways you can help bring magic into the lives of these young and brave patients with a Magic Yarn wig.

The Lions of Chili hosted a special day with the Magic Yarn Project. We put it in Facebook, and we were not sure if anyone would come. We ended up with 30 people. Some people decorated cards, and some made wigs. I helped on both and if I can do it, anyone can do it. The wigs get put in a plastic bag. The first thing they see is a beautifully decorated card, with stickers, special tape, and all kind of embellishments. They open the card and they see the name of every single person who worked on the wig. I have worked on a lot of Lions projects, but I have never seen such enthusiasm. The vast majority asked when the next event was and told me they will be bringing more people next time.

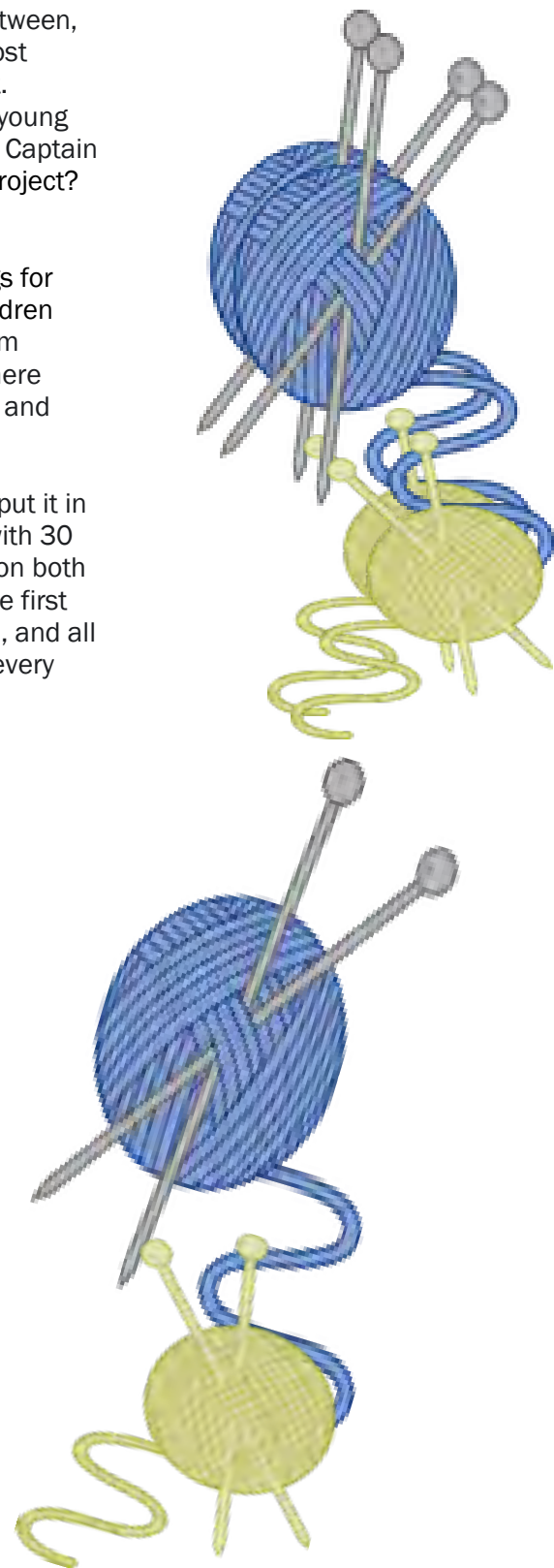
I ask for your help, by helping making wigs, donating, or both. I am not sure when we will be able to host a Magic Yarn project due to the pandemic, but we will do this when we get the chance.

Checks can be made payable to: **MD20-E1**. Please write on your check: Magic Yarn project.

Please send all donations to:

CT Jan Infantino
9730 Highland Avenue
Dansville NY 14437

Thanks,
Mike





Trading Pin News

They are available from Kevin Monaghan
585-233-9148 | kpfm@juno.com

The district has two new pins available. The first is the 20-E1 District pin, and the second is the MD-20 pin for the 2021 International Convention in Montreal, Canada. The cost of each pin is \$2.

Kevin will have the pins at cabinet and leadership meetings as well as other Lions' events throughout the year. Requests can be made for pins to be sent by mail but the requester will need to pay the shipping cost.

2020 Northeast Pin Swap - A Success

A great many changes were made since the swap was planned ten months ago. With the state governor shutting down access because of the virus, we ended with traders from New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota and New York. Everything occurred at our home. The Kendall Lions Club had put up a large party tent beside the barn.

Tuesday evening before the swap everyone had been invited to meet for dinner together. Wednesday morning traders started arriving at the barn. Body temperatures were checked as people arrived. We had ten tables under the tent where boxes, bags and tubs appeared and "dumpster diving" started. Pizza and chicken wings were served for lunch followed by ice cream an hour later. Meg Ager coordinated the wine tasting experience with a maple syrup flavored wine from New York and peach flavored and a cranberry flavored wine from New Hampshire. Before we went to dinner, everyone helped move the mobile displays in the barn and placed covered tables in rows along the four sides and another row down the middle of the barn. This allowed for extensive spacing and separation divided by pin displays. The weather was fantastic and a number of traders spent a great deal of time outside under the tent the next two days.

Thursday morning started the heavy trading. I eventually traded for over 500 pins personally. Walter Keach won the Thursday pint of



New York State maple syrup door prize. Fresh subs were ordered from a local deli and ice cream was passed an hour later. Meg had a repeat wine tasting. Some of the New York traders, including our current District Governor, Mike Donner only spent part of the time with us but at least had a chance to "drink the Kool-Aid" or experience the fellowship. Thursday evening we ate dinner in Brockport as a group.

Friday morning we all met for breakfast. We discussed what went well and what the group may do another year. The Northeast Pin Swap moves each year. International Director Gary Brown had sent me a message I shared with the group. He said it was fine to share so it may appear elsewhere in the newsletter. We had free drawings for small pads of pins similar to the LITPC annual meeting. Don Ager, Tim Newell, Walter Keach, Phil Dzurnak, Bruce Savery, Kevin Monaghan and Lois Whitney each won a pad. At the barn, Tim Newell won the daily door prize of a pint of New York State maple syrup. Subs were ordered for lunch followed by ice cream and later wine tasting. The mystery trader passed out the LITPC pin, the first one this year. Many pitched in to put all the tables and chairs away and reposition the mobile display racks. Thank you committee members PCC Don Ager and Meg, PCC Paul Viano and my wife Donna.

by PCC Jim Schiebel

St. Peter's Soup Kitchen | District 20 E1 Lions Club Challenge



St. Peter's Soup Kitchen has been serving the West Side Community of the City of Rochester since 1982. Their mission is to strive to build a stronger community by welcoming all in need, treating everyone with love, and attempting to eradicate hunger in downtown Rochester NY.

The kitchen started out as a once-a-week Saturday soup and sandwich program. Today it serves a well-balanced and nutritional lunch, including all the recommended food groups, to an average 130 people a day, Monday through Friday. The kitchen benefits from a partnership with Food Link and the generosity of area grocers such as Wegmans, Trader Joes, the University of Rochester and individuals in securing food for our lunches and pantry. Guests come from all walks of life; many have troubles with addiction, mental ill-

ness, physical illness, lost homes, and low wage earnings. St Peter's is a non-referral agency meaning anyone who walks through our doors is welcome to share in a meal. **The kitchen has had to purchase take out containers using almost 1 case per day costing about \$70.00 a week and other supplies.**

If you care to donate, they need napkins, 10 oz. soup cups with lids, paper lunch bags and individual packets of salt and pepper, ketchup, mayo and mustard. They were not prepared to do daily takeout meals but have had some wonderful donations that have given them the ability to serve in this fashion. Please call ahead if you plan on donating items so they can confirm the need.

St Peter's Soup Kitchen

Mailing address:

PO Box 11031 - 681 Brown Street - Rochester, NY 14611 | [585-235-6511](tel:585-235-6511)

Location: 681 Brown Street, Rochester, NY 14611, *Entrance & Parking around back of the building.

Website:

<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>



Lions Global Cause

Our Strategic Objective

Ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

District 20E1 Lions Club Challenge

Lions,

During this time of Covid-19, many individuals and families are impacted by growing food insecurity. While our clubs have been consistently working to help those in our immediate areas, there are many families in the Rochester area that do not have the benefit of Lions support. As harvest begins, I would like to challenge our 39 clubs to reach out in a small way to make a big difference in the fight against hunger.

St. Peter's Kitchen is a 503c nonprofit organization working to meet the needs of those people in the city of Rochester experiencing hunger. (See attached info sheet) For over 30 years they have been providing nutritious, balanced lunches to the needy in Rochester. With the advent of Covid-19 they have had to switch from serving inside to take out only. This has created an additional financial burden to the kitchen. If within the next 3 months each club could pledge to donate at least \$100 we could fund the purchase of take out containers needed to provide lunches for a year!

Please carefully consider joining in this local fight against hunger. If you have questions, feel free to contact: Kendall Lion Helen Unterborn at hunterborn@rochester.rr.com or 585-734-8727.

Checks can be made payable to: **MD20-E1** Please write on your check MD20-E1 Hunger project

Please send all donations to:

CT Jan Infantino
9730 Highland Avenue
Dansville NY 14437

**Please send donations by December 1
so that we can make a district presentation to the kitchen before the year ends.**

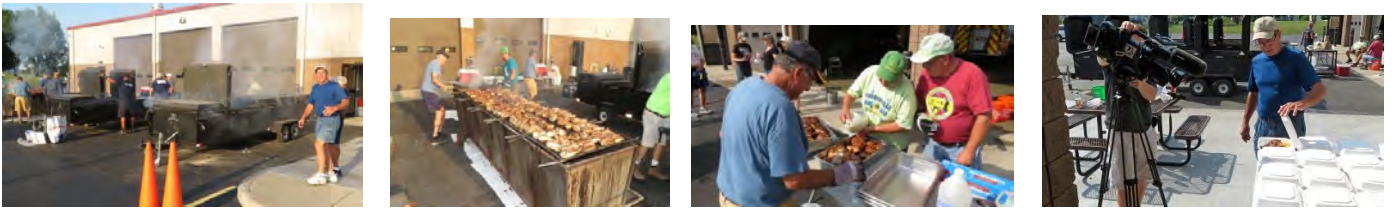
Churchville Lions Club

CHURCHVILLE RIGA GIVE BACK DAY CHICKEN BBQ

And Fireworks TOO! August 22, 2020

The Churchville Lions along with the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department hosted a Very Successful “Give Back Day Chicken BBQ” on Saturday, August 22nd with a community wide drive-thru from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Fire Hall on Washington Street at \$10 each. For more insight go to https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2020/08/23/churchville-organizations-celebrate-healthcare-workers-at-unity-hospital?cid=share_clip.

6 AM the three grills were fired up and by 7 AM the first of 1248 Chickens were being cooked! And TV Cameras Too!



They were boxed up with delicious salt potatoes and a cup of apple sauce to go.Until SOLD OUT !! J



146 boxed dinners were donated to the Front Line Workers at Unity Hospital and delivered by a Fire Truck escort.

CHURCHVILLE LUMINARIA CELEBRATION “Relay for life” GREAT SUCCESS!



The annual Churchville Luminaria Celebration was held on Wednesday August 12 and was a great success. The event is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Donors purchase luminaria bags both in Honor of Cancer Survivors or In Memory of Loved Ones Lost to Cancer. When the Riga Town Board voted to have their summer concert series in these unprecedented CoVid times, the Churchville Lions Club also agreed to continue the Luminaria Ceremony which has had wonderful community support in the past. The popular Beatles Tribute Band "8 Days a Week" were the featured musicians and as expected drew a large and appreciative crowd. The village people (Village of Churchville office staff) collected the donations and the luminaria bags were brightly decorated by students from the Churchville-Chili LEO Club in their homes. After the concert Churchville Lions Club members Mark Kohler, Jim Pressey and Marty Molinari set out the bags for display before the Village Gazebo. They were assisted by LEO Club Advisors Janelle Hernandez and Tish Juergens (and husband Ken Juergens). The ceremony is an emotional and moving experience for those attending as family, friends and neighbors are honored and remembered. After the ceremony those purchasing luminaria bags were invited to take them home for further remembrance and reflections.

The Churchville Lions Grill Team (Lions Buzz and Linda Mantegna, Gary and Jackie Easton, George Beldue and Al Arilotta) cooked hots, burgers and sausage during the event and the net proceeds were added to the luminaria total, all of which was donated to the American Cancer Society.



Irondequoit Lions Club

Even though members have not been able to hold in person meetings, members of the Irondequoit Lions club are still busy following through on their community projects.



Also school supplies were purchased and donated to the Irondequoit Community Cupboard which is a continuing project for the Club.



Lions Scott and Bill Davis (front) with staff from ICC



They have officially reopened their Little Free Library with all new and sanitized books and children's magazines including High Lights and High Five. It has been well received since local libraries were closed for 5 months.

Officers met to discuss the 20-21 Lions year budget and upcoming projects if we can do them. The hope is that we will be able to start meeting in person in late September.

The Kendall Lions held our first in person meeting since last March at the firehall, outside with masks, in accordance with Covid regulations. We had 24 members present. Lion Bob began his year as president by updating the club on our service and donations over the summer. Discussions were held on how we can adapt our events normally scheduled for the fall to continue to be an active presence within our community.



Membership chair Lion Mike Cusimano inducted our newest member, Lion Mindy Zyre. She is sponsored by Lion Secretary Candy Minigiello. Lion Mindy jumped right into service helping with our Senior Citizen check in program over the summer



**Our annual Pumpkin Patch event
will be held on
October 3rd 9 -11 AM
at the Fire Department grounds.**

Partyka Farms is donating the pumpkins
and we will allow families
to pick out a pumpkin,
maintaining social distancing.

Pumpkin Patch Event . October 3

Medina Lions Club

Vision Screening Update



Congratulations to Lions Carol Bellack, Don Colquhoun, and Mary Hare for obtaining the Lions Club *Vision Screener Certifications*.

The club now has five certified members.

There are no scheduled Zoom sessions for 2020.

Members interested in being certified can go online at Lions Club web site titled *Certification: Lions KidSight USA Foundation Vision Screener Certification*.

The link is <https://lionskidsightusa.org/certification/>

Any member with questions can contact Lions Jim Hancock and Ann McElwee.



Chicken BBQ - First Fund Raiser – Saturday, August 8

Medina Lions Club's, first fundraiser for 2020, a community chicken BBQ drive-thru, takeout only event was in conjunction with the Medina Area Partnership (M.A.P.). "The Lions had originally planned to order 450 halves of chicken, but when they sold 400 presale, they decided they better up their number. They ended up having 620 halves cooked and they sold all but 30" (Kropf, para. 4).

Pictured above is a "photo by Ginny Kropf: Tim Fischer, left, and Mike Hoch, both employees of Chiavetta's, tend the chicken cooking next to the railroad tracks by the Medina Senior Center . . ." (Kropf, picture 1) parking lot on West Avenue.

The event was an outstanding success thanks to Chiavetta's Chicken, Chairperson Lion Tim Moriarity, Lion Jim Hancock, many fellow members, and nonmembers, who volunteered.

Members helped Olcott Lions' Motorcycle Dice Run – Saturday, August 22

Olcott Lions Club hosted a Motorcycle Dice Run on Saturday, August 22, with the assistance of the Lions Clubs in Wilson, Wheatfield, Lockport, and Medina. Lions Don Colquhoun, Ann McElwee, Dean Bellack, and Jim Punch managed their location at the Erie Canal Park pavilion.

The five Lions Clubs raised \$750, which was divided among the five clubs to donate to the food pantry of their choice.





Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.
Lions Eye Bank at Albany / Rochester

2020
a year with VISION

RAFFLE

1st PRIZE \$2500

2nd PRIZE \$1000

3rd PRIZE \$500

\$20 per ticket

Drawing held December 3, 2020

For tickets contact:

Lion Lettie Saheim 518-753-7867
e-mail: lsaheim117@gmail.com

Lion Victoria Adler 518-489-7606
e-mail: vadler@lionseyebankalbany.org

proceeds to benefit

Lions Eye Bank at Albany / Rochester

Sight-Saving . Life-Changing

Dear Fellow Lions:

The Sight Society of NENY, Inc. (Lions Eye Bank at Albany/Rochester) would like to offer you, your club members, family and friends an exciting opportunity to support us and our mission to give the Gift of Sight.

We are hosting our First Fundraising Raffle. The price is \$20.00 per ticket. The lucky winners will receive:

1st prize - \$2,500

2nd prize - \$1,000

3rd prize - \$500

The drawing will be held on December 3, 2020 at the Sight Society's Holiday Open House. You need not be present to win.

In today's challenging time and with the present economic outlook it is extremely difficult to maintain our charitable operation without outside support. Please help us by purchasing one or more raffle tickets.

You may call Vicki @ 518-489-7606 or email vadler@lionseyebankalbany.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

Mark your calendar now

**MD-20 Lions New York/
Bermuda Convention**

MAY 14-16, 2021

Syracuse, NY

<https://www.md270lions.com/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MORE

For details (location/times, etc.) refer to page referenced article that appears in this newsletter ,
visit Club website / Facebook or contact direct.

October 3 Kendall Lions Annual Pumpkin Patch Event Pg. 13

November 3 Kendall Lions Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

Virtual USA/Canadian Forum

September 25-27, 2020

MD-20 Convention

Syracuse, NY
May 14-16, 2021

2021 Lions International Convention

Montréal Quebec
June 25-29, 2021

USA/Canada Forum

Des Moines, Iowa
September 9-11, 2021

Deadline for newsletter articles by the 8th of each month.

Send to Lion Karen Guarino @
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