LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

DISTRIST 33S Mid Winter Reports 2020-2021



Sandy Fife District Governor



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DISTRICT 33S MID WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 23, 2021 VIRTUAL BY ZOOM

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM ~ VOTING ON ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST ON ELECTION RUNNER

9:00 AM -10:30 AM BUSINESS MEETING

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Deceased Lion Members

District 33S

ABINGTON ~ Philip Hamric

ACUSHNET ~ Edward Govoni, Cletus Oliver Lawson, Lawrence P Mulvey, William T Murphy

ATTLEBORO SOUTH ATTLEBORO ~ Howard E Hoover, Kenneth Kingsford, David Moyer

BARNSTABLE-YARMOUTH ~ Jerry L DePalma, James Harper Jr.

BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY ~ Dorothy E Silva
BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY ~ Gary Saccocia
DENNIS HARWICH ~ Frank D Ciambriello
EAST BRIDGEWATER ~ George M Hart

In Memoriam
To our fallen heroes
Gone from sight, but never forgotten
May you rest in Peace

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FALMOUTH ~ Patricia Mac Connell

LAKEVILLE ~ Roger M O'Shea

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PLYMOUTH ~ Robert B Foster

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MID WINTER REPORT

The District Governor year does not start in July so let me go back? In February I had the opportunity to travel to LaSalle Illinois with my fellow Governors. It was a fun trip with great training opportunities and bonding with my governors and governors from around the world. We got our marching orders and came home enthusiastic to set our goals. I got to work on them immediately. Then COVID hit and it hit Massachusetts hard. Over the next few months I looked at my goals many times. On LCI I had maybe 10 revisions wanting to improve them but also wanting to be realistic. My main goals did not change ~ membership, reporting and support of LCIF. It was the how, the when, the what, the where, the how much that changed. How could I ask my Presidents, or my Clubs to look at goals when they were all struggling with their own? I started concentrating on what I could accomplish as we moved through the early phases of the pandemic. I filled my Cabinet. I worked on the Directory. All things I could control. Sadly Singapore was cancelled. In July I held my first Voting Cabinet Meeting. It was a hybrid model. We did a cookout for those who felt comfortable and needed socialization and we did a Zoom for all. When my Cabinet came together ideas of how we could make this year successful while making sure our Lions remained safe began to flow and leading during a pandemic became a positive challenge.

Plans were put in place to take an event that had a 30 year successful history and adapt it to the current situation. Instead of a walk we would do a Marathon Drive for MLERF. We also came up with an idea to make a District 33S Cookbook to raise funds for MLERF. Both ideas were greatly received by our members. Recipes were shared and ideas to greet the Governor as she drove with her CST around the District began to be put in place. The Cookbook went to print in August.

All Club visits in July and August were cancelled due to the restrictions on gathering limits. Many Clubs signed up for Zoom and began adapting their meetings and fundraisers. The Club visitation schedule was revised many times to help the Clubs adapt to the changes. To date my CST and I have visited 25 Club either in person with masks and social distancing or by Zoom. I thank the Clubs for their flexibility. In July we held a Zoom meeting with the Global Action Team and the Club Officers. It was greatly received. In August came the first Zoom Cabinet Meeting with break out rooms so clubs could talk about the successes and obstacles they were enduring.

Also in July we received a \$10,000 COVID Relief Grant from LCIF. Working with IPDG John Babb and 1st VDG Martin Middleton, criteria for distribution of the funds was established and shared with area hospitals. 6 hospitals in our District received funds in September for PPE's and Hand Sanitizer Stations. In August my Hunger Relief Coordinator, PDG Bev Dillon, applied for a Community Impact Grant to do a food packing project in the future. \$3,925 was received with other funds were donated or raised on Facebook.

During the first few months my Global Membership Team Leader, PDG Kathy Salem, was real busy. In July we committed to implementing the North American Membership Initiative and started to put our plan together. PDG Kathy was chosen as our NAMI Champion and we started to build our NAMI Team. Many of our past leaders and members volunteered to help and chair the 4 focus areas. Working with LCI and the Paws of Comfort Branch Club, the branch club was converted to a new Lions Club ~ SE Paws of Comfort Club. For this we received a FAST START Award and it was presented at the USA Canada Virtual Forum in September. We continue to work on NAMI and membership. With COVID we have been restricted on new club canvassing and hope with spring to start another Club in our District.

In August many of us also attended a Kids Sight Class and became Lions Kids Sight USA Foundation certified. Eye Screening in our schools has been very successful in our District and we hope to get back in our schools in the spring. Lions Quest was put on hold until next year.

In September we started selling tickets for a Raffle to benefit Lions Club International Foundation. My LCIF Coordinator IPDG John Babb oversaw the raffle. We set a goal for 100 % participation by our clubs. Working extremely hard we accomplished this goal and raised \$3,500 plus for LCIF.

As October approached we were finishing up many initiatives. The Cookbook, the Raffle for LCIF and the Marathon Drive. It was a beautiful day. We set out at 8 am on the Cape. As we drove from Club to Club we were greeted by members. They were in costumes and several clubs held service projects that day too. 25 Clubs participated and \$13,752 was raised. That day we also sold 88 cookbooks! A much need adrenalin boost to keep moving forward.

Also in October working with members of our Cabinet and Global Action Team as Facilitators, Sue Barbour, Orientation Chair, put together a new member orientation. Personal Invitations were sent out to all members with 12 months of service or less. 53 Lions attended the zoom training and the presentation was posted on our Website for Clubs to share.

We also held our second voting Cabinet Meeting in October.

In November, Diabetes Awareness Month ~ we distributed to each club a bookmark designed and distributed by DG Sandy and Cheryl Germaine, Diabetes Awareness Chairperson.

In November our second Virtual Cabinet Advisory was held with a theme of red, white and blue. Items were collected for Operation Shoebox, for our Veterans. Chaired by Deb Horner these items were distributed to various Veteran homes, organizations and shelters in our area. Carnations were also sold by our District Chair, PCST Pat Salvas with \$1200 raised for Mass Lions Eye Research. In November we held the Food Packing event funded by the grant received from LCIF in August. 33,000 meals were packed that day and 15 Clubs participated. Also in November Secretary and Club Service Chairs Training was held by Zoom, with 19 Clubs and 28 Officers attending. We hope this helps with our Reporting goal. We will follow-up with individual club training.

December has seen an increase of the COVID 19 virus here in Massachusetts. Many Clubs have postponed their fundraisers to Spring and Club visitations are mostly through Zoom. Many of the District Committee events like Diabetes Camperships, Lions Quest, and Youth Camp and Exchange have been cancelled this year. Other events like the Peace Poster, Youth Speech and the Christmas Party for Special Children have adapted to virtual or no contact events. I applaud all the Committee Chairs for their hard work and ask you read their reports. We held a District Virtual Christmas Party in December with trivia and singing and to wish our members a happy safe holiday.

Even in tough times our Clubs and Cabinet have come through with some exciting plans for our District. I thank them for their patience as we have had to change course and adapt our plans due to COVID-19 and for supporting each other in their fundraising and service efforts. We want all our members to be active, stay Lions but most of all be safe.

Second half goals ~ to name a few:

- January ~ increased communication with another Cabinet, Global Action Team Winter Virtual Retreat in January with Club officers (January 11th).
- January ~ Increased Reporting and individual Training of Club Officers.
- January ~ Hunger Awareness Month ~ No Contact Food Drive
- February ~ Childhood Cancer Awareness Month ~ Fundraiser for LCIF.
- March ~ Lions Dav at the UN
- March ~ New Member Orientation
- April ~ Helen Keller Night for MLERF
- May ~ Strengthen Membership Month ~ Develop and Implement Plans
- June ~ Celebration and thank you to all.

Thank you for everything, to all our members, my Clubs and My Cabinet. Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Fife
District Governor 33S

1st Vice District Governor Report

We began this LIONS year deep in the heart of the pandemic. Not since the Great Depression have so many people been in need of our services. We are familiar with reaching out to help complete strangers. We hardly give it a thought. But this year things hit much closer to home. Our friends, our neighbors, our fellow LIONS have been hit hard by the economic fallout of Covid-19. For the first time in our history, we found ourselves unable to simply reach out and help those most in need. Not because we didn't want to help, but because most of our fellow LIONS were in the target group most affected by the virus. We couldn't go out into the community and put our LIONS hands to work, for fear of both catching and spreading the virus. We couldn't meet face-to-face to share our camaraderie, to pick each other up, or to plan service projects and fund-raising events.

And then an interesting thing happened. We began to adapt. We donned our masks and practiced social distancing. We began thinking about ways we could safely be of service. Some of us who were almost computer-phobic, found ourselves taking on technology. We took part in Zoom meetings. We expanded our use of tools like Facebook to reach out and to stay in touch. The word *virtual* became as much a part of our vocabulary as *social distancing*. Sure, at times it was a battle, but we are LIONS; we were born to take on challenges.

And we're not done yet. Yes, the rest of this year will continue to be challenging. Even though we now have vaccines beginning to be distributed across the country, for many of us, those vaccines won't get into our arms until the end of this LIONS year. That means we have to keep adapting. We have to keep our spirits up, and we have to keep fighting the good fight. District Governor Sandy inherited the toughest year any DG has ever faced. And she's done an outstanding job keeping us all moving forward, keeping us informed, but most of all keeping the LIONS spirit alive.

I don't believe it's an accident that LIONS was formed during the last great pandemic. Indeed, I believe it had a lot to do with why LIONS came to be the force of good it is today. And I believe that now, like then, we have a tremendous opportunity before us. LIONS have never been more needed. People have never needed to have a sense of belonging more than they do today. LIONS have the perfect opportunity to be beacons of hope for those who need us AND those who are searching for someplace to belong. Let's not waste this chance. Let's not give up, just because it's hard. We can make a difference in, not only the world, but in our organization. We can make sure that LIONS is no longer the Best Kept Secret in our country. DG Sandy is doing her part to make that dream a reality. Let's help her finish the second half of this LIONS

year even stronger than the first. It may not be easy, but it will never be easier. All we have to do is apply our motto, *Not Above You, Not, Beneath You, But With You!*

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIDWINTER REPORT 2021

IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING AND UNFORGETFUL YEAR HASN'T IT? I HOPE EVERYBODY IS STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY. I HOPE WE GET TO SOME NORMAL WAY OF LIFE AFTER WE GET THE VACINE. IF YOU THINK POSITIVE, POSITIVE THINGS WILL HAPPEN FOR YOU. THE FIRST HALF THE YEAR FOR ME HAS BEEN A LOT OF ZOOM MEETINGS MOSTLY. I THINK YOU LEARN A LOT FROM THE ZOOM MEETINGS EVEN MORE THAN BEING THERE IN PERSON. I AM LEARNING ABOUT MY FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND HOW WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER. I DID GET TO A FEW FUNDRAISERS BUT MOST OF THE CLUBS AREN'T DOING MUCH.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDY IS DOING A GREAT JOB CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IS REALLY THINKING OUT OF THE BOX TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITIES, LCI AND MLERF. WE SHOULD ALL SUPPORT HER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

I KNOW CLUBS ARE STRUGGLING THIS YEAR TO FUNCTION AND IF THERE IS ANY WAY I CAN HELP YOU LET ME KNOW. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR ME, I WILL GET YOU AN ANSWER.

IF YOU ARE NOT MEETING IN PERSON YOU SHOULD TRY TO HAVE ZOOM MEETINGS TO KEEP YOUR CLUB FUNCTIONING. MAKE SURE ALL MEMBERS STAY IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB AND IN THE DISTRICT. KEEP THE REPORTS COMING NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO WE IN THE DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON. REACH TO OUT TO OTHER CLUBS, YOUR ZONE CHAIR OR THE DISTRICT FOR HELP. HAVE A TWINNING MEETING VIA ZOOM WITH ANOTHER CLUB. HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER FOR A ZOOM MEETING. I HAVE SEEN SOME CLUBS BE VERY INOVATIVE FOR FUND RAISERS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. CHALLENGE YOUR MEMBERS TO DONATE MONEY PARTICUALLY IF THEY ARE SAVING BY NOT PAYING FOR MEETING MEALS.

I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO LEARN MORE IN THIS UPCOMING YEAR AND HELP BOTH OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. DEVELOPING NEW CLUBS, FINDING NEW MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND TRAINING IS FOREMOST. I CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR YOUTH SPEECH PROGRAM GOING AND HOPE ONE OF YOU WILL STEP FORWARD TO TAKE THIS OVER DURING MY DISTRICT GOVERNOR YEAR. WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE PROGRAM THAT WE ALL ENJOY.

MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT WE GET OUR NAME OUT THERE TO THE COMMUNITY AND LET THE PUBLIC KNOW ALL THE GOOD THINGS WE DO. USE THE PRESS, WORD OF MOUTH, ADVERTIZING AND SOCIAL MEDIA. A LOT OF THE CLUBS HAVE OLDER MEMBERS AND WE NEED NEW WAYS TO GET YOUNGER ADULTS INVOLVED WHICH IS NOT EASY. I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS BUT WE MUST KEEP TRYING TO MAKE OUR LIONS CLUBS ATTRACTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN.

ONCE AGAIN, I AM HERE TO HELP SO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME OR INVITE ME TO A ZOOM MEETING OR ONE OF YOUR EVENTS. THANKS, AND LET'S KEEP GOING FORWARD. THE NEW NORMAL WILL HAPPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 2ND VDG BOB COLUCI

CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

I was honored when District Governor Sandy chose me for her Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. I have enjoyed performing these duties for the past 6 months. Although this has been a difficult year for everyone, there is light at the end of this tunnel.

We have met with about half of the clubs either in person or via Zoom. Still some clubs are not meeting, however we are looking forward to spring and the hope that we might be able to have some in person meetings.

We have held 2 voting cabinet meetings and 2 cabinet advisory meetings. At the first Voting Cabinet Meeting the Cabinet approved the Administration Budget for the year. Items deposited into this account are dues, raffle monies collected and miscellaneous revenue. A MLERF meeting was held via Zoom, so despite COVID we are still going.

The District had to change the way we held our "Blink of an Eye" fundraiser this year so once again our Lions Clubs stepped up and accepted our challenge to raise funds any way they wished. District Governor Sandy and I did a Marathon Ride around the district in one day We were accompanied by Lion Jane Otis. We had 25 clubs who participated.

I would like to thank all the clubs for their "Outside the Box "thinking on all their fundraising ideas. Our clubs go above and beyond to give new meaning to "We Serve".

Thank you to all the club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers for your prompt replies to my emails. Even those that don't originate from me!

Thank you to all the clubs for your hospitality when District Governor Sandy and I attended your meetings both in person and via Zoom.

As your Secretary it is my responsibility to issue the dues for the year. Thank you for your payment of the first half and the second half dues bill will be sent out within the first couple of weeks in January. I would like to remind all clubs that dues must be paid in order to vote at the state convention. I also track all funds in our Committee Accounts.

No including any Mid-Winter Donations the balances in the Activities Accounts as of November 30th is as follows:

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	ACTIVITES E	BANK ACCOUNT	Г 2020-2021		
SUB ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADJUSTMENT:	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL EXPENSES	ENDING BALAN
	7/1/2020				
ACT FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN	\$5,234.60			\$2,000.00	\$3,234.60
AREA OF GREATEST NEED	\$10,285.97		\$250.00		\$10,535.97
DIABETES AWARENESS	\$4,100.00			\$ 225.00	\$3,875.00
DIABETES CAMP	5924.75				\$5,924.75
EYEGLASS RECYCLING	\$9,419.02		\$2,033.32	\$1,659.00	\$9,793.34
HELEN KELLER AWARD (LCI EC	\$450.43			\$37.19	\$413.24
LEOS	\$221.40				\$221.40
OPERATION SHOEBOX	\$10,446.48			\$1,500.00	\$8,946.48
PAW SOX (LCI)	\$2.00				\$2.00
PEACE POSTER	\$325.00				\$325.00
UNASSIGNED (interest/CHECKS)	\$1,754.78		\$6.27	\$0.00	\$1,761.05
WALK FOR A CURE (ADMIN SHI	\$556.94	-556.94			\$0.00
YOUTH SPEECH (MD 33)	\$9,861.25			\$800.00	\$9,061.25
LCIF COVID GRANT			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
LCIF HUNGER GRANT			\$4,125.00	\$4,125.00	\$0.00
LIONS QUEST	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$59,582.62	-556.94	\$16,414.59	\$20,346.19	\$55,094.08
					\$55,094.08
					11/30/2020

Thank you for all your Mid Winter Donations despite this difficult year we have had.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your CST for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadene L. Martin CST

DISTRICT 33-S MIDWINTER REPORT REGION CHAIR 1

This year I'm Region Chair for Zones 1-4. I started off the year having plans to keep in close contact with my Zone Chairs and their interactions with their clubs. I called all four chairs by phone. My intent was for them to keep me informed as they were visiting their clubs and inviting me to any group meetings. I let them know I was available for advice or any questions.

The Covid Virus has made it difficult to do the job this year. Since most clubs are not meeting the Zone Chairs have not been able to visit many clubs. I have heard from Zone 1. ZC Dan Thompson has visited a couple of clubs. It is difficult this year to perform Community service or plan fundraisers due to all the restrictions. It is great to see some clubs are thinking outside the box and still serving their communities. Respectfully submitted,

RC Ben Ellis

REGION 2 CHAIR MID WINTER REPORT ZONES 5 – 7

One of the main goals for RC Michael is to increase Region-level activities. In an effort to achieve this goal during the pandemic (and using the skills from the seminar mentioned in the IT Chair report), Region 2 will host a Game Night after the Midwinter conference where zones will participate in friendly competition for a tobe-determined prize. Visitations are still limited to virtual only but RC Michael is encouraging all clubs in the region to send invites and updates to him.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Middleton Region 2 Chair

Zone 1 Mid-winter report

It has been a challenging year for clubs, they have had to adjust from meeting in person to meeting on zoom. The clubs seem to be getting adjusted to the new normal. A few clubs have started meeting in person and I had the opportunity to meet with them. I attended dinner meetings with Falmouth and Barnstable Yarmouth. These clubs were extremely positive and were in the process of planning events. Barnstable Yarmouth had a white cane event and they also have numerous collection spots for eyeglasses and hearing aids. Falmouth Lions also were holding a white cane day, they are active collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids. Unfortunately, their 2020 auction was cancelled due to COVID. Sandwich Bourne Lions annual pancake breakfast on News Years was drive through due to Covid. They have collected coats for kids from October to January 2,2021. Provincetown had most events cancelled due to COVID, although they had a memory park fundraiser. Dennis Harwich Lions had a make a mask challenge and are meeting via zoom. I have been unable to connect with them and Nauset Lions.

Respectfully submitted ZC Dan Thompson

Zone 2 ZONE 2 MID-WINTER REPORT

2020 July 1st - Present

South Attleboro Village - Members have still been meeting @ Bethany Village Fellowship. They have been donating their time filling stockings, bagging assorted small toys, gloves, stationary items, coloring books and crayons for Christmas is for kids. 23 members transferred from this club to join the SE Paws of Comfort Club. Donated SE Paws of Comfort Banner to the newly formed club. Making up gift baskets of food items to families in the community in need.

Dighton - No Reports and have not responded to any of my emails. Dighton did take part in the District Marathon Drive and held a successful yard sale.

Rehoboth - No Reports and have not responded to any of my emails. Rehoboth did take part in the District Marathon Drive and held a drive by chicken dinner.

Rehoboth Anawam - No Reports and have not responded to any of my emails. Rehoboth Anawan did take part in the District Marathon Drive.

SE Paws of Comfort - Donated \$100 Stop & Shop gift card and \$100 gift card for Shell gas station for a family of a 8 year old struggling with cancer. This club just became a new charter club that was originally a branch club of the South Attleboro Village Club. Ran a yard sale to raise funds for local charities and the community. Helped out with Operation Shoe box. They have been working hard training and getting the dogs prepared for working with the community. This club has been featured on local and regional news stations.

South Attleboro - Club members have been working on purchasing gifts and donations for Christmas is for Kids. They have run a successful golf tournament and pig roast this past Oct. the club is already working on next year's golf tournament. We have collected \$100 worth of items for Operation Shoe Box.

Seekonk - This club has decided to cancel their December meetings due to an increase in Covid-19 cases. They are working on projects with the Seekonk Conservation to build up for Gamino Pond, for having docks on the shorelines for fishing and other uses. One member has left this club. Fundraisers we cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

All clubs are especially hit hard by the Covid numbers in our communities and within our clubs. All clubs are working on ways to have fun and be active within our communities while still maintaining social distancing.

Zone 2 Chairperson, Jennifer Stec

Mid-winter report for Zone 3:

No recent contact with the following clubs:

Rochester (Last attempt was in August)

Participated in the Marathon Drive

<u>Lakeville Old Colony Acushnet</u> (Last attempt was July).

Wareham (Last correspondence was August 31st; Dan was going to give me a Zoom link for a meeting).

Participated in the Marathon Drive

<u>Fairhaven</u> (Last email attempt was Oct. 16)

Participated in the Marathon Drive

Mattapoisett

- Electronics Recycling Event Oct. 17
 - ∘ Raised close to \$7,500
- Family Fun Festival (mini) Oct. 24
 - o Goody bags & pumpkins handed out to kids in cars.
- Kettle Corn Fundraiser Nov. 19
 - ∘Raised \$560
- Facebook Fundraiser November
 - oTotal raised unknown
- Toy & Canned Goods Drive Dec. 12
 - oToys dropped off at Mattapoisett Fire & Rescue for distribution.
 - oCanned goods dropped off at Damien's Pantry food pantry.

<u>Acushnet</u>

- Held Board meetings on Sept. 8, Nov. 10
- Held general meetings on Sept. 22, Nov. 24

Due to the pandemic, I have no plans to visit any clubs until at least late spring. If I make contact with some of the clubs and they have a Zoom meeting, I may attend, though with not many activities happening, there may not be much to discuss. I will keep you posted.

Regards,

Kim Ray Zone 3 Chair District 33S

Zone 4 PCST Lorraine Thompson

Hope this finds you all well. I have been busy with many District items, but unfortunately, have not kept up on my duties of Zone Chair. While my intentions are good, my days are too short. That said, I have been receiving reports monthly from Westport and Somerset, and need to reach out to the others. If I can help in any way, please contact me and I will do what I can to help.

Greetings from Jerry Lawrence, of the West Bridgewater Lions Club. It is with great pleasure that I serve as Zone 5 chairman under DG Sandy Fife.

The Clubs of Zone 5 continue to be creative in finding ways to server their communities in a time of great need. I have only had the opertunity to visit 2 Clubs so far, and gave attended numerous district meeting. I have set up a Facebook group page for the officers and clubs of the Zine. It has been a great tool to communicate club activities and needs amongst the clubs.

I continue to work with other district leaders withing the zone to offer support to a struggling club. We hope to enter the next Lion years with all club still in place.

Communication between clubs and the district stand strong. There have been numerous events in the zone that have received great support from other clubs and club leadership.

To each club in the Zone 5, and beyond, please feel free to contact me if any of you need any help with District questions, or need assistance with your clubs or club activities.

Respectful Submitted
Jerry Lawrence
617-970-6731
Zone 5 Chairman
Abington, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater
Rockland, Witman/Hanson, & West Bridgewater

District 33 S Zone 6 – Mid Winter Report

It was with great excitement to be chosen as Zone 6 Chairperson for the 2020-2021 Lionistic year. Looking forward to visiting the 6 clubs assigned to me and observing how they manage their meetings, member participation, and listen to ideas that flow throughout the meetings and attending Fundraising events and then the Pandemic hit! I found myself relying on emails and zoom meetings. My goal was to meet in-person with all of the clubs and spend time talking to members and officers to determine where they may need support. My Zone's club Presidents and Secretaries responded well to my many emails during the first 5 months and although they are struggling with smaller group meetings, Zoom meetings and Virtual Fundraising, they are adapting and still getting things done. My goal for the rest of the year is to meet these wonderful Lions in person and assist where needed.

Brockton Lions Club – Very responsive President and Secretary. Although a couple of their fundraisers were cancelled, they still were able to offer a service day with a "Book & paper ream giveaway". They were able to hold their Annual Yard Sale and have a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. They also use their Facebook page to share celebrations and milestones met by their deserving members. This is a very dedicated group of Lions.

Easton Lions Club – The largest club in my Zone. Secretary and their Facebook administrator are very quick to respond to emails and Facebook messages. They are a dedicated group of Lions working on Lions Goals and the helping the community. They were able to hold their Annual Golf Tournament and open their Thrift Shop with limited hours. They celebrate members milestones on very active Facebook page.

Norton Lions Club – Very responsive to my many emails, President and Secretary are working to keep their club running well. They meet via Zoom and were able to have one in person meeting with social distancing with DG Sandy. They co-sponsored a Drive-In Movie Night with the Town Rec Dept and the Norton Community Lions which was well received by the Town's people. They participated in the Town's Scarecrow Project and MLERF Marathon Drive. This is a persistent group of Lions.

Norton Community Lions Club – A very busy club. They have been meeting via zoom and are able to achieve 50% participation. Their organized board wants to make a greater impact in their community and encourage members to become more active in activities outside of their meetings. They co-sponsored a Drive-In Movie night in August, they held a virtual \$1000 raffle in September, Memorial Light Fundraiser in November and in addition, purchased carnations for the 2 nursing homes in town, they made masks for hospitals and other areas of need. They continue to wash and pack eyeglasses, and participated in the MLERF Marathon Drive. A very enthusiastic group of Lions.

Raynham Lions Club – I have been communicating regularly with the President. Their club has been meeting with smaller groups and board. They find the zoom meetings do not work well with their membership. They were able to hold their Annual Golf Tournament. They open their club building for use for the Eye glass washing events and operations shoe box packing. They are a devoted group of Lions.

Taunton Lions Club – I have been in touch with the Past President. Currently this club is not active but District is working to help get this club restored. This club has done incredible things in the past and can be made great again.

Respectfully Submitted

Tammy Morrissey

Tammy Morrissey
Zone 6 Chairperson

Zone 7 Mid-Winter Report Representing Bridgewater Academy, Bridgewater Community, Duxbury, Halifax-Pembroke, Kingston, Middleboro, Plymouth, and South Carver

Given these challenging times, the Zone 7 Lions Clubs have maintained a vision of how we can serve each other and our communities at large. Many have shined with great avenues of creativity being born to circumvent circumstances. Some of these such highlights will be noted below.

- Many clubs have been meeting virtually but are still maintaining a presence in the communities as well. Duxbury continually volunteers and assist those in need with their presence at the Lions Share Food Pantry. Kingston is shopping and will be delivering Christmas dinners to some of their families who call upon the Lions for their support. Middleboro has conducted various clothing drives which all have proven to have been wonderful successes. Each drive tends to average over 5,000 punds in weight. What a great way to support their community! These are just a few examples of Zone 7 efforts. There are a few visuals below that will provide some insight into our continued efforts.
- In serving a woman of need of a handicap accessible ramp for the ability to gain safe entrance and exit from her home, the Bridgewater and Plymouth clubs combined efforts and assisted her in attaining her dream and meeting her need.



➤ Thanksgiving and holiday supports were offered to many through the valiant efforts of our clubs. Plymouth Lions conducted two events to fund donations to local food pantries. Through their Solar Plunge and Mask Hunger events, the club was able to raise and donate over \$15,000 for dissemination!!! The photos below offer a view of the fun that was achieved while in service.





The photos below highlight Bridgewater Academy and their project to serve full meals for some of the families in their community for this Thanksgiving holiday.



In closing, Zone 7 clubs are uniting all our efforts in conjunction with all the Lions Clubs of the WORLD in serving those in need. May we all shine on and hold onto the hope and belief in a better tomorrow.

In service ~

Respectfully submitted,

Zone Chair Laurie Silva

Lion's District 33-S Activities for special needs children committee report 2020

The mission of the committee is to hold activities for the whole family that can come together, relax for a while, have a chance to meet other families like theirs and network with each other. Best of all, just to have some fun together, no one is judging or treating them any different than anybody else. There is never any cost to the families for these events, (Well maybe a smile or two).

The committee holds two events a year. One is summer cookout, which due to some logistic problems, we have not been able to have one for a few years and hoping to bring it back in the near future. At the cookouts, we have bounce houses, train rides, pony rides, music, and the famous water fights with us as well as all the usual cookout foods and goodies you can imagine.

The second one is our most special one. The annual Christmas party which is held at the Raynham Lions King Philip Hall. We have a hands on craft table where their imagination come up with wonderful things. There is a coloring station as well as a face painting station. A wonderful hot and cold buffet and desserts are served, all while beautiful holiday music is played for their enjoyment. (we have been known to have spontaneous sing a longs with the kids). The highlight of the day is of course, the arrival of Santa! Every child, siblings included, gets to sit with Santa and say their wishes for Christmas, receive a gift specifically handpicked present from Santa. A photo with Santa to take home and remember the great time they had.

This year has been a challenge to say the least and sadly we could not hold our function. As to reach out to our "families" and let them know we have not forgotten them, we sent out Amazon gift cards to all the children (47), as well as stop & shop gift cards to them to help buy supplies for a holiday meal.



Respectfully submitted, Lion Debbie Masciulli Committee Chairman



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MID-WINTER REPORT DISTRICT 33S

This year as District Administrator my goal is to get all clubs to report membership and activities on MyLion and MyLCI. Some clubs are doing a great job with reporting activities, service projects and membership. Other clubs are having trouble navigating the web-site of MyLion. On November 30, 2020 DG Sandy organized a zoom meeting / training for Presidents and Secretaries to demonstrate the process of reporting on MyLion. Lion Sabrina Boulay who is the Secretary for the Southeast Ma Paws of Comfort Club demonstrated how to report on the web-site by doing her own reporting for her club to show the process. 28 clubs were represented for that training.

In the new year my goal will be to reach out to individual club Secretaries that are having a problem with reporting and work with them one on one. Lion Sabrina will be helping me with this endeavor. My hope for the end of the Lions Year, 2020 - 2021 that District 33S reporting percentage will increase.

Respectfully Submitted, PCST Jane Puccio District Administrator District 33S



HEARING FOUNDATION ADVOCATE

The Hearing Foundation Advocate is the liaison resource person of the Hearing Foundation for the applicants, Lions Clubs and interested organizations (and naturally, about being a Lion!). The advocate is the main contact person with Morton Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital- Cape Cod, the Hearing Foundations' resources for the approved applicants. Being informed of organizations in a Club's area needing information is appreciated. Contact me at 508 679-0871 or tefsb@aol.com with any questions or suggestions. Hearing aid domains can be mailed to Hearing Foundation address or my home 24 Buckley St Fall River, MA 02723

Thank you for helping others hear again.

Respectively submitted, Lion Teresa (Terry) Berard Mid- Winter report 2020-2021



Massachusetts Lions All-State Band

As with everyone this year, the All-State Band has been hit hard by the effects of COVID-19. After much discussion, and in conjunction with the State Convention Committee, the 2020 All-State Band was canceled. All monies due to students and clubs were returned. The committee would like to once again thank 2020 Chairwoman Diane Winslow for her efforts during such a trying and fluid time.

As we set our sights on the 2021 State Convention, it became clear that we were going to face many obstacles. One of our biggest issues was confirming our rehearsal and performance venue(s). Our plan (as it was in both 2019 and 2020) was to lodge our students at the same hotel as the State Convention (The Seacrest Beach Hotel), but due to government restrictions placed on the hospitality industry, we had a difficult time in negotiating our stay so far in advance. Despite this and other factors, the Committee continued to

move forward with revising our application in the hopes that we would be able to publish the applications to the clubs throughout the state in anticipation of our April performances.

With the cancelation of the **in-person** 2021 State Convention, the 2021 Massachusetts Lions All-State Band has been canceled. Unfortunately, due to many complexities, some sort of virtual All-State Band would prove to be near impossible.

We will now begin to look forward to the 2022 State Convention so that we can bring our fellow Lions the sounds of some of the Commonwealth's best young musicians! With that in mind, I would be glad to speak to you and your club about the All-State Band. Having played in the band, I would be glad to share with you my first-hand experience as a student and what this experience means to these young musicians. I would also be glad to help any club that would like to form a relationship with their local high school to sponsor a student (or two, or three!) And of course, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of this amazing experience; we look forward to coming back strong next year!

As an alum, the All-State Band holds a very special place in my heart, and I want to thank District Governor Sandy for appointing me to the Committee. I am sad to see the Band have to take two years off, but I look forward to the years to come when our students will be able to come together again to perform for you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Nathan Garran MD33-S Massachusetts Lions All-State Band Chairperson nathangarran@gmail.com



Hoyle "Partners in Service" Award Mid-Winter Report

It is with great honor that VDG Martin and I participate in the awarding of the PID John & Lion Nativa Hoyle "Partners in Service" Recognition.

Last year, PDG Don & Lion Rachelle Hebert and PDG Dave & Lion Susan Barbour stepped down from cochairing this committee after a number of years administering & overseeing the awarding of this prestigious recognition. We would like to thank the Heberts and Barbours for their dedicated service and for their exemplary representation to this committee.

Past Hoyle Award recipients are listed in the annual district directory. The names of the 2019-2020 recipients were inadvertently left off the list of past recipients in this year's directory. The honored recipients last year were PCC Carl and PCST Cindy Munroe from the Somerset Lions Club. We apologize for the omission. Each year nominations are sought from our 33S Lions for consideration for this award. Presentation of the recognition is made at the District 33S Mid-Winter conference. Typically, there is one couple and sometimes two couples recognized each year.

This year there have been several nominations made of highly deserving Lions couples – some met the requirements of the award and some did not meet all the qualifications though the individuals suggested have all been very active, caring, giving people who have done much for our association and for our district. Thank you to each Lion who nominated couples for this award. The glowing nominations were a pleasure to review. The nominations were reviewed by PID John Hoyle, VDG Martin and I and a determination made for 2020-2021. The award will be presented at the virtual conference on Saturday Jan. 23, 2021.

In Lions Service, PID Joyce & 1VDG Martin Middleton (Hoyle Partners in Service 2008-2009)

2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REPORT HELEN KELLER AWARD

The Helen Keller Service Award program was established in 2014 in honor of Helen Keller, who inspired Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind." She asked that they find a cure for preventable blindness.

The Helen Keller Service Award is for an individual who has accomplished outstanding humanitarian service to the community. The individual can only be recommended by a Club or individual Lion.

The recipient receives a letter, plaque, and Drape Ribbon in recognition of dedicated humanitarian service from the District 33-S Governor and the Helen Keller Service Award/LCIF Chairperson.

As chair of the Hellen Keller award I am asking the clubs of District 33-S to consider giving an award to a deserving individual. When submitting an application, the club is asked to donate \$250.00. All proceeds in excess of the cost of the award are deposited in a district account that can be used in the future by a District Governor to recognize an individual with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Governor is asked to recognize an individual from a club that does not have the means to give awards themselves. So far this year there have not been any Helen Keller Service Award presented. Due to the Covid Virus, so many of our Clubs have not been able to have as many fundraisers as in previous years. Since it is asking for a smaller donation than is needed for a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, giving this award is a great way to both support LCI and honor someone deserving of recognition at the same time.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Bev Dillon, Chair





2020-2021 Lions District 33S

-Mid Winter Report-



Lion Past International Director L. Doug Sime Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund "Program Support and Participation Award"



Lion PID L. Dong Sime Bridgewater Lions Club

1989-1990 33S District Governor

2005-2007 Lions Club International Director

Committee- Lion PDG David A. Barbour, Chairperson; Lion PCC/PDG Ray Moreau, Vice Chairperson

-Overview: The Lions District 33S Lion Past International Director L. Doug Sime Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund "Program Support and Participation Award" was established during the 2012-2013 Lions year upon the recommendation of then 1st Vice District Governor Raymond Moreau. The award was named in recognition of the outstanding time, support, leadership, and achievements in the Fund by Lion Past International Director L. Doug Sime of the Bridgewater Lions Club. In 1998, Lion PID L. Doug Sime was the first recipient of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund "Sight Award", which is now named the "William T. Murphy Sight Award"

-Awards / Criteria: Six (6) awards are given each year in Lions District 33S. For Lions Clubs, one award is given in each of the four Lions Clubs membership size categories for the highest "per capita" donations to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund based on the Clubs total donations to the Fund during the given Lions year and the Clubs final membership count on June 30th of that year. Also, one award is given to the Lions Club with the highest total donation to the Fund in the given year. For the Leo Club category, one award is given for the highest total donation total in the given year. Each of the Club award recipients receive a special award certificate, enclosed in a Lions Clubs International holder, with the award presentations made at the following years Lions District 33S Mid Winter Conference. The award categories, and past recipients, are as follows-

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2011-2012	Dartmouth	Bridgewater Academy	Mattapoisett	Acushnet	Easton	Dennis-Yarmouth
2012-2013	Dartmouth	Bridgewater Academy	Seekonk	Acushnet	Acushnet	Dighton-Rehoboth
2013-2014	Dartmouth	Bridgewater Academy	Provincetown	Acushnet	Acushnet	Dighton-Rehoboth
2014-2015	Dartmouth	Seekonk	Provincetown	Acushnet	Easton	Dennis-Yarmouth
2015-2016	Dartmouth	Bridgewater Academy	Provincetown	Acushnet	Easton	North Attleboro
2016-2017	Fairbaven	Hanover	Provincetown	Acushnet	Easton	Oliver Ames HS/Easton
2017-2018	Middleboro	Bridgewater Academy	Provincetown	Acushnet	Easton	Oliver Ames HS/Easton
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Respectfully submitted,

Lion PDG David A. Barbour, Chairperson South Attleboro Lions Club

Diabetes Awareness Mid Winter Report December 2020

Due to the COVID Pandemic all plans for our fundraising events were cancelled for the Summer of 2020. And the remainder of the calendar year. The kids we supported through our Summers of Sunshine Events were devastated when they learned that the Summer Camps at Camps Joselin, Clara Barton, and Jack were cancelled. There was a glimmer of hope that during the Christmas vacation camps would open and offer a 3 day stay, however with the spike in the number of COVID cases since Thanksgiving those plans have been put aside once again.

Since we were unable to offer any scholarships we have as of July 2020 a balance of \$14,003.21 in the District 33 S Eyemobile account and \$4624.75 in the District 33S Account. Parents are hopeful that an April vacation getaway will be offered at the Camps Joslin and Clara Barton. A decision on the camp's reopening will be made in late March of 2021.

The Committee has not met formally this year due to the Pandemic, but a virtual meeting will be scheduled in February 2021 to discuss alternatives to our previous fundraising efforts. Restaurants are not offering the Dining for cash programs at this time and large gatherings are prohibited.

On a more positive note, District Governor Sandy Fife create a Diabetes Awareness bookmark, which was distributed to all clubs within District 33S during the month of November for Diabetes Awareness month. This bookmark clearly explains what is Diabetes, the warning signs of the disease, and the differences between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. It offers suggestions for lifestyle changes to lower your risk of becoming a diabetic. More bookmarks are available and we will be distributed during future events.

Yours in Lionism, Cheryl Germaine, Chairperson Diabetes Awareness Committee

LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM (LEHP) MID WINTER REPORT

The Lions Eye Health Program ~ (LEHP) is a community-based education program that allows Lions clubs, community organizations and individuals to promote healthy vision and raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss. The mission of the LEHP is to empower communities to save sight through early detection and timely treatment of diabetic eye disease, glaucoma and age related macular degeneration (AMD), and to encourage the appropriate treatment of low vision.

As Chair I serve on the State LEHP Committee. Each month as the District LEHP Chair I submit educational articles in our District Newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading these articles. For more information on the Lions International LEHP Program please visit www.lionsclubs.org to download and print materials locally.

Please forward any topics you would like to see to me.

Respectfully Submitted,

LEHP COMMITTEE (Lions Eye Health Program) District 33 S Committee Chair Lion Sharon Brown (Barnstable Yarmouth Lions)

2020 – 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST MID-WINTER REPORT

The Photo Contest at the Mid-Winter Jan, 2020 we received 11 photos. The following were the winners.

- 1. Animal Life Beverly Saccocia Bridgewater Academy Lions
- 2. Landscape Scott Lebeau Somerset Lions
- 3. Plant Life Janet Boudreau Dennis Harwich Lions
- 4. Weather Phenomenon Kimberly Ray Mattapoisett Lions
- 5. Best Overall Kimberly Ray Mattapoisett Lions

Bev Saccocia went on to State Competition and took first place.

Below please find the criteria and application for the 2021 Annual Environmental Photo Contest. This Contest is a State wide Contest with the winner receives \$250 for their winning photo. The Winner of the Mid Winter District Contest will go on to win at the State Convention on April 24th.

Name of Photographer	
Club Name	
E-Mail address of Photographer_	
Certification Club Chairman	

Lions from clubs in good standing may enter, one from each category an original unaltered high-quality photo paper, 8" X 10"Black-and-white or color (without people) no frame.

Photo will be taken within our South Eastern District. Contest Categories:

- 1, Animal Life
- 2. Landscape
- 3, Plant Life
- 4. Weather Phenomenon

Digital Photos are being received prior to District 33S Mid-Winter Conference January 2021.

Send photos to District 33-S Photo, 75 Jefferson St. Attleboro, MA. 02703

Chairman

Lion - Ken Benny Benoit, District 33S Photographer



Report of the Eyeglass Recycling Committee January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021

The Eyeglass Recycling Committee has certainly experienced an unusual year. Beginning in March of 2020 we cancelled several scheduled eyeglass washing/sorting workshops at the Raynham Lions Hall due to Covid-19. We were, however, still able to supply glasses to the Barnstable Prison for their part of the process to read the prescriptions

The Eyeglass Recycling Committee relies heavily on the District 33-S clubs to collect used eyeglasses, to promote and remind their communities the mission of the project which is to make available glasses for those in need throughout the world. The committee wants to remind all clubs that there are plenty of glasses available to be sent to those in need. The network of all Lions within District 33-S is a great resource of opportunity to make the need known. We have made contact with a few community groups in search of eyeglasses to bring on their mission trips. To date we have not received confirmation of the amount they are looking for and when they need them. We are hopeful that this will occur early in 2021. So please continue to spread the word, it works!!

I would like to again send special thanks to the Raynham Lions Club for their continued use of their hall and storage of the eyeglass container at their site. Also special thanks to all who have continued to participate with the eyeglass workshops.

Let's continue our Eyeglass Recycling Committee's work. Please contact me if you have any questions at 508-336-3637 or via email at nate@natehelge.com. We look forward to seeing everyone at the eyeglass washing/sorting meetings in the near future when Covid-19 is behind us.

Respectively submitted,

Nate Helgerson

Eyeglass Recycling Committee Chair



DISTRICT 33-S MID-WINTER REPORT EYEMOBILE COMMITTEE

This year the Eyemobile Committee has a number of ongoing goals. At the end of last year we sent out a survey to clubs asking for input on Eyemobile usage and recommendations for the future replacement of the vehicle. There was a very limited response to the survey. A subcommittee has been set up to review the survey and fine tune it. It will be sent back out to the clubs. We are hoping to have a better response this time. The Eyemobile BOD plans on using the results of this study to plan future strategy and replacement. Another area of concern is making sure the correct PPPE is available to use the SPOT Camera for screenings. We tried using a plexiglass barrier between the subject and the camera with unsuccessful results. If we are able to start screening we will ask that the volunteers purchase their own face shield and wear them in combination with a mask. At the time of this writing we have had no responses from school nurses in regards to school screenings. No clubs have reserved the cameras for their use.

The Eyemobile itself and equipment are in good working order. It has remained safely in the garage in Lakeville. We are looking forward to the day when it is again used to serve the Communities of District 33-S. The Committee met in August where DG Sandy Fife installed the officers. We met

at Good Days in West Bridgewater September, October, and November. Since we have no new business and the virus is picking up again, we will not be meeting formally in December or January. If there is any new business to discuss it will be done via email.

Respectfully submitted,

RC Ben Ellis, President District 33S Eyemobile Committee

Midwinter Report – Global Leadership Team (GLT) Chair – PDG John Babb, Somerset Lions Club

The pandemic has impacted our daily lives, but leadership training is continuing, mostly using virtual resources such as Zoom meetings. DG Sandy has scheduled President/Secretary training, and Reporting training using MyLion, offered to increase reporting via LCI and District methods. Training was completed during the first half of the year, and planned again for second half of the year. Planning for Emerging Lions Leadership (12-14 Mar) and Regional Lions Leadership (9-11 Apr) is ongoing, and we are looking for interested candidates. Each training will again be virtual, due to pandemic unknowns.

Candidates for Advanced Lions Leadership have been identified, but again, the pandemic is effecting LCI scheduling and planning. We had no candidate for Faculty Development Institute (FDI) this year. The Lions Certified Instructor Program was cancelled this year, and our candidate will need to consider future years.

Leadership Training is available for those that need it. Training for next year's Club Officers is tentatively scheduled for 7 or 8 June (to be finalized).

Respectfully Submitted, PDG John Babb, D33S GLT Chair (2020-2021)



Global Membership Team Report, Midwinter 2021 North American Membership Initiative Report, Midwinter 2021

As always, your GMT is available to help you grow your clubs and retain your members. You can contact any of the Global Membership Team members for help or advice. The members are:

Retention (ROAR and PRIDE): PCST/ZC Lorraine Thompson, Rochester

Orientation: Lion Susan Barbour, South Attleboro Village Family/Women: Lion Linda Schleicher, Norton Community

Leo Clubs: Lions Ed & Gretchen Olney, Dighton

Remember, all membership chairs are considered a part of the GMT, so be sure to help each other out! I thank each of you who have responded to my emails or reached out to me in any way. I am looking forward to working with all of you to re-energize our clubs by adding new members, but also by helping our current members understand how valuable they are!

As of December 10, our district is at 1607 members. We are down 10 members, but it has been difficult to recruit and I am certain we will have a better spring! Before members are dropped, consider having their sponsor or someone with whom they are close to in the club reach out to them to try to find out why they are dropping. Perhaps we can change things or even help them find a club that may suit their current situation better. And let's not let dues stand in the way of holding on to a good member! If someone is having difficulty, especially given the financial constraints COVID has placed on so many, please reach out. We can help with dues in a confidential fashion. I am also willing to contact any member on the club's behalf.

We have added twenty (20) new members (not counting transfers) to our "pride" thus far. I have heard from many membership chairs who are working to add even more as I write this report! Congratulations to the following clubs who have added members this year: (Those with * are currently at a plus for overall membership!)

Abington (1)

Acushnet (1)

• Barnstable-Yarmouth (2)

• Bridgewater (1)*

• Bridgewater Community (2)*

• Easton (2)

Kingston (1)*

Mattapoisett (2)*

Nauset (2)*

Norton (1)*

Norton Community (1)*

Plymouth (1)

SE MA Paws of Comfort (1)*

West Bridgewater (2)

If I have missed any clubs, please let me know!

Our clubs have also been able to reinstate eleven (11) former members who had left Lions. Welcome back! Let's all work to keep our Lions from leaving and bring back others who may be ready to return. It's GREAT to be a Lion!

We have welcomed the Southeastern Mass Paws of Comfort Lions Club! They are continuing to grow their membership even though they are brand-new! And a shout-out to the Nauset Lions who are working to revitalize the former Chatham-Nauset Club and serve their area of the Cape.

Thanks to PCST/ZC Lorraine Thompson, we have re-energized the ROAR and Pride program. Thanks also go to Lion Steve Garran who began this program and kept it going for so many years. We are ordering new pins/rockers, so please be patient as we get those to those of you who have earned those awards. We will be looking to revamp the application forms, but in the meantime, we encourage all Lions to use the current ones and submit them to PCST/ZC Lorraine for the recognition you deserve!

In NAMI news, our teams are working diligently to try to have us grow our clubs. This is a "Club Up" initiative, so we could use your help! The four focus areas of New Clubs, New Members, Re-motivated members, and Support for District Clubs and Leaders have some great ideas, but we could use your ideas to make us the "Superior" District of MD 33! There will be new name for this initiative when other areas of the world join.

At this point, these teams have been meeting virtually, so it should be easy for any of you to join in! No travel needed! We will be working on establishing at least one more club during the second half of the year, hoping to add members to our struggling clubs, improving our communication, and helping to identify and train the next group of Lion leaders. Could that be you?

Keep your eyes open for workshops on holding virtual meetings, improving our public relations and membership ideas. Check out the District website for the Orientation PowerPoint you can use in your club! It will soon be broken down into segments so you can have smaller discussions with your members. Remember, this is for ALL Lions, not just new Lions. If your club wants someone to help with the presentations/discussions, just let us know! We are happy to help!

DG Sandy is seeking to have a plus in membership this year. Every club should be striving to add at least one more member to their club this year. What are your club's goals? How are you helping to keep members engaged even with the COVID restrictions? I would like to encourage every club to use the Club Quality Initiative to see how you might want to change things up and keep your club members engaged.

It has been a challenging, but productive first half of the year. Let's keep ROARING! We can do this if we all work together!

Yours in Service, PDG Kathryn Salem, GMT Chair & NAMI Champion

2020-2021 Lion District 33S

Mid Winter Report: Global Membership Team: ORIENTATION Chairperson- Lion Susan Barbour

On Monday October 19. 2020 we had 49 attendees to our on line zoom presentation. District Governor Sandy sent out invites to all the club and advertised the event at all visitations.

We had eight (8) Presenters: Sandy Fife DG, IPDG John Babb, PDG Kathy Salem GMT, IPID Jocye Middleton, 1st VDG Martin Middleton, 2nd VDG Bob Coluci, PDG Sharon Audette, and Orientation Chair Susan Barbour.

A Virtual Power Point program was presented for 90 mins and the time flew by.

What a great job the presenters did. There were a few questions at the end but the program was presented so well everyone had their "I'm a new Lion" or I never understood questions answered.

It was an honor to have worked on this presentation for Governor Sandy Fife We are planning to do the presentation again in the spring for those who missed it this time.

Suggestions for the next time: Just a few minutes for a break and not the ten (10) minutes that were

scheduled, add music during the break, and make a list of addresses on the screen for the presenters.

As a follow up to the presentation, the power point program is now posted on the District 33S website and can be accessed by anyone on the Lions District 33S website at:

- -Go to district33s.org
- -Click on "Forms and Downloads"
- -Click on "New Member Orientation Form"
 (a.k.a. Lion District 33S Member Orientation Power Point Presentation) Respectfully

submitted,

Lion Susan Barbour, Orientation Chairperson South Attleboro Village Lions Club

Family and Women's Specialists Mid-Winter Report

I am honored to serve as the Family and Women's Specialists for our District. The Family and Women's Specialist position is a member of the Global Membership Team. This position oversees the growth and participation of women and family members throughout the district or multiple district. Responsibilities include the following:

- Oversee the recruitment of women and family members throughout a three-year term
- Establish goals for the recruitment of women and family members.
- Develop new service projects geared to interest women and family members.
- Plan and conduct a symposium or family involvement event(s) to address the needs of the community served.
- Mentor and encourage clubs.

This year has been very challenging in recruitment of new members due to COVID 19. With the vaccine in site it is our hope to be able to assist our GMT, Kathy Salem, to recruit new members and work with GST, Sharon Audette, to encourage additional service projects in our District. Families can accomplish so much when they work together to offer community service projects during this needed time. District 33S also is working on a Women's Symposium with a focus on Diabetes, that had to be postponed due to COVID-19. This Symposium will take place in the spring and may have to be virtual.

As COVID 19 has placed many restrictions on what we can accomplish in person we will begin to mentor and educate our members and clubs on the importance of involving families in our community service projects by utilizing the District Newsletter. I also encourage Clubs to access the LCI Resource Center for valued information on this topic.

I want to thank all the Clubs who have recruited new members and continue to make a difference in their communities during this difficult time.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Schleicher

Family & Women's' Specialist

Global Service

The MD GST had a Zoom meeting with PID Gary Brown, from New York, who talked to us about their amazing diabetes partnership with Joslin-Syracuse. This meeting was put together so we could get some background on what they did for their partnership. Dr. Gabbay and Joslin-Boston are anxious to partner with the Lions of MD33. Dr. Gabbay is familiar with the New York Lions program.

At the end of August about 25 Lions of MD33 took part in Lions KidSight USA training. This training was done by PID Dr. Edward Cordes. After the training session there was a Certification Test. We now have Certified Screeners in our District.

On November 28th, Lions from 15 clubs in our district partnered with Outreachprogram.org in Pembroke to package 33,000 meals. Great job!

Thank you to the club Secretary's that have been sending me their monthly reports.

If anyone needs any help with their community service please reach out to me.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Sharon Audette District Global Service Chair

> Hearing Foundation No Repot Presented



2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REPORT HUNGER RELIEF COORDINATOR

Hunger Relief Coordinator is a new position that District Governor Sandy appointe me to this year. Our first project was the District 33-S Project Hungary. We worked with The Outreach Program whose goal is: Ending Hunger . Enriching Lives. The first step in the process was submitting The LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant application. We were approved for a \$3,925.00 Grant. An additional \$600 was raised through Facebook Donations. This enabled the Outreach Program to purchase ingredients needed to package 15,750 meals. The meals are subsequently sent to area food pantries. Due to the Corona Virus the need for these meals has more than doubled this year.

On November 28, 2021 more than 28 District Lions, from fifteen clubs, and Community volunteers gathered at The Outreach Program warehouse in Pembroke, MA. In two shifts over the course of six hours, they packaged and boxed enough meals to feed 33,000 people. The meals will be distributed to pantries mostly located throughout District 33-S.

We plan to have another of these event in March of 2021. More news to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Bev Dillon

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MID WINTER REPORT

With clubs changing how they meet, it has been pivotal that the IT Committee offers virtual chat/meeting support. Many clubs have reached out to receive help and many still are looking for training for how to use meeting technology. To address the need for training, 1VDG Martin Middleton & RC Michael Middleton are hosting a "Conducting Virtual Meetings" seminar on 28 December to teach the skills and software needed to take meetings from painful to useful & fun to attend. IT Chair Michael is encouraging any Lions that need additional assistance to reach out to him, your Zone chair, or your Region chair to get the best support we can provide for you and your club.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Middleton District 33 S IT Committee

2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's Lions Clubs International Convention is being held in Montreal Canada at the Palais des congress de Montreal June 25-29, 2021. The designated hotel for the Massachusetts Delegation is the Delta Hotels by Marriott Montreal. There are many activities planned including: plenary sessions, service project opportunities, Parade of Nations, and International shows. The theme for this year is: Life in Lion. You can register for the event on the Lions Clubs International website.

Region Chair Ben Ellis and I are in the year four position on this committee this year. It will be our job to plan a fun yet informative Caucus and cocktail party for the New England Delegation. More details on this to follow. Since this Convention is within driving distance for many of our fellow Lions, we are looking forward to having a large delegation present from the area. The Committee has State and Prestige pins for sale to help offset the cost of the reception. You can help with this by purchasing a State pin for \$4.00, a Prestige pin for \$5.00 or a set of both for \$8.00. We have plenty available and you can contact us and we will arrange to get them to you. Our emails and phone numbers are available in the District Directory.

A newsletter will be formulated in the coming months to help you navigate and plan your attendance at the Convention. It will include instructions on the uniform to wear if participating in the parade, a schedule of events, and lots of information of what to expect when attending the Convention.

The Multi-District Committee members have not met in person since last summer due to the impact of Corona Virus on the area. We hope to be able to meet soon, but will continue to communicate via email. We will be sure to get any pertinent information out to the District in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Bey Dillon



Midwinter Report – Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Chair – PDG John Babb, Somerset Lions Club

DG Sandy started the year with a 100% Club Participation raffle, which was drawn at the 2nd Cabinet Advisory Meeting on 5 November. All District 33S Clubs participated, and over \$ 3,000 was raised for LCIF. Awareness and LCIF presentations are available and have been given to Clubs who have requested. Will continue to provide outreach and education to District Clubs and Lions/Leos over the remainder of the Lions Year. As of 13 December, D33S had donated over \$ 9,000 to LCIF. DG Sandy's goal of \$ 50,000 is achievable, with Club focus and commitment.

The LCIF Diabetes Grant to Camp Jack (a Diabetes Camp for Children) (Grant **DIA17487/33-S**) is in process of being expended. The full Grant's monies were received from LCIF, based on District matching contributions from last year. The total grant is for \$ 12,525 from LCIF with \$ 4,175 matching from Lions.

The District received a LCIF COVID Emergency Grant early in the Lions year. The \$10,000 Grant (Grant **EMR18715/33-S**) has been disbursed. There were 3 beneficiary organizations for this grant:

- Cape Cod HealthCare (CCHC)
- Southcoast Hospitals Group
- Morton Hospital

DG Sandy applied for and was granted a LCIF District and Club Community Grant of \$ 3,925, for use on the District Hunger project (Grant **DCG18763/33S**). The Food packing project was successfully held on 28 November.

Respectfully Submitted, PDG John Babb, D33S LCIF Chair (2020-2021)



LEO's Report

The Dighton Rehoboth Leo Club have had members volunteering at their local food banks. They have been having virtual meetings and members have made cards to send to seniors living in nursing homes or assisted living communities. They have also sent cards to service personnel. They are helping with the toy give-away this year. They have a new Dighton Lions advisor, and their advisor is trying to enable the advisor to attend the virtual meetings. The school has not yet cooperated.

The Greater Attleboro Leos club has used some of their treasury to purchase food for four food baskets which the club members delivered to families. The Little Leos Club of West Bridgewater has had two official meetings due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the advisor having a personal commitment. Currently they are having a coat drive to help Anton's Coats for Kids.

The Oliver Ames Leos have been organizing food on the shelves for the Mansfield Food Pantry, helping at the Easton Lions thrift store, sending letters to the "Love for Our Elders" organization, sold chocolates as a fund raiser, collecting eyeglasses, bottles and cans. Some members expressed how good helping others makes them feel.

A Tabor Academy student is hoping to start a new club. She is working with PDG Deb, the Rochester Lions and the Dennis Harwich Lions Club to meet the requirements. Having to do everything virtually makes this especially difficult.

. Respectfully Submitted,

Ed and Gretchen Olney

LITERACY REPORT

Hello I am Bev Saccocia, Chairperson of the Literacy project .While this is a difficult year in 2020, the children need books more than ever. They are in school and at home. They have more alone time and I'm sure would love to obtain books to enrich their lives.

Because midwinter is virtual this year I'm not able to collect the books at this time. I am asking you either to email me with pictures of your book donations, and where they were donated or I will come and get them ,taking pictures there.

I have chosen January 14th to collect them. Please advise me where to pick them up. I live in Dennis Cape Cod so I need addresses and the time to meet you. I will deliver the books to schools, community centers ,or homeless shelters whatever your choice is I will comply.

I appreciate your contributions and you will make a young child's life enriched. As of this time I would like to ask for preschool through middle school age books as that is the greatest need. THANKS to Sandy Fife for appointing me to this project. Wish I could have done more. As the year progresses I hope to see you at the State convention if that is okay with Covid-19. Please continue your work that you have started.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Saccocia, Literacy Chair





LODA Lions Organ Donation Awareness

No Report Present

Long Range Planning Mid-Winter report

□ The Long Range Planning Committee has initiated a process to develop a formal long range strategic plan that engages Lions across Massachusetts and touches upon all aspects of Lions service, participation, and community engagement. We have been busy updating the policy and procedures so that it will be a great reference. We have recommended that a change in dues structure is not necessary at this time. Finally, we have recommended the Council of Governors, review the legality and constitutionality of donation accounts at the State level through Constitution and bylaws and create a 501C3 so donations can flow through an environment that is not administrative.

Respectfully submitted

CS Deb Grassi



Hello to all Lions, Leos and Guests,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

As we all know fundraising is down throughout the US and the World. Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund (MLERF) is no exception. The donations collected from the Lions Clubs in Massachusetts are down as well due to the clubs not being able to have fundraisers. All though fundraising is low you would see it in District 33S. They are fundraising thinking outside the box. As of this report, District 33S is at a total donation of \$22,137.55. The State's total donation is at \$42,537.28 which puts District 33S' donations at more than half of the State's donation so far. Right now, District 33S leads the other 4 Districts in donations going into the Mid-Winter Season. Congratulations to District 33S. Keep up the great fundraising and thinking outside the box. The Dartmouth Club took up my challenge in sending letters to the area vision centers and got a few donations from their efforts. Thank you Dartmouth Lions club.

We can all continue this easy type of fundraising by sending letters to your area Vision Centers and to your local businesses asking them for a small donation to help you in your fundraising efforts as your club is trying something new this year due to the pandemic. Let's see which clubs will rise to this challenge and see how many businesses and Vision Centers we can get to donate. If you are having fundraisers with the public, consider investing in the "Square" or any other type of credit card reader. A little device that attaches to your phone that, when setup, allows you to take credit card payments. As one club has told me, if you use a credit card reader the person may be prompted to add a tip which may increase your fundraising money greatly because a lot of people will leave a tip for a good cause.

MLERF has a new and improved website up and running, "mlerfi.com". Please check out this new website and find a lot of information about MLERF, Success Stories, a Lions member only information, and much, much more. The best feature is in the upper righthand corner of the screen, a "Donate button". You can refer anyone who would like to donate, Vision Centers, businesses or the public, to the website and click on the "Donate button" and a secure screen will appear to add all your information for payment. MLERF has also developed a new QR code that all clubs can use on their information material to the public that when taken a picture of with a smart phone will prompt you to go to the MLERF website.

The last thing on my list is this year's first edition of the MLERF Eye Catcher is ready and is going out to all the Districts for distribution. Please read this fact filled edition on what is happening in the different districts, Success Stories, Research hospital information and much more. Everyone Please stay safe, stay healthy and hope you all have a great 2021. Thank you for all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Roland Grenier MLERF President 2020 - 2021



MID-WINTER REPORT 2020-2021



This was our 1st Annual Blink of an Eye Marathon. The DG and her team went city to city to clubs that wanted to participate in this fundraiser. All proceeds went to MLER in each clubs name.

This project took the place of Our Blink of an Eye Scusset Family Day due to Covid restrictions. The District raised over \$16,000 in one day with very little expense. No permits, food, drinks, set up, entertainment, etc. Some clubs did themes to welcome DG Sandy.

There were 28 clubs in the district that participated:

ABINGTON
BARNSTABLE YARMOUTH
BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY
DENNIS HARWICH
DUXBURY
FALL RIVER CAROUSEL
KINGSTON
NORTON
PLYMOUTH
REHOBOTH
ROCHESTER
SOUTH ATTLEBORO
SOMERSET
WEST BRIDGEWATER

ACUSHNET
BRIDGEWATER
BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY
DIGHTON
FAIRHAVEN
HANOVER
MATTAPOISETT
NORTON COMMUNITY
RAYNHAM
REHOBOTH ANAWAN
SANDWICH BOURNE
SOUTH ATTLEBORO VILLAGE
WAREHAM

WESTPORT

Respectfully Submitted,

PCST Pat Salvas



DISTRICT 33S CARNATION DAYS MID-WINTER REPORT 2020-2021

This year 10 clubs participated in the Carnations Days. Three dollars of each bunch goes to MLER in each clubs name. A total of 395 bunches of carnations were sold; raising a total of \$1,185.00 for M.L.E.R.

Many of the clubs donated their carnations to hospital & nursing home workers & patients, fire departments, police stations and many were donated to members who were sick.

Sold	M.L.E.R.
31	\$93.00
72	\$216.00
19	\$57.00
15	\$45.00
10	\$30.00
35	\$105.00
29	\$87.00
37	\$111.00
93	\$279.00
54	\$162.00
	31 72 19 15 10 35 29 37 93

Respectfully Submitted,

PCST Pat Salvas





DISTRICT 33S JFS PENNIES PROJECT MID-WINTER REPORT 2020-2021

We have had three clubs participate this year thus far; Abington, Dennis Harwich & the Paws of Comfort. Many clubs have stated that it has been very difficult to have fundraisers this year due to the pandemic. However, I have been told that more donations will follow in the coming months.

So far, a total of \$444.75 has been raised for Journey for Sight. Thank you to all who have participated.

Respectfully Submitted,

PCST Pat Salvas



OPERATION SHOE BOX

Due to the pandemic Operation Shoe Box (OPSB) donations were understandably not as plentiful as in previous years. Because of your **generous club donations** made to the OPSB account, DG Sandy allowed us to utilize funds to meet the needs of our Veterans and we were able to distribute to the following places:

Women's Vet Clinic @ Providence VA they support homeless women vets and veterans in Transition homes.

The Providence VA Hospital for all the patients. At Providence we were informed that the homeless trailer was CLOSED due to COVID.

When one door closes another door opens so we were on our way to the Hyannis Vet Clinic which has had an influx of homeless Veterans and they had absolutely NO supplies. DG Sandy met us there on short notice as we never had helped the cape before and this is her Home.

Brockton VA Hospital for patients and homeless Vets and they also have a Military Canteen Shop where Veterans can come in and pick up items for FREE.

Then we went to Plymouth (The Nathan Hale Center) in which they provide services to the Veterans in the following towns, Middleboro, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plympton, Carver, Kingston, and Duxbury out of everything we gave them they were most excited about the many jars of peanut butter and Jelly.

DG Sandy received a last minute request to forward packages overseas for 10 soldiers serving, from a Massachusetts Commanding officer who had informed us that his soldiers would receive their packages. I just found out as of this writing one of the soldiers was pleasantly surprised and grateful for our packages.

All this would not be possible without a few Thank –Yous, to the Lions who dropped items off for their clubs and the sorters, also to the Raynham Lions for our delicious breakfast. I also would like to say Thank You to the SEM Paws of Comfort for helping me shop, sort, and deliver to the above mentioned places. Also to our newest Lions Ginny and Peter who had collected 9 large bags of items donated in the memory of her father who had served in the Marines. Also a huge Thank you to Diane Sears and her neighbor who had collected along with other neighbors (mostly veterans) 900 pairs of white socks

In Summary

We reached Veterans in their Homes, away from Home, who are Homeless, and in Hospitals that have become their Home ...

Thank you for all your GENEROUS SUPPORT

Respectfully submitted Chairperson Deb Horner/Veteran





THANK YOU TO OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Southeastern Mass Paws of Comfort (SEMPOC) Lions Club Mid-Winter Report

The newest club in District 33S is the SEMPOC with 23 members who all share a common bond, the love of their dogs comforting. Including 8 Associate members form the SA Village.

We were Installed as a Branch Specialty Club on June 20, 2020 with the S. Attleboro Village as our parent club under IPDG John Babb and Chartered this past October 25th, 2020 with DG Sandy Fife installing us.

Our mission is very simple, these dogs are trained to provide comfort as we serve communities wherever needed "4 PAWS at a time"

At the present out of 15 dog members 13 have completed their AKC Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) all of these dogs have had prior training also. The other 3 dog members are currently on a training delay due to their Lion handlers work schedule.

Prior to the pandemic we had a list of places that were requesting our Lion Paws of Comfort. We did get to visits in VA hospital, Nursing Homes, work places, A school to reduce Stress, and a school for Trauma, a HERO parade around our local hospital also, and one of our Paws was a big hit in Global Leadership Training (GLT) along with other Lion activities. As you can see the pawsibilities are endless.

Since being chartered we have been seen on Channel 5 WCVB (Boston) and heard on WBZ Radio 1030 along with write up in several local papers. With all the recent media coverage we are hoping to bring attention to Lions in general while strengthening the Paws of Comfort. As we all could use some type of comfort during this past RUFF year... With the recent coverage we have 5 potential members coming to our next meeting with their dogs and some are already certified.

Unfortunately we cannot do it alone we need more "PAWS ON THE GROUND".

This is just my thoughts maybe we should focus on other Paws of Comfort throughout our District 33S ex. Cape Cod Paws of Comfort or Upper CC Paws/Lower CC Paws.

Speciality Clubs might be the answer in building membership as people are sharing in a common bond over something they enjoy doing.

To share a little history of Pre- Paws of Comfort

Myself and Lion Cheryl Olson along with Lion Debby had experienced and witnessed Lion Debby's therapy dogs comforting the children of Sandy hook elementary 6 months later at a memorial service. This was 7 1/2 years ago and I will never forget the look on the children's faces and how they would talk to the dogs about the loss of their fellow students or siblings. This will always be etched in my mind.

Also one of our guest speakers at our Installation and Charter was Dr Anthony Salvatore (Asst Principal of Sandy Hook Elementary) who Lion Debby has been friends with for the last 7 years in which I got to know a year ago. He met Lion Debby at the end of her dog's leash at a playground dedication for one of his students in CT.

In summary to quote Dr Salvatore as he knows all to well: "WHEN WORDS ARE INEFFECTIVE

COMFORT DOGS ARE MAGICAL !!!!!"

We would like send everyone PAWSITIVE vibes in the New Year

Respectfully submitted by:

Lion Deb Horner and Lion Monique Tedino Cofounders of the SEM Paws of Comfort



Peace Poster Mid-Winter Report 2020-2021

Participating Clubs:
Bridgewater Academy
Dennis-Harwich
Norton
Norton Community
South Attleboro
South Attleboro Village

The winning District 33S poster was sponsored by the Bridgewater Academy Lions Club.

Special thank you to IPDG John Babb and 1st VDG Martin Middleton for their support. Without their computer skills, virtual voting for the Peace Poster Contest would not have been possible. The guidance of DG Sandy was most helpful as well.

Respectfully submitted, PCT Floran Rozzelle

PIN DESIGN MID WINTER REPORT

The MD33 International Convention Pin Design Committee, in addition to several emails, met via zoom on November 19th with all Committee members present. Potential themes for the 2022 state pins were discussed for New Delhi. Over the next two months we will be working to put pin designs together for the MA pins. As previously mentioned we look to present our recommendations for the state and prestige pins to the Council at your Meeting on February 14th at District K's Mid-Winter as we did last year. Should any member of the Council have a theme for a pin that they would like us to consider, please contact District 33S Pin Design Chair, Mike Francoeur at eagleviewstudio@comcast.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Viano, PCC Pin Design Committee Chair

Lions Quest Project Mid-Winter Report

This program will be very valuable to the school systems post Covid. Due to COVID 19 we have not had the opportunity to move forward with Lions Quest. We received a grant in 2019, provided education seminars regarding the benefit of the program, purchased materials, and was prepared to move forward into the schools in 2020. Unfortunately, implementation has been delayed due to COVID 19 and at the same time this has given the program the opportunity to update training to zoom workshops. Take a moment to review the website lion-quest.org and prepare to introduce this to your school system in 2021.

Respectfully submitted

CS Deb Grassi

ROAR and Pride Report, Midwinter, 2021

The ROAR and Pride programs are back up and running. Many thanks go to Lion Steve Garran for his tireless efforts over the years to begin and maintain these programs! Thanks to PCST/ZC Lorraine Thompson for stepping up to keep it going! We are now in our tenth year of the program.

Recent years have seen seventeen new Lions earn their ROAR awards; many more have earned them in prior years. Let's make it all of our mission to help every new Lion earn this award in their first full year of Lionism! If our members get involved early, they are more likely to understand what it truly is to be a Lion and to maintain their membership.

There have been 155 Lions who have earned Pride awards! The most recent awards are listed below. Congratulations to our members who have recently been recognized as having earned their ROAR or PRIDE pins!

ROAR AWARDS (For Lions in their first full year of service)
Natalie Scully –South Attleboro Village
Ann Kelly-Gordon – Somerset
Dan Thompson – Wareham
Laurie LeBeau – Somerset
Sasha Horton - Somerset

PRIDE AWARDS (For Lions after their first full year of service)

1ST YEAR

Donna Burke – Raynham
Judy Wainwright – Raynham
Diane Rochefort – Rehoboth-Anawan
Sam Reidy – Somerset
Cheryl Olson – South Attleboro Village
Natalie Scully – South Attleboro Village
Scott LeBeau - Somerset

Two Year Chevrons

Bobby Brown – Acushnet Laura Schwall – Rehoboth-Anawan Michael Pasternak –Somerset Sabrina Boulay – SE MA Paws of Comfort Joan Hoyt – South Attleboro Village Pat Rowse –South Attleboro Village

Five Year Chevrons

Ted Cummins – Abington
Kathryn Salem – Abington
Sue Beaulieu – Bridgewater Academy
Doralee Pratt - Bridgewater Academy
Bev Saccocia – Bridgewater Academy
M. Vale Sime – Bridgewater Academy
Arthur Almeida – Dighton
Janice Goulart – Rehoboth-Anawan
Lorraine Thompson – Rochester
Jane Puccio – Somerset

Gail Girard –South Attleboro Village

Dottie Irving – South Attleboro Village
Karen Kull – South Attleboro Village
Rachel Mooney – South Attleboro Village
Lucy Rossi – South Attleboro Village
Sandy Fife- Dennis Harwich
Michael Middleton – Bridgewater Community

Ten Year Chevrons

Karen Benoit – South Attleboro Village
Ken Benoit – South Attleboro
Teresa Berard – Somerset
Lorraine Thompson – Rochester
Joyce Middleton – Bridgewater Community
Martin Middleton – Bridgewater Community

If you believe you have also earned one of these awards and hadn't received it, please let ZC/PCST Lorraine Thompson or me know! We will be either delivering or mailing the awards to clubs/recipients as soon as we have them all in hand! In our efforts to "catch up" with prior year's recipients, we have needed to order many of the chevrons.

One of the best ways to keep our membership strong is to encourage participation in club, zone, district and state events. Active Lions are happy Lions! Let's all make a commitment to try to earn one of these pins and to help our fellow members earn them, too!

Yours in Service, Lorraine Thompson, ROAR and Pride Chair Kathryn Salem, GMT Chair

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Convention Committee has been working with the Seacrest Hotel in Falmouth for the 2021 Convention. The Seacrest is currently closed but their offices will open again in January 2021. They are waiting to see what's going to happen in March before they commit to our 2021 Convention. The Committee has concerns as to how many will attend based on the timing of the vaccination availability at the time of the Convention.

The Committee met with the Council of Governors in December to discuss the issues. Because of the circumstances the Council of Governors voted to hold a virtual convention again this year. We currently have a \$500 deposit on account that can be used toward next year.

2022 State Convention ~ April 29, 2022- May 1, 2022

The 2022 State Convention Chair, Andy Porter has been in contact with Sea Crest and they will keep us up to date on any changes. The contract is still under negotiations but the date and terms are locked in.

2023 State Convention (Dates TBD)

The 2023 Convention will take place in Mansfield, MA at the Mansfield Holiday Inn. The \$5000 deposit from the 2020 cancellation due to COVID 19 will be applied. Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Ray Hebert

State Convention Committee

YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE MID-WINTER REPORT

This year, for the State of Massachusetts, District 33 Youth Camp & Exchange is being chaired by Marianna Reimer Of District A. We have met the past few months in virtual sessions. All of the plans are being worked on, actually they closely mirror the YCE of Summer 2019, of which I was the Co-Chair with Katie Sirois of 'N'. Though our specifics are listed in the 2021 YCE International Directory, our decision on whether to actually pursue exchange students and host families will be a decision to be made early in 2021. We appreciate the support from 'S'.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Armell Youth Camp and Exchange Chair





<u>DISTRICT 33S MIDWINTER YOUTH SPEECH REPORT</u> <u>2020-2021 TOPIC: "IS WINNING EVERYTHING"</u>

This year has been a challenge for all of us with the Pandemic. Trying to make the Youth Speech Program work has been very difficult because of everything being Virtual. The State Committee voted to proceed with the speech contests and we are making it happen. We have had numerous zoom meetings to discuss how these contests will be run. The contests won't be perfect so bear with us. The students will present their speeches live on Zoom.

I need someone to take over my position in two years when I am District Governor for District Speech chairperson and someone to roll onto the state committee. This is a very rewarding job personally. This is important if you want this program to continue. I will Mentor that lion.

There are only six clubs this year sponsoring students with one Region contest having four students compete. It appears we will have three students competing virtually at the Midwinter on January 23rd. It has been hard to find schools and clubs to get involved this year. The winner of the Midwinter contest will get \$1,000.00 and runner ups \$200.00 each. The winner will move on to the State Convention Youth Speech Competition in the spring. The winner of the State gets \$1,500.00 and runner ups get \$500.00 each

Hopefully next year we will be back to normal and we will have more clubs and students participating!!! We are always looking for judges and new topics, so please help us out with this.

I would like to thank all of the clubs who have donated money in the past so we can give prize money to the students. I know this year will be difficult for donations. Also thank you Lions for your help and interest in this program.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
DISTRICT YOUTH SPEECH CHAIRPERSON
BOB COLUCI

Respectfully submitted as presented, PCST Lorraine Thompson

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