

The Lion's Spirit

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District Governor Guillermo A. Perez, PMJF's Message

This year marks an important and exciting year in our district's history. I firmly believe this is the right time and the 100 years of humanitarian services is the right reason to celebrate, to join our district, clubs, families and friends in just one voice with one vision for transforming the future, renovating people life's. Thanks to the great teamwork over the years, and the integration of today's leadership, we will end up in 2016 with a firm transformation of our district, and great results for incoming leaders.



The commitment, leadership and passion of all the members of our district is seen at every corner of our multiple district and International as the spotlight of services to the people in need locally and internationally. The support of the Lions Clubs to the homeless, youth, elderly, and the environment is tangible evidence of one hundred years of service.

I'm extremely captivated by the dedication of every lion, family and friends that has been involved in any service project and modestly made the difference in a life during this year.

During this holyday season I would like to encourage all of you to share every moment with your families and friends, with your club members, your community and let them know that life is beautiful, that without our commitment there is no way to help others, to motivate others to step up with enthusiasm, dignity and harmony. Let's enjoy and sing the same song as a strong family.

Thank you all for your great support to our district, thanks for your commitment and for your passion. These are the values that help our Lionistic Community to move forward to the next century with integrity, dignity and respect.

On behalf of my family, myself and District 20-R2, we wish you a joyful holydays Season. Enjoy it to the max. Make the incoming year the beginning of the best stage of your life.

Happy New Year 2016.

Guillermo Perez,
Your District Governor.



CHALLENGE: FIGHTING HUNGER AND POVERTY



Relieving the Hunger Lions Global Service Action Campaign Planning Guide

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in the Global Service Action Campaigns.

August- Engaging our Youth

October- Sharing the Vision

December/January- Relieving the Hunger

April- Protecting our Environment

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger. Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community...by helping those who don't have enough to eat. Visit links to **The Global Food Banking Network** or **Feeding America** for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

Getting Started:



The steps outlined below will help you complete a "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign project.

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MESSAGE FROM FIRST VDG PETER PERGOLIS

Greetings Fellow Lions of 20-R2,

First I want to wish you and all your loved ones a very Happy and Healthy Holiday season and for a very Happy New Year, filled with good cheer, good health, happiness and filled with new Lions Members, new Lions Clubs and Lions retention and our Lions Clubs strong fiscal health.

As you all know by now our very dear friend and a best friend of mine since 1967, Lion Michael T. D'Ambrosio resigned his position as 1stVDG due to poor health issues. On October 12, 2015, I won a special election to fill the vacant 1stVDG position. Since that time I have been working very closely with Lion DG Guillermo A. Perez to bring me up to speed as 1stVDG. I enhanced my leadership skills by attending the Multiple District 20 Lions Leadership Institute in October 2015 along with my Partner-in-Service Lion Joanne and Lion 2ndVDG Norma Mendez-Cruz and Lion Constance Louie.

In my quest to become an excellent District Governor for 20-R2 for the period July 2016-June 2017, I have been taking courses via the Lions Learning Center, which I recommend to all future Lions Leaders.

I have recently completed the first component of my 2015-2016 District Governor-Elect (DGE) Training, this training was online via the Lions Learning Center. Coming up in 2016 I will attend GLT/GMT Area Training in Mass., in February, Multiple District DGE Training in April 2016 in Binghamton, NY and finally the international DGE Training in Fukuoka, Japan in June 2016. As I progress in my training and develop my leadership and membership goals for 2016-2017, I will be seeking input from our DG, 2ndVDG, members of the voting cabinet, our Global Leadership and Global Membership Coordinators, all PDGs and Lions Club Leaders. I can be reached at my mobile number at 914-649-4160, or by email at phjpcpa@verizon.net. At our recent Fall Conference in November, I spoke about filing the Form 990-N, a requirement to continue Not-for-Profit Tax Exempt Status. I offered to help any Lions Club with this filing, I am a CPA and for me this is easy. So far only the Impacto Lions Club, via its Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer Lion Gustavo Sanchez has taken me up on my offer. Please contact me, I want to help each Club in our

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MESSAGE FROM SECOND VDG NORMA MENDEZ-CRUZ



My fellow Lions:

As the holiday season fast approach, I would like to take this

opportunity to wish every lion, family and friends happy and safe holidays and Health and Prosperity in the new year 2016. I also wish that with the new year, the flame of service is rekindled and our hearts and our spirits reenergized with enthusiasm and passion to continue our Humanitarian Mission.

I also would like to thank those presidents who have invited me to visit their clubs. It has been a great experience. I am very grateful of those clubs who have asked to participate in their service activities. It is an invaluable learning experience. Please continue to invite me to your activities or just to visit and share the activities going on in the district. It is my desire to visit as many clubs as possible this year; get reacquainted with those lions I have not seen in a long time and meet the new lions of this great family.

Our District Governor Guillermo A. Perez designated me to take part in an MD20 *Ad Hoc* Committee on "How to have a Better Convention". We had a meeting in Binghamton, NY, this 11/21/15. There were representatives from most of the sub-districts and the meeting was very interesting and lively. There were many suggestions expressed and explored on the different sessions of our State Convention and it was agreed that the ideas/actions we found of value will be presented as suggestions to the Council of Governors for their review and consideration.

Again, my appreciation to the clubs who have invited me to visit or work with them. Thank you for your hospitality and my very best wishes of Happiness, Health and Prosperity during these High Holidays and all throughout the new year.

Lion Norma Mendez Cruz
Second Vice-District Governor
2015-2016

Challenge: Fighting Hunger...

Step 1: Create a Planning Committee

The "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign is an opportunity for Lions to bring together communities and connect through a common goal... to provide food and nourishment ... to hungry children and adults. Creating a planning committee will help drive the success of your campaign project. Together, the committee can share the work and help motivate your members to participate. You might want to consider asking food pantries, schools, hospitals and supermarkets to get involved, and designate a chair to lead the committee's efforts.

Step 2: Pick Your Project

Choose a service project that helps meet a community need and reflects the interests of club members. When developing your project, make sure it is a hands-on, highly visible activity that Lions can easily get involved with. Perhaps your club already has a hunger project that could be expanded to increase public awareness and engage other community members. Or, choose from this list of ideas:

- ◆ Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.
- ◆ Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens.
- ◆ Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need.
- ◆ Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- ◆ Help plant a community garden

To ensure the success of your project, be sure to set specific goals that you would like to accomplish by the project's conclusion. Some examples include:

- ◆ Prepare and distribute 200 food baskets for families in need.
- ◆ Identify three families in need and deliver weekly food provisions during the month of December.
- ◆ Partner with a local soup kitchen to prepare and serve meals for homeless people one day in January.

Step 3: Publicize Your Project

Give your club the recognition it deserves! Tell the local community about upcoming club

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Challenge: Fighting Hunger...

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events to promote your service project

Consider:

- ◆ Posting flyers
- ◆ Contacting local radio or public access television stations
- ◆ Sending press releases to community newspapers
- ◆ Posting project information on your club or district's Web site or other social networking sites such as Facebook
- ◆ Inviting local media

Step 4: Implement Your Project

Involve your club members! Invite family members, friends and coworkers to help which can also generate new membership interest.

On the day of the project, make sure someone is ready to answer questions from volunteers, elected officials, special guests, local media and other members of the community. Because your project reflects awareness of hunger in your community, consider choosing members of your planning committee to serve as spokespersons for highlighting the project and its importance to the community.

Step 5: Report Your Activity

Report your service activities through MyLCI's Online Service Activity Report.

For more information, visit MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review frequently asked questions about service activity reporting.

Step 6: Celebrate Your Success

Remember to share your project's accomplishments with the people who helped make the project a success. Distribute a news release to local media and send a newsletter to community members who supported your project. Be sure to send thank you letters to those who participated. You may also want to present certificates of appreciation. Hosting a volunteer and partner awards ceremony is also a nice way to recognize everyone's contributions. And, don't forget to share your success with your Lions family – post photos on the Lions Facebook Fan Page. (Extracted from <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/>

Why Lions Quest?



Joan R. Fretz
Lions Quest Regional Trainer

September 30, 2015

We all want our young people to have positive characteristics like kindness, honesty, compassion, and empathy. We want them to have dreams, and goals, and to work hard to reach those goals. We want them to grow up to be good employees; to be responsible, collaborative, cooperative, and creative. We want them to make positive behavioral choices, and to contribute to society in positive ways.

Evidence-based programs like Lions Quest help us achieve all of these goals – not by telling kids they should be this way, or by threatening them with the fear of consequences if they are not.

SEL programs teach young people the skills they need in order to demonstrate these positive characteristics. They help teachers to see students as able, valuable, and responsible and to treat them accordingly. How adults see students influences how students come to see themselves.

Not every child knows how to communicate their needs appropriately, to resolve conflicts, to be assertive, resist negative peer pressure, or to manage their own emotions.

But, students in schools where Lions Quest lessons are taught learn how to do all of these things. They become skillful in understanding themselves and others, and negotiating their way through life's challenges successfully. These are skills we all can use.

Through easy to follow lessons from pre-K through 12th grade, Lions Quest teachers can actively engage students in discussions, help them practice and enjoy using these skills, and insure that they ALL realize their full potential.

There are other SEL programs available, but here are some differences:

Only Lions Quest includes a K -12 sequential Drug and Alcohol prevention program that has been recognized as highly effective by the Federal Government.

Only Lions Quest includes service-learning projects, in which students take the things they learn in school and use them to make a difference in their school or community.

Research shows that students that have little interest in school become enthusiastic, competent leaders when given the opportunity to participate in a service project, and apply what they learn to real-world needs. Making learning practical and real makes it more engaging.

Only Lions Quest has an international service organization like the Lions Clubs, ready to help

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Leadership Training Opportunities



PDG Charley Gonzales
GLT District Coordinator

The Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International is dedicated to providing resources and training to ensure quality leadership at all levels of the association. During 2014-2015, four such training opportunities, the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty development Institute and Faculty Development Excellence Series, were provided at the international level.

A this time, LCI have noted that our district has not had a participant within the last five years from our own district 20-R2!!!!

It is that high time that anyone can take this opportunity to participate in this high level of leadership. To those lions who are interested to pursue such level of caliber please be encourage to join the cream of the crop that had achieved this type of training. For further information regarding these future institute, please visit the LCI website. I like to encourage everyone to be one of the future faculty member that our association have, specially from District 20-R2! below are the brief summaries of the institute.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute: focuses on building the skills of lion members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president. Qualified candidates are lions in good standing who have not yet attained the level of Club President. Charter club presidents are also eligible for this institute.

The advanced Lions Leadership Institute: focuses on building the skills of lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels. Qualified candidates are lions in good standing who have completed a successful term as club president but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor.

So, my fellow lions please think about these opportunities that our LCI offers you.

Please note: Our upcoming certified guiding lions training will be this coming **January 10, 2016 (sunday) from 10 am - 4:00 pm** . at the Riverfront Yonkers. Library at : One Larkin Plaza, Yonkers, New York.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Happy Holiday To Everyone.....

Yours In Lionism,
PDG Charley Gonzales
GLT District Coordinator

OUR DISTRICT HOSTED ITS ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE WITH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THAT STARTED WITH A WELCOMING DINNER FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HOWARD HUDSON AND HIS PARTNER IN SERVICE LYNN. THE SECOND DAY WAS A BUSY ONE THAT STARTED WITH A VISIT TO VCB, FOLLOWED UP BY PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL SALUTED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY, HOSTED BY NY TAINO LIONS CLUB. SUNDAY PROGRAM WAS FULL OF INFORMATION DURING THE MORNING SESSION WITH PARTICIPATION OF 17 PRESENTERS.

WE THANK EDWARD MUÑOZ, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER; PDG MARIA SIERRA; PDG KWANG SUK KIM, PDG CHARLIE GONZALEZ, PDG MIKE BHUIYAN, PDG GILBERT PRINCE/PDG AMADO SY, PDG LORETTA WU, LION JIMMY S. CHU, CS GABRIELA REMIGIO, 1ST. VDG PETER PERGOLIS, LION SILVIA ESTEBANEZ, 2ND VDG NORMA MENDEZ, LION MOHAMED NASIR UDDIN, LION MARIA SANCHEZ, LION MERCEDES REGALADO, LION DEYANIRA RODRIGUEZ, LION SIDNEY BAUMGARTEN, ANDE ID HOWARD HUDSON AND PIS LYNN FOR MAKING THE MORNING SESSION INTERESTING A VERY INFORMATIVE.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION FEATURED A FLAG PARADE DEPICTING FLAGS OF ALL THE NATIONS THAT ARE PART OF OUR DIVERSE DISTRICT; A MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION AND PERFORMANCE BY YOUNG SINGER RAHMI KHAN. SPECIAL THANKS TO CT GUSTAVO SANCHEZ, RC RAFAEL ESPINAL, ZC MIRIAM GUTLOFF, DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER JIMMY CHU, LION JOANNE AND ALL THE LIONS WHO VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HOWARD HUDSON PLAYED TAPS TO HONOR THE VETERANS AT THE CLAREMONT COMMUNITY CENTER, BRONX, NY



FALL CONFERENCE: LIONS PARTICIPATED IN THE DISTRICT PARADE OF FLAGS WITH DG GUILLERMO.



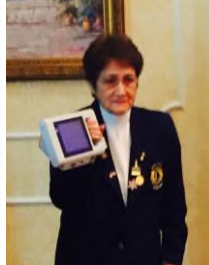
LN. OSCAR ZATARAIN RECEIVING THE INT'L. PRESIDENT APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE



LION BEN GUPIT RECEIVING THE INT'L. PRESIDENT APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE



Motivational Speaker Edward Munoz



SILVIA ESTEBANEZ SEE PROGRAM



WASHINGTON HEIGHTS & IMPACTO LIONS



LIONS SIDNEY BAUMGARTEN (NY FINANCIAL DISTRICT) DIST. ALERT COMMITTEE CHAIR



LIONS MERCEDES REGALADO AND DEYANIRA RODRIGUEZ (HIGHBRIDGE) PRESENTATION ON UNICEF



ZONE CHAIR MIRIAM GUTLOFF, CABINET TREASURER GUSTAVO SANCHEZ AND REGION CHAIR RAFAEL ESPINAL



LION MOHAMED NASIR UDDIN (BANGLADESHI AMERICAN) ON ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



PEACE POSTER AND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS: BEST ANIMAL LIFE CATEGORY - LION PAULINA DIAZ (NY BORINQUEN LIONS); BEST PLANT LIFE CATEGORY - LION MIKE GAILBAND (STATEN ISLAND LIONS CLUB); BEST WEATHER PHENOMENON CATEGORY - LION AMANDA CINTRON (NEW YORK EAGLE LIONS CLUB); BEST URBAN OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE CATEGORY - LION MIRIAM GUTLOFF (NEW YORK TAINO LIONS CLUB); & BEST SPECIAL THEME (DIGNITY, HARMONY, HUMANITY) - LION JIMMY S. CHU(YONKERS MILLENNIUM LIONS CLUB).



At VCB



STATEN ISLAND LIONS



Anne Sullivan Lions Toy Drive - The toys were donated to the Salvation Army



ASIAN AMERICAN LIONS PREPARED FOOD PACKAGES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES DURING THANKSGIVING



BANGLADESHI AMERICAN LIONS FREE FLU SHOTS INITIATIVE



BORINQUEN LIONS PRESENTED A DONATION OF FOOD, CLOTHES AND \$200.00 CASH TO THE ASCENSION CHURCH HOME HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS.



NY EAGLE LIONS - DONATION OF 10 BOXES OF NEW CLOTHING ITEMS AND BLANKETS TO A WOMEN'S SHELTER IN THE BRONX



NY HIGHBRIDGE LIONS - FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS AT FT. WASHINGTON ARMORY MEN'S SHELTER



NY GLOBAL LEADERS LIONS - DOLL HOUSE EXHIBIT FUNDRAISER.



NY HUNTS POINT LIONS - RECEIVING LCI 45 YEAR PATCH FROM DG GUILLERMO



QUISQUEYA LIONS - ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEYS AND FOOD BASKETS TO NEEDY FAMILIES.



PRESIDENT PHIL, PEGGY AND PDG JAG RAO JOINED THE SEE TEAM IN TESTING THE EYES OF 99 PRESCHOOLERS AT TWO HEADSTART SCHOOLS IN MT. BERNON. THE CLUB ALSO TOOK PART IN THE 125 YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LARCHMONT.



NY IMPACTO LIONS AND LEOS - ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANING PROJECT.



NY Metropolitan LC Garage Sale



TUCKAHOE EASTCHESTER LIONS AND LEOS - ANNUAL CHILDREN WITH SANTA- TOYS AND GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND PANCAKE FUNDRAISER



WELCOME DINNER FOR INT'L DIRECTOR HOWARD HUDSON AND PARTNER IN SERVICE LYNN



NY TAINO THANKSGIVING CEREMONY HONORING THE VETERANS.

YONKERS MILLENIUM OPHTALMIC MISSION TO DR RECAP:

14 cataract surgeries performed. NY Cosmopolitan Lions Club paid for one, the John Jay Dudley Luce Foundation paid for another. 800 eyeglasses fitted on Dec 2 - 3, the rest of the eyeglasses donated to the local Lions Clubs. Performed vision screenings on 448 children in 3 different schools. Donated a wheelchair to the Club de Leones Romana Centro for them to lend to whoever needs it in the community. Donated \$700 to a needy family to fix the roof of their house in Santo Domingo. Well done!!!



448 CHILDREN IN 3 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAD THEIR VISION SCREENED .

Why Lions Quest?

the schools implement the program and assist with their service projects.

Only Lions Quest provides teachers with specific teaching techniques so they will know how to ask questions and respond to students in ways that make them feel able and valued in the classroom.

Because of the Lions Quest program, teachers become better academic teachers. They create relationship-centered classrooms, plan more engaging lessons, and learn how to share the leadership of the classroom with their students.

The Lions Quest booklet you received includes sample lessons. Let's look at the third grade lesson on page 10. (Distributed to guests.)

You'll notice that each lesson begins with **discovering** what the students already know about a topic, then **connects** it to new knowledge, then provides an opportunity for students to **practice** the skill, and concludes by having students choose ways to **apply** the new skill while serving their school or community.

Discovering, connecting to new knowledge, practicing and applying the skill is a model for exemplary lessons in any subject. In addition, each Lions Quest lesson is correlated to a **specific Common Core Standard**. You can see that in the left hand column on the first page of each lesson in the booklet.

On page 6 of the booklet, you'll find a complete outline of all the skills that are taught in all the lessons.

The skills are taught in a very specific order. We don't teach about bullying the first week, as many schools do. You'll notice that the Bullying lesson we looked at for third grade, doesn't happen until the third unit of study. This is why:

In Lions Quest, students first learn to build positive relationships with their peers and teachers, to become more self-aware and self-confident – to understand and manage their own emotions.

Then they learn to become good listeners, to demonstrate respect and empathy for others and appreciate diversity.

Then they learn to make responsible decisions.

And then, with all these skills in place, they learn about what Bullying is. And the response is always the same – Lions Quest students – who respect their classmates and make responsible decisions say, *"Why would we want to treat each other that way?"*

Research has shown when skills are taught in this sequential way, in a relationship-centered



LCIF TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25, 2016 (Monday)

March 14, 2016 (Monday)

LCIF Walk-A-Thon: May 1, 2016

May 9, 2016 (Monday)

LCIF Convocation: May 20, 2016

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... MESSAGE FROM FIRST VDG PETER...

District. Even if you have completed the Form 990-N, I want to hear from you and get input from your Club.

Finally, I have been working with Lion IPDG Mike Bhuayan, Lion Region 1 Chairperson Portia Fagel and PDGs Loretta Wu, Belen Gonzales and Anne Smith-Young in getting our Lions District Foundation operational.

I hope the above summary of my activities will help you all to get to know me better and understand how committed I am to Lionism and our continued Districts success. Thank you District Governor Guillermo and all our District Lions for your love of Service and Commitment to Lionism.

May God Bless All of you,
Lion 1stVDG Peter H. Pergolis

WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that
New Club NY Global Leaders
Charter was Approved by Lions
Clubs International on

November 25, 2015.

Welcome to the Family.

CONGRATULATIONS!

International President Certificate of
Appreciation recipients

Oscar Zatarain (NY Cuban Lions) and
Bernabe Gupit (Staten Island North Star)



Jitsuhiro Yamada
International President's Message



I would like to share my December message to club leaders with you.

I am thanking club leaders for their hard work over the first half of our Lion year, and I'd like to thank each of you for everything you've done to strengthen your clubs and make our Centennial celebration a success.

I'm also asking clubs to reach out to the hungry and impoverished in their communities over the holidays. Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Dear Lion,

The holiday season is a special time of year when we celebrate, reflect and give thanks. And no one deserves thanks more than you and your Lions.

Thanks to you, our communities are stronger. Lions are leading through service and making a real impact in the lives of those who need us most. Your commitment to service and your support of the Centennial Service Challenge have helped Lions around the world impact the lives of more than 60 million people.

Thanks to you, our clubs are stronger. Lions are inviting new members who are increasing our service impact in our local communities. Lions and clubs around the world are earning limited-edition recognition in the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards for strengthening their clubs and communities. I hope you will continue inviting new members to serve with you as Lions.

Thanks to you, we're looking forward to another great year. We will continue to invite, serve, and celebrate our upcoming Centennial in 2017. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, have a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Your International President

Bring Dignity to the Holidays

CLUB SECRETARIES/PRESIDENTS: PLEASE SEND US ANY INFORMATION AND/OR ACTIVITIES YOU WISH TO HAVE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEWSLETTER. IF YOU ALSO WISH TO HAVE YOUR CLUB'S EVENTS UPLOADED TO OUR DISTRICT FACE BOOK OR WEBSITE, PLEASE SEND THEM TO LION GABRIELA REMIGIO: CAMILIN65@HOTMAIL.COM. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR CLUBS ACTIVITIES TO LCI USING MYLCI WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, OR NEED ANY HELP PLEASE LET US KNOW, WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS A brief History

The **Charter of the United Nations** is the foundational treaty of the intergovernmental organization -- the United Nations. It was signed at the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center in San Francisco, California, on 26 June 1945, by 50 of the 51 original member countries. It entered into effect on 24 October 1945, after being ratified by the original five permanent members of the Security Council—the Republic of China (later replaced by the People's Republic of China), France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (later replaced by the Russian Federation), the United Kingdom, and the United States—and a majority of the other signatories.

In the same year, the founder of Lions Clubs International Melvin Jones, Past International Presidents Fred W. Smith and D.A. Skeen were asked to help develop the non-governmental organization (NGO) charter for the new global organization. At the time, Lions Clubs International was already an established worldwide service organization.

The first object of Lions Clubs International "TO CREATE AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD" is very similar to the second and third stated purpose of the United Nations. "TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS" and "TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, OR HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER."

From the beginning, the relationship between Lions Clubs International and the United Nations has been limited to humanitarian endeavors. In keeping with its stated Objects, Lions Clubs International has no involvement in the political or security affairs of the UN. Over the years, the two organizations have cooperated on many humanitarian ventures. Lions have provided aid and manpower for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), WHO (World Health Organization), and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) projects. Since 1978 Lions Clubs International have been privileged to have a "Lions Day with the United Nations" in UN Headquarters in New York. During this informal session, representatives of Lions Clubs worldwide are President addresses the United Nations. Lions Clubs International is the only International Service Organization to

be granted this privilege.

Another tradition is for the winner of the Lions Peace Poster Competition to be introduced and presented with the winner's prize. This competition gives young people the opportunity to think about and to express their vision of peace.

At LDUN, held at UN Headquarters in New York City, approximately 500 Lions, UN diplomats and other key representatives discuss targeted humanitarian challenges in engaging panel discussions; celebrate the winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay contests and more. Mark your calendar to attend the 2016 Lions Day with the United Nations on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Registration

Please note that there is a limited number of seats please register early before the LDUN sells out. You can only register online. To register visit:
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/lions-day-united-nations.php>

The cost to attend LDUN is \$75.00 USD per person.

New for Leos Special Leo Program and Lunch Combined Registration Fee

- \$30- Alpha Leos (youth under 18 years old)
- \$50- Omega Leos (18-30 years old)
- \$50 – Leo Advisor chaperoning 4 or more Leos

A special Leo-UN luncheon inside the UN's South Dining Room will be offered to all Leos who register to attend LDUN. Enjoy the fellowship and special guest speakers to make the most of your LDUN experience. Additional LDUN Events and Activities: Lunch at the Delegates Dining Room – Saturday, March 12, 2016, LDUN attendees have the option to attend the Lions-UN luncheon inside the UN's signature Delegates Dining Room. Enjoy the fellowship and panoramic New York City views. The luncheon is offered at a special Lions rate of only \$55.00 USD per person. Seating is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. When registering, please indicate if you would like to purchase the luncheon. Guided UN Tours – Friday, March 11 Guided tours of the UN Headquarters are available between 9:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. the day before LDUN.

Tour tickets must be purchased directly from the UN in advance. Tickets will be available for sale online in January 2016. Refunds are not permitted.

[HTTP://MEMBERS.LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/EVENTS/LIONS-DAY-UNITED-NATIONS.PHP](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/lions-day-united-nations.php)

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Why Lions Quest?

classroom, where positive behaviors are the norm, its easier for students to choose the positive behavior.

Attendance and academic performance increases, and problem behaviors, bullying, suspensions, and student stress decreases.

I hope you'll agree that its time to see our students through more respectful, optimistic eyes. To give them the skills they need to thrive and the opportunity to use these skills to serve their community, like all of you do.

I hope you will support the Lions Quest program for the children in your district.

Lion Joan Fretz
Melville Lions Club
Lions Quest Regional Trainer

What's New - What's News

Multiple District Convention: The Council of Governors has approved that in order for clubs to be able to vote at the Multiple District Convention, all International and Multiple dues must be paid 15 days before the convention. The Change applies to the MD 20 convention and is in the constitution effective July 2016.

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Save the Date for Lions District 20-R2 Foundation Gala – April 2nd, 2015

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Our 1st GLT/GMT Symposium will be held on Sunday, January 10th, 2016, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, at 1 Larkin Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701. *This is a very important training as we need New Certified Guiding Lions for the next two years. Thank you for helping us keep our District strong. Presenters will be PDG Joyce Cochran, Certified Guiding Lions Training; PDG Charlie Gonzalez, Leadership, and IPDG Mike Bhuiyan, Membership. Please RSVP by January 8th. to: DG Guillermo A. Perez at: lionquillermoaperez@gmail.com, 646-420-7485 or 1st VDG Peter Pergolis at phipcpa@verizon.net, 914-649-4160.*

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Lion Joanne Pergolis has been appointed as Zone 2 Chair, in replacement of lion Peter Pergolis, who was elected 1st VDG. Lion Joanne will work with the lions clubs of Larchmont, Rivertowns, Rye City, Tuckahoe-Eastchester, New Rochelle-Huguenot and her home club Anne Sullivan.



Welcome to Our International Family



NEW ROCHELLE HUGUENOT LIONS CLUB

KESHA-MONIQUE CHISHOLM
IRVIN S. QUEEN
BERNADETTE R SATTERFIELD

NEW YORK BARAHONA LIONS CLUB

ZENON DE LA ROSA
FRANCISCO HENRIQUEZ
NORBERT ROZON

NEW YORK CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB

HELEN MUI

NEW YORK CITY SUNY OPTOMETRY CAMPUS CLUB

ALLISON BELFER
KATIE BROGAN
OLIVIA BRUNO
TATYANA BUDARINA
MATTHEW BURKE
MATTHEW CINQUEMANI
RAUL DANIELS
ANNA DOBROKHODOVA
KAREN FU
JACOB GREDZIK
YUCHEN LIU
MICHAEL MENDSEN
RYAN NGUYEN
RITA NIEU
MARK OSSI
TATSIANA PALAVETS
NICOLE POON
RUBANA RAHMAN
TAHIRA RAJA
LAUREN ROSATO
KRISTEN STUART
ALICE SUI
BRENDA TAN
CLARE TAO
RENU TYAGARAY
JESSA VANKLEECK
VANESSA WANG
CHRISTINE WENG
ZHENZHEN YE

NEW YORK COSMOPOLITAN LIONS CLUB

SANDY SAJOUS

NEW YORK EAGLE LIONS CLUB

FRED OPPONG-NTOW

NY FINANCIAL DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

ANNE B. KELLY

NEW YORK IMPACTO LIONS CLUB

JONATHAN A CEDENO
JUAN A. NUNEZ

NY JAPANESE AMERICAN LIONS CLUB

HIROKO FURUICHI

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN LIONS CLUB

NAPOLEON BARRAGAN
LUZ V DURAN

NEW YORK PHIL-AM LIONS CLUB

YVONNE A BAYNES

NEW YORK TRIBECA CAMPUS CLUB

NUBIA BRIONES
MARY LINN HERNANDEZ
GLORIA HIM LI
CHUANDIE HUANG
HECTOR JIN FAN LIANG CHAN
NICHOLAS VAZQUEZ
SCOTTY ZINIFIRE

NEW YORK WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB

AHMED M FATHI

STATEN ISLAND NORTH STAR LIONS CLUB

IMELDA SANTOS MAY
JERRY D FACURA

THE BRONX LIONS CLUB

CHANTELL T WHYTE
JENNIFER E. WHYTE
TIFFANY A WHYTE

YONKERS LIONS CLUB

MARK HYNES
JOSEPH F. NOCCA

YONKERS MILLENNIUM LIONS CLUB

LONNIE IVAN LOPEZ



1ST GLT/GMT SYMPOSIUM ON JANUARY 10TH, 2016.
WILL HAVE GUIDING LIONS CERTIFICATION TRAINING

DIST 20-R2 PDG ASSOC. MEETING
JAN 18, 2016

LCIF COMMITTEE MEETING
JAN 25, 2016

3RD COUNCIL MEETING - SYRACUSE
FEB 19-21, 2016

3RD VOTING CABINET MEETING
FEB 23, 2016

UNITED NATIONS DAY
MARCH 12, 2016.



FALL CONFERENCE ELECTIONS

Voting Results – All three proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were approved:

1. In the event of vacancy in the office of 1st VDG, the 2nd. VDG will automatically fill the position and a 2nd VDG will be elected according to constitution.
2. Payment per member to the District will be \$3.00 per year.
3. The outgoing Governor is required to leave \$1,000.00 as seed money for the incoming Governor to start their lionistic year.

OUR SINCEREST APPRECIATION TO IPDG MIKE BHUIYAN FOR HIS GRACIOUS OFFER TO PRINT OUR NEWSLETTER.

THANK YOU IPDG MIKE!