

The Lion's Spirit

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District Governor's Message



Dear lions,

I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve as your District Governor. I've had a wonderful time visiting your clubs and learning about the great job you do to serve our communities. We are in the third quarter of our Lionistic year and continue our efforts to increase membership. As you may know, redistricting will not be in the ballot at this year's convention. But this does not mean that the fight is over. According to LCI, a District should have at least 35 clubs and 1,250 members. We have the clubs, but still need to reach the 1,250 members. So far we have chartered one club and paper work for two more will be submitted in the following days. I appreciate your efforts to recruit new members, but remember that we also need to work on the retention and motivation of our current ones. GLT/GMT trainings are tools of empowerment for membership growth, retention and motivation. We have hosted two training events and will have a third one in Staten Island on April 23rd. I would like to ask our Region and Zone Chairs to reach out to their clubs and assist them. As always, I am available to visit your clubs as many times as needed.

We just had our 38th Lions Day at UN event. I thank our Chair PDG Juana Alejo for working so hard. Also, my special thanks to lion Sue Jenner and the Tribeca Campus Club, and all the leos that volunteered. It was delightful to see our youngsters working so hard all day.

Our Third Cabinet meeting was memorable. We had special guests Past International Directors Sangeeta Jatia, Family and Women Membership Coordinator; A.P. Singh, and Carlos Justiniano, candidate for 3rd. International Vice President, and NYS Bermuda Foundation's President PDG Milledge Smith, who shared their experiences and enthusiasm with our lions. I also thank Ms. Elissa Montanti, president of the Global Medical Relief Fund for explaining their work and opening the doors to partner with us to serve. I thank all the clubs that came out in such a beautiful day.

My family and I thank you for your great support. Please, remember, just ASK 1.

Yours in Service,

Guillermo
Your District Governor

MD-20 convention

Dear Lions, our Multiple District Convention will be held in Buffalo from May 13 to May 15th. The deadline for room reservation through the MD-20 office has passed and those interested in going should contact the hotels directly. However, the office will still receive registration forms to until May 1st.

Important to remember that clubs need to be in good standing to vote. All International and MD-20 Dues must be paid. The good news is that clubs with outstanding dues to MD-20 will be able to make payments at MD-20 Office during the convention, provided that payment is made in cash, certified checks or money orders. No Clubs nor personal Checks will be accepted.

The Rules:

Multiple dues and fees paid in full; and (2) No unpaid balance of International dues and fees greater than U.S. \$10; and (3) No unpaid Lions Club International account balance greater than U.S. \$50, outstanding ninety (90) days or more.

We have mailed delegate forms to clubs. Please make sure to send them back to the Multiple by the deadline. They only issue one copy and will not send replacement. If a club misplace the form or needs a new one, it will have to fill one at the MD-20 Office during the convention.

Please, if you have any issue with payment, reach out to the governor, our treasurer or secretary. Errors happen and it is a lot to handle for MD-20 office administrator. Please don't get discourage. Our candidates: Peter Pergolis. For DG; Norma Mendez, For 1st. VDG, and Gustavo Sanchez, for 2nd. VDG. They all need your vote.

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Please email us information regarding your clubs activities and plans for the future. Share with us any ideas for articles or topics you would like to appear in our district newsletter.

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION



For updated pictures and information on ongoing District and Clubs activities visit our website

<http://e-district.org/sites/20r2>

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MESSAGE FROM FIRST VDG PETER PERGOLIS



Greetings Fellow Lions of 20-R2

Since our last Newsletter in December 2015 so many good things have happened to me personally and to our beloved District 20-R2. I have enhanced my knowledge base by completing the GLT/GMT Area Training in Medford, Massachusetts. Next up is Multiple District DGE Training in April 2016, in Binghamton, NY and finally the International DGE Training in Fukuoka, Japan in June 2016. Back in February 2016, I attended the 3rd MD Council meetings with our great leader Lion District Governor Guillermo A. Perez. It was an eye opening experience and when the dust finally settled the MD 20 Redistricting Plan was defeated!

We must work hard to increase our membership in District 20-R2 to exceed 1,250 by June 30, 2017. I believe all our District leaders present and future, and PDGs are focused on achieving that goal. We have just completed a great weekend for 20-R2 with the Lions Day at the United Nations and the Third District Business meeting that was held on Sunday, March 13, 2016 it was the best one I ever attended.

We must continue build on these recent great events and move forward with dignity and unity to our 4th MD Council meeting and NYS Convention in Buffalo, NY in May 2016 and onto the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. Let's show all Lions everywhere we go, what a great Lions District we have in 20-R2.

Thank you, Lion District Governor Guillermo and all our District Lions for your Love of Service and Commitment to Lionism.

May God Bless All of You,

Lion 1st VDG Peter H. Pergolis, MJF

Welcome Lunch MD-20 Convention



Lion Dianne Corlew

The partners in service of the Council of Governors are hosting the Welcome Lunch on Friday, May 13th at Noon. Guest Speaker will be Lion Dianne Corlew, PIS of Incoming International President Bob Corlew. There will be great food, a door raffle and entertainment. If you have not decided where to have lunch the first day of the convention, this is a very good choice.

Also, remember that for this year, the Partners in Service chose the Vera House for Victims of Violence as our project. I'd like to thank the lions clubs of The Bronx and Barahona for their contributions. My especial thanks to Lion Joanne Pergoles, PIS of lion 1st. VDG Peter. Lion Joanne attended her first PIS meeting during the last Council of Governors meeting in Syracuse, and brought donations for the project. If you are interested in donating, please let us know or visit the Vera House web site: www.verahouse.org for a wish list. Cash donations are welcome.

Lion Gabriela



It is the mission of Vera House, Inc. to end all domestic and sexual violence, to assist families in crisis, to support those affected by domestic and sexual violence to live safe, self-sufficient lives, to empower women and children, and to promote a culture of equality and respect in all relationships.

LCI CORNER

Protect Our Planet in April

One of the best ways that partners feel satisfied at the club is to involve them in service. April is the month of the campaign Protect our Planet, so try planning an environment project for Earth Day on April 22 or plan projects during the month to help the environment in their community.

From planting trees to organize cleaning a park, you can participate in countless ways. To start planning your project today, go to www.lionsclubs.org and download the Planning Guide Protecting our Planet projects and 25 ideas for environmental projects and share them with partners at the next club meeting. Nor have forget to invite friends and neighbors to serve with you!

Get the key member satisfaction

Want more information on how to increase the satisfaction of your club? See the following resources:

- The Guide Satisfaction Partners offers great ideas to meet and exceed expectations by creating a Lions club experience that satisfies them.
- The brochure Your Club, your way! Offers strategies for making meetings more enjoyable and productive and involve more partners.
- Download these resources and begin today to increase member satisfaction.

Visit Lions Clubs International website:

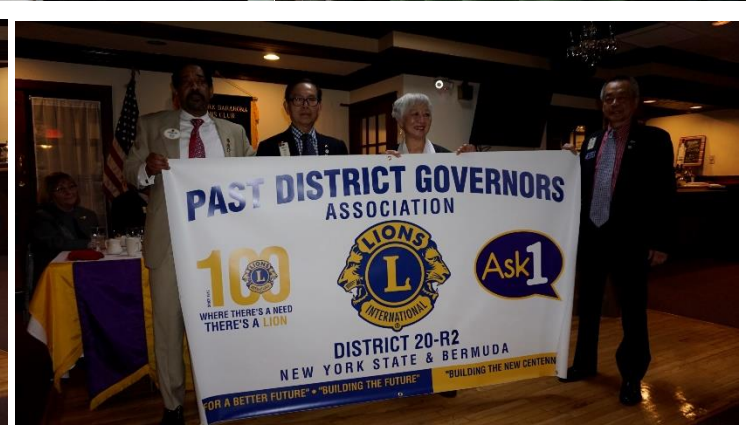
www.lionsclubs.org/resources

Around the District



Images from our District

Third Cabinet Meeting; Our Lions at the UN; DG Guillermo at Community Organizations Summit at Lincoln Hospital; NY Global Leaders a J. Luce Foundation 16th Annual Leadership Award; Yonkers Lions Club New Members Induction.



Around the District

The Lions Clubs Of District 20-R2 Have Been Very Busy Delivering Their Service Everywhere Is Needed. We Appreciate Their Efforts To Report Their Activities To MyLCI And Sharing Them With The Entire Lionistic Family. Congratulations And Much Thank You For Making Your Service Count Towards Our Centennial Service Challenge.



TOP: LCIF COMMITTEE HELD MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR LCIF CONVOCATION AND WALKATHON.

BOTTOM: DG GUILLERMO PEREZ, LION WENSLEY MOORE, PDG CHARLIE GONZALEZ AND PDG MIKE BUIYAN DURING GLT/GMT SYMPOSIUM



IMAGES OF OUR 1ST. GLT/GMT SYMPOSIUM. OUR TEAM PREPARED 20 NEW GUIDING LIONS WHO WILL SUPPORT CLUBS THAT ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. OUR DISTRICT HELD MEETING OF THE VOTING CABINET TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE REST OF YEAR. THANK YOU ZC JUAN MOTA FOR FILLING IN FOR OUR CT GUSTAVO ARSENT DO THE PASSING OF HIS FATHER.



DURING THE 2ND SYMPOSIUM, THE IMPACTO LEOS BROUGHT A NEW MEMBER, MOSIAH MILLS, AND THE NEW ROCHELLE HUGUENOT WELCOMED CENTENNIAL MEMBER BERNADETTE SATTERFIELD, SPONSORED BY LION PRESIDENT WENSLEY MOORE. SIX MEMBERS OTHER LEOS ATTENDED THE SYMPOSIUM. THEY LEARNED ABOUT TRANSITIONING INTO LIONS AND HOW THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP LADDER CLIMB FROM CLUB MEMBER TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR.



PDG JOYCE COCHRAN FROM 20-K1, DG G. PEREZ AND PDG CHARLIE GONZALEZ DURING GUIDING LIONS TRAINING.



Our Second VDG Candidate

Left: Lion Gustavo Sanchez, District Cabinet Treasurer and charter member of the New York Impacto Lions Club, is District 20-R2 candidate for 2nd. Vice District Governor. We ask all lions to support this outstanding lion at the incoming Multiple District Convention.

In the picture, Lion Gustavo with Partner in Service lion Norma Mendez and the couple's sons Gerardo and Daniel.

Around the District



COMPOSITION: NEW ROCHELLE LIONS CLUB WELCOMED A NEW CENTENNIAL MEMBER DURING ITS FEBRUARY MEETING. DG GUILLERMO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE INSTALLATION. NEXT, DG GUILLERMO AND 1ST VDG PETER VISITED THE STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSAL LIONS CLUB.



ON FEBRUARY 5TH, DG GUILLERMO PEREZ PRESENTED THE CHARTER TO OUR 1ST CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB, THE NEW YORK GLOBAL LEADERS. IPDG MIKE BHUIYAN AND PDG LORETTA WU ARE THE GUIDING LIONS FOR THE NEW CLUB.



Clubs' Celebrations

WITH ATTENDANCE FROM MANY OF OUR DISTRICT MEMBERS, THE NEW YORK CUBAN LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED ITS 31ST. ANNIVERSARY. MEMBERS OF OUR DISTRICT ALSO JOINED THE CHINATOWN LIONS DURING THEIR CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. CONGRATULATIONS.



PDG AURORA HONORED AT CHINATOWN 62 CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR GUILLERMO PEREZ INSTALLED TWO CENTENNIAL MEMBERS, SPONSORED BY LION PRESIDENT CONSTANCE LOUIE. WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



LIONS HAD FUN DURING NEW YORK COSMOPOLITAN CHINESE NEW YORK CELEBRATION AND THE NEW YORK HIGHBRIDGE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S NIGHT.

Around the District

ANN SULLIVAN-WHITE PLAINS

Donated 2 Xmas trees to the National Troop Service Men. Collected \$20.00 for the Indonesia Catastrophe

BANGLASHI

Club past President Mr. Mohammad Motiur Rahman visited Bangladesh with his wife. During his visit, he arranged an eye glasses donation program with the help of a local club. It was a very successful program, lots of people were helped with the eye glasses.

BARAHONA

Donated 2 bags of clothes to Casa de Resurreccion Church. Celebrated the Three Kings Day with hundreds of toys distributed to children in the community. Joined Borinquen Lions Club for their Visit to Veterans at the VA Hospital in The Bronx.

BORINQUEN

Donated 520 pairs of eyeglasses which were personally delivered by one of our members in the Dominican Republic. Purchased \$100 in raffle tickets from NY Cuban Lions and will attend their 31st anniversary celebration on February 21st. Purchased a \$100 ad from the NY Chinatown Lions Club. Our annual visit to the Bronx VA Hospital was held on Thursday, February 18th. Served approximately 75 patients.

BRONX

Collected 150 pair of used eyeglasses. Donated 14 bags of clothing and toddler toys to community center. Purchased \$300 of NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle tickets. Coached Bronx Special Olympics floor hockey team at Winter Games in Lake Placid, NY. Assisted at camp for developmentally challenged young people. Announced tentative 3 month schedule of discounted Yankees tickets.

CHINATOWN

Attended Tribeca LC, Washington Heights-Inwood LC, Highbridge LC, Cuban LC holiday parties; monthly board/regular meeting; 70th Cardinal's Christmas Luncheon; Catholic Charities Volunteers Shopping Day (Kmart); St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday Volunteer; Italian Merchants Association of Little Italy and Chinatown Partnership East Meets West Christmas Parade.

EAGLE

Installation of a new member and monthly meeting for our club was held as well as our Christmas raffle.

Lion Pres. Norma attended the Christmas celebration for the Borinquen Lions Club. Lion Pres. Norma attended the voting cabinet mtg. Lion Pres. Norma attended the PDG meeting Lion PDG Margarita held a mtg. in dedication volunteers of the annual health fair.

FINANCIAL DISTRICT

January and February 2016: Members of the NY Financial District Lions Club volunteered at USO Operation "That's My Dress". Provided Services to USO in helping to select gowns from International fashion designers for the homecoming and prom seasons, military balls and the holidays. We also volunteered at a private Fashion Show, featuring professional models and entertainment by the USO Show Troupe.

GOLDEN HEART

Donated two bags of gently used clothes to the Veterans of America. Donated Turkey to senior center. Monetary donations of \$100 to Smile Train and \$50 to the Lions for Measles Vaccine.

We Serve

HUNTS POINT LIONS CLUB:

The Hunts Point Lions Club purchases and donates \$100.00 in food stubs every month to the Town and Country Homeless Shelter in the Bronx. Donated school supplies to (45) children at the Town and country Homeless Shelter valued at \$200.00. Donated toys, clothing and winter coats valued at \$1500.00 to (3) shelters in the boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan New York PDG Michael Santos and Lions Zayda attended the NY Highbridge Lions Club annual president's celebration.

IMPACTO

Worked in soup kitchen feeding homeless. Lions visited nursing homes in Westchester and in NYC. Provides monthly tuition assistance to student in the Dominican Republic/Monthly \$50. Made donation to St Jude's for children with cancer. Made annual monetary contribution to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the Lion See Program.

JAPANESE AMERICAN

New York Japanese American Lions Club host Award Ceremony & Reception for over 25 students with his/her guardians and 4 school principals. Total 44 posters were put on the wall. We presented trophies with each student name to all of students who participated to the contest. And presented watercolor painting set to three students who got gold & silver prize. All students wear big smiles!

NEW ROCHELLE

The New Rochelle Lions Club welcomed a new member during their February meeting. The presented monetary donations to VISIONS, Camp for Youth and Lions SEE Program.

STATEN ISLAND

Visits nursing homes. Lion Eva plays the piano and sings to the patients every Sunday the patients enjoy singing with her. Lion Diane teaches 24 children CCD at our lady of Mt. Carmel school. She also cooks for the elderly. Lion Joe helps the elderly with going to the doctors and getting food and cleaning. Gave out presents to 2 group homes a very special place and on your mark 9 residents at one home 12 at the other. A friend of Eva dressed up as Santa and gave the gifts. All had a great time. Lions Tom and Peggy deliver food to the elderly from meals on wheels once a week

STATEN ISLAND NORTH STAR

Direct funds raised from clubs members and donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Sponsored a direct donations for Staten Island Public School 22 talented 5th graders Chorus group's attire. Collected \$1605.00 and delivered to PS 22 Principal. Fifth graders are from multicultural families. Made monetary donation to Vision Services for the Blind (VCB).

TAINO LIONS CLUB

Purchased \$300 of NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle tickets. Purchased \$100 for LPCCIP. Donated \$100 to Borinquen Lions for their annual visit to the Bronx VA Hospital was held on Thursday, February 18th. Served approximately 75 patients. Donated \$100 ad from the NY Chinatown Lions Club. Lion Miriam will be attending the fundraising Breakfast for Lion Gustavo candidate for 2nd VDG. Lion Miriam will be attending the Voting Cabinet mtg. at Isabela.

WASHINGTON HTS INWOOD

Fed homeless at 181st and Audubon Avenue and families with young children at Hamilton Place Shelter.

Around the District

YONKERS

Club members rang the bell for the Salvation Army in front of Stop and Shop, Yonkers, all day on December 10th. Gifts that were donated by club and wrapped brought to the Queens Daughter event.

Gary Brown, NY State Assistant Attorney General was guest speaker at their monthly meeting. This was an informative meeting with regard to the scope of legal matters in the jurisdiction of the New York State Attorney General's Office.



YONKERS MILLENNIUM

Donated money so that Yaniel C, a 9-year old boy in the Dominican Republic can get a prosthetic eye. We had paid for several surgeries to save his right eye after a traumatic accident two years ago left him blinded. The surgeries failed so today the doctors want to give him an artificial eye.

Recycled 10 toner and ink cartridges as part of their monthly recycling program.



Microloan Recipient

Yonkers Millennium make microloans of \$25.00 to female entrepreneurs all over the world. This month's recipient is Apolonia from Zimbabwe. Apolonia is 29 years old and lives with her husband and two children in the Chikomba West District. She runs a clothing business and uses her earnings to pay school fees for her children. Apolonia used her first Kiva loan to launch her clothing business, and used some of her profits to purchase necessary home items for her family. Apolonia is seeking a second Kiva loan to purchase more stock and increase variety. She plans to use her profits to expand into a large clothing shop. Apolonia volunteers at the local high school as a Camfeld Learner Guide, leading life skills sessions and teaching students about active citizenship. The interest on her social-interest loan will be repaid through her weekly volunteer work.

Upcoming Activities

Yonkers Millennium 19th Charter Celebration Dinner

Friday, April 8 at 6 PM
Lusitania Seafood Restaurant
15 Lockwood Ave, Yonkers,
New York 10701

Join us as we celebrate 19 years of dedicated service to our community both here in Yonkers and abroad. Cost per person \$35.00. We are a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

NY HUNTS POINT LIONS CLUB 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, April 23 at 7 PM

Ricardo's By The Bridge
21-01 24th Avenue
Astoria, New York 11102

\$65.00 PER PERSON
DRESS CODE: FORMAL

CALL LION ANA 484-903-5891
LION ZAYDA 718-671-3976
LION JOANN 718-379-2298



District 20-R2 PHOTO SEMINAR WORKSHOP 2016

Date: Saturday afternoon of April 9, 2016

Place: Yonkers Riverfront Public Library, Second Floor
1 Larkin Plaza
Yonkers, New York 10701

Time: 1PM - 4PM

Note:

One/Two Members from each Lions Club (Interested in Photography)
Bring your own Camera, I-Phone/Android, Tablet

Purpose:

For your own Lions Club beneficiary.

Admission is FREE!

3rd GLT/GMT Symposium

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Jade Asian Bistro,
331 New Dorp Lane,
Staten Island, NY 10306
Tel. 718-980-6880
Donation: \$20.00

Dear Lions, you are welcome to attend our GLT/TMT training in Staten Island. We will have Certify Guiding Lions training. If your certification has expired or if you did not have the opportunity to attend our prior training, please join us for this important event.

Certified Guiding Lions Training
Leadership
Membership

Please RSVP by April 19th:

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646-209-7749

Save the Date

DISTRICT COGOVERNOR GUILLERMO A. PEREZ'S TESTIMONIAL AND AWARD CEREMONY

**PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR AS HE
THANKS ALL LIONS IN THE DISTRICT FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ROYAL REGENCY HOTEL

165 TUCKAHOE ROAD, YONKERS, NY 10710

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR AND SHARE

WITH ALL MEMBERS OF OUR DISTRICT

INVITATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SOON

Convention Transportation

Dear Lions,

Our District has arranged for Bus to Buffalo for the Convention. If you or any member of the club is attending the Convention, consider traveling with us.

The Bus will leave on Friday, May 13th and Return on Sunday, May 15th after the Convention.

Please share this information with all the members of your club and let us know if you would like to travel with us.

Cost: \$75.00 Roundtrip

For more information or to reserve, please contact our Cabinet Secretary by:

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