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District Governor's Message



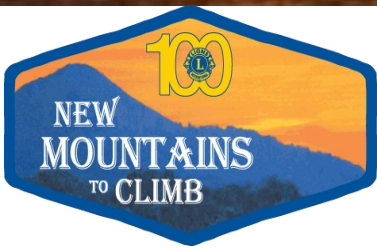
Dear Fellow Lions,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor for District 20R2 in the Lions Centennial year 2016-17. I am deeply honored. My theme this Centennial year is Unity, Service, and Action. Regarding Unity in the period from the International Convention in late June 2016 to September 30, 2016, we have all been working together, I am very proud of the Teamwork displayed by our 1st VDG Norma Mendez-Cruz and 2nd VDG Gustavo Sanchez and our entire District Cabinet. I want to give a huge Lions Roar to our Cabinet Secretary Portia Fagel, for all her efforts on behalf of the District Directory, leading her Club as President and for her work with the District Foundation, all the while dealing with some serious health issues. Also, we had a very successful 1st

Voting Cabinet Meeting on July 25, 2016 and our 1st District Meeting was held on September 12, 2016 with 77 Lions in attendance. Regarding Service and Action, as you read this Newsletter you will see the Lions District 20-R2 in Service and Action.

We had some great events recently beginning with the 99th Lions International Convention in Japan which was truly an amazing experience and we ended September with a visit from our International President Bob Corlew and his partner in service Lion Dianne on September 25, 2016. But we also had to deal with some very sad events during this period, we lost two great Past District Governors, Harry Katz (DG 1992-93) and PDG Philip Carreon (DG 1991-1992) and other wonderful Lions, as noted in our Newsletter, they will all be missed by their families and our Lions family. On a personal note, my Partner in Service Lion Joanne is dealing with some very serious health issues, which we believe will have a successful outcome by the end of February 2017. I hope to be as

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DG PETER PERGOLIS' SWEARING IN CEREMONY-JAPAN-JUNE 2016

DG Peter Pergolis was officially sworn in at the International Convention in Japan this past June and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate and wish him the best.

All here at District 20-R2 eagerly look forward to continue our efforts of service

towards the achievement of your worthy goals.



1st VDG Message



My Fellow Lions,

As we approach the end of another wonderful summer, I sincerely hope you are all having a good, interesting but above all healthy time. As the 1st VDG, I will do everything that is requested, expected and more. I look forward in assisting our elected DG Peter Pergolis with the many tasks at hand. I will try my best in order to allow him to accomplish his goals and to continue giving the District and the clubs our help whenever it is needed and wanted.

DG Peter and I attended the first Council meeting held at Corning. This truly was a rewarding and interesting experience. It is amazing to me that no matter the length of time that you have been a part of lionism, there is always something to learn. It gives you a learning experience of things you will encounter in your new year as District Governor.

As the 1st VDG I extend my services to all clubs and lions alike. Going forward I will be mailing letters out to all requesting to visit your Clubs. God bless you all, and ROAR, ROAR ROAR!

Lion Norma Mendez-Cruz, PMJF
1st DG-NY Eagle Lions Club

2nd VDG Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

I want to congratulate all cabinet members, club presidents, their cabinets and directors for this Lionistic year. Thank you, for taking the challenge. I also want to congratulate IPDG Guillermo Perez on a wonderful year of many accomplishments. I also congratulate DG Peter Pergolis on his new position and at the same time wish him all the success in the world.

As I look forward to the challenge of being



2nd VDG, I also look forward to continue working hard alongside all my fellow Lions. Also I remind you, if I can help to make your experience better, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

Gustavo Sanchez, PMJF
1st VDG-Impacto Lions Club



100th MILESTONE

The 100 million people served milestone was reached!! District 20-R2 has already accomplished two Legacy Programs : 1. Lions District 20-R2 Foundation which celebrated its inaugural luncheon on July 31st, and 2. The renaming of a street in honor of PDG Mary Jane Matos-Caicedo.

The week of Oct. 10-16th is Lions International Week of Service for Sight. Let's continue the Centennial Celebration. Plan a service activity related to sight, visit [Ways to Celebrate](#) webpage for more information, and ideas to choose from.

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FIRST VOTING CABINET MEETING - INSTALLATION OF NEW CABINET

We extend our warmest congratulations to DG Peter Pergolis on his election and our best wishes for a successful term, which we know it will be.

Upon his return from the International Convention DG Peter called for the first Voting Cabinet meeting which was held on July 25th at Pine Restaurant in the Bronx. At this meeting the new voting officers were installed as follows:

1st VDG: Norma Mendez-Cruz

2nd VDG: Gustavo Sanchez
Secretary: Portia Fagel
Treasurer: Gabriela Remigio
Finance Committee Chair:: Rafael Espinal
Parliamentarian: PDG Gilbert Prince
Zone 1 Chair: Silvia Estebanez
Zone 2 Chair: Joanne Pergolis
Zone 3 Chair: Cassandra Dick
Zone 4 Chair: Medadie Sy
Zone 5 Chair: Juan Mota
Zone 6 Chair: Maribel Salabarria
Zone 7 Chair: Miriam Gutloff

Zone 8 Chair: Terri Paladini Baun-
garten

Zone 9 Chair: Bernabe Gupit

Zone 10 Chair: Diane Carbonaro

Non Voting Members:

Teresita "Etie" Angos: Lion Tamer

Hector Tirado: Lion Tail Twister

Jimmy S. Chu: Photographer

CONGRATULATIONS!

See photos on page 3

PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2015-16

Please be sure to bring your winning Peace Posters to the Fall Conference on November 20, 2016. At this event judging of the posters will take place on the District level. The winning state poster will be forwarded to Lions Clubs International for judging on the international level. All posters will be returned to the clubs which sponsored them except the poster sent to international. The original poster sent to international is not returned. Instead a copy is made and framed. This copy is returned to the sponsoring

club.

Ten thousand thank yous to the Presidents and Peace Poster Chairpersons of the clubs which sponsored the Lions clubs International Peace Poster Contest. You have brought many benefits to the young people, schools and youth groups which participated. You have connected your club to the youth focus of the Centennial Service Challenge and met one of the requirements for the Club Excellence Award.

PDG Loretta Wu

PDG Loretta Wu

WINNING POSTER

2015-2016

"SHARE PEACE"
BY YUMA SHU-CHINA



ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO

CONTEST 2015-2016

Result of the Lions Environmental Photo Contest held in Japan at the 99th Lions Clubs International Convention:

Best of show (Grand Prize) - Japan

Best of Animal Life - Japan

Best of Plant Life - Canada

Best of Weather Phenomenon - Brazil

Best of Urban or Natural Landscape - Turkey

Best of Theme - India



WINNING PHOTO

Lion Motokazu Takeuchi of Gamagori Marin Lions Club won two times in Best of Show and Animal Life Category. Our Lions from MD20 did not make it at this time. I would like to inform all Lions clubs Presidents to encourage your members to join the photo contest on November 20, 2016. If you have more than 2 members who want to join the photo contest, your Club has to select one, and present it at the Fall Conference for District Level Contest. Last February 2016, MD20 won at the State Level for the first time. My challenge: Who will be our next Lion to be in the International entry?

Lion Jimmy S. Chu
Chairperson

Leo Winifer Reyes
Co-chairperson

LEADERSHIP KORNER: BY PDG CHARLEY GONZALES, PMJF

LEADERSHIP

"What is Leadership? Leaders are people who do the right thing; managers are people who do things right."

(Professor Warren Bennis)

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it".

(Dwight D. Eisenhower).

The word "leadership" can

bring to mind a variety of images, for example:

(A) A political leader, pursuing a passionate, personal cause.

(B) An explorer, cutting a path through the jungle for the rest of his group to follow.

(C) An executive, developing her/his company's strategy to beat the competition.

Leaders help themselves and others to do the right things. They set direction, build an

inspiring vision, and create something new. Leadership is about mapping out where you need to go to "win" as a team or an organization. And it is dynamic, exciting, and inspiring. Yet, while leaders set the direction, they must also use management skills to guide their people to the right destination, in a smooth and efficient way.

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INCOMING VOTING CABINET (cont. from P. 2)





LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Dear Lion members in District 20-R2!

Thank you very much to the LCIF Co-chairs and Advisors and Lions Club members in District 20-R2. We worked together as a team last year (2015-16) and with your strong support, our District always has been No. 1 contributor to LCIF in MD-20 including last year. 27 Clubs out of 48 contributed to LCIF in 2015-16 (\$30.00-\$7,000.00). Thank you for your support.

Lions Clubs International Project, Measles Initiative Project (One Dollar, One Shot and One Life Saved) is a (4) year project that started in 2013 when PDG Maria Sierra was inducted as DG in Hamburg, Germany and this year is the last year to meet our fund-raising goal of \$30 million and matching funds: \$30 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and International Development Dept. of the United Kingdom.

Lions around the world have to raise about \$8M in 2016-2017 to reach our goal to save 700 million children. This year our LCIF Committee goal is \$40,000 and we will work together as a team to reach our goal as before.

A catastrophe, Hurricane Matthew category 4 hit in Haiti and the South East coast of the United States. It was the country's worst humanitarian crisis which destroyed homes, flooded villages, raised crops, swept away cattle and cut off parts of an island where there were 842 deaths in Haiti and the storm surge was measured at more than 4 feet which left more than 1 million people without power in Florida and Matthew was hovering off the coast of Georgia headed toward South Carolina.

Your donation to help our fellow Lions in Haiti and the South East part of the United States will provide both short term and long term humanitarian assistance during the grave time of need.

Lions will be there as long as they need us. Please send your donation marked "Disaster Relief Funds" to LCIF or LCIF Coordinator, PDG K.S.M (Pay to the order of LCIF)

Yours in Lionism,
PDG K.S. Kim



DISTRICT 20-R2

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE



It is with great pride that we announce the realization of our own Lions District 20-R2 Foundation and take this opportunity to thank PDG Mike Bhuiyan, the Officers and Coordinators for all your hard work.

This dream is now a reality and our District's image will be enhanced because of all your work and dedication.

The Foundation held its Inaugural Luncheon on July 31, 2016 at the Yale Club of New York City, where club members and dignitaries celebrated this historic moment in District 20-R2.

Congratulations also to those Lions who received the first foundation awards:

Earle W. Hodges Leadership Award:

Sara Fernandez Lopez - Yonkers Millennium Lions
Roseanne Levy - Cosmopolitan Lions

Helen Keller Service Award:

Paul Seto - Jeanne Jackson - Cosmopolitan Lions
Riki Ito - Dr. Mitsugu Shimmya - Japanese American
Mayor Bill DeBlasio - New York City

ROAR, ROAR, ROAR!!



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Ann Sullivan Lions:

Participated at the LCIF Walkathon in August and donated food to the poor. Installed the new Officers in July, 2016. Attended Salute to Lions Event at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

on July 30, 2016 and the welcome reception for IP Bob Corlew on September 25, 2016.



Bangladeshi American Lions:

Held installation of Officers. Attended the welcoming reception for IP Bob Corlew.



Barahona Lions:

Volunteered at Summer in the Park Series Health Fair on August 13th, "Screening in the Park". 38 children were served. Supported Washington Heights Inwood Lions Club's 40th anniversary celebration.

Supported Bangladeshi Lions' installation of Officers and attended the International President visit ceremony hosted by District 20-R1 and 20-R2.



Borinquen Lions:

Held the President's installation and Awards presentation on July 18, 2016. Supported NY Eagles Lions anniversary celebration. 12 members attended the 1st District Cabinet meeting. Supported

Washington Heights-Inwood Lions' 40th anniversary fundraiser.

Cosmopolitan Lions:

Attended the welcoming reception for IP Bob Corlew. Three members were among the first to receive Lions 20-R2 Foundation Awards: Lions: Roseanne Levy, Paul Seto and Jeanne Jackson.

Chinatown Lions



Attended the first District Cabinet meeting and supported Washington Heights Lions at their charter anniversary celebration.



Eagle Lions:

Celebrated their 31st anniversary where Lions Rafael and Gertrudis were honored for their years of service to the Lions. Four members attended the welcome reception for IP Bob Corlew, where one new member was installed by IP Corlew.

Financial District Lions:

The President of the Battery Park Authority was invited to lecture about the history of Battery Park. A committee was put together to volunteer with the Park Authority in protecting and caring for our community's environment. Attended the Battery Park City Community Annual Block Party, collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids and recruiting members for a Lions Cer. in the community of Battery Park.



Global Leader Lions

Held a Summer International Potluck and Awards Night in July, and celebrated the President's birthday.



Highbridge Lions:

Held a boat ride fundraiser together with Eagle and Manhattan North Lions. Their Officers installation was held in July. A group of members attended the welcoming reception for IP Bob Corlew.



Hunts Point Lions:

Purchase and distribute food staple products to a homeless shelter each month. Together with the Lawrenceville Lions provided funds toward the purchase of trees and planted them. Donated school supplies to a school also along with the Lawrenceville Lions.

Around the District



Impacto Lions: Attended the welcome reception for IP Bob Corlew. Worked at the VCB event on August 8th and held their Installation of Officers on September 21st.



Japanese American Lions: Celebrated the installation of officers for the year 2016-17

Larchmont Lions:

Participated with the Yonkers Millennium Lions eye screening. Promoted Guiding Eyes for the Blind and had two Guiding Eyes dogs and trainers present, also the peace Poster Contest, eyeglass recycling and raised \$175 in donations for Guiding Eyes at their 125th Anniversary Street Fair.



Manhattan North Lions: Attended the welcome reception for IP Bob Corlew. Held Installation of new officers.



Phil Am Lions: Celebrated their 45th Charter Night anniversary and the installation of New Officers in August.

Staten Island Lions:

A member teaches CCD to 20 children every week. Volunteered at Richmond County Fair for the community, handing bracelets to the attendants. Donated \$100 to the Parkinson Foundation of S.I. Donated \$100 to the Global Medical Relief Fund. Held their annual Flea Market on September 25th. A member entertains the patients at a nursing home for 2 hours.

Staten Island North Star Lions:



Held the installation of Officers for the year 2016-17 on June 22, 2016 and a new member was inducted at that time. Several members received Guiding Lions certificates from PDG K. S. Kim.



Taino Lions:

Lion Miriam attended the first District Cabinet meeting and the 40th Charter celebration of the Washington Heights-Inwood Lions along with Lion Andres

Mercado and also purchased an ad for their journal. Lion Miriam also attended the welcoming reception for IP Bob Corlew.



The Bronx Lions:

Donated 8 bags of clothes to veterans group. Assisted camp for young people with developmental disabilities. Collected 63 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Purchased food and fed more than 200 homeless at 2 diners. Provided 2 schools with International Peace Poster packets. Assisted in distributing school supplies to needy children. Attended the first District Cabinet meeting.

Tuckahoe Eastchester Lions:



Celebrated their 91st charter anniversary on June 11th. Attended Salute to Lions event at Guiding Eyes for the Blind and donated \$1,000.00. Also attended the welcome reception for IP Bob Corlew.



Washington Heights Inwood Lions:

Celebrated their 40th Charter Anniversary with a "Tropical Fiesta" theme on September 18th.



Yonkers Lions:

Installation of officers was held on June 14th. Participated in the Yonkers Riverfest on September 10th. Participated at the McLean Avenue Merchants Festival with a booth where posters donated by Lion Erol Liguori were sold.



Yonkers Millennium Lions:

Recycled 10 spent ink cartridges. Made a Kiva microloan to Nabela of

of Ramallah, the West Bank. Had a garage sale to raise funds for cataract mission to the Philippines in 2017. Volunteered at the Food Bank for Westchester's "Green Thumb Mondays. Volunteered at the Food Bank for Westchester's Repack Thursday. Held vision screenings in day care centers in Westchester county.

United Nations Conference



The following Clubs attended the United Nations Conference on "Mental Health and Wellbeing at the Heart of the Sustainable Development Goals: Concrete Means of Implementation" on September 7th: Ann Sullivan, Global Leaders, Tribeca Campus, Tuckahoe Eastchester and Yonkers Millennium.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR LION HARRY KATZ, PDG 1931 - 2016

Lion Harry joined the Lions club of the Bronx in April 1972. Prior to his induction, he had assisted the club for a number of years at their annual Beefsteak activity.

When he officially became a Lion, he was a licensed electrical contractor who had recently established his own business in the Bronx. His partner Lee and he were at the time raising three young sons.

Harry was a proud Army Veteran of the Korean War and remained a steadfast member of the VFW for his entire life. In the same manner, he was a life-long member of the Knights of Pythias and generously supported his Temple.

Lion Harry was elected President of the Lions Club of the Bronx for the Lion year 1977-78, the same year that the club celebrated their 65th anniversary.

During his tenure, The Bronx Lions purchased a mini-bus for the Bronx YMCA, donated an Endo-laser to the Ophthalmology Department of Montefiore Hospital and provided many thousands of dollars for teacher training and student materials for the Lions Quest program. Warehouse was also provided to the Salvation Army in order for them to expand their food distribution efforts and so much more.

In 1992 Harry was elected District Governor of 20-R2. Many projects were completed and Lion Harry became involved with Lions Day at the United Nations and year after year he assisted the presidents of Lions International in coordinating this event. It was not long before he was awarded the Lions highest honor, being named an Ambassador of Good Will.

When the Twin Towers fell in 2001, he immediately provided electrical backups to the trailers in the area that sheltered workers as well as the dogs that were vital to locating victims.

He and Lion Lee shared more than 60 years of marriage. Lion Lee went on to become a most vibrant District Governor for the Lion year 2000-2001.

The Lions and so many others were blessed by a life that was so well spent.

Submitted by Lion Bill Gumbel



Thank you

My Dear Lions Family,

There are no words to truly express how grateful my family and I are to all of you who attended PDG Harry Katz' funeral.

You also showed your love and respect for him by all your cards, donations and flowers sent to us while we sat "Shiva".

We continue to mourn him, but are comforted by all your good wishes and condolences.

Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely yours in Lionism,

PDG Lee Katz

All Lions members in District 20-R2 join together to extend our deepest sympathy upon the recent passing of a group of very fine, dedicated Lions:

PDG Harry Katz
The Bronx Lions

PDG Philip Carreon
Phil-Am Lions

Lion Maria Rodriguez
Hunts Point Lions

Lion Heriberto Quinde
Intercontinental Lions

Lion Ed Chico
Staten Island Lions

Lion Joseph Castelli
Staten Island Lions

We shall sincerely miss them.



“THE LION DISTRICT GOVERNOR WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR”

The following are excerpts from a recent interview conducted with Eleanor Carreon, the beloved partner in service and wife of 63 years of our beloved fellow Lion Felipe “Philip” Carreon, District 20-R2 Governor (the first Filipino-American District Governor in the whole United States), who passed away on Monday, October 3, 2016 at the age of 83 with his beloved Eleanor by his side.

We met at a Philippine dance class and fell in love. We got married not too long after in 1954 when I was 17 years old and he was 20. Philip was born in Ilocos in the northern part of the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Although I was not born in the Philippines, my family hails from La Union, which is a neighboring province.

Philip was an accountant and worked with several divisions of the City Government of New York. He worked in several locations but spent a great deal of his tenure in Riker’s Island.

He was one of the senior members of the New York Phil-Am Lions Club. He joined the club only two years from its founding. If I remember correctly, he decided to run for the District Governorship of 20-R2 in 1991 and I supported him wholeheartedly. I was even the editor of his district newsletter at that time.

Philip greatest legacy as the District Governor was his support for programs for the children. The children of New York meant a lot to him and he pushed to fund activities that benefited a lot of children and he was genuinely pleased to see them happy. We had fund drives to raise money for gifts to children even in foreign countries and especially during Christmas.

He was a very happy go lucky person besides being helpful and taking great pleasure in helping people. He was always a happy person. He knew how to manage life’s curve balls. He took challenges one at a time and if something did not go his way, he would say, “well, next time”. “If you can’t change it, there is nothing you can do about it”. He knew better than to dwell on it. He stayed true to the ideals of Lionism and was a passionate Lion. This made him very popular among the Lions. He was never angry. I don’t remember seeing him angry with anybody, except perhaps when I overdid my shopping.

I would not have gone to Columbia University and gotten a degree if it was not for him pushing me to go to college.

Besides Eleanor, Lion Philip is also survived by an ailing younger brother in Hawaii.

Lion Philip will be surely missed.

*Submitted by Lion Ric Aberion,
PP NY Phil-Am Lions Club 1991-92*



Dear Fellow Lions,

As you might recently learned, the 100K LCIF grant application submitted by District 20R1 for the construction of NY’s First Residential Vocational Rehabilitation Center to serve blind and visually impaired individuals was approved; the center will be built at VISIONS VCB.

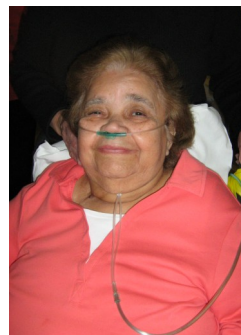
Also, during the last VCB Executive Committee held on Sunday, August 7, 2016 it was requested that we make all the capital campaign materials available to all of you so we can officially kick-off the solicitation towards the match required by LCIF. Remember this is a give or get requirement since 50% of the match can come from any Lions solicitation to anyone else. Please click on the link below to access these materials and share with your respective councils and/or anyone else you see fit.

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B-B 68UY7tdLVEVpa0N0N3ktN2s&usp=sharing>

Thank you in advance for your support and helping VISIONS reach such an important endeavor.

Lion Khaled Musa

TRIBUTE TO LION MARIA TERESARODRIGUEZ

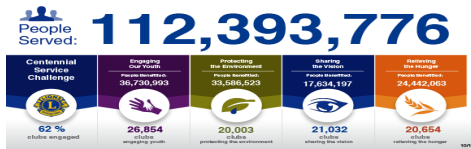


Lion Maria Teresa Rodriguez served her community as a member of the New York Hunts Point Lions Club for the past 16 years, she past away September 2016. She will be missed and always remembered.

Submitted by PDG Michael Santos

“When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracles is wrought in our life, or in the life of another”.

Helen Keller



Centennial Projects and Challenges

Let's Reach new Heights-Let's Celebrate our Achievements

For 100 years Lions have served communities around the world and improved the lives of millions of people. In celebration of these achievements, we have accepted the challenge to provide service to 100 million by June 2018. These 100 million services were divided as follows:

- 25 Million Involving the Youth;
- 25 Million Relieving Hunger,
- 25 Million Sharing the Vision, and
- 25 Million Helping the Environment.

We are very happy and proud to inform you that as of October 2016 we have served 112,393,775 people.

That's something to celebrate!

In between service projects and recruitment events, take some time to celebrate the Centennial with your club. After all, this only happens once every 100 year. These are some ideas on how to celebrate this important achievement:

- Fly a **Lion flag** on the 100th anniversary of the first meeting, June 7, 2017
- Honor the longest serving active Lion in your Club or District.
- Provide a special recognition for all members who have been **Lions for more than 50 years in your club or district.**
- Make a Centennial popup banner with "100" in large print. Have the 0s cut out so Lions can take photos with their faces looking through the banner.

Let's not stop here but continue reaching new heights in service. We still have one year and eight months to go. I am sure that we can serve an additional 100 million people throughout the world, if we put our minds and hearts to it. Let's assess the needs in our communities and develop a Lions legacy Project that enhance said communities and will evidence the important role of the Lions in community life. I urge you to make a mark in your communities by implementing a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, so start planning yours today! There may be financial assistance from LCI.

There are many other ideas on events we will be discussing in our district meeting that could easily be adopted, modified and implemented as part of the celebration. For more information

Please visit <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/ways-to-celebrate.php>

PDG Maria Sierra, PMJF

District Coordinator, Centennial Celebration

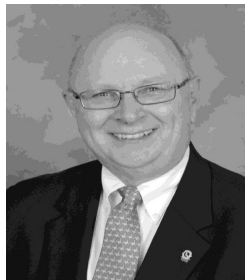


The Fall Conference committee is hard at work on arrangements for this annual event. They are inviting the participation of all Clubs in the District so as to welcome our distinguished guest speaker, ID Jerome Thompson. Please join us.

This year's Fall Conference will be held at Maestro's Caterers on November 20th, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. A continental breakfast will be served in the morning and the afternoon session will start at 1:00 PM until 4:30 P.M. with lunch and open bar. Coffee will be served all day. The admission price is \$75.00.

On Friday night, November 18th we will meet for dinner with ID Thompson at a restaurant (name to be announced) in Yonkers. Saturday, November 19th: Visit to VCB and Sunday, at Maestro's Caterers.

Jerome Thompson International Director



Jerome Thompson, from Moulton, Alabama, USA, was elected to serve a two term as Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26th through 30th, 2015.

Director Thompson is an attorney.

A member of the Moulton Lions Club since 1989, he has held many offices within the Association, including club secretary, club treasurer, club membership chairperson, district GMT coordinator and multiple district GMT coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Thompson has received numerous awards including the membership Key Awards, three Leadership Awards, two Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Thompson is active in
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.....ID Jerome Thompson.....(From Page 9)

Numerous professional and community organizations, including President of the Lawrence County Alabama Bar Association and member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Director Thompson has two sons.

.....LEADERSHIP KORNER.....(From Page 3)

The nine (9) traits that define great Leadership:

To motivate your team to achieve the highest levels of performance (and create an extraordinary organization in the process) here are the quantities you should model every day, many leaders are competent, but few qualify as remarkable. If you want to join the ranks of the best of the best, make sure you embody all these qualities all the time. It isn't easy, but the rewards can be truly phenomenal.

- (1) Awareness: There is a difference between management and employees. Bosses and workers, Leaders understand the nature of this difference and accept it; it informs their image, their actions, and their communication.
- (2) Decisiveness: All Leaders must make tough decisions. It goes with the job.
- (3) Empathy: Extraordinary Leaders praise in public and address problems in private, with a genuine concern, the best Leaders guide employees through challenges, always on the lookout for solutions to foster the long term success of the organization.
- (4) Accountability: Extraordinary Leaders take responsibility for everyone's performance, including their own. They follow up on all outstanding issues, check in on employees, and monitor the effectiveness of company policies and procedures. When things are going well, they praise, when problems arise, they identify them quickly, seek solutions and get things back on track.
- (5) Confidence: Not only are the best Leaders confident, but their confidence is contagious. Employees are naturally drawn to them, seek their advice and feel more confident as a result. When challenged, they don't give in too easily, because they know their ideas, opinions and strategies are well-informed and the result of much hard work. But when proven wrong, they take responsibility and quickly act to improve the situations within their authority.
- (6) Optimism: The very best Leaders are a source of posi-

tive energy. They communicate easily, they are intrinsically helpful and genuinely concerned for other people's welfare. They always seem to have a solution, and always know what to say to inspire and reassure.

- (7) Honesty: Strong Leaders treat people the way they want to be treated. They are extremely ethical and believe that honesty, effort and reliability form the foundation of success.
- (8) Focus: Extraordinary Leaders plan ahead, and they are supremely organized. They think through multiple scenarios and the possible impacts of their decision, while considering viable alternatives and making plans and strategies-all targeted toward success.
- (9) Inspiration: Put it all together, and what emerges is a picture of the truly inspiring Leader: someone who communicates clearly, concisely, and often, and by doing so motivates everyone to give his or her best all the time. They challenge their people by setting high but attainable standards and expectation, and then giving them support, tools, training and latitude to pursue those goals and become the best employees they can possibly be.

Submitted by PDG Charley Gonzalez, PMJF
District 20-R2 Global Leadership Team
MD-20 PDG Organization - President

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' REPORT

As of this date MD-20 has 14,650 members.

Candidates for International Director

1. PCC Gary Brown
2. PDG Peg DiIerio
3. PDG Lorri E. Rieger

PDG Anne Smith Young expressed concern about a new club installed within District 20-R2 territory.

MD-20 2016– to 2017

GMT Smitty Milledge
GLT James Muscorell
GMT Leader for R2 report needed submission

NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation

Plusoptix Screener will be purchased by the NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation with 3 years warranty and no tax. By January 2017 raffles will be available. We are encouraging our District and to all clubs to apply for a matching program. Please include in your club's budget to buy at least 3 raffle tickets to get and Uplinger Award.

Grand prize: \$5,000

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as visibly as possible over these next four months, but I know I have a strong Team in place to fill in for me, if the need arises. Thank you for your kind words, gifts and prayers for Lion Joanne, they are all sincerely appreciated.

Going forward we have great Lions events coming up, we are planning a great Fall Conference weekend for November 18-20, 2016. Lions Events at the UN on March 3-4, 2017, we are the Host District! Our MD-20 Convention will be in Lake Placid, NY, May 5-7, 2017. Our Lions Centennial International Convention will be in Chicago, IL, June 30 to July 4, 2017; this event is not to be missed! Please register early for all these events.

Let's all keep working hard together to increase member satisfaction in our respective Lions Clubs, retain existing members, add new members, and encourage our new Lions and existing Lions to take on more Centennial Service Projects and create lasting Centennial Legacy projects in our communities. We are working very hard at creating new Lions Clubs, to grow our District and provide more services to underserved communities. Finally, let's add more Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows this Centennial Year and make personal contributions to LCIF which will in turn help our worldwide community.

Thank you to the best Lions District, we are 20-R2!

Best regards and Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Peter H. Pergolis, PMJF

.....Past District Governors' Report..... (From Page 10)

Second Prize: \$5,000
Third: \$2,000
Fourth: \$1,000
Fifth: 500 Each

Our District will get a refund of \$1,000 if we sell 100 raffle tickets.

March 4, 2017 - United nation Day might be the last UN Day in New York. Application go direct to LCI.

ASAP: International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, June 30th to July 4, 2017.

LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM: Contact PDG AMADO SY, PMJF - 917-648-6079

PDG AMADO SY, PMJF
DIRECTOR

GMT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Under the extraordinary leadership of our District Governor, Lion Peter Pergolis, District 20-R2 is growing. We are now preparing our Centennial Celebration and all clubs are working hard to bring in new members. I congratulate all of our respected club leaders.

From July 1st, we started with 1051 membership. As of today, we have 1089 members. We have 48 clubs. We are working on Staten Island's LGBT, Manhattan's LGBT, Bronx LGBT Lions clubs and Leo Clubs.

As a GMT Coordinator I appeal to every Lion club to please try your best to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, doctors and accountants to join in lionism, you may qualify to receive our special colorful GMT pin.

PDG AKM Mike Bhuiyan
GMT Coordinator

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CAMPAIGN

At the first District Meeting held on September 12, 2016 the following Clubs were awarded special patches for their participation in the Centennial Service Campaign: Congratulations to all!

Patch Level (1,2,3,4 Gems)	Club Name
1	TUCKAHOE EASTCHESTER
1	NEW YORK CHINATOWN
1	NY WASHINGTON HEIGHTS-INWOOD
1	NEW YORK CUBAN
1	NEW YORK METROPOLITAN
2	STATEN ISLAND
2	NEW YORK HUNTS POINT
2	NEW YORK FINANCIAL DISTRICT
2	STATEN ISLAND NORTH STAR
2	LARCHMONT
2	NEW YORK BANGLADESHI-AMERICAN
3	THE BRONX
3	NY ANN SULLIVAN-WHITE PLAINS
4	NEW YORK BARAHONA
4	NEW YORK BORINQUEN
4	NEW YORK EAGLE
4	NEW YORK HIGHBRIDGE
4	NEW YORK IMPACTO
4	NEW YORK TAINO
4	YONKERS MILLENNIUM
LEGACY 1	NY FINANCIAL DISTRICT-LARCHMONT-YONKERS MILLENNIUM
3	NEW YORK IMPACTO

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Please e-mail us information regarding your club's activities and plans for the future. Share with us any ideas for articles or topics you would like to appear in our District Newsletter.

Visit our Website for updates and information

<http://e-district.org/sites20r2>

Welcome Reception

District 20R2 was extremely pleased and proud to welcome our eminent International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew and his partner in service Lion Diane on September 25, 2016.

75 Lions attended the welcoming ceremony and nine (9) new Lions were inducted by IP Corlew. IP Corlew's visit was very much appreciated by our entire membership.

It was a very successful, outstanding and unforgettable experience especially to the new nine (9) Lions that were inducted by IP Corlew.



First District Meeting

The first District meeting was held on September 12th with 77 lions in attendance. The District Directory was distributed, Centennial Projects presented and Legacy and Centennial Service Challenge Award Patches were presented to Clubs. CONGRATULATIONS!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Bronx Centennial Heroes Lions
Charter presentation and Installation Ceremony - Tina Lounge November 4th.

Highbridge Lions 38th Charter Anniversary - Maestros Caterers November 6th.

2nd District Meeting - at Oriental Plaza Restaurant in Staten Island - 7:30 PM - November 7th.

Fall Conference - November 18-20th. Welcome dinner for ID Thompson at a restaurant in Yonkers on November 18th. Visit VCB on Saturday, November 19th. - Breakfast, seminars and reception at Maestros Caterers from 1:00 PM to 4:30 P.M., November 20th.

Borinquen Lions Christmas fundraiser at Riccardo's by the Bridge. December 3rd.

Legacy Projects

Centennial Celebration - Legacy Projects Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration.

Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions. Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, so start planning yours today!