



# The Lion's Spirit

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## District Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Lions,

We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. Lion Joanne and I hope 2017 will be a year filled with good health and happiness for all of you and your loved ones. Also, may the Lions Centennial year 2017 be a great year of Lions Service and Events.

We start 2017 as a District plus 4 members based on LCI, however based on events I attended about 20 new members need to be added to LCI. We are holding at 48 Lions Clubs and 3 Leos Clubs and we hope to add 2 to 3 new Clubs and one more Leo Club.

Recapping the last three months, please read all the great articles in this Newsletter and "Around the District", Lion Tonie Castro, Editor and PDG Maria Sierra, Co-Editor. In addition to the articles, during the last three months FVDG Norma Mendez-Cruz and I attended the 2nd MD-20 Council of Governors meetings in Binghamton, NY, on October 21st and 22nd. While we were there both SVDG Gustavo Sanchez and Lion ZC Medadie Sy attended the MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute. We held our 2nd Voting Cabinet meeting on October 24th at the Pines in the Bronx. We also held our 2nd District meeting in Staten Island on November 7th, great meeting and very well attended! I want to thank FVDG Norma and SVDG Gustavo for putting in the time and effort to attend and study at home for their current and future leadership positions. Finally, please join me in congratulating

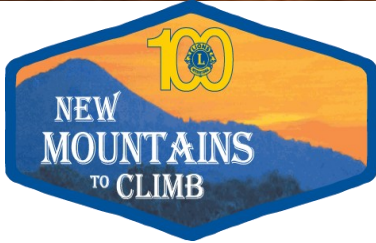
SVDG Gustavo for being selected and attending the LCI Leadership Training in Houston, Texas this past November, a great honor for SVDG Gustavo and our District.

Let's start 2017 strong with a great turn out at the GLT/GMT Symposium on January 7th, (already held and it was great!).

CS Portia Fagel continues to update the District Calendar on our website, please send her your events for posting and regularly check our website for updates. Please post all your service activities, membership changes, etc. on MyLCI on at least a monthly basis. Please contact CS Portia, if you need any assistance.

At the 2nd Council of Governors meeting, voting at the MD-20 District Convention was discussed. The method of voting has changes and the requirements to vote have been changed. Please read all about it in the Multiple District 20 Lion November 2016 edition. All dues, i.e. LCI, MD-20 and District 20-R2 must be paid by April 21, 2017 for delegates to vote. Please contact CT Gabriela Remigio and Finance Chair Rafael Espinal regarding your outstanding dues. Thank you.

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**1st VDG Message**



Dear Fellow Lions:

As we approach our Centennial Celebration, I wish all a healthy New Year, Also to all our Lions who had a loss of a loved one, on behalf of my Club and myself,

please accept our deepest sympathy.

I have been visiting clubs, it has been a great experience. We have had the opportunity to join in service activities with some clubs in our District. I would like to thank those clubs for the opportunity and experience. If you have any activity that I could be of service, please invite me.

Part of the duties of 1st VDG is to prepare herself/himself to assume the position of District Governor at the next International Convention. For this purpose, I am very happy to report that I have completed all the required independent studies, and the GLT/GMT, DGE training (seminars) this year in Stamford, CT.

I will be attending MD20 DGE training in Binghamton in March and lastly, the International DGE in June. Currently we have travelled the road, and I hope that many of you will join me in Chicago at the 100th year International Convention. It will be fun. Please do not forget to register for the MD-20 NY State and Bermuda Convention at Lake Placid, May 5-7. This is where the 100 year celebration begins.

Again, fellow Lions, thank you for your kind support. It is only working together that we will be able to achieve great things for our District 20-R2.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Norma Mendez Cruz  
1st VDG



**2nd VDG Message**

Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday together with family. I thank all the clubs for inviting me to their Holiday festivities.



We are ready to continue working towards our goals. I have visited many clubs for different reasons, and again respectfully I request to be invited to general meetings and Zone meetings. This will give me the opportunity to get to know the members of each club better.

Looking forward, I want to thank all the clubs for sending their donations to VCB for the new Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC). The clubs that have not sent their donation, there is time, please do it soon, we

Still have time to get the matching fund of \$100,000. The deadline is the end of February. Please write VRC on the memo section of your checks.

Again, we thank you for your cooperation and also your contributions. This year we are celebrating 100 years of service, let's continue doing the best possible service. Remember,

**WHERE THERE'S A NEED**

**THERE'S A LION**

**WE SERVE**

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Gustavo Sanchez, PMJF  
2nd VDG

**District's Legacy Project**

A remarkable accomplishment was realized on October 8, 2016 when District 20-R2's Legacy Project was finalized with the renaming of the late PDG Mary Jane Matos Caicedo's Way thanks to IPDG Guillermo Perez' efforts and diligence, and PDG Maria Sierra.

Lions members and family of our beloved PDG Mary Jane were present at the ceremony. Afterwards we were invited to visit Lion Bernardo Caicedo's home for a small get together. All present were very touched and happy with the success of this great activity.





**Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST**

To Our Fellow Lions:  
The results of the Environmental Photo Contest held at the Fall Conference on November 20, 2016 with the different categories are as follows:

Animal Life: Lion Medadie Sy from Phil-Am Lions Club



Plant Life: PDG Loretta Wu from Cosmopolitan Lions.



Weather Phenomenon: PDG K.S. Kim from Korean American Lions.



Urban or National Landscape: Lion Aurora Gutierrez-Cabot of Staten Island United Asian Lions.

Special Theme: "New Mountains to Climb"- Lion Joan

Torres of Yonkers Millennium Lions. Best Show: (Best of all the photos in the competition)-PDG K.S. Kim was the winner. The picture will represent our District at the MD-20 Third Council meeting on February 17-18 in Syracuse, N.Y. GOOD LUCK TO US! Thank you to the Clubs that participated on this contest: Cosmopolitan, Global Leaders, Korean American, Phil-Am, Taino, Tribeca Campus S.I. North Star, S.I. Royal, S.I. United Asian, Yonkers Millennium, Impacto Leos and LESP.

**L. Jimmy S. Cu, Chairperson**  
**L. Winifer Reyes, Co-Chair**

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST**  
**PDG Loretta Wu**

This year we Lions are celebrating the 30th anniversary of our International Peace Poster Contest. The contest was made to give young people the opportunity to think about peace and express their ideas through artwork. The artwork is shared globally via the social media, the Internet and traveling exhibits.

Clubs in District 20-R2 have participated in the Peace Poster Contest since the very beginning. In 2016 the following clubs submitted entries: Larchmont, Mamaroneck, NY Cosmopolitan, NY Japanese American, NY Korean American and Yonkers Millennium. The posters displayed rich talent on the part of the 11, 12 and 13 year artists who portrayed the theme "Celebration of Peace" in their work. The winning poster was submitted by the NY Korean American Lions Club.

Participation in the Peace Poster Contest offers many benefits. For instance, it connects your club to the Centennial Service Challenge with its focus on youth and it meets one of the requirements for the Club Excellence Award.

A Peace Poster kit provides all the information you need to participate in the Contest. Each kit costs \$11.95 plus shipping and can be ordered from Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. If you have any questions, please contact me at: (lorettawu@hotmail.com). Also, if you would like me to visit your club to talk about the Peace Poster Contest, please let me know.



**Lions Club International**  
**District 20-R2**  
**Global Leadership Team**



Dear Lions,

The Global Leadership Team comprises the group of Lions leaders committed to serve and empower leadership from Lion to Lion and club to club. GLT Coordinators are appointed for the period of three consecutive years at the district level to analyze present conditions and needs in terms of leadership and provide support to the members and the clubs within the district.

Today we count with a powerful website at Lions Clubs International level which is open and available to all clubs and members, allowing the membership to participate in leadership programs at their own pace and with better coordination for minimum impact. As we celebrate our Centennial, Lions clubs International has upgraded the website for better understanding and promotion of the programs available.

At the District level, the Global Leadership Team includes the District Governor Team, with the 2nd VDG helping as liaison to the District Governor, and the Zone Chairs. This group is responsible for identifying leaders. We are looking for effective leaders who can help prepare future lion leaders. To achieve our goals, we need our leaders to be models for others. Positive results must start with us. We need to be transparent, trustworthy and have the highest level of integrity.

Dear Lions, we encourage all of you to take advantage of the GLT-MD Resource Guide Tools available at Lions Clubs International website. Clubs have to make the effort for leadership expansion and improvement throughout participation.

We want to recognize the challenge, effort and support of all participants at the recent First Global Leadership and Member-

ship Symposium and the great participation of professional leadership panelists from Multiple and our District, such as MD-20 Leo Chair, Lion Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, PDG Peg DiIorio, PDG Lorri Rieger, PDG Loretta Wu, PCC Gary Brown, MD-20 GLT Coordinator Milledge Smith, PDG Melissa Torres, PDG Maria Sierra and PDG Mike Bhuiyan.

Again, thank you to all the lions in our District for defying the snow and making our first symposium a success. We encourage all Zones Chairs and all club leaders to participate and motivate clubs' members to attend our 2nd Leadership and Membership Symposium, to be held on March 11, 2017 at Math Science Prep School, 401 West 164 Street, NY, NY 100 32.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Guillermo A. Perez



## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is my honor to serve as LCIF District Coordinator. The LCIF Committee and the members of District 20-R2 work together as a team, we are the No. 1 contributor to LCIF in MD-20 including last year. Thank you very much for your strong support to LCIF.

I would like to report on up to date information on LCIF:

Recent Earthquake in Indonesia:

LCIF has awarded both a \$10,000 Emergency Grant and a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to address immediate and long term needs in the wake of the Banda Aceh Earthquake in Indonesia.

Guatemala has Eliminated River Blindness:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially verified the elimination of onchocerciasis in Guatemala. Guatemala is now the fourth country in the Americas to be verified free of this disease, after Colombia (2013), Ecuador (2014), and Mexico (2015).

\*LCI Project, Measles Initiative Program:

How many deaths have been prevented by measles vaccination efforts since 2001?

13.8 million

3rd stage (2013 - 2017) - 4 years fundraising

Lions' 30 million fundraising and matching fund  
\$30M from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and UK International Developing Dept.

For a total of up to \$60 million mobilized for the fight against measles.

Over the next year, we will need to raise approximately \$10 million to fulfill our promise to the world's children. I am asking each and every Lion to renew your dedication to the fight against this bad disease.

Measles donation: MJF eligible

Yours in Lionism,

PDG K.S. Kim  
LCIF District Coordinator

## Legacy Projects



### Centennial Community 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!**

### Plan Your Legacy Project

With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Choose a project from the list below or develop your own to address specific needs in your community.

### Promote Your Legacy Project

Your Legacy Project is an opportunity to showcase your project, your service and your club to the community. Here are some tips that can help you maximize this great public relations opportunity:

- **Dedication Ceremony** – Host a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and local media to attend.
- **Social Media** - Share project photos on social media or ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag **#Lions100** so we can share your project on the LCI Facebook page.
- **Local Media** – Send out a press release or ask a local reporter to help tell your story.

In support of the Legacy Projects program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available from Club Supplies at a significant discount.

### Report Your Legacy Project

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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Ann Sullivan Lions:



Donated food to the poor. Attended Cosmopolitan Lions' service activity and Impacto Lions' Christmas on the Hudson party.

## Asian American Lions:



Donated Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in Manhattan in a joint effort with NY Barahona Lions Club.

**Bangladeshi American Lions:** Conducted flu shots for 40 people in Jackson Heights, Queens.

**Barahona Lions:** Donated Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Manhattan in a joint effort with Asian American Lions Club. Participated at the street renaming ceremony for PDG Mary Jane Matos Caicedo. Delivered groceries, including vegetables to RAIN Senior Center to prepare Christmas Eve dinner for seniors.

## Borinquen Lions:



Five members attended the Fall Conference. Attended the naming of Mary Jane Matos Caicedo Way. Donated toys to Ascension Church to be distributed at their shelter. 9 members attended the 38th Charter

anniversary celebration of Highbridge Lions and purchased an ad in their journal. Donated food to Ascension Church in Manhattan for their Thanksgiving meal to the homeless. 300 pairs of eyeglasses collected and sent to Santo Domingo to be distributed to vision impaired people. A box of slightly worn clothes (\$500 approximate value) donated to Ascension Church for their Homeless Shelter. Their annual Christmas fundraiser was held on December 3rd at Ricardo's by the Bridge.

## Cosmopolitan Lions:



Held annual Christmas service activity at LESP High School Auditorium along with N.Y. Global Leaders Lions Club on December 3rd, to benefit children at 12 day care centers.

## Chinatown Lions:



Attended the naming of Mary Jane Matos Caicedo Way in October. Supported Borinquen, Highbridge and Washington Heights Lions at their respective Christmas fundraiser activities.

## Cuban Lions:



Held their Christmas celebration at Meson Madrid Restaurant.

**Eagle Lions:** Participated at their ongoing Health Fair. One member attended the second meeting of the 20R2 Lions Foundation.

**Fifth Avenue Lions:** Held Christmas party with family members and collected used clothes and food to be donated to Bahol, Philippines.

## Financial District Lions:



Held their 5th anniversary fundraising gala on December 3rd. New members were inducted at this activity.

**Golden Hearts Lions:** Donated \$100 to St. Jude Hospital and \$50 to different charities.

## Highbridge Lions:



Celebrated their 38th charter anniversary on November 8th. Engaged in distribution of gifts to children in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan.

## Hunts Point Lions:



Club members collected and helped pack boxes of clothing for the victims in the country of Haiti. Donated 1000 diapers for children living at the

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# Around the District

...From Page 5: **Hunts Point Lions:** Sammon Builder Temporary Housing Shelter in the Bronx. Purchased and distributed food products valued at \$50.00 for the residents housed in the Town and Country Homeless Shelter in the Bronx each month.

## Impacto Lions:

Attended VCB fall cleanup and donated \$500. Participated at annual Health Fair and made a donation to Health Awareness Support service. Attended the naming of Mary Jane Matos Caicedo Way. Held Christmas on the Hudson party on December 17th. Lions and Leos went to the Isabella Nursing Home to read, do the ladies' nails and play dominoes with the patients.

## Korean American Lions:



Celebrated their 42nd charter anniversary in December, where 11 new members were inducted. Participated at the Korean Parade.

**Larchmont Lions:** President Phil Oldham was on the panel of speakers at the Summit's breakfast program "Neighbors Helping Neighbors": A look at our Community Organizations with members of the community and other Larchmont Lions in attendance. Packed grocery bags at the Mamaroneck Food Pantry for distribution to the needy. Pres. Oldham met with Rye City Lions Club's president.

**Larchmont and Mamaroneck Lions:** Co-sponsored the local Peace Poster Contest in cooperation with Saints John & Paul School, the French American School and Rye Neck School. Over 100 students took part in this contest.

**Manhattan North Lions:** Attended the naming of Mary Jane Matos Caicedo Way. Participated at Health Fair and made a donation. Donation to Health Awareness support services. Attended Cosmopolitan Lions' anniversary. Participated at VCB's clean-up and made a \$500 donation.

**Manila Lions:** Proceeds from a September event were donated to serve families with food and backpacks filled with school supplies for children. Sold tickets to a Broadway show and proceeds were donated to Cottonlingo Filipino Organization, which serves poor, abandoned children.

**Metropolitan Lions:** Collected used eyeglasses. Brought food baskets to poor people.

**Mount Vernon Lions:** Gave twenty food baskets to needy Mount Vernon families and five baskets each to 3 church groups to distribute to an assisted living home for the aged.

**Quisqueya Lions:** Distributed turkeys for Thanksgiving.

**Staten Island Lions:** Lions Diane, Marvin, Matt, Danny, Victor and Eva gave out \$50 gift cards for Thanksgiving to needy families. Lion Diane teaches CCD (religious classes) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's 2nd graders. She helps the church when needed. Lion Eva plays the piano and sings to the patients at the Nursing Home twice a month. Lion Marvin collected 15 pairs of eyeglasses for the blind.

**Staten Island Asian Lions:** Donated to Meals on Wheels.

## Staten Island North Star:



Held their Christmas celebration and awards presentation in December. Lion Bernabe Gupit presented a donation to Lion Joseph Gumbs for the Restoration of the Cultural Center

Quartier D'Orleans.

**Taino Lions:** Three members, Lions Nadhia Arias, Ernie Arias and Miriam Gutloff attended the Fall Conference. Donated 10 turkeys and 10 baskets of food for the Thanksgiving holiday which consisted of rice, beans, potatoes, stuffing, corn bread mix, Hawaiian C drink, oil, cranberry sauce, macaroni with cheese and desert to Theresa's Haven Family Shelter.

**The Bronx Lions:** Donated \$1,450 to two pre-school care centers so they are able to present Holiday gifts for their children. Helped to feed 106 homeless persons. Provided local community organizations with information regarding eyeglass collection boxes and offered to provide with a ten pack for distribution in their area. Assisted at camp for young people with developmental disabilities.

## Tribeca Lions:



Celebrated their 12th Charter Night and award presentation at Golden Unicorn Restaurant. Ten new members were inducted. Participated at the Planting Flower Bulbs project at City Hall in cooperation

with Partnership for Parks.

## Tuckahoe Eastchester Lions:



Santa from Club distributed toys to children at school for special needs. Held their annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and  
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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

From page 7... **Tuckahoe Eastchester Lions:** donated to local PTA \$850. Held annual Holiday Raffle fundraiser banquet and raised \$8,000 for local charitable programs.

## Washington Heights Inwood Lions:



Participated at the naming of Mary Jane Matos Caicedo way in October. Held their annual Christmas fundraiser on Dec. 7th at Meson Madrid Restaurant.

## Yonkers Millennium Lions:



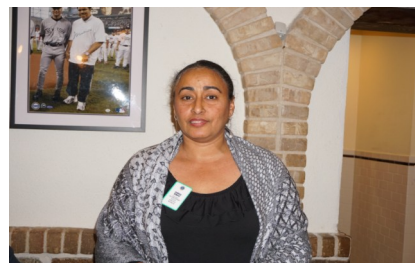
Conducted vision screenings at the three sites of the South Bronx Day Care Center—Site 3, where 48 children were screened on Dec. 9; Site 2 on Dec. 8 where 19 children were

screened, and Site 1 where 46 children were screened. VDG Norma Mendez Cruz trained on the screener on Dec. 9. Donated \$150 worth of gifts to “Benefit for Children”, a meet and greet Santa sponsored by the NY Cosmopolitan and NY Global Leaders Lions clubs. Trained two NY Cosmopolitan Lions and one Lion from NY Japanese American Lions Club on the pulsoptiX vision screener at Little Angel Day Care Center and Jacob Rils Day Care Center. Made a Kiva microloan to Saveun of Cambodia. Saveun will use the money to build a toilet in the home she shares with her husband and 3 children. Volunteered at the Food Bank for Westchester. Donated \$50. Participated in the Peace Poster Contest and the Environmental Photo Contest.

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS’ MEETING



The Past District Governors’ meeting was held on December 29th. At that time PDG Charley Gonzales inducted PDG K. S. Kim as Director for the year 2017-18.



Cabinet Treasurer Lion Gabriela Remigio was named the recipient of the PDG’s Leadership Achievement Award, which will be presented to her at the State Convention in Lake Placid, New York. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Season’s Greetings from Lions Camp Badger,

This is an exciting time to be part of the Board of Directors of Lions Camp Badger. The board has started reviewing a number of different items that in the long run will help the facilities attract more participants to our Special Needs Camper program held each summer, as well as being able to make available to other not-for-profit organizations a site to hold their events when we are not using the grounds.

In addition, we have taken the first steps in becoming members of the American Camping Association. This should also help us to attract more campers since, as members, the camp has to maintain a high standard of quality throughout our grounds.

Each member of the board is committed to helping Lions Camp Badger to achieve the goals that we have adopted, the first of which is adding handicap accessible bathrooms and an entrance to the Collins/Conroy Lodge, thus making it easier for when we host our annual Lions Appreciation Day in late July.

The board members are dedicated to not only giving of their time, but contributing financial support to help meet the goals of improving the camp as well.

We are very grateful to all the clubs who support us by their generosity. Lions Camp Badger continues to grow and succeed, and we look forward to a bright future for our hallmark program of our Special Needs Campers.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Lions Camp Badger, we wish you peace and joy this Christmas season and a very Happy New Year!

*William Emrick*

Lion William Emrick (Scio Lions Club)  
Treasurer  
Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.



Dear fellow Lions,

VISIONS has received a \$100,000 matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to build a Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC) on the campus of VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB) in Spring Valley, New York.

So far, Lions have contributed \$70,000 towards meeting our match of \$100,000. We have only until the end of February 2017 to raise the remaining \$30,000. If your club has allocated the donation please send it in as soon as possible.

Construction of the VRC is well under way and the capital fundraising effort is running full steam ahead. Please do not leave it up to other Lions Clubs to help out; we need your help today.

**ACT TODAY**  
Earmark your check toward the VRC  
And send it to  
VISIONS  
500 Greenwich Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, New York 10013

## 17TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

The Lions Clubs NY Cuban, Dr. Ramiro Collazo, Eagle, Impacto, Manhattan North and Washington Heights Inwood sponsored their 17th Annual Health Fair on October 16, 2016 in New York City. The following screenings, exams and consultations were provided: Heart Risk Assessments, cholesterol, blood pressure, glucose, health check, diabetes education and screening, vision/glaucoma, rapid HIV test with blood (finger stick), mammography, colon cancer (kits provided) and follow up and colonoscopy free of charge will be offered to patients if needed, psychiatrists, personal and couple sexual therapist consultation. Children ages 6 months and over were screened with the plusoptiXS12C camera, as part of the District project "The Lions SEE/KIDSIGHT USA". Vision/glaucoma screenings were conducted by Dr. John J. Kim MD Ophthalmology and the New York State University (SUNY) students.

Our health fair also gave the opportunity to many agencies in New York City to highlight their services by placing their materials at exhibitor booths that were made available. Many participants took home free items, which were donated by the different agencies present, including literature of different health topics that were distributed by the Lions Clubs and the Dominican Medical Association. In general we were able to have a great service day and the health fair was a complete success, with good participation from health care providers and community members. Dedicated team work was displayed among Lions and Doctors and we all enjoyed a day of giving, loving, sharing and above all, we had the opportunity to exemplify our motto "WE SERVE".

I am excited to report that we received notice from the mammography department that a 50 year old lady with no insurance and screened by them for the first time, was diagnosed positive for cancer. She will have the surgery, chemotherapy and breast reconstruction surgery free of charge. They also encouraged us to keep working for these needy communities and asked me to let all Lions volunteers know, and I quote: "Lions, you are doing God's work".

I would like to express my gratitude to all Lions and Leo Clubs, the Dominican Medical Association, health providers and volunteers who make this health fair a reality and a success year after year. THANK YOU!

Lion Margarita Guerra, PDG  
Health Fair President

**Our Mission:** to promote health awareness and to encourage individuals to assume responsibility for their own health.

**Lions Health Fair Goal:** to reach as many people as possible by offering free exams and screenings and to unite our fellow Lions in the bond of friendship.

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Please see the Announcement- Upcoming Events section of the Newsletter and please attend the following great Lions Events:

I have signed up for both events for the Lions Weekend with the United Nations, March 3rd and 4th. Lion Joanne will not be attending, as it is too close to her last chemotherapy treatment.

Both Lion Joanne and I are signed up for MD-20 NYS Convention in Lake Placid, NY, May 5th to May 7th.

We are also signed up for the LCI 100th International Convention in Chicago, IL, June 30th to July 4th, 2017.

In January 2017, we had our 3rd Lions Worldwide Week of Service-Fighting Hunger. Please post your Service Activities on MyLCI.

I still have many Clubs to visit as District Governor and some Lions Clubs need additional attention. I have visited over 20 Clubs to date and plan to complete visiting all 48 Clubs during my term as District Governor. Many of you have asked for a health update on Lion Joanne and with the Grace of God, a great medical team and your prayers and support, Lion Joanne will make a full recovery and resume her duties as the District Governor's Partner in Service in late March 2017.

Thank you all for your Unity Service Action during my first six months as District Governor. May God bless you all. Best regards and,

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Peter H. Pergolis and Lion Joanne

.....From page 4: **Legacy Projects**

Be sure to report your Legacy Project using the MyLCI Service Activity Report, under the Community and Culture and activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.

### Centennial Community Legacy Projects Resources

- Centennial Community Legacy Projects Brochure
- Centennial Community Legacy Projects FAQ
- Legacy Project Press Release

Centennial Club Planning Guide

**For more information and resources, please visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)**



## FALL CONFERENCE

International Director Jerome Thompson was our guest and keynote speaker during the Fall Conference weekend which was held on November 18 – 20, 2016. The Fall Conference was planned by our FVDG Norma Mendez-Cruz, Fall Conference Chairperson. During the weekend, ID Thompson visited the site of Yankee Stadium with District Governor Peter H. Pergolis. On the evening of Friday, November 18, ID Thompson met with a large group of District officers for dinner at Jimmy's Café in the Bronx. On Saturday morning, ID Thompson toured the VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB), in Spring Valley, NY. This trip was arranged by SVDG Gustavo Sanchez and Norma Sanchez, Chairperson, VCB. Lion Khaled Musa, VCB Director/Lions Coordinator led the tour which included witnessing the clearing of the land for the Vocational Rehabilitation Center. On the afternoon of November 19, ID Thompson visited the site of Mary Jane Matos-Caicedo Way and we met with late Mary Jane's husband Lion Bernardo Caicedo, Secretary of the NY Washington Heights-Inwood Lions Club.

The highlight of the Fall Conference weekend was the actual Conference gathering held at Maestro's Restaurant in the Bronx on November 20<sup>th</sup>. ID Thompson delivered rousing and inspirational speech on why we are Lions. "There are several mountains for us to climb. Don't stop just because you climbed one. Keep going", he said.

ID Thompson presented the following Awards: Immediate Past District Governor Guillermo A. Perez received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from Immediate Past International President Dr. Jutsuhiro Yamada. Yonkers Millennium Club Members Lion Silvia Estebanez, Chairperson of the Lions SEE Committee and Lion Portia Fagel, Cabinet Secretary received Presidential Certificates of Appreciation from International President Bob Corlew.

Twelve Lions and Leo clubs participated in the Environmental Photo Contest. The Best of Show went to PDG KS Kim of the NY Korean-American Lions Club.

We thank you FVDG Norma Mendez-Cruz for a very successful Fall Conference! And to Lion Amanda Cintron for all her assistance.

ID Jerome Thompson



## Centennial - Ways To Celebrate

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving more than 100 million people by June 2018.

Your club can make a difference in your community and contribute towards the goal by participating in the four Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns. You decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club and community.

### Engaging our Youth

Support youth in your community, or inspire the next generation of volunteers by inviting Leos and other local youth to serve on a project with you.



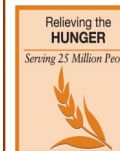
### Sharing the Vision

Prevent future cases of unnecessary blindness through vision screenings and educational events. Give the gift of sight through projects that benefit those who are blind or living with low vision.



### Relieving the Hunger

Improve access to healthy food for vulnerable populations in your community.



### Protecting our Environment

Protect and improve the environment to make your community a healthier place to live for everyone.



Lions Clubs International is here to help you get started and to keep your club motivated. Visit the [Centennial Service Challenge page in the Centennial Toolbox](#) for resources.

## GET RECOGNIZED

In recognition and appreciation of your service

- We'll feature your club on the Centennial Service Ticker when you report qualifying Centennial Service Challenge projects through MyLCI's Service Activity Report.
- Your club will receive one banner patch for each year of reported participation.
- Your district will receive one banner patch per year based on club participation.
- Lions can recognize outstanding Leo clubs for their support of the Centennial Service Challenge with a special Centennial Leo Certificate.

## The Lion's Spirit

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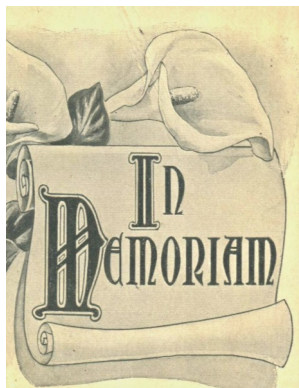
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*Please e-mail us information regarding your club's activities and plans for the future. Share with us any ideas for articles or topics you would like to appear in our District Newsletter.*

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



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

Antonia Allende- NY Borinquen LC  
Hiroyasu Abe- NY Japanese American LC  
Joseph N. Malone- Rye City LC  
Luciano O. Dumaguing- NY Phil-Am LC

We shall miss them. Also to all our Lions who had a loss of a loved one, on behalf of District 20-R2, please accept our deepest sympathy.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☀ February 16th: Salute to our Veterans- Bronx VA Hospital - 2 PM - Borinquen Lions Club
- ☀ February 17th & 18th: 3rd MD-20 Council Meeting - Syracuse, NY
- ☀ February 20th: 3rd Voting Cabinet Meeting - Pine Restaurant - 7 PM
- ☀ March 3rd: UN Gala Event, NYC
- ☀ March 4th: Lions Day With the UN
- ☀ March 5th: FVDG Norma-Campaign Breakfast, Bronx
- ☀ March 6th: 3rd District Meeting, Westchester
- ☀ March 11th: 2nd GLT/GMT Symposium, NYC
- ☀ March 19th: SVDG Gustavo Sanchez-Campaign Breakfast, Bronx

**Please go to our District Calendar for more details.**

### District 20-R2, Care for the Homeless and SUNY College of Optometry Collaboration

To increase vision care for residents in homeless shelters operated by Care for the Homeless (CFH), they reached out to the NYC SUNY Optometry Lions Club and SUNY College of Optometry. Out of that meeting was born a collaboration where Lions will screen the patients and referrals will be handled by SUNY Optometry. An initial screening was done at the Nelson Medical Clinic on November 3 and screenings are scheduled at Jackson and Willow Clinics in the Bronx; and Briarwood, Jamaica Family and Springfield Clinics in Queens.

DG Peter H. Pergolis is spearheading this R-2 effort and is assisted by Lions Silvia Estebanez and Portia Fagel of the Lions SEE Committee and Lions Tracy Wong and Constance Louie of the Homeless Committee.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

In order to make sure that your activities and information are included in our Newsletter, it is important that we receive it on time.

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