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Message from ... COUNCIL CHAIR LION GARY BOISSEAU



As we enter into 2016, please take a moment to reflect on your club's past activities. Have you brought dignity, harmony and humanity to those in need in your community? By reaching 100 million people through the Centennial Service Challenge, we truly show the world what Lionism is all about. Engaging our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting our Environment are ways that we, as Lions, contribute to the well-being of millions of people around the world, and right here in our own communities.

Commemorating a partnership of 70 years, Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) gives Lions the opportunity to discover how the UN and Lions together can continue to help those in need on a global scale. The 2016 Lions Day with the United Nations will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The cost to attend LDUN is \$75.00 USD per person. Space is limited for this event; register today by visiting <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/lions-day-United-nations.php> and clicking on the "Click here to register online" link.

The 2015-2016 MD-20 Council of Governors, and the 2016 MD-20 Convention Committee are finalizing on plans for an outstanding convention in Buffalo. The convention is a great opportunity to meet Lions from all across New York State and Bermuda and to attend great seminars. You can register now by printing a copy of the registration form and returning it to the MD-20 office. Hotel rooms fill up fast, so send in your reservations today! You can download a copy of the registration form by visiting <http://www.md20lions.com> and clicking on the "2016 Convention Registration" link on the right side of the homepage.

I hope that your holidays were joyful and that you were able to share peace and joy to someone in need in your community. Lion Kim and I would like to wish all of you a Happy, and prosperous New Year!

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Gary Boisseau, Council Chairperson, MD-20*

CHANGE IN CONVENTION RULES *Effective in Buffalo*

The MD20 convention in all dues must be paid by MAY 1st. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

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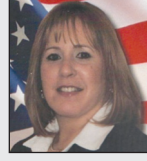
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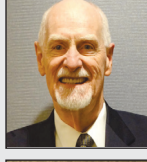
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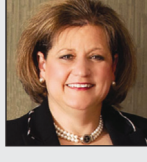
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DISTRICT 20-N

TOWN OF NIAGARA

The Town of Niagara Lions and Lioness again honored our nations Veterans with a ceremony at the Veterans Heights Park in the Town of Niagara. Color Guard was provided by Boy Scouts from Troop 841. The flag ceremony was performed by two local veterans, retired Sergeant Major Vince Canosa and Air Force and Vietnam Veteran Dale Debacco. Prayers were offered by Pastor Ron Maines of Forestview Church of God. Girl Scouts from Troop 70161 provided each Veteran in attendance with a American flag lapel pin and flag. Guest speaker was Dr. Kristin Jacobsen, a local Chiropractor who has a program called "Hands Healing Heroes". Kristin provides free chiropractic care for any veteran with a service connected injury or disability. She also sponsors an annual picnic for Veterans. As usual, the Lioness provided warm beverage and pastry following



Pictured are the Girl Scouts honoring Veterans with lapel pins and flags. Also pictured is Lioness Nancy Tierney and Vietnam Veteran husband Tom with one of the wreaths presented during the ceremony.

LIONS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS



Newly elected North Buffalo Community Club officers (from left to right) Cathy Ganci-Sunderlin, Pete Lang, Dale Danner, and Paul Jones at the Hertel Business Association's Meet and Greet.

The new North Buffalo Community Lions Club has elected its initial officers.

At their organizational meeting in October, club members elected Pete Lang and Dale Danner as President and Secretary, respectively. Rounding out the initial slate, Paul Jones was selected as Treasurer and Cathy Ganci-Sunderlin as Membership Chair.

In an effort to further provide information about the club's community service focus, the officers, along with other club members, attended the Hertel Business Association's Meet and Greet. The event provided continued opportunity to inform residents and business leaders of the new Lions Club presence in North Buffalo. Membership has been increasing steadily since its introduction in August. It is anticipated that the club will be officially chartered by Lions Clubs International by the end of the year.

For interest in becoming a charter member, please contact the Lions Club at 20NHertelLions@gmail.com

PENDLETON LIONS

The Pendleton Lions have had a very busy few months! Four new members have been inducted. New Lions Sue Ohol sponsored husband and Lion Tom Ohol and Ed McDonald sponsored by Past President Lion Jeff Jarvis were both installed by PCS Tom Witkowski, member Lion Dave Bratek was sponsored by Lion Chris King and installed by Secretary Joe Biondo and our fourth member Lion Jason Evchich was installed by PDG Jim as his sponsor Lion Steve Lorenzo looks on.



Lion CS Tom starting the induction of Sue and Ed with sponsors.



Lion Chris King sponsored new Lion Dave Bratek who is installed by Secretary Joe Biondo.



PDG Jim installs new member Lion Jason Evchich with sponsor Bubba looking on.

WILSON LIONS

The Wilson Lions Club celebrated Christmas with lots of Lions friends from Pendleton, Lewiston, Town of Niagara, Newfane, Gasport and Sheridan Drive clubs. DG Nancy Luckman inducted two new members into the Lewiston Lions, and entertainment was provided by Lion Clancy on his accordion and Robert Hull at the keyboards. Lots of donations were made for the Wilson Food Pantry, and Santa Claus (PDG James Muscoreil) was on hand along with Mrs. Claus taking photos with the guest for donations to the pantry.



DUNKIRK-FREDONIA LIONS

The Lions Club celebrates their 74th year Charter Night with a look at their past accomplishments in 2015. Breakfast with Santa, the annual winter coat project, two prestigious awards were handed out to two deserving lions. Three scholarship winners were presented \$500 each, staffing a booth at the Chautauqua County Fair, the Dunkirk Fredonia Loan Closet, Annual Installation Dinner, support of a Little League Team, work with Lions See and the Chautauqua Blind Association, White Cane Days, donation of 69 smoke alarms to the Rural Ministry and donated over 2,000 pairs of eye glasses!



BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB

Oliver Middle School student Sacred Howland is the winner of the 2015 Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Sacred received a gift card for First Place in the local contest sponsored by the Brockport Lions Club and then her entry was sent on to the District level where she won as well receiving a \$100 award. She now moves on to have a chance to win on the State level.



Pictured with Sacred (center) are her parents (left), District Governor Tim Crawford (right) who presented her District Award, and Brockport Lions Club President Dave Moore.

KENDALL LIONS CLUB

Kendall Lions shipped 17 pallets of used eye glasses collected this past year. They are being sent to Allegheny blending Tech. in Ridgway, PA. They receive them in on the behalf of Dr. Riegel and the Ridgway Lions Club. The local Boys and Girls Club, Rotary Club, the local Churches and others groups help sort and grade the glasses .The glasses are then sent to third World Countries and distributed to the needy.

Dr. Riegel would like to give a gracious Thank You to all that was involved in collecting the glasses throughout our district.



KENDALL LIONS CLUB

Congratulations to Kendall Lion Terry Bliss who was recognized for his leadership by Kodak through the 2nd Annual Kodak Cares: Leaders in the Community program. Terry was one of four selected worldwide and the only US recipient. Terry was recognized for his leadership in the Kendall Lions Club. Terry has been an active member for more than 25 years, serving in several leadership positions and supporting countless community activities. KODAK SITED Terry's involvement with our eyeglass recycling program as an example of his giving back - "... involves collecting eyeglasses for developing countries. Terry loads up his truck with almost 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses and sends them to the Lions' recycling center where 85,000 pairs are cleaned, sorted and distributed each year." As part of this award a grant will be given to the Kendall Lions Club. Along with his leadership in the Kendall Club, Terry also is a Past District Governor for District 20E-1.



AVON LIONS CLUB

The Avon Lions Club hosted our annual Senior Citizens Night, hosting a group of seniors from the community for a Christmas dinner. Of course, no Christmas dinner would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus. All the seniors left with a gift.



CAMP BADGER NEWS: Thank you to the Big Flats Lions Club for building a replacement dock for one that was lost in the floods in June.

APALACHIN LIONS: The mobile food pantry sponsored by the Apalachin Lions was held as scheduled on Wed Oct 28th. The weather was rainy and cold but Lions and clients were on site, bad weather or not. 19 Lions and 2 non Lions worked the event. 90 families made up of 310 individuals were provided a nice assortment of food supplies.

The Ti-Li (“Tioga Lions”) picnic for visually impaired was held at Hickories Park in Owego on Saturday, August 1st. There were 24 guests and 23 Lions from all five clubs in our Zone (Apalachin, Owego, Spencer-Candor, Tioga-Nichols and Waverly) helping out.



CORNING LIONS: Our annual Salvation Army auction was held on December 17th. Both Captain Wanda and Captain Francisco Rivera accepted our invitation to attend.

Lion Mike Bono would like to thank the six people who showed up to help him with the Adopt-A-Highway project – Lions Anastasia, Walt, Ed, Gail, Joe O, and Diane.

After months of practice, the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater was a huge success. Both nights had a capacity crowd and there were plenty of kudos from the attendees. The net profit was about \$2,500.

CANANDAIGUA LIONS: Assemblyman Brian Kolb visited the Canandaigua Lions



Club to present a New York State flag to Wood Library. Pictured L-R is District Governor Larry Strickland (Penn Yan Lions), Past District Governor Richard Ernst (Canandaigua Lions), Assemblyman Kolb, and Canandaigua Lions President Rodney Dutton

About 30 veterans enjoyed the recent meal hosted by the Canandaigua Lions Club at the Blue Star Mothers – held on Veteran’s Day, November 11. Club Members provided all the manpower to prepare and serve huge amounts of tasty pasta and sauce, crusty Italian bread, and fresh salad.

GENEVA LIONS: The Geneva Lions held their annual Christmas Brunch for Seniors at the Elmcrest Apartments in Geneva on December 5, 2015. Seniors from the Elmcrest Apartments and the other Senior housing complexes in Geneva were treated to scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, orange juice, milk and coffee.

HORSEHEADS LIONESS: The Horseheads Lioness held their annual pre-Thanksgiving pie/bake sale and raised over \$500 for their charities.

LANSING LIONS: The Lansing Lions completed building a pavilion in Ludlowville Park and will dedicate it to the memory of Charter Member Lion Jim Howell and his wife Phyllis. The pavilion will be turned over to the town for scheduling and maintenance.

NORTH ROSE LIONS: The North Rose Lions have completed a very successful photo eye screening program held October 19-22. 238 youngsters were screened with 18 referrals. A total of 15 Lions worked with 27 Service hours. We thank the Pal-Mac Lions Club and Ed Plesa for the opportunity to borrow the camera for the testing.



The Lions have donated 300 dollars to the Rose Emergency Food Pantry for their Christmas Box Program.

OWEGO LIONS: The Owego Lions Club recently visited the Zion Lutheran Elementary School and Preschool for “Make a

Difference Day”, and provided some much needed items for the school. Owego Lions President Donna Henry, Lion Eve Kretsch, and Lion Phyllis Ludwig presented the items to the students and staff. Zion Lutheran Elementary School is a Preschool thru 6th grade program. The school has been in existence for over 30 years serving the community and providing a positive, Christian based learning environment.

PAL MAC LIONS: The Pal-Mac Lions Club has been busy with vision screenings. The camera and printer seem to be constantly at one school or another between Wayne and Ontario Counties. In the latest screening in Newark 11 youngsters received referrals.

PENN YAN LIONS: The Penn Yan Lions and Leos held a Journey for Sight Walk on Sunday, October 25. The Lions walked in Penn Yan and stopped at the Birkett Mills parking lot for cider, donuts and apples. Our mascot, Leo the Lion joined us. The Leos walked the Outlet Trail from Penn Yan to the Bruce Hansen Memorial and Falls, a 6 mile round trip. They enjoyed cider and donuts at the Falls. A great time was had by all and over \$4,000 was raised to promote the good work of both groups.



VICTOR LIONS: We conducted visual screening at VCS on November 9th and 10th. 205 Pre - K and Kindergarten children were screened, with 12 referred. The school staff was very helpful. Thanks to all Lions that helped: Lion Dick Maltman, Lion Dick Reed, Lion Joe O’Mara, PDG Lion Ted Brewerton, Lion Jim Leitgeb, Lion Tom Everts, Lion Steve Van Dyke and Special Thanks to our Vision Screening Chair Lion Fred Graney!

WEEDSPORT LIONS: Weedsport Lions continue its help and support of our local Food Pantry. We held a Doug’s Fish Fry and bake sale to raise funds. November has been a month of preparation and planning for the upcoming months. We are currently focusing on providing local families with holiday meals and gifts. Teams of workers will shop, pack and deliver to needy families and our local home for the aged.



THE LIONS SEE UPDATES – ONE & THREE



As you know, the MD20 endorsed multiple district project, Lions SEE, is going through a transition. This has resulted from several unexpected circumstances that will be listed below. But first please understand that the Lions SEE program is not ending or closing. AND the Board of Directors is operational! Only the Ross Eye Institute is closed.

LIONS SEE has joined forces with LCI's Kids Sight. **Please be aware that Lions KidSight is an international program whose purpose is to promote children's eye screening throughout Lionism in both the USA and the Lions' world.** Importantly, at some point, KidSight will request the basic numeric results from all Clubs' screenings to be entered in a worldwide tally system for studies of young peoples' screening needs. SEE is providing the mechanism.

The paramount reasons for the modification we are making are:

- The new screeners (SPOT and Plusoptix) provide on-the-scene results, and the Sure Sight has a similar capability; thus central follow-up is not needed.
- The need for an office staff is now irrelevant. Donations for other purpose will still be needed.
- The new screeners provide for greater utilization and sharing, offering potentially increased screening in each district.
- Follow-up will be conducted locally – allowing for both speed and response in processing.

The need for oversight continues and with assistance from each district in MD20, Lions SEE will provide it. Briefly:

- The SEE Board is operational and shortly will have three members elected from each participating district.
- Each district is asked to establish a minimum sub-committee of six, consisting of the three elected Board members and an appropriate additional number to provide oversight, training, outreach, program promotion, and liaison with the central Board.
- SEE has prepared new forms, stickers, practices, promotions, and liaison for all the districts, thereby enhancing the program in every possible way. Some of this will require funding; more on that in a later communication.

AND THERE WILL BE A MULTIPLE DISTRICT TRAINING SESSION FOR ALL CLUBS ON JANUARY 9th IN SYRACUSE COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF THE NEW LIONS SEE. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW.

*Lion David Rutkowski, Pres., Lions SEE
Lion Bob Klein, VP, Lions SEE*



In the previous two UPDATES, mention has been made of the **“Intense Training”** program scheduled for Jan. 9th in Syracuse. This update is devoted to providing you with reasons and details of the program. Hopefully, the content indicates the importance for each current Lion screener to attend (or any Lion wanting to actively screen). **It’s particularly important for all members of the Board of Directors to be present.**

This is the ultimate event for all who worked so hard in the past for Lions SEE and the Kids of NYS. It's your opportunity to rub elbows with like-minded Lions and get the latest information you'll need for future screening.

Simply put, as a result of the need to redesign and change forms, the use of new more effective devices, and our partnership with Lions KidsSight, the old is no longer “BEST PRACTICE.” Even if your club is now using all the prior procedures of screening, there are new requirements, knowledge, and practices that need to be presented, promoted, and implemented.

SEE is particularly fortunate to have speakers who will be able to provide you with that new look. They are:

- **SEE President Lion Dave Rutkowski and Board of Directors' members will present new operational practices: newly developed forms, follow-up procedures, reporting requirements, public relation ideas. An open Q&A session will also be held.**
- **Lion PID Dr. Ed Cordes (LCI Kids Sight Chair) and Lion Dr. James Reynolds (Ross Exec. Director) discuss clinical issues, medical concerns, tips for resolving screening problems.**
- **Cyd McDowel, PlusOptic, President and Steve Lomonoco, Welch/Allyn, Specialty Marketing Sales Mgr., will present information about their devices. Private discussions will be possible.**
- **Lunch is available for a small fee.**

Program begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM at the Center for Vision Research, 505 Irving Ave., Syracuse.

Please complete a form for each attendee.

*Return it to PDG Pres. Dave at
246 NYS Rte38B, Endicott, NY 13769.*

If preferred, call Pres. Dave at 607-239-8780.

NOTE: There is space for only 60 people. Register NOW!!!

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Club _____ District _____

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Signature _____

Date _____



POTSDAM LIONS CLUB

Members of the the Potsdam Lions turned out for their annual cleanup of Lions Fall Island Park in downtown Potsdam.



Pictured above, front row, left to right: Lions Norm Jones, Mary Nocerino, Michelle Theisen, Christina Muller, Bill Lewis.

Back row, left to right: Lions Rich Burns, Gordon Theisen, Byron Whitney, Betsy Baker.

LOWVILLE LIONS CLUB

Lions from around the District gather in Lowville recently to help the Lowville Lions Club celebrate their 60th year of Lionism. Those present were treated to a delicious dinner, raffles and the induction of three new member into the Lowville Club.



Pictured, left to right: District Governor Liz Walker, New Lion Tomas Kovach, Sponsor Lion Manoj Vora. New Lion Kelly Adsit, Sponsor 1st DG Lion Kelly Clark, New Lion Nancy Kovach, Sponsor King Lion Sheree Vora.

QUAD TOWN LIONS CLUB

The Quad Town Lions Club held a “bring a friend to a Lions Meeting” night for their meeting in November. We had 9 non-lions who were brought by members and 4 of the 9 are filling out applications to join our club. “Just Ask” does work!! We shared a very good pot luck dinner, we presented donations to our Local Christmas Basket Fund and our Local Pantry and we were treated to one of our members receiving her 25 year pin chevron and certificate.



Pictured above: 25 year Lion Pat Gengo. B2 Zone Chair Lion Donna Ober, Quad Town Vice President Lion Donna Schaab.

CARTHAGE LIONS CLUB

The Carthage Lions Club celebrated their 75th year of Lionism. DG Liz Walker, PDG Bob Walker and PCC Gary Brown were on hand to offer their congratulations to the members of the Carthage Club. The night was filled with fun, laughter and the singing of “Turning Point Chorus”.



Pictured above, left to right: DG Liz Walker, Carthage King Lion Todd Simpson, PCC Gary Brown.

LIONS CLUB NEWS AND RECENT EVENTS PAGE

Monday December 14, 2015 **Syracuse Host Lions Club** met with Syracuse City Mayor Stephanie Miner and other dignitaries at a 10 am. press conference announcing a newly renovated playground at Washington Square Park on Syracuse's north side. This was a joint effort among concerned citizens, government offices, and the Syracuse Host Lions Club. The club was informed of the playground and it's equipment breaking down; also that it could be dangerous to the children that would be using it. After consideration and reviewing the request, the Syracuse Host Lions Club donated \$15,000 to help replace the entire playground equipment. The Syracuse Mayor's office erected a sign recognizing the Syracuse Host Lions Club for their donation and thanks for all they do for the community. PDG Doug Russell was in attendance and commended the Syracuse Host Lions for their support of the project. He also mentioned that the Syracuse Host Lions club has a strong history of community support and this project was done without obtaining any matching grant dollars from LCIF, Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, or the NYS & Bermuda Foundation.



Washington Square Park in Syracuse, NY.

The newly re-built playground with a nice donation from **Syracuse Host Lions Club!**

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Rooms will be assigned on a **first-come, first-served** space available basis by the Buffalo Convention & Tourism Bureau after they are received at the MD-20 Office. **If your group would like to be assigned to the same hotel you MUST submit your requests all together at the same time in the same envelope to the MD-20 Office and you must fill out a separate form for each room requested.**

*You will receive a written or emailed acknowledgement of your assigned hotel directly from the Buffalo CVB. **Reservation requests must be received by March 15, 2016.**
Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned.

Written cancellations via US Mail or e-mail (nyslionsclubs@verizon.net) will be accepted at the MD-20 office until **March 31, 2016.** Phone cancels will not be accepted.

For cancellations after March, 31, 2016 - you will need to contact the property you are assigned to directly to cancel and request a refund of your \$125.00 room deposit from them. **AFTER March 31 refunds will be made at the hotel's discretion.** Contact the hotel you are assigned to if you have questions regarding their cancellation policy.

*Please note, if you wish to change your room from a single occupancy to a double occupancy you must contact the MD-20 Office to discuss forwarding additional registration fees.

MD-20 STATE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM - BUFFALO, NY 2016

All meals will take place at the Buffalo Convention Center.

GOOD MORNING BREAKFAST WITH THE COUNCIL

Friday, May 13, 2016 - 8:30 AM \$17.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$19.00 per person _____

LCIF LUNCHEON

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Noon \$25.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$27.00 per person _____

WELCOME LUNCHEON

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Noon \$20.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$22.00 per person _____

BREAKFAST WITH THE VDG's

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 8:00 AM. \$17.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$19.00 per person _____

LIONS LUNCH

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Noon \$23.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$25.00 per person _____

Gala - "Caribbean Theme"

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Doors Open 6 pm; Dinner 7 pm \$38.00 per person _____
Tickets Purchased after April 25, 2016 . \$40.00 per person _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION _____

Please send payment (no credit cards) to NYS & Bermuda Lions Clubs, 200 Gateway Park Drive, Bldg. A, North Syracuse, NY 13212. You must purchase your tickets in advance. **NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION.** The deadline for the office to receive your meal order form by May 5, 2016. Purchase your tickets early- meal events sell out every year!

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKET.
YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET AT REGISTRATION AREA IN BUFFALO.



Hearing Conservation Society

by Lion Sandie Clark

Lions Hearing Conservation Society of District 20-Y2 celebrates 40 years of providing programs and assistance for people who have a hearing loss.

The Lions Hearing Conservation Society was created in October, 1975 with the community interest in mind. The goal is to prevent deafness by early detection of hearing problems, correction of existing hearing losses and to educate the public on what causes hearing loss and how/when to protect yourself from damaging noise.

This year the Society's goal is to offer community awareness programs throughout the District. We look forward to working with all the Clubs.



Lion Jim Clark (Glens Falls Lions Club), President of the 20-Y2 Hearing Conservation Society

Galway Lioness Club

By Lioness Holly McConchie

The Galway Lioness 30th Anniversary Dinner was held on Saturday, October 24 at the Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn. We were joined by members from the Galway Lions Club, the Granville Lioness Club, the Greenfield Lions Club, the Glens Falls Lions Club, and the Hadley Luzerne Lioness Club.



A Special Knight of the Blind presentation was made to Lion Judy Curtiss by PDG Joe Jarvis and galway King Lion Ed Pike.

PDGs Marianne & Steve Lynch were terrific masters-of-ceremonies and nearly 50 people joined us to celebrate our milestone, including 3 of our original charter members. All seemed to enjoy themselves and a special Knight of the Blind presentation was made to Lion Judy Curtiss by PDG Joe Jarvis and Galway King Lion Ed Pike.

Sauquoit Valley Lions Club

By Lion Connie Griffin

Sauquoit Valley Lions is pleased to report that our Website is up and running. Check us out at:

www.sauquoitvalleylions.org

Our club has been busy. On November 12 we honored our veterans with a dinner/meeting and Veterans program. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Cathy Dunkin, shared



Above: Lieutenant Colonel Cathy Dunkin US Airforce.



Left: Retired WWII Veteran - Charter Member Lewis Smith.

her experience and did a presentation on the Flag. Retired WWII Lion Lewis Smith also presented a program and slideshow of his experiences during WWII.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sauquoit Valley Lions held a White Cane Lions



Above: Charter member Lion Lew Smith, King Lion Kathy and Lion Ted Thomas, Lion Jane Smith.



Left: Lion John Griffin sharing the peace poster winners artwork!

Awareness Weekend hosting a Booth at the Sauquoit Fine Arts and Craft Show. There, we raffled a Christmas Basket, handed out information on Lionism, and displayed our Peace Poster Contest Winners for the Sauquoit Middle School. A good time was had by all.

DISTRICT 20-0

AMENIA: In September, food provided for Community Day. This was our first year at a new venue in conjunction with a Community Day held at the High School in our local town in October. We did a walk-a-thon to raise funds and awareness for the JDRF.

BETHEL: In September, a Knight of the Blind Plaque was presented to a member for her Sight and Hearing work. During October, 232 children were screened at Head Start locations in Monticello and Woodbourne, New York with 22 referrals.

CORNWALL: The Halloween Art Contest, initiated and sponsored by the Lions since 1996, is always held the Saturday before Halloween. In November, the Club presented 1st and 2nd place awards for best Peace Posters. The Club's first place recipient also won 3rd place in the 20-0 Lions convention competition.

ELDRED: In September, the Club provided help with food and admissions for St. Baldrick's Day. In November, the Club helped Santa prepare his sled for the voyage to Port Jervis to spread Christmas Joy to the young and old.

GOSHEN: Yearly in October, members prepare and serve dinner to 20 to 25 of the less fortunate in the community. Also, we collected 155 pairs of eyeglasses in October and 175 in September. In November we collected 114 bags of food and two cases of jelly for the Goshen Food Pantry. We were helped in our efforts by 13 members of the Goshen Leos Club who brought the food up the stairs and helped restock the shelves of the Food Pantry.

GERMANTOWN: In September, club participated in Hudson Valley Apple Festival.

GREATER WASHINGTONVILLE: In October, 900 bags for our 7th annual food drive were prepared and distributed in Washingtonville and approximately 450 full bags of nonperishable food were picked on 11/7/15 and delivered to our local food bank.

HUDSON: In October, several members volunteered at the Fireman's Home for Dalmatian Day. The community came for activities and tours of the property to support retired firefighters. Used winter coats were collected from boxes distributed throughout the community. After being cleaned by local dry cleaners, who donated their services, the coats were brought to a thrift store for distribution to anyone in need. The event was sponsored by the local radio station and heavily publicized on the air.

HURLEY: On 10/5/15, our club held its 16th Annual Golf Tournament at Wiltwyck Golf Club with over 120 golfers participating. In November, Lions wired the Children's Addition at the New Hurley Library and helped Boy Scout Troop #20 (which we sponsor) to collect food and old electronic equipment. Also, we filled six grocery baskets for needy families in the Hurley area.

HYDE PARK: In September, 2 hearing aids purchased for person in community. Transportation for testing and fitting provided by club. In October, the Hyde Park lions joined the town farmers market and held a flea market. In November, we collected glasses.

JEFFERSONVILLE: In October, a \$200 donation was made by the Club to Ride 2 Survive, a local non-profit organization. All funds raised by this organization are given back to Sullivan County residents who are battling cancer, for travel expenses. In November, Club paid for an eye exam for a high school student.

KINGSTON: In Sept., members of the Kingston Lions Club sold the club's cookbooks at the Uptown Kingston Farmers' Market. For over 30 years the Lions Club has hosted a free roast beef dinner in November. This year 220+ were served by Kingston Lions members, along with staff and their families from Rondout and Ulster Savings Bank. The Kingston Lions Club band the Roar 'n Pride provided entertainment.

LIBERTY: The club collected 342 paperback & hardcover books, and magazines and donated to the Sullivan Co. Volunteers for Literacy to assist in its fundraising for charitable activities. Since 2012 approximately 8,000 books, CD's, and video tapes have been collected and delivered.

MAMAKATING: In September, 4 members were trained in Plus Optix. In October, the Club held a Silent Auction fundraiser with walk and tour at Basha Kill Winery. Then, a Halloween Parade at a local school with pumpkins supplied to all students. In November, collected 100 pairs of glasses and 5 hearing aids.

MIDDLETOWN: In September, over 4 days, Lions from Middletown, Pine Bush and Goshen clubs screened 218 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children attending 4 elementary schools in the Pine Bush School District: 22 children referred. Club members volunteer at Hand in Hand Adult Day Care. In October, after a club member filled out the required paperwork, a client at Hand in Hand, also a WW II Veteran, was selected as one of the veterans flying to Washington D.C. for the day to be honored. He served in the Pacific from 1944-46 and flew transports as a member of the Army Aircorp. Our No Kid Hungry Program began on October 15. During the 2015-2016 school year, backpacks will be filled every Thursday morning for distribution to 3 elementary schools in the Middletown School District. The backpacks are distributed by the schools' social workers and/or principals to children who are identified as food insecure going into the weekend: they receive free breakfast and free lunch the days they are in school but do not have adequate food on the weekend. Our goal is 60 backpacks each week - which means 20 backpacks to each of our three elementary schools.

During the month of October, 220 pair of eyeglasses were collected for recycling. During November, we screened on 4 days at two preschool programs in our community. A total of 106 youngsters were screened (ranging in age from 14 months to 5 years); 29 were referred.

The Middletown Lions Club had 26 entrees for this year's Peace Poster contest with one of our entrees chosen as the winner at the District 20-0 convention. The annual holiday wreath, a tradition begun perhaps 40 years ago, was created and placed on the facade of a former bank building in downtown Middletown on Friday, November 27. The greeting attached to the decorated wreath sends holiday wishes to the community from the Middletown Lions Club. Lions are involved in decorating and carrying it to the exact location. And for that many years Mr. Lewis of the Lewis Sign Company comes in with a crane to put the wreath in place at the top of the building. Mr. Lewis volunteers his time and his equipment and recently stated "I know the holiday season really begins when I put the wreath up." 3 hearing aids and 265 pairs of glasses collected. The warming station in Middletown opened on November 15 and is open every day of the week. It is equipped to serve up to 30 people a night.

TOWN OF MILLERTON: In October, an evening of fun for the community youngsters including contest, candy, refreshments and prizes.

NEW WINDSOR: In October, EmergencyOne held its annual Children's Health & Safety Expo with the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Autumn Art Show and invited the New Windsor, Cornwall, and Newburgh clubs to participate. In November, the New Windsor and Newburgh began discussing a joint fundraiser. Collected 138 pairs of glasses.

NEWBURGH: In October, the club had pre-k vision screenings. 291 pairs of glasses and 3 hearing aids dropped off. Assisted New Windsor at EmergencyOne with pre-k vision screening.

NINE PARTNERS: In November, the Club provided SEE screening to over 700 children since Oct 2105, conducted a road-side cleanup, and provided food cards for multiple families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

NORTHERN COLUMBIA: September's 2 day tag sale required 4 days to set up and 3 days to tear down. In October, 308 pairs of eyeglasses, 60 pair of sunglasses and 1 pair of safety glasses were delivered to the Eye Bank in Albany. \$200 was given to each of our local libraries: Kinderhook, Valatie and North

Chatham. In November, sponsored the blood drive in Kinderhook. We made phone calls, provided baked goods and manned the refreshment table to talk to the donors. 60 people signed in to donate blood.

OTISVILLE: In November, monies donated to help local churches food pantries and to help underprivileged students in our school district for the holidays.

PAWLING: In September, we collected 95 bars of soap from members which was donated to local organization to supplement low income families. In October, 50/50 holiday raffle started. In November, we had a workday to clean up our meeting building at Murrow Park. Activities included washing windows, tables, walls, and floor. Our club donated \$40 worth of toilet paper to the resource center to those in need.

PINE BUSH: In September, our club donated to the Wounded Warrior project in honor of a member's father. Our annual Town Harvest Festival in October was a great success and included a wheelbarrow raffle; we sold our first aid kits. Eye screenings at 3 schools and several referred. 10/6/15 Blood Drive gathered 42 units.

PLEASANT VALLEY: In September, the Club held its Bikeathon, a 25 mile and 10 mile bike ride in the area to support fundraising activities. In October, 206 pairs of eyeglasses and one hearing aid with batteries collected. Club working with local authorities to sponsor a Halloween youth parade.

RHINEBECK: Prepared and delivered Thanksgiving dinners. **STANFORD:** In October, 115 pairs of glasses collected and one member learned how to use new camera and screened 140 children at the Astor School in Poughkeepsie.

TOWN OF DEERPARK: In September, participated in local Fall Festival & Community Day. In October, club members celebrated 36th anniversary with a Game Night dinner. Plusoptix SEE training for club members. In November, members attended installation of Leo Club.

TOWN OF FALLSBURG: In November, annual dinner with 30 attendees at local hospital where we donated \$3,000.

TOWN OF HIGHLAND: In October, sold 120 dozen donuts for a fundraiser.

TOWN OF WOODBURY: In September, fall cleanup from several miles of road the Club sponsors. In October, bulbs sold to support Club and to raise money for future community needs. On Halloween, the Club participated in the Woodbury Truck or Treat, a community-wide trunk or treat at the Smith Clove Elementary School in Central Valley, NY. The event, designed to keep young children off the street at what can be a dangerous time, drew hundreds of children and many local business and community organizations. It also provided a forum to explain to parents what the Lions club does both locally and nationally. In November, 3 club members attended the District 20-0 Convention and completed training for PlusOptix Training.

TRI-VALLEY: In September, 3 members attended the Plus Optix training provided by Sullivan County Sight and Hearing. In conjunction with the Sullivan County Sportsmen Association, we provided free soft drinks and ice cream for youth participating in the Youth Day Celebration. In October, the Club provided beverages for the crowd attending the Daniel Pierce library pumpkin party fundraiser. 104 pairs of eyeglasses collected and donated \$300 to purchase school supplies for our schools backpack program. In November, 2 lions were certified to operate the Plus Optix Vision Screener. Our club submitted a Peace Poster for District Judging. We donated \$300 to our local Cub Scout pack to assist with camp sponsorships for 2016. We have sponsored this scout pack since 1971.



DISTRICT 20-R1

Fall Convention

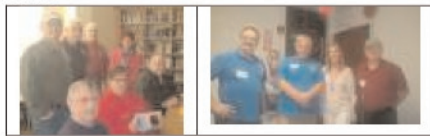
...held this year at the Tarrytown Doubletree Hotel Nov 8, was a huge success, with **over 110 people in attendance**, four (4) seminars, and twenty (20) exhibitors. We welcomed Lion Grace and ID Richard Liebno (MD 22). Ossining Lions received the Hy Plancher Membership Growth Award.

Hearing Chair Toni Morrison (Pleasantville) collected 50 hearing aids (thanks Nanuet Lions) as she leads the District initiative to expand Lions HARP.



Eye Screenings

Pleasantville purchased their own PlusOptix screener, completing  three screenings in November, with more scheduled for December and January. The LoHud Lions (**Croton, Nanuet, North Salem, Valhalla, Yorktown**) have completed eight screenings this fall.



Cold Spring – Held Strut Your Pup Walk for GEB Heeling Autism
Croton – Annual Sale of 600 Christmas trees

Peace Poster

Congratulations to Amber Nanaj, Pleasantville, District 20R1 Peace Poster Contest winner.



Get the Message Across

Bedford Hills Lions were featured in the November issue of The Lion Magazine as a Digital Media Club



Bedford Hills

Held Spooky Pancake breakfast

PR Chair Carl Anderson and ZC

Bob Collins were again invited to conduct a PR Seminar at the District O- Convention, Saturday, November 7, in Fishkill, NY.



Rockland Centennial –

Halloween Party Charter Night
Valhalla gave 89,000 pull tabs to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital

New Lion Orientations

GLT Carl Anderson and GMT Maryellen Brown ran orientations in Nanuet and in Ossining.

Haverstraw – inducted 22 new members and gave out 300 pernil and 25 turkeys



Hendrick Hudson -- held pasta dinner with proceeds to local families

Lewisboro \$5000 donation to Lewisboro Library

Mt Kisco 90th Anniversary, and October Gourmet Brunch



Nanuet – holds 3 food drives each month

Pleasantville – collected 2000 pair of eyeglasses

Somers Leos – clothing drive for My Brother Vinny

Somers Lions – care packages for troops, giving tree for children w cancer

Yorktown Leos – visit to Andrus Home; and December Midnight Run

Yorktown – Halloween Parade, gave Hot Dogs to Veterans Day Parade marchers; held Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for a HS student w cancer (\$9000+ raised to date); Breakfast w Santa; Holiday visit to three Special Needs Schools

Carl Anderson, 20 R1 Public Relations Chair, 2015/16
Visit us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lions20r1/>
Email us at: weservehudsonvalleylions@gmail.com



LEO CHAIR MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the appointed MD-20 Leo Chair and wish each of you a very *Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year 2016*. This New Year brings new opportunities for our Leos of MD-20 to "Serve".

As MD-20 Leo Chair, I am very interested in your Leo District and its activities. Please keep me informed of all the functions and projects being planned for your Leo Club/District. The *Leo District* with the most reported service activities will receive a patch for outstanding service presented from me by the end of the Lionistic year 2015-2016.



All Leo clubs are invited to participate. Photos are *not* mandatory however, you may send photos along with details about the service activity.

I had previously asked each District Governor and District Leo Chair to advise how many clubs you have in your District along with the number of Leos actively serving in each Leo Club. One of my functions is to assist you in fulfilling the objective of Lions Clubs International and all the programs set forth by your District. Please promptly send me this updated information to the address listed below or simply email me: Lion Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, 529 Kingsborough 5th Walk, Apt. #1A, Brooklyn, NY 11233; 718-773-0228 home, tyeastalleyne@gmail.com.

I am excited to work with your Leo District in effort to help offer information on developing leadership skills and community service.

~ Yours in Service, Ty'East ("Lion Ty") Alleyne-Bobb

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions, Lioness and/or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2016.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or Lioness members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

*~ Richard Elliott, Scholarship Chairman
3821 Central Avenue, POB 274, Keuka Park, NY 14478
rickelliott1@roadrunner.com 508-409-3909*

NORTHEAST PIN SWAP XXVIII

August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2016

BPO Elks Club Lodge #2110
4400 Sweden Walker Road, Brockport NY 14420

Hotels: Two hotels in Brockport are each holding a bank of twenty rooms at reduced rates for the swap up until 30 days before the start of the swap.

Hampton Inn
4873 Lake Road, Brockport NY 14420, 585-391-6747
\$109 per night

Dollinger's Inn & Suites
4908 Lake Road, Brockport NY 14420, 585-395-1000
\$79 per night for Wednesday & Thursday
and \$99 per night for Friday

For Event Planning:

Wednesday, August 17: at Schiebel's barn, lunch and dinner, silent pin auction, wine tasting

attending _____

Thursday, August 18, evening: Kendal Lions Steak Roast, est. cost of \$15 per person

attending _____

Friday, August 19, evening starting at 6 pm: buffet dinner and arm chair horse races at BPO Elks Club, \$14 per person

attending _____

Saturday, August 20, Breakfast at 7:30 am: at 54 Main Street, order off the menu, guest speaker

attending _____

Northeast Pin Swap Registration:

_____ \$40 registration payable to PTCNY&B (required for all active traders) includes one table, one bidding paddle, swap pin, Wednesday lunch and dinner and Thursday hospitality tent.

_____ \$10 additional guest registration (includes Wednesday lunch and dinner and Thursday hospitality tent).

_____ \$5 per day registration for local traders without table.

_____ \$8 per table for additional tables.

_____ \$14 per person for dinner at Arm Chair Races.

_____ Total reservation.

Mail registration and check payable to PTCNY&B for the amounts above to Gerard Minkler, PO Box 516, Galway, New York 12074.

They must reach Lion Gerry by August 1, 2016. Tables assigned based on date registration received. We have 88 tables in front air conditioned room with overflow tables in a non-AC rear area.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Guest Name _____



DISTRICT 20-R2

DG GUILLERMO A. PEREZ MESSAGE

Dear Lions,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through this lionistic year. Much has been accomplished during this time. Our membership is growing. The New York Global Leaders Lions Club charter was approved by LCI, and our clubs are working hard to provide services. I'm extremely captivated by the dedication of every lion, family and friend that has been involved in any service project and modestly made the difference in a life during this year. The support of the Lions Clubs to the homeless, youth, elderly, and environment is tangible evidence of our tradition of service of almost 100 years.

As we wrap up a busy holiday season, I would like to encourage all of you to continue to share every moment with your families and friends, with your club members, your community and let them know that life is beautiful, that without our commitment there is no way to help others, to motivate others to step up with enthusiasm, dignity and harmony.

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

I thank all PDGs, members of the cabinet and clubs leaders and their members for supporting our district. I appreciate the guidance of my fellow governors and the International leaders of our Multiple District.

On behalf of my family, myself and District 20-R2, I hope you had a joyful holiday season and are getting ready to make this New Year the beginning of the best stage of your lives.

~ Happy New Year 2016, Guillermo Perez



Cosmopolitan new Centennial Member, Tribeca Campus, Eagle and Staten Island North Star welcome new Centennial Members.



Yonkers Millennium Ophthalmic Mission to Dominican Republic recount: 14 cataract surgeries performed, 800 eyeglasses fitted in two days, 448 children eye screening in 3 different schools; donated a wheelchair to the Club de Leones Romano Centro, and donated \$700 to a needy family to fix the roof of their house in Santo Domingo.



Bangladesh Flu Shots



New Eagle Lions Member



East Side Leo Club



Get Part Program



Highbridge Turkey Giveaway



Lions meet Santa Toy Distribution



Staten Island Lions Club



Washington Lions Turkey Giveaway



District Governor with the group from the Tribeca Lions



Congratulations Lion Teresita Angus, PDG Association Leadership Award recipient.



Our District hosted its annual Fall Conference with a variety of activities: welcoming dinner for ID Howard Hudson and his Partner-in-Service Lynn, a visit to VCB, participation in the Annual Salute to Veterans and their Family (hosted by NY Taino Lions Club), and then Sunday was full of information with participation of 17 presenters followed by a flag parade depicting flags of all the nations, a Martial Arts demonstration and performance by young singer Rahmi Khan.



DISTRICT 20-K1

BROOKLYN METROPOLIS LIONS with HOPE CITY EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The men, women and kids of Brooklyn Metropolis Lions & Leos Club led by President Lion Astrid Benjamin-Campbell along with Lions Abegale Colter and Andre Parris collaborated with Hope City Empowerment Center, which is led by Bradley Backus, Esq., to help 350 men and women celebrate Thanksgiving in fine style.

Hope City Empowerment Center, a pillar in the Crown Heights Community, has provided much-needed essential services to thousands of men and women daily. Hope City once again lived up to its name – providing Hope!

Each year Brooklyn Metropolis serves in the community by providing Thanksgiving dinner and distributing warm coats to persons living in shelters. The annual toy drive warms hearts. Through these efforts, Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club holds fast to the motto of Lions International: We Serve. Today, the men and women of Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club lived up that motto.



AUTISM COMMITTEE

In Dec. the Autism Committee joined the organization My Time Inc. in celebrating its 6th annual celebration. Oh what an amazing night, parents of a child with autism and other developmental disabilities came together to be honored and appreciated. What a way to spread awareness of Autism. It is important to note that 1 in 68 individuals are diagnosed with Autism. My Time Inc. is a not for profit organization that provides support, educational training and recreational activities to parents of children with Autism and is spearheaded by one of our lions, Lion Lucina Clarke, the Autism Comm. Chairperson.

We were very honored to have present with us that night DG Melissa Torres of 20 K-1. We were also fortunate to get a wonderful turnout of Lions from 20-K1, among them were Lion Alisha Goodridge, president of Brooklyn Clarendon Meadows Lions Club, Lion Kirsteen Sottilio treasurer of Brooklyn Clarendon Lions Club, Lion Eleanor Smith, Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Lion Joy Riley President of Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club, Senator Roxanne Persaud of Canarsie Lions Club and several other members from the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club. We also had the pleasure to meet the Hostess of the night Ruschell Boone, NYC Queens Reporter from NY1 News. Thank you Lions for being there and continuing the mission of "We Serve".

Please contact Lion Lucina Clarke 646- 789-3144 or email at lucina@mytimeinc.org.



LIONS-ANTHEM VOLUNTEER DAY

LCI & Anthem VCB together for the Global Partnership & Government Relations Lions Clubs International Lions-Anthem Volunteer Day in October. The Brooklyn Bridge sponsor club/District 20-K1 were joined by many honored guests including PID Douglas Alexander, DG Lion Stephen DeName (R1), and DG Lion Guillermo Perez (R2).

Along with a dedicated group of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield-Anthem volunteers, ninety Lions declared their commitment to that day! Lions joined VCB pledging to support and participate in their Lions club's service activities and to make a difference in the lives of our participants who are blind. VCB served 59 individuals with the support of many Lions from 20-K1 as the sponsoring District, 20-R1, 20-R2, 20-O, and 20-K2.

This is a special year for VISIONS VCB. We will be celebrating our 90th anniversary. Add your name to the growing list of members who know that their personal efforts have been making a difference for the past 90 years at VCB.



BROOKLYN CARIBE LEOS and MID-BEDFORD LIONS

On 10/21/2015, the Brooklyn Caribe Leos and the Mid-Bedford Lions Club, Inc. joined forces to do a community service project. The Brooklyn Caribe Leos donated 8 boxes full of adult liners, undergarments and bed liners and the Mid-Bedford Lions, Inc. provided the transport of the items to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, where they were going to be shipped to the needy of the Island of Dominica. Together both clubs meet the needs of the people of that Island that was hit recently with a devastating hurricane.



BROOKLYN TRANSITION LIONS

Lion Tracy, assisted by some of the club members raised a total of \$3,672 for Covenant House. Covenant House works to help homeless and runaway youth escape the streets forever, and move toward lives with stable housing, a solid educational foundation, and sustained employment. Thank you Lion Tracy for a Job Well Done!



On Nov. 19, 2015, Lion Tracy Jones-Walker of the Brooklyn Transition Lions Club slept out on the streets on a cold, rainy night to raise awareness of homeless youth.



DISTRICT 20-K2

POLAR EXPRESS

Every Holiday season is a good time to start thinking about helping others and providing the experience and joy of the Holiday Season especially to children. This is the time when our thoughts turn to parents/caretakers who may struggle to provide a special gift for their children during the holiday season. This is the very thought which inspired, DG Tejinder (TJ) S. Anand of District 20K2, Nassau County and Bermuda Lions to initiate Lions District 20K2's 1st annual Polar Express Children's Annual Holiday Event.

So in December, Lions Clubs of District 20K2-Nassau County & Bermuda Island hosted the Holiday party for the underprivileged children's in Nassau County. Thanks to our sponsors and their generosity we collected over 600 gifts for the kids to make their Christmas Special, The Lions served 100 children from the Nassau County Shelter and 100 special needs children from school district. The children were greeted outside the entrance with live lamb and goats, where they were able to pet and feed them. Upon entrance they were greeted with various Disney characters and given a ticket to go to stations, such as: Nassau County kids photo ID, coloring book, face painting, Lions information booth, Book fairy, arts & crafts, food (hotdogs, pasta, sandwiches, water and juices). The final stop, a visit with Santa for their Christmas gift.

District Governor TJ Anand states "We believe all kids deserve to get some Christmas gifts, regardless of their parents ability to purchase them. My theme for this year is "Inspire Our Youth", with the number of school youth which volunteered their services, not only inspired our youth but adults as well."

1st VDG Lion Nina Lanci and Gurmeet Roy assembled an amazing team of dedicated Lions, friends and volunteers who worked hard in putting together an extraordinary event. County Executive Hon Ed Managano who partnered with Lions to have Department of Social Services and Belmore Central and North Belmore school districts who provided the kids from the shelter program who the lions were able to assist.

The kindness and unselfishness which everyone served is refreshing and renewed courage to continue the holiday tradition of sharing a gift on one's self to those less fortunate.

PROCEEDS FROM OUR DISTRICT HALLOWEEN PARTY WERE USED TO PURCHASE TOYS FOR OUR FIRST POLAR EXPRESS



LIONS EYE BANK OF LONG ISLAND.

The Lions Eye Bank for Long Island was established in 1986 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting corneal blindness. Imagine a world without the hues of a vibrant sunset or a world without the foam tipped waves and glimmering sand along the seashore. Imagine being unable to look into a loved one's eyes or at a loved one's wondrous smile. Such is the predicament faced by people confronting corneal blindness. Congratulations to our PDG Lorri E. Rieger who made her first pick up of corneas at Franklin Hospital and delivered them to Syosset Hospital.

FALL CONFERENCE 2015

On November 9, 2015 DG Lion Manuel A. Vidal Jr. welcomed close to 200 District 20-S Lions who gathered for their Annual Fall Conference at the Timberpoint Country Club in Great River, Long Island. Our guest speaker was International Director Lion Edward Farrington who along with his wife Elaine are members of the Milford Lions Club in New Hampshire. A great time was had by all.

LIONS QUEST INITIATIVE

The Long Island Lions Clubs have dedicated over \$100,000 to train Long Island Educators in the NEW K-12 Lions Quest SEL and Youth Development Program. Lions Quest promotes relationship-centered learning communities whose members feel valued and personally connected to one another and school. The program teaches social and emotional skills, addresses bullying, substance abuse prevention, and service learning activities. It may be taught by a variety of school adults through a variety of implementation models, in a limited amount of time.

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM.

1ST Vice DG Lion Balan Nagraj attended this dynamic leadership forum in Grand Rapids, MI. Many seminars were held on developing quality Lions Clubs, with Lions Leaders sharing their experiences. It was not only informative but a great opportunity to network with Lions from the US & Canada and exchange ideas. Lion Balan had a lot to report on and was pleased to particularly attend two inter-related subjects most relevant to our district: Membership Retention and Gearing Up for the Centennial

MELVILLE LIONS

The Melville Lions Club has been working with Building Homes for Hero's in Merrick, Long Island since early 2014. On November 7, 2015 the Melville Lions Club attended the ceremony for Corporal Kevin Vaughan's new home. In 2011 he lost part of his left leg below the knee in Afghanistan during a combat mission.



The Melville held a food drive in November and collected 32 boxes of food to give to needy families for Thanksgiving. They delivered (26) Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families with everything including a turkey with all the trims.

DEER PARK LIONS

The Deer Park Lions had two great events...their Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast in November and followed that up with their Annual Christmas Party for the blind in December with a complete lunch which was free to the visually impaired.



NORTH BABYLON LIONS

North Babylon Lions Club Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus (and a REAL Santa, no fake beard or hair and robust), **Sunday, December 6th**

SAG HARBOR LIONS

ANDY'S RUN 5K RACE was held this Fall in honor of Andy Neidnig, long time competitive runner and resident. The Sag Harbor Lions Club has partnered with many local businesses that sponsor **Andy's Run** with donations of water, fruit, bagels, sanitary facilities or capital. "Island Running" is the official timer of the 5K. Proceeds went towards the Guide Dog Foundation, Sag Harbor scholarships and other SH non-profits.

BABYLON LIONS

The **Babylon Lions Club** Beer, Wine & Food Expo held this Fall was a huge success!

ROCKY POINT LIONS

The Rocky Point Lions Club held their 48th Annual Halloween All You Can Eat Breakfast on October 25th.

PATCHOGUE LIONESS LIONS

DG Manny Vidal installed Diane Searles into the Patchogue Lioness Lions Club on December 3rd as recently installed new members Cheryl Felice, Gayle Farmer and Marie Pannullo proudly look on.



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