



District Governor's Message



Greetings Fellow Lions,

It is a privilege and honor to have been elected as your District Governor. I will try my best not to let you down for the confidence you all put in me. Thank you so much for your trust in me.

Hope you all are having a good summer and vacations so we can get ready for the work ahead in our District.

To accomplish our goals we need to work hard, in harmony, united and helping each other. This is not only my job, but it takes all of us to do it.

One of my goals is to bring our District back to a full one again. Another goal is to send at least 3 Lions to the Leadership Institute and I know we can do it all together working hard to accomplish it.

Thanks so much to my Team: Secretary, Treasurer and all the Lions that have accepted to work with me and our team; Region, Zone Chairs, the different committee's chairs and co-chairs, coordinators and advisers. This is not finished yet, I'm still working in filling some committees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions who attended the International Convention in Chicago, especially to the 25 or more representing our District 20-R2.

Our International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal's theme this year is "The Power of We". If we all work together we can accomplish everything. The 5 most important things that he wants all of us to work with are: diabetes, vision, drug addiction, children's cancer and measles.

My theme for this year is:
"Awareness, Unity, Peace".

Thank you all for your patience and support. It is very gratifying to know that I can count on the support of so many good Lions, the experience and advice of so many PDG's who have selflessly given of themselves to the District and who are the source of wisdom, knowledge and inspiration.

To my newsletter Editor Lion Tonie Castro, thanks for all your hard work, putting up with all the problems that this job brings, it is not easy.

God Bless you All,

Yours in Lionism,

DG Norma Mendez-Cruz
District 20-R2 - 2017 - 2018



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1st VDG Message

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION



Dear Lions:
I hope that every-one is doing well, recovering from the state convention in Lake Placid and the international convention in Chicago.

My congratulations to DG Lion Norma Mendez-Cruz, and her cabinet for accepting the challenge.

The Lionistic year has begun and we are ready to tackle the task. I thank all the clubs for inviting me, so far I had the opportunity to visit about half of the clubs in the District and looking forward to continue visiting clubs.. I am counting on your continued support on my journey to become your District Governor for 2018-2019. I will continue working very hard with the District, the clubs and of course, the International, to continue improving our District.

Finally, I remind you this year, we are celebrating 100 years of service; let's continue doing the best possible service. Remember, we are beginning a new millennium and we must start with a lot of enthusiasm in order to continue improving our services and at the same time we must continue increasing our membership and retaining our members

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION
WE SERVE

Yours in Lionism,

FVDG Lion Gustavo Sanchez, PMJF



1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you come, come late.
3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than do things.
6. Feel hurt if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chair to give your opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say; after the meeting, tell everyone how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely

necessary, but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the organization, say that the unit is run by a clique.

9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at a t all.

10. Don't bother about getting new members: Let someone else do it.

Facilitator:
Dr. Felix Banchs
Past President
New York Borinquen Lions Club
Winter 1978

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - MEETING THE CHALLENGES

The Lionistic year 2017-2018 will be the final year of celebration of our Centennial festivities.

This past year was very exciting, but there is still projects to be completed and challenges to be met.

What we have accomplished so far:



You club can make a difference in your community, and contributes towards the goal by participating in the Centennial Service Challenges campaigns.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES:

Join Lions around the world for a Special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to ending blindness and visual impairments. This international event is a great opportunity to save sight in your community and support the Centennial Service Challenge. Host a project that addresses visual impairments in your community such as organizing a vision screening, donating white canes or hosting an inclusive sporting event. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join the Lions of the world for this Centennial service event. For ideas on vision projects and how your club can participates, please visit <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org>

Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST



Here are the results of the Environmental Photo Contest held at the International Convention in Chicago on July 3, 2017:

First Place: Douglas Crowther, Tuakau Lions club, New Zealand.



Second Place: Deb Mosier, Orville Lions Club, USA.



Third Place: Mehmet Kosili, Adana Ziyapasa Lions Club, Turkey.



See photo below of the contest's Awards Ceremony at the International Convention in Chicago.



Lion Jimmy S. Chun
Chairperson
Lion Winifer Reyes
Co-Chairperson

We at District 20-R2 are sorry to hear about the recent illness of PDG Mike Bhuiyan and Lion Oscar Brizuela and take this opportunity to wish them a prompt recovery. Please, get well soon, Lions.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“The one excellent thing that can be learned from a lion is that whatever a man intends doing should be done by him with a whole-hearted and strenuous effort”.

Chanakya



As we head into fall, I'd like to quickly recap another wonderful summer here at LCB. I can't believe it's already over, but we sure did have a blast! We served 52 campers this year over two sessions throughout the month of July. For most of the campers, two weeks is just the right amount of time, but for some it's not enough, with some even asking if they could come live here! We had lots of vocational learning, crafting, games, outdoor sports, and of course, pool time. Several fun programs were brought in like Moreland the Magician, Yoga, an ice cream truck and a dance instructor. The DEC, Tri-county Bowhunters and local EMS and Fire Department did hands-on demonstrations for the campers. We even had our own resident

ventriloquist on hand: The Edmeister Show! To watch some great videos of our summer, go to our website at www.lionscb.org, as there are two videos posted on our home page. You can also find the videos on You Tube as well as our Facebook page. Just search Lions Camp Badger.



The Edmeister Show w/Camper Eddie

On July 30th, Lions Camp Badger hosted our annual Lions Appreciation Day. About 130 people including the 2017-2018 Council of Governors and Lions from around the state were in attendance for the

ribbon cutting/dedication of the new MD-20 Storage Facility located here at the camp, special presentations, a quick program about Summer Camp, and of course, our chicken barbecue luncheon.

PID John and Lion Bernadette Rabideau were presented with an Uplinger Award by the Lions Camp Badger Board of Directors for their years of service and commitment to the camp. Thank you, John and Bernie!

And let's not forget that our annual Super Raffle drawing was held that day! Congratulations to the following winners: Bolivar Lions Club, Oneonta Lions Club, Walworth Lions Club, Wellsville Lions Club, PCC Andy U- Jericho Brookville Lions, Lion Ben A.- Staten Island Royal Lions, Lion Don S. - Broadalbin Perth Lions, 2VDG Gustavo Sanchez - Impacto Lions and Lion Larry E. - Rushville Lions.

If you are reading this before September 8th, our Annual Lions Camp Badger Golf classic will be held on that date at the Bristol

Harbor Golf Club in Canandaigua, NY. Download a registration form on our website: www.lionscb.org or call PCC Gary Brown at 315-486-8195 or email: brownus46@gmail.com



Camp Director Pat Gillule and Counselor Adam Park.



PDG Rena Haigh, Lion Bernie and PID John Rabideau

Cynthia Reuter
Office Manager



As many of you know, earlier this year, our foundation (LCIF) reached a monumental milestone: LCIF has awarded more than US \$1 billion in life-changing grants since our founding in 1968.

Through these grant, Lions and LCIF have been able to provide hope and dignity to millions of people who need it most. Thanks to the generosity of Lions and partners, we have helped communities recover from disaster, we have empowered our youth, saved sight, and much more.

In 2017-2018, LCIF will celebrate its 50th years anniversary— fifty years of helping those most vulnerable and at risk within our communities.

Our District 20-R2 fundraising goal in 2017-2018 is \$50,000 and challenge goal is \$60,000. We will work together as a team and hope to reach our goal in 2017-2018.

On May 19, 2018 District 20R-2 will be celebrating our 30th LCIF Convocation. Please save the date.

PDG K.S. Kim
Chairperson



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Lions Clubs International / District-20R2

“Creando Conciencia de Salud”

Totally Free Annual Health Fair

FREE!! FREE!! FREE!!

Date: October 15, 2017
Time: 8:30AM – 3:00PM
Place: High School- 06-M 552- Gregorio Luperon
501 West 165th Street
New York, NY 10032

SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED:

- Blood pressure
- Vision Test
- Rapid HIV test with blood (fingerstick only) and HIV counseling
- Cholesterol
- Glucose
- Mental Health Counseling
- Sexology – Dr. Lugo
- Mammograms, (by previous appointment only) **(800) 564-6868) Call immediately to make appointment**

**Mammograms are free for uninsured only
(Any or some of the services may not be available)**

Invites

Lions Clubs International with the clubs in New York: Cuban, Eagle, Impacto, Manhattan North, Dr. Ramiro Collazo and Washington Heights-Inwood in conjunction with, *Dominican Medical Association Inc.(DMA)*

Mammograms by previous appointment(800)-564-6868

<https://www.facebook.com/feria.de.salud>

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Ann Sullivan Lions:



Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Salute to Lions, the N. Y. State Mentoring Program's meeting and LCIF meetings.

Barahona Lions:



Attended District 20R2 Foundation's first meeting.

Borinquen Lions:



Held their planning meeting for the year 2017-18 on July 6th, the installation of Officers on July 16th. Donated \$100 to Special Olympics, \$100 to USO, \$50 to Covenant House and \$50 to Alzheimer's Association. Held their annual picnic on August 12th at Tibbets Park in Yonkers.

Cosmopolitan Lions:



Attended the District 20-R2 Foundation's first meeting on August 8, 2017.

Financial District Lions:



Held special meeting on July 18th to organize and discuss the Mentoring Program, a program designed to help prevent children from dropping out of school founded by former First Lady of New York, Matilda Raffa Cuomo.

Global Leaders Lions:



Organized the celebration of the 82nd birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama for World Peace at the Marriott Essex House in New York City.

Highbridge Lions:



Actively participated in several Centennial Celebration events donating balloons to be released. Gave its annual donation to the Association of Progressive Women for its children's summer programs. Donated \$540 to VCB and brought a \$500 donation from the family of the late Lion Hector Valdez, PMJF.

Impacto Lions:



Attended Guiding Eye's Salute to the Lions and celebrated the installation of new officers on August 27th.

Japanese American Lions:



Attended Guiding Eyes' Salute to the Lions and celebrated the installation of new officers on August 27th.

Larchmont Lions:



Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind and presented a donation.

Manila Lions:



Attended District 20-R2 Foundation's first meeting.

Around the District

Phil Am Lions Club:



Attended the Mentoring and Sign Up Program meeting sponsored by Financial District Lions.

Staten Island Royal Lions:



Keeping up their goal of maintaining green streets in their community, posted signs for the Park Department in the locations where they serve.

Taino Lions:



Attended District 20-R2 Foundation's first meeting.

The Bronx Lions:



Assisted in purchasing food and providing dinner to 80 homeless people. Six members attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes and made a \$1000 donation. Sponsored one Yankee game and provided 30 free tickets to children (\$690 value). Added two additional eyeglasses collection points and collected 464 pairs of used eyeglasses. Supported IPDG's journal (\$150).

Tuckahoe Eastchester Lions:



Participated in the following activities and/or meetings: NY Borinquen Installation of Officers, Salute to the Lions at Guiding Eyes and presented a donation, Mentoring and Sign up program meeting, District 20-R2 Foundation's first meeting and Yonkers Millennium Lions' Installation of Officers.

Installation of Officers.

Washington Heights Inwood Lions:



Attended Borinquen and Highbridge Lions' installation of officers. Will hold their 41st anniversary with their usual Hawaiian/Fiesta Tropical Night on September 17th at Meson Madrid Restaurant.

Yonkers Millennium Lions:



Held a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Baguio Magnolia Lions Club on May 22nd. Refurbished a garden and waiting shed and erected a marker in the Brent Road/General Luna triangle in Baguio City, Philippines as

their Legacy Project for the Lionistic year 2016-17. The second phase of the project was the distribution of care kits comprised of toothbrushes, toothpastes, soaps and washcloths to 250 kindergartners and first graders at Quezon Elementary School in Baguio. Sent several children who had rotten teeth to a dentist for extractions. On June 30th distributed care kits to 40 children at the Cabinet Hill Teacher's Camp Day Care Center. Fed the entire student body of 970 children of Quezon Elementary School on August 14th, and for the next 60 days will feed and monitor 30 children who are underweight and malnourished. Continue to volunteer at the Food Bank of Westchester. Purchased a WelchAllyn Spot Vision Screener and held a vision screening at Care for Homeless Briarwood Clinic on August 15th. Screened 40 children at the Wilson Houses on 105th Street, N. Y. on August 19th.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PDG K. S. KIM LCIF DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Dear LCIF Committee Co-Chairs and Advisors,

Hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. I would like to inform you of two (2) important matters:

1) Hurricane Harvey:

As I already informed you via two previous e-mails, please contact your assigned clubs and ask for club donations.

2) 2nd LCIF Committee meeting on September 25th (Monday) :

As we discussed at the first meeting:

A. Your assigned club: Find out Club LCIF Co-ordinator and if they still do not have it, recommend Immediate Past President or Past President and report it to me.

B. Your visiting schedule of your assigned clubs to make presentation of LCIF.

C. Club LCIF Coordinator's training at the second LCIF meeting.

Only 3 weeks to go and we need lots of your input to reach our fundraising goal (\$50,000) or challenge goal (\$60,000). Thanks again for your strong support, we have to work together as a team. "Let's Do the Job Together".

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Lion K.S. Kim
LCIF District Coordinator

On Sunday, August 6, 2017 the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the First Residential Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC) for blind people was celebrated.

Attending were different community representatives, starting with the keynote speaker, Dr. Walton Aubrey Webson and Acting Commissioner of N.Y. State Office of Children and Family Services, Associate Commissioner of N.Y. State Commission for the Blind, representatives from Governor Mario Cuomo's office and many Lions members.

A presentation by Lions clubs was followed by a tour of the big, beautiful building with the latest computer technology.

The Center already has 5 students and expecting more to be registered in September.

LCIF and MD-20 Lions donated \$200,000 and they were recognized for their donation. The following is a list of the contributions by 20-R2 Lions:

Gold Lions: (\$2,000 - \$2,999)

Japanese American Lions
Lions Clubs of the Bronx

Silver Lions: (\$1,000 - \$1,999)

Hunts Point Lions
Larchmont Lions
Tuckahoe Eastchester Lions

Platinum Lions: (\$3,000+)

Mount Vernon Lions

Bronze Lions: (\$1,000 - \$999)

Borinquen Lions
Chinatown Lions
Cosmopolitan Lions
Cuban Lions
Highbridge Lions
Impacto Lions
Manhattan North Lions
Mount Vernon Lions
Metropolitan Lions
Staten Island Lions
United Asian Lions
Yonkers Millennium Lions
Lion Norman G. Newman

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - CHICAGO

Approximately 800 Lions from MD-20 joined in the celebration of the historic 100th year anniversary of Lions International in Chicago. Here are some photos depicting some of the many activities held. The following Lions from District 20-R2 are shown on the photos: DG Elect Norma Mendez-Cruz, Lions: Vidalina Sanchez, Norma Sanchez, Carmen Diaz, 1st VDG Elect Gustavo Sanchez, PDG Maria Sierra, Mercedes Regalado, PDG Juana Alejo, IPDG Peter Pergolis, Joanne Pergolis, Amanda Cintron, PDG Aurora Nazareno Ocampo, Tracy Wong, Constance Louie, Cassandra Dick and the entire MD-20 Group of Lions.



MD-20 STATE CONVENTION - LAKE PLACID, N. Y.



Then 1st VDG Norma Mendez Cruz greets guests at her hospitality suite.



At the Convention Center for the opening ceremony.



Group of N.Y. Borinquen Lions with PDG Mike Bhuiyan at the Convention Center.



The Lion's Spirit

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

Visit our Website for updates and information

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

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.

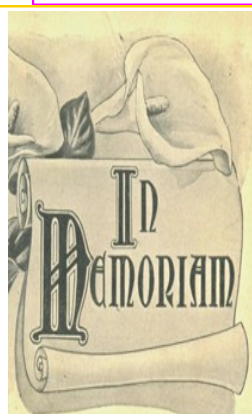
Please send us a copy of your Monthly Activity Report as soon as possible so that your Club or Committee report may be included in our Newsletter. Mail all correspondence to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 10th: - Empire State Building Lighting. - Dinner with International President.
- July 15-16th: - Guiding Eyes for the Blind.
- July 24th: - 1st LCIF Meeting.
- July 27-28th: First Council Meeting, Corning, NY.
- July 30th: - Lions Day at Camp Badger.
- August 6th: - Lions Open House/Ribbon Cutting, new building at VCB.
- August 21st: - First District Voting Cabinet meeting.
- August 28th: - 1st 20-R2 PDG Association meeting at Pines Restaurant.
- September 8th: - Japanese American Lions' Installation of Officers at Arno Ristorante.
- September 17th: - Washington Heights Lions' 41st Anniversary Hawaiian Night/Tropical Fiesta at Meson Madrid Restaurant.
- September 18th: - First District Cabinet Meeting.
- Golf Tournament: - Lions Camp Badger.
- September 21-23rd: - USA/Canada Forum, Portland, Oregon.
- September 25th: - 2nd LCIF Meeting
- October 1st: - District 20-R2 Foundation 2nd Anniversary at Yale Club of New York City.
- October?: - MD-20 PDG Association Meeting, Lake George, NY.
- October 22nd: - Borinquen Lions' Wine & Cheese Theater fundraiser at Repertorio Español Theater.
- October 26th: - 2nd VDG Training, Binghamton NY.
- October 27-28th: - 2nd Council Meeting, Binghamton, NY.
- October 27-29th: - Lions Leadership Institute, Binghamton, NY.



There is very little anyone can do or say at a time like this, but we all of us in District 20-R2 want to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Lions Nila Abascal, a life-long member of Washington Heights-Inwood Lions Club and Mrs. Ana Mateo Minaya, mother of Lion Rafael Espinal, Past President and leader of Manhattan North Lions Club in the loss of their loved ones. They will be greatly missed.

Let us keep them in our prayers.