

The Lion's Spirit

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District Governor's Message

My Fellow Lions

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve our beloved district as District Governor 2015-2016. I am humbled by this honor and I pledge to apply my skills, time and resources to make our clubs and district thrive.



Our International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's motto is "Serving with Dignity Harmony and Humanity". He believes that a doctor must treat not only the illness but be sensitive to the emotional and cultural characteristics of the person. As we Lions serve basic needs, we must also look keep in mind cultural sensitivity which requires empathy and respect for other people's opinions and beliefs.

Dr. Yamada is also urging us Lions to bring dignity to children to make their lives better. Working together we can help the next generation prosper, secure good health and develop to their full potential.

My motto is "Commitment Leadership and Passion". I urge you fellow lions to accept the challenges to serve and to grow. We are a vibrant unique district that takes pride on its diversity. It gives us a broader scope of ideas to serve in effective and creative ways.

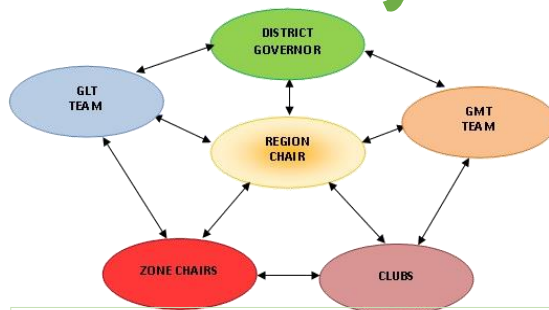
We have set very high goals for our district and our clubs in terms of growth and service. We want to encourage the younger generations to get involved and be prepared to lead us into the future.

With our Commitment Leadership and Passion we will exceed expectations and prove once more that there is no impossible dream for the Lions of District 20-R2.

May God bless us all

Guillermo A. Perez

Lion Guillermo A. Perez PMJF
District Governor



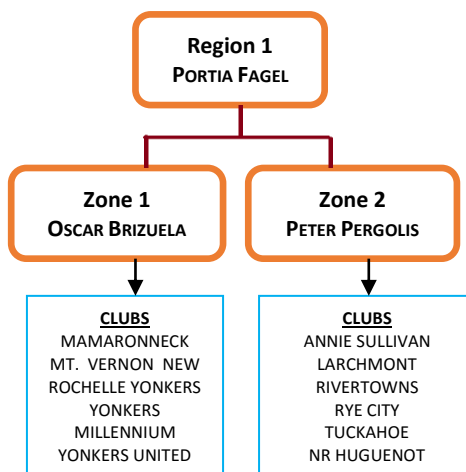
District Regions and Zones Chairs

The Region Chair is the chief administrative officer of the region. Regions are comprised of two or more zones the zones of several clubs. As an important member of the Governor's Executive Team the RC provides additional support to the District Governor and acts as a link between the District Governor the Zone Chairs and the clubs. The duties of the RC may vary according to district's and clubs needs. Among the primary responsibilities the Region Chair:

- ◆ Further the purpose of this Association.
- ◆ Supervise the activities of the Zone Chairs in his/her region.
- ◆ In coordination with the GMT Dist.

Coordinator play an active role in organizing new clubs and strengthening weak clubs.

- ◆ Identify the training needs and interest of lions in his/her region.



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"With ordinary talents and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable"

Sir Thomas Foxwell Buxton

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



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

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

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict20r2>

**MESSAGE FROM FIRST VDG MIKE
D'AMBROSIO AND PARTNER IN SERVICE
MARGE D'AMBROSIO**



I would like to thank each of the Lions for their generous contributions that my partner in service Michael D'Ambrosio has been receiving.

The support we are receiving has been extremely overwhelming. I know the Lions always had a great fondness for Michael, but I never knew how much they really loved him until this medical mishap. Michael is showing progress each day and is looking forward to someday servicing 20-R2.

God bless you all.

Michael and Margaret D'Ambrosio



**MESSAGE FROM SECOND
VDG NORMA MENDEZ-CRUZ**

My fellow Lions:
As the summer season folds,
it is my hope that the flame

of service is rekindled in our hearts, I also hope that our commitment to help the less fortunate is renewed as we begin another year of service with faith, passion and confidence.

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and generosity. Thank you for your trust and confidence that in two years I will be prepared to lead our district and together we will work to help our clubs grow bigger and stronger providing the quality service that distinguish them.

In the interim, I am honored to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor and to fulfill the duties of this high office, working with our Dist. Gov. and his team to achieve his goals and make our District prosper.

If there is anything I can do for your club, please contact me. I will be happy to help.

Lion Norma Mendez-Cruz
2nd Vice-District Governor
District 20-R2



**LIONS CLUBS COMMUNITY-NEEDS
ASSESSMENT: Because Lions Help
Where Help Is Needed...**

Once a year, your club should evaluate the programs and services you provide to your local community. Through a simple assessment, you will be able to understand:

- ❖ What kinds of volunteer services your community needs.
- ❖ Which projects and programs are important to the people in your area.
- ❖ Whether your clubs' current service projects are still needed by the community.
- ❖ If other organizations in your area are providing similar services.

To accurately assess the needs of your community, follow the steps below:

Step One: Introduce the Community-Needs Assessment to your Board. Explain the importance of conducting such evaluation and explain how a Needs Assessment will help the club identify and focus on programs and services that are needed in the community.

Step Two: Appoint a Committee
After receiving approval from the board, discuss the importance of conducting the Community Needs Assessment at a club meeting. If members agree to it, appoint a task force to handle the assessment.

Step Three: Develop a Questionnaire and Cover Letter

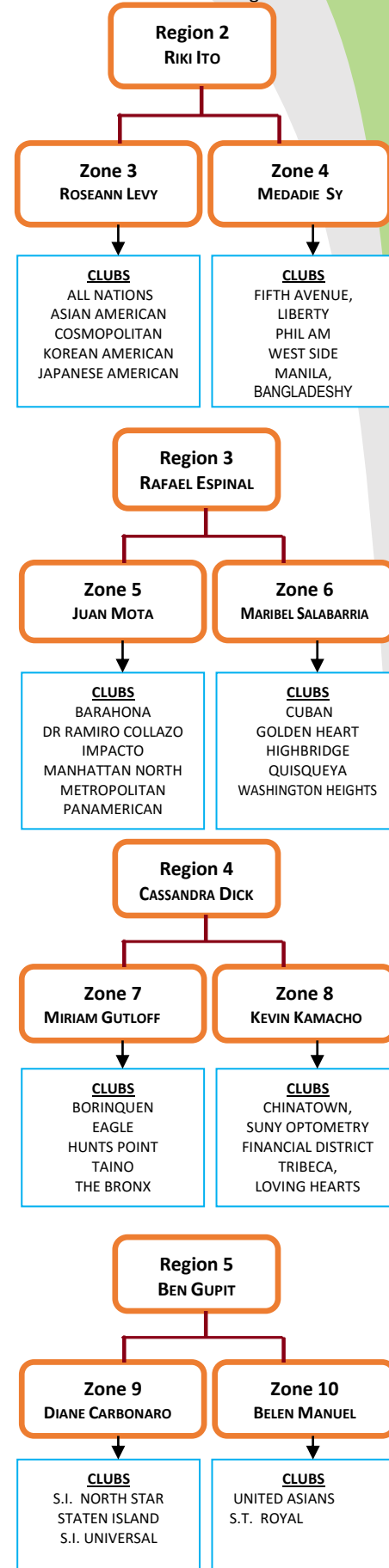
Have your task force begin their work by creating a questionnaire and cover letter. You may use the sample questionnaire and cover letter provided or customize your own to include questions that will help you evaluate the specific needs of your community. If you choose to use the one provided, visit the Lions Clubs International website.

Step Four: Decide Who to Contact in the Community

Often, the village Web site will provide email addresses and phone numbers of important personnel. Some suggestions as to people you can contact to help determine

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The Vera House Project

This year the Partners-In-Service of the Multiple District 20 Council of Governors have chosen the **Vera House project** as their signature service. The Vera House is an organization that provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Among their services, they offer shelter, advocacy and counseling services for women, children and men.

For this project, we are collecting personal care items including shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and deodorants. If your club is interested in helping, please contact lion Gabriela Remigio at 646-209-7749. Items collected will be taken to the next Council meeting at the end of October.

VERA HOUSE - MISSION

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



From LCI - - REPORTS ONLINE ONLY



SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORTS – ONLINE ONLY

LCI is no longer accepting paper report forms for clubs Service Activities. Secretaries can log in to MyLCI site using the user name and password provided by Lions International. Reports are to be submitted on a monthly basis. However, when no service activities are performed for a given month, it is not necessary to record any service activity.

Submitting your report online is easy and faster than the paper form. It also allows your governor, region and zone chairs to view your report without mailing the form. Also, once submitted, you can print the report for your records.

IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT, IT WON'T COUNT!

No matter how many service activities your club performs, if you don't let LCI know, it will not count. We need to help LCI achieve its goal of 100 million services for a 100 million people. Remember the District Governor wants the District to be 100% participant in the Centennial Services. If you need assistance, please let us know, or contact activityreports@lionsclubs.org. LCI new club cancellation policies - dues

LCI NEW CLUB CANCELLATION POLICIES - DUES

We remind all clubs that dues and fees for club supplies should be paid timely and regularly. Starting this year, rules for financial suspension and club cancellation have changed.

A club, which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 90 days will be suspended. Clubs will be automatically cancelled by the 28th day of the month if they don't achieve good standing. In case your club falls behind with payment, please contact LCI to work on a payment plan:

membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org.

Also, remember to pay your MD-20 and 20-R2 dues. Invoices were distributed, but if you have not received them, please contact District treasurer Gustavo Sanchez at liongus07@hotmail.com, or call: 646-316-5941.



Lions Clubs International

FOUNDATION

DEAR LIONS,

EARLIER THIS MONTH, TYPHOON SOUDELOR TORE THROUGH THE PACIFIC OCEAN. ONCE A SUPER-TYPHOON, SOUDELOR HAS CLAIMED DOZENS OF LIVES ALREADY. MILLIONS OF FAMILIES ARE WITHOUT WATER, ELECTRICITY OR SHELTER. THE STORM HAS CAUSED MONSOON RAINS, HIGH WINDS, FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) **RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY**. A US\$10,000 EMERGENCY GRANT WAS AWARDED TO THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 204 MICRONESIA FOR RELIEF EFFORTS IN SAIPAN. **A US\$200,000 MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANT WAS AWARDED TO MULTIPLE DISTRICT 300 TAIWAN TO ASSIST WITH BOTH IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION.**

THE LIONS OF MD 300 TAIWAN, CHINA AND MICRONESIA ARE COMING TO THE AID OF THEIR NEIGHBORS. BUT THEY NEED YOUR HELP. REBUILDING AFTER TYPHOON SOUDELOR WILL BE NO EASY TASK, BUT LIONS AND OUR FOUNDATION ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES FOR THE SHORT AND LONG TERM. PLEASE CONSIDER [MAKING A CONTRIBUTION](#) TO LCIF'S DISASTER RELIEF FUND AND GIVING HOPE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY THIS DISASTER.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT ALL WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY TYPHOON SOUDELOR.

SINCERELY,
JOE PRESTON
CHAIRPERSON, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



From PDG KS Kim



DEAR LCIF CO-CHAIRS, LCIF ADVISORS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS,

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for your commitment to LCIF and for your participation in Dist. 20-R2 LCIF Committee (2015 - 2016).

You are a key member of our LCIF Team and only by working together we can achieve our dream of mobilizing record numbers of Lions and Clubs to support LCIF by the end of this year.

Ln. Gustavo Sanchez
NY Impacto
Constance Louie
NY Chinatown
Maribel Salabarría
NY Highbridge

Ln. Benabe Gupit
Staten Island North Star
Mike Aida
NY Japanese American
Portia Fagel
Yonkers Millennium

LCIF TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 21, 2015 (Monday)

January 25, 2016 (Monday)

March 14, 2016 (Monday)

LCIF Walk-A-Thon: May 1, 2016

May 9, 2016 (Monday)

LCIF Convocation: May 20, 2016



BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB

PDG Charley Gonzales
Dist. GLT Coordinator

The most effective lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their service impact, develop leaders and meet club members needs and expectations.

Like any worthwhile project, it is important to develop and implement a plan, or "blueprint" to guide your actions. LCI offers tools to help you develop your club's blueprint, with emphasis on strengthening club operations, service leadership development and membership.

Club Quality Initiative (CEP)

the Club Quality Initiative (CEP) is a fun, interactive process that brings members together to look at what your club is today and what it will be tomorrow. it gives you the tools to strengthen your service, improve your club effectiveness and enhance your club leadership and membership experience. For more info contact the district and club administration division. Questions regarding facilitators should be directed to your District Governor or your GLT Coordinator team.

Mentoring Program

The objective of the lions mentoring program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their skills and knowledge offer. It prepares them for good leadership in clubs, in the association and in their personal lives as well. For lions club international, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most. The lions mentoring program is completed in two parts, basic and advanced.

Basic mentoring program: The goal are to gain responsibilities and build relationships. The basic mentoring program can be considered a stepping stone to a leadership role.

Two levels can be achieved: Level One, the responsibility of being a lion: The first level is devoted to developing an understanding of who lions are, their vision of humanitarian

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Zone/Region Chairpersons: Intensifying Your Pride.

DG Guillermo A Perez

Much of the success of a Lion's district depends on the effectiveness, commitment, leadership, passion, and dedication of Zone and Region chairpersons. They serve as the two-way communication link between the clubs and the District Governor Team.

They are the District Governor's eyes and ears regarding the everyday occurrences in their clubs and their voices carry messages from the team to the clubs. Conversely they serve as the eyes and ears of the clubs when they attend district meetings and bring the information about programs and service opportunities back to the clubs. They are the voices of their clubs to communicate their wants and needs to the Governor's Team. It has often been said that "*if it doesn't happen at the club level it just doesn't happen*". And it takes effective Zone and Region Chairpersons to facilitate the *happening* at the club level. In addition to the responsibilities inherent to these positions, beginning in the 2013-2014 Lionistic year, the Zone and Region Chairs become automatically active members of both the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT). This participation allows them access to support, materials and resources that help them promote stronger clubs, membership growth and leadership development in their zones and regions.

The positions of Zone and Region chair, with all their responsibilities, are central to the good functioning of a district. These positions are also steppingstones to further positions of leadership, and effective for the application of leadership knowledge and skills where goals and success can be measured.

How to Become a Strong Chairperson

The most important thing for a Lion to realize when accepting one of these positions is that he/she is not alone. There are other lions going through the same experience.

The first step, then is to interact with others who are in the same positions as well as those who have successfully served in the past. Talk with them about their experiences, what was successful and what wasn't. Find a mentor that you feel comfortable talking to and working with.

The Second Step is to arm yourself with knowledge. Know what is expected of you and what you can expect of your clubs, the District

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2015 - 2016 District 20R2 Committees - A Closer View -

PDG Maria Sierra

Committee Chairs are the advocates for our district projects and goals. In the case of Service Committees, the dedication and efforts of the chairperson to reach out and inspire lions and clubs to take part or contribute to a cause, makes a world of a difference.

There are over 30 committees/projects in our district. Some Administrative in nature and others dedicated to service.

The administrative committees serve the clubs and district in the promotion of our organization's mission and objectives and the proper running of our district and clubs. Among the administrative committees, we have the Governor's Team; The GLT and GMT, Conventions, Constitutions and Bylaws; the Zones and the Regions and the Honorary Past District Governors Committee.

The Service Committees are used to promote Lions local and international projects of service in many different areas, including humanitarian services to alleviate world hunger, to eradicate preventable blindness, to help the children develop and thrive in a safe and secure environment and efforts in support and the protection of our environment.

Dist. 20-R2 Committees and Chairs

ALERT: The Lions ALERT Program encourages Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts to cooperate with local authorities to develop a plan of action in the event of a natural, man-made or healthcare emergency.

Chair: **Sidney Baumgarten** (Financial District Lions Club).

CAMPUS LIONS: Campus Club specialists contribute to the success of their districts through the development of Campus Lions clubs and continual support. At the district and multiple district level, campus specialists encourage students and the campus community to bring new energy, inspire fresh ideas for service and grow Lions Clubs to increase hands for service.

Specialist: **Prof. Sue Jenner**

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BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER...

service, traditions, organizational structure and the responsibility of being a Lions Club Member. it should be a goal of every club that all new lions complete the level one in their first three months of membership.

Level two, Relationships: the second level is for developing relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level. Level Two should be completed in the new lions first six months of membership.

Advanced Mentoring Program : Two Levels

Level One, Results: this level is upon developing accountability for results by focusing on community projects and programs that provide useful and needed humanitarian service. Completion of this level provides a stepping stone for accepting leadership role within the club.

Level Two, Replication : This level concentrates on the mentee's role in developing others for leadership in the association and for humanitarian service. It ensures long-range growth and can be serve as a basis for leadership within the district structure.

How To Participate : Contact your club president to express interest, he or she will help you find a mentor or mentee.

Download the basic mentoring guide or the advanced mentoring guide or can be ordered from the membership and club operations department (LCI).

Any questions please contact:
PDG Charley Gonzales
GLT District 20-R2 Coordinator
(347) 784 6443

Children's Dignity Week

August 30 - september 5

Join Lions around the world for a special **Lions Worldwide Week of Service** dedicated to making the future brighter for our children. This international event is designed to benefit the most vulnerable members of our community, and to help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people.

**... Zone/Region Chairpersons:..**

Governor team, the global membership and leadership teams. Review the Zones and Regions chairperson's on-line courses from time to time, motivate yourself so you can motivate others. There are currently 21 courses that you can take covering many important topics.

Get organized. Depending of your preference use hard copy, or your tablet to store any and all information that you might need when you are visiting a club. Plan ahead. Schedule your clubs visitation in advance.

Finally, become a great communicator. Know what type of communication each of your club contacts prefers. It is the email, a phone call, or conference call. Have at least on personal interaction with each of your clubs every month.

Good luck!
God bless you all.
DG Guillermo

**1920: Going International**

Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when the first club in Canada was established. Mexico followed in 1927.

1945: Uniting Nations

The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

Oldest Clubs in District 20-R2

Yonkers Lion Chartered 5/22/1922
Staten Island Chartered 10/19/ 1922

... New York State has produced four (4) International Presidents:**PIP Al Brandel**

Melville, New York - 2008-2009

PIP Robert J. Uplinger,

Syracuse, New York - 1971-1972

PIP Alexander T. Wells

New York City, New York - 1939-1940

PIP Earle W. Hodges

New York City, New York - 1930-1931

Community Needs Assessment...

the needs of your community include:

- Principals & Teachers
- Library personnel
- Environmental service workers
- Park district coordinator
- Police
- Fire fighters
- Hospital administrators
- Doctors & Nurses
- School counselors
- Social workers
- Student leaders

Step Five: Survey Community Contacts

Contact the people on your list and give them the community assessment questionnaire you developed. Use the method of contact that best fits the situation of each contact.

Step Six: Analyze Survey Results

Once the questionnaires have been compiled, the task force can begin reviewing and analyzing the results.

Try to answer the following questions:

- ◆ Does your community have specific needs for services your club can provide?
- ◆ Are other clubs and organizations duplicating your club's efforts, in which case you may consider finding a way to work together on a project?
- ◆ Do any of your programs need to be updated, improved or suspended?
- In summary, what does your community need and how can your club help?

Step Seven: Share the Results

Share the evaluation at a club meeting. Get feedback from your fellow members and discuss whether your club's current services and programs are meeting the needs of your community.

Open up the floor to new ideas that can help serve your community better. In addition, if you have uncovered opportunities and needs outside the service area of your club, consider informing the district governor and district membership chairperson.

Step Eight: Follow Up with the Survey Participants Send a message thanking respondents for participating in the survey. Discuss their input has helped the club defined programs to better serve the community.

[Article extracted and summarized from LCI Website]

... District 20R2 Committees... (From Page 4)

Constitution & Bylaws: This is a standing committee activated whenever updates are required to our District Constitution and Bylaws to reflect amendments to the Multiple or International's Constitution.

Chair: Lion Howard Berman (Yonkers Lions).

Cultural and Community Activities:

This committee encourages clubs in the district to develop **Lions Crew at Work** and Community Activities Projects.

The Lions Crew at Work Program encourages clubs to undertake projects that physically enhance local facilities such as a food pantry, shelter for the homeless, shelter for domestic abuse victims, a community center, a playground, or a recreational camp for disabled children.

Chair: Lion Anibal Liriano (Barahona).

Diabetes Awareness and Action: The main objective of the Diabetes Awareness and Action Program is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through education, detection and research. Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults. Diabetes continues to steadily raise. There are **382 million people living with diabetes**. The international Diabetes Federation expects that number to rise to **592 million by 2035**, when 1 in every 10 people will have the disease.

Chair: Lion Olga Brito (Manhattan North Lions)

Lions Camp Badger - Operated by Empire State Special Needs Experience:

Camp Badger is a project of the Lions of New York State and Bermuda. Its Mission is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled youth and adults.

The purpose of this committee is to promote support and donations from the lions and clubs of our district.

Chair: Lion Amanda Cintron (NY Eagle Lions).

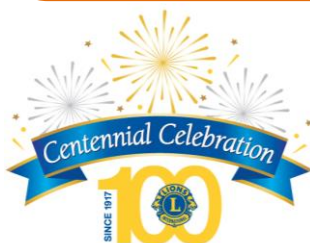
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Team
Efforts
Achieve
Miracles

Great News!

♦ LCI has approved the creation of the District 20-R2 Foundation. A team headed by IPDG Mike Bhuiyan is actively working on the Purposes, and the Constitution and Bylaws for this organization.

♦ The New York State & Bermuda Foundation has approved a grant for the District's SEE Program Committee to acquire new cameras. Congratulations!



Fred Oppong-Ntow
NY Eagle Lions
Sponsor: Amanda Cintron

Luz V. Duran
Metropolitan Lions
Sponsor Mariann Mendoza

SAVE THE DATE !!



Keynote Speaker
Howard K. Hudson
Santa Barbara. Calif.

Centennial Lions Welcome to the Family

Imelda Santos May
Staten Island North Star Lions
Sponsor: Marilou Brusas

Yvonne A. Baynes
Phil-Am Lions
Sponsor: Natividad Borjas



Lonnie Ivan Lopez
Yonkers Millennium
Sponsor: Sara Fernandez Lopez

Centennial Project Ideas

Peace Poster Contest

PDG Loretta Wu

Participation in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can benefit your club in many ways. Among the benefits are the chance to interact with young people in your community, engagement in the Centennial Celebration, and fulfillment of one of the service requirements for the Club Excellence Award.

The Contest is open to young people ages 11, 12, and 13. Go to a middle school or church youth group and speak to the Principal/Art Teacher. Explain to him/her that the Lions International Peace Poster Contest provides youth with the opportunity to think about peace and express their ideas through artwork. This helps them to develop their minds as well as their artistic talents. They could also win prizes on the club, district, Multiple District and International levels. Clubs wishing to participate should order a Peace Poster Kit for every school or group they will be sponsoring.

The Peace Poster Kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one school or an organized, sponsored youth group. Each kit costs \$11.95 plus shipping and handling and taxes.

To order the kit call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822; or order through the online Lions Store - www.lionsclub.org (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

If you have any questions, please contact me, PDG Loretta Wu - (646) 251-2249 or email: lorettawu@hotmail.com.



2014-2015
"Peace, Love and Understanding"

Wei Jin Qian
13 years old
China

Where there is a need, there is a lion

25 PROJECT IDEAS TO SERVE THE CHILDREN

1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children's hospice or children's hospital..
12. Supply Braille and large-print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
13. Help to provide safety identification for children with serious/chronic illnesses (medical bracelets, necklaces, etc.).
14. Establish a tutoring program (reading, math, science) for children or youth
15. Develop a reading program or "Story Day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
16. Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
18. Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children.
19. Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need.
20. Organize a book or board game drive for community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
21. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape
22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
23. Donate blankets (or crochet, knit or make fleece blankets) for orphanages, foster children or other children in need.
24. Prepare and send handmade cards to youth affiliated with children's shelters and organizations.
25. Sponsor a sports day for children and youth facing physical challenges and other disabilities

SAVE THE DATE

**Oct.
4-10**

Worldwide Week of
Service in Sight

This October 4-10, President Yamada invites you to join Lions around the world for a special service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness and vision impairment. Vision screenings, provision of eyeglasses and assistive devices, and eye health education are just a few ways your club can bring dignity to friends and neighbors who lack access to adequate eye care. In addition, your project will help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people. Visit <http://lions100.lionsclub.org> for more information, and start planning your project today! We will share the list of suggested Project Ideas for SHARING THE VISION in our next issue.



A wonderful afternoon in Tibbits Park in Yonkers to kick off the new Lionistic Year. In attendance: Annie Sullivan Lions, Asian American, Bangladeshi, Barahona, Borinquen, Chinatown, Cosmopolitan, Highbridge, Impacto, Korean, Metropolitan, Phil Am, Taino, Tuckahoe, Yonkers Millennium, Yonkers United.



A picture-perfect day at VCB - Some members of 20-R2 Family .



First Voting Cabinet Meeting - some of the lions and officers in attendance.

Upcoming Events - Invitations September

FIRST DIST. CABINET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
American Dream Steak House
602 S. Broadway
Yonkers, New York

**USA - CANADA
LEADERSHIP FORUM**
September 17 - 19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**LCIF COMMITTEE
QUARTERLY MEETING**
September 21, 2015

Washington Heights Inwood
September 25, 2015
Fiesta Tropical
At Meson Madrid
Contact Bernardo Caicedo
(212) 927-9522

Metropolitan Lions
September 26, 2015
Officers Installation
Marbella Restaurant
Contact Mariann Mendoza
516-236-3589

**DISTRICT 20-R2
PAST DISTRICT
GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION**
September 28, 2015
Pine Restaurant
Bronx, New York

NY Highbridge Lions
37th Anniversary Gala
October 18, 2015
Scarellos Restaurant
City Island, New York
Contact PDG Maria Sierra
212-781-0074

October
MD20 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
OCTOBER 22-24, 2015
2ND MD20 COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23-24, 2015
20-R2 SECOND VOTING CABINET
OCTOBER 27, 2015

**MD20 PAST DISTRICT
GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING**
OCTOBER 30-31, 2015
COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

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