

# **New Member Orientation**

## **District 20-W**

# New Member Orientation Summary



- New member orientation is broken out into five sections:
  - Who Lions Are
  - Club
  - District
  - Multiple District
  - Lions Clubs International (LCI)



# Who Lions Are

- Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or around the world.
  - Nearly 1.4 million members
  - Over 200 countries
  - More than 46,000 clubs





# Who Lions Are

- **Vision Statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.
- **Mission Statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.
- **Motto:** “We Serve”
- **Code of Ethics:** LCI has a code of ethics which set the standard that Lions should aspire to adhere to.
- **Purposes:** LCI has a list of purposes to convey why Lions clubs exist.

# Membership



The benefits of Lions clubs membership are numerous, and include:

- Helping those in need
- Making a difference in your community
- Having an impact on those in need worldwide
- Developing leadership skills
- Enhancing communication skills
- Utilizing planning and organization skills
- Working hands-on to meet community needs
- Meeting new people
- Opportunities to network
- Opportunities to travel



Club



- **President:**
  - Responsible to preside over all meeting of the club and regular & special meetings of the board of directors.
  - Appoint administrative & activities committees
  - Member of the District Governors advisory committee & expected to attend quarterly advisory meeting in your zone and district cabinet meetings.
- **Immediate Past President:**
  - Serves as club ambassador
  - Makes guest feel welcomed.
- **Vice President(s):**
  - Member of the Clubs Board of Directors.
  - Substitute for the President in their absence.
  - Oversee committees as directed by the President.



- **Secretary:**
  - Keep all Club records including minutes of regular & board of director meetings, committee appointments, officer's list, attendance records, list of members showing their address, phone numbers, emails, etc.
  - Collect all monies due the club & turn over to the club treasurer.
  - Submit Monthly Membership (MMR's) and Club Activity Reports to Lions Club International on a monthly basis.
  - Member of the District Governors advisory committee & expected to attend quarterly advisory meeting in your zone and district cabinet meetings.
- **Treasurer:**
  - Custodian of the club funds
  - Assist Finance Committee in creating a club budget.
  - Provide financial statements as required.
- **Lion Tamer:**
  - Responsible for club property (such as flags, banners, gavels, etc.). The Lion Tamer also keeps order and distributes materials at meetings.
- **Tail Twister:**
  - Serves to promote harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at club meetings through the judicious imposition of "fines" on members.
- **Membership Chairperson:**

# Elections



- Officers are elected annually
- Club president appoints a nomination committee in March
- The nomination committee selects candidates
- The club votes on in April
- The term begins July 1<sup>st</sup>

# Dues and Budgets



- Total Dues
  - Club dues:
  - District and multiple district dues:
    - Multiple District – US\$20 per year
    - District - US\$5 per year
  - International dues: US\$43 per year
    - Family Member discount offered
- Activities Budget
- Administrative Budget



## New Members Responsibilities & Misc. Info



- When a new Lion is inducted they:
  - Pledge to participate in the functions of the club
  - Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics
  - Agree to contribute their share to the programs of their club, their district and the Lions Clubs International
- The Club should assign each new member a mentor to help them through the process of becoming a Lion.
- All clubs are run by a Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws that is published yearly by LCI.



# How We Communicate

- Newsletters, e-mails, Facebook page, Web site, phone, text.
- Other



District 20W



# District 20W Organizational Structure

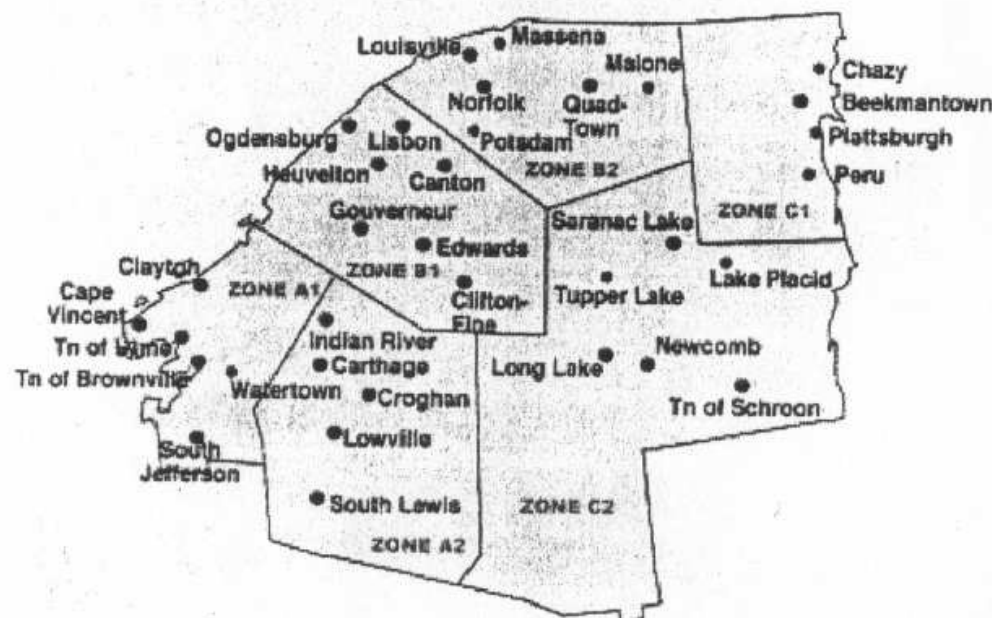
- District Leadership & Cabinet Members
  - District Governor
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG
  - Cabinet Secretary / Treasurer (CST)
  - Global Membership Team Chairperson (GMT)
  - Global Leadership Team Chairperson (GLT)

- Regions / Zones

- East Region Chair
  - C1 Chairperson
  - C2 Chairperson
- Central Region Chair
  - B1 Chairperson
  - B2 Chairperson
- West Region Chair
  - A1 Chairperson
  - A2 Chairperson

- All Club Presidents & Secretaries

## Clubs of District 20-W



# District 20W Cabinet Meetings & Convention



- District 20W Cabinet Meetings
  - 3 held throughout the year – Summer, Fall, Winter/Spring
  - Discuss and conduct district business
  - Club Presidents & Secretary and other cabinet members are expected to attend
  - All Lions are welcome & encouraged to attend
  
- District 20W Convention
  - Normally held in the Fall
  - Develop fellowship among the Lions of the district
  - Elect the district governor and other district-elected officers
  - Conduct seminars
  - All Lions are welcome & encouraged to attend



# How the District 20W Communicates

- Communication Mediums
  - Newsletter – The Northern Lion
  - Facebook Page – In Facebook search type in Lions District 20-W
  - Web Site - [www.e-district.org/sites/20w/index.php](http://www.e-district.org/sites/20w/index.php)
  - Email
  - Teleconference
- Zone Meetings
- District Cabinet Meetings
- District Conference



Multiple District 20

- Our Multiple District is MD-20
  - All of NYS & Bermuda
- There are 12 districts in MD20
  - Each district has a district governor
- MD20 Council
  - Made up of the 12 District Governors and a PDG that was elected by and from the previous years council.
  - Governs MD20 for that year

- MD 20 Convention
  - Held Annually in the Spring – Friday thru Sunday
  - Develop fellowship among the Lions NYS & Bermuda
  - Voting takes place by club delegates for District Governor, International Director and any other major issues.
  - Conduct seminars
  - All Lions are welcome & encouraged to attend
  - Upcoming Conventions
    - 2017 – Lake Placid, NY

- How MD20 Communicates
  - Newsletter
  - Website - [www.md20lions.com](http://www.md20lions.com)



# NYS & Bermuda Lions Formal Dress Code

- Navy Blue Blazer with the Official NYS & Bermuda Patch
- White Shirt or Blouse
- Khaki Pants or Skirt
- Brown or Black shoes
- Brown socks
- Brown Belt
- NYS & Bermuda Tie
- An Official Lions Clubs International Lapel Pin



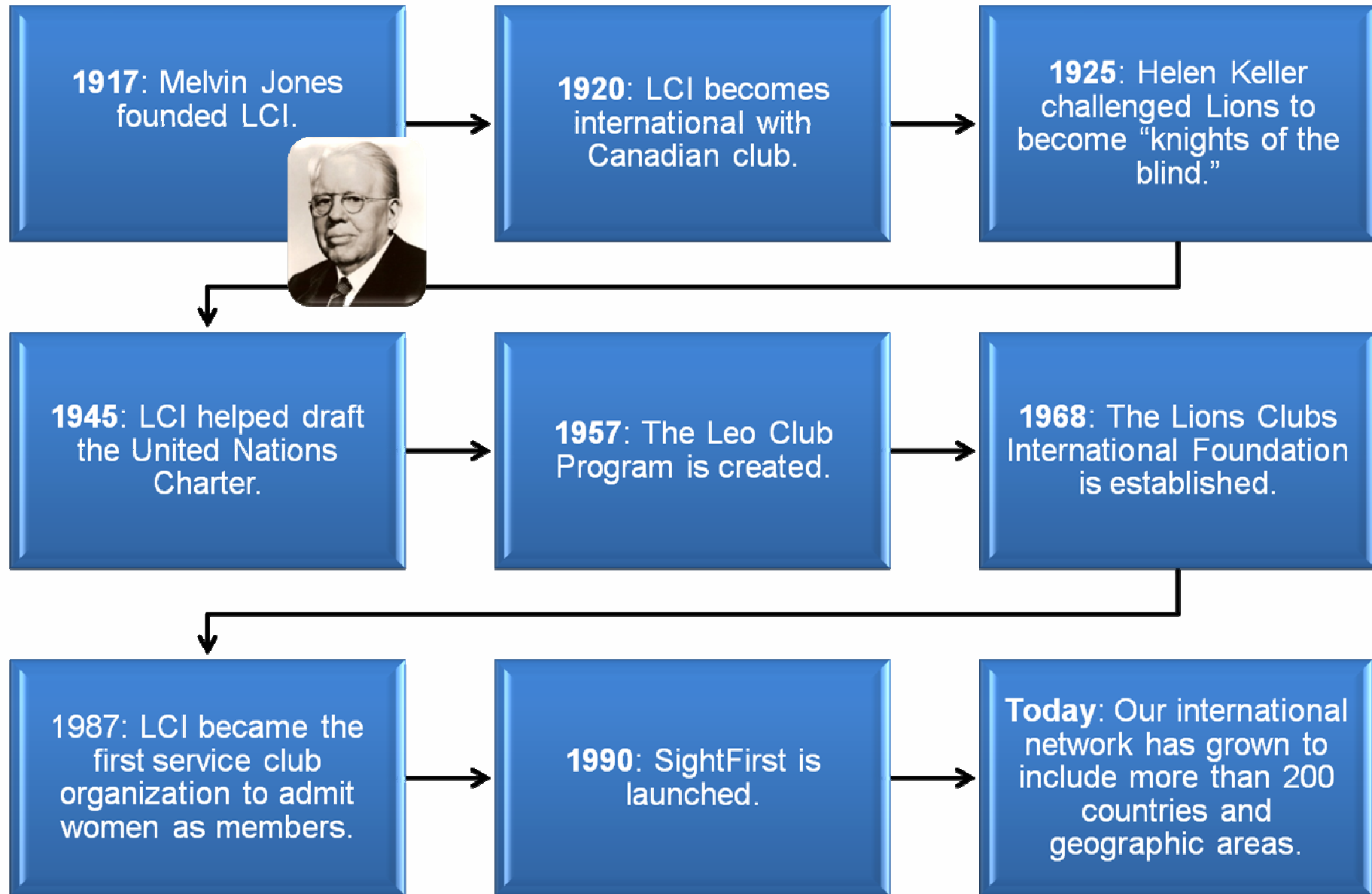
## NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation

- Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1992 that assists in the support of charitable efforts of Lions Clubs throughout New York State and Bermuda
- Primary function is to provide grants to clubs & districts for projects beyond their capability.
- Conducts various fundraising programs including the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award Program annual raffle, contributing member & contributing club programs.



Lions Clubs International

# History



# Name and Logo



- The official name of the association is “The International Association of Lions Clubs” or simply “Lions Clubs International.”
- The name Lions was chosen on a secret ballot over several others because the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. The Letters LIONS stand for LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY
- The Lions logo consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side of the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.





# Organizational Structure

- International officers implement policy and serve as inspirational leaders of the world's Lions.
  - International President:
  - First Vice President:
  - Second Vice President:
  - Immediate Past President/LCIF Chairperson:
- The International Board of Directors is the governing body of the association.
  - 34 members and 8 board appointees
- The International Constitution and By-Laws govern the operations of the association and establish the rules by which the association is to function.



# International Convention

- Convention brings together thousands of Lions from around the world for a week of business, education, celebration and fellowship.
  - 2017: Chicago, Illinois, USA.  
LCI returns to Chicago to celebrating its 100th Anniversary!





# International Headquarters

- Located in Oak Brook Illinois
- Approximately 275 staff members in 11 divisions:
  - Club Supplies and Distribution
  - Convention
  - District and Club Administration
  - Extension and Membership
  - Finance
  - Information Technology
  - Service Activities
  - Leadership
  - Legal
  - LCIF
  - Public Relations and Communication





# Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

- LCIF grants an average of US\$30 million annually. It provides clubs with the means to build schools, health clinics, vocational rehabilitation, training centers and other projects that address community needs.
- LCIF SightFirst reduces and eliminates blindness worldwide. The program targets the leading causes of preventable blindness which affects millions of people each year.
  - Since its launch in 1990, Lions have raised over US\$415 million for SightFirst, making LCIF the world's largest blindness prevention organization.



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**



# Leadership

- LCI provides training and development opportunities for Lions. The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is the driving force behind these programs, including:
  - Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes
  - Faculty Development Institutes
  - Regional Lions Leadership Institutes
  - District Governors-Elect Seminar
  - Multiple District Leadership Development Funding
  - GLT District Funding Support Program
  - Webinars
  - Lions Learning Center

# Service Activities



- Service activities generally fall into the following categories:
  - Community Services
  - Disaster Preparedness and Relief
  - Environmental Services
  - Health and Wellness
  - International Relations
  - Opportunities for Youth
  - Services for Children
  - Global Service Action Campaigns
- Service is reported using the Lions Club Service Activity Report.



# Communications

- LION Magazine
- E-mail Messages
- Web site
  - Particularly helpful is the Lions Learning Center which can be found on the LCI Website
- Social Networking
  - Facebook
    - [www.facebook.com/lionsclubs](http://www.facebook.com/lionsclubs)
  - Twitter
    - <https://twitter.com/lionsclubsorg>



## **Lions Acronyms**

LCI - Lions Clubs International  
LCIF - Lions Clubs International Foundation  
MD20 – Multiple District 20  
NYS & BLF - New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation  
GMT - Global Membership Team  
GLT - Global Leadership Team  
CGL - Certified Guiding Lion  
PCC – Past Council Chair  
DG - District Governor  
VDG – Vice District Governor  
CST – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer  
RC – Region Chairperson  
ZC – Zone Chairperson  
PDG - Past District Governor  
ID - International Director  
PID - Past International Director  
PCC - Past Council Chair  
RAP - Reading Action Program

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# **Welcome to our Lions Club!**

Any Questions?

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