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MD20
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Poster
Contest
2017-18

Theme:
The Future
of Peace

Winner:
ALICIA
HUANG

Age: 12

School:
HC Crittenden
Middle School

District: 20-R1

DG Mathai
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Armonk
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Lion Douglas
Martino



COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. Welcome to 2018 and more chances to serve your communities through your Lions Club. When you are working on service projects remember to invite new people to help. Once they see the work that your club is doing, ask them to a club meeting and talk to them seriously about joining a Lions club. After they join, make sure they get a proper induction and orientation. Then take your sponsorship seriously and get them on at least one club committee so they feel that they truly belong. It is up to each of us to help build this organization back up to the membership levels of a few years ago. If you see an area that

is not being served, help them to create a new club. As Lions, it is up to each of us to be proud of the great work that we do and to let each community know just what we do for them. It is not about a pat on the back but for information and support for the future.

We have all done an excellent job helping those both near and far the first half of the Lions year. Now let us dig deep and continue to send help to those in need. Donations to LCIF help people all over the world. Donations to NYS & Bermuda Foundation, help New York and Bermuda residents. Donations to the Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation, Camp Badger or Lions See benefit those in need around our state. Please remember all of these organizations in your club budgets.

With the formal approval of the redistricting plan by LCI, the work has progressed on the merger of Y1, Y2 and W. Both of the "new" districts have met to work on a smooth transition. More work needs to be done but we are well under way.

I hope that each of you have registered for the International Convention in Las Vegas June 29 – July 3. We should all try to be there to support our endorsed candidate for International Director, PCC Gary Brown. Gary has been visiting districts, keeping himself visible and networking with sitting IDs to help insure that he will be approved in Las Vegas. Any and all support will be greatly appreciated.

Our MD convention is May 4-6, 2018 in Rochester. Registration forms are already available and more information regarding the convention will be coming out soon. We will have a great time with our 1st VP Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir who has been confirmed as our guest. We look forward to her visit in Rochester. Visit www.md20lions.com for your registration form and keep checking back for any updates. At our February Council meeting we will be finalizing our seminars and should find out more about the meals and other events that the committee is planning.

Don't forget about our latest service area of Diabetes. I hope that each club has at least one activity to raise awareness about this disease that affects so many people all over the world.

Thank you all for the work you do for Lions and your communities, it means more than you know.

~ Yours in Lionism, Lion Kelly Clark, Council Chairperson, MD-20

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

As Council Chair, one of my jobs is to be the GAT coordinator for the Multiple District. Our latest directive is to set goals for the MD GAT and report the goals and results to LCI. I will present the full goals at the February council meeting but it is fair to say that effective service projects, tailored to your communities is key. We should all involve new people in these service activities and then invite them to be members. Once they join Lions, they should be trained so they feel comfortable and knowledgeable about our organization. As you can see, we just included GST, GMT and GLT in one process. This is why it is so important for these 3 positions to work so closely together for the good of your clubs, districts and the multiple district. Thank you for supporting your club and district representatives.

The council appointed PDG Milledge Smith as the MD GLT and PCC Andy Umreiko as the MD GST and in October the council appointed PDG Ed Stano as the MD GMT. All of these individuals are ready, willing and able to help your districts in any way they can.

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LIONS CONVENTION PROGRAM

Dear MD20 Lions,

I bring greetings from Rochester, NY, home of the 95th Annual MD20 Lions Convention May 4-6, 2018!

Rochester is an incredibly user-friendly city for the Lion's convention since both hotel options, The newly renovated Hyatt Regency Hotel and The Radisson, are connected to the Convention Center, allowing easy and convenient access to all events come rain or shine: no need to worry about getting your shoes wet or hair windblown! All hospitality rooms will be at the Radisson for "one stop shopping", with restaurants available in both hotels.

The Thursday evening "1st Nighter" is Casino Night! This event, run by local Lions Clubs, features an assortment of games, drinks, finger foods, play money, prizes, and mingling. This event was a huge success when we did it in 2011 and promises to be another big hit this year.

Our featured speaker for the Convention will be International 1st VP Gudrum Bjort Yngvadottir from Gardabaer, Iceland. We look forward to welcoming her to the flower city.

There will be several informative seminars and workshops to attend throughout the convention. Lion Kristen Smith from our Rochester Pioneers Beep Baseball team will speak and show us how they play the game, and other visually impaired sports such as goalball will also be demonstrated.

We'll have many vendors to see and speak with and our pin traders have planned quite a display. Don't forget about the Peace Posters, Lions luncheon, or Saturday night party! This year's theme is country western complete with country fare for your taste buds to savor and a live band to kick up your heels!

In addition to all the Convention events, Rochester offers a large variety of activities and points of interest to explore, both within walking distance and short commute from the hotels. Utilize the car services Lyft and Uber, hop on the public bus, or rent a Zagster bike to get to your destination. Check out Rochester's historical locations such as the George Eastman House, Highland Park, Mount Hope Cemetery, The Susan B. Anthony House, The Memorial Art Gallery, or the Strong National Museum of Play. Satisfy your hunger with some local Rochester cuisine like a garbage plate from Nick Tahoes, pulled pork from Dinosaur BBQ, white hots from DogTown, or a Cream Ale from The Genesee Brew House. Be sure to stop by the Information Booth run by the Visit Rochester Team while checking in at the convention center for places to see and restaurants to eat. Tours and tastings at local breweries and wineries are also available.

Please remember that the convention is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make lots of new ones. District 20 E-1 is looking forward to seeing lots of MD20 Lions Roaring into Rochester in May, so register now!

~ Respectfully submitted by PDG Terry Bliss, 2018 MD20 Convention Chairman

HONOR A LION

The 2018 - MD20 Convention Program Book Committee invite you to Honor A LION, Good Citizen, Club, District, or acknowledge a Past, Present or Future Lions Event in the 2018 Lions Convention Program Book.

Please consider the following:

- * Deceased Lion or Spouse (In Memory Of)
- * Career Lion Award (Lion of the Year)
- * Congratulations on a Job Well Done (Thank You)
- * Advertise an Upcoming Event (Club Anniversary)
- * Wish Incoming Officers Well (Recognize Outgoing Officers)
- * A Business or Service Advertisement

If you would like to recognize that special Person or Event please contact (deadline 3/1/2018) for more information: PDG Judy MacKnight, 211 Arbordale Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 • e-mail: jmmacknight@yahoo.com

We hope to see you at the Convention (May 4-6, 2018) and have a Program Book with your name in it.

Thank You, The 2018 Program Book Committee

MONEY

Many high school seniors are looking at training programs or college this coming year and are probably looking for financial aid. Being a Lion or Lioness places your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter in a unique position.

The Lion pin traders that belong to the Lions International Trading Pin Club have created a scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors. The application can be found on the website (www.litpc.org) and a \$2500 scholarship is available. Actually two scholarships are being awarded annually. The applicants must be a Leo or the their parent or a grandparent must be a Lion or Lioness member.

The completed applications must be sent to the individual state chairman from each state by March 1st. I serve as the state chairman from New York. (PCC James Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, New York 14468) Each state is allowed to forward their best two application forward for international consideration. The winners are announced at the annual LITPC meeting held during the international convention.

At the annual convention in Chicago, Emma Bennett from Spencerport, New York was announced as a scholarship winner. She is attending Cornell University. Glynnis Santeramo from Buskirk, New York was also selected as a scholarship winner. She is attending Brockport College. Both international winners were from New York.

If you enjoy the fellowship of trading friendship pins, consider joining the Lions International Trading Pin Club and supporting the scholarships for future graduates. The membership application can be found on the same website as the scholarship application.



DISTRICT 20-N

BAKER VICTORY SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many Lions witnessed the joy of giving at the annual Christmas Party for Special Children at Baker-Victory. Multiple clubs donated funds to the cause – which provided the children magical entertainment and a small gift. Close to 60 children benefitted from Lions' generosity. DG Sharon would like to thank VDG Jeff Jarvis (Pendleton Lions) and Lion Leslie Saunders (Buffalo Host Lions) for their leadership in planning the party. Thanks, too, to the Lions clubs that donated – and Lions that shared the experience.



The group of Lions that took time to come to the party.

WILSON LIONS CLUB

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Wilson Lions Club participated in the Very Country Christmas held each year in the Village of Wilson. Hot apple cider and doughnuts were served to the many visitors to the Town. On hand to help were Charlie and Kathy Landry, Jim and Diane Muscoreil and Dennis Fulton-Sears.



BOCES FIELD TRIP MADE POSSIBLE BY MANY CLUBS



Erie 1 BOCES students holiday field trip.

On December 20, contributions from multiple Lions Clubs helped make a Christmas fieldtrip a blast for Erie 1 BOCES students and staff. The students shopped for their families and had many choices to

choose from for their lunches. Thank you to the following clubs: Sheridan Drive, Pendleton, Amherst, Lackawanna/South Buffalo and Lancaster. The students and staff are forever grateful!

LEWISTON LIONS CLUB

The Lewiston Community Lions Club once again comes through with support for Thanksgiving Dinners for the Tuscarora Nation Community. Our Lion Teresa Tourbin was proud to represent our Lions Club and presented the Tuscarora Community Health Workers with a check for 250.00 to provide much needed and appreciated food to families during the Thanksgiving season.



Patti Fischer, pictured here, thanks the Lewiston Community Lions Club. "On behalf of the Tuscarora Nation community, the Tuscarora Community Health Workers would like to thank the Lewiston Community

KENMORE LIONS CLUB



On Dec. 9, 2017 Kenmore Lions John Benchley, Bev Grimes, Jim Grimes, Bonnie Haase, Eileen Kirchgraber and Partner in Service Barb Benchley met to wrap Care Bears for the local school children. This is an annual service project for the Kenmore Lions Club.

DANSVILLE LIONS CLUB

December was a busy month for the Dansville Lions Club. Our annual Tree of Lights was in full operation at Church Park in Dansville. Fifty trees were purchased by the community in honor, memory of individual or for an organization. We were fortunate to have a local Boy Scout Troop help in getting the trees delivered and standing. The official lighting by none other than Santa Clause was done at the Winter in the Village Festival in December. This is a great project that was started many years back. Each year we are the receivers of the gratitude from people that have trees purchased.



The Chief Elf and CEO of The Santa Hat Society Inc. Mary Kate Brushafer spoke at our December meeting. Mary Kate, a Dansvil resident and student with the help of her "Elves" raises an incredible amount of funds to help families during the holiday season. She and elves are helping 37 families this year in the community, with food, clothing, gifts and decorations to make their holidays as special as they can be. Our club presented her with a check as well as 17 items from our Pieces of Hope committee including quilts, wall hangings and table decorations. (Pictured Mary Kate Brushafer CEO Santa Hat Society Inc. Lion Liz Jackson, Lion Jan Infantino, Lion Doris Hedges, Lion Ann Mahus).



The Salvation Army bucket was manned by 16 of our Lions in December at Tops (Lion Mike Caito and PDG Lion Bob Infantino).



GATES LIONS CLUB

On December 16th, Gates Lions Club distributed 35 food baskets. A quick breakdown is 77 adults and 62 children received a food basket from Gates Lions. We assembled the food baskets at ServPro and distributed from there. It was a total club effort. Plus, we had several volunteers, who wanted to help in a worthy cause. We had support from our local Key Bank branch accepting food donations since November 1st and they purchased items for our food baskets. Tops Markets and Wegmans provided gift cards for our food baskets.

On January 23rd Gates Lions club is hosting a community event to raise awareness of diabetes. We have teamed up with the American Diabetes Association, Gates Police Department, YMCA and Gates Historian. Please pass along the attached flyer and press release. We hope this is the first of many community events working with these other organizations to raise awareness of risk factors, diagnosis, prevention and treatment options. Please join us.

MEDINA LIONS CLUB

Starting our Fall Season the Medina Lions Club held our annual Scarecrow Festival at the YMCA. We constructed 159 scarecrows for local children and put many smiles on many faces. We decorated state street park for Christmas and entered a float in the Medina Festival of Lights Parade.



We cooked Hot Dogs and Burgers on Main Street during the parade. Currently, we are selling Poinsettias to the community for a major fundraiser.



Our club was honored to get first-hand knowledge of two major renovation projects of Bret Opera House and The Old High School.

Our annual Christmas Party had 50 in attendance it's always a wonderful way to end the year.



BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB

On December 10th, an intrepid contingent from the Brockport Lions Club braved the cold and snow to install a wheelchair ramp for a resident of the Viking Apartments. Pictured are some of the Lions involved in the installation, many more members spent several hours on the actual construction off site. From left to right are Lions Mike Hicks, Dave Moore, Walt Windus (project leader), JW Cook, Charlie Deacon, and Greg Lund with Charlene whose daughter will be utilizing the ramp. This is the fifth ramp project done by the Lions over the last couple of years.

WEBSTER LIONS CLUB

Webster Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Webster Community Chest on December



16. The Community Chest was selected by the Club to receive a portion of the proceeds from the Webster Garlic Festival that was held in September.

Lions Leadership Institute Graduates from 20-E2: Lions Leadership Institute graduation 2017. Pictured L to R are Lions Brenda Nudd, Walt Murphy, DG Harold Bush, Donna Mistler and Lisa Dougherty Barber.



Apalachin Lions: • Held the annual Back-To-School program, assistance to families for purchasing school supplies and clothing. • Quarterly Food Bank distribution.

Bloomfield Lions: • Partnered with the Bloomfield Food Pantry to create a community event named "Unity in the Community" to assist with children's back to school needs. • Held fall highway cleanup in October. • Held monthly Spaghetti Dinners. • Held Community Halloween Party.



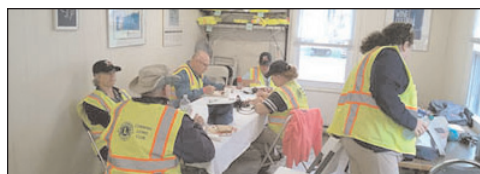
Campbell Lions: • Set up and staffed a water station for runners in the Wineglass Marathon.



Canandaigua Lions: • Eyeglass recycling focal point for district 20-E2. • Hosted the annual Kid's Fishing Derby. • Lion Rodney Dutton received the International President's Certificate of appreciation, presented by DG Harold Bush and PID Dr. Ed Cordes.



Corning Lions: • Annual effort – Corning Lions volunteer to drive carts to shuttle people with disabilities around the Watkins Glen International facility during racing events. • Corning Lions recently connected 40 pounds of food, batteries and flashlights from it's members to be shipped to Puerto Rico.



Horseheads Lioness: • Held annual "Pie and Bake Sale" at the Horseheads Do It Center in November.

Manchester-Shortsville Lions: • Legacy Project – Supporting the purchase of handicap access hardware for the main entrance to the Red Jacket Community Library. • Aided the Shortsville Fire Department during their carnival by manning the ticket booths, and also worked the concession stand at the Hill Cumorah pageant. • Eye

screening of 238 Manchester-Shortsville elementary school children. • Collected/Donated coats and hoodies to the Blue Star Mothers to give to veterans in need.



North Rose Lions: • Held Gift Card Raffle. • Collected donations for and conducted the Annual Community Auction in September. • Donated \$1,000 to hurricane relief through the LCIF. • Did successful Eye Screening program at five areas school facilities in October, and at the Clyde-Savannah Elementary School in November. • Assisted the American Red Cross Blood Drive in November at North Rose-Wolcott high school.



Ovid Willard Lions: • Tag sale to sell donated items for fundraising. • Sold Brooms at the Strawberry festival. • Worked to control traffic/hand out water and Gatorade to cyclists at the Musselman cycling event. • Helped at the First Annual Teddy Bear Picnic for the Historic 3 Bears fund raiser in Ovid. • Sold beverages, donuts and Ice Cream at the Empire Farm Days.



Owego Lions: • Presented Angels Over Iraq and Afghanistan with items for care packages to deployed soldiers in all branches of the U.S. Military, and donated money for their shipping costs. • Joined the Tioga-Nichols Lions in the Craft Fair Fundraiser.



Pal Mac Lions: • Eyesight screening for children. • Fundraiser at the Hill Cumorah Pageant, selling popcorn and pop(soda). • Assistance to Green Angels, Lions International, eye tests, eye glasses and hearing aids. • Food baskets in the community. • Camp Badger Assistance. • Assistance to historic Palmyra. • Route 31 Road Cleanup. • Halloween Costume Parade at the Palmyra-Macedon Primary School. • Taking care of flags at the Port of Palmyra's Vietnam Memorial. • Warm Winter project, knitting and giving warm mittens, hats, clothing and other needed items to people in the Palmyra-Macedon area. • Fundraising at the Wayne County Fair and at Palmyra Canaltown Days. • Bell Ringing during Christmas.



Penn Yan Lions: • Legacy Project – building a Special Needs Playground. • Participated in the July 4th Branchport Parade – handed out 1,000 American Flags.



Phelps Lions: • Had a float in the annual Sauerkraut Parade. • Prepared food for hungry patrons at the annual Phelps Harvest Festival. • Did vision screening of children during the Harvest Festival.



Rushville Lions: • Honored Lion Larry Edwards with a Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, presented by PCC Bill Williams.



Sodus Lioness: • Chapel garden (at Camp Badger) restoration and clean up. • Had successful summer fundraising at the Sodus Farmers Market. • Supported a team of 3 New York VIP's (Visually Impaired Persons) at the VIP National Fishing Tournament in North Carolina in October.



Southern Tier Retired Lions: • Enrolled 3 new members into the club. • Conducted the second of two major annual fundraisers in November – a Shopping Spree/Grocery Raffle.



Spencer-Candor Lions: • Held Fishing Derby for kids in the Candor and Spencer-Van Ethen school districts. • Planted flowers beneath the Village of Spencer signs and trimmed tree branches surrounding the Lions Club signs. Had float in the 4th of July parade. • Participated in the Candor Fall Festival selling brooms.



Trumansburg Lions: • Held BBQ Fundraiser to support the LCIF Hurricane relief efforts for Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico. • Rang the Salvation Army bell in December at the ShurSave in Trumansburg. • Volunteered to help the Ulysses Christmas Bureau gather and distribute food to those in need. • Helped serve warm food to those in need at Loaves and Fishes in Ithaca.

Union Springs Lions: • Had an article about Union Springs Lions in latest Lions Magazine - *In Need Of a Second Pair of Eyes*. The article is about a donation of an autism service dog to a local family to assist their daughter. Read more at: http://digital.lion-magazine.org/publication/?i=451927#&issue_id=451927&view=articleBrowser&article_id=2932516 • Held 60th Anniversary dinner. • Built a playground at Frontenac Park, supported by the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, the District 20-E2 Special Fund Project, and the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation. • Conducted Barbecue fundraisers during the warmer weather months. • Conducted the Election Night Ham Dinner.

Waterloo and Geneva Lions: • Did eye screening at the Geneva General Hospital Child Care Center in December. 81 Children were screened.



Weedsport Lions: • Vision Screening in October in the Weedsport and Port Byron school districts, a local nursery school, and five early childhood classes at Cayuga Community College. • Donated funds to the Halloween Sawdust Hunt held annually at the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department. • In December, shopped/wrapped gifts for clients at Evergreen Heights, made holiday meal baskets for local families, and participated in the Christmas Festival at Weedsport High School.

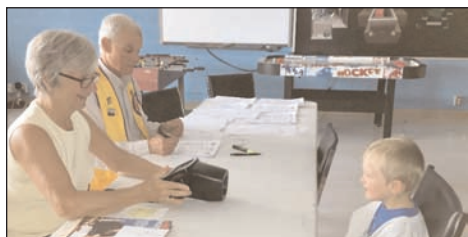
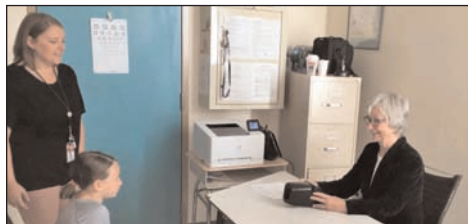
Wolcott Lioness: • Members worked at the bloodmobile and read to children at the Huron Head Start Program.

PERU LIONS CLUB

The Lions Centennial Project was the placing a total of 4 "Peru Welcomes You" signs that were constructed and installed on Rt 22B, Bear Swamp Rd and Rt 22 north and south of the village. Lion Ralph did an awesome job in planning, obtaining supplies, and constructing the signs. *Assisting on installation pictured below were (L to R) Lions Ralph Hensel, Linc Sunderland and Dave Dalton.*



In October, the Peru Lions performed their annual vision screenings at four different school districts. These schools were Peru Primary, Saranac Elementary, Keeseville Elementary and AuSable Forks Elementary. A combination of 6 Lions screened a approximately 125 students at the kindergarten level. Results of our efforts yielded close to the average of 10% children referred. *Below are a couple pictures from the eye screening.*



OGDENSBURG LIONS

Pictured below are Lion PDG Milledge "Smitty" Smith, Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation District Officer is presenting Ogdensburg Lions Club President Lion Phil Mitchell and Secretary Lion PDG Jim Shaw a check that the Club secured through a grant awarded by the Foundation. This check will be used towards the purchase of a new Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener.



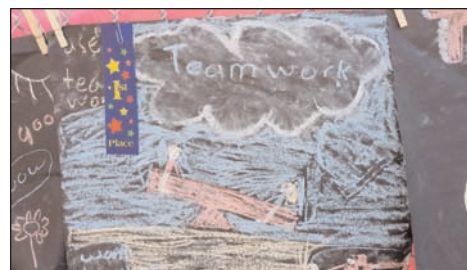
EDWARDS LIONS CLUB

On July 29 the Edwards Lions Club held their 1st Annual Kiddies Gran Prix. There were 10 participants and everyone had a great time. We served hot dogs and hamburgers, nachos, chips and drink. Each participant received a free ice cream and a trophy and medal to wear around their neck. It was a great community event. *A Picture from the Kiddies Gran Prix appears below.*



SARANAC LAKE LIONS

On Thursday, October 5th the Saranac Lake Lions Club hosted the 5th Annual Sidewalk Art Poster Contest & Art Show at St. Bernard's School. Students created their own "sidewalk art" using chalk and black paper. During a gallery-style art show, students, parents, families and community members were treated to a festive evening of art and refreshments. The students at St. Bernard's School chose "TEAM WORK" as this year's theme.



QUAD TOWN LIONS CLUB

The Quad Town Lions Club enjoyed hosting the Lion's Cub Picnic on July 28, 2017. This is our 12th year of providing young children with a picnic lunch. This year we teamed with the Badenhauser Library located on Main Street, Brasher Falls. The children were entertained by a Magician sponsored by the Library followed by a free lunch provided by our members. Our hot dog lunch was very successful with an estimated 100 children in attendance. *Pictured below is our Lion Mascot with one of our picnic attendees.*



LOWVILLE LIONS CLUB

On September 27th members of the Lowville and Croghan Lions Clubs along with MD 20 Endorsed International Director Candidate PCC Gary Brown and his wife Lion Barb performed eye screening at the Beaver River Central School in Beaver Falls, NY. They enjoyed a great day with a tremendous bunch of kids. *Pictures from the Eye Screening appear on the left.*



DISTRICT 20-Y2

Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club

The Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club was the Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post #1261, receiving certificates of recognition from the American Legion Auxiliary, and village, town and state officials. The club was honored for its 40 years of service to the community. Activities included the club's longtime commitment to honor veterans. Since 1993, the TOW/SV Lions Club has served as the area's World War II and Korean War Commemorative Community.

The Lions sponsored Veterans Day programs and gave veterans a forum to share their combat experiences with the public. Educational activities included a three-week long exhibit of WW II

memorabilia at the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex in Schoharie, the rededication of the World War II monument, and an air show featuring vintage aircraft.



PDG Dave Ramsey and Lion Georgia Van Dyke carry the banner.

The club also partnered with the Richmondville/Cobleskill Lions Club to sponsor two 1943 USO shows with big band music and dancing, in collaboration with the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the NY-Penn Military Vehicles Collectors Club.

Lions have volunteered as guardians in the Honor Flight Network to escort WW II veterans to visit the Memorial in Washington, DC. The Lions club also supports the Capital Region NY2 Blue Star Mothers Holiday Troop Drive at Colonie Center in Albany. Lions volunteered to fill Freedom Boxes and the club made a monetary donation to defray shipping costs overseas.

Clinton Lions Club

On the first day of our new Lion year (July 1), while the International Convention in Chicago was celebrating Lions Clubs International's Centennial, Mother Nature "dumped" between 6 – 8 inches of rain on various areas of our region within a 24-hour period, causing flash flooding and devastation! The flash flooding resulted in our County Executive issuing a county-wide state of emergency banning all unnecessary travel for 48 hours. The eastern part of our District was also hit hard and through the efforts of IPDG James & DG John (initiated while at the Convention in Chicago), the District obtained Emergency Disaster Grants from LCI, the NYS & BLF and the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation. While local Emergency Disaster Agencies, i.e., the Red Cross, Salvation Army, County Emergency Personnel and

local Fire & Police Departments handled the bulk of the initial impact from the flooding, Lion Bill O'Mara and Jim Winkler obtained \$50 gift cards from our local ALDI grocery store in New Hartford along with a letter certifying their purchase and eligible items to be purchased upon redemption which complied with LCI Grant Guidelines.

Wearing reflective LCI vests, we walked door-to-door through several of the most severely affected areas in the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Whitesboro. We introduced ourselves as Lions and offered the gift cards and one of our club brochures to the residents who were rebuilding/cleaning up their properties. Many properties/houses had been abandoned or condemned by governmental officials pending additional clean-up efforts or demolition. Recipients were extremely grateful and relayed their experiences about how fast the water came and how it destroyed their properties! We distributed a total of 22 gift cards in this manner and finalized our report, complete with attached pictures of our experiences.



Lion Winkler gives Whitesboro resident gift card.

Broadalbin - Perth Lions Club

The Broadalbin Perth Lions Club partnered with Mayfield community members in raising funds for their "BackPack Program" that will start this fall for under privileged children

This program is in partnership with the Northeast Regional Foodbank will serve over 30 elementary children of the Mayfield School district this year. The program will send 12 to 15 lbs. of food home for 30 weekends through the school year for each of the children that are identified through the social workers at the school. The total costs for the program



this year is \$5,500. The Mayfield Fire department partnered with the LIONS club, allowing them to have a Booth where we raffled off a boys and girls bike and several baskets that were donated by businesses and

members of the community. The Broadalbin Perth LIONS club will continue to be partners in this program throughout the year in assisting with the collection, packing and distribution of the Back Packs for the children.

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LIONS 2018 MD-20 NY/BERMUDA CONVENTION ROCHESTER, NY
May 04-06, 2018

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TO REGISTER ONLY (for individuals *not* requiring a hotel room)

print your name above and leave room information blank. Submit this form with the appropriate registration fee:

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Please see important information on next page!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Check, money order payable to NYS LIONS or credit card information must be submitted with this form *Your \$150.00 hotel room deposit will be credited to your room reservation.

*You will receive a written or emailed acknowledgement of your assigned hotel directly from the Rochester CVB.

Hotel preference and special requests are accommodated on a first come/first serve basis by the Rochester Convention & Tourism Bureau after they are received at the MD-20 Office.
We can make no guarantees.

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 each room reserved must have a separate form. We will do our best to fill your request but we make no guarantees.

Reservation requests must be received by MARCH 15, 2018.

Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned.

Written cancellations via US Mail or e-mail (lionsmd20@gmail.com) will be accepted at the MD-20 office until March 31, 2018. Phone cancels will not be accepted.

Cancellations after March, 31, 2018 - you will need to contact the property you are assigned to directly to cancel and request a refund of your \$150.00 room deposit from the hotel. **AFTER March 31, 2018 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, ALL changes to rooms or registrations including changing a room from a single to a double occupancy must be made in writing to the MD-20 Office at the email below.

Any other questions contact Maria Poulsen: lionsmd20@gmail.com

MD-20 ROCHESTER STATE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

ALL MEALS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION CENTER.

GOOD MORNING BREAKFAST WITH THE COUNCIL

Friday, May 4, 2018 - 8:30 AM \$20.50 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$22.50 per person _____

LCIF LUNCHEON

Friday, May 4, 2018 - Noon \$28.75 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$31.75 per person _____

WELCOME LUNCHEON

Friday, May 4, 2018 - Noon \$22.50 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$24.50 per person _____

BREAKFAST WITH THE VDG's

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - 8:00 AM. . . . \$17.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$19.00 per person _____

LIONS LUNCH

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Noon \$30.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$33.00 per person _____

Gala - "Country and Western Theme"

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Doors Open 6 pm; Dinner 7 pm \$40.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after April 5, 2018 . . \$45.00 per person _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED _____

Please send payment (check or credit card) to NYS 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 to purchase meal tickets is April 20, 2018. Purchase your tickets early as meal events sell out every year!

MEAL TICKETS CANNOT BE CHANGED OR REFUNDED AT CONVENTION.

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

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

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DISTRICT 20-0

A Classic Car Show by the **Amenia** Lions raised money for Diabetes and collected cellphones to be refurbished and given to victims of domestic violence.

Beacon Community Lions Club conducted its first annual Food Drive for a local food pantry. They raised over \$640 and filled 75 bags with groceries to give to patrons of the St. Andrew's/St. Luke's Food Pantry. Also participated in the Spirit of Beacon Day parade and celebration.



Bethel Lions screened 123 children at elementary schools in Monticello. Lions donated \$1,000 to Operation Endeavor for disaster relief in Puerto Rico. Donated funds to 4 local organizations (1) VFW \$200, (2) Kaunonga Lake FD \$200; (3) White Lake FD \$100; and Smallwood FD \$100. Eighty-three children were screened at a Monticello school. Lions screened 37 children at the Bethel Woods Holiday Market, and the Sullivan County S&H Group screened 30 children. Met and shopped for goods, mostly non-perishable for delivery to 13 shut-in residents.

Cornwall Lions held its Annual Fall Harvest Run with Art Contest, sponsored by the Club since 1996. Gifting program allocates \$4,000 to work with local social welfare professionals to determine the needs of local families with children and then the Club embarks on a massive shopping spree. In 2016, the Club assisted 20 families - delivering nearly 100 packages just prior to Christmas. Annual Wreath and Roping Project provides a considerable amount of the funding for this program with the balance provided by the Club's General Fund. An order form is widely distributed enabling the Club's supporters to select the quantity and size of wreaths, centerpieces, and roping. Orders received by Nov. 27 receive a 10% discount. On weekends, Club members staff a booth on Main St. in the Tn. of Cornwall between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

On St. Baldrick's Day, the **Eldred** Lions provided support to help raise over \$10,000 for childhood cancer. Sponsored a Santa Express Port Jervis where Lions members put on a Christmas show for the children, and adults of Port Jervis. As part of its Cemetery Project, cleared leaves from headstones, placed Christmas wreaths on select headstones, and straightened/repainted American Flags on gravesites.

Germantown Lions discussed assembly of Christmas food baskets and adoption of 2 needy families for gifts.

Goshen Lions had its 14th Annual Golf Outing, 60 golfers and over \$5,000 raised to support the Goshen High School Scholarship Fund and Guiding Eyes For The Blind. Sponsored by the Village Of Goshen and the Goshen Chamber of Commerce, the Goshen Lions and other community organizations were invited to set up an information booth to familiarize people with Lionism at the Summer Concert Series Kickoff. Club's entry in District 20-O's Peace Poster competition at District's annual convention was forwarded to Syracuse where it will compete in the MD-20 state competition. Collected over 200 bags of food for the Holiday Food Drive.

Greater Washingtonville members and volunteer community members purchased and donated school supplies for our local elementary schools for students in need. Nearly 2 dozen backpacks were filled and donated. For its Diapers for Texas, the Club collected disposable diapers and related baby items to send to Texas after Hurricane Harvey. Held its 9th annual food drive: members returned to the 900 homes where empty grocery bags had been left the week before and picked up filled bags many of the residents had left for pickup. Club returned enough 5 cent return bottles to add \$74 to our playground building fund.

Hudson Lions kick off its annual "Coats for Kids" campaign. Coats are collected at seven locations and then cleaned free of charge by Fairview Cleaners and given out free at the Second Show in Hudson to those in need. All coats are distributed locally.

Hurley Lions helped Boy Scout Troop 20 collect, sort, and package 8,635 parcels of food which will be distributed to St. Joseph's parish ministries, Family of Woodstock, and Rosendale Food Pantry. Filled 29 gift bags for needy children and families in Ulster County. Worked with local Dept. of Social Services coordinator who identified children and their needs. Each Lion member used their own finances to buy clothing, toys etc. to make a better Christmas for them.

Hyde Park Lions sold ads and published a July 4th Parade Journal of lions work and community services. Club participated in the Hyde Park Fall Festival/Community Day. Tested children with See camera at the Children Health Fair. Raised money and purchased glasses for students and adults, and adopted 2 families and provided funds for gifts and food. Lions purchased wreaths, decorated them, and then sold them to the community.

Jeffersonville Lions held a benefit horseshow at Bridle Hill Farm in Jeffersonville, New York. Sponsored a Halloween Parade and costume contest and screened children at an elementary school in Wurtsboro with 3 referrals. Members attended the Sullivan County Sight & Hearing meeting. Had a wooden bench built by a local craftsman and is identified as a gift to the Village of Jeffersonville celebrating the centennial of LCI. The Bench, a Legacy Level 1 project, will be placed in the Village Park in the Spring where everyone can benefit from its comfort and beauty.

Kingston Lions served 260 people at its 55th annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

LaGrange held their annual steak and/or lobster fundraising picnic with baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, homemade coleslaw, coffee and dessert. A maximum of 200 dinners are served, all items are fresh made and delicious. Held in the local park at the Lions Pavilion. 8 LaGrange Lions met at Tina's restaurant and approved the 2017-2018 budget and discussed ideas and plans for member recruitment.

Liberty Lions participated in screening approximately 30 Sullivan County Head Start students and some of their siblings. Made a donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sullivan/Orange Counties.

Lumberland Lions participated in the July 4th parade and Clam Bake Fundraiser. Yearly collection of Box Tops for Education were donated to Camp Badger. Sponsored activities and games at Circle Park, followed by a parade and concluding with children participating in a Halloween treat walk. Community members decorated the trunks of

their cars and had treats for the children. Annual dinner held to celebrate Club's activities and fundraisers. Published a journal of supporters to be distributed to membership and the community. Some of the Club's accomplishments include: holiday food baskets, eye glasses for neighbors in need, donations to area residents in need, litter pluck, numerous food pantries, Lion's Eye Institute, American Cancer Society, Camp Badger and many more. Lions were asked to donate toys in value up to \$10 each. The toys will be donated to the Port Jervis Elks toy drive this holiday season. Also, 308 pairs of glasses collected.

Manakating Lions work on 50th anniversary dinner journal.

The **Marlboro-Milton** Lions Club annually hosts a picnic for the Senior Citizens of The Town of Marlborough. Members placed 32 holiday light fixtures and 4 banners on telephone poles evenly distributed between Marlboro and Milton.

At the new member orientation meeting of the **Middletown** Lions Club, new members were given new informational packets and a jump drive including the orientation, club roster, Constitution & Bylaws, Policy & Procedure Manual, Use of Funds Guideline, Lions' Code of Ethics, list of club officers & a worksheet detailing existing committees, services, fundraisers etc. Hosted the parking lot for Country Fair patrons, July 13-16, 20-23. Hosted a "Free Picnic at the Park" in conjunction with the Membership committee. The goal was to get a lot of guests to come who could be interested in joining the Lions. We had at least 30 guests come, not including children and passed out 6+ applications.

Millerton Lions awarded \$1,000 scholarships in the following categories: Academic, Community Service, and Most Improved.

Three Clubs (**Newburgh**, **New Windsor**, and **Cornwall**) jointly participate at New Windsor's Community Day with brochures, Lions balloons, and eye screenings at the EmergencyOne booth in the children's area. Sixty-one children screened, 4 referrals.

Newburgh Lions provided 360 hot dogs, 200 hamburgers, and the rolls for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's Back Pack Give-Away at their Gidney Avenue Middle School location. Unpacked and sorted 500 backpacks and 500 cartons of age appropriate school supplies. With the assistance of the Cornwall Lions, jointly screen in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for the first time! **Newburgh** and **Cornwall** Lions participated in a Pre-K Vision Screening at Head Start Newburgh, 134 screened; 27 referrals. Members distributed over 300 pieces of Diabetes Awareness literature. Donated \$100 to Newburgh Ministry to assist with raising money for a security deposit on an apartment for a college student that is finishing his student teaching. Attended the Orange County Sight & Hearing Monthly Meeting.

New Paltz Lions hosted a Halloween parade in New Paltz, distributed 1,000 pieces of candy and apples to children of Ulster County community.

New Windsor Lions collected 59 pairs of glasses and one hearing aid from the New Windsor post office. Partnered with Cornwall Lions, Newburgh Lions, and EmergencyOne at Community Day in New Windsor to offer eye screenings and distribute diabetes information. On Halloween, with the joint participation of New Windsor Lions and Cornwall Lions, 58 children were screened at EmergencyOne in New Windsor with 8 referrals.

Nine Partners sponsored Music at Town Hall summer concert. Refurbished and maintained planters at the Town of Clinton Town Hall. Planting soil replenished, new mulch installed. Plants and maintains flowering plants during the growing season.

Northern Columbia: raised \$696.02 at the Olde Kinderhook Fair with \$46.61 in donations. Lions collected and delivered 139 pairs of regular glasses and 9 pairs of sunglasses to the Eye Bank at Albany. Club realized \$360 profit from selling Easter Bunnies. For its 70th anniversary celebration, family, friends and Lions were invited to join the Club on a Mystery Dinner Cruise on the Hudson River. Seventy-nine people attended and 13 actually solved the murder mystery. Adopted 2 families which included a total of 7 children. Bought the family something they need, something to read, something to wear, and something they wanted. Wrapped gifts were delivered.

Pawling Lions provided an eye exam and glasses for an 11 year old child. Lions donated 90 bars of soap to the Pawling Resource Center. Held a Motorcycle ride for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Bikers registered at 9:30 am and were served a continental breakfast before a scenic two hour ride and then returned for lunch. Donated 20 bottles of shampoo, 20 bags of rice, and 10 bottles of cooking oil to the Resource Center.

Pine Bush Lions collected 38 units from its Blood Drive. Established a Facebook discussion page. Two Lions attended a Disaster Preparedness Training Course.

A **Pine Plains** Lions member went to Italy and took photos of how Lions Club Siena helped in its community (see picture left).

The **Pleasant Valley** Lions' Car Show is 1 of 3 of the Club's major fund raising events. This year's event had excellent attendance with 92 car entries. Collected 300 pairs of eyeglasses from 4 locations: Post Office, Town Hall, local credit union, and an eye doctor in town. Lions held its 33rd Pleasant Valley Lions Bike-A-Thon, a 25/10 mile bike ride fundraiser. Riders pay fee as well as procure donation from individual sponsors. Approximately 100 riders in this year's event. The Pleasant Valley Club teams with the Dutchess County Sheriff and Pleasant Fire departments and a local apple orchard to close roads and provide refreshments for riders. This event has become a Sept. tradition in the local community.

Rhinebeck Lions donated to Lions Hurricane Harvey relief effort; and a donation to the County Hearing Committee. Coordinated, arranged, refereed, and coached youth basketball games. Repaired and improved Mini Park Gazebo Lighting. Home Delivery of Thanksgiving Dinners, prepared and delivered 66 meals.

Rip Van Winkle Lions held a Wally Gallagher Mem. Community Fundraiser BBQ.

Saugerties Lions conducted a Lion See Screening for 16 children; 4 were referred for follow up. Created a float that represented the Saugerties Lions Club in the annual fourth of July Parade. The Club's Hopes Rocks Festival focuses on raising aware-

ness of Drug Addiction & Suicide especially among young people. There were many booths passing out information and people available to help individuals that requested assistance. Donated \$150 to support the Diaz Rescue Squad in Saugerties. Donated \$1,000 for Summer Recreation Scholarships to underprivileged children to attend field trips.

Stanford Lions started plans for annual sausage & peppers booth at Community Day mid-September. Voted to have a full page ad in the Grange's Community Day booklet for \$50. Made a profit of \$955.33 selling sausage and pepper sandwiches at Community Day. Lions held a Pizza for Haunted Fortress Halloween event.

Four members of the **Tri-Valley Club** attended Guiding Eyes for the Blind Lions Day and on behalf of the Club made its annual donation of \$1,000. These members also toured the facility and interacted with the guide dogs in training and the puppies. Participated in the Grahamsville Little World's Fair, which is a major club fundraiser - once a year, many Lions and many hours over the 3 day fair. 23 children screened, no referrals. Club held a vision screening at Bethel Woods Winter/Holiday Festival, 37 screened, 1 referral.

The **Tusten** Lions donated their 5th annual gift of \$500 to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Celebrated its 40th year in 2017. Over the past 40 years, has donated in excess of \$300,000 in charitable donations to local and Lions projects.

Rondout Valley's Pancake Breakfast, with 12 members serving raised money to support food pantries. Club's Pancake Breakfast generated \$898 for general donations. Held a Children's Fishing Contest, 12 children caught 52 fish; pond restocked with fish. Fall Festival at town park, 41 vendors, Guiding Eyes for the Blind gave program, SEE Program had booth, 14 lions involved, games and activities for children. Made donations of \$1,500 to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and \$250 each to 4 food pantries.

Stanford Lions began planning for annual Community Day on 9/16/17: will set up booth and grills to cook sausage & pepper sandwiches with preparation 2 nights before. Planned for Holiday Lights Party on 12/2/17. Wrapped newly purchased gifts. Monthly meeting at the Town Hall. Visit by Zone Chair Lori Hale.

Saugerties Lions awarded an annual \$1,000 per year scholarship for four years to a graduating senior at Saugerties High School. Completed the park upgrade, a 3 year project to upgrade the playground equipment used primarily by children from 3 to 8. New equipment and some older equipment repainted. New Fences installed, new picnic tables, new landscaping, new signs installed. The event was celebrated to coincide with the 100 year centennial of the Lions Clubs. Club donated a total of \$5,000 to two church organizations that provide that provide Hot Lunch Meals. As part of the Lion See Program, the Club screened 39 children and referred 8 for follow up.

Town of Deerpark Lions collected cans & bottles for recycling. Participated in the National Night Out, with a hula hoop station, gave out Tootsie pops & raffled 2 filled backpacks. Club had a booth at local Fall Festival selling orange/lemonade drinks; apples & donuts. Also, club Members assisted at the County Firemen's Parade giving out hotdogs and water. Club sponsored its 20th year Special Ed Decorating Contest, for ages 7 to 12. Also sold 130 mum plants on Facebook.

Although the **Town of Fallsburg** does not regularly meet or have activities during the summer months, two club members attended the 1st 20-O cabinet meeting in Goshen NY. During this meeting they were able to interact with the new cabinet members as well as learn and bring back ideas for when our club does meet, the Club made its yearly donation of \$500 to the PRASAD Dental Clinic, a clinic run on donations and small Federal Grant. PRASAD goes to all the local schools and provides free dental screenings, cleanings, and services to local children.

Two members of the **Town of Highland** Lions went to the Sullivan County Sight and Hearing meeting in September. Three members from our club went to Bethel Woods and screened 30 children with two referrals. Participated in World Diabetes Day event in Sullivan County. Three of our members attended the local convention in Fishkill.

Town of Woodbury Lions donated to the Iron Chef Competition Barbecue, an event that supports their local firefighters and local military. The club donated \$300 to a local Boy Scout building raised garden beds at the local elementary school to advance learning and discovery of our environment through garden education. Sponsored its 2nd Annual Golf Classic to raise funds help others. Club screened 20 children at a local preschool; two were referred for further evaluation. Were represented at a community program that was meant to inform, match, and recruit members of the public for local community groups. Screened 62 children for vision problems at an elementary school and a preschool; 9 were referred for further evaluation.

Tri-Valley Lions Club obtained a matching grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation and purchased an electronic scoreboard for the new little league field. The scoreboard has beautiful signage for our club and the Youth foundation was recently installed on the diamond. 3 members attended 20-O District Convention and learned about vision, hearing, and diabetes issues. From the Beverage Booth Activity at the Fairgrounds, the Club will donate 50% of the proceeds to the Daniel Pierce Library. Club's centennial community legacy project, level 2, Restoring Antique Milk House at the Time and the Valleys Museum, the club obtained a grant from MD-20 Lions Foundation which, along with our club donation, was able to fund moving the building from the location on an old abandoned farm to the museum complex. The Museum directors are working on developing a 1930's dairy farm as would have existed in our area before it was taken by the government for the building of a reservoir for the NYC water supply.

Warwick Lions Club sent 2 delegates to the international convention in Chicago, IL. The village of Warwick celebrated its 150th birthday in August. Club participated in the parade by making a float with the theme of "We Serve" with the names of all the organizations the Club has supported in the community. Afterward, members demonstrated that theme by serving food (donated by Shop Rite) to over 1,200 people in the community. Over 500 runners, of all ages, participated in the Club's Labor Day 5K. One of the participants was truly inspirational because he was blind.



DISTRICT 20-R1

We had a great convention in November which changed many records in our district convention history. We embraced *the power of we*, International President Dr. Naresh Agarwal's theme, and the quote by Helen Keller *Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much* and we made it. Our chief guest and key note speaker, International Director Ardie Klemish and her husband PDG Ken Klemish, were with us for three days. On Friday, November 3rd, ID Ardie and PDG Ken accompanied by DG Mathai Chacko and Lion Usha on a guided tour of West Point. That evening they attended a welcome dinner at Rini's Restaurant in Elmsford, with DG Mathai and Lion Usha, PCC Angelo and Lion Ellen Purciogliotti, CS Giuseppe Coco and Lion Krista, CT PDG Dennis Hardy. On Saturday, ID Ardie and PDG Ken visited the new \$9.4 million dollar Vocational Rehabilitation Center (VRC) at Visions/VCB in New Hempstead, Rockland County. The visit was hosted by PDG Maybelle Twohie. In the afternoon they visited Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) in Yorktown which was hosted by PDG Ed Klotz and PCC Angelo Purciogliotti.



In the evening, 40 Lions attended the first District Social at La Quinta Inn in Armonk. Each Lion introduced themselves and briefly described what their clubs were doing. The Cold Spring Lions presented 5 MJF awards and Bedford Village presented two. VDG Carl assisted by ID Ardie and Bedford Hills President, Bob Collins led the group in Lions Celebrity Jeopardy. It was a fun evening and we look forward to next year.



The convention was dedicated to the memory of PDG Ray Icobelli and Dick MacFadden, both Blauvelt Lions, who passed away in 2017. Highlights included our Annual Memorial Service honoring our deceased Lions, a special Leo Program, 30 exhibitors, 4 workshops, a 30 prize raffle and a "Dining in the Dark" experience assisted by 10 members of the Westchester Council for the Blind. Entertainment was provided by blind musician, Milton Kojia. We had two great speakers, Mary Mc Loughlin (Diabetes Awareness), and Motivational Speaker, Cheryl McNeil Fisher who is also blind.

ID Ardie gave a moving and inspirational address. DG Mathai reported on the State of the District and presented a PMJF to PDG Maybelle Twohie and a MJF to Bedford Hills President Bob Collins.

The Director was very much impressed with our activities and the well-planned convention. Congratulations to Convention Chair PCC Angelo, VDG Carl, CS Giuseppe, CT PDG Dennis and all the team members for doing a superb job.

Peace Poster Entry – 20 R-1 again submitted an entry into the 2017/2018 Peace Poster Contest by Alicia Huang, sponsored by the Armonk Lions which was the winner. The district chairperson is PDG Maybelle Twohie.

CROTONVILLE LIONS 100 members for 100 years ... The Crotonville Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. The club was chartered on June 20, 2017 with 109 members by PDG Steve DeName with assistance of Pablo Romano, LCI New Club Consultant, Bob Collins President, Bedford Hills Lions Club, Jack Lofaso from Valhalla Lions Club and Mary Ann Sniffen, President of the sponsoring Club, Croton making Crotonville the largest club chartered in all of New York State as well as the United States.

Thanks to the dedication of PDG Steve DeName, Pablo Romano, Bob Collins and Jack Lofaso, this club was formed in just three weeks with signed and paid applications, allowing for them to be chartered in the Centennial Year of Lionism, 100 new members for 100 years. The Crotonville Lions Club was previously associated with another charitable/service organization and decided that Lions Club International was a better fit for them.

At their Charter celebration members from Croton, Ossining, Hen Hud, Bedford Hills, Yorktown, North Rockland, Pearl River, Long Island City, Nanuet and Rockland Regional Lions Club were all on hand to "lend a hand" during the pinning ceremony helping to pin all of our new Lions and congratulate and welcome them to this awesome organization. The new officers were sworn in by Pablo Romano, LCI New Club Development and the Croton Lions Club presented them with their bell and banner. PDG Steve DeName presented them with their gavel on behalf of the 20-R1 PDG Association and IPDG Dina Nejman Ciaramella presented the new President with their Charter. The new members were all sworn in by PDG Steve DeName. As is tradition, members of the visiting clubs from 20-R1 presented Crotonville with donations to help "get them on their way".



Meet MAX Suffern Lion's newest member and mascot. Max joined the club in October at Suffern's White Cane Sale and was instrumental in helping raise funds for Guiding Eyes and LCIF Hurricane Relief outside Acme Supermarket in Mahwah NJ. After all, who could refuse that beautiful face.

Max is a certified service dog and lives with Suffern Lions John and Kulya Gloria. Once his training is complete, he will receive a permanent assignment. Until then, Suffern is proud to claim him as their own.

SOMERS LEOS TAKE THE PLUNGE

Raise over \$25,000 for Special Olympics of NY

In an astounding show of support, Somers Leos took out all the stops for the Special Olympics Westchester Polar Plunge Fundraiser on Saturday November 18, 2017, with a team of 71 members. About 36 Somers Leos jumped in the water to support the Polar Plunge and although the temperature outside was about 47 degrees f, the Leos ran into the freezing cold water at Glen Island Park, NY.



Somers Leo coordinators Paul LaSpina and Tracy Reimann, were on hand to cheer on the team and Lion Paul even took the plunge himself! "The enthusiasm and accomplishment of the Leos was so inspiring I wanted to help them celebrate their success" said Lion Paul, President of the Somers club.

There were a total of 20 Teams that entered the Westchester event. The Somers Leos took the top prize for most funds raised by a public school generating just over \$25,000 for Special Olympics. Top Fundraisers for the Somers Leos Team were:

Max Caron, Danielle Cucchiarella, Ryan Elliott, Nicole Iervolino, Karlene Kurtz, Katrina Kurtz, Brandon LaSpina, Luke Phalen, Gabby Preni, Matthew Reimann, Ryan Renzulli and Alexis Ruiz.

Additionally, for his work on the Polar Plunge, Team Captain Brandon LaSpina was nationally recognized by Disney/ABC Television Group and Youth Service America with their "Be Inspired Grant" for kids and families making a positive impact in their communities.



"We received an overwhelming number of wonderful applications, and your project, Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, stood out to us as one of the best in the country," wrote Sara Pope, Youth Partnerships Manager at YSA (Youth Service America).

Lion Paul said the idea to participate came about after discussing it with his son. Brandon thought it would be a great idea to entice our high school to join the party and not make this a LEO only event, and off we went with outstanding results. We originally set a goal of \$6k since we were first timers. As you can see that quickly turned into over \$25,000! One of our LEOs has a brother who is a Special Athlete and he led us into the water.

The Somers Leos graciously acknowledge the overwhelming support they received from their families, friends and the Somers and surrounding communities.

To learn more about the Polar Plunge and Special Olympics: http://events.nyso.org/site/TR?fr_id=1380&pg=entry



DISTRICT 20-R2

From DG Norma Mendez



My fellow Lions:

It is my earnest hope that your holidays were filled with joy and that this new year be a healthy and prosperous one. As I extend my good wishes for the new year, it is my hope that your commitment to our organization is renewed and the flame of service rekindled. Happy New Year.

The last Second Quarter of our term is normally a very busy period for our district. In October we have our annual multi-clubs Health Fair themed "Creating Health Awareness" where over 300 services were provided to residents of the Northern Manhattan from eye screening, several types of cancer screenings, diabetes, cholesterol and high blood pressure, among others.

In November we have our District Convention formerly "Fall Conference" which is a weekend affair. There were workshops, seminars and reports from several District Committees, including: LCIF, GLT, GMT, GST, VCB, Diabetes Action, Children's Cancer, Centennia, LCI Goals (PID Douglas Alexander). Keynote speaker was Past International Director Douglas Alexander whose message was outstanding.

In December we had the First GLT/GMT/GST Symposium (2 symposiums scheduled for this Lionistic year). We were very honored to have as presenters PDG Urehnko, MD20 GST Coordinator, and PDG TJ Ananda GLT Area Coordinator. Again I would like to express our gratitude to these outstanding lions who came to our aid despite the inclement weather.



From L-R: 1st VDG Gustavo Sanchez, PDG TJ Ananda, PDG Guillermo Perez, PDG Akm Mike Bhuiyan, DG Norma Mendez-Cruz, PDG Belen Gonzales, PDG Urehnko, IPDG Peter Pergolis and 2nd VDG Medadie Sy.



DIST-20R2 PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER



DISTRICT 20-K2

As soon as hurricane Harvey hit Texas, **Suzanne Piccolo**, Governor of the Lions District 20K2 for Nassau County and Bermuda, started making phone calls. At first it was to find out whether family and friends who live there were safe, but within a few hours, even before the hurricane had completed its destructive work, Suzanne, Sue for the friends, went into high gear to collect various materials to help her brothers and sisters in the Lone Star State. For the people who know her, it's not a surprise, since she is always planning some kind of rescue, collection or other to help people in her community, but this new project was certainly large and challenging even for her, without any support from other entities. So, Sue contacted **Betty Ezell**, Governor of Lions District S-S2 in Houston, who was excited and pleased to hear from her and immediately collaborated, along with "**Vicky**" **Victoria d'Angelo Tompkins** from the "**Friends of Conroe**", to find someone who would provide the truck for the transportation of the collected provisions.



Very young volunteers who assisted with the unloading and distribution of the supplies in Texas.

The key person turned out to be **Tracey Mann**, President and Founder of the **Phoenix Charity**, who donated the truck needed for this marvelous deed. Members of the "**Friends of Conroe**" and of the Lions in Texas offered to do the unloading and distribution of the materials when delivered.



Sue Piccolo and friends from the Lions at the moment of loading the truck #1.



Vicky d'Angelo Tompkins at the arrival of the truck from NY.

Having solved this issue, Sue took a long breath of relief, since the collection was going full speed, thanks also to Suffolk County Lions from District 20S, led by **Richard Irizzarry**, who had started a collection of their own and re-directed the collection to **The Cop Shop**, the Massapequa store owned by Sue and her husband Sal, which had become the location of temporary

storage for Long Island's collecting activities. Soon, though, the materials collected proved to be a challenge for the truck supplied by Phoenix Charity.

The generous stream of supplies of all kind kept on flowing after the truck left and one more truck was needed. Phoenix charity offered once more their help and the second truck was promptly provided. So many volunteers helped with the collection, storage and loading of the supplies; among them members of the **N.Y.P.D.**, the **Nassau County P.D.**, **Massapequa's Fire Department**, Lions clubs from both Long Island Districts and some even from upstate New York. The local community was also not shy in giving a helping hand and both trucks brought the much needed provisions, all **110,000 pounds of them**.



A group of volunteers from NYPD and their children with Sue Piccolo.

As Sue Piccolo stated, "The water was not receding fast enough; it did not have a place to go. Flesh-eating disease started to pop up in various locations and these supplies were essential to a proper response to this tragedy." Regarding this aspect of the destruction hurricane Harvey had brought, medicines were in high demand and short supply, so Sue located a nurse, Mary, who provided contacts to supply much needed medicines to Beaumont Hospital in Houston.

After these laudable efforts by the Long Island Lions and the community they serve, one would think they would lay back for a while, but the arrival of two hurricanes in Florida and Puerto Rico (Irma and Maria) presented a dilemma to Sue: could they ignore this second attack from Mother Nature just because energy was low and it felt awkward to ask people for more donations? Well, Sue and her friends did not have time to sleep over this conundrum and they decided that a response was necessary, even if they had to be the only one to do it.

The love that the community has shown her and the **Massapequa Lions** over the years, though, proved once more alive and well, since \$1425 were promptly collected for Florida along with 15,000 pounds of supplies for Puerto Rico, proving this generous and extended effort on the part of the Long Island Lions and their surrounding community a real success and confirming that brotherhood is still alive in America.



DISTRICT 20-5

BABYLON LIONS CLUB

We'd like to let the community know what the Babylon Lions Club has been doing in response to the recent hurricanes that struck Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Our Club has reached out to local Lions Clubs in the affected areas of both Texas and Florida. Representatives of Lions Clubs in both Rockport, Texas and Key Largo, Florida shared the tremendous needs of residents of both communities and informed us how committed they were to providing assistance to those most affected. The Babylon Lions Club immediately forwarded financial assistance to both Clubs in the amount of \$2,500 per community. We felt very comfortable in making these funds directly available since we know there would be no administrative costs and that Lions Club members, as well as respected activists and leaders in their communities, would know just what to do with the help we made available.

As far as Puerto Rico was concerned, the process was a little more difficult since the ability to communicate with a majority

of the Island was so impacted. We did partner with an organization that specifically was formed to provide relief to those struggling to regain some sense of normalcy in their lives. Since there is such a connection between Babylon and Rincon, Puerto Rico and since residents of Babylon Village informed us how many people were hurting in Rincon due to a lack of water, electricity, and available work opportunities, we sent along a check in the amount of \$2,500 to assist the recovery efforts in Rincon. Again, we the organization we dealt with dedicated 100% of our funds to this effort.

We want to let our many friends in Babylon Village, West Islip, and Lindenhurst know how much we value their support. We always have, and always will, take seriously our responsibility to expend the funds we raise in our communities both prudently and compassionately.

FROM SST TIM JACHLEWSKI :-: DUES BILLING

All clubs should have received the dues billing from both Lions International and the MD-20.

MD-20 dues are \$20.00 per member annually. We bill semi-annually at \$10 per member in July and again in January. The office utilizes membership reports from LCI.

The MD-20 bills for life members. The Life Member program is exclusive to LCI only. The only category the MD-20 offers a reduced rate for is student members. Student members are billed at half the regular rate, \$5.00 per billing period.

If you believe you have less members than what you were billed for you must send a copy (email or US Mail) of either LCI's invoice showing the drop in membership or a membership report from LCI showing the member name and date of drop. We will not credit for drops occurring more than a month after the new billing. You may make the change on your invoice and send this information along with your payment but you will not receive credit if we do not receive something showing the reduction in membership.

We do not bill retroactively. In other words, if you gain or drop members in the six month period between billings we will not bill or credit for those members. We bill for the number of members LCI has for your club in June and again in July. So if you gain a member in Feb. or March-June you will not be billed for that member until the July billing. The same goes for dropped members.

Please contact your District Governor with any questions regarding dues or email the MD-20 Office at lionsmd20@gmail.com

Mail MD-20 state dues payments to: NYS Lions Clubs, 200 Gateway Drive, Bldg. "A", North Syracuse, New York 13212.

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE

Deadline: February 26th

Mailing Date: March 26th

This will be the printed issue containing all the convention information, the deadline for this issue will be strictly adhered to. Also, this issue will have no District reports included.

Deadline: June 1st

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This issue will contain one page per District for their reports.

