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COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



Hello everyone,

Well I cannot believe that another Lions year has passed already. I have had the honor and pleasure to work with a great group of District Governors and I feel that we helped to move this Multiple District forward.

Redistricting was approved and the three effected districts have been working hard to have a smooth transition. Congratulations to Y1, Y2 and W for working so hard to combine your leadership. I have no doubt that DGE Paul Burnett and DGE Michelle O'Hare will do an outstanding job in the new Y and W. These districts can only be stronger and more revitalized with such united teams.

The Emergency building was completed and now awaits supplies. This project is an ongoing one that the whole MD will benefit from in the future.

Accounts Receivable still remains an issue as some clubs feel they don't need to fulfill their Lions duty to pay dues when due. While clubs have much latitude to operate, as their communities need them to, there are still some basic responsibilities that clubs should realize they are expected to complete. Reporting their activities and paying their dues are two such responsibilities and they should both be taken very seriously by the clubs, the districts, the MD and LCI.

The new GAT format rolled out for us in Chicago and we are finally feeling like we know what is expected from us. The main point is that Service was given the importance it deserves with their own representatives at all levels, starting with the clubs. We all need to look for new ways to serve and we most especially need to report all the good work that we do for our communities.

This Multiple District did a great job with donations to LCIF with 9 of the 12 districts exceeding their LCIF goals for the year. As we get ready to celebrate 50 years of our foundation, I trust that we will all continue to donate where our money can do the most good and that is certainly with LCIF.

I look forward to hearing about all of the new Diabetes service projects as well as those for Childhood Cancer. LCI plans to roll out more information for all of us in Las Vegas.

I am excited to see what the future brings for Lions under our incoming International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. She is a really focused and down to earth person and I know she will do great things for all of us in Lions.

Thank you all for your service to your communities and districts this year. Please know that you made a huge difference in the lives of those around you. Thank you also for allowing me to serve as the Council Chair for the 2017-18 Lions year. It is a year that I will never forget.

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

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~ DUES NOTICE ~

Lions,

The MD-20 Office will be sending dues invoices in July. All invoices are sent electronically to the club treasurer, club secretary, and club president provided I have all three emails on file. Please make sure LCI has the current names and email addresses for your club officers.

Every year I update our database with the information LCI has on file. This update takes place in June. If a change occurs in your club with officer names or emails any time after late June please notify me at: lionsmd20@gmail.com and I'll edit your club account. LCI and the MD-20 Office are completely separate so when a club updates information with LCI we aren't notified in any way.

All clubs must pay International dues (LCI) and state dues (MD-20/NYS & Bermuda) and some clubs have sub-district dues to pay as well. That means your club pays dues to two separate places, and some clubs pay three sets of dues.

MD-20 state dues are \$20.00 annually per member. I bill twice a year, once in July at the beginning of the fiscal year and again in January. So your club will receive an emailed invoice semi-annually @ \$10.00 per member. The member count is based on what LCI has on file for your club.

The MD-20 does not discount for life members or family members. These programs are exclusive to LCI. We do discount student members at half the regular member rate, \$10.00 annually/\$5.00 semi-annually.

It's important your club notifies LCI of any dropped/transferred members as soon as the drop occurs. Our dues bills are based on the membership numbers LCI has as of July 1st and January 1st each year. So your club must make sure to update your membership rosters by the end of June and the end December to ensure your invoice is accurate. Credits will not be issued for members dropped after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1. Maintaining your club membership information is simple to do online and LCI will guide you if you need assistance. Please contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Here's what Tony Benbow, International Director Chairperson Finance & Headquarters Operation Committee at LCI suggests:

***Update** your club roster online using MyLCI or your regional reporting system.

***Submit** your updated membership roster to MyLCI or your local reporting system by June 30, 2018 CDT.

***Inform** current and incoming club leaders that membership dues credits will no longer be issued.

As always, if you have any questions regarding MD-20 dues please contact Maria at the MD-20 Office: lionsmd20@gmail.com.

EYE SCREENING SUCCESS

Dear Members of the Downsville Lions Club,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for providing Sherry Becker the opportunity to screen the students of D.C.S. using the Acuity eye screening machine. I have always believed that vision and hearing screenings are of vital importance for children but this year the importance of such testing really hit home.

My son, Marcus, a Pre-K student, was tested using the Acuity eye screening machine and it detected a weakness in his vision. We followed up with our optometrist and discovered Marcus was relying heavily on one eye because the vision in the other was so bad. They also detected that he was beginning to develop a lazy eye.

Without this screening, we never would have known there was a problem. He was not complaining that he was having trouble seeing, his academic performance was not yet being negatively impacted, and his "lazy" eye was not yet noticeable. Catching his issue with his vision early will help us correct it before it becomes a serious problem and will more than likely reduce the amount of time it will take to remedy his visual difficulties. As a mother and parent, I thank you for providing our students with the opportunity to have these vision screenings in school. As a member of our community, I am thankful that an organization like yours exists and provides this and other helpful services to those in need in our community. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

With sincere gratitude,

Heather Kaja

Heather Kaja



Marcus, in his new glasses



MD-20 MAGAZINE BIDS

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DISTRICT 20-N

DG Sharon and 2nd VDG Regina test the cold waters of Lake Ontario at the Olcott Lions Club Polar Bear Swim



South Buffalo Lackawanna Lions marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade



**Our future
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and
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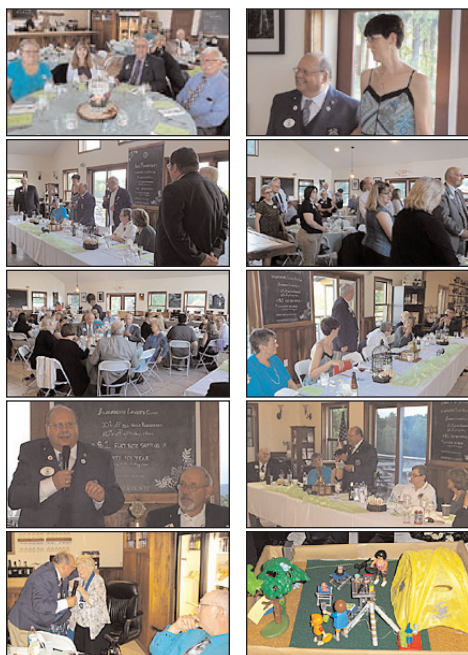
**Four PDG's and one "almost" PDG together
at the Rochester MD20 Convention**



**The Town of Niagara Lions Club hosted
their annual Bowling for Sight Event in April**



DG HAROLD BUSH'S TESTIMONIAL



WEEDSPORT LIONS: are wrapping up June with a spot in the Fireman's Parade. Lions will be selling raffle tickets prior to, as well as at the Field Days. The first place prize is a grill, second place is two outdoor rockers and the third place is a bicycle.

WeedSport Lions will be awarding seventeen hundred dollars in scholarships to deserving Seniors at graduation this June. We are especially proud of the Robert Ward Lion award. Bob was Mr. Lion and respected for his commitment to serving his community. We are fortunate to have his wife, Barbara, working with us on our service projects.

ZONE PROJECT - "LIONS ROAR FOR VETERANS": Gift Bags for hospitalized Veterans? No Problem- The Lions of Zone 4 Crushed it!!

With a little help from their friends in Lansing Lions, Ovid-Willard Lions Club, and four individual Lions who made financial (and manpower) contributions to this great effort: PCC Bill Williams, Canandaigua Lions Diane Seward, Melanie Dutton and Geoff Halstead.

The idea was to create a unique gift bag, designed specifically for the Veterans at the VAMC in two of the four wards, or Community Living Centers (CLC's). The items were designated by the Recreation Therapists of the two CLC's, Joe Kostecki, and Lynsey Buckner. Having met those two young people and seeing the job they do every day, I feel much more confident that our Veterans in Canandaigua are given the respect and care they deserve.

Zone 4 clubs were asked to participate, and all 9 clubs responded positively with their requested donation. After DG Harold mentioned that other clubs could join in, Lansing and Ovid-Willard jumped at the opportunity! Then when it came time to put the items in the bags, 25 Lions from 7 different clubs showed up to get the job done, and so it was-quickly. One notable item is a Thank You card created and signed personally by the Leos of Rushville and Bloomfield. They were a great addition to our Gift Bags!

During this time, we held a brief Zone Meeting during which each club was given an opportunity to speak about any aspect of their clubs, and the entire group was given some great information during that time of sharing.

The next day 13 Lions from 6 different clubs met at the VAMC Voluntary Services Office with our main contact, Gina Deck. We unloaded the Gift Bags into carts and we trekked to one CLC, then another. We delivered 48 Gift Bags that were all made up of the same items, and we gave a few leftover items from packing to Gina to give out to any new Veterans that may arrive in the next few weeks.

A huge shout-out and a hearty Thank You to everyone who participated from Pal-Mac, Victor, Bloomfield, Manchester-Shortsville, Phelps, Rushville, Lansing, Ovid-Willard, Canandaigua, Geneva, Twin Cities, Bloomfield Leos, and Rushville Leos. Thank you for your funding and your Lion-Power! Thanks to Zone Chair Brenda Nudd for supporting and promoting this project to the Clubs in Zone 4A, without your 5 clubs participating fully, this would not have been as successful as it was, what a great partner! Stay tuned to see what happens next year in Zone 4 because "LIONS ROAR FOR VETERANS"!

~ Yours in Lions Service, Rodney Dutton, Canandaigua Lions Club

BLOOMFIELD LIONS: The Memorial Day Parade pictures include Lion Mike Bartle with the Lions Club Float and the Bloomfield Lions Club Leo Club manning the hotdog beverage stand. Lions Gene Rogers and Kathy Cooper took charge of the Club's popcorn machine. Thanks to all these members for their efforts on this great day.



MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE LIONS: served dinner to about 40 Vets at the Blue Star Canteen in Canandaigua. We are already making plans to do it again.



SPENCER-CANDOR LIONS: Members of the Spencer-Candor Lions Club attended the Broome-Tioga Special Olympics and supported the athletes by encouraging them and serving healthy snacks and beverages. It was a beautiful sunny day and a well-attended event. Students from the Spencer-Van Etten Middle School built beautiful birdhouses for us to display in the Spencer-Candor Lions Community Garden.

PAL-MAC LIONS: Guess who just turned 60? The Pal-Mac Lions celebrated its 60th anniversary in May with a special dinner lovingly made by the volunteers and staff of Historic Palmyra. The presentation was suitable for the important service volunteers of our club - From the trash pickup on Route 31 between Palmyra and Macedon, to help at Camp Badger, to our financial support of the Good Neighbor Fund, local food pantries, eye glass examine and glasses, to packing bags for our Veterans, to the hours spent on our fund raisers which allows us to support these efforts, with the eye screening covering Wayne & Ontario Counties.



OWEGO LIONS: Lions Linda Thomas and Eve Kretsch did eye screenings on May 16th and 17th at the Owego/Apalachin elementary school. We screened 82 children with a total of 14 referrals. In November, we will be screening the 3rd and 5th graders.

NORTH ROSE LIONS: Back In May, Lion John Hewes pictured on the left with Lion Randy Croniser and Lion Bernie Taft received the Diamond Centennial Pin for club growth during the Centennial Celebration.



TIOGA NICHOLS LIONS: The Lions Club went to Elderwood Assisted Living to play Bingo with the residents and stayed to take their exercise class. We provided the quarters for prizes and when one of us Lions yelled Bingo, all the residents received the prize for the game. It was a fun afternoon for all.

PHELPS LIONS: During the annual Lions Broom Sale and Hot Dog Roast in May wet and windy weather did not stop us from selling plenty of Brooms!



DISTRICT 20-W

SOUTH JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB



Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, the Lions joined Lions from around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in our communities.

Pictured is Club President Steve Sayyeau presenting checks for \$200 each to Nina Hershey, Board member of the Rhode Center Food Pantry & Fred Morris, Director of the South Jefferson Backpack Program to aid in feeding the hungry in southern Jefferson County. It was noted by the recipients that each dollar we gave would buy ten dollars' worth of food.

PLATTSBURGH LIONS CLUB



During our March meeting, the Lions presented John Bernardi of United Way a check for \$2,000 to be used toward recovery efforts in Underwood Estates. The donation was used to purchase gift cards for food, gas,

and building supplies to be distributed to the displaced and rebuilding residents. In addition to this financial donation, members of the Plattsburgh Lions Club have served as boots on the ground for various projects at Underwood Estates.

Pictured are some of the members of the Plattsburgh Lions Club, along with Club President Alicia Sirk and Club Treasurer Tiffany Garcia presenting the check to John Bernardi.

POTSDAM LIONS CLUB



It was a bright time amidst the rain in February when we delivered the food and funds collected at our recent Winter Food Drive to Kristal Hayes, Executive Director of the Potsdam Neighborhood Center!

KL Amanda Prescott delivered the 18 boxes of food donations (347 items) and a Potsdam Lions Club check for \$255.00, which was the total collected funds from the caring community and individual Lions supporting this event. A Big Thank You from Kristal goes out to all those who provided an "immense positive help" in people's lives.

SARANAC LAKE LIONS CLUB



In February the Saranac Lake Lions hosted its Annual Winter Carnival Chili Sale. This yearly event is always a favorite amongst locals and visitors celebrating Winter Carnival.

Pictured from the event is Lion In-Jeong Kim and Lions Club Mascot Leo.

PERU LIONS CLUB



Members of the Peru Lions Club assisted at the Peru Soup Kitchen this past week.

Pictured in the back left to right are Roy Perry, Jack Hoskins, Jim Kieslich, Dave Dalton and in the front left to right are Lois and Steve Roberts.

"Where There's a Need There's a Lion".

QUAD TOWN LIONS CLUB



Pictured is King Lion John Kelly presenting a check to Tri-Town Food Pantry Coordinator Terri Passon.

The Quad Town Lions Club presented donations to the Hopkinton, Tri-Town and St. Patrick's/St. Lawrence food pantries and to the Local Christmas Basket Fund in November. They were able to donate a total of \$2800.00 to these four outstanding organizations.

LONG LAKE LIONS CLUB



In May the Lions Club inducted two new members, Jodi Hartle and Laura Young who were both sponsored by Lion Carol Inserra. Lion Dan McClellan of the Tupper Lake Lions conducted the initiation and gave an interesting, short history of the club and its service goals before administering the oath of membership.

Along with welcoming two new members to the Long Lake chapter, Lions club members from both Tupper Lake and Newcomb were in attendance as well since it was spouses' night. Everyone enjoyed a celebratory meal together.

New members are always welcome. Lions focus on service to their local community. Contact Sue Kunzmann at sbk1226@gmail.com or 518-624-6677 for information and to learn more about the Lions' activities.

DISTRICT 20W TESTIMONIAL



The Dist. 20-W Testimonial and Awards Banquet for all the Lions of District 20-W was held in May.

After a delicious dinner and the presentation of awards and gifts the afternoon turned especially special for DG Donna. Lion Paul Smith humorously expressed his resignation from the position of PIS for DG Donna and he proclaimed that he now wants to be DG Donna's Partner in Life! Pictured is Lion Paul asking for DG Donna's hand in marriage, which was joyously accepted.

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Hearing Aid Advocacy Day

by Lion Barbara Bentley

On May 30th, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Lion Debbie Meyfohr and the support of Assemblywoman Solages, the Lions District 20K2 Lend An Ear Foundation was joined by members of District 20S and District 20Y2, including District Governor John McDonald, along with PCC Gary Brown and District W 2nd VDG Elect Lion Rick Brisee, President of The Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS, in traveling to the Capitol in Albany, NY to speak with lawmakers and legislators regarding Hearing Aid Awareness. This was all part of a legislative lobbying initiative that is being undertaken in our mission to expand hearing aid-related healthcare coverage across New York State and participants had the opportunity to meet legislators and build awareness regarding this mission.

Currently in the United States only 20 states mandate insurance companies to provide hearing aid coverage to children, adults and seniors and New York State is not one of them.



Clinton Lions Club

By Lion Jim Winkler

A week before Earth Day, on April 14, the Clinton Lions Club joined with other members of our community in what has now become an annual event - "Clean-up Clinton Day". Eleven members of our club assisted with various tasks in and around our Village Green. We directed traffic and unloaded vehicles full of documents to be shredded, returnable bottles and cans, used electronic devices and food staples for our local Food Pantry. This year for the first time our club sponsored an industrial mobile shredding unit for area residents to shred their sensitive personal documents. One of our members directed groups of



high school and Hamilton College students in cleaning "winter debris" from various areas in the village. Mother Nature cooperated and although it was chilly, most of the snow had melted. As a result of our efforts, our village looks a great deal better, approximately 1,000 pounds of paper was shredded, over 1,800 food items and almost \$1,000 donated to our Country Pantry... a huge success by any standards!

Sauquoit Valley Lions Club

By Lion John Griffin

At our meeting on April 12th the Lions Club received a special visit from SPC Troy Mackey, who recently returned to the states from a nine month deployment in Afghanistan as a member of the US Army 82nd Airborne



SPC Troy is joined by WW II Veteran Lion Lew Smith and Korean War Veteran Lion Treffley LeFave.

Division. SPC Troy is the son of Sauquoit Valley Lion Christine Goossens. SPC Troy shared his experiences of the past nine months with the Club which gave us a

better understanding of what our brave men in uniform are facing in their call to duty. SPC Troy discussed that he and his fellow soldiers are having a most positive impact on the civilian population there. He also expressed his appreciation for the donations that the SV Lions made to the Blue Star

Mother's initiative to provide food and amenities to his unit. They were especially grateful to receive a shipment of "Utica Coffee" which was a real treat for him and his unit. SPC Troy and his unit were



SPC Troy Mackey attends the Sauquoit Valley Lions meeting along with his mom Lion Christine (c) and sister Adriana.

also grateful for cards received from Lisa Griffin's 3rd grade class from Jefferson Elementary School over the Holidays. Jefferson School is in the Utica District and Lisa Griffin is daughter of SV Lion's Connie and John Griffin.

Beacon Community Lions assist the Comité Mi Gente group in wrapping gifts for its Three Kings Event on 1/7/2018.

Bethel Lions assist Red Cross during registration of blood donor events and during sales of many types of soups. 85 children screened with 6 referrals. Lions donate \$1,000 to Catskill Regional Medical to aid in purchase of a computerized mannequin for nursing education, a transport cardiac monitor, & a Bi-Pap monitor.

Chatham, 49th Annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Crellin Park.

Eldred Lions check elderly during the very cold spell in January via phone calls and home visits. Help with generator hookups, temporary heat, food and water for some residents and first responders. Donate a backpack full of food to the Eldred Central School Backpack Program.

Goshen Lions screen children at 4 separate locations; club collects 65 pairs of pajamas for the Inspire Pajama Drive, collect 145 pairs of glasses, and paid for a hearing aid. Members of the Goshen Lions Club along with the GHS Leo Club marched in the County's St. Patrick's Day Parade. In April, the Goshen Lions sponsored the CJH Middle School Leo Club: 15 young men and women were part of the ceremony.

Greater Washingtonville's Cans for a Cause, returned bottles and cans redeemed; funds added to playground fund. Monthly meeting continued discussion of fundraising and equipment for the inclusive playground. In February, club's guest speaker was from the **Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan ("CFOS")**. Speaker discussed benefits of using CFOS as Club's fiscal sponsor in the inclusive playground project, instead of the Club setting up a 501(c) (3) organization. Club unanimously voted to retain CFOS to act as Club's fiscal sponsor enabling Club to reap the benefits of a 501(c) (3) organization without going through the effort of becoming one.

Greenwood Lake, 6 Lions members met with Warwick Lions regarding the Pavilion Project: groundbreaking at the end of March, as long as weather holds up. Three phases expected: bathrooms, concession stand, and pavilion. More fundraising needed.

Hurley, for Arbor Day, Club planted two apple trees at local elementary school and planted a tree at Lions Gazebo.

Hyde Park had two students referred by school nurse for eye testing and purchasing glasses.

Jeffersonville Club held a low-cost rabies clinic at the Jeffersonville Fire House. Dr. Joseph Nebzydowski volunteered his time to vaccinate the animals. 100 Pair of glasses collected and shipped. Biweekly meeting held with 7 members present.

LaGrange Lions held an event with the Pleasant Valley Lions. High school students selected by the faculty, administration, and coaches were recognized for their notable contributions.

Liberty Lions were visited at their March 15th meeting by speaker Sandi Rowland, Executive Director of Sullivan 180. Sullivan 180 is a nonprofit organization created to assist in improving the health of Sullivan County residents. Health rankings of the various NY counties are measured by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Lumberland Lions collect and donate food items monthly for distribution on a weekly basis. The Club invites the community to join the Club to help clean-up and beautify our roads and community. From our joint efforts, more than 94 bags of trash and debris were collected!

Mamakating, Committee meeting for 50th anniversary. Work at Food Pantry & collected food supplies. Annual golf tournament to support scholarships.

Marlboro-Milton provide sponsorship aid for sign maintenance and sports equipment. Donate \$500 to local man in need of assistance in meeting deductible for (2) Cataract Surgeries.

Recycle 80 eyeglasses. Lions Diabetes Awareness Bookmarkers will be placed at the service counters in both of our Township Libraries.

Middletown, 22 Lions and 3 guests attended the January meeting and enjoyed the meal. Members packed 322 backpacks in January; 22 Lions volunteered for total of 41 hours.

Millerton Lions conduct 12 Lions SEE screenings for Pre-K and Kindergarten students resulting in 1 referral.

Newburgh members attend the Scholarship Benefactor's Brunch hosted by Mount Saint Mary College. Attend Newburgh Volunteer Fair Day - it was a beautiful day for organizations to gather at Washington's Headquarters to share with the community what we do, who we serve, and to raise awareness for the need for volunteers. Members distributed diabetes information, vision screening, and membership opportunities.

New Windsor collect glasses from Jules Vision Center. Sold chocolate Easter Bunnies to area residents in March. Sort previously collected eyeglasses. 100% member attendance at the May 2018 State Convention in Rochester.

Northern Columbia's scholarship recipient attends January meeting to receive the second half of scholarship and filled the Club in on a successful first semester at Siena. Our club partnered with a local Girl Scout troop to participate in the Peace Poster contest. 3 winners were awarded \$100, \$50, and \$25 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively. Each girl was also given a certificate of appreciation. The 1st place poster was put on a billboard in the village with the quote from the winner: "A kind word can change the world." In April, club ran an antique appraisal where community members could have their treasures valued by a volunteer antique appraiser. We charged \$5 for 1 item, \$8 for 2 and \$10 for 3. Also, we invited a diabetes professional educator to discuss this health issue with attendees, and provided handouts on the subject.

Pawling Lions voted to give a financial donation to their local free newspaper. Pre-diabetes quiz distributed to members to evaluate for potentially developing diabetes. Members took copies to distribute in the community to raise awareness of Diabetes.

Pine Bush Lions provided club's monthly food/necessities donation to local schools. Blood Drive collected 56 units. We had a guest speaker from Cancer Resource Center, an advocacy and support group to improve quality of life through all stages of the cancer journey. Delivered 300 pairs of glasses at Sight and Hearing Meeting. Made our quarterly donation of \$250 to our local food pantry; donated \$100 to the Pine Bush H.S. All Night Graduation Party.

Pine Plains, distribute food on a monthly basis to the needy in the Pine Plains school district. Three to four Lions actively help twice a month to stock shelves and distribute food

Pleasant Valley held its annual joint meeting with the **LaGrange Lions at the Poughkeepsie Children's Home**. 310 pairs of glasses were collected by Lions member Mark Carroll. Inducted new member at April meeting. Guest Speaker Par Forood talked about her book "The Gates of Light."

Rondout Valley, Club made two \$250 donations to two local First Aid Squads.

Stanford, total profit from the sale of calendars is \$937.26+. Sale of Memory Tree ornaments netted the Club \$501. Discussed having a Leo Club. Annual roadside cleanup planned for April 21st. PDG Frank Bartolotti and 1VDG Barbara Gavin spoke to the club. Voted to have a raffle for a one night stay and dinner at the Red Lion Inn, valued at \$400. Tickets will be \$10 each. A member gave a full report about UN Day in NYC.

Saugerties Lions donated \$3,000 to the Saugerties Council of Churches Food Bank. Donations totaling \$600 made to Local Community Organizations. Annual Easter Egg Hunt held for chil-

dren of all ages. Over 200 children and adults from the local area were in attendance. Easter Eggs, Chocolate Bunnies and Gift Certificates distributed. In May, Club donates \$250 to assist an individual in attending National Youth Leadership Forum with a specific focus on the Medical Field. In addition to finding sponsors, the Club also donated \$2,000 to fund the annual fireworks display.

Town of Deerpark, Lions collected & distributed canned goods for homeless; \$100 donation to local DARE program. Donation of coffee, hot chocolate, granola bars, oatmeal, laundry pods, quarters, dozens of socks to Warming Center. Distributed & sold 96 chocolate bunnies. Breakfast with Easter Bunny, served 110. Bought a teen a diabetes testing kit & taught teen how to use it. Canned & dry goods given to local homeless.

Town of Dover, the Club submitted a grant application to a local school foundation to offer monthly Lunch 'n Learn healthy food tasting programs for 260 Kindergarten to second graders at local elementary school starting in Sept. 2018. Lions members will visit the school monthly to read a children's book on healthy eating and offer a healthy food tasting. Children will be asked to take home Lions Club-developed Diabetes Education literature to share with parents and caregivers. The grant seeks \$750 in funds for children's books (donated to the school library after use), nine programs of health food tastings and diabetes information literature. Grant received. **Hosted 2018 NYS Sight Society Annual Meeting and Luncheon.**

Town of Fallsburg shared email correspondence with its twinning club in South Africa. In January, the club held its monthly Board Meeting at the Town of Fallsburg Supervisor's Office in South Fallsburg. Our DG was a visitor at this Board Meeting. We held our monthly dinner meeting with 13 members and 4 guests in attendance. Our guest speaker was Coroner and Local Business Owner Albee Bockman who spoke about the opiate crisis.

Town of Woodbury, sponsored a local Little League team to help raise awareness of local Club and to help provide a positive experience for our local youth. The Club in conjunction with three other local organizations: the Woodbury Community Assoc., Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, and St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus—sponsored a pancake-egg-sausage breakfast fundraiser to benefit a Town employee who is battling lung cancer.

Town of Highlands, 7 Lions volunteered for spaghetti dinner to raise funds for several citizens in need of money for medical expenses related to cancer.

Tri-Valley, assisted with community Easter egg hunt at Fairgrounds. In May, Club sponsored a local Little League team to help raise awareness of local Club and to help provide a positive experience for our local youth. Journal for Sight & Tag Day held in memoriam for deceased lions for this Lions year.

Wallkill, the Club had a contest for the community: 36 teams competed in the sport of Curling. Trophies were given to the top three teams in each of 3 divisions. The Club purchased Easter Bunnies through Lions, had an egg hunt for the community with face painting and other games. Also, Leo the Lion and the Easter Bunny visited.

Warwick Lions held a Clinician Tabletop with a Dietician, Ophthalmologist, Pharmacologist, Chiropractor and a Nurse participating. Each clinician put out information and community members visited each table to listen to the clinician and ask questions. There was food appropriate for diabetes and an information book given to each participant that listed the clinicians and several recipes appropriate for diabetes. As part of Warwick Clean Sweep, a Warwick Chamber of Commerce event, the Club provides low cost shredding via donation to Club. Suggested donation is \$5 per banker's box. Financial goal is to pay for the cost of the truck.



DISTRICT 20-R1



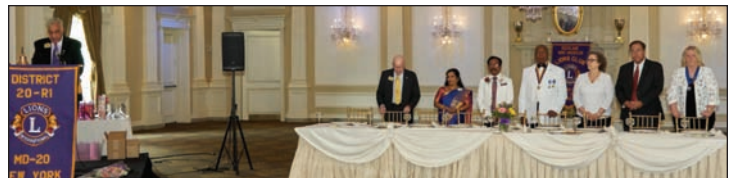
LCI 1st Vice President Gudrun Yngvadottir presenting the Leadership Medal to Lion Paul LaSpina of Somers Lions Club, with PIP Al Brandel and DG Mathai Chacko.



MD20 Council members at the District 20-R1 Testimonial on June 2, 2018.



PIP Al Brandel presenting the MD-20 Membership Growth Award to DG Mathai Chacko.



Pictures from the District 20-R1 Testimonial on June 2, 2018



PDG Association President PDG Joyce Maier presenting the Leadership Award to Lion Paul LaSpina of Somers Lions Clubs with PCC Angelo and DG Mathai Chacko.



Officers of Spring Valley Hispanic American Lions Club are being sworn in at their charter night by DG Mathai Chacko.



MD2 Peace Poster Contest 2017-18 winning picture display at the MD20 Convention. Winner was Alicia Huang, age 12, sponsoring club: Armonk Lions Club, District 20-R1.



Presenting the charter to Spring Valley Hispanic American Lions Club President Lion Mindris Liriano by DG Mathai Chacko.

DISTRICT 20-K1

20-K1 ALLEVIATING HUNGER



Left to right: Lion Walker Tracy Jones-Walker, Daughter Phyla Walker, PDG Alvin Bereton and Partner in Service Lion Denise, unknown, unknown, and Lion Linda Williams-Canaai.



Nov. 2017 – Partnered with Project Hope Charities Inc. to provide non-perishable food to New Church International in Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY for distribution to the area residents of 2002 Neptune Ave, Brooklyn NY. We served 175 families. Special thanks to PCC Gloria Askew and PDG Alvin Breton for their participation.

Dec. 2017 – Partnered with the Episcopal Church of St. Alban the Martyr in St. Albans, NY to celebrate a Day of Food, Fun & Laughter with 125 community Veterans. The veterans were shuttle by bus to the event. They were extremely thankful and presented the lions with a 'thank you card'. Leos helped with preparing and serving the food. Special thanks to Lions Orman Braithwaite, Susana Castro, Maureen Thomas and Lynda Williams for their participation.

Mid-Winter Convention 2018 – Set up vendor table where lions dropped off non-perishable food. Distributed hand-out brochures about hunger, along with delicious candies. Food collected will be distributed at 20-K1 "Lions Centennial Mile Walk" June 23, 2018, on the Boardwalk of Rockaway Beach, Queens, NY. To Districts, Lions & Leos that dropped off non-perishable food, we thank you.

District Alleviating Hunger Committee
Tracy Jones-Walker, Chair

LITERACY FIESTA



Left to right: PDG Joyce Cochran, Lions Linda Knight, Nicole Jones-Follins, Pamela Taylor, Paulett Hanson-Kenwood, Silma Thrope, Doreen Thomas, CS Ingrid Andrews-Campbell, Lavern Harrison and Rosa Gillis.



Lion Dr. Paulett Hanson-Kenwood, District Literacy Fiesta & Diabetes Chair
PDG Joyce Cochran, District Reading Action Chair **Lion Lavern Harrison, District Vision Screening Chair**
Lion Doreen Thomas, Health Awareness, Chair

Literacy is traditionally meant as the ability to read and write. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines literacy as the "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. District 20-K1 Lions thrive to support their local communities, through Engaging the Youth. One such activity is an annual Literacy Fiesta. District 20K-1 Lions and the Global Action Team hosted their third annual Literacy Fiesta on October 20, 2017 at Bethany United Methodist Church in Brooklyn. Over 80 children and parents had an evening of storytelling, arts and craft, writing and emotional literacy. Both children and their parents were given the opportunity to do "pop up shopping" for school supplies and various story books and novels. District Governor Charles W. McBride serves as Global Action Team Chairperson, PDG Barbara Moody serves as Global Leadership Team Coordinator, PDG Clarence Higgins serves as Global Membership Team Coordinator, and PCC Gloria Askew serves as Global Service Team Coordinator.

The team also provided Diabetes Awareness information and Vision Screening. This project portrayed the true meaning of "The Power of We". Along with the Lions, there were volunteers from Concordia College, Bronxville, New York, Educators from New York City Department of Education, Members of Bethany United Methodist Church and Emblem Health. This event was well attended by Lions and residents of the community.



DISTRICT MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Lion Jannie Hudson, Chair

"Making Strides against Breast Cancer" Walk was held in Brooklyn and Queens, NY on October 15, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

20-K1, a Flagship Sponsor raised over \$21,000 for the fight against breast cancer.



Brooklyn, NY Walk
Coney Island Beach & MCU Park
1904 Surf Ave., Brooklyn, NY

Queens NY Walk
Flushing Meadow-Corona Park
11101 Corona Ave., Corona, NY



DISTRICT 20-K1

DISTRICT PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Joycelyn Agard, Chair

Judging for District 20-K1 Peace Poster Contest was held Saturday November 18, 2017 3:00PM at Brooklyn Public Library, 22 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Judges were PCC Gloria Askew, Art Teacher Jacqueline Dupree, and Artist Abyssinian Carto. Winners are as follows:

1st Place Winner

Emily Limpoco Age 11 DOB 12-9-2006
School: PS 99
Sponsoring Lions Club: Kings County Lions Club

2nd Place Winner

Leah Bennet Age 13 DOB 3-31-2004
School: Medgar Evers College Preparatory
School (grades 6-12 +)
Sponsoring Lions Club: Hollis Lions Club

3rd Place Winner

Amya Morales Age 12 DOB 1-15-2005
School: IS 364
Sponsoring Lions Club: Starrett City Spring Creek
Lions Club

Above Peace Posters were displayed and winners recognized with a certificate and a monetary award at the March 2018 20-K1 General Meeting. There were no ESSAY entries.

COMMITTEE

Lion Joycelyn Agard, Chair
Lion Shirley Maddox, Co-Chair
Lion Leila Haynes ... Lion Silma Thrope
Lion Michelle Onwualu ... Lion Yalin Weng
Lion Keisha White



Left to right: Peace Poster Winners, Judge PCC Gloria Askew, displaying 3rd place poster, DG Charles McBride, Professor and Art Teacher Jacqueline Dupree, displaying 1st place poster, Lion Joycelyn Agard, Chair, and Judge Artist Abyssinian Carto, displaying 2nd place poster.



Left to right: Peace Poster Judges, Artist Carto, PCC Gloria Askew and Professor Dupree.

LIONS DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Lion Charles W. McBride, PMJF, District Governor, with the International Peace Poster Contest Grand Prize Winner.



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, International President, with the Peace Poster Contest Grand Prize Winner surrounded by ZhuoQi Wang's club members.

ZhuoQi Wang, 13 years old from China
Sponsoring Club: Dalian Heping Juihua Lions Club



CENTENNIAL LIONS and LEOS AT THE CONVENTION



DISTRICT 20-K2



The Lions District 20K2 Lend An Ear Foundation has been working with Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages in the 22nd District of New York State to create a Bill to be presented to the New York State Assembly and Senate that would mandate insurance companies to cover the cost of hearing aids for children and adults.

On Wednesday May 30, 2018 the Lions District 20K2 Lend An Ear Foundation headed to Albany to attend "Hearing Aid Advocacy Day at the New York State Capitol". It is part of a legislative lobbying initiative to expand hearing aid-related healthcare coverage across New York State. The event was sponsored by Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, Senator David Valesky and Senator Roxanne Persaud. Assemblywoman Solages is a Lion in the Elmont Club and Senator Persaud is a Lion in the Brooklyn Canarsie Club. Twenty-one Lions from districts around New York State joined us as we kicked off the day with a private guided tour of the Governor's Mansion. Among the attendees were Lion Gary Brown Past Council Chair and Endorsed Candidate for International Director, and his wife Lion Barbara Brown, Lion John McDonald District 20-Y2 Governor, Lion Theresa Whalen District 20-K2 Governor Elect, Lion James Conklin District 20-S Governor Elect, Lion Ed Stano Past District 20-Y2 Governor and his wife Lion Elizabeth and Lion Rick Brisee Chair of District 20-Y2 Hearing Preservation Awareness and Action and his wife Lion Florence.

The program included a meet and greet session with Assemblywoman Solages, Senator Valesky and Senator Persaud, an introduction to Albany with discussions on how to advocate for hearing aid insurance coverage with Legislators and was then followed by lunch.

The Lions then broke up into groups for scheduled meetings with Assembly members and Senators. The discussions that ensued were enlightening and productive. They helped to give us insight into what we still must accomplish to ensure the steps that we take lead to the passing of this Bill. After the meetings, we were invited into the Assembly Session. We had the honor of being introduced on the Assembly Floor by Assemblyman Ed Ra. He spoke about the Resolution the Assembly members passed declaring May 29th "Hearing Aid Awareness Day" throughout New York State for the past three years, and he stated they will continue to do so going forward. Our next stop was the Senate Session, where Senator Persaud was going to introduce us on the Senate Floor.

Our day concluded at 5:00PM as we walked through the beautiful historic Capitol building admiring the intricate details of the architecture. This was a day, three years in the making, and one we will not soon forget. We would like to extend a very big thank you to Assemblywoman Solages, Senator Valesky and Senator Persaud for coordinating and sponsoring this event for the New York State Lions. We have a lot of work ahead of us to continue on this journey in getting BILL NO. A08628A passed, but We ARE LIONS AND WE SERVE. For more information on how you can help email us at Lionslae@gmail.com





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