



PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER



Student's quote about peace:

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST DISTRICT MD20

Theme: Peace Through Service 2020-2021

Winner: KANNA SUEISHI | Age: 11 | Grade: 5

District: 20-R2 | Club President and District Governor Riki Ito

Sponsoring Club: New York Japanese-American Lions Club

From ...

GARY F. BROWN

International Director 2018-2021

I hope you all had safe and enjoyable holidays. Although Covid-19 still has the upper hand we soldier on in our world of service. Here are some things from the International level:

* **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS** - Continue although many are converting to virtual events.

* **FEE WAIVERS CONTINUE** - The International Board of Directors has voted to extend the waiver of charter and entrance fees through June 30, 2021. The Board has also agreed to not suspend any club over dues owed during the same period. The Board does, however, encourage clubs to work with LCI to get caught up on back dues balances and avoid financial suspension at a later date.

* **MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** - The International Board and Executive Officers earlier approved planning this convention as an In-Person event, a Virtual Event and a Hybrid Event to cover all bases. As I write this report on January 13, 2021 there is not a final decision on the final convention format. It appears, however, that chances are better than average this will end up being a virtual event only.

There are numerous variables that could make it an impossibility to hold a safe in-person event. I will share this information with you the minute the final decision is made.

* **WE'RE STILL SERVING** - As of November 30, 2021 Lions have served 136,202,361 people since July 1, 2021. Amazingly, that is with only 42% of clubs reporting service activities. There is no way to know the true number - or share it with the world - without full reporting.

* **CLUBS AND MEMBERSHIP** - Since July 1, 2021 LCI has added 1791 new clubs and 84,062 new members. More than 55% of the new clubs are Specialty Clubs. Unfortunately, Constitutional Area 1 (the United States and affiliates) is a -5213 members over the same period. CA 1 has added 73 new clubs, yet dropped 120.

* Endorsements continue to pour in from around the globe for **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT DOUG ALEXANDER**. 1st V.P. Doug will be our next International President. We need to support him every step of the way. Look for the ad in this magazine, visit the website and stay in touch with his campaign.

MY FELLOW LIONS, THESE ARE TUMULTUOUS TIMES IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD. IT'S A GOOD TIME TO REMEMBER TO "BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR CRITICISM AND LIBERAL WITH YOUR PRAISE." TWO MINUTES OF ANY NEWSCAST WILL DEMONSTRATE TO YOU THAT OUR BRAND OF SERVICE IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER. ALWAYS REMEMBER: "THE WORLD IS NOT CHANGED BY OUR OPINION BUT BY YOUR EXAMPLE."

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MD 20 ALERT FOUNDATION



DG Rick Brisee has been very busy spending the money that LCIF awarded us in the second phase of this grant. Currently we have many different items in stock, for example, blankets, generators, dehumidifiers, shop vacs, brooms, gloves, tarps, emergency lighting, extension cords, tents, shovels, cleaning buckets, etc... If anyone has more ideas of items to stock on our shelves, please let us know. We should have our website done soon with valuable information for clubs in an emergency. Keep watching the MD website as there will be a link to us soon.

In addition to all of the activity at the building the MD20 Alert Foundation was established and officers elected. We are in the final phase of the Foundation set up and so we hope to have people join the team as directors from all over the state. The initial officers are President and Treasurer: PCC Kelly Clark; VP: PCC Paul Burnett; and Secretary: DG Rick Brisee, but we hold these positions only until the official elections can take place. **We need more help and we will be holding formal elections at the MD20 convention in Syracuse May 14-16, 2021.**

We hope that every MD20 Lions member will consider whether this may be their passion for service to the whole MD20 community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either DG Rick Brisee or PCC Kelly Clark, our contact information is included below. Thank you all for your consideration and your time.

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A New Year. A New Hope. It sounds like the next Star Wars movie title.

Well, there is a new hope. Vaccines have been approved to fight the virus and are being distributed. The nurses and administrators in the schools I have talked all agree. Proof of vaccination will almost certainly be a requirement for us to resume school vision screenings.

I encourage everyone to receive the vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you.

A reminder that a \$500.00 grant is available to one club in each district for vision related projects. This is an outright grant not a matching grant. Applications are available on our website www.lionsseeny.org

I want to thank all those Lions who performed vision screenings in these very trying time.

Special thanks go out the Yonkers Millennium Lions. They have managed to screen over 2000 children the first half of this Lions year. Well done and much appreciated.

~ Mike Lawkowski



DISTRICT 20-N

ORCHARD PARK LIONS VISIT NURSING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Orchard Park Lions have made it a point to visit a local Nursing Home at Christmas for as long as the members can remember per Lion John Bernard. He remembers making visits back in the 1980's and it was a well-established event at that time. This year the COVID-19 health crisis offered some challenges for the Club which has traditionally brought Santa along with entertainment and Christmas cheer onsite to the residents. Lion Austin Park, the event chairman, continued to ensure there was an event this year working with Ms. Jill Hirczak, the Life Enhancement Director. Lion Austin determined options available to the Club and then worked with his shopping elf to obtain gifts for every resident.



Lions Austin Park, John Bernard and Jason Somerville presented Jill Hirczak with gifts for the residents.

ELLCOTTVILLE/FRANKLINVILLE LIONS CLUB 25th ANNUAL GIFTS FOR THE SHUT-INS



Left to right: Lions Jim Williams, Sheila Galager, Ann Ploetz, Christine Jozwiak and PDG James Jozwiak.



Left to right: Lions Sheila Galager, Ann Ploetz, Jim Williams and Christine Jozwiak.

The Ellicottville/Franklinville Lions Club will again this year bring Holiday Cheer to 80 shut-ins in the communities of Ellicottville, Franklinville, and West Valley. Our members filled each bag with over 35 items which included hand sanitizers, face mask, playing cards, note pads, hot cocoa, soups, toothbrushes, toothpaste, candy, snack bags, and lots more. Our Club has been doing this Annual event for 25 years.

RIDING LIONS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Late Friday afternoon December 18 (5:26 PM, to be exact), PCC Sharon Battaglia clicked "submit club application for LCI approval" minutes after we had reached the twenty-member threshold for the Western New York Riding Lions Club. Given the time of day, the assumption was that, if we were lucky, approval would come during Christmas week, before LCI shut down for the holiday. After settling in for an evening of binge watching The Blacklist on Netflix, both Rick and Sharon were stunned at 10:41 PM when their phones lit up with an email from LCI: "Club application approved!" And just like that, District 20-N had a new Lions club. But it wasn't "just like that". It was the culmination of a ton of work by a team of Lions. Officially, we now have twenty-two charter members, but there are others with "the check in the mail" (fingers crossed).

If you know of motorcycle riders interested in serving their communities, please let them know about the club. It has tremendous potential to become much larger. The club is accepting members from across the four counties of western New York. Those who join within 90 days of the charter date qualify as charter members. Let's continue to get the word out - and build on this solid foundation.

A team made it possible: Mike Yost, Sharon Battaglia, Aaron Dey, Sam Mattina, Kim Mattina, Duane Snyder (for some last-minute member sponsorships), the West Seneca Lions as sponsoring club - and all of the other Lions who continue to spread the message. This club represents a reimagining of Lions clubs. Thanks to all who made it possible.



Lions Sam and Kim Mattina gearing up to lead our new club!



DISTRICT 20-E1

So many things have gone on in District 20E1 since summer. It is great to remember the positive contributions Lions have made to their various communities and we have had some fun things too. We added 62 new members to E1 in this time and a special welcome to a new club, the Bolivar Lioness Lion Club. We helped out at Halloween.



We started off hosting the Northeast Pin Traders Swap in the summer. We had Lions from Minnesota to New Hampshire and they brought a ton of pins and just as many stories to Hilton, New York - the home of "the pin barn." PCC Jim Schiebel has amassed a collection of Lions history that must be seen to be believed.

The Churchville Lions along with the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department hosted a very successful "Give Back Day Chicken BBQ" on Saturday, August 22nd with a community wide drive thru. They grilled over 12 hundred chickens. The guests of honors were 146 front line workers who had their meals delivered by firetruck escort. This was the beginning of many drive-thru dinners in the district. There also was pulled pork, pancakes, spaghetti, and even trash plate dinners (a Rochester delicacy).



Kudos to the Medina Lions who started a medical closet in September. Serving their community in someone's moment of need.



Hunger has been and remains a big focus of the clubs of Lions 20E1. Just about every club in the district has tried to reduce hunger. There have been food drives, holiday basket deliveries, and donations to food pantries. All these Lions are heroes in their community!!!



DISTRICT 20-E2 ... Celebrates Christmas!

Clubs have been actively helping their communities at Christmastime. Here are some examples of the work our District does, and these seasonal events are a small part of the work our clubs do year round.

Apalachin Lions: collected toys and money to provide a merry Christmas to 28 families with 88 children in our service area. We were able to amass a collection of toys and books from one of the elementary schools, along with many boxes of food for a local food pantry. We also received toys from a couple of local restaurants, from barrels located around the community, and many from the Lions themselves. The Lions then met at a local church hall and spent the evening wrapping hundreds of toys and books that were distributed on a Saturday a couple of weeks before Christmas. We all came masked and worked on many tables that were separated from each other. It gave us the first real opportunity to see each other in months, and even though we kept our social distance, it was great to catch up on what everyone has been up to. We then formed teams to deliver the "Santa bags" to the recipients. This project was absolutely needed, both for the families involved and for our Club to feel energized again.

Bloomfield Lions: Mike Bartle, Bob Jauch and members of Bloomfield Rotary met at CNB Bloomfield Branch to remove old and attach new Christmas Lights on the tree. Our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place at this location and Pickle Park. Rotarian Chuck Andolino, owner of Extreme Tree Service operated his bucket truck to accomplish this task. Due to the Covid 19 crisis Lion Mike Bartle had to cancel the spectator wagon ride between tree locations and the annual reception was also cancelled.



Picture: Lion Mike Bartle placing lights.

Corning Lions: rang the Salvation Army Kettle Drive Bell, an annual Christmastime club event. Thank you to the many Lions who assisted. Thank you to Tops in Riverside for allowing us to do this great project.



Ithaca Lions: Lion Rich Shaff volunteered to answer phones for the Army's Rescue Christmas call-in project which raised over \$8000 for area needs. Members Ted Bryant, Darlene

Reynolds, Rich and Linda Shaff "rang the bell" at the East Hill Plaza P&C store for the Salvation Army holiday Red Kettle campaign. In addition, the Ithaca Lions donated \$500 to the Rescue Christmas SA fund and \$500 to Lions Camp Badger for program expenses.



Horseheads Lioness: ran a Virtual Christmas Shopping Link to different vendors that we support through our Facebook page.

Manchester-Shortsville Lions: We wrapped gifts to help ARC raise funds, helped to decorate our community tree and filled holiday baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Picture: wrapping for ARC. - Nancy Patz, Sue Smith, Kat Lancy, Gina Lonneville, Vicky Bowker and Susan Johnson.



Owego Lions: sold Christmas trees at Ye Olde Country Florist in Owego. We started doing this right after Thanksgiving. The cost was \$40 each.

Pal-Mac Lions: decorated a Christmas tree for Family Promise of Wayne County, auctioning them off to raise funds for their new facility. The tree began its journey as a plain evergreen, a committee was chosen, and the "Wizard of Oz" was the theme. Such a wonderful connection to so many lessons we can refer to. A perfect time to realize that we already have the most important traits we need to use them.



Penn Yan Lions: gave gift bags for Christmas for residents of one of the assisted living homes in town. The Lions animated elves helped Mr. and Mrs. Santa pass out M & M candy canes to the children in conjunction with the County drive up meet with Santa.

Phelps Lions: Christmas Basket Project: this is going to be a challenging year. We typically provide food and gift baskets to about 30 families in need with about 80 kids. So far, we are up to 40 families and well over 110 kids. The need is real. I spoke with one person and she was literally crying on the phone. Her husband lost his job to COVID and she did not know how she was going to get presents for her kids. Not to worry, we will be there for her and the other 39+ families. It is putting a strain on our resources, but the businesses, organiza-

tions & churches in Phelps, the Midlakes Schools district and even our neighbors are really stepping up to help their neighbors in need. On one hand, it is so sad to see our neighbors in need and our hearts are breaking. On the other hand, we see the hand of God touching those who can help us to make Christmas a little bit better.

A huge thanks to the Phelps American Legion, the United Church of Phelps - UCP, Phelps Boy Scout Troop 46, the Mary Preston Foundation and the Phelps Food Pantry! Phelps, NY Lions Club 20-E2 rocks!!

Rushville Lions: put together 42 food boxes for families in need. A special group of ladies made quilts for each of the families receiving food boxes.



Sodus Lioness: Breakfast with Santa was a ROARING success. It was a Drive-Thru breakfast! The menu was a breakfast sandwich, bags were decorated and the location was changed to a local church which would accommodate a drive thru.



Masked members were as busy as Santa's elves as they sought advertising sponsors, did the cooking, set up the outside drive route and prepared gift bags for the children. To our surprise, a local businessman donated the use of several Inflatables, The Lions Club volunteered to set up some tents, the Girl Scouts became our helper elves and the fire company sent a truck.

We served about 200 breakfast sandwiches! The children were driven up in cars while fastened snugly in their seats and chatted with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many children had a letter to put in Santa's mailbox. We heard lots of good comments from our customers and everyone agreed that this event was a huge success and one that the Sodus community looks forward to every year!

Sodus Lions: delivers Christmas baskets. Instead of coming into the parish center as in past years, most of the club stayed outside for a nearly contactless pick-up and delivery. The new system worked well and the Lions and friends



adapted easily. The Sodus Lions Club has been delivering food baskets for over 30 years.

Spencer-Candor Lions: Members were busy this month ringing the Salvation Army Bell and collecting funds which were distributed locally to help families in need at Christmastime.



Trumansburg Lions: they rang the bell for Salvation Army at ShurSave for many hours. Members were pleased to help the Salvation Army cause as they had in previous years. A couple members volunteered to bell ring beyond the Lions event. The Lions did two activities to help the Trumansburg Christmas Bureau. Members transported many loads of food from the ShurSave store to the distribution site, bought some food to add to what the Bureau had been able to assemble. The next day members took food and other items from the distribution site to the vehicles of the families in need.



Watkins-Montour Lions: held its annual Christmas tree sale and sold approximately 240 trees and earned well over \$2,000. Lion John Terry expertly orchestrates the tree sales each year: ordering trees, scheduling workers, advertising, and accounting. Lakes Gas Station hosts the tree sales in a lot adjacent to the station, ideally centered on the main street of the village.

Lakes Gas is owned by Lion Tom Wade and the Club is truly thankful to the Wade family for their generosity. Club members donned their masks and worked shifts from Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas. This year, customers were treated to an ornament representing our region, a small treasure in this difficult year.

Asked if tree sales seemed different in this year of the pandemic, Lion John Terry noted that more people were buying trees to gift to others and several Lions told of moving exchanges; grandparents letting their granddaughters choose the tree because they were so proud of how well they had done in school despite the pandemic, a new bride so happy to be choosing the first tree with her husband.

Christmas tree sales allow for a lot of good work in our community in most joyful way.



MD20 PARTNERS IN SERVICE

The 2020-2021 MD20 Partners in Service have been adapting to the times along with the Council and International Family. In both July and October, meetings were held in hybrid fashion, with those present in Corning then Syracuse maintaining appropriate social distance in the spacious hospitality room while others Zoomed in. Under the guidance of this Lion Year's PIS Leader PCC Sharon Battaglia of 20-N, the first meeting consisted of greeting and getting to know the new FVDG Partners, District Conventions 101 including the PIS's role, and reviewing the MD20 and LCI calendar. On both occasions, Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy and PCC Andy Umreiko gave us updates on Lions Day with the UN, the Montreal International Convention, and 11VP Douglas Alexander's campaign. In the hopes that it would still be held in person, the October meeting covered the day-to-day schedule of the Syracuse MD20 Convention, especially the (PIS) Welcome Luncheon, in addition to continuing discussion about District Conventions. On the Saturdays, the Partners in attendance enjoyed lunch together at Slammin Jammin BBQ in Corning and Bull and Bear Roadhouse in Syracuse, respectively. (Photos: 1st two rows from Corning, 3rd row from Syracuse)



LIONS - Last year, to simplify the state convention housing process for the MD20 Lions, we changed the way in which you book your hotel room. Even though we were forced to cancel the 2020 convention, we had nothing but positive feedback with the new system.

For the upcoming Syracuse 2021 convention you will complete your registration form and send it to the MD20 Office in Syracuse along with your check or credit card information. You may email your registration form to the office as well. For added security, when sending cc info via email, please leave the last 4 digits of your cc number and the security code off and send those to me in a separate follow up email. Or if you have already used your cc previously with the MD-20 Office, simply ask me to charge the same cc number ending in whatever the last 4 digits are. If you are paying by check and wish to email your request just email both your completed registration form along with your check and I'll submit your check via ACH.

You will be booking your own hotel room online, just like last year. To book your room, go to the MD20 website: **md20lions** and navigate to the state convention tab. Click the tab and find the registration form and links to the available hotels. Click on the link for the hotel you want to stay at, fill in your dates and other required information and your room will be booked!

If you have any questions regarding registrations, please do not hesitate to email me and I will be happy to assist you. My email address is: lionsmd20@gmail.com

If you have questions regarding your hotel room, please contact the hotel you wish to book with directly. I will not be able to assist you with hotel room reservations or questions.

- Maria Poulsen MD-20 Office Administrator

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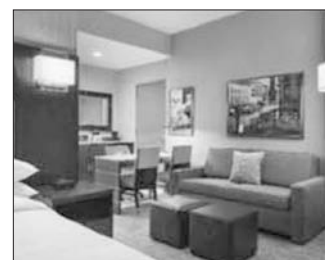
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THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES

MD20 Lions can be proud of the leadership role that our Multiple is playing in the fight against the Diabetes epidemic! Lions Clubs International is implementing a U.S. diabetes test study in collaboration with one of our partners in the diabetes fight, the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES). This study will provide an opportunity for clubs to work with professional ADCES educators in their area to learn more about diabetes and provide increased diabetes awareness and education in their communities.

We have a number of MD20 clubs that participated in a webinar on January 26th hosted by ADCES and LCI staff to launch the program. The orientation discussed the test study, the expectations for the participating club and finalized how the club's participation would take place. The club will be matched with the local ADCES diabetes educator in the community who can begin working with the club at mutually convenient times.

The overall aim of the study is to:

- *Help clubs learn more about prediabetes and diabetes; Help clubs educate community members about their risk for developing diabetes; and, Ensure that community members with diabetes receive the education, healthcare, and support they need to live healthy and active lives.*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and changes in the way Lions and Leos are currently able to provide community service, this study will take place as follows:

- *Club members will have the option to work with their local ADCES diabetes educator to receive trainings about diabetes awareness and education through **virtual meetings**; These educational sessions will be easy to access so that club members can increase their knowledge about prediabetes and diabetes in the comfort of their own homes; and, Club members will also receive links to helpful ADCES resources to reinforce their learnings.*

Upon completion of the training with ADCES, a club can decide to work with the ADCES educator to host virtual diabetes events or choose to wait until club members can safely conduct in-person diabetes activities once COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted in their area.

LCI is seeking at least 30 clubs/districts nationally to become involved in this test study, so to have the representation that we have from our multiple is tremendous! By participating in this opportunity, clubs and club members will:

- *Create a **one-on-one relationship** with their local diabetes educator and partner; Feel empowered to confidently serve your community to promote diabetes awareness and education; Be better equipped and prepared to conduct diabetes awareness activities in their community; and, Enhance any diabetes project with which they are currently involved.*

Over time these studies will help to create the model for Lions and Leos worldwide to serve their communities and take the lead to fight diabetes!

~ PDG Lion John McDonald, MD20 Diabetes Chair





LIONS CAMP BADGER: 1980 - 2021

AN MD-20 STATE PROJECT

Lions Camp Badger In A Pandemic...

Making The Difficult Decision:

- The Board of Directors of Lions Camp Badger made the difficult and proper decision not to hold an in person camp for 2021.
- Covid-19 issues remain challenging and the safety of our campers comes first.

How Will Lions Camp Badger Provide A Safe & Fun Summer For Our Campers:

- Have a Camp In A Box Program - A simple, interactive group of activities which will include Facebook livestreaming of events such as:
 - Campfire sing-along, dance, games and game shows, yoga classes, arts & crafts, music of all kinds.
 - "How To" classes, crocheting, restoring old items, cooking, square dancing, animal care, etc...
- We will continue to follow our mission "To provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled individuals".

The Challenges We Are Facing:

- While we do not have the cost of having an in person camp session, "Camp In A Box", insurance, maintenance of the grounds and our 26 buildings, salaries, etc., all remain on-going expenses.
- Replacing part of our septic system.
- Building a new bathroom facility for the lower cabins.
- Repairing foundations on several cabins.

What can the Lions of MD-20 do to help:

We understand that these are challenging times but please do not forget Lions Camp Badger. Be as generous as you can with your contributions. Support our annual "Super Raffle". Our Golf Classic will be returning this year. Participate if you can but if not consider one of the Sponsorships. And visit us on-line at www.LionsCB.org and on Facebook at Lions Camp Badger.

We hope that you and your family stay healthy and safe and we look forward to seeing you at Lions Camp Badger soon!

LIONS CAMP BADGER
"SUPER RAFFLE"
Proceeds Of The Raffle Benefit
Empire State Special Needs Experience
At Lions Camp Badger

10 GRAND PRIZES OF \$1,000.00 EACH*
\$50 PER TICKET

Checks should be made payable and sent to:
Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.
(Lions Camp Badger)
725 LaRue Road
Spencer, NY 14883

*Drawing will be held at the Camp on Labor Day
*20000 is a 50/50 organization
*Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law
*If less than 200 tickets sold prizes will be prorated.

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Lions Camp Badger
"Super Raffle"
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Spencer, NY 14883

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DRAWING DATE FOR THE SUPER RAFFLE
The date for the Super Raffle drawing is
Labor Day, Monday, September 6th. Raffle tickets
are available on our website through PayPal
www.LionsCB.org
or by calling the Camp direct - 607-589-4800

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From ...

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** - Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** - The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** - Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** - Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** - Check our convention website **LCIcon** for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** - We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- **Flexible payments** - No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full-payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

ID GARY BROWN'S TAKE ON THE DECISION CONCERNING THE CONVENTION

As your Director and a member of the LCI Board, I can tell you that the Montreal decision was an extremely difficult one. In the end, however, it simply came down to risking our health and the health of every other attendee. I (we) just can't justify that. I know it's difficult to deal with everything these last twelve months have thrown at us but here's the important bottom line: Over these last several months our service has touched the lives of more than 156,000,000 people. They are hoping we'll still be there when they need us. I know we will.



THE NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA FOUNDATION IS YOUR FOUNDATION



The **Town of Dover Lions Club** (District O) has been a vital and active community asset for many years. Back in the 1960's, the Town of Dover Lions constructed a three-acre in-ground, concrete-lined pool for the community on ten acres of donated land. In the mid-1970's, the Club transferred the property to the Town and a baseball field and concession facility were added. For the next three decades, the park and facilities were enjoyed by residents and hosted the Town's summer day camp. When a fire destroyed the concession building in 2000, it was replaced with a 40' x 60' barn-style building with a kitchen and space for indoor recreation and storage. The park's convenient location, within walking and biking distance of the Dover Plains hamlet, further added to its popularity as a town amenity. However, by 2010, after decades of use and despite town efforts to repair the aged and deteriorating concrete lining, the pool was decommissioned and the park left unutilized for years.

In 2018, with inspiration and the charge by **Lions Clubs International** to develop a **Centennial Project**, the Dover Lions decided to renovate the park for new community use. Some Dover Lions helped the Town apply for and receive a **\$100,000 county grant** to construct a new driveway, handicapped parking, and installation of an ADA-equipped restroom for the vacant park building. In the spring of 2020, the Dover Lions donated **\$5,000** toward building improvements including construction of a children's vision/hearing screening office (with two-way mirror for security). Last fall, the Dover Lions restored the children's playground and relocated a former entrance booth to the play area with plans for its reuse as a children's safari-themed "cub house." With assistance of a **\$5,000 matching grant from the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation** in October 2020, the vision to utilize the building as a community space and Lions clubhouse is becoming a reality with the purchase of kitchen appliances and installation of LED lighting fixtures, new water heater and HVAC system. The Foundation's grant assistance has helped advance the project's anticipated completion by over a year! **Thanks to the Foundation, by spring of 2021 we expect to complete renovation of the space as a Lions clubhouse once COVID-19 social gathering restrictions are lifted and the Town opens the space for public use.**

As Lions, the communities we serve turn to us to help with projects and programs that help make meaningful differences in the quality of life for children, elders, families, and our fellow residents. Where can a local Lions Club turn when they need financial help with a major program or service project? The **Town of Dover Lions** turned to the **New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation** and with its grant assistance, helped achieve their vision of transforming a former municipal storage building into a new community meeting space, children's vision/hearing screening office and future Lions clubhouse. The Foundation's goal "to make possible the completion of projects crafted by Lions by putting together small donations and making those funds available as grants for larger programs" was key to advancing our Club's combined volunteer efforts and prior \$5,000 donation toward completion of this multifaceted project.

Fellow Lions: What project or need in your community can you meet with the financial support of your Foundation? We are here to serve you and expand your community service projects. **Please contact your district's trustees or the Foundation for advice.** Remember that the funds we provide for your projects and emergency grants (up to \$2500) come from you through our annual fund-raising drawing (2021 tickets have already been sent to each club) and through your annual donations as individuals (\$25), club memberships (\$100) and sponsorships of **Robert J. Uplinger** awards (\$300). **Please support us so that we can support you!**



Thank you **LIONS** for everything you do to live up to the motto “We Serve” and for your continued support of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation!



Town of Dover Lions at Work!



Vacant Park Building (Before)



Interior of Building (Before)



Interior (In Progress)



Vision/Hearing Screening Office



Park Building and Driveway

For information regarding matching grant opportunities, please contact the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation at P.O. Box 445, Glen Head, NY 11545; Telephone: 516-445-4144; E-mail: NYSBLF@gmail.com or visit our website at www.nysblf.org



DISTRICT 20-O

In 20-O the clubs are finding ways to continue serving their communities and even doing some fundraising in new ways. Many clubs have taken up ideas presented at our Fall Conference last year.

Across our six counties clubs are recycling plastic and providing a way for their neighbors to dispose of this waste in an environmentally sound manner and even receive a gift for their community when they reach their goal. Warwick has 3 already? Rondout Valley is on their way to their second?

Even during this pandemic many clubs, including my own, had memory trees for Christmas that allowed people in the community to put up ornaments and write notes that have meaning for them. This also turns out to be a small fundraiser when providing an emotional and enjoyable project in our towns and villages. Lion Jay from the Stanford Lions touched many Lions hearts.

I keep getting requests from Lions about how you conduct a shred it or shred fest day. It turns out that people all over the District have papers that they were afraid to throw out and just waiting for an opportunity to get rid of it. This is a great service project where you can also raise a little money. Thanks Warwick Lions.

Drive thru chicken BBQ's and other dinners seem to be a great fundraiser now. Way to go Wallkill Lions when the ice didn't allow curling last year, and Lagrange converted their lobster bake to a takeout event pretty much seamlessly.

Your support of your local first responders and food pantries has been outstanding. Great work.

While most recent club visits have been virtual, I did get to meet Santa Steve Decker at the Pine Bush Lions earlier. Looking forward to meeting more of you soon.

Thanks for all your ingenuity, drive, positive outlook, concern for others, and all you do.

- Yours in Lionism, DG Jim -- kindness matters



DG Jim Eggleston



Shred Fest



Memory Tree



Santa Steve



DISTRICT 20-R2

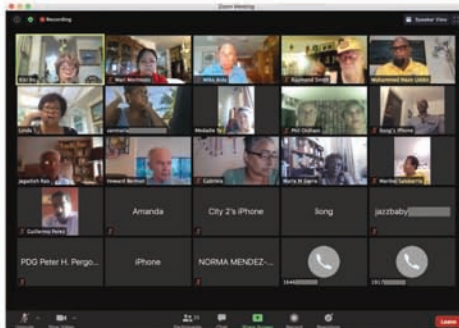
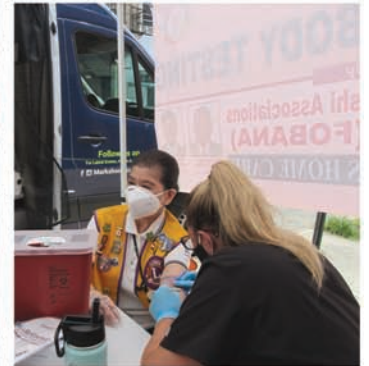
Despite the pandemic, District 20-R2 has had a fairly eventful half-year. We started the term by delivering the last of the frontline worker respite meals funded by the MD20 LCIF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant. And even before she took her oath of office virtually on June 29th, DG Riki Ito held a successful fundraiser to feed sandwiches to over 300 day and evening shift staff, plus front desk security, at Isabella Geriatric Center in Washington Heights.

While some Clubs still have not met at all since February or March, a few have even resumed convening in person in backyards and other outdoor spaces. DG Riki and FVDG Maribel Salabarria attended one such meeting that was held on the communal deck of the Club President's residential complex, and DG Riki has joined numerous other Clubs' meetings via Zoom. All Cabinet and Open District meetings have also been held virtually so far.

20-R2 started the year with 42 Clubs, but the NY Cuban LC has closed, and we are likely to lose at least one other Club before June. Conversely, IPDG Medadie Sy's NY Phil-Am LC has launched ten Branch Clubs, and hopes to have an Alpha Leo Club soon, as well. In an effort to cultivate future leaders, DG Riki has joined forces with 20-R1 District Governor Giuseppe Coco on a yearlong series of New Leaders Training Sessions featuring speakers from across MD20. The virtual format of this past year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum made it easier for more Lions from our District to attend, and many have also taken advantage of the plethora of webinars available from LCI and LCIF.

One thing that the pandemic has not stopped (or only briefly paused) in 20-R2 is Service. In fact, our Clubs have been busier than ever due to increased food insecurity and shortfalls in other basic needs. Many Clubs have partnered with other community organizations to distribute food, toys, and clothing; and hold COVID-19 and antibody testing, blood donation, and census drives. Several of the Lower Westchester Clubs joined together to collect clothing and household items for fire victims in Portchester, in addition to a "Pop the Trunk" drive-through clothing drive. Finally, some Clubs have been able to conduct Vision Screenings and highway and other environmental cleanups once more.

District 20-R2 ended the calendar year on a high note, receiving the wonderful news that our Peace Poster selection (drawn by Kanna Sueishi of the NJ Japanese School) had been chosen to represent MD20 at the International level.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN ROY WILKINS PARK: Brookville Lions brought some Thanksgiving cheer to the Queens community. A "Thanksgiving Table" with non-perishable food items was set up in the park. Over 120 people were served. We are happy to serve the residents of this Queens community.



LION RONALD

GREENE, Laurelton
LION BERNICE
CHEATHAM receive International President's Leadership Awards.



WE STILL WALK FOR A CURE: DIABETES.

Lions and Leos raises awareness about Diabetes. Everyone in our District was urged to walk in honor of those suffering with Diabetes. The Diabetes Committee participated in the JDRF walk which raised \$510.00 along with another group of Lions that "walked" to commemorate World Diabetes Day and donated \$200.00. "Together in Unity" we are making a change.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT: several Lions participated in an Environment Day Project at NYC Rufus King Park. The park was cleaned and a total of fifty-seven bags of garbage were collected. It was a beautiful day and members worked diligently until the whole park was free of litter and leaves.



VISION:

Brooklyn New Horizon collects eyeglasses and RHSOP conducts vision testing.



INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ASSISTS AT DISTRICT HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM:

IFVP Douglas X. Alexander joined DG Jacqueline V. Phillips and Lions representing several clubs in 20-K1, to host a "Hands - On Hunger Relief / Food Distribution Project" in Brooklyn. Neighborhood residents were relieved and excited to be provided with all kinds of food supplies. As clients waited on a line that wrapped around the block, they were warmly greeted by IFVP Doug and DG Jackie who encouraged them to continue the precautionary practices of mask wearing, social distancing and frequent hand washing.



DINNER WITH A DIFFERENCE:

One of the "Signature Projects" for Laurelton Lions, is a gala Thanksgiving Dinner, prepared and served by the Lions, to the residents at Little Flowers Group Homes. Pursuant to the "social distancing" guidelines, individual boxes were prepared for "Sidewalk Delivery" to each of the seven locations. Each box contained Thanksgiving decorations and place settings, with healthy servings of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, fruit juices and desserts.



DISTRICT 20-K1

BROOKLYN NEW HORIZON SERVES "KINDNESS": With baskets loaded with all the trimmings for a healthy, hearty Thanksgiving dinner, members of the Lions Club began the pre-Thanksgiving delivery process. "With courage high and hearts aglow", and pandemic protocols in place, they surprised families affected by food insecurity with adequate supplies of food and drink.



QUEENS COMMUNITY LIONS SUPPORT GLOBAL CAUSE (HUNGER): members teamed up with the Rotary Club of Jamaica and distributed 150 boxes of groceries and 1,000 face masks to the residents of Richmond Hill. Our acts of kindness were happily accepted. There was also a third food distribution project where 125 boxes of groceries including fresh fruits and vegetables, face masks & bottles of hand sanitizer were given.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING: A joint project with 20-K1 and 20-R2. COVID-19 has swept the globe and NYC was no exception. Thanks to the partnership between the Lions of 20- R2 and 20-K1 hope is not lost. Many New Yorkers struggled with hunger and food insecurity even before this health and economic crisis. As the economic impact continues to spread, we know that the numbers are increasing every day. As Lions, we continue to support the various food drives, as "We Serve with Kindness, Humility and Love".



THAT NONE WILL BE HUNGRY!: Richmond Hill South Ozone Park Lions Club distributed 310 turkeys and boxes filled with groceries to prepare Thanksgiving dinner, to the community residents. Donations were also given to various community organizations that service the needy.



COMMUNITY AND CANARSIE: the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club helped distribute food and masks every Thursday to families with Pre-K to Grade 1 children in the community. At this Pre-Thanksgiving distribution, 300 boxes of groceries and 300 turkeys were gifted to 250 families.



On Election Day, Brooklyn Canarsie Lions distributed water and snacks to voters who were on long lines at neighborhood polling stations.

WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION FROM PROSPECT HEIGHTS: The Brooklyn Prospect Heights Lions Club Inc. donated 50 cans of ham to the St. Gregory the Great Church's food pantry to support their distribution for Thanksgiving. Residents from the community were grateful for the gift because they were looking forward to having something to eat.

When Juice 101 with the Lynn Agency was looking for volunteers at their location in Ozone Park, Queens, Lion Christine Kirton answered the call. On Thanksgiving Day, she assisted with the distribution of food to those in need. The event lasted from 11 am until 3 pm. Masks and sanitizers were provided and temperatures were checked with social distancing protocol was

observed. It was a wonderful experience and those receiving the food were very appreciative.

RHSOP LIGHTS UP RICHMOND HILL: Christmas in Richmond Hill was officially launched when the Richmond Hill-South Ozone Park Lions hosted its annual Tree Lighting ceremony. This year, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Lions erected a 20 foot high tree, beautifully decorated with colorful lights. More than 100 safely masked residents greeted each other with expressions of holiday wishes. After the countdown Lion President, Romeo Hitall, threw the switch to light up the tree, and the community of Richmond Hill erupted with cheers of "Oohs and Yays", as the giant Christmas tree took form in the darkness of the night.



THE LIGHTS OF DIWALI SHINE IN QUEENS: The health and safety of our Lions and the viability of our communities are our top priority. The Queens Community Lions and the Ozone Park/Howard Beach/Woodhaven Lions subsidized the disturbing economic downturn in our community by providing boxes of basic food staples to provide for the feast, along with face masks, hand sanitizers and traditional sweets to over 200 people, to mark the celebration of Diwali.



9 MILLION REASONS: the Queens Las Americas Leos and Lions volunteered with Evangel Church Pantry, a non-profit organization with "9 Million Reasons to Serve." We sorted and packed food that was donated, then distributed to the elderly and homebound families. The mission of "9 Million Reasons" is to serve the homeless and underprivileged. Every week, they provide free groceries to almost 8,000 families.

QUEENS COLOMBIA AYUDARON: the Queens Colombia Lions Club donated surgical masks and other types of medical equipment that will be distributed to the community through the Colombian Civic Center of NY.



BROOKLYN CARIBE Lions Club donated 11 turkeys to needy parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.



QUEENS LATINOS UNIDOS Lions donated diapers to La Jornada, one of the city's hunger-relief organizations working to end hunger. Nearly one in five Queens residents relies on food banks like La Jornada for food and other resources.



WOODSIDE INTERAMERICAN LIONS: donated 30 turkeys and 50 masks to St. Leo's Church. Thank you to Lion Pres. Carolina Soto for donating the masks and VP Gertrudis Jimenez, Lion Luis Jimenez, Lion Maria Fermin, Jose Jimenez and New Way Insurance for their donation of the turkeys.



WALKING FOR A CURE FOR CANCER

IFVP DOUG ALEXANDER PHOTO SHOOT



DISTRICT 20-K2

This year, despite the challenges of dealing with a pandemic, Clubs in District 20-K2 found different ways to fund raise and provide service to their communities. In addition, the District Team gave the Clubs of District 20-K2 an opportunity to successfully join together for monthly District Service Projects.

"Blood is one of the most precious gifts you can give another person" and what a wonderful way to kick off the monthly District Project initiatives. In September, with the New York Blood Center at an "urgent" need level, the Lions of District 20K-2 partnered with the Lakeview Fire Department for a blood drive that resulted in 100 donations. Including Bermuda's donations we saved 300 lives. The Lions of 20-K2 served an urgent need.

Nassau County and Bermuda have beautiful beaches and what better way to enjoy them and protect our environment than by conducting a Beach Sweep. With social distancing in place, the number of volunteers allowed to participate was limited. However, in October, a mighty crew of 58 Lions and Leos helped do their part to protect our environment by picking up one small scrap of garbage at a time. They collected 50 bags of trash weighing 411 pounds. In conjunction with our Nassau County Beach Sweep, our Lions in Bermuda cleaned beaches in Warwick Parrish.



In November the District Food Drive was kicked off by "The Great North Shore Ramble" sponsored by the Jericho-Brookville Lions to raise money to support Feed the Need a mobile food pantry. This year's road rally allowed all to socially distance by having everyone drive the "route" at their convenience. Friends and families enjoyed a beautiful drive, answered challenging questions and raised nearly \$3,000. Later in the month, individual Clubs and the District held food drives. In total, collecting 10,273 pounds of food, over 120 food baskets and \$5,955 toward hunger and easing food insecurity in Nassau County. Also in November, the Lions of Bermuda and The MarketPlace store launched their 32nd annual Share the Christmas Spirit food drive. Over the years, thousands of families and seniors have benefited from receiving the Bermuda Lions Christmas hampers.

On December 5th the District's Children's Holiday Polar Express hosted by the Bellmore Lions served over 325 children and 152 families. With social distancing 30 Lions and 40 Leos worked from set up to break down. Over 600 toothbrushes and paste kits were assembled and 900 bags of candy. Every child and adult received gifts, socks, gloves, coats, pjs, candy, bed linens, goody bags, hot dogs and much more. The Lions of 20-K2 brought Santa and cheer to many struggling families in Nassau County.





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