

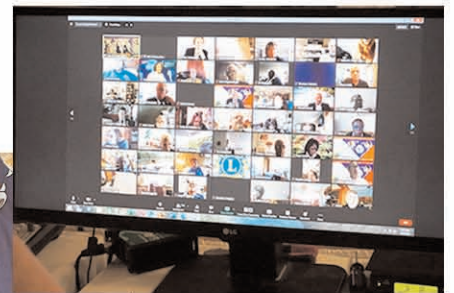
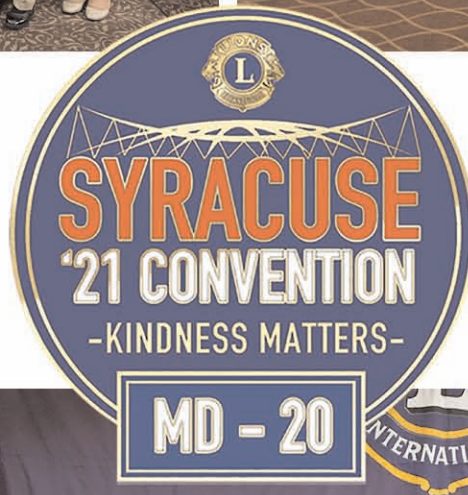


*Thank you 2020-2021 Governors... ...and Welcome 2021-2022 Governors!*



*Inside: Photo recap of the District reports,*

*97th Annual Convention, and much, much more!*



*Congratulations to our newest Ambassadors of Goodwill, PDG Williams & PCC Jachlewski!*



From ...

## DR. JUNG-YUL CHOI

### International President

Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic.

We would like to recognize our Lions in India who are such an important part of our Lion family. They have been dealing with a very challenging moment in their country, like so many others around the world. We know that Lions are working there to safely serve their communities, and everywhere we serve. While COVID-19 has forced us to change the way we live, work and serve, we will continue to meet this challenge together.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 international convention in Montréal, which will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world.

I thank you all for your perseverance through these unprecedented times.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

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## The Brandel - Murphy Lions Youth Foundation

**Our Mission:** "To provide assistance to children in need, throughout the state of New York and the country of Bermuda, through partnerships with Lions and other organizations, by supporting programs that will improve the lives of those served."

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

As the summer begins, we look back at the many challenges we faced and overcame during a very difficult year but we need to remain optimistic that healthier, happier, and brighter days are ahead. **We cannot thank you enough, for it was ONLY through your help and support that the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation continued to flourish. This past year, we have awarded 12 grants, totaling of \$22,644 helping 3,760 children. To date, the Foundation has assisted 247,278 children with grants totaling \$175,059. The pictures below capture a few of the children whose lives have been enriched by YOUR SUPPORT!!**



We urge you to organize Lions projects which focus on helping children who are in need in your community and applying for your **BMFY \$2,000 matching Humanitarian Grant or \$2,500 Emergency Grant** to help you reach your goals. Applications for both grants are available on our website to any Lions Club, Zone, or District in MD-20.

### "MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE"

Each District Governor is able to nominate a Lion in their District in recognition of their outstanding service. In addition, the BMFY Board and PIP AI & Lion Maureen also have the option to nominate an individual.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following Lions recognized at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual MD-20 Convention is Syracuse.**

20 N	Lion William (Bill) Duzen	20 O	Lion George McManus
20 E1	Lion Bing Reaves	20 R1	Lion Paul R. Laspina
20 E2	Lion Tom Bouchard	20 R2	Lion Mari Morimoto
20 W	VDG Michele O'Hare	20 K1	Lion CDR Leroy A. Barnes
20 Y	Lion David Guyer	20 K2	PCC Andrew Umreiko
	20 S VDG Douglas Marange		
	BMFY Board		PDG Margaret "Peg" DiIorio (20 K2)
	PIP AI & Lion Maureen		PID Dr. Edward Cordes (20 E2)

### "BMFY LEGACY SOCIETY"

Also at the Convention, the Brandel-Murphy Legacy Society inducted its Founding Members at the inaugural Annual Induction and Recognition Ceremony. The Society recognizes those individuals who have chosen to leave a lasting charitable legacy to help children in NY State and Bermuda by including the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation (BMFY) in their will, trust, or estate plan. Entrusting gifts to the Legacy Society with ensure the future of the BMFY.

Please visit our state-of-the-art website for more information about the **Legacy Society**, honoring someone special with the **"Everyday Hero Fellowship"** recognition, purchasing **Foundation shirts**, and making a **memorial tribute or estate gift**. You can also download applications for **Grants and Awards** and view many wonderful pictures!!

*As always, on behalf of PIP AI, Lion Dr. Maureen, and all of us at the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation,  
THANK YOU for your dedication and for leading the way for a brighter future for children in need.  
We could not do it without you!! Together we can continue to make a difference.*

**[www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org)**



From ...

## GARY F. BROWN

### International Director 2018-2021



#### REPORT FROM THE ATLANTA LCI BOARD MEETING

Several important decisions came out of the recent LCI Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta:

- **NEW DELHI 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** - The Board of Directors approved a motion by the Convention committee to move the 2022 International convention from New Delhi, India to Montreal. Several factors played into this decision but the health and safety of our Lions was foremost. New Delhi will go on the schedule for a future convention.
- **Douglas X. Alexander**, our then International President, will now be going out as International President in Montreal. MD 20 can easily come out in force to congratulate him. Plan now to be in Montreal. Details on the convention will be out soon.
- **CHARTER AND ENTRANCE FEE WAIVERS** - The International Board unanimously voted to extend for another six months the waiver on Entrance and Charter fees. This waiver is making a positive difference in our member growth and recruitment. Please take advantage of this continuing opportunity.
- **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT ENDORSEMENT** - The International Board and Executive Officers also unanimously endorsed Fabricio Oliviera to stand for election as Third Vice President at the upcoming virtual Montreal convention. Please support Fabricio with your vote.
- **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT ENDORSEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR** - The Executive Officers and Board also endorsed A.P. Singh as the Endorsed candidate for Third Vice President next year. Many of you know Lion A.P. from USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and other events. Other Lions from India who were thinking of running for the position have already voiced their support for Lion A.P.

My fellow Lions, this is the year to step forward. We are emerging from a pandemic that taught the public the value of Service. People want to get out and people want to help. Our incoming International President, Douglas X. Alexander, poses the question: "What if each of us committed to finding just one new member this year?" Think about that. It starts with you.

As always, I am available and ready to help..My three year stint is up - but I am not ready to retire. On to life as a Past International Director!

*~ Gary F. Brown, International Director 2018-2021*

## MD-20 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute is back! This year's Institute will be held in Binghamton, NY from October 21 -23, 2021 at the Doubletree Hotel, 225 Water St.

Join us to learn leadership skills, from public speaking to conflict resolution, to time management to goal setting and so much more. You will meet Lions from across MD-20 to as you explore ways to improve your leadership techniques. Leadership is one of the important skills Lions instills with its members. Learn new skills, polish up existing skills and find ways to lead our great volunteer organization!

The cost is \$350 per student for a shared room.

Applications are available from your District Governor or District GLT.

If you have any questions contact the Institute Coordinators PCC Gloria Askew (gvaskew41@aol.com) or PCC Bill Shembeda (lionbill@shembeda.net) or the Leadership Institute email at MD20\_LLI@outlook.com.





## MD20 4th Council Meeting



*Socially distanced, grab to go breakfast*



*Quick touch-base beforehand*



*PID Libin on Zoom*



*PCC Clark doing COVID compliance*



*The meeting is called to order*



*CC Harrison receives a BMYF Everyday Hero medal and a bouquet from the Council*



*Sec'y-Treasurer PCC Jachlewski receives a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant & a bottle of whiskey*



*Head table plus Zoom screen*



*"Can you believe that?"*



*PIP Brandel and ID Brown*



*PID Dr. Cordes taking portraits with FIVP Alexander*

## MD20 Partners in Service

The 2020-2021 MD20 Partners in Service were able to meet fully in person for the first time this Lion Year, at the hybrid MD20 Convention in Syracuse. Although continuing NYS and hotel COVID restrictions prevented us from holding either the Council Meeting hospitality room or our annual Welcome Luncheon, we did participate in a Service Project spearheaded by Host Governor Rosemarie Bush. Together with the Council and International Family, we amassed over 450 pairs of socks, both adult and kid sizes, which were donated to the Samaritan Center to be distributed to the homeless who stop by for a meal.

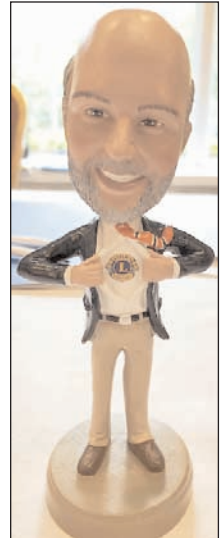
During Friday night dinner, we surprised PIS Leader PCC Sharon Battaglia with a check for \$200 for an animal shelter or rescue organization of her choice, plus some dog-themed gifts, in appreciation for her year of service. As her Partner, DG Dr. Rick, will be Council Chair next year, she will be continuing on as PIS Leader.





# DISTRICT 20-N

Yes, a DG Rick  
bobblehead  
courtesy of PCC  
Sharon Battaglia.



## DISTRICT 20-N LOST ANOTHER FINE LION



PDG Bob Shively passed away on May 24, 2021. Lion Bob, a longstanding member of the Town of Niagara Lions, served as district governor from 2005-2006. The most common word used by other PDGs to describe Lion Bob is "kind" – never saying a bad word about anyone. And "caring" – another word frequently associated with him. Mention was made that after his district governor year, he did not "disappear" – when there was an event in 20-N, he was there. He remained dedicated and hardworking – including his tireless devotion to vision screening for children.

One PDG shared the following words and phrases to describe PDG Bob: a gentleman, good sense of humor, loved Lions, a quiet leader - but indeed a leader, compassionate, caring. I have not run across anyone who would disagree with that.

## EVERYDAY HERO AND MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE AWARDS

At this year's Cabinet Recognition dinner, DG Rick Battaglia with the assistance of Brandel Murphy officers PDG Jim Muscoreil, DG Terri Oster and Lion Tom Witkowski was honored to bestow **Everyday Hero** fellowship recognition to two extraordinary Lions: MD-20 Secretary-Treasurer PCC Tim Jachlewski and Past District Governor Jim Luckman. Both are Everyday Heroes in every sense of the phrase.

Additionally, Lion Bill Duzen was presented the **Miracles Through Service Award** from the BMYF. Lion Bill, a tireless and big-hearted member of the Evans Township Lions Club, was nominated by DG Rick.

Congratulations to these three Lions - all of whom epitomize the spirit of the BMYF!



## LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

Lion Bette Stonebraker of the Lancaster Lions was selected as this year's Past District Governors Association Leadership Award winner. Presented by 20-N's representative to the MD-20 PDGA, PCC Ken Butkowski, the award recognizes Lions with sustained service contributions through their club and with the district. Lion Bette's daughter, Lion Amy Speaker, attended the Cabinet Recognition for the presentation - proud to see her mother honored.

## ORCHARD PARK DELIVERS A WHEELCHAIR

Orchard Park Lions deliver a custom-built wheelchair to a 97-year-old female resident at the Lifecare Community of Fox Run in Orchard Park. Joanne, a Fox

Run Physical Therapist, receives the wheelchair from Lions Tom McCarthy and PDG Lion Dave Gerhing of the Club's Loan Closet Committee.





District 20 E2 Lions found ways to serve their communities despite the pandemic.



**Bloomfield Lions "takeout"**  
Spaghetti Supper



**Hector Area Lions**  
cleaned up  
Route 414 in  
Hector



**The Corning Lions, Corning Radisson Hotel and Corning Salvation Army Food Drive**



**Pal-Mac Lions Cleanup of New York State Route 31**



**Sodus Pride Lioness Lions Street Clean Up**



**Ovid-Willard Lions**  
collected and  
recycled bottles and cans to Fund the Habitat for Humanity house.



**Rushville Lions Road Clean Up**



**Ithaca Lions**  
have been  
actively  
supporting the  
Ithaca Salvation  
Army.



**Trumansburg Lions Roadside Cleanup on New York State Route 227**



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



**Spencer-Candor Lions** sharing food with the community



**Watkins-Montour Lions** did a card party for residents of Seneca View skilled nursing facility



This year, Stray Haven Humane Society was the **Owego Lions** choice for our Make a Difference Day" project.



**Big Flats Lions** presented a check for \$1,000 to help with kitchen supplies for the Food Bank



**Phelps Lions**  
Christmas Basket Project provided food and gift baskets to families in need.



**North Rose Lions** made possible the acquisition of an Assistance-Service Dog for a young man in our community with Cortical Visual Impairment



**Waterloo Lions** collected and purchased food items to donate to the Trevors Gift Backpack program which provides weekend and holiday food for under privileged children

**20 E2 DG Lion Deb Bush** has sewn together and distributed 804 masks throughout her community

**Union Springs Lions** started a community service program serving anyone in need of grocery deliveries or other necessities

**Apalachin Lions** continue to provide park maintenance - three week turns mowing and trimming of a small park on Route 434.

**Penn Yan Lions** donated approximately \$6,000 to organizations who feed the needy and lower income workers in the nursing homes

**Sodus Lions** delivered Christmas baskets with a contactless pick-up and delivery system.

**Weedsport Lions** provided food baskets to needy families and personal care gifts for an adult home in our community.



**Tioga-Nichols Lions** held their yearly Book Sale and Soup Lunch this month



## DISTRICT 20-R2

District 20-R2 kicked January off right on New Year's Day, attending the Douglas X. Alexander for International President raffle (though we sadly did not have any winners). Our District Convention held on January 23 was much more successful, with 120 attendees from 10 out of the 11 Districts, half of the sitting District Governors, CC Debbie Harrison, PIP Al Brandel, and ID Gary Brown. 2nd International VP Brian Sheehan was our Keynote Speaker, plus we had LCI service pillar, local/regional foundation, and LCIF speakers; the District Leo Rep; and awards and recognitions. The IP Leadership Medal was presented to PDG KS Kim for his Campaign 100 efforts, and IP Certificates of Appreciation to IPDG Medadie Sy, PDG Gustavo Sanchez, and CT/DA Mari Morimoto.

The biggest benefit of virtual events was that the District was in turn able to attend many other Districts' Annual Conventions, too, as well as Lions Day with the United Nations and the first ever LCIF Tell-A-Thon. A week prior to LDUN, 30 District Lions (plus a Leo) gathered in front of the UN Headquarters to record both the rally for 1st IVP Douglas X. Alexander and our submission for the LCIC Virtual Parade of Nations.

In addition, due to uncertainty about venue capacity restrictions, etc., DG Riki elected to hold her testimonial virtually, on June 6. All 11 Districts were represented among the 85-plus Lions and friends who logged in to celebrate. Her home Club, NY Japanese-American LC, surprised her with a Robert J. Uplinger Award and her next two PMJF pins. She also received turtle-themed gifts from her Club, IPDG Medadie, and L. Erlinda Leone; a Lions charm bracelet from NY Ann Sullivan-White Plains LC; and warm salutations from many Clubs, Lions, PDGs, and friends, including special messages from IP Jung-Yul Choi, LCIF Chair IPIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, and Ambassador Kanji Yamanouchi, Consul General of Japan in New York.

Another highlight of this spring was the hybrid MD20 Convention. DG Riki and CT/DA Mari, IPDG Medadie and PDG Amado, FVDG (now DGE) Maribel Salabarria and PDG Maria Sierra, and candidate (now SVDGE) Raymond and Lion Nena Smith traveled to Syracuse and attended in person. Our District achieved the second highest number of both voting delegates and overall Virtual registrants (including now FVDGE Salome James); Larchmont-Mamaroneck LC scored highest net membership growth in the 31-45 member category; Lion Paul Seto received the MD20 PDG Organization Leadership Award; and CT/DA Mari the BMYF Miracles Through Service Medal.

District 20-R2 is ending the Lion Year on a high note. Our slideshow video about how we spent our portion of the MD20 LCIF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant was accepted for the Service Project Showcase (#9) of the Virtual International Convention. With increased vaccination rates and relaxed COVID guidelines, a number of District Clubs are starting to meet in person again, some for the first time since February 2020. And while some Clubs continued to serve their communities during the pandemic, it is anticipated that those Clubs which didn't, will slowly pick back up where they left off. Congratulations to DG Riki and best of luck to our incoming leaders!!





**ST. VINCENT VOLCANO DISASTER RELIEF - WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE ARE LIONS!:** On behalf of the victims of the volcanic eruption in St. Vincent, VDG Ingrid Andrews - Campbell (Campaign Organizer) thanks the responding clubs for their generous donation of time and supplies. Hearty thanks to the Lions Club for the items donated and the monetary contribution.



Special appreciation to PDG Melissa Torres for the personal monetary donation, and Lion Beverly Campbell (Central Brooklyn) for the use of her school facility as a collection center.

We also acknowledge the generous personal financial contributions from PDG Charles McBride and Lion Nancy. "PDG Charly, you are truly dedicated to Emergency and Disaster Relief. Your contribution was unique!" Lions Fern and John, we thank you for the charitable gifts.

Photos show Lions and Leos as they prepare to distribute the donated food supplies and water to the most vulnerable displaced communities on the leeward side of the island.

"Thank you, fellow Lions, Leos and other supporters far and wide who contributed so tremendously to this effort, as we continue to honor our motto. 'We Serve'."

**VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN ST. VINCENT: DISTRICT 20-K1'S RESPONSE:** Wow! District 20-K1 Lions, you rock!

With the approval of DG Jacqueline V. Phillips, an appeal went out to Lions in our district to help those affected by the La Soufriere volcano. The response from our Lions? M-A-S-S-I-V-E!

The Lions of Brooklyn and Queens packed and shipped ten commercial bins and twenty-five jumbo barrels.

District 20-K1 wholeheartedly thanks the homeowners and proprietor for so generously providing the space for storing the large number of contributions.

Donations, financial and in kind, came from every part of Brooklyn and Queens. Financial donations also came in to help cover the considerable cost of shipping.

**BROOKLYN OUTREACH LIONS CLUBS HELP THEIR KINSFOLK:** the Club felt an urgent

commitment to assist with the recovery effort. They were moved by the destruction caused by the eruption of the volcano in their home country, St. Vincent and the Grenadine. A decision was made to support a Nursing Home Facility with feminine hygiene and self-care products.

Alpha and the Midwood Lions Club joined in the venture. Donations included adult pampers, panty liners, soap, etc. We thank Mr. Carl Munro, the Manager of Standard Caribbean Shipping for his generosity in assisting us with the shipping cost. It is always a pleasure to help others.

**BROOKVILLE'S BASKET GIVEAWAY TO MOTHERS:**

COVID 19 did not prevent Brookville Lions Club from bringing cheers to mothers. In May at the weekly food distribution at Roy Wilkins Park in Queens, Lions Jean Bain, Yvonne Duffus, Wilma Kirk, Hilma Borders, Milagros Wright, Francilla Moore, Gregory Moore, and Claudette White distributed eighteen Mother's Day baskets to some surprised and appreciative mothers.

**CENTRAL BROOKLYN LIONS SERVE WITH KINDNESS, HUMILITY AND LOVE:** the Club members donated books to the children of the Domestic Violence Shelter in effort to support literacy. Each child was able to select a preferred choice.

As a special for Mothers' Day, every woman at the Auburn Shelter was



## DISTRICT 20-K1

presented with a gift that expressed love and joy. Kindness was also shared with the mothers and caregivers at the Domestic Violence Shelter in Brooklyn.

**BROOKLYN CROWN HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB PARTNERS WITH**

**THE ORDER OF FEATHERS FRATERNITY:** The Order of Feathers Fraternity joined with Brooklyn Crown Heights Lions Club and donated non-perishable food items, toiletries and monetary donations to District 20-K1 Lions Club St. Vincent La Soufriere Disaster Relief Project.

The Order of Feather Fraternity is a Service Organization founded in 1946.

**DISTRICT DIABETES COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The Diabetes Committee has been very busy bringing awareness to our community and the Lions in our District.

We are very proud to announce that Lion Iris Medes, Brooklyn Rising Stars Lions Club has improved her A1C reading. She thanks everyone who has played a role and shared information on the District Diabetes page. She has since been distributing Diabetes information at a food pantry in Brooklyn.

The Caribbean island of St. Vincent needs medical supplies, following the disastrous volcanic eruption. The Diabetes Committee contributed by sending over 45 Disaster Relief Kits. This will be an ongoing project, as long as there is a need.

**"GRAB N GO" @ HOLLIS**

**LIONS:** In May, the Hollis Lions hosted a "Grab and Go" lunch. We served 140 dinners, of which a few were donated to seniors in the community. It was a beautiful day, and everyone had a great time just being out and able to see friends after a year of Zoom. We thank all who volunteered, donated and purchased and contributed to the success of the event.

**iGen LEO CLUB - "WE SERVE**

**TO SAVE OUR PLANET":** In May, 21 Leos assembled in Queens to engage in a river cleaning effort. The day was spent enjoying nature but the focus was on removing all garbage from the park and the beach.

**KINDNESS MATTERS AT HOME AND ABROAD**

**(Queens Community Lions Club):**

When news that last month's heavier than normal rainy season had caused widespread flooding and washed away homes, roads and farmland of more than 7,000 people in the small South American country of Guyana, Queens Community Lions Club mounted an emergency relief campaign

The floods threaten to exacerbate the spread of COVID-19 because residents are displaced and crowded into makeshift shelters with little or no access to health care, food or clean water. The club assembled 1,000 face shields, face masks, adult diapers and a quantity of hand sanitizers to be distributed to the victims, frontline workers, and medical personnel.



**MIDWOOD LIONS CELEBRATE MOTHERS' DAY:** Midwood Lions celebrated the women at the Violence Prevention Center. They brought bags of new and gently used clothes as celebratory gifts.

**PROSPECT HEIGHTS LIONS SHARE LOVE ON MOTHERS' DAY:**

The Brooklyn Prospect Heights Lions Club Inc., participated in an event to let the women of the Crown Heights Marcus Garvey Pavilions for Rehabilitation enjoy their Mother's Day. The club presented the home with six plants to decorate each of the three floors and the 2 dining rooms.

**QUEENS LAS AMERICAS LEOS SERVE**

**English:** Queens Las Americas Leos donated face masks, hand sanitizers and gloves as well as 25 \$20 metro cards to families affected by the recent fire in Jackson Heights. Distribution was done at La Jornada headquarters.

**Spanish:** Los Leos del Club de Leones Queens Las Americas repartieron máscaras, hand sanitizers, guantes y 25 tarjetas metro cards con un valor de \$20 cada uno a las familias impactadas por el reciente incendio en Jackson Heights.

**QUEENS PRIDE LIONS CLUB: A Year Of Challenges Overcome:**

"Society is always creating too much trouble for philanthropy to patch. One must attack social problems at the roots" ~ Helen Keller  
Beginning with the March 2020 Board Meeting, the club met remotely via Zoom for all of LY2020 - 2021.

The club also used social media to accomplish virtual service activities. and used GoFundMe to create monthly fundraising campaigns that were shared on Facebook. Donations were used to benefit women/families in shelters and purchase food to be distributed at local pantries during the height of the COVID-19 lockdown.

In early 2021, they reconnected with their longtime community partner to plan their signature service activity. Ecopaloosa, took place on May 23, 2021. This was their first in-person service activity in over a year. Ecopaloosa is a project which QPLC has conducted twice a year since 2014 in Jackson Heights. It is in partnership with the Lower East Side Ecology Center, and averages 4 tons of electronic waste collected per event. The day-long curbside event is also an opportunity for the QPLC to collect eyeglasses, used clothing and cash donations on behalf of Women in Need / NYC. This partnership is the top provider of women/family housing services in the city.

Having spent the last year building their online audience and developing a branded presence on social media, the QPLC was able to strategically market the event to a broader audience beyond the borders of Queens. Because of this exposure, May 2021 Ecopaloosa was the busiest so far. An estimated 5 tons of used electronics were collected and will be recycled, saving them from being dumped in landfills and protecting the environment.

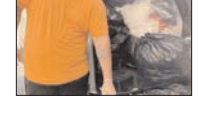
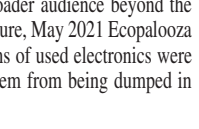
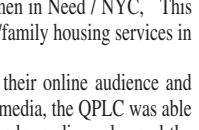
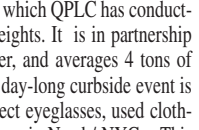
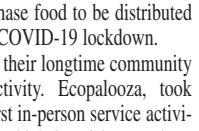
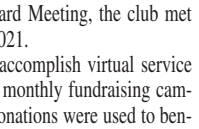
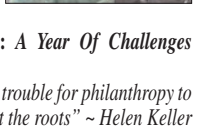
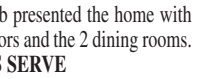
**ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING**

**DRIVE: STARRETT CITY / SPRING**

**CREEK LIONS:** the club hosted a very successful spring clothing drive, in conjunction with St. Mary's Church.

Donations were received from each of the 47 buildings in The Spring Creek Towers and gifted to the Women's Veterans Shelter in downtown Brooklyn. There will also be a Fall drive.

Club members contribute to the St. Vincent Disaster Relief effort.







**Fellow MD-20 Lions:** What project or need in your community can you meet with some additional financial support from your Foundation? Discuss your proposed project with your district Trustee! ***We are here to serve you and help turn your community project from a vision to a reality.*** We can assist your club project starting with your application to the NYS&BLF for a matching grant (see our web site: [www.nysblf.org](http://www.nysblf.org)). Here is one example of three Lions Clubs working together and with the NYS&BLF to accomplish something special in their communities:

### **Schuyler Hospital Receives \$10,000 Donation from local Lions Clubs**

A joint effort between the Watkins Glen-Montour Falls, Hector and Ovid Lions Clubs and the N.Y. State & Bermuda Lions Foundation resulted in the presentation of a \$10,000 check to Schuyler Hospital for the purchase of a diabetic eye camera, a RetinaVue 700, for Primary Care.

"We are grateful for and humbled by this donation from the local Lions Clubs and the Lions state foundation, and for their continuous support of our community during this time, and always," states Rebecca Gould, President and CFO of Schuyler Hospital. "This new state-of-the-art diabetic eye camera is used for early detection of diabetic retinopathy, the leading cause of blindness in diabetic patients. It will be an incredible asset to our medical team and our patients."

The donation stems from a coordinated effort begun in early 2020 when Jackie Collins, LPN, Schuyler Hospital Primary Care contacted Hector Lions Club member Rick Evans.

Evans coordinated with the Watkins and Ovid clubs during a challenging period when the COVID-19 pandemic greatly restricted fundraising efforts. His and neighboring club members efforts resulted in \$6,000 from their clubs and \$4,000 from the N.Y.S. & Bermuda Lions Foundation matching program.

"We are extremely grateful for Rick Evans' efforts and beyond proud to be able to provide this funding for such a worthwhile cause," states Phil Edwards, Kate LaMoreaux, and Paul McPherson, Presidents of the Hector, Watkins and Ovid Clubs respectively. "Service is our Lions Club mission, and our members truly stepped up and showed their support in a big way."



Grant check presentation at Schuyler Hospital in March 2021

**New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 445, Glen Head, NY 11545**

**Web Site: [www.nysblf.org](http://www.nysblf.org) Telephone: 516-445-4144; E-mail: [NYSBLF@gmail.com](mailto:NYSBLF@gmail.com)**







*Here are some additional examples of Lions projects that have made a difference:*



Canastota Lions Playground Project



Saratoga Lions Camp Abilities



Union Springs Lions Playground Project



Amherst Lions Magnifier for Library

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!**

Please remember that the matching funds that we provide for your community projects (up to \$5,000) and emergency grants (up to \$2,500) come from you through our annual fund-raising drawing (next one in 2022). Your annual donations as individuals (\$25), club memberships (\$100) and sponsorships of Robert J. Uplinger awards (\$300) also support our grant funding. Please consider adding a legacy gift to the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation endowment for future community projects through your estate planning.

This article is being written on Memorial Day weekend, so the Trustees of your Foundation ask that we all remember our veterans and active service members, especially those who may be fellow Lions.

**"All Gave Some, Some Gave All!"**

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Smiles are contagious! Smiles on the faces of our campers and smiles too, on the faces of our counselors, volunteers and visitors who come to Lions Camp Badger. For forty-two years as the first New York State Lions project, Lions Camp Badger has not only brought smiles to thousands of campers but also a sense of self-esteem, confidence and acceptance. Lions Camp Badger is a very special place for very special people.

How can the Lions of MD-20 continue to put smiles on the faces of our campers? Help Lions Camp Badger with our upcoming projects:

- Replace part of our septic system.
- New bathrooms for the lower cabins.
- Repair foundations on several cabins..
- Wheel-in showers for our two largest cabins.

## Support our Annual Super Raffle and Golf Classic...

### LIONS CAMP BADGER "SUPER RAFFLE" \$50 PER TICKET

Proceeds Will Benefit  
Empire State Special Needs Experience  
at Lions Camp Badger

There Will Be 10 Winners  
Receiving \$1,000 Each

### RAFFLE MAILED TO EACH CLUB

Additional tickets available through  
Lions Camp Badger Office  
607-589-4800

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Club: _____ District: _____		 <b>LIONS CAMP BADGER "SUPER RAFFLE"</b> Proceeds Of The Raffle Benefit Empire State Special Needs Experience At Lions Camp Badger <b>10 GRAND PRIZES OF \$1,000<sup>00</sup> EACH*</b> <b>\$50 PER TICKET</b> <b>\$50 PER TICKET</b> <small>*Drawing will be held at the Camp on Labor Day 2021.          *Drawing is a 50/50 proposition.          *Tickets shown are indicated by the amount shown by the          *All proceeds from 2021 Super Raffle go to the project.</small>
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Drawing will be held at the Camp and broadcast  
virtually on Labor Day 2021.

ESSNE is a 501c3 organization.

Contributions are deductible to the extent  
allowed by law.



**SPECIAL  
ACCOMMODATION  
PACKAGE  
AVAILABLE**

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 14 - 2021**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**DUE TO CHANGES IN COVID REGULATIONS  
THIS WILL BE A 1:30 PM SHOTGUN START  
EVENT FOLLOWED BY A SIT DOWN DINNER**

### WELLSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

The Wellsville Country Club is a beautiful 18-Hole  
Golf Course with a newly renovated event facility.  
Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Moun-  
tains, along the beautiful Genesee River and blocks  
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**INDIVIDUAL GOLFER - \$85**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**



**ALL ARE INVITED! JOIN WITH FRIENDS  
AND FELLOW LIONS IN HELPING**

**LIONS CAMP BADGER BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

For Information Contact Event Co-Chairs -

Lion William Emrick - williamemrick@yahoo.com

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# MD-20 NYS & BERMUDA LIONS 2022 STATE CONVENTION

NIAGARA FALLS, NY  
May 20-22, 2022

## HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER INFORMATION

The 98th Annual MD20 Lions of New York State and Bermuda State Convention will take place at the Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls, conveniently located in downtown Niagara Falls, NY.

This year's headquarters hotel is the Sheraton Niagara Falls with additional availability at the nearby Hyatt Place Niagara Falls.

To register only or register and make hotel reservations please use this link:  
[www.niagarafallsusa.com/md20lions/](http://www.niagarafallsusa.com/md20lions/)

All registrations and room reservations must be made online by using the link above.

*If you experience any issues with the link or with the registration/room reservation process contact Destination Niagara USA at 716-282-8992.*

*For room/hotel specific questions or issues please contact the hotel you are booking with.*



*Doug Alexander's  
Pin Design*





# LIONS CAMPS

Last month Donna and I spent a few days at "Camp Dogwood", the camp of the North Carolina Lions. We were attending a pin swap organized by the pin traders in that state. The camp is situated on a lake and was designed to serve blind and visually impaired adults with a full variety of activities including water skiing. The majority of the Lions in North Carolina make an annual personal donation to support their camp.

Over the years I have been to the Lions' camps in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Texas and North Carolina. All of these are heavily dependent on their Lions support. Lions Camp Badger in Spencer is our Lions state camp. This was adopted as a state project in 1980 and has had summer programs for youth ever since. I have personally spent many days and a few nights at our camp working. I have also served on the administrative board that runs the programs. If you are not familiar with our camp, speakers are available within our District or you can look at the information on the internet. It is our program for special needs youth and I would challenge everyone to consider making an annual personal donation to support the program. Mail your donation to Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Road, Spencer, New York 14883.

*Thank you for your consideration. PCC Jim Schiebel, Past President of Lions Camp Badger*

From their website -

## Looking for Some Fun This Summer?

Lions Camp Badger is excited to announce the 2021 summer programming schedule!

Enjoy a summer full of camp activities and social time with friends from the  
*comfort of your own home-or wherever you happen to be.*

Our programs are designed for individuals ages 9-60+ who have special needs.

### Camp activities include:

- Three separate mailings of **Badger Boxes** throughout the summer, filled with camp activities, cool camp merch and fun activities to enjoy.
- **Choice of two separate weeks (July 5-9 or July 12-16) to join us for live online activities.**
- **Social events on ZOOM**, such as BINGO, all-camp birthday party, staff skits, and more!
- Opportunities to **meet new friends and reconnect with old ones!**
- Prerecorded activities that include instruction in **Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Nature, Photography, Cooking, Science, and Music.** All materials are included and you can enjoy them whenever you want!
- Special online live events that include **campfires and singing, magician David Black, movie night and pajama party, and a talent show.**
- Virtual field trips to learn about unique **animals** and our local **EMS/Fire Department.**
- A surprise **"Happy Unbirthday"** gift complete with a guided shopping trip.
- Optional two day **"chat camp coffee hour" for campers who use AAC** and their communication partners.
- **Lions Camp Badger poster** and award of completion.
- **Virtual live FLAME the Band Concert (scheduled for Thursday, August 4th at 7pm).**

**All this for just \$300.00 per camper**

Let the fun come to YOU this summer with Lions Camp Badger's Virtual Camp!

Visit our **SUMMER CAMP** page and click the **ONLINE REGISTRATION/ACCOUNT PORTAL** to apply!

**REGISTRATION OPENS Monday, March 15 at 8 am.**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES Friday, May 14th at 3 pm.**

Please register as soon as possible to hold your spot.

**NEWLY added is our LCB EXPLORE - VIRTUAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM for ages 15+.**

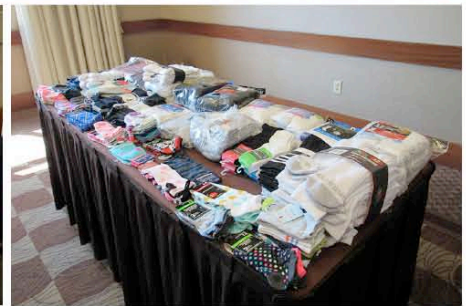
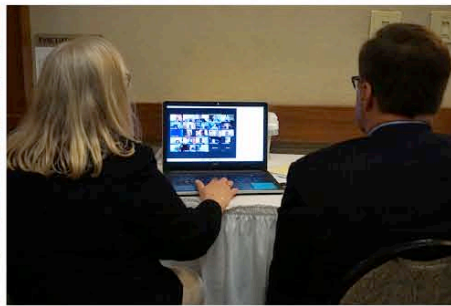
Individuals will learn about how to develop and use the "soft skills" necessary to successfully hold a job or volunteer position, including the importance of good communication, working with a team, maintaining a strong work ethic, and keeping a positive attitude. During the week of August 2-6, each session will be 40 minutes live on Zoom and will include guest speakers from the workforce and an exploration of home-based businesses. Participants who attend all of the classes will receive a Certificate of Completion that they may share with potential employers or volunteer agencies.

Registration for this program is now open, so if you want to add it you can log into your camp account by clicking the **ONLINE REGISTRATION/ACCOUNT PORTAL** on our **SUMMER CAMP** page.





## Pre-convention & Behind the Scenes

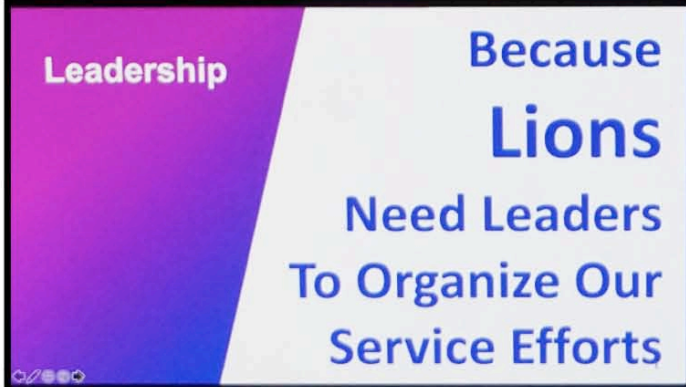
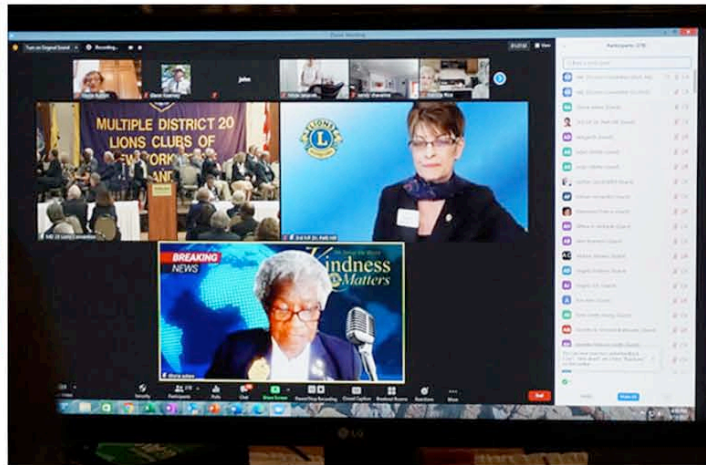




## Opening Session, Friday, May 14th









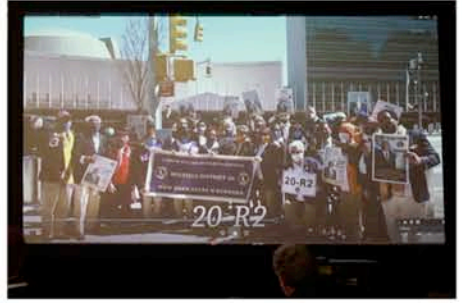
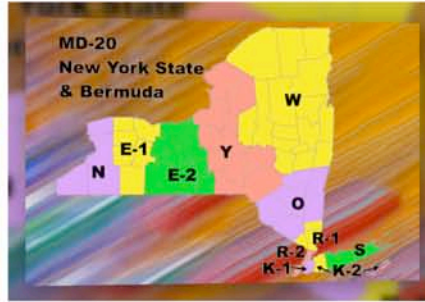


**Congratulations to all International President Certificate and Medal recipients!**





## The Rally for Douglas X. Alexander





Friday night Welcome Dinner sponsored by 2021-2022 Council of Governors

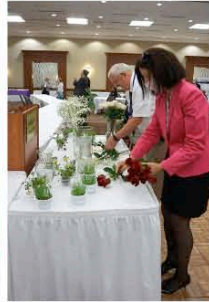


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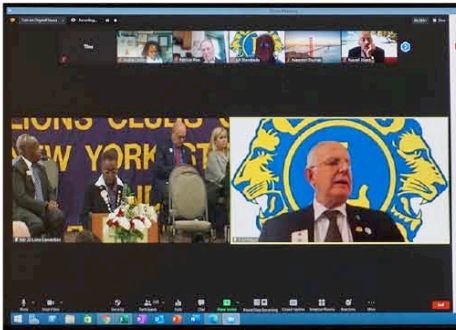




## Memorial Service & Closing Session, Saturday, May 15th















Join Lions around the world - from wherever you are -  
at the virtual 103rd Lions International Convention  
and see how we're connected through service.  
Don't wait to join in on the excitement, register today!  
Register On-Line at - [www.lcicon.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lcicon.lionsclubs.org)



**Then - Celebrate The Start Of  
Douglas X. Alexander's Year Of Service As The  
104<sup>th</sup> President Of Lions Clubs International**



THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER  
*joyfully invites you to a celebration with our*

*International President*  
**DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER**  
**2021 - 2022**

**Saturday, July 10, 2021**  
**1:00pm to 6:00pm**

**RUSSO'S ON THE BAY**  
**162-45 Cross Bay Blvd.**  
**Howard Beach, NY 11414**

**\$125.00 PER PERSON**  
*Cocktail Hour 1:00pm to 2:00pm*  
*Dinner, Dance, Live Band and DJ*

**KINDLY RSVP TO**  
*PCC Andy Umreiko - 516-902-4881*  
*CC Deborah Harrison - 917-364-6671*

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