New York State and Bermuda MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20 LION





JANUARY 2022

PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST DISTRICT

District 20-O: DG George McManus Theme: "We Are All Connected" Winner: HANNAH BARHORST Age: 13 Grade: 8 School: CJ Hooker Middle School

Club Name: Goshen Lions Club

Club President: Lion Ken Tschan

Club Peace Poster Chair: Lion Esther Zaccone

Student's Quote about Peace:

I've always believed that everyone is connected in some way, family trees can be one of those ways we can be connected. Our interests and our beliefs can also be ways we're connected. Although people will fight about their differences, there are so many things we share that outweigh those differences."

ESSAY CONTEST

District 20-W: DG Michele O'Hare Winner: NIHANTH PADMI Age: 13 Grade: 8 School: Shaker Middle School Club Name: Chazy Lions Club Club President: Lion Priscilla Laurin Club Peace Poster Chair: Lion PDG Joan M. Scott



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LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

As of 2018, the Lions International Trading Pin Club is now awarding three Youth Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, Lioness, or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue their education and follow their dreams. The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Club International, "WE SERVE." During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000.00 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1**, **2022**.

All graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs are encouraged to participate in the LITPC Youth Scholarship program.

Important: Since New York usually has several applicants, all scholarship applicants from New York **must submit their completed applications to PCC Jim Schiebel**, Youth Scholarship Chairman, **and not** Lion Lana McCaulley as stated on the Youth Scholarship application. We can only forward two applicants.

To obtain LITPC Youth Scholarship Information:

1. Go on the LITPC website: LITPC.org

- 2. Click on LITPC Scholarship Information
- 3. Click on Scholarship Application Form

4. Send completed application with all required information by **March 1, 2022** to: PCC Jim Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, N.Y. 14468; jschiebel@rochester.rr.com or 585-964-3619.

Application must have:

a) \tilde{C} ompleted current 2021-2022 Application with all five essay questions answered. Each essay response should not be more than 350 words in length.

b) **Three Recommendations.** One of the three must be from a Lion member.

c) A certified, signed, and stamped high school transcript with all grades.

d) A list of **extra-curricular activities.**

2022 STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION NIAGARA FALLS, NY MAY 20-22, 2022

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DISTRICT 20-N CHARTER NIGHT - NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY CLUB



On Friday, November 5th the Niagara Falls Community Lions Club celebrated its charter night.

The Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lions was the sponsoring club and the event was attended by the community, and Lions clubs from Angola, East Aurora, Grand Island, Kenmore, Lewiston, Newfane, Town of Niagara, Wilson and Youngstown. Past District Governor (PDG) Regina Cecconi served as the master of ceremonies.

During the event, the club was presented with its charter, and which was signed by the members.

Lion Nicole Laster received the "Lion of the year Award" for her work and dedication as the club's membership chairwoman. The new club banner was presented by Guiding Lion Jeremy Schnurr and the Tonawandas Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club.

The new club gavel was presented by Chairman, PDG Jeff Jarvis on behalf of the 20-N Past District Governors Associations.

The new club bell was presented by Guiding Lion Jeremy Schnurr and Guiding Lion Tom Witkowski.

Zone chair Lois Kaminski presented the club with a \$200 donation from the Town of Youngstown Lions Club. Town of Niagara Lions Theresa White, Pres Edward Sturgeon, Mike Hoplight, and Angelo Onevelo presented the club with "legacy items" from the original Niagara Falls Club.

TONAWANDAS ERIE CANAL GATEWAY HONORED AT CHARTER NIGHT

The Tonawandas Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club (TECG) was recently honored at the Charter Night Festivities for newly formed District 20N Lions Club, the Niagara Falls Community Lions Club (NFCL). The TECG was the Sponsor Club for the NFCL.

The TECG was recognized by Past District Governor, Lion Regina Cecconi, as being the Sponsoring Club and then honored the 5-year-old Club with a Club Excellence Award for the year 2019-2020. The TECG has always been a very



active Club with events from Hot Dog BBQ's, Environmental Clean Ups to forming a Youth Baseball and Basketball Leagues and a lot of things in between !!!! These Club members are always willing to lend a helping hand in their communities, and rarely say no when it comes to helping someone or organization.

President Bob Starr calls them a "True Blue Collar" Club, always showing up to do a job or to fund raise for a purpose. "I love getting out there and helping to make a difference" says Starr. "Getting in the trenches with our members helps build a stronger group and one that will help make these differences.". Some of the Club's donations have been to various Food Pantries in the City of Tonawanda/North Tonawanda communities to Rockin' with Santa, NT Neighborhood Watch, CAPS (Challenged Athletes Participating in Sports), Special Olympics and many more.

Our upcoming seasonal events that help in our area (going on now) are "Chase the Chill" (a collection of gently used winter wear for redistribution), a Health Bazaar, a candy bar sale, as well as a Meat Raffle, a Spaghetti Dinner (both coming in the winter) as well as a couple of more to keep our communities' members smiling (like a family swim in February).

As we all can see, the TECG is a very active Club with one thing on its mind. SERVING our communities.



District 20E2 2021 Fall Conference

In early November Lions in District 20E2 gathered in Geneva New York for fellowship with other District Lions, inspirational messages from Lions Leaders, training seminars to help Lions do their community service work, and fun with delicious food and the hospitality room!

The guest speaker was International Director Dr. Dianne Pitts, from South Carolina. During her talk at the

Fall Conference Luncheon on Saturday, she told us that in this time, the need (for community service from Lions) is greater than ever before. To meet this challenge Lion ID Dianne told us that we should Re-boot, Reignite our membership and Re-engage our communities.

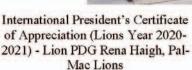
Lion ID Dianne visited Lions Camp Badger and the Ithaca Free Vision Clinic during her visit to our District.

Awards during the Fall Conference:



Melvin Jones Fellow - Lion ZC Jo Ann Twist, Campbell Lions







International President's Certificate of Appreciation (Lions Year 2021 – 2022) - Lion Mary Daniels, Waverly Lions and Lion Helen Dormady, Ithaca Lions



Presidential Medal - Lion IPDG Deb Bush, Ovid-Willard Lions



New Member Recognition - Lion Barbara Caufield and Lion Nancy Lyon - Canandaigua Lions

Seminars and Workshops

Which is Better, 1 or 2? - Lion Dawn Young Being a Change Leader – Leadership After COVID – PDG Dave Rupright How to Twist a Lions Tail – "Larry, Leigh & maybe Moe" COVID Restart – Keeping Members Interested – 2nd VDG Russ Ebbets Lions and Diabetes Screening – Lion Michael Donohoe Open Forum with Lion ID Dr. Dianne Pitts Show Me the Money – Lion IPDG Deb Bush

Dinner and Hospitality Room

















PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDGE ANTHONY PARADISO FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

A RESPECTED LEADER WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LIONS AT THE DISTRICT, MD20 AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS



SERVICE TO LIONS INTERNATIONAL

- Appointed by IP Douglas Alexander to serve as Chairman of the 2021 District Governors-Elect Seminar
- Appointed by the last 11 International Presidents to serve as LCI Representative to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Appointed by 5 International Vice Presidents to serve as a Group Leader at District Governors-Elect Seminars in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016 and 2020



SERVICE TO MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20

- Council Parliamentarian 2016-2021
- Constitution & By-laws Committee 2005-2021
- Policy Manual Committee

SERVICE TO DISTRICT 20-K2

- LCIF Campaign 100 District Coordinator
- District Constitution & By-laws Committee
- GAT Member (GLT Chair, GMT Chair)
- District Governor 2003-2004

LET PDG ANTHONY USE HIS EXPERIENCE TO GIVE VOICE TO YOUR CONCERNS AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

DISTRICT 20-W

Chazy Lions Club

By King Lion Priscilla Laurin

Each year the Chazy Lion's Club decorate the tree outside of Stewart's - this year Lion John Saxe and Tom Pepper were the members that completed this project.

Lion Tim Ryan and his partner in service Kathy Ryan organized the Community Candy Cane Lane for the community with the help



of some of the Chazy Lions, family and

community volunteers. They set up numerous decorations around the school pond. Families were able to drive through to see the decorations and Santa and Mrs. Claus, (Tim and Kathy). Each

Yesterday 12/24/2021 The Chazy

Lions Club donated money to the Stewart's Holiday match - in the photos VDG1 Lion Ricky Laurin

and Lion John Saxe along with the

Chazy Stewarts manager, Angela.

child received a gift package of candy from the Snow Man and Elf.

Yesterday 12/24/2021 The Chazy Lions Club donated money to the Stewart's Holiday match.

Chazy Lions also spent a weekend earlier in December ringing the bell for the Salvation

Utica Lions Club

By King Lion Antonetta Panuccio

Lions Club of Utica have been very busy.

Lions Club of Utica had their first fundraiser of 2021-2022 King Lion Antonetta's friend donated a LED gas grill a value of \$500.00. The drawing was held on 9-1-21, (\$2,600 was raised).

King Lion Antonetta Panuccio and other fellow Lions have donated 16 Turkey's, two cases of canned food and other goodies to The Utica Fire Department to feed families in need for this Thanksgiving Season. Our Mission is to "Serve", putting the needs of our Communities and our World first.

Act of Kindness Donations:



\$500 Donation to American Red Cross, (9-1-21).
\$250 to Rescue Mission, (10-13-21).
\$250 Thea Bowen, (10-13-21).
\$250 to Veterans Out Reach Center (10-13-21)
\$250 Refugee Center, (10-13-21).
\$500 will be Donated to Taps: The Ultimate Military Tribute, (12-6-21).
\$3000 will be given to The Central Association For The Blind And Visually Impaired, (12-8-21).

We are Proud To Serve Our Community and others in need.

We are looking to recruit new members

We held a meeting 12-6-21 @ The North Utica Senior

Center @ 7pm. District Governor Lion Michele Pueloo O'Hare was in attendance. We will be having a speaker from Taps Master Mark Williamson. (Future project to be discussed).

Hope everyone had a Blessed Holiday.



Anthem/LCIF Food Bank Project/ EmpireBlue Cross/Blue Shield/ Regional Lions Clubs

n Saturday November 10th, Lions members of District W, representing a number of area Lions Clubs, and employees of Empire BlueCross/BlueShield, an Anthem Company, volunteered together at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Both groups are committed to helping those that are less fortunate in our communities. The Regional Food Bank has been helping to feed the poor and hungry in our communities since 1982. They collect large donations of food from the food industry and distribute it to charitable agencies serving hungry and disadvantaged people in 23 counties, providing over 35 million pounds of food a year to 1,000 agencies from Plattsburgh to Newburgh, in urban, rural, and suburban communities. In 3 hours (including instruction time), this diligent group sorted 15,000 pounds of frozen food! It was just in coldstorage when we got there, and now it's in active inventory, ready for distribution. This year's Lions/Anthem event was the 3rd year of our highly successful collaboration and we'll be looking to expand it to a twice per year venture with another outing in the Spring!

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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 <u>Sheraton Niagara Falls</u> with additional availability at the nearby <u>Hyatt Place Niagara Falls</u>.

To register only or register and make hotel reservations please use this link: <u>www.niagarafallsusa.com/md20lions/</u>

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.

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MD-20 STATE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM NIAGARA FALLS 2022 All meals will take place at the Niagara Falls Convention Center

Fri. May 20, 2022	t with the Council 8:30 AM	\$20.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased afte		\$23.00 per person	
Tickets I urchased and	1 April 01, 2022	\$23.00 per person	Ψ
LCIF Luncheon			
Fri. May 20, 2022	Noon	\$28.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased afte	r April 01, 2022	\$31.00 per person	\$
Welcome Luncheon			
Fri. May 20, 2022 N	oon	\$24.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased afte	er April 01, 2022	\$27.00 per person	
	Division		
Breakfast with the Vice			14.1
Sat. May 21, 2022	8:00 AM	\$20.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased afte	er April 01, 2022	\$23.00 per person	\$
Lions Lunch			
Sat. May 21, 2022	Noon	\$24.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased after April 01, 2022		\$27.00 per person	\$
	Gala "Motown T	heme"	
Sat. May 21, 2022			
Doors open at 6:00 PM	Dinner served at 7:00 PM	\$45.00 per person	\$
Tickets Purchased after April 01, 2022		\$48.00 per person	\$

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED

The <u>best</u> way to submit this form is to email it along with a copy of your check (no hard/physical copy required) or your cc info to <u>lionsmd20@gmail.com</u> If you cannot email, you may mail your request with check or cc info to: NYS Lions Clubs, 200 Gateway Park Drive, Bldg. A, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Please note, US mail to our office has been unreliable so emailing your request is the preferred method.

You must purchase your tickets in advance. <u>No meal tickets will be sold at the</u> <u>Convention.</u> The deadline to purchase meal tickets is <u>May 10, 2022</u>.

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DISTRICT 20-Y

PARTNERS IN SERVICE: Though it is not officially a function of District 20 Y, the MD 20 Council of

Governors met in Binghamton. As is the custom, the Governors sequestered themselves to an expansive room to deliberate the planning for the Multiple District in both the short and long term.

While the Governors are planning, the Partners in Service spent the time doing! The Partners in Service collected over eighty pounds of socks in every shape,

size, texture, and color to warm and protect the tootsies of those in need of assistance. As one who has walked the streets (not to be confused with street walking) of Binghamton for many years I can attest for the need of good socks. The socks were delivered to the Volunteers of America just before the cold weather began. Volunteers of America services families, men, and women, with shelter or who are in need of assistance. Thank you Partners in Service!

SOUTH LEWIS LIONS:

Lion Alan Woodruff made this beautiful plaque and donated it to the 4-H Center at Amboy. 1st Vice District Governor Sheree Vora presented it to SVDG Paul on Lion Alan's behalf.

WATERTOWN LIONS: Lion Karen Strife and Lion Amy O'Brien (display designer) accepting the plaque for winning "Most Traditional" at the North Country Festival of Trees! Congrats!





CAZENOVIA LIONS: The Exotic Car Club and the

Cazenovia Lions raised \$680.00 for sight programs.





The Caz Lions represented by our most Senior Lion Allan Youngs, donated a cart full of socks to CazCares.

Every year the Lions Club sells laptop raffle tickets to support local programs such as providing vision screening and glasses to children-in-need in the Cazenovia Community. Lion Sue Manier (Service Chair), Lion Cathy Savage (Club President), Tammy Gamlen (Winner!) and Lion Mike Basla (First Vice President).

This year's community project was to build moveable art walls for the art center. Lion Dave Porter, Lion Geoffery Navias, Lion Hal Defrees, Lion Rick Manier, Lion Susan Manier and Steve Burrells built six units.



JOHNSON CITY LIONS: Broome County held a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event. Non-profit organizations were invited to attend and pass-out candy treats to children in Halloween costumes.



MARTISCO LIONS: welcomed new members Fran and Mark Hagan. Shown here at their induction ceremony (left to right) are sponsor Phil de Monte, Mark Hagan, Fran Hagan, sponsor Donna de Monte and Vice President Gary Wilson.

The annual Fall Highway Cleanup for the Martisco Lions shown here after cleaning the 2.2 miles of community highway from Cherry Valley Turnpike to the Otisco Lake Dam.



CENTRAL SQUARE LIONS: DG Tom Skinner

joined the Lions and addressed the club and described his vision for a box implementation in communities to grow food, flowers to attract bees and butterflies, and to encourage interaction and help within the community.

Next up was sorting and packing 728 pairs of eyeglasses collected in Central Square. DG Tom jumped right in to work side by side.







MD 20 Alert Foundation



For those of you who may not be aware. On Monday December 20, PDG Rick Brisee and PID Dr. Ed Cordes drove a truck full of supplies to Kentucky to aid the tornado victims there. The supplies were from the MD20 Alert Foundation warehouse and DG Tom Skinner, PCC Paul Burnett and PDG Dave Noteboom helped PDG Rick and PID Ed to load. The supplies arrived in Kentucky on Tuesday and the team there took PID Ed and PDG Rick to Mayfield where they took these pictures. The devastation there is real but MD20 was able to help in a tangible way. We received some very generous donations from Lions in MD20 and we thank those who have already contributed. This is what we as Lions do for our own communities but also for those in need anywhere. Anyone who would like to help us replenish our supplies at the warehouse can donate to the **MD20 Alert Foundation at 7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367.**



Please contact PCC Kelly Clark with any questions. Kclarkmd20@gmail.com



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Consider supporting the BMYF, and children in need, by becoming a member of our Legacy Society and be recognized with a special lapel pin at a private reception at the MD-20 Convention. Contact: DG Michele O'Hare for more information at moharebmyf@gmail.com

GRANTS

Your support allows the BMYF to offer grants to Clubs to help meet the needs of children in their community. Consider having your club apply for a Humanitarian Grant today. Visit our website.

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brandelmurphyfoundation.org or contact us at <u>Wecare@brandelmurphyfoundation.org</u>.

DISTRICT 20-R2

Even though the pandemic continues, District 20-R2 and its clubs have slowly and steadily been finding their place in the new normal. Immediately after being sworn into office during the first ever Virtual International Convention, DG Maribel Salabarria traveled to Yonkers for her first club officer installation. DG Maribel, IPDG Riki Ito, SVDG Raymond Smith, their Partners in Service, and 8 other District Lions then had the privilege to attend IP Douglas X. Alexander's Celebration event in early July.

While all Cabinet meetings have been virtual so far, the first Open District meeting was held in person. Sadly, in the interest of everyone's safety, the second District meeting was switched to virtual due to the omicron surge. And though we have lost several clubs this Lion Year, the NY Phil-Am Lions Club, the largest club in the Multiple, continues to grow (currently 220 members, a net positive of 46 since July 1), and just celebrated 50 years of Service.

In regards to leadership, three out of the five District Lions who attended this year's USA/Canada Forum were firsttimers, including one who organized a remembrance circle to commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11. Four District Lions, including our SVDG, attended the MD20 RLLI, and one other was a (first-time) group mentor. In mid-December, DG Maribel convened a Club Presidents' Summit virtually to acknowledge their ongoing efforts during the pandemic, and for them to share ideas and experiences,

20-R2 clubs continue to excel in serving their communities. In particular, the NY Bangladeshi-American Lions Club has held COVID-19 and flu shot clinics, blood drives, food distributions, and more, almost on a weekly basis. A number of the Lower Westchester clubs have resumed vision screenings, and five of them, plus one other District club, carpooled to the NJ Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in October to deliver and sort donated eyeglasses, including those collected by other clubs.

In mid-December, 5 judges and several club representatives joined DG Maribel and District Peace Poster chair PDG Loretta Wu to select the District Peace Poster out of 12 submissions. For the second year in a row, a poster submitted by NY Japanese-American LC (this time drawn by Naho Matsuda of the Japanese Children's Society) was the District Winner, with a poster from first-time participant Yonkers LC took Honorable Mention. For the remaining half year, DG Maribel will continue "Strengthening Our Base", starting with our District Convention this month and Yonkers Lions Club's centennial in May.



Polar Express - 2021



District 20-K2's Children's Holiday Polar Express, hosted by the Bellmore Lions Club, served over 550 children and 270 families. Families were greeted by Leos and Lions dressed as Christmas characters and started their journey as the "Conductor" punched their ticket. Hundreds of toys and gifts were given plus every child received socks, gloves, coats, pjs, candy, hot dogs and much more. Parents and guardians receive their own goody bags. This year, with social distancing, 12 volunteers spent 8 hours on Friday setting up and 45 Lions & volunteers and 30 Leos worked tirelessly on Saturday. The Lions of District 20-K2 brought Santa and Holiday Cheer to many struggling families in Nassau County.

Lions of Bermuda Hamilton, Paget & Eastern Lions Clubs



Kicking off Bermuda's annual "Share the Christmas Spirit" food drive.

Hamilton Lions Club \$5,000 present a donation to the Bermuda **Diabetes Association for** education programs to improve the lives of those with diabetes.





Eastern Lions Club prepared tea boxes with sandwiches, sweets and teabags. Cars drive thru to pick up their boxes and chance to win a prize!

Floral Park Lions Club Santa had a lot



of visitors. He posed for pics with a five-week old, a grandma, toddlers, young hockey players, school age children & their parents, Leos, and

Lions. Thanks to Santa for stopping by the Rec Center during his super busy season.

Freeport Lions Club donated school supplies to the Bayview Ave.



Elementary School. Partnerwith ing a local business the Club collected over 1,000 items.

Jericho-Brookville Lions Club



partnered with Toys of Hope to distribute toys to the children of families living in temporary housing. The Club also holds on open air

free market for these families each Saturday with "Feed the Need" food pantry.

Long Beach Lions Club hosted a New Hyde Park Lions Club annual fundraiser with actor David McCallum

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from NCIS. He shared stories from his 60 year career, signed autographs and took photos with contributors in support of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation!

LI Indo-American Lions Club is committed to serving their community and creating a better tomorrow for the less



privileged. In a short time this club has organized many events reaching out to help with Eye glass donations, food drives, clothing

drives, etc. The club also organized Health and Wellness Fairs, cultural activities and social & educational events. The club has also touched lives globally by making donations towards cancer cure, eye sight and food insecurities etc.

Ed Smith Mineola Lions Club hosted their 'A Taste of the Grape' Wine Tasting.



An evening of great music, delicious food and the pleasant nuance of wines. All money raised will be donated to community

groups, charitable organizations, and local students. During the event, the club presented a donation of \$5,000 to the AHRC Foundation and the Guide Dog Foundation for The LI Bombers, a "Beeper \$2,000. Softball" league later received a \$4,000 donation.

New Hyde Park North Lions Club The



Club held a successful Food Drive and used the event to raise

additional funds and do some recruiting by handing out pamphlets to prospective new members.



Christmas Tree lot was back this year. Opening on November 26, it was nice seeing friends and family showing support once again.

Seaford Lions Club presented a Memorial Wreath at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Seaford American Legion Post.



Pres. George Brennan and Lions attended the Ceremony.

So.Nassau Spectacular ASD Lions Club is our newest Lions Club! The Club will provide leadership, service and socialization opportunities for young adults on the ASD



spectrum and their loved ones. They're already made a difference in the lives of others by collecting non-per-

ishable food items for their Thanksgiving food drive.

Wantagh Lions Club delivered desserts on

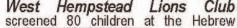


December 24th to service members at the US Coast Guard Station Jones Beach. Arriving while seated for their afternoon meal.

Westbury/Carle Place Club Branch President Debbie Caliendo has already



recruited 12 members and they are starting their first service project.





Lions Club Academy of Nassau County for early vision problems.







PLACE A "1" NEXT TO PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR LORRI E. RIEGER FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AT THE MD20 NIAGARA FALLS CONVENTION

I have been preparing for this high honor most of my Lion life. As you can see from the lists below, I am qualified to hold the position of International Director, but more importantly, I am **prepared** to hold this position. As the next International Director (ID) from MD20, I will bring the concerns of Lions to the International Board. I will meet with Lions in Constitutional Area 1 and help them be the best they can be by listening to their concerns, providing guidance to solve issues, spread ideas about service projects and fundraisers. As a member of the International Board, I will always be prepared to participate in board meetings and will represent MD20 with dignity, intelligence and dedication. I live and breathe Lionism as does my PIS PDG Fred Rieger. Together we will make MD20 proud.

CLUB

- Active club member 22 years
- Member/Chair following committees: Program, By Laws, Fundraising, Scholarship, Budget, Nominating, Community Service, Basket Auction, Guide Dog Walk, Vision Screening Club Quarterly Newsletter (editor), Club Website and Club Facebook Page Editor, Director
- Parliamentarian
- 1st Vice President (twice)
- President (twice)

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- GLT-D
- Zone Chair
- Region Chair
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- 1st Vice District Governor twice
- District Governor twice
- Chair of Long-Range Planning
- CSFII Coordinator
- Chair of MERL Team
- Co-Chair Suffolk Diabetes Foundation
- Cabinet S/T
- Chair of Long Island Lions Quest Initiative
- Cornea Transporter

MD20

- NYS PDG Organization S/T
- NYS&BLF Trustee/Secretary
- Leader of Partners in Service
- Admin. Assist. to Council Chair
- NYS Reading Action Chair

INTERNATIONAL

- Presenter at 2 USA/Canada Forums
- Attended 5 USA/Canada Forums

CONVENTIONS ATTENDED

- MD20 14
- International 12

LIONS INSTITUTE/LEARNING

- Senior Lions Leadership
- Guiding Lion
- Faculty Development Institute
- FDES
- Lions University BA, MA, Ph.D.

AWARDS

- International President's Award (2)
- IP Certificates of Appreciation (4)
- Key Award
- Club Membership Growth Award
- 100% President's Excellence Award
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Progressive Robert J Uplinger
- Every Day Hero

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PDG Michele O'Hare - dgmicheleohare@gmail.com

THE BAY SHORE LIONS, Suffolk's first club, celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a brunch at Captain Bill's Bayview House in Bay Shore in November 2021. The club was chartered in October 1931. At the time all of NYS was a single district. In 1949 20-S was chartered in it own right and became one of eight districts in MD20. Lawrence C Lobaugh, from the Lions Club of The Islips, was the first DG. It would have been appropriate for the District Governor to come from the Lions of Bay Shore.

THE NORTH BABYLON LIONS returned after a COVID hiatus to sponsor Scouting's "Turkaree" held



in Belmont State Park this past November. The scouts camp for the weekend, troops compete for the best Thanksgiving dinner, and someone created a smiley face with cans of yams and memes of beans.

Lions from the BROOKHAVEN GREAT SOUTH BAY LIONS delivered a donation to Lighthouse Mission in early December.

THE PORT JEF-FERSON LIONS CLUB delivered Christ-mas dinner to 120 families in the communities they serve: Port Jefferson, Port Jefferson Station, Mount Sinai, Coram and Three



Villages. Thank you to the club members, volunteers, and Club President Lenny Scolaro for filling these bags. Please visit the Port Jefferson Lions Facebook Page.

The **PATCHOGUE LIONESS LIONS CLUB** is holding a Winter Wonderland Fundraiser in February 2022.



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20-S CABINET will hold its Third Cabinet Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, calling to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting is open to all Suffolk Lions.

THE CABINET elected to contribute \$100.00 to any club with less than twenty members that holds a Meet & Greet or other membership raising event this winter or spring. Each club can ask for the contribution twice through June 2022. The contribution may be used to purchase individually wrapped refreshments, or to market their membership event.

THE DISTRICT will be holding several MEET & GREETS this winter and spring to organize charter members in the burgeoning Suffolk County Lions Club. This club will have ALERT and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).Members will be trained and certified in this specialty club, and committees will organize, maintain, and distribute the stored emergency equipment distributed from the ALERT facility at Camp Badger, thanks to PCC Kelly Clark and PDG Rick Brisee.

There are ten possible charter members who have shown interest in this service to our district. Each person brings a specialty in emergency services to the club. We're also looking for members who have administrative experience to help run the club and join in the specialty service.



THE NORTH BABYLON LIONS are at full steam initiation twenty-one new members between October and December 2021.

The club is 73 members strong. Congratulation to all of the new Lions. We describe excellence in service by the Membership Chairperson Lion Antonella Langdon and Club President Diane DeLuca.

The initiation ceremony pictured was in November with PIPAl Brandel [back row, left of center] officiating. The excitement at this meeting was described as if not were the opening for a new Broadway show.

20-S held its **ANNUAL CONVENTION** at the Wind Watch Country Club in the afternoon of November 7, 2021. The assembly heard from the candidates running for International Director and we enjoyed a keynote presentation from PID Mike Molenda.

DG Don Stirnweis and EmCee First Vice District Governor Douglas Marange, along with other District Leaders presented Suffolk County's township and other flags, the Roll Call of Clubs, Lions Memorial Service (deceased names found in the Journal linked below), District and International Awards, the Membership Cup, plus the results of the balloting of District Endorsements for nomination to both International and District offices. Not to forget the Basket and 50/50 Raffle winners. PDG Lorri E.Rieger was endorsed for nomination as our candidate for International Director. FVDG Douglas Marange and SVDG Peter Tamsen were endorsed as our candidates for DGE and FVDGE respectively. Sadly, there was no name placed on the ballot for endorsement as our candidate for SVDGE.

The Journal program may be downloaded from https://www.dropbox.com/s/dl/i4zzrp7v4x19036/20 21%20Convention%20Journal%20Spread%203.pdf.

Pictured is our Convention's International Guest, PID Mike Molenda [r] with DG Don Stirn-weis [1] and Lion Mary Pontieri [c] of the Brookhaven Great South



Bay Lions receiving her International President's Certificate of Appreciation. We also welcomed PID Mikes wife, Lion Linda Molenda to the convention.

A group of Lions that include PDG Gloria Burton [seated left] and PDG Rich Nilsson [seated center] among other mem-



bers from the Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions.

Also at the 20-S Convention, the **GREENLAWN LIONS** were awarded the District Membership Cup by

GMT Coordinator, IPDG Steven Espach. This past year the club grew from ten to nineteen members almost doubling their membership while forming a more stable membership foundation. The club's name will be engraved again on the plaque on the base of the cup. The



Membership Cup is awarded at the convention to the club that has the largest percentage of growth in one year from the beginning of October to the beginning of October the following year. "It's easier to win the cup when membership is low and the percentage of growth is high." stated GMT Steve Espach. "Such is the case of the Greenlawn Lions for the past two years. That doesn't diminish the club's accomplishment that the club went from only eight members in 2019-2020 to nineteen in 2020-2021.

The past winners of the Cup since 2017 have included the N. Babylon and the Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions. The years these clubs won the Cup, they had a respectable numbers of members plus a good percentage of growth. Those years there were other clubs that demonstrated positive growth, lowering the overall percentages among all the other runners-up.

THE MELVILLE LIONS are planning a "One Lucky Night" Casino Night on April 24, 2022. Let's hope that the bets on Omicron show low odds.





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