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**APRIL 28-30, 2023
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~ ORDER FORM ~

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CONVENTION RULES

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The rules set forth herein are promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in the MD20 Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual.

REGISTRATION

All participants, Lions and guests alike, must be registered in advance of the Multiple District 20 Convention to participate in convention activities. A registration fee, the amount of which is set by the Council of Governors, shall be collected from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the convention. Those wishing to attend the convention must register online. The link can be found by navigating to the state convention tab on the MD-20Lions website. **MD-20 Convention registration badges must be worn at all times and are required to attend all sessions, seminars and workshops.**

CERTIFICATION/DUES

All delegates and alternates must be certified at this Multiple District 20 Convention. Photo ID must be presented for certification. In order to certify its delegates and alternates, a club must be in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 20 and its sub-district. **To acquire good standing, all club fiscal responsibilities, which includes outstanding dues, entrance fees and other overdue balances acquired prior to March 1st of this year, must be paid in full to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 20, and the sub-district, no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. This includes pro rata dues and entrance fees for any new members added to the club roster prior to March 1st.** To exercise voting privileges at this convention, all dues, entrance fees and other overdue balances owed to LCI, MD20 and the sub-district must be received and paid no later than **April 15, 2023**. Absolutely no exceptions will be made to this rule.

CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, its district, and this multiple district shall be entitled in each convention of this multiple district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to above shall be five (5) or more members. Notwithstanding the above, each chartered club in good standing shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate at each such convention. It is further provided that the district governor in each district, by virtue of the office, and each past district governor (including any past or present international officer or director) who is an active member of a chartered Lions Club in good standing, shall be a certified delegate to each such convention, but shall not be included in the delegate quota of his/her club for any such convention.

Delegate forms have been distributed to club secretaries by the District Governor in each district and must be returned to the **Multiple District Office no later than April 15, 2023**. The delegate form indicates the number of delegates and alternates to which a club is presumptively entitled based on the club's most recent membership report to Lions Clubs International, and reflects the number of members enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day when the form was generated. **The final number of delegates and alternates that a club may certify at convention is subject to change by the Certification Committee based on the final membership report generated by Lions Club International as of March 1, 2023, which shall be binding.**

A Lion who has been enrolled in the club for less than a year and a day may serve as a delegate. Each club may determine delegate eligibility.

REPLACEMENT OF A CERTIFIED DELEGATE BY AN ALTERNATE

The District Governor of each sub-district within Multiple District 20 shall be solely responsible for permitting the replacement of a delegate listed on the official Delegate Form, whether certified or not, by a certified alternate at the Multiple District Convention. The District Governor shall require verification of the replacement by the club's president or secretary. Such verification may be made in person, in writing, or may be received electronically (text or email) or telephonically.

Only those alternates listed on the club Delegate Form furnished by Multiple District 20, and on file with the Multiple District Office at the Multiple District Convention, shall be eligible to replace a previously certified delegate. All delegate changes must be accomplished prior to the beginning of the Convention Memorial Service on the Sunday morning of the Multiple District Convention.

CONVENTION SESSIONS AND SCHEDULED EVENTS

The members of the Council of Governors shall be the officers of the Multiple District 20

Convention. The Council Chair shall serve as the presiding officer of the convention. The Council of Governors shall arrange the order of business for the convention, and same shall be the order of the day for all sessions. Except for registration and certification hours, which may not be changed, deviation from the announced order of business shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present. A majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

It shall be the duty of both the presiding officer and the delegates in attendance to begin, carry on, and close each session of the convention, as well as scheduled seminars, workshops, forums, luncheons, and dinners on time. Lions in attendance are expected to attend all sessions of the convention until recess or adjournment is ordered. No Lions or guests shall congregate or loiter in the lobbies or outer rooms so as to disrupt any convention proceeding. Lions are expected to attend and participate in scheduled workshops and seminars and support the social functions organized by the convention committee.

Hospitality rooms shall not be open during the times of any official business session or any scheduled seminar, workshop, forum, luncheon, or dinner. When open, they shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and standards of common courtesy.

FUNDRAISING

No individual committee, club or district may conduct any fundraising activities at the Multiple District 20 Convention. This includes raffles, selling of souvenirs, pins, or material regardless of the worthiness of the project. The following organizations shall be exempt from this rule to the extent provided below: Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. at Lions Camp Badger; New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc.; Lions SEE Inc.; MD20 Alert Foundation Inc. and the Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation Inc. (collectively "exempt organizations").

The exempt organizations are granted permission to sell raffle tickets at the MD20 Convention.

The exempt organizations are granted permission to hold their raffle drawings on the Sunday of the convention as scheduled by the MD 20 Secretary/Treasurer.

The exempt organizations are granted the opportunity to have free booth space at the MD20 Convention to promote their programs and mission.

If requested, the Pin Traders Club of New York and Bermuda will be provided free booth space to promote scholarships and provide membership information. The MD20 Secretary/Treasurer shall determine the availability of same. No selling or trading of pins shall be permitted in this space.

Any other fundraising activities must be authorized by the Council of Governors.

PIN TRADING

Pin trading space will be made available to the Pin Traders Club of New York and Bermuda if requested, and if so requested shall be arranged for by the MD20 Secretary/Treasurer. No pin trading shall be permitted during convention business sessions.

The Rules of the LCI Constitution and the policy of the Lions International Pin Traders Club shall be observed and enforced by the Board of Directors of the PTCNY&B.

NOMINATIONS

Notice of intention to run for the office of district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor must be filed with the council secretary in the multiple district office **no later than April 1, 2023**. Said notice must provide evidence of the candidate's compliance with the qualifications set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the office sought. The council secretary will forward said notice to the Nominating Committee, which will review the qualifications of the candidate prior to the opening of the multiple district convention and rule on the eligibility of such individual to stand for election. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the multiple district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If no noticed candidate for an office is deemed qualified, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee may entertain the nomination of a qualified candidate from the floor, subject to verification of said individual's qualifications.

The order of nominations will be as follows: second vice district governor candidates, first vice district governor candidates, then district governor candidates. In the event of a contest, the candidates from the district hosting the contest will be nominated **after** the candidates from the districts hosting uncontested elections. There shall be one seconding speech **not to exceed sixty (60) seconds** for each second vice district governor candidate. In the event of a contest, the supporters of each second vice district governor candidate may engage in a floor demonstration **not to exceed ninety (90) seconds** immediately following the second speech. The Council Chair, as presiding officer of the convention, shall recognize one Lion in good standing for the purpose of seconding the nomination of all candidates for first vice district governor. In the event that a candidate for first vice district governor has not previously been nominated for the position of second vice district gover-



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nor, then, and only then, will a seconding speech not to exceed **sixty (60) seconds** be permitted for the first vice district governor candidate. There shall be a seconding speech **not to exceed ninety (90) seconds** for each district governor candidate.

District Governor candidates are required to send 2 photos and a brief bio to the MD20 office no later than sixty (60) days before the convention which will be included in the convention issue of the MD20 magazine. Notice of intention to run for the office of international director or international third vice president shall be filed with the council secretary in the multiple district office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of the multiple district convention. Said notice must provide evidence of the candidate's compliance with the qualifications set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the office sought. The council secretary will forward said notice to the Nominating Committee, which will review the qualifications of the candidate prior to the opening of the multiple district convention and rule on the eligibility of such individual to stand for election. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the multiple district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes in duration. A floor demonstration not to exceed five (5) minutes may follow.

The MD 20 office will forward proof of each candidate's election to LCI after the multiple district convention.

CAMPAIGNING

Candidates for any office voted on at this convention are prohibited from participating in any official capacity at any function open to all attendees at this MD-20 Annual Convention.

It shall be prohibited to campaign for any candidate for office, or exhibit, display or possess any campaign material within the voting area, as well as within 100 feet of the voting area. The term "campaign material" shall include, but not limited to, the display, exhibition or possession of any sign, placard, paraphernalia, literature, document or other similar or like item, which directly or indirectly refers to any candidate for office. This rule shall be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

All posters and campaign material advertising candidates for district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, international director or international officer shall be posted only in approved locations and only within the hotels or convention halls being used specifically for convention purposes. It is expected that all due care and consideration will be exercised with regard to private property. Any liability resulting from the posting of said campaign material is the responsibility of the person or organization for which it was erected. No campaign material is to be posted on any public thoroughfare. The Convention Committee and the Council of Governors specifically request that all such material be removed at the close of the convention.

CONVENTION VOTING

Photo ID must be presented for voting and certification.

You must be registered to be certified.

You must be certified to vote.

You must be listed on your club's delegate form.

Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Each vote shall be by secret written ballot. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district.

Each vote can be cast only by a duly certified delegate whose credentials to serve as such have been passed upon and recognized as valid by the Credentials Committee of the convention. A certified alternate may be permitted to replace a certified delegate only with the permission of the District Governor in accordance with the policy set forth above.

VOTING PROCEDURE

In an election involving **only one candidate**, the ballot shall take the following form:

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box indicating a yes or a no vote for the candidate.

POSITION	NAME	YES	NO
District Governor			
	Candidate A		

To be elected, the candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions.

A tie between yes and no votes would indicate that a majority has not been received. If a majority vote is not received in the election for district governor, first vice district governor, or second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-laws shall apply. The same ballot form shall be used when a question is submitted to the convention for consideration.

In an election involving **two candidates**, the ballot shall take the following form:

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box next to the name of the candidate you are casting your vote for.

Position	Name	Vote
First Vice District Governor		
	Candidate A	
	Candidate B	

To be elected, the winning candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. In the event of a tie, or if a majority vote is not otherwise achieved, the balloting shall continue until one of the nominees receives a majority of the valid votes cast.

In an election involving **three or more candidates**, a preferential voting ballot shall be used and shall take the following form:

Instructions: Indicate your preference by clearly marking next to each candidate's name a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) indicating your preference in the order in which you would elect the candidate (i.e., 1-representing highest preference, 2-next preference, etc.).

Position	Name	Preference/Rank
Second Vice District Governor		
	Candidate A	4
	Candidate B	2
	Candidate C	1
	Candidate D	3

To be elected, the winning candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. In counting the votes, the ballots are arranged in piles according to indicated first preferences. If any one candidate receives a majority of first preference votes he/she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives the majority of first preference votes, then the candidate receiving the fewest first preference votes is eliminated and his/her votes are redistributed according to the second preference listed on each such ballot. The votes for the remaining candidates are then recounted. If any one candidate receives a majority of first and second preference votes, then he/she is declared the winner. If no remaining candidate receives a majority vote, then the process is repeated by redistributing the votes of the candidate receiving the least number of first or second preference votes. His/her votes will be distributed to the remaining candidates in the preferred order indicated. This process shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

If a ballot having one or more names not marked with a preference ranking comes up for placement at any stage of the counting and all of its marked names have been eliminated, it shall not be placed in any pile, but shall be set aside and treated as a blank for that round of counting.

If at any point two or more candidates are tied for the least popular position, the ballots in their piles are redistributed in a single step, all of the tied names being treated as eliminated. In the event of a tie in the winning position - which would imply that the elimination process is continued until the ballots are reduced to two or more equal piles - the election should be resolved in favor of the candidate that was strongest in terms of first choice (by referring to the record of the first distribution).

Challenges to the results of any vote must be made to the Chair before the close of the session or within 15 minutes of the final Report of the Elections Committee Chair, whichever comes first.

In the event of a tie or a challenge necessitating a re-vote, the polls will be reopened for 30 minutes, or until the last delegate in line at that time has voted.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where otherwise herein provided, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised latest edition, shall govern the Parliamentary Procedure. **THE MD-20 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO SERVE AS THE CONVENTION CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS RULINGS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, SHALL BE FINAL.**



CONVENTION PROGRAM

CONVENTION CALL

Official Notice: This is the official call for an Annual Convention for the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20, New York State and Bermuda, Inc. to be held the dates of April 28-30, 2023 in the Buffalo Convention Center, Buffalo, New York.

The Council of Governors has directed that the hours for Certification of delegates and voting shall be as follows:

ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER UNLESS NOTED

Welcome to Buffalo Party: **Ballroom Buffalo Convention Center**

Thursday, April 27, 2023 8:00 to 11:00 PM

ALL ARE INVITED to meet fellow Lions from across the Multiple, Free Light Snacks & Entertainment Sponsored by the Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau

Convention Registration: **Lobby Buffalo Convention Center**

Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday, April 28, 2023 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:00 AM to Noon

Sunday, April 30, 2023 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

MD-20 Office Hours: **Boardroom**

Friday, April 28, 2023 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:00 AM to Noon

Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Delegate Certification: **Room 106 B**

Friday, April 28, 2023 Noon to 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Sunday, April 30, 2023 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Lions Exhibit Booths: **Lobby**

Friday, April 28, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Lions Good Store: **Room 106 A**

Friday, April 28, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Lions Pin Trading: **Room 101 B**

Friday, April 28, 2023 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Delegate Voting: **Rooms 101 B & C**

Sunday, April 30, 2023 7:00 to 10:15 AM ONLY

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

Good Morning Breakfast with the

Council of Governors: **Room 101 C**

Open Microphone. All are invited. Chair DG Rupal Sehgal, 20-K2

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Friday, April 28, 2023 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Friday Committee Meetings: **Room 103**

10:30 A.M. Credentials: PDG Barry Haywood, 20-E1, Chair

11:00 A.M. Sergeant-at-Arms: PDG Milledge Smith, 20-W, Chair

11:30 A.M. Resolutions: PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq., 20-K2, Chair

12:00 P.M. Flag Ceremony: PDG Tim Bush, 20-Y, Chair - *In the Exhibit Hall*

1:30 P.M. Voting and Elections: PCC Mark Whitney, 20-W, Chair

2:00 P.M. Nominations: PCC Kenneth Butkowski, 20-N, Chair

Lions Clubs International Foundation Lunch: **Room 101 C**

Friday, April 28, 2023 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

MD20 LCIF Chair: PDG Lorrie Rieger, 20-S

Speaker: International 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira

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Welcome Luncheon: **Room 101 A and H**

Friday, April 28, 2023 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

Chair: **PCC Andy Umreiko and Partners of the Council of Governors**

Guest: Lion Amariles Oliveira

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First Time Attendees Workshop: **Room 103**

Friday, April 28, 2023 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Presenter: PID Dr. Ed Cordes and PID Steve Tremaroli

All Lions who have never attended a convention are invited to attend and discover what the convention is about.

Friday Session Program: **Exhibit Hall**

Tonawanda High School Band Concert 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Opening Convention Session 4:00 PM

Call To Order: PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

Introduction of Council of Governors and Lion Dignitaries:

PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

Flag Ceremony: Lion Tim Bush, 20-Y, Chair

Announcers: Lion Amanda Cintron Ortega, 20-R2 and

Lion Annamarie Forestiere, 20-Y

Presiding: PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

Welcome: DG Mike Yost, 20-N

Preliminary Report of Credentials: PDG Barry Haywood, 20-E1, Chair

Adoption of Rules: PDG Edward Lieberman, Esq., 20-K2, Chair,

Constitution & By-Laws Report: PDG Edward Lieberman, Esq., 20-K2, Chair,
MD-20 Constitution & By-Laws Committee

MD-20 Financial Report: PCC Timothy Jachlewski, MD-20 Secretary/Treasurer

Presentation of the MD-20 PDG Leadership Award winners:

PDG Maria Sierra, 20-R2, President

MD-20 Peace Poster Contest Winner, Lily Wysochanski:

Lion Arlene Punnett and DG Mike Yost

Introduction of Featured Speaker:

International 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira

PIP Al Brandel

Convention Speaker:

Lions International 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira

Response and Appreciation: PDG Paul Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

Report and Nominations of District and Vice District Governor:

PCC Kenneth Butkowski, 20-N, Chair

7:00 PM -- Recess First Convention Session

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 (No Business Session)

PDG Organization Breakfast: **Ballroom**

PDG Maria Sierra, President, PDG Organization. 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Speaker: International 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira

Good Morning Breakfast: **Room 101 C**

Presented by the 2023-2024, 1st VDG's 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

VDG Mark Bothello, Chair, 20-K2

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION. All are invited.



CONVENTION PROGRAM

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

TO AVOID DISRUPTIONS NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER WORKSHOP BEGINS.

Morning Workshops will be from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND LIONS WEBSITES: Room 101 A

Presenter: Digital Marketing, Lion Aaron Dey, Lion Orin Hazelwood

The presentation will be the importance of using social media in creating an online presence, promoting awareness of Lions Clubs and promoting membership and new club opportunities.

DIABETES:: Room 101 D & E

Presenter: Lion MD-20 Diabetes Chair Karen Kemmis, Lion Barbara Bentley

Moderator: PID Gary Brown

Diabetes is one of LCI's signature causes and also a major health concern right here in all corners of MD-20. Come learn how you, too, can make a difference as a Lion by getting more Diabetes awareness, education, resources and support out into your community. Join MD-20 Diabetes Chair Karen Kemmis and the Project IDEAS team to learn how you can help in this important initiative.

LIONS WELLNESS: Room 101 F

Presenter: DG Alex Tanchoco

Being a Lion brings joy to our lives and the lives of others in many ways. Being a Lion is one of the many activities that we should continue to be engaged in to have a sense of completeness or balance in our lives. In this session, we will dig deeper into the other dimensions of wellness that helps give us a sense of wellness, waking up excited each morning to savor each moment of each day in the finite time we have here on earth.

LEO CLUB WORKSHOP AND LEO ACTIVITIES: Room 101 G

Presenter: Lion Pablo Romano, MD-20 Leo Chair

Lions can have a positive influence on today's youth through the Leo Club Program. Learn more about starting a new Leo club.

LIONS SEE INC. ANNUAL MEETING: Room 109

ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. 11:30 AM to Noon

CONVENTION LUNCH: Ballroom

All are invited 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

Speaker will be Dr. Lauren Lieberman

"The Camp Abilities Story"

The Speaker will be introduced by DG Judy MacKnight

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Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Annual Meeting: Room 109. 1:30 PM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

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Afternoon Workshops 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

WORLD INDUCTION DAY AND MEMBER ORIENTATION:: Room 101 A & B

Presenters: DG Mike Yost and PDG Milledge Smith

April 29th is Lions World Induction Day. Attend the workshop where Lions International 2nd Vice President Fabricio Oliveira will be inducting new Lions members and then participate in an Orientation of both old and new members about who Lions are and what we do.

CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:: Room 101 D & E

Presenter: DG James "Russ" Ebbets

This interactive seminar will discuss a simple, low-tech and effective means to conduct a membership drive including timelines, materials, topics and presentation strategies.

LISTEN WITH YOUR MIND, NOT YOUR EARS: Room 101 G

Presenters: DG Ricky Laurin, 20-W and VDG Larry Strickland, 20-E2

As we develop our listening skills it will improve many aspects of our lives. More understanding, better responses, and clearer conversation between all parties. Listening is a skill that can be worked on and improved.

OUR ENVIRONMENT THE HONEY BEE PROJECT: Room 101 F

Presenter: Tara and Jeff Hah; Moderators: VDG Mark Bothello and VDG Barry Scott
Real Talk about Bees: Both native and honey bees are facing unprecedented challenges on all levels, only together can we solve the issues before us.

LIONS CAMP BADGER / ESSNE ANNUAL MEETING: Room 101 D & E

ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

NYS & BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING: Room 109

ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MD-20 ALERT FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING: Room 101 F

ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

CONVENTION DINNER --- Convention Center Ballroom

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Movie Theme Night :: Dress as your favorite movie character / actor.

Doors Open at 6:00 PM ... Dinner Served at 7:00 PM, Sharp

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

MD-20 Office	6:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Boardroom
Convention Registration	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Lobby - Buffalo
		Convention Center
Delegate Certification	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Room 106 B
Delegate Voting	7:00 AM to 10:15 AM ONLY	Rooms 101 B & C

Sunday Session ... Exhibit Hall

Solemn Memorial Service, Lion Tom Witkowski, 20-N, Chair. 9:00 AM

Reverend Monsignor David G. LiPuma, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna, NY

Reverend Dr. Lion Charles A. Searcy, Asst. Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, NY

Convene Business Session. 10:10 AM

PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair, Presiding

Report of District Governors - Council of Governors:

PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

MD-20 PDG Organization Membership Growth Awards:

PDG Maria Sierra, 20-R2, President

Presentation of MD-20 International President's Award:

Past International President Albert Brandel

Multiple District 20 Past Districts Award: Past International Director Gary Brown

Reports from MD-20 Activities:

Lions Camp Badger / ESSNE: PDG Rena Haigh, 20-K1, President

Brandel Murphy Foundation: Lion Tom Witkowski

Lions SEE Program: Lion Jay Brown, President

Alert Foundation Annual Report: PDG Rick Brisee, 20-W, President

New York State Bermuda Foundation: PDG Carol Perry, 20-N, President

MD-20 Foundation Raffle Drawing: PDG Carol Perry, 20-N, President

Final Report of Credentials: PDG Barry Haywood, 20-E1, Chair

Report of Resolutions Committee: PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq., 20-K2, Chair

Presentation of President, 2023-2024 MD-20 PDG Organization:

PDG Maria Sierra, 20-R2, President

Report of Elections and Voting: PCC Mark Whitney, 20-W, Chair

Presentation of:

2nd VDGs Elect, 2023-2024: PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

1st VDGs Elect, 2023-2024: PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

District Governors, Elect, 2023-2024: PDG Paula Umreiko, MD-20 Council Chair

Adjourn 99th Annual MD-20, Lions Clubs of NYS and Bermuda, Inc., Convention

See You in Binghamton in 2024!



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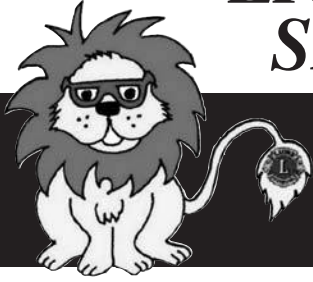
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MD 20 **LIONS SEE**



SPIKE

LIONS SEE LEADS THE WAY TO DECREASE CHILDHOOD BLINDNESS.

As we all know, in 1925 Helen Keller challenged us to become Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness and Lions throughout the world have taken up that challenge in a variety of ways. Lions SEE, Inc. is an Official Project of the Lions Clubs of New York State & Bermuda that was founded with the mission to screen children for vision problems. According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual and if a child can't see well, they can't learn.

The free screenings are done as a community service by trained volunteers from local Lions Clubs throughout the Multiple District using special equipment to detect risk factors that may lead to Amblyopia which can include:

- Myopia (near sightedness);
- Hyperopia (farsightedness);
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power);
- Astigmatism (irregular eye shape); and
- Strabismus (eye misalignment).

The vision screening equipment we use is non-intrusive, we do not use eye drops, nothing touches the child, and we learn immediately if that child should see an Eye Care Professional for further evaluation.

This year, clubs throughout the MD have performed over 32,000 screenings and referred almost 6,000 children to an Eye Care Professional for further evaluation.

Lions SEE provides support to the individual Lions Clubs in the Multiple District with information, training, and a grant program for special projects and eye-glasses for those who are unable to afford them.

If you are interested in volunteering or just want to know more about the MD20 Vision Screening Program, visit our website at www...lionsseeny.org or stop by our table at the MD20 Convention in Buffalo.

Hope to see you there;

*Lion Jay Brown
President Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early)*

CONVENTION SPEAKER

FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Fabrício Oliveira of Catolé do Rocha, Paraíba, Brazil, was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022.

Vice President Fabrício is a businessman, with a Post-Graduate Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), and a Degree in Administration.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, Vice President Fabrício has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, district governor, council chairperson, and international director. Additionally, he has served as district LCIF chair, SightFirst committee chair, leadership development chair, multiple district DGE seminar coordinator and chair of the district Lions Foundation. Vice President Fabrício also served twice as District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award for organizing nine new Lions clubs, the District Governor Excellence Award, 19 International President's Certificates of Appreciation,



the Paradigm Award, nine Leadership Awards, 14 International President's Awards, International Director Recognition Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association to its members. He has also received a Key Award for helping induct thirty new Lions members, an Extension Certificate for sponsoring five new Leo clubs, Global Vision Medal for his SightFirst efforts and a LCIF Helping Hands Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Fabrício is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He previously served as the Secretary of Industry and Commerce of the State of Paraíba and an administration council chairperson of several companies, as director of the National Confederation of Shopkeepers chair of the Federation of Shopkeepers of the State of Paraíba, chair of the Chamber of Shopkeepers of Catolé do Rocha and chair of Manoel Vitoriano de Freitas Foundation supporting institution of the Children's Hospital Ernia Evangelista.

Vice President Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and a granddaughter.

CONVENTION CHAIR and MD20 OFFICER



**PDG Michael
Lawkowski**

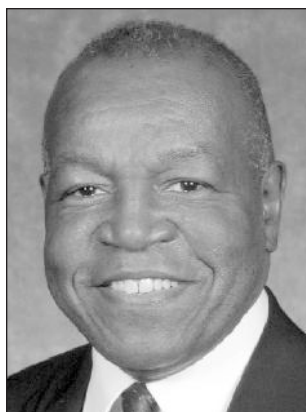
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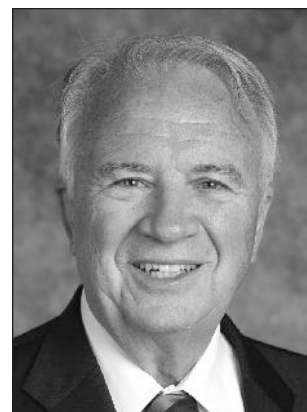


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Alexander**

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International President
Lions Club
International
2021-2022

**Albert F.
Brandel**

Past
International President
Lions Club
International
2008-2009



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Brown**

Past
International Director
Lions Club
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2018-2021

Bob Libin

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Lions Club
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2015-2017

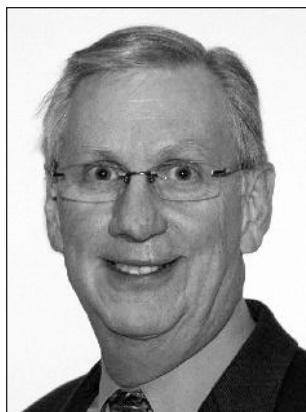
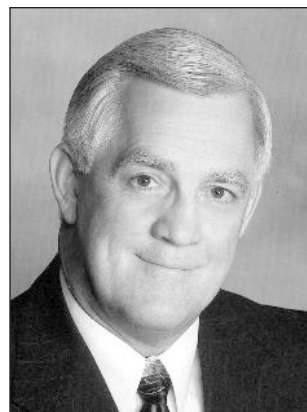


**Steven
Tremaroli**

Past
International Director
Lions Club
International
2013-2015

**John E.
Rabideau**

Past
International Director
Lions Club
International
2002-2004



**Dr. Edward
Cordes**

Past
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Lions Club
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**Dr.
Jack W. Weber**

Past
International Director
Lions Club
International
1984-1986





Want to help your community re-discover your Lions Club? Get involved with community betterment projects. Talk with local educators, politicians, religious leaders and other civic-minded individuals. Create a community "Think Tank". Identify the needs and then get a grant to help make it happen. A \$10,000.00 project may only cost \$5,000.00 with a successful grant application.

Think of it as the greatest "Black Friday" shopping trip you ever went on. And even better is the fact that the NYS&BLF has "Black Fridays" all year long. Ho Ho Ho!

Here are some examples of successful grant applications from the past few years.

Eye screening cameras, Clear View video magnification machine with speech capability for a local library, vehicle for a non-profit organization, community event room fixtures for library, scoreboard for a town recreation center, construction of storage space and food drop off box for a food pantry, reading machine for blind elderly individual, swings for a community playground, construction of a storage facility for a Lions Club, handicap ramp for nursing facility, double swing for playground for children with special needs, RetinaVue camera for a clinic, revamp a room in a Community center for vision and hearing screening for children, help fund construction of a shaded eating area called the "Lion's Den", wheelchair swing platform for local playground, purchase hand held machines to detect glaucoma in babies and small children and purchase of a park bench for local park.

Your district's NYS&BLF Trustees are just a phone call or email away to answer your questions and guide your application process. Stop and talk with us at our booth at the State Convention.

We want Lions Club projects to succeed! Support your Foundation so we can continue to support you.

Please consider an individual supporting membership (\$20/year) and/or a club membership (\$100/year) – both donations to our endowment enable our ongoing support for Lions' projects and disaster assistance within MD-20.

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20-N LION PAUL PETERS
 20-E1 LION PETE KAISER
 PDG JIM RICE
 20-E2 PDG HAROLD BUSH
 20-W LION DIANA CASTINE
 LION SUE LAURIN LABELLE
 20-Y
 20-O LION DENISE BULNES
 20-R1
 20-R2 LION AMANDA CINTRON
 20-K1 LION LEVI JEFFERS
 20-K2 LION MICHELLE GAGNON
 20-S

SGT. AT ARMS: PDG MILLEDGE SMITH; 11:00 a.m.

20-N PDG JEFF JARVIS
 LION DAVE RYBEK
 PDG SPENCER VAIL
 20-E1 PDG DAVID HUBMAN
 PDG KATHY SPEAR
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 20-E2 LION STEVE CHERMAK
 LION LUCY BARDO
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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: PCC EDWARD LIEBERMAN, Esq., 20-K2; 11:30 am

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 20-O PDG STUART WIZWER
 20-R1 PDG MATHAI CHACKO
 20-R2 LION MARIBEL SALABARRIA
 20-K1 PDG BARBAR MOODY
 20-K2 LION CAMILLE RAIA
 20-S

VOTING & ELECTIONS: PCC MARK WHITNEY, 20-Y; 1:30 pm

20-N PDG DONNA SMITH
 LION PAUL SMITH
 20-E1 LION DON KNAPP
 LION JUNE KNAPP
 20-E2 PDG LYNN WILLIAMS
 LION LISA BARBER
 20-W LION MARGO WALRATH
 20-Y PDG KERRY BROWN
 LION NICKIE BROWN
 20-O PCC BILL SHEMBEDA
 PDG JOHN CAPEN
 20-R1 LION KRISTA HOVERSTEN COCO
 PDG GIUSEPPE COCO
 20-R2 PDG NORMA-MENDEZ CRUZ
 LION GABRIELA REMIGIO
 20-K1 LION SNIA BENNETT
 PDG JACKIE PHILLIPS
 LION MARK DEVERAL
 PDG AUDREY DOORN
 20-K2 LION CAMILLE MORVAY RAIA
 20-S PDG JAMES B. CONKLIN, JR.
 RICHARD NILSSON JR.

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20-N LION LOIS KAMINSKI
 PCC RICK BATTAGLIA
 20-E1 PDG GREG LUND
 PDG CHUCK SWITZER
 20-E2 LION STEVE CHERMAK
 LION LUCY BARDO
 20-W PDG EDWARD STANO
 LION ELIZABETH STANO
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 PCC KELLY CLARK
 20-O PCC RICHARD KINGMAN
 PDG ILENE WIZWER
 20-R1 PDG DENNIS HARDY
 IPDG JACK CIARAMELLA
 20-R2 LION GULILLERMA DUMALAG
 LION JUAN OSCAR BRIZULEA
 20-K1 PDG OZZIE TORRES
 LION TYEAST ALLEYNE BOBB
 20-K2 LION JOANNE ALEXANDER
 LION GEORGE ALEXANDER
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 LION KELLY A. BERWICK

**MD-20 MAGAZINE BIDS: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING
 A BID FOR THE 2023-2024 MD-20 MAGAZINE, YOU WILL NEED TO
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 COMPLETED PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15th TO BE CONSIDERED.**



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

BARRY SCOTT
District 20-N



Lion Barry Scott has been a member of the West Seneca Lions Club for 12 years. Lion Barry has served his Lions Club as Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, Board Chairman, Senior Director, and Chairman of several committees. Lion Barry is currently Sr. Director on the club Board of Directors.

Lion Barry served District 20N as Cabinet Secretary for 2020-2021, and is currently serving as First Vice District Governor as well as Cabinet Secretary for 2022-2023. Lion Barry is also a Certified Guiding Lion, and is serving as the Guiding Lion for the Western New York Riding Lions Club.

Lion Barry is a graduate of the Multiple District 20 Lions Leadership Institute, received the Robert J.

Uplinger award in 2021, and became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2022.

Lion Barry has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 49 years. They are the proud parents of four sons; Chris, Matt, Dan, and Jeff, and have been blessed with six granddaughters; Claire, Olivia, Magdalene, Elsa, Daphne, and Evelyn. Lion Barry and his wife also have their very spoiled Cocker Spaniel, Abby, to keep them company.

Lion Barry retired in 2018 after an almost 40 year career in Telecommunications. Over the course of his career he worked for MCI, PAETEC, and Windstream, and held staff and management positions in Operations, Sales Engineering, Marketing, and Systems Design. After his retirement, Lion Barry became a Real Estate Salesperson, working with his wife at Howard Hanna for 4 years.

Lion Barry has lived a life of service. He served in the US Navy for almost 7 years, was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader for 25 years, worked with his local High School Marching Band "Pit Crew" for 15 years, and is a past Deacon of his church.

MELANIE ADAMS
District 20-E1



Lion Mel has been an active member of the Clarendon Lions Club since 2004 and has served as club Secretary for fifteen years. She has also served as Zone Chair for Region 1 Zone 2 for three years. She was a recipient of a Melvin Jones fellowship, she completed leadership training at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, and she earned a New Voices award for Leadership from the District.

Lion Mel is a graduate of SUNY Canton ATC, majoring in Veterinary Science. She has worked at Saint-Gobain ADFORS in Albion for seventeen years and is on the Finance team as their Senior Staff Accountant. She has been serving on Saint-Gobain's Volunteer team since

the beginning of her employment there, and recently earned their Volunteer of the Year Award for service to the community. Prior to that Lion Mel has worked in finance, administration, and human resources management positions in Texas, California, Indiana, and Connecticut before moving back home to New York.

Seven years ago, Lion Mel bought a home in Spencerport with her daughter, Jennifer, who is also a Clarendon Lion, and they share their home with Jenn's children, future Lions Hayley and Isaiah. Lion Jenn is the Office Manager for Pro-Tech Snow Pushers in Rochester. Lion Mel's son, Jeremy, is a graduate of Kent State and lives in Kent, Ohio with his wife Amy, and their two sons, Josh and Lucas.

LARRY STRICKLAND
District 20-E2



Since the last time I was a DG I have been very busy volunteering for different organizations including Hope Walk for Cancer, Yates County Christmas for the Needy, Head Start Christmas program, bell ringing for the needy, Living Well Food Cupboard, Yates County Planning Board, Penn Yan Village Planning Board.

I have also been involved heavily with the Penn Yan Lions Club in building handicap ramps for people who cannot afford lumber and contractor costs. Our ramp crew has grown from eight Lions to 20 Lions. We have built over 300 ramps in the thirty years I have been a Lion.

I have served or been a chairman of every committee our club has.

I have been a high school sports official for over 50 years for football, basketball, track, Special Olympics and men and women's softball.

My wife Marian, and I have been married 48 years and she is a great help in all my endeavors. My Scottie dog, Chloe, has been my companion in many of these endeavors.

PRISCILLA LAURIN
District 20-W



Lion Priscilla Laurin is an active member of the Chazy Lion's Club. At the club level has served as President & reporting secretary. Currently serving as zone chair & region Chair for 20 w Region S Zone B. Also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lion Eye Institution in Albany and has been a Guiding Lion since 2021. Recently completed the training for Diabetes Community Care Coordinator Certificate Program.

Lion Priscilla and her husband DG Ricky have been married for 46 years. We are the proud parents to 2 adult children Jerrod & Jana.

Lion Priscilla has received the New Voices certificate & the Robert J. Uplinger award.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

PAUL A. FORESTIERE II
District 20-Y



Lion Paul has been an active Lions member for 35 years. He began his Lions journey as a member of the Clayton Lions Club and then transferred to the Pulaski Lions Club when he relocated for his professional position. He previously served as club Vice-President for numerous years, club President for two separate terms and was Zone Chairman in service to six District Governors.

He is employed through Cornell University as the Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County, a position he has held for the past 25 years. Previously, he was employed by several health care organizations in various senior management positions, including the Chief Executive Officer of an organization that operates rural health care clinics in Northern New York. For many years he taught financial and organizational management courses at SUNY Institute of Technology (now SUNY Polytechnic) in the School of Business. In 2007 he attained the honor of becoming a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Paul enjoys traveling, spending time with his family and working with Lions to improve the quality of life in his community. He resides in Pulaski with his wife and Partner-in-Service, Patty, where they raised three children.

CALIXTO BULNES
District 20-O



Lion Calixto J. Bulnes has been in Lionism for over 29 years. Lion CJ has received several awards including a Melvin Jones fellow and Uplinger award. Lion CJ is also a graduate of the Lions Leadership Institute. He started in Lionism as part of the Washington Heights Lions Club in District 20-R2 (NYC) in 1994 and has held the position of President and several District positions. In 2002 Lion CJ moved to Warwick and transferred to the Warwick Lions Club District 20-O in 2004.

Lion CJ has held positions at the District level in 20-O, Zone Chair 2020-2021, 2nd Vice District Governor 2021-2022 and 1st Vice District Governor 2022-2023.

Lion CJ has been married to his wife Lion Denise for 39 years. She works at the Village of Warwick as the Deputy Treasurer. She is also a Dog Trainer for PetSmart

and raised puppies for Guiding Eyes for the blind. They have two children who were LEO's, Juan and Jasmin and have four grandchildren, Julissa, Jaylene, Denixto and Jasminia.

Lion CJ was born in Habana, Cuba and was raised in New York City by his parents Lion Calixto and Lion Herminia. Lion CJ is a retired Officer who served the City of New York for 29 years and currently works for the FBI for the past 11 years.

Lion CJ was part of the Outreach program for the Inner City and volunteered in the Police Athletic League. He volunteered for the Warwick Ambulance Corps, American Red Cross Disaster Services, and the Orange County Medical Reserve Corps. He volunteered on the Board of the Warwick Little League, Board of Little League New York District 19, and advisor for FBI Explorers program. He volunteers as a Basketball Referee and Little League Umpire. He is a member of Free and Accepted Masons, Fraternal Order of Police, and Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. This August 5-11, 2023 he was selected as a Little League Umpire in Bristol, CT for the Eastern Regional Tournament.

RAYMOND SMITH
District 20-R2



Lion Raymond Smith has been a member of New York Phil-Am Lions club since 2017. Served a 4 year term as president and 4 years termed as Chairman of the Board. He also served as District 20-R2 Zone chair, Region chair and Chairman of Veterans committee as well. He contributed immensely to the success and growth of the club when it became the number one in the District 20-R2 for its amazing membership growth that started from 20 to presently 235 members.

Lion Raymond, co-founded 2 newest chartered Clubs namely: NY Builders For Hope and NY NJ Prominent Hearts Lions club. He also created 12 club branches which presently working hand in hand with the mother club in service and growth. Lion Raymond,

himself, recruited 96 members.

It was during his presidency that the New Phil-Am Lions club, after 49 years of existence, that finally became incorporated and is now a 501 (c) (3) NY based entity

In addition to his resume and accomplishments, he co-founded non lion organization with his wife, The RED POINSETTIA Charitable Foundation which give grants to clubs that has a 501 c 3 status to helping them fund, Medical, Dental, and humanitarian mission to the Philippines which has already served more or less 20,000 recipients to the different provinces in the Philippines in partnership with NY PHIL-AM Lions Club, Inc.

Lion Raymond Smith, a US Navy Veteran, is happily married to Lion Nena Lozada Smith, a prominent Filipino American community leader and event planner for the last 10 years, who is currently the president of New York Phil-Am Lions club. He has 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren from a previous marriage of 49 years, 4 stepchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

ANTONIO ROBLES
District 20-K1



Lion Antonio Robles was born in the Central American country of Panamá.

The teachings of his grandmother, and Mom has kept him inspired to served.

Antonio has been an educator for 38 years with the New York Department of Education.

He earned his master's degree at The City College of the City University of New York. He also obtained a second master's degree in Educational Leadership from Banks Street Principal's Leadership Institute of New York.

Antonio has been a member in good standing of the Rego Park-Forest Hills Lions Club since 2001. He has held all offices of his club at least twice. He served at the district level with

distinction and honor. He has served as district Treasurer under two governors. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of many club, district, and international awards. He is a certify Guiding Lion. Additionally, he is a graduate of MD20 Lions Leadership Institute.

Lion Antonio is married to Betty Robles since 1977. They are the parents of Raenelle, Rodrigo, and Ricaurte, and the proud grandparents of four lovely children

Antonio is looking forward to continuing his service journey as governor.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

MARK BOTHELLO
District 20-K2



Lion Mark was born and raised on the island of Bermuda. He has been married to Lion Jane for 32 years and they have a beautiful daughter, Paige.

After graduating from high school, Mark joined the Bermuda Police Force as a Constable, and spent the majority of his policing career in the Marine Section rising to the rank of Inspector. After 31 years of service, he retired, and Jane and Mark purchased a Pest Control business starting a new chapter in their lives.

Lion Mark's Lionistic journey began in 2013 when a friend invited him to a dinner meeting with the Hamilton Lions Club. He did not know what to expect, knowing very little about Lions.

Lion Mark quickly discovered a group of like-minded individuals who were committed to serving their community. These individuals, as Lions, were incredibly genuine and enjoyed serving others.

Lion Mark became a member of Hamilton Lions Club and quickly was involved with the club's service projects. He has held numerous positions within Hamilton Lions including President, Vice-President, Membership Chair, and presently Lion Mark is a Director. He has served as 2nd Vice District Governor and is currently 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Mark attended the Leadership Institute in 2021 and has received the International President Certificate of Appreciation 2021, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Robert J Uplinger awardee.

Mark is looking forward to working with fellow Lions, especially those from Nassau County, NY and Bermuda.

PETER TAMSEN
District 20-S



Peter has been a Lion from 10/2003 to present. Shortly after joining in 2003 he served as Club Secretary from 2004-2006. Lion Peter served as Club President from 2007-2008.

After serving as Club President of the Bay Shore Lions Club, Lion Peter served as a Zone Chairperson from 2009-2010. Lion Peter served as a Region Chairperson from 2011-2012. Lion Peter served as Cabinet Member from 1/11/2021 to 6/30/2021 and thereafter served as Second Vice District Governor from 7/6/2021 to 6/30/2022. Lion Peter thereafter served as First Vice District Governor from 2022-2023 as well as serving as District Convention Chairperson from 2022-2023.

Lion Peter D. Tamsen was born in Newburgh, New York and is a long time resident of Brightwaters, New York.

Lion Peter is also involved in the Suffolk County Bar Association serving as Past Dean of the Academy of Law and current member of the Advisory Committee. Past Chair and current member of the Animal Law Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association. Member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, Academy of Law. Past-Chair of the corporate and transactional committee of the Suffolk County Bar. Member of the New York State Bar Association. Board Member and chair of the Extracurricular Activities Committee and Journal Chair for the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Member Executive Committee. Trustee of the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, Newburgh, NY. Past Chairman of the St. John Baptist Board of Advisors and current member. Mock trial Judge for the past five years.

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Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation

Many of you have heard of us and make contributions to help with our work. Some of you may not know who we are or what we do, so please let me take just a few lines to explain.

The Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization made possible by LCIF funding. We have a warehouse in Spencer, NY that is filled with supplies. Things like generators, space heaters, spray cleaners, safety supplies and cleaning buckets and supplies. We also have two trailers to help you haul needed emergency supplies.

Our purpose is to provide supplies to Lions Clubs to support their communities in a natural disaster. You need only to contact your District Governor who will in turn contact PDG Rick Brisee. A list of the available supplies is also available under our link on the MD20 website.

We are at the present time offering an opportunity for clubs or individuals to "Sponsor a Cleaning Bucket". This means that for a donation of \$40, your Club name and District will be put on a label on one of the cleaning buckets so that when they go out for an emergency anywhere in the Multiple District, that community will know that your club is supporting them in their time of need. There is a form below this article if you are interested in donating to the cause.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of your area representatives or PDG Rick Brisee or myself. Thank you for your support of this most worthwhile organization.

PCC Kelly Clark kclarkmd20@gmail.com

DG Rick Brisee rbrisee@hotmail.com



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District: _____ **Paid:** _____

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Resolution

Whereas, the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Multiple District 20, Lions Clubs International Inc., have assembled in Convention in Buffalo, New York, April 28-30, 2023, and

Whereas, the Lions of Multiple District 20 have been inspired to new heights of service by the address of International 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express their deepest appreciation to 2nd Vice President Fabrício Oliveira, for his outstanding record of humanitarian service, and for their future efforts on behalf of the International Association of Lions Clubs and those we serve.

We appreciate the support Lion Amariles has given to our International 2nd Vice President and her dedication to the Lions of the world.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that those who have contributed to the success of said convention be recognized by the delegates assembled, and

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 pay special tribute to the outstanding leadership of our District Governors, who have performed above and beyond the call of duty, who have spoken out in the cause of Lionism, and labored long and hard to achieve our shared goal of service to humanity, we hereby commend and salute:

District Governor Michael Yost, 20-N

District Governor Judith MacKnight, 20-E1

District Governor James Russ Ebbets, 20-E2

District Governor Vice Council Chair Ricky Laurin, 20-W

District Governor Sheree Vora, 20-Y

District Governor Judy Sheppard, 20-O

District Governor Alexander J. Tanchoco, 20-R1

District Governor Salome James, 20-R2

District Governor Ingrid P. Andrews-Campbell, 20-K1

District Governor Rupal Sehgal, 20-K2

District Governor Douglas Marange, 20-S

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 extend a special acknowledgement to the Spouses/Partners in Service of our District Governors. They have for the past twelve months, put up with tired and irritable companions, and have endured unannounced absences from meals, late arrivals from meetings, and missed family events by said Governors. They have made extra effort as district hosts to help our Governors succeed. In appreciation of their unselfish contributions, we say "well done," and honor these outstanding people of Multiple District 20 for their service to Lionism:

Partner-In-Service, Lion Debbie Yost, 20-N

Partner-In-Service, David MacKnight, 20-E1

Partner-In-Service, Lion Jeanne Eddy, 20-E2

Partner-In-Service, VDG Priscilla Laurin, 20-W

Partner-In-Service, Lion Manojji Vora, 20-Y

Partner-In-Service, Lion Roy Sheppard, 20-O

Partner-In-Service, Lion Tiffany Tanchoco, 20-R1

Partner-In-Service, Lion Daniel Campbell, 20-K1

Partner-In-Service, Lion Manish Arora, 20-K2

Be it resolved, that we recognize with grateful appreciation the leadership and wise counsel of the Council Chair of Multiple District 20, Paula Umreiko and her partner in service PCC Andrew, and

Be it resolved, that we recognize the continued counsel of our Present and Past International Officers and their Partners-in-Service, and express our appreciation and affection to:

Immediate Past International President Douglas X. Alexander, LCIF Chair

Past International President Albert F. Brandel and Lion Dr. Maureen T. Murphy

Past International Director Gary Brown and Lion Barbara Brown

Past International Director Robert M. Libin and Lion Michelle

Past International Director Dr. Steven Tremaroli and PDG Marianne

Past International Director John E. Rabideau and Lion Bernie

Past International Director Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail

Past International Director Dr. Jack Weber

Be it resolved, that we wish to express our appreciation to the President of the MD-20 Organization of Past District Governors, PDG Maria Sierra, and to the other officers and members of the MD-20 PDG Organization for their continuing support and involvement in our Multiple District, and,

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 extend recognition and sincere thanks to PDG Michael Lawkowski, Chair of this Convention, and to the Lions of the host committee, who have worked long and diligently to make this a most successful convention. Job well done!

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express their sincere appreciation to the staff of the Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau, and to the hotels that are officially participating in this convention. We acknowledge their warm hospitality and efforts to ensure our comfort. They have allowed us to ROAR!

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express sincere appreciation to the presenters and speakers at our convention seminars, functions, and information booths. Your efforts have served to enlighten and inform all in attendance.

Be it resolved, that to all the members of the various committees, and the clergy, we express our heartfelt thanks, and

Be it resolved, that to Multiple District 20 Secretary/Treasurer, Past Council Chair Timothy Jachlewski, and his lovely wife and Partner-in-Service, Cindy, and to Maria Poulsen, Office Administrator, we say thank you for your hard work and constant efforts on behalf of this multiple. They continue to make it possible for the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20 to operate in a highly efficient manner, and

Be it resolved, that as this 99th Annual Convention draws to a close and fades into history, we ask all Lions and all other attendees to return to their homes, rededicated to the goals of Lionism. We wish all a safe return home, and extend to all best wishes for a healthy and happy 2023-2024 Lionistic year, until we meet again in convention assembled in Binghamton, New York.





The Brandel - Murphy Lions Youth Foundation

"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."

The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation would like to say **THANK YOU!** Because of your support, we are able to assist Lions clubs, zones, and districts with their projects. Perhaps your club has been the recipient of one of our grants! We have awarded 162 humanitarian and emergency grants totaling nearly **\$300,000**, helping almost **200,000 children in need** since our mission began in 2011.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to:

- * All the Lions and friends of BMYF who support our **"Super Hero Raffle"**. The \$5,000 Grand Prize was won this year by Lorice Belmonte and Lorice Fiala of District 20-S. Eight additional winners also shared \$5,000 in cash prizes.
- * The many generous donors who have joined the **BMYF Legacy Society**, pledging a portion of their estate toward continuing the efforts of the Foundation upon their passing.
- * The Lions who continue to honor someone special with an **"Everyday Hero"** award through their \$300 donation to the Foundation.
- * All those who enjoyed a seven-day **BMYF Cruise** that was organized to benefit our mission.
- * Everyone making a **Donation** to the Foundation, often using our website to make their pledge.
- * Our supporters who purchased their **BMYF Shirts** at conventions and throughout the year.
- * All those Lions who have expressed their interest in the **Memoir of PID Jack Weber** who has pledged all of the net proceeds from his book to the Foundation.

The Very First BMYF "MAJOR GRANT"

The Foundation is very proud to announce the establishment of a new category to our humanitarian matching grant program. Our first **"Major Grant"** in the amount of **\$17,000** was awarded to District-Y to be used for the pediatric waiting room at the new **Joslin Diabetes Center** in Syracuse, benefiting a significant number of children throughout Upstate New York. These matching funds will create a greatly expanded waiting area, with game consoles, state-of-the-art iPads, an interactive 6' x 8' LiteZilla board, as pictured here, and more. This area will provide a comfortable and less stressful environment for children waiting for their appointments.



A Life-Saving BMYF "Emergency Grant"

During the 2022 Blizzard in Buffalo, the family of this one-year-old boy was struggling to save their child after their home lost electricity, interrupting the power required to use his life-saving ventilator. **The BMYF Emergency Grant** was awarded to District 20-N to purchase a portable generator needed to keep this child alive if ever the power went out again. **Go to our website** to see this amazing and heartwarming story.

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