



**Minutes of the Lions District 20-W 2019-2020 Convention  
Saturday, November 9, 2019  
Holiday Inn Resort Lake George**

**Attendance:**

Lion Bentley, Barbara	PDG Nason, Richard
Lion Brisee, Florence	ID Nickell, Christopher Shea
1VDG Brisee, Rick	2VDG O'Hare, Michele
Lion Cerny, Alan	Lion Pandori, Bob
Lion Chandler, Cathy	DG Pike, Ed
PDG Flisnik, Paula	Lion Plummer, Verna
Lion Geizer, Maria	Lion Plummer-Jarvis, Katrina
Lion Granger, Kassey	Lion Rager, Karen
Lion Griffin, Connie	Lion Rager, Scott
Lion Griffin, John	Lion Root, Dennis
PDG Griffith, James	Lion Russell, Karen
Lion Jessen, Phil	PDG Scott, Joan
Lion Lange, Cliff	PDG Stano, Ed
Lion Lange, Diane	Lion Stano, Elizabeth
Lion Latimer, Diane	Lion Tveraas, Jan
Lion Latimer, Joe	Lion Unislawski, Eric
Lion Marzano, Elizabeth	Lion Wagner, Joe
Lion McConchie, Holly	PDG Walsh-Rhinehart, Linda
PDG McDonald, John	Lion Ware, Rita
Lion Minkler, Gerry	PCC Whitney, Mark

**The meeting was called to order by District Governor Lion Ed Pike at 9:37am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lions Prayer.**

**WELCOME:** Glens Falls Lions Club President Alan Cerny welcomed all the Lions to Lake George. The Glens Falls Lions will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later that evening.

**PROGRAM:**

**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, (ALSF)** is changing the lives of children with cancer by funding impactful research, raising awareness, supporting families and empowering everyone to help cure childhood cancer.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities, Liz Foley.** The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Their vision is a world where all children have access to medical care, and their families are supported and actively involved in their children's care.

**Logan Strong Foundation, Jennifer Hendricks-Fogg.** Their mission is to raise childhood cancer awareness and provide items of comfort and support for children and families while they are fighting cancer in and out of the hospital.

**Nick's Fight to be Healed Foundation / Connecting With Your Club and Community, Lion Diane Lange.** The mission of Nick's Fight to be Healed Foundation is to support pediatric cancer patients as well as serve the young adult cancer community. They strive to improve quality of life by promoting well-being, reducing stress within the entire family, and providing resources to help children with cancer led fun and fulfilling lives.

**WORKSHOP:** Lions were encouraged to break into groups for discussion of the Childhood Cancer Worksheet. 1) Where should Lions start with childhood cancer orientation, club or community? 2) Has your club been involved with childhood cancer? 3) Do you have any medical professionals in your club? Do you utilize them and how? 4) Are there any medical facilities in your area that deal with childhood cancer? If yes, what are they? Following the group discussion of the questions, groups were to list 3 or more suggestions on 1) Getting your club up to speed on childhood cancer and 2) Bringing awareness about childhood cancer to your community. Following the discussion in small groups, Lions were encouraged to share their ideas with all in attendance.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Lions International Director Judge Christopher She Nickell**

Judge Christopher Shea Nickell from Paducah, Kentucky, was elected to serve a two-year term as director of Lions Club International at the association's 102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention held in Milan, Italy in 2019. Director Nickell serves as Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Prior to being elected in 2006, he served 22 years as a trial attorney, public advocate, prosecutor, and university instructor. A member of the Paducah Lions Club since

1989, he has held many offices within the association. In recognition of his service to the association, Director Nickell has received numerous awards, including the Senior Master Key Award and several International Presidential Awards. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Nickell has been active in many professional and community organizations. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and his wife, Lion Carolyn S. Watson, MD, a pathologist, is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

**PRESENTATIONS: International President Certificates of Appreciation  
Presented by International Director Nickell and District Governor Ed Pike**

Recipients were:

Lion Barbara Bentley

Lion Diane Lange

PDG James Shaw (not in attendance)

PDG Ed Stano presented 2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare with the International President Certificate of Appreciation to global action team honor.

2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare presented Club Excellence Awards to the members of her team during her 2018-19 year as District Governor.

**DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

**Peace Poster Contest:**

There were three submissions of Peace Posters, from the Town of Schroon, Schuylerville and Hadley Lazurene. The winner of the Peace Poster Contest was from Hadley Lazurene.

**Robert J. Uplinger Award**

The District would be presenting a Robert J. Uplinger Award to Oticon at a later date for being such great partners in establishing and supporting the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program.

A motion was made by 2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Lion Eric Unislawski.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.**

Respectfully submitted by

Lion Barbara Bentley

Cabinet Secretary