



**Minutes of Lions District 20-W  
Special Convention  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
Courtyard by Marriott Lake George**

**Attendance:**

CS Barbara Bentley, Lion Carman Bogel, ZC Florence Brisee, IPDG Rick Brisee, Lion Nancy Cappiello-Larson, Lion Alan Cerny, Lion Lisa Cerny, PCC Kelly Clark, Lion Danny Colburn, Lion Audrey Fischer, PDG Paula Flisnik, PDG James Griffith, Lion Sara Idleman, PDG Joe Jarvis, Lion Diane Latimer, Lion Joe Latimer, Lion Pricilla Laurin, VDG Rick Laurin, Lion Donna Lawrence, RC Holly McConchie, PDG John McDonald, ZC Ed Moore, PDG Richard Nason, DG Michele O'Hare, PDG Anthony Paradiso, Lion Andrea Penamora, PDG Ed Pike, Lion Karen Rager, Lion Scott Rager, PDG Fred Rieger, PDG Lorri Rieger, PDG Lettie Saheim, Lions Doug Salisbury, Lion Patricia Shannon, PDG Milledge Smith, Donna Smith, PDG Ed Stano, Lion Elizabeth Stano, Lion Barbara Turpin, CT Eric Unislawski, Lion Joe Wagner, Lion Rita Ware, PCC Mark Whitney, Lion Ann Wilcenski, and Lion Matthew Wilcenski.

Via Zoom: (All proceeded by Lion...) PDG Bette Manley, Bob Townsend, PDG Chuck Switzer, Dave Carr, Dawn Grant, Dorothy Mayo, Edward Eisele, Elizabeth Marzano, Gregory Sheldon, Janyce Tveraas, Jerry Gordon, PDG Jim Shaw, Jim Winkler, PDG Joan Scott, Karen Foster, Karen Russell, Kelly Lustyik, Martin Gleason, Michelle Theisen, PDG Ozzie Torres, Robert Porter, Robert White, Rosanna Beaudrie, Ruth Sano, Scott Oliver, Sue McBride, Susan LaBelle, Susan Williams, Valerie Kevlin, Verna Plummer, William Suchy and IP Douglas Alexander.

**Meeting Call to Order:** DG Michele O'Hare called the meeting to order at 11:03am.

**Introduction of Guests:** By DG Michele O'Hare and introduction of Convention Chair PDG James Griffith

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Lion Florence Brisee.

**Lions Prayer:** Led by Lion Scott Rager.

**Lions Toast:** Led by PDG James Griffith.

**Welcome:** Lion Scott Rager, Glens Falls Lions Club, welcomed everyone to Lake George.

**Cabinet Business:**

- **Secretary Report:**

CS Barbara Bentley presented the cabinet meeting minutes from November 6, 2021.

PDG James Griffith asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's Report.

- A motion was made by RC Holly McConchie. Seconded by PDG Lettie Saheim.
  - Motion unanimously passed

- **Treasurer Report:**

CT Eric Unislawski presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached).

- **Credentials Report:**

PDG Ed Stano presented the Credentials Report (see attached).

- **Elections Report:**

PCC Mark Whitney was called to present the Elections Report and the results.

He reported that 87% of the delegates voted and there was a total of 122 ballots.

Results of the election: PDG Milledge Smith was invited to give his concession speech.

PDG John McDonald, who prevailed in the election, was invited to give his acceptance speech and was endorsed as the District 20W Candidate for International Director.

- **District Governor's Report:**

DG Michele thanked PDG Paula Flisnik, PDG Ed Stano, PCC Mark Whitney, CS Barbara Bentley, and CT Eric Unislawski for all of the work they put into the election leading up to the convention. In addition, she also thanked Sergeant of Arms Lion Holly McConchie and Lion Rita Ware.

The Multiple District Peace Essay Contest winner was from District 20W and they will be receiving a \$100 check from the district.

Reporting is much better for membership, but not so well with service reporting. If clubs need help reporting, they can reach out to Lion Holly McConchie.

Work is being done on our district by-laws that we will be voting on at the state convention.

The strategic plan survey will be going out in March to all of the Lions in the district.

Upcoming Dates:

March 11, 2022 - UN Day.

May 20-22 2022 - The State Convention will be in Niagara Falls. Some positions are still needed to be filled. PDG Lettie Saheim volunteered for Nominations and PDG Milledge Smith volunteered for Sergeant of Arms.

June 23-29, 2022 - The International Convention will be in Montreal.

March 20, 2022 – Next cabinet meeting at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga

June 17, 2022 – District Testimonial at the Van Patten Golf Course at 6:30pm and \$45 per person.

April 1, 2022 – NABA will be recognizing District 20W Lions as Volunteer of the Year at Franklin Plaza in Troy.

DG Michele presented Lion Karen Rager with the New Voices Certificate of Recognition for Marketing for all the hard work she has done with our district newsletter.

- **Vice District Governor's Report:**

VDG Ricky Laurin shared that time is the most valuable asset that we have.

His main goal continues to be to support the District Governor and her goals. Also, to gather as much information that he can from clubs, members and potential members. PDGs have been building a foundation for years and we will only survive through continuous improvement and listening to continuous feedback.

He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Lions Learning Center.

We should always be looking for continuous improvement.

- **GLT Report:**

PCC Mark Whitney reported that 20% of our members have held a club officer or district officer position. There are a large number in training programs.

- **GST Report:**

PDG John McDonald spoke of Lions being Lions 24/7.

He reported that with regards to the diabetes grant, though the Polar Plunge was cancelled on January 1<sup>st</sup>, all the pledges raised were honored and \$1,040 was raised.

He encouraged all clubs to continue to support their local food pantries and remember that hunger doesn't end with the holidays.

Out of our 50 clubs in the district, 40 report on a regular basis. He will be working with Lion Holly to help those remaining 10 clubs. Reporting is important because it helps see the health of the district and also helps LCI show how we are serving.

- **GMT Report:**

PDG Ed Stano reported that we were at a +15 at the time of the last cabinet meeting and as of this morning we were at a – 1.

He encouraged everyone to do whatever can be done to retain members in the club before they are dropped.

We need members to do service and need leaders to implement that service.

Why do members drop? They were not adequately oriented. PCC Mark Whitney and PDG Rick Brisee have been doing a great job working on orientation programs. If you bring in a new member, be sure to schedule a new member orientation.

Every club needs a membership chair.

Reminder that reporting is very important.

- **LCIF Report:**

PDG Paula Flisnik reported that Campaign 100 started three years ago and was extended a fourth year due to COVID. \$55 million is needed in 6 months to reach the goal of 300 million.

It is important that we all donate, even if it is \$1.00

Legacy is important and is one of the planned pledges that is available, with your will. If it is a Life Insurance policy, you need to send beneficiary info.

DG Michele encouraged all clubs to contribute to LCIF, no matter how small the amount may be.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **LEOS:**

Lion Joe Wagner shared that on December 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a joint district service project with the Leos of District W and District Y with the service grant for hunger relief that the Multiple District received. The Utica area was chosen for the service project at the Utica Food Pantry. 300 bags of food were prepared. There were 15 Leos and 12-15 Lions there at the project.

- **Diabetes:**

Lion Barbara Bentley reported on the different activities that took place around the district in November for National Diabetes Awareness month. She continued to encourage everyone to use the LCI diabetes bookmarks and the brochure that the district did that has the pre-diabetes risk assessment test.

- **Childhood Cancer:**

DG Michele shared that our District Childhood Cancer Chair, Lion Diane Lange, asked everyone to remember that February 13<sup>th</sup> was Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

- **Hunger:**

DG Michele shared that District Hunger Chair, Lion Bob Maxam, thanked everyone for their hunger projects.

DG Michele took a moment to recognize Lions that serve over 50 years, including Lion Doug Salisbury that was in attendance.

- **Alert Building:**

IPDG Rick Brisee discussed the Alert Building and how it was designed to respond to disasters in NY State. However, because the devastation was so great in Kentucky, and they had the capabilities to respond, they did. The tornado hit on Thursday/Friday and on Monday IPDG Rick and PID Ed Cordes were on the road and arrived in KY on Tuesday.

They need to replace what was given to Kentucky, so all clubs are being asked and encouraged to donate to the Alert Foundation.

IPDG Rick shared a video that was put together by PID Ed Cordes with pictures he and IPDG Rick took in Kentucky.

## **LUNCH BREAK**

**Afghan Refugee Discussion:** Led by DG Michele O'Hare (See attachment)

There are 223 refugees in Albany, NY. She has met with the Albany-Troy Lions looking to help.

DG Michele asked what our clubs within our district want to do. We could try to obtain a Humanitarian Grant from LCI. Or, we could sponsor those already in Albany because they have resources and there is already a task force in Albany for this need.

DG Michele asked that this information be brought back to our clubs to see what we can do as a district.

International President Doug Alexander was on the Zoom and also offered comments.

## **New Business:**

DG Michele shared that that last new club that was formed was the Marcy Telephone Club in 2015.

- **Specialty Clubs:**

PDG Paula Flisnik spoke about the Marcy Telephone Club that was initially formed as a primarily blind club and operated virtually. Today, they are seeking members that are blind or sighted. Anyone not able to attend "traditional" in person meetings are welcome. Past President Lion Bob Cronin stated, "We need a few kind hearts."

PDG Anthony Paradiso spoke about a specialty club that came about from a parent of a child with autism and formed a club by reaching out to fellow educators, parents and their support network.

VDG Ricky Laurin spoke about a specialty club that would be made up of veterans.

- **Burnt Hills/Charlton:**

PDG John McDonald shared how PCC Frank Blair had a vision. He saw a gap in the area in the community of Burnt Hills and Charlton. They have held a couple of informational meetings and have a potential club president identified and Lion Andrea Penamora will be their Guiding Lion.

- **Guilderland:**

PDG Ed Stano met a woman that is head of the Veterans and Community Housing that lives in Altamont and used to be president of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce. If anyone knows of anyone that lives in the Guilderland area, where they are looking to form a club, they are encouraged to reach out to PDG Ed Stano.

**Visiting ID Candidate Speeches by:**

- PDG Anthony Paradiso
- PDG Lorri Rieger
- PDG Ozzie Torres (via Zoom)

Speeches were followed by a Question & Answers session with all four candidates.

**Closing Comments:**

DG Michele O'Hare asked that everyone in attendance bring back to their clubs the information that was discussed regarding the Afghan Refugees and what their clubs may be able to do to help.

DG Michele asked that ALL clubs support the Alert Foundation financially.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted  
by Lion Barbara Bentley, Cabinet Secretary

Lions District 20-W Treasurer's Report  
For the period 7/01/21 through 1/16/22

- Income and Expense details for the period from 7/01/21 through 1/16/22 are attached (last column). Budget and actual totals for the prior year are shown for comparison.
- Within our bank account balance we still have \$2,849.13 remaining in the Lions Quest grant funds and \$272.73 remaining in the MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant Funds.
- 49 of 50 clubs have submitted their district dues, \$4,026.00 including \$78.00 in arrears, collected of \$3,954.00 expected, report attached.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Eric Unislawski  
Cabinet Treasurer

<b>LIONS DISTRICT 20-W</b>					
<b>BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORTS</b>					
	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2020/21</b>		<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual thru</b>		<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual thru</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>6/30/21</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>1/16/22</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		\$ 19,555.79			\$ 18,241.32
<b>Income</b>				1,318 members	
Lions Clubs District Dues	\$ 4,518.00	\$ 4,290.00		\$ 3,954.00	\$ 4,026.00
MD20 Dues Rebates	5,808.00	5,728.20		5,272.00	2,266.00
LCI District Restructuring Grant	1,452.00				
NYS & BLF Incentive Award		1,000.00			
MD20 PDG Scholarship Leader Training	100.00			100.00	100.00
GLT Funds from LCI	400.00			250.00	166.67
GMT Funds from LCI	500.00			250.00	166.67
GST Funds from LCI	500.00			250.00	166.66
District Convention/Fall Conference	1,500.00	1,360.00		1,500.00	2,720.00
Program Advertising - Conference/Testimonial	200.00			200.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	2,700.00	520.00		2,700.00	1,320.00
Pins Sold	250.00	350.00		400.00	110.00
Misc - Raffles, Peace Posters	1,000.00	340.00		500.00	
50/50 Tickets	400.00	158.00		300.00	273.00
Testimonial Tickets	4,000.00	1,364.00		4,000.00	
District KOB - Club Donations	200.00	200.00		200.00	
District MJF - Club Donations	450.00	600.00		450.00	
District RJU - Club Donations	200.00	50.00		200.00	
DG Gift - Club Donations	500.00			500.00	
Leo's Grant				1,000.00	
Public Relations Grant				5,000.00	
Other Income	500.00	200.00		500.00	10.00
DG Project - Club Donations					
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 25,178.00	\$ 16,160.20		\$ 27,526.00	\$ 11,325.00
<b>Expenses</b>					
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	
1st VDG Expenses	1,500.00	1,210.52		1,500.00	661.56
2nd VDG Expenses	500.00	400.00		500.00	
USA Canada Forum				750.00	
MD-20 Convention	1,600.00	493.50		1,600.00	
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference	2,500.00	***		2,875.00	1,400.00
GLT Expenses	750.00	866.90		750.00	
GMT Expenses	750.00			750.00	
GST Expenses	650.00	597.52		750.00	416.60
Hospitality Suite	500.00			500.00	
District Leadership Training	750.00			500.00	
District Directory	1,275.00	1,255.00		1,235.00	1,235.00
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)	1,500.00	1,037.50		1,000.00	1,020.00
District Convention/Fall Conference	2,000.00	2,258.84		2,000.00	4,270.46
International Director Visit Expenses	500.00	373.00		500.00	366.14
District Cabinet Meetings	2,400.00	80.25		2,400.00	1,232.00
Cabinet Supplies - badges, postage, etc	300.00			300.00	252.63
Minor Equipment & Zoom	300.00	813.14		500.00	
Peace Poster	275.00			275.00	
Testimonial - Meal	3,500.00	3,915.73		3,500.00	200.00
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts	500.00	56.71		500.00	
Website		204.00		210.00	
District MJF Award	1,000.00	2,000.00		1,000.00	
District KOB Award	500.00	500.00		500.00	
District RJU Award	300.00	300.00		300.00	
Vision of Hope Award		300.00		300.00	
DG Gift	500.00			500.00	
Banking Expenses	60.00			60.00	
Leo Leadership Conference		352.00		215.00	
New Leo Club Startup Expenses (3)				600.00	
Cyber Security				440.00	
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	50.00	460.06		100.00	292.90
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 25,460.00	\$ 17,474.67		\$ 27,910.00	\$ 11,347.29
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	\$ (282.00)	\$ (1,314.47)		\$ (384.00)	\$ (22.29)
<b>Ending Balance (should match check book)</b>		\$ 18,241.32			\$ 18,219.03
		*** \$1,125 ck returned			

	Club	Membership as of: 6/30/21		FY 2021/22 Amt Paid	Ck Date	Ck #	Deposit Date
1	Albany & Troy	39	39	\$ 117.00	7/29/2021	482	8/5/2021
2	Ballston Spa	33	33	\$ 99.00	8/1/2021	1726	8/19/2021
3	Bethlehem	20	20	\$ 60.00	8/12/2021	1585	8/19/2021
4	Broadalbin-Perth	25	25	\$ 75.00	8/11/2021	1201	8/19/2021
5	Cambridge	12	12	\$ 36.00	11/6/2021	1553	11/18/2021
6	Chazy	40	40	\$ 120.00	10/15/2021	111	11/18/2021
7	Clifton Fine	21	21	\$ 63.00	10/15/2021	2031	11/2/2021
8	Clinton	22	22	\$ 66.00	8/19/2021	1782	8/30/2021
9	Deerfield	5	5	\$ 15.00	7/29/2021	1078	8/5/2021
10	Duane	21	21	\$ 63.00	9/8/2021	1294	10/7/2021
11	Edwards	28	28	\$ 84.00	8/3/2021	2084	8/13/2021
12	Fonda & Fultonville	18	18	\$ 54.00	10/27/2021	2663	11/15/2021
13	Galway	68	68	\$ 204.00	8/2/2021	2441	8/13/2021
14	Glens Falls	39	39	\$ 117.00	8/3/2021	4362	8/13/2021
15	Gouverneur	44	44	\$ 132.00	11/30/2021	493	12/13/2021
16	Greater Amsterdam - 3 years	2	-				
17	Greater Herkimer	26	26	\$ 78.00	7/29/2021	1059	8/5/2021
18	Greater Johnstown	40	40	\$ 120.00	9/9/2021	1848	9/10/2021
19	Greater Ravena	15	15	\$ 45.00	8/3/2021	1082	8/13/2021
20	Greenwich	37	37	\$ 111.00	7/31/2021	1662	8/5/2021
21	Hadley-Luzerne	35	35	\$ 105.00	9/7/2021	1902	10/7/2021
22	Heuvelton	12	12	\$ 36.00	9/9/2021	199	10/7/2021
23	Holland Patent	19	19	\$ 57.00	9/25/2021	1202	11/2/2021
24	Lake Placid	30	30	\$ 90.00	10/18/2021	186	10/18/2021
25	Lisbon	19	19	\$ 57.00	10/18/2021	1103	11/2/2021
26	Long Lake	15	15	\$ 45.00	9/7/2021	148	9/10/2021
27	Louisville	9	9	\$ 27.00	11/4/2021	493	11/18/2021
28	Malone	16	16	\$ 48.00	7/28/2021	5306	8/5/2021
29	Marcy Telephone	11	11	\$ 33.00	8/30/2021	1050	9/10/2021
30	Mechanicville-Stillwater	28	28	\$ 84.00	8/1/2021	1006	8/19/2021
31	Newcomb	46	46	\$ 138.00	8/2/2021	1573	8/5/2021
32	New Hartford NY Mills Whitestown	11	11	\$ 33.00	7/30/2021	923	8/5/2021
33	Northville-Sacandaga	18	18	\$ 54.00	7/29/2021	2420	8/5/2021
34	Ogdensburg	43	43	\$ 129.00	8/8/2021	5523	8/30/2021
35	Peru	23	23	\$ 69.00	7/30/2021	2033	8/13/2021
36	Plattsburgh	34	34	\$ 102.00	8/16/2021	2012	8/30/2021
37	Raquette River	25	51	\$ 153.00	10/30/2021	141	11/2/2021
38	Saranac Lake	5	5	\$ 15.00	10/15/2021	2122	11/2/2021
39	Saratoga Springs	85	85	\$ 255.00	8/4/2021	2226	8/13/2021
40	Sauquoit Valley	33	33	\$ 99.00	7/29/2021	663	8/5/2021
41	Schuylerville	17	17	\$ 51.00	10/20/2021	1113	11/30/2021
42	Scotia-Glenville	22	22	\$ 66.00	7/29/2021	4251	8/5/2021
43	Speculator	22	22	\$ 66.00	7/29/2021	2233	8/5/2021
44	Town of Greenfield	34	34	\$ 102.00	8/19/2021	1247	8/30/2021
45	Town of Hoosick	34	34	\$ 102.00	8/2/2021	1198	8/13/2021
46	Town of Schroon	38	38	\$ 114.00	8/5/2021	128	8/13/2021
47	Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley	11	11	\$ 33.00	9/25/2021	1283	10/7/2021
48	Tupper Lake	34	34	\$ 102.00	10/21/2021	2235	11/2/2021
49	Utica	14	14	\$ 42.00	7/25/2021	5244	8/5/2021
50	Waterford	20	20	\$ 60.00	8/2/2021	35758405	8/13/2021
	50	1,318	1,342	\$ 4,026.00		49	

1/9/2022

3,954

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Remaining

Potsdam & Norfolk merged are now Raquette River Lions Club

New York Mills/ Whitetown & New Hartford merged and are now New Hartford-New York Mills/Whitestown Lions Club (8281)

Gloversville & Johnstown merged are now Greater Johnstown Lions Club



Credential Report for 20W Convention on January 16, 2022

Eligible Delegate Counts (from LCI)	127	
PDG delegates	28	
Total allowable votes	155	
Total Delegate Forms returned	43	
Total Credentialed delegates	114	
Total Credentialed PDGs	28	
Total Delegates Registered to Vote	142	*

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Edward Stano, Jr. Chair, Credentials Committee

Committee:

Lion Pricilla

Lion Barbara Bentley

Lion Eric Unislawski

Lion Nicole Shippee

\* 2 PDGs opted not to vote TOTAL - 140

## **GMT Report**

**January 16, 2022**

Hello Members of District 20W,

As of January 16, 2022 the District is showing a net gain of 15 members. We had a good start with a positive number for several months, but we dropped to a negative number in December. Historically, the entire Multiple District sees a decrease in membership in December and June, since this is when dues are due. Going forward we need to be acutely aware of this fact. To avoid this we all must make the effort to ensure that we keep our clubs meeting, whether it is in person or virtually. Before dropping a member for not paying dues, you must make personal contact either face to face or by telephone. We are still in difficult times, so try to accommodate your members. Our end goal is to have every club show at least one member positive at the end of the year. This is the primary goal of our International President from New York, Douglas Alexander. This often quoted goal may sound easy to attain, but I think we all know that it will be difficult. But difficult does not mean impossible. There are several things we can do to work toward this goal.

We still need every club to appoint a membership chairperson.. This is an extremely important position and it needs to be filled to help you be successful. The second step is the retention of our existing members. Historically, we lose more members than we bring in to be Lions. You need to work to make sure all members are energized in your club to accomplish more service to your community. Service is why we joined Lions. The third step is to utilize the help of your district leadership team. Reach out to your Zone Chairs or to me to help you. When your Zone Chair contacts you, please cooperate with him or her. Attend zone meetings. They are the first leadership link to the clubs. But as I mentioned, you may reach out directly to me and I will work with you to get you whatever help you need to increase your membership and keep your members.

I hope to accompany the Governor on visitations to get to know more of you personally. There are more steps we need to take, but if everyone can continue with the three listed above we can make sure we finish the year in a positive fashion! If anyone thinks they can help start a new club, please contact me and we will work together to make that happen.

YIL,

PDG Ed Stano

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# Afghan Resettlement Program

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## A Call to Action for Service Clubs

The United States has evacuated close to 100,000 Afghans at risk of violence and persecution, many because of their service to the U.S. mission in Afghanistan. Governor Jack Markell, White House Coordinator for Operation Allies Welcome, has requested civic organizations join the national effort to resettle these Afghan allies in communities across the United States. Lions Clubs International has accepted this invitation and has invited other service club organizations to join forces with us.

## Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA)

The APA is an emergency program in response to U.S. evacuation efforts in Afghanistan. Through the APA program, eligible Afghans are entitled to receive support relocating from their temporary living situations on U.S. military bases to local communities. To quickly expand capacity to meet the current need for large-scale placement of these individuals, the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration within the Department of State has enabled national resettlement agencies to partner with civic organizations.

## The Role of Lions Clubs International

LCI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Church World Service (CWS), one of nine national resettlement agencies. LCI will serve as an Institutional Co-Sponsor. In this role, LCI will recruit and train local Lions clubs to welcome an Afghan individual or family into their community. LCI will also provide ongoing support and oversight to the clubs during the initial placement period. LCI will be responsible for ensuring clubs maintain appropriate case files, and for financial and outcome reporting.

## The Role of Lions Clubs

Individual Lions Clubs in the United States will have the opportunity to participate as Local Co-Sponsor Groups. Participating clubs will provide their new neighbors with reception services, housing available for at least 6-12 months post-placement, basic household items and furnishings, adequate food supplies, and seasonally appropriate clothing. They will assist with school enrollment for school-age children, transportation support, and provide a cultural orientation. They will also assist with enrollment in English language training, employment services, health services, and public benefits. They will also provide financial assistance with basic living expenses during the 90-day co-sponsorship period.

## Program Funding

The APA provides a fixed per capita grant of US\$2,275 for each Afghan individual welcomed by a Local Co-Sponsor Group. Local Co-Sponsor Groups are encouraged, but not required, to raise an additional US\$2,000 for each individual they welcome. These funds provide for the immediate needs of the individuals and families, including the goods and services outlined above. Additional funding for Institutional and Local Co-Sponsors may be available through grants from the Welcome Fund ([welcome.us/welcomefund-grants](https://welcome.us/welcomefund-grants)).

## To Participate or Learn More

We invite you to reach out [Afghan.Resettlement@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Afghan.Resettlement@lionsclubs.org) if your club would like to participate, or would like to learn more.

Additional information can be found at [Welcome.us](https://welcome.us) and [cwsglobal.org](https://cwsglobal.org).