

DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #9

JUNE 2021

No one can do everything, but
Everyone can do something, and
Together we can change the world.

Ronald J Sider



GIUSEPPE COCO
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 20 R1
2020-2021

TOGETHER WE CAN!





District Governor's Final Message

Dear Club Presidents and Lions,

We have come to the end of this lionistic year and I am going to pass the gavel to the District Governor Elect, Jack Ciaramella, whom I wish, with sincere affection, a year full of prestigious results.

In these circumstances it is natural to look back and, as in a flash back, a year full of events flows before my eyes, all inspired by the firm desire to make a difference.

At the beginning of my term of office I told you that TOGETHER WE CAN.

Indeed we made it.

Despite the pandemic, we were able to adapt and carry on many activities in a completely new environment. We were able to attend to zoom meetings and conventions, to conduct on line elections, services and fundraisers.

During my visits to clubs, I tried to be loyal and sincere, running the risk of being unpopular, showing you how the world sees your club, highlighting areas of excellence and those of improvement and suggesting you possible actions.

I also stressed the importance of developing leadership at club level both with good training and healthy rotation of club officers.

Club leadership is vital not only for a club but also for the district and the International. Without new leaders we are not able to start new clubs and support the existing clubs. This is a challenge that we must face together with courage and determination, replicating the efforts of our founders by rebuilding our Lions Clubs International Association stronger.

I am very comforted by the awareness that I have continuously committed myself with all my strength to the achievement of the LCI's purposes and mission. My service journey lasted 5 years of hard work: Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and DG. I have been your servant, sometimes a "useless servant" for those clubs and lions who did not demonstrate consideration, kindness and the spirit of brotherhood of Lionism.

Nevertheless, in the areas of Organization, Leadership and Training:

- The District organized ZCs training. A particular thanks to PDG Ellen Purcigliotti, PDG Dina Ciaramella and Lion Jake Cataldo for accepting the role of Zone Chair.
- Club officer training was conducted on zoom in July. Thanks to GLT Robert Antonucci for helping with the training.
- We had 5 Cabinet meetings on zoom. A huge thank you to Cabinet secretary Krista and the cabinet treasurer Alex Tanchoco for carrying on their office with efficient effectiveness.
- We sent 9 Newsletters, in addition to prompt communications via email when needed. Thank you to the clubs that sent their activities and articles.
- We conducted 10 New Leader Training sessions which were attended by an average of 20 lions from several Districts. 15 Total training hours. The training was highly appreciated at MD level. Thank you to the Lions who attended.
- We reviewed the district website and facebook page, Thanks to Lions Ali Abouzahr and Alessandra Coco.
- I visited 17 clubs, either in person or on zoom. Thank you to the clubs who were able to coordinate the visit.
- The District Virtual Convention was attended by 80 Lions from several Districts. The feedback received was outstanding. Thank you to those who attended and a special one to those who helped with the organization.

In the area of Membership.

To date the district has 29 clubs and 755 lions with a net growth of -50 members. However, we have a new Leo club (Mahopac) with 62 Leos. Clubs have been continuously encouraged to focus on membership through: DG's visits, Cabinet meetings and Newsletters. Thank you PDG Ron Delo for stepping forward as GMT.

In the areas of District's Service and Donations:

- Peace Poster contest was won by a student from Valhalla. Thanks PDG Maybelle Twohie for coordinating.
- Lions See – Lion Ralph Fasano coordinated the planning including Clubs from District 20R2 in order to be ready to start screening children as soon as the situation allows. Thank you Ralph.
- Diabetes – Aggressive activity on a dedicated web page and District Facebook page has been carried on by the Diabetes Chairperson Robert Collins. Great job Bob, thank you.
- With the successful application for LCIF and NYS Bermuda Foundation grants, last year we collected \$25,006 toward procurement of an additional passenger van for My Brother Vinny which was handed over early this year. These grants were coordinated by GST IPDG Carl Anderson. Outstanding job, Carl!!
- The District donated:
 - ✓ \$350.00 to Leo MD20 pro Leo's participation to US/Canada Leo Leadership Forum.
 - ✓ \$152.00 to Leo MD20 pro Leo's Statewide Service Grant.
 - ✓ \$300.00 to NYS&BF / 3 Raffle tickets

Clubs' Services / Fundraisers / donations.

To date 12 Clubs reported their activity as follows:

- Service Activities Completed 210
- Volunteer Hours 3,264
- People Served 13,349
- Funds Raised \$135,758
- Funds Donated \$15,906

Thank you to the clubs who reported their activity. By doing so, they were able to support the LCI Forward Goal to serve 200 mil people annually.

- LCIF donations
 - ✓ Donor Clubs 15
 - ✓ Funds donated \$8,951

Thank you to all clubs and individuals who made a donation to LCIF.

Before ending my year, I would like to thank, most sincerely, all who have demonstrated consideration, kindness and friendship to me as fellow Lion and as District Governor by responding to my emails and invitations.

A special thanks to those who contributed, with their constant commitment, true spirit of service, and determination to the achievement of our district's goals.

Thank you to each of you for being a lion.

“Together We Can!”

**Yours in Lionism
DG Giuseppe Coco**

THE CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

The following Clubs might meet the requirements for a Club Excellence Award:

Bedford Hills, Mahopac, Pearl River, Ramapo, and Somers.

Please review the application below. You can also find it on www.LionsClubs.org



2020-2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify

Date _____

Club Number _____	Club Name _____	District _____
Member Number _____	2020-2021 Club President's Name _____	Email Address _____

1. MEMBERSHIP

☐ Achieved a net growth of _____ **or** Chartered new Lions club, Les Club or Club Branch:
Name of club, or branch: _____

2. SERVICE

- ☐ Contributed to LCIF
- ☐ Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes!
- ☐ List Three projects/events hosted by the club:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

☐ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events. Select all that apply:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center | |

☐ Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.
Improvements include: _____

4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. Choose all that apply:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

District _____	2020-2021 District Governor Signature* _____	Member Number _____	Date _____
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Due by: August 31, 2021

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2021-2022 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.

Please note that the deadline date to submit your Club Excellence Award Application is August 31st.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

Clubs visited: Armonk, Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Carmel Kent, Cold Spring, Hendrick Hudson, Lewisboro, Mahopac, Mount Kisco, North Rockland, Pearl River, Ramapo, Rockland Universal, Somers, Suffern, Valhalla, and Yorktown

Clubs who were not able to invite the District Governor: Blauvelt, Brewster, Clarkstown, Croton on Hudson, North Salem, Ossining, Peekskill, Piermont, Pleasantville, Rockland Indo-Am, Stony Point, Thornwood.

News from the District

Pearl River Lions Club



Lions Work Day at Visions /VCB.

On June 5th, Pearl River Lions Club maintained the sensory garden plants and flowers in raised planters. Weeded and raked leaves. Cut back overgrowth. Planted new flowers. Placed mulch. Watered. Touched up redwood stain on the bench donated some years ago.

Yorktown Lions Club's Installation of Club Officers. June 2021



Welcome to new Lions Jenna Belcastro and Stacey Warren.

Congratulations to:

- ✓ 2021 Presidential Community Spirit Award: Matt Slater;
- ✓ Robert L Cecere Community Excellence Award - Patty & Jim Rathschmid United for the troops;
- ✓ 2019/2020 Lion of the Year. --- Jean Marie Klaus;
- ✓ 2020/2021 Lion of the Year --- Tricy Cushner;
- ✓ Presidential Appreciations - Public Relations: Tom Thomas McLoughlin; Webmaster: Christina Iennaco;
- ✓ MELVIN Jones Fellow 19/20. -- Phyllis Bradbury;
- ✓ Melvin Jones Fellow 20/21. -- Jim Poulin;

Incoming Club Officers:

Jimmy Poulin President

Tricy Cushner First VP

Denise Poulin Second VP and Secretary

Maria Tiani Marks and JeanMarie Klaus co-Treasurers

Carol Lachterman Tail Twister

William Marks Lion Tamer

Kellie King Slater and Stacey Warren Membership Co-chairs

Phyllis Bradbury, Carol Roberts, Rose Marcelli McTygue, Tom Mcloughlin, and Bob Garofalo – directors.



Mount Kisco Lions Club



Our District Diabetes Chairperson Robert Collins made a Presentation to the **Mount Kisco Lions Club** about the LionsFit4Life information and ways to put Type 2 Diabetes into permanent remission & Metabolic Health.

Bedford Hills Lions Club

Bedford Hills Lions Club participated in the town cleaning (early May).



Carmel Kent Lions Club

Carmel-Kent Lions Club pitched in during the town wide cleanup in conjunction with Earth Day. We picked up trash along the shore of Lake Gleneida and on Route 301 in the hamlet.



District Testimonial



NEWS FROM LCI

- ✓ The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating financial hardships for Lions and the people we care for. To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to help our clubs in the new Lion year. Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the board of directors:

The current waiver of Charter and entrance fees (through June 30, 2021) has been extended through December 31, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this. The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

- ✓ Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19),
The board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada. It will take place from June 24-28, 2022.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision.

The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Thank you all for your perseverance through these unprecedented times.



LCICon2021

103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Get ready for LCICon (in your own house)!

All info at
<https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/>

COMING UP



Yorktown Lions Club
2021



Summer Concert Series

Our 26th Anniversary at the Jack DeVito Veterans Memorial Park!
All Concerts are on Sunday Nights and start at 6PM

6/27 Simply Diamond – Neil Diamond Tribute

7/11 Group de Jour – A tour of music through the years!

7/18 Frontiers – A Journey Tribute Band

8/8 The Elton John Experience

8/15 45 RPM – Some of the best hits from your favorite Juke Box!

8/29 Class Action – Yorktown's own Rock Tribute Band

If raining, concert will be held at the Yorktown Stage Theatre

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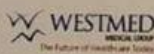
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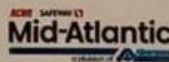
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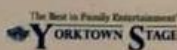


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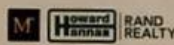
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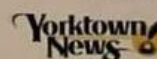
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T. 914-319-2962

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Vendor Opportunities available!

Call Ed at 914-393-1447 or go to Yorktownlions.com

Interested in becoming a Lion

Contact Kelly Slater or Roberta Marro @ yorktownlionsclub@gmail.com



Live Open Mic



Sponsored by The Pearl River Lions Club & The Muddy Creek Rock and Roll Song Group

Saturday, July 10th

3pm to 6pm



The Gazebo - Central Avenue Field

(next to Pearl River Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1)



**Bring your instrument and singing voice!
Play your music at this outdoor Open Mic.**

**...or just come and enjoy live music
in a safe, socially-distanced
sunny afternoon in the park!**



Musicians, please RSVP at

<https://www.meetup.com/Muddy-Creek-Rock-and-Roll-Song-Group>

AND use the sign-up list:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A8AB28AAFE16-live>

**Free to play!
Free to watch!**



**All donations will
benefit PRHS
Scholarship Fund!**

CLOSING REMARKS

Please report your 2021-22 Officers on MyLCI (PU-101)

**Please report your membership on MyLCI
(on June 30th your club will be charged with the next year dues)**

Please, report your club activities on:

- **MyLion (Including meetings and donations)**
 - Your facebook page or group
and share with Lions20R1 Community page
 - Your website

Finally, a huge thank you to the clubs that helped me with the redaction of these 9 newsletters.



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20 R1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2020-2021
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