



# **DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #1**

## **AUGUST 2020**

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 Monthly Message

Dear Club Presidents and Lions,

We are confronting unprecedented challenges due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which is impacting our world, our communities and our Lions. Yet through all of this uncertainty, your resolve has remained unshaken. You have continued to commit yourself to serve your community and as officer of your club.

Great challenges require great wisdom and strength. They require the compassionate service of all Lions. And they require great leaders to come together to overcome them.

The world needs kindness now more than ever. And the world needs Lions now more than ever — all 1.4 million of us, each one bringing our diverse talents, experiences and cultures to our service. We will stand united to share our message of hope and make the world a better place by embracing our International President's Theme: ***“United in Kindness and Diversity”***.

During the past 4 years, I have met many wonderful people and we have worked together to promote membership growth, new club development, leadership development and humanitarian service to clubs throughout the district. We were able to develop and implement plans for the improvement of District and Clubs organizations. We have had several good results with participating clubs. Those success stories demonstrated that ***“Together We Can!”***

You have the ability to make any choice for your club: *“Your Club Your Way”*, but yours is also a **“LIONS”** club with specific obligations, also club members have the right to access all the benefits and opportunities that go beyond the club, up to the district and even to the international level. I encourage you to join me in this effort: We must help each other in pursuing **all** the purposes of Lionism in our communities and worldwide, to make our International Association, District and Clubs stronger.

Especially during this difficult pandemic time, the role of the District is to help clubs in being successful and it will do the impossible to support you with any resource you may need, but it also needs support through **your** participation. Please, engage yourself, do your part in making Melvin Jones' dream come true again and again, because ***“Together We Can!”*** For what concerns myself: I already have ***Promises to Keep***.

**Yours in Service**  
**DG Giuseppe Coco**

## The District 20R1 Lions Toast

**Not Above You**  
**Not Beneath You,**  
**But With **ALL** of You**  
**Because Together We Can!**

### Promises To Keep

This is just a short poem,  
And you'd think I could easily remember it and apply  
it consistently.

Yet, it is truly an effort to do so,  
And falling short of it is so common for me.  
But what would I be like if I didn't even try?  
I don't want to know.

I will do more than belong, I will participate.

I will do more than care, I will help.

I will do more than believe, I will practice

I will do more than forgive, I will forget.

I will do more than teach, I will inspire.

I will do more than dream, I will work.

I will do more than give, I will serve.

I will do more than earn, I will enrich.

I will do more than live, I will grow.

I will do more than be fair, I will be kind.

I will do more than be a citizen, I will be a patriot.

I will do more than be friendly, I will be a friend.

(by William Arthur Ward)

# NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

## 2020-21 District Goals

Dear Club Presidents,

I thank you for your inputs in identifying meaningful District goals for this lionistic year 2020-21. The following Goal Statements are the result of a mediation of your inputs, the LCI's suggestions and my personal aspirations. In order to achieve these goals the participation of **ALL** clubs is essential.

- 1) **MEMBERSHIP: By the end of June 2021 the district will achieve Net Growth of 30 in membership.**
- 2) **SERVICE 1: By the end of June 2021 the District will eye-screen all age 3-6 children in Rockland, Putnam and North Westchester counties.**
- 3) **SERVICE 2: By the end of June 2021 the District will contribute a total of \$31,000.00 to LCIF Campaign 100.**
- 4) **LEADERSHIP: By the end of April 2021 the District will identify and thoroughly train 10 new leaders.**
- 5) **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION: By the end of April 2021 the District will improve Clubs' marketing capability by: developing a marketing plan template for the clubs and conducting a club Marketing and Communication training event.**

## Official Visit of the District Governor

Dear Club Presidents,

As District Governor I am required by Lions Clubs International to visit every club within the district at least once a year. Although this is a duty, for me it is also a joy and I would be honored and very happy if I could meet all of your members. It will be a unique opportunity: for me to learn about your club, your services and your success stories; for you to get updated on the most recent LCI's and District's initiatives and goals. It would be very useful to know what you expect in general from the District and which difficulties (if any) you are facing and how the District can help. However, due to the current pandemic we need to comply with NY State Authorities. I suggest a visit in person limited to the Club BoD in order to easily adopt safe social distancing and a zoom meeting with all members. At least until situation is improved enough to allow us all to meet in person. Please confirm as soon as possible the date and modality of the DG's visit.

### August Calendar

- 1 Club Membership Monthly Report on MyLCI
- 3 Guiding Lions meeting
- 6 DG visits Valhalla
- 11 DG visits Bedford Village
- 13 DG visits Blauvelt
- 15 Deadline for New Leaders training signing up
- 17 New Leaders 1<sup>st</sup> training session
- 18 DG visits Rockland Indo-Am
- 20 DG visits Pleasantville
- 31 New Leaders 2<sup>nd</sup> training session

# DG's Letter to a New Member

Dear New Lion Member,

Welcome to Lions Clubs International, the global leader in humanitarian service.

Thank you for answering your internal vocation to serve. Your journey in the association is just started and I would like to briefly describe some of the opportunities that are available to you.

As a club member, you will be encouraged to join in services, implement plans and projects. The impact you are going to make depends upon your available time and determination. If you have your own dream, cause or project, talk to your sponsor or President and present a proposal to the Board of Directors or to the whole club. **And then Make it Happen!**

Ask about Lionism and attend training sessions organized by the club or the district. - As you acquire more knowledge and skills you will be ready for the **second level of serving**. As **club officer and, as club President**, you will be able to fulfill the mission of Lions Clubs International: **To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.**

But there is a lot more you can accomplish at the third level of serving, when you become an **International Officer**. You will be able **to address all purposes of Lionism** such as organizing new clubs, coordinating the activities of Lions clubs, creating and fostering a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world, and much more.

Enjoy your Lions membership and get great satisfaction from your success. This is what I wish for you. Yours in Lionism

DG Giuseppe Coco



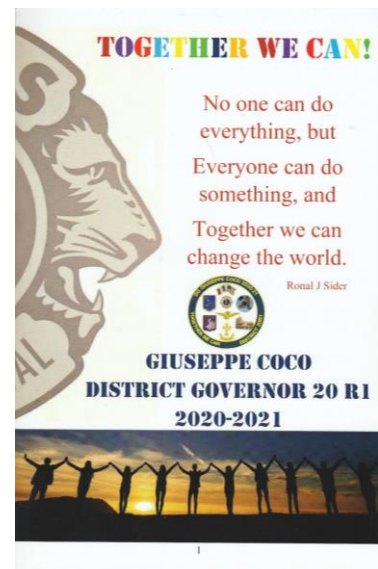
## District 20R1 Convention 2021 Tarrytown March 7<sup>th</sup>



Depending on the situation at that time the convention will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel or virtually on Zoom. Lions and Leo Clubs are encouraged to be part of the program with videos or presentations of their services or activities.

More to follow.

**The District Directory  
is being delivered**



# Sign up for the Districts 20R1 New Leaders Training

## 2020

### 17 August - New Leaders 1<sup>st</sup> training session: New Member Orientation –

**DGs Giuseppe Coco and Riki Ito**

Who Lions Are  
Your Club  
History  
Club Officers  
Traditions  
Elections  
Awards  
Service and Fund Raising Activities  
Membership  
Meetings  
Dues  
Budgets  
Communications

### 31 August - New Leaders 2<sup>nd</sup> training session: New Member Orientation – **DG Giuseppe Coco**

Zone, Region District and Multiple District  
Organizational Structure  
District Convention  
Communications  
Lions Clubs International  
History  
Origin of the name “Lions”  
Logo  
Organizational Structure  
International Constitution and By-Laws  
International Convention  
International Headquarters  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Leadership  
Service Activities  
Membership Development  
Communications

### 7 September - New Leaders 3<sup>rd</sup> training session: Club Management - **PCC Kelly Clark**

New year Preparation, Setting Goals, Plans, Committees  
Monitoring Goal Achievement progresses

### 21 September - New Leaders 4<sup>th</sup> training session: Club Management - **PDG Mark Whitney**

How to Attend Meetings  
How to Conduct Meetings: Preparation, facilitation,  
Follow up  
Your club your way  
Club President e-book

### 12 October - New Leaders 5<sup>th</sup> training session & New Member Orientation

Students will conduct a new member orientation

### 22-24 Lion Leadership Institute

3 or 4 students will attend the MD20 Leadership Institute  
in Binghamton FOR FREE.

### 9 November - New Leaders 6<sup>th</sup> training session: Clubs' Obligations – **PDG Anthony Paradiso**

Constitution & By-Laws and other LCI's documents and  
policies  
Status Quo and Club Cancellation  
Dues  
Lions reporting MyLCI, MyLion, PU 101, Membership  
Monthly Report, Activities Report  
Club Secretary e-book  
Club Treasurer e-book

### 30 November - New Leaders 7<sup>th</sup> training session: Service

The Service Journey  
Community Needs Assessment  
Marketing and Communication  
Fundraising

## 2021

### 18 January - New Leaders 8<sup>th</sup> training session: Improving your club – **PDG Milledge Smith**

How Are Your Ratings?  
Club Health Assessment  
Club Excellence Award  
Club Quality Initiative  
Blue Print for a Stronger Club

### 1 February - New Leaders 9<sup>th</sup> training session: Membership -

Club Membership Plan  
Club Membership Chair e-book

### 22 February - New Leaders 10<sup>th</sup> training session: Leadership - **DGs Giuseppe Coco and Riki Ito**

GAT & Club BoD  
The art of leading  
The art of recognition  
Continuous Learning



# NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

## Clubs' Special Anniversaries

Club Name	Chartered	Years	On
Rockland Regional	Jun 21, 2016	5	Jun 21, 2021
Westchester Pride	Jun 10, 2016	5	Jun 10, 2021
White Plains	May 12, 2016	5	May 12, 2021
Yorktown	Nov 29, 1960	60	Nov 29, 2020
Thornwood	Jan 26, 1956	65	Jan 26, 2021
Pleasantville	Dec 23, 1930	90	Dec 23, 2020
Mount Kisco	Nov 23, 1925	95	Nov 23, 2020

**Thank you for your service!!**



**MAHOPAC LEO CLUB**  
**WAS CHARTERED ON JULY 23, 2020**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO MAHOPAC LIONS CLUB**

# SOMERS LIONS CLUB

## Somers Lions Club Charity Raffle



### GRAND PRIZE

**2020 Mustang Premium**

(or equal value vehicle)

or

**\$30,000 cash**

Second Prize: \$2,500.00

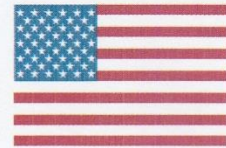
Third Prize: \$1,000.00

Fourth Prize: \$500.00



**2020 Mustang  
Premium**

*Provided by Park Ford  
Mahopac, NY*



**ONLY 1000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**  
**DONATION \$100 per TICKET**

**BUY 3 TICKETS for \$250**

Winner will be drawn Labor Day September 7th, 2020.

Proceeds from the raffle will be given to local families in need,  
Friends of Karen, Blythdale Children's Hospital, and other local charities.



# CROTON ON HUDSON LIONS CLUB



We have been very busy making face masks and face mask straps with 3D printers. We have already printed over 100 face masks, 15 already delivered to the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps and many delivered to 1st responders. Over 1000 face mask straps already printed and distributed with more on the way. Printers are running 7x24 to continue printing face masks and face mask straps.



# NORTH ROCKLAND LIONS CLUB



One thing I've learned in life so far is that service and good deeds never end... Tonight, I took my oath as President of the North Rockland Lions Club Foundation and I also took on the role of Zone chair in the Lions 20R1 Community!

This was a wonderfully (outdoor/ socially distanced/ masks on) gathering of friends and I was proud to take the helm. Something I learned recently from a friend and I really stressed is that especially during these times a Lion is a Lion. Doesn't matter where; how; why; what we look like; how we act. A Lion is a Lion. Period.

Thank you to our DG Giuseppe Coco and Krista Hoversten for being a part of the evening and my Lions Club for welcoming me into this leadership position with open arms and always being there for me in everything I do. Thanks also to Lions Clubs International for the World-wide incredible things we all do: because Together We Can.

Thanks to my Board: Carol Hoerter and Donna Giles. To all our fellow Lions who attending and who we thought of that could not attend. Phil, Lonnie, Doreen, PDG Karl, Lawrence, Noel, Jack and so many more. Lastly thank you to PDG Dina for swearing me in. Meant so much for that moment. I look forward to another incredibly successful year.

Yours in Lionism, Jake Cataldo

North Rockland President

(photo is Dina & I - a congratulatory "Elbow Dump"...ha)

# BREWSTER LIONS CLUB

## Harold Knapp Award



Mr. Harold Knapp

Congratulation on being the 2020 recipient of the Brewster High School's Harold Knapp Award dedicated to Mr. Harold A. Knapp, from the Brewster Lions Club of the Town of Brewster, New York.

Mr. Harold A. Knapp was born on October 24, 1897 and passed away at the age of 64 on August 17, 1962 where he lived at 50 Oak Street in the Village of Brewster, New York.

Mr. Knapp studied at Columbia University and received his Bachelors and Master's degree at NYU.

In 1932 Mr. Knapp came to Brewster, NY where he began his long fruitful career in teaching at the Brewster Central School District's department of music. Mr. Knapp had provided the Brewster High School students with many years of service in the musical academic department through his years at Brewster High School. Mr. Knapp was memorialized by the Brewster Central School Administration and Board of Education as symbols of guidance and authority making it possible for the students to have gained in the form of knowledge possible with his wise and unselfish leadership. As the Board of Education mentioned in past years, Mr. Knapp was gentle, friendly, tolerant, considerate, courteous, sympathetic, obliging and helpful till his last days in the halls of Brewster High School.

In this we honor you this award dedicated to the late, great Mr. Harold A. Knapp.  
Congratulations and Good Luck. Members of the Brewster Lions Club, Brewster New York



I want to congratulate Brewster High School senior Nicole Byrnes on being this years Harold Knapp memorial award recipient. Nicole is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient and has continually performed outstanding service to our community.

President John Duncan

Brewster Lions Club

## CLOSING REMARKS

Please, report your club activities on:

- MyLion (Including meetings)
- Your facebook page or group  
and share with Lions20R1 Community page
- Your website
- District 20R1 Bulletin Editor  
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