

DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #2

SEPTEMBER 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,



September is approaching and clubs are going to start again their activities, in spite of the obstacles posed by the pandemic. Virtual meetings and different ways of serving have been already analyzed by several clubs. Communities need more Lions than ever. That is why we cannot let the pandemic limit our efforts and morale.

We need to innovate and adapt to the situation,

which will be our new normality at least for several months ahead.

Now more than ever, we must help each other with ideas, common projects, training, marketing, membership recruiting and retention, and leadership development. This is what we are doing at Multiple District and International levels, and what I am trying to develop at District level.

- Lions See District Chair Ralph Fasano sent you an invitation to join in the achievement of the eye-screening goal with the appointment of a club Eye screening coordinator. Please respond, so he knows who is on board and who opted for other services.

- New Leader 10 session training started as scheduled on Aug. 17. We had 43 lions signed up and 30 attended. However, only 10 where from our district (the others from 20R2). There is still time and room to sign up.

- In September, we will complete the District membership plan and start implementing it. Your involvement and commitment will be essential. Please have your membership Chairperson contact PDG Ron Delo (GMT).

- LCIF is our Foundation. During this pandemic Our Multiple District received a \$200,000 non-matching grant, of which \$22,500 were assigned to our District (see page 4). It is paramount that we support our Foundation in accordance with each club financial capability. Only 30% of our clubs made a donation to LCIF last year. I encourage you to make a least a symbolic yearly club donation which will entitle you to be part of the unbelievable achievements of LCIF.

If you have a project that needs significant resources do not discard it. With district and other clubs help you might be able to implement it, because ***"Together We Can!"***

Yours in Service

DG Giuseppe Coco



MD20 COUNCIL 2020-21

The District 20R1 Lions Toast

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

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Lions Clubs Mitigate Food Pantry Stresses with \$5,000 Donation

Traffic cones, masks, and gloves have taken their place alongside cereal, peanut butter, and cash on food pantry request lists. The Center of Northern Westchester (Bedford) now provides a face mask for every family member receiving groceries. People to People (Nanuet) and St Peter & St Mary (Haverstraw) have curbside pickup. And the First Presbyterian Church (Yorktown) is now a “drive through / choice” model - all in response to the twin health and economic disruption of the Covid19 virus.

Increases in new clients have been rapid, straining pantry logistics amid social distancing. People to People added 52 new families (from 350 ongoing clients); First Presbyterian volume has doubled (over 200+ families vs 100+ families last month); CCNW client families have increased 85% since March 2019 (2354 vs 1266 households); CCNW also delivers to 350 housebound clients.



First Presbyterian Pantry – now with traffic cones



First Presbyterian Drive-Through Choice

Friends of Karen works with families of children with serious illness (high risk) in the tri state area, serving as a one stop lifeline. Nearly 25% of clients are (suddenly) unemployed/have no income, and between 3-5% of families have a Covid19 positive family member. To maintain social distancing, FOK has provided food vouchers for their clients.

NeighborsLink supports some 4200 new arrivals with vocational training, job placement, ESL and other services. Clients have been especially impacted by construction and restaurant slowdowns. NL has worked with local grocery stores and restaurants to provide gift cards and meal vouchers for their clients, and has recently partnered with Feeding Westchester to set up a “grab and go” food pantry at their Mt. Kisco campus.

The Lower Hudson Valley Lions (District 20R1) have responded with emergency grants totaling \$5,000 for partners in Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester. While our presence is worldwide, most Lions Clubs work locally to address hunger and needs in their communities. Knowing the scope of Covid19, we reached out to our two statewide foundations – New York State Bermuda Lions Foundation nysblf.org and Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation brandelmurphyfoundation.org – to help address the hunger that we suddenly face. Within 48 hours, we had two checks.

Supplementing regular club hunger projects, District 20 R1 – Lower Hudson Valley Lions has provided funds to seven partner agencies:

Community Center Northern Westchester (Bedford) communitycenternw.org

First Presbyterian Church Pantry (Yorktown) fpcyorktown.org

Friends of Karen (North Salem) friendsofkaren.org

Neighbors Link (Mt Kisco, Ossining) neighborslink.org

People to People (Nanuet) peopletopeopleinc.org

Putnam Community Action Partnership (Brewster) putnamcap.org

St Peter’s & St Mary’s (Haverstraw) stpeterstmary.us

LCIF Covid19 Emergency Grant - District 20 R1 Update August 20, 2020

Earlier this spring, MD20 received an LCIF emergency (COVID19) grant of \$200,000 to be used in mitigating impacts of the pandemic, with particular interest in supporting needs of front line workers. Along with a multiple wide (state wide) procurement of KN-95 masks, each district was invited to submit a request with guidance on how to best support the needs of their respective communities.

District 20R1- proposed, and received approval for a \$22,500 grant directed toward volunteer ambulance/fire departments, along with a mental health agency, and patients at area hospitals.

1. Decontamination Units for ambulances/volunteer fire departments \$21,000

District R1 has acquired and delivered six (6) decontamination units (Clorox Pro 360) via distributor LI Proliner (Medford, Long Island, New York), in late August.



Valley Cottage Fire Department



Nanuet Fire Department



1Brewster Fire/Ambulance District



Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance

Respective clubs enthusiastically endorsed this project. Six clubs (most involved with the recipients) provided two cases of cleaning fluid (approx. a two month supply – cost of \$250 per machine).

Delivering a clorox 360 decontamination unit to Mt Kisco. Ambulance.



2. TeleHealth --- Broadband Line

\$700

VCS, Inc. is an agency in Rockland County, NY (R1) that provides support services for mentally fragile individuals. District 20R1 requested, and received approval for a **\$700 grant** for an additional broadband line to augment their hotline support.

Note: Covid 19 found its way to the VCS staff. Key decision makers at VCS were affected by the virus, forcing them into confinement for a time period, and delaying our implementation.

3. Tablets to improve communication between Hospital Patients and family members \$800

As a result of pandemic/quarantine restrictions, patients admitted to hospitals have had limited contact with family members. Grant requested \$800 to purchase tablets, to facilitate improved communication between family members and patients, along with improving hospital safety levels.

Note: Lion Lonnie Spinoza was able to source Nine (9) tablets at a cost of \$828.97.

KN95 MASKS

With an LCIF Emergency (Covid19) Grant, MD20 New York Bermuda Lions purchased 10,000 KN95 masks for disbursement throughout the state.

District 20R1- Lower Hudson Valley Lions delivered to several Ambulance/Fire Departments and Humanitarian Organizations



Jawonio, New City



DG Giuseppe Coco met with Leo Leadership



Leo MD20 President Melissa Amante, Leo District President Julia Caico, MD20 Leo Chairperson Pablo Romano and 20-R1 DG Giuseppe met via Zoom Conference to discuss the Leo Program in MD20. I encourage clubs to contemplate the idea of forming and supporting a Leo Club. Leo Presidents and advisors are available to attend one of your club zoom meetings, talk about the Leo Program and answer any questions. To reserve a session, please contact Leo District Adviser Paul LaSpina or DG Giuseppe Coco.

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. If for any reason the scheduled date is not viable PLEASE contact your DG to reschedule it. This is a simple and easy thing to do but it will help me tremendously.** Clubs visited: Armonk, North Rockland and Pearl River.

September Calendar

1 Clubs Report Membership on MyLCI

7 New Leaders 3rd training session

10 DG visits Stony Point

16 DG visits Piermont

21 New Leaders 4th training session

23 DG visits Yorktown

28 DG visits Cold Spring

District 20R1 Convention 2021

Tarrytown March 7th



Depending on the situation 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. Please contact DG with any ideas or proposals.

Sign up for the Districts 20R1 New Leaders Training

Districts 20R1 and 20R2 New Leaders Training 2020

Calling all Lions of Districts 20R1 and 20R2!

JOIN US for the “New Leaders Training” sessions!

Grasp the Opportunity to

Get Lions Savvy!

Grow your Lions Career!

Develop, Cultivate and Expand your
skills and knowledge on LEADERSHIP.

***A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way,
and shows the way. —John Maxwell***

***As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will
be those who empower others. —Bill Gates***

***Leadership and learning are indispensable to each
other. —John F. Kennedy***

Offered on-line through Zoom meetings. Accessible to ALL and absolutely FREE!!

Curriculum was designed to train Lions as future Club Presidents, but
Leadership applies to all walks of life.

Message us on Facebook or e-mail us at giuseppe.coco54@yahoo.com for info! Curriculum available to all
upon request.

We Serve!

Register for the 103rd International Convention - Montreal

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GENERAL ATTENDEE

103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA • FRIDAY, JUNE 25 - TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021



CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE - SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation and to request a refund for registration, housing and/or ticketed event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ATTENDEE (Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.)

First/Given Name Last/Family Name Badge/Call Name

Address

City State/Province Postal Code Country

Daytime Phone E-Mail

☐ Lion ☐ Leo-Lion* ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo

*Leo-Lion is a Lions membership type available exclusively to Leos who served in the Leo Program for over a year.

Club # Membership # District Title

COMPANION

First/Given Name Last/Family Name Badge/Call Name

☐ Lion ☐ Leo-Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo ☐ Alpha Leo ☐ Adult Guest

Club # Membership # District Title

CHILD

First/Given Name Last/Family Name Age ☐ Alpha Leo

First/Given Name Last/Family Name Age ☐ Alpha Leo

HOTEL INFORMATION

PACKAGE A Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 8, 2021 - room reserved in delegation hotel based on availability

☐ After January 8, 2021 ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel ☐ Prefer another hotel:

Arrival Day/Date Departure Day/Date

of Guests in room including yourself: # of beds requested ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements: ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other:

• US \$200 Hotel Deposit is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.

• Room requests are subject to hotel availability

PACKAGE B

☐ NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above)

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General Attendee 6/20 EN

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON (Must be registered to attend.)☐ I/we plan to attend this event.

Date/Time: June 27, 12:30 - 14:30 Fee: US \$75 Quantity: _____ Amount Due \$: _____

DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET (Must be registered to attend.)☐ I/we plan to attend this event.

Date/Time: June 28, 20:00 - 22:00 Fee: US \$125 Quantity: _____ Amount Due \$: _____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS☐ No Restrictions ☐ Indian Vegetarian ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN MONTRÉAL

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Montréal International Convention.

LEOS AND YOUNG LIONS INTEREST

☐ I am interested in receiving information on sessions and activities for and about Leos and Young Lions (Leo-Lions, Campus Lions Clubs and Student Members). If you have questions, please email membership@lionsclubs.org

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

Full payment is required with this form. US Currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US Banks. Visa, Mastercard & Discover accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY (Before January 8, 2021)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$175	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
REGULAR (January 9, 2021 - March 31, 2021)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$225	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
LATE (April 1, 2021 - Onsite)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$250	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
PACKAGE A: Registration: US \$ _____	Ticketed Events: US \$ _____	Hotel Deposit: US \$200.00	Total Due: US \$ _____
PACKAGE B: Registration: US \$ _____	Ticketed Events: US \$ _____		Total Due: US \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION☐ Check # _____ (payable to Lions Clubs International) ☐ Wire Transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on credit card. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number - - - - -

Expiration Month/Year - - / - -

Security Code (3 digits) - - -

Cardholder Signature: _____

- Please submit all pages of completed form once via mail, fax, or email • Allow 4 weeks for processing.
- Mail: Lions Clubs International, Attn: Convention Division, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook IL 60523-8842, USA
- Fax: (630) 571-1689
- Email: registration@lionsclubs.org
- Credit card information should only be entered into this form and never written into the body of an email.
- Personal checks should be mailed.
- After processing this form, Lions International will email your Official Registration Confirmation.
- Please print your Official Registration Confirmation and bring it to the convention in order to obtain your name badge. A photo ID is required.
- Information provided on this document shall be used in accordance with the privacy policies and procedures of Lions International.
- Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting LCICon for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event.
- Your registration is your consent for use of images by Lions International.
- To avoid a duplicate, please do not mail original if faxed or emailed.



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Thursday • September 3
Captain Marvel



Friday • September 4
Shrek



Saturday • September 5
Knives Out



Sunday • September 6
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<https://www.starsandcarscinema.com/>

NEWS FROM THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT

COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING - AUGUST 15, 2020

In order to conduct the **Leadership Institute** in the safest environment, it was suggested to book single room only. The room rate would be \$109.00 single rate for now but if the Binghamton parent's weekend ends up cancelling then we can offer a \$89.00 single rate. This will change the leadership institute budget increasing it to an estimate of \$7,250.00 from the original approved budget of \$5000. A roll call vote was asked for approval and passed 11 approved, no nay votes.

The Council was asked to encourage Lions to attend the Institute to bring to a level of **25. (Participation fee is \$375 per person which includes all expenses but travel and will be paid by the District up to 3 attendees. Please, apply ASAP only 14 seats are left)**

Go to <http://www.md20lions.com/LionsLeadership.html>.

MD20 Lions Leadership Institute Things to Consider

This year's institute is scheduled to occur in Binghamton on Thursday, Oct 22nd through Saturday, Oct 24th. However, that is contingent upon the virus being held in check and what New York determines is safe.

We will be admitting fewer students this year, between 25 and 30. If you plan on applying to attend the MD20 Lions Leadership Institute this year, I would like you to:

- Apply as early as possible
- Consider your age and health. Many of us fall into the high risk age group and if you have underlying health issues, it may be wise to apply to a future Leadership Institute.
- If you are uncomfortable being around large groups at this time, please wait and apply to a future Leadership Institute.
- If, after applying, you become infected with the virus or are in contact with someone who has been infected, please notify us ASAP and we will withdraw your name from the Institute with no penalties. You are free to apply to a future Institute.
- Be honest with yourself when applying and if there is a compelling reason to avoid close contact with large groups of people, DO NOT APPLY THIS YEAR!

We do NOT want to frighten you or convince you NOT to apply to the Lions Leadership Institute, but to ask you to evaluate your personal situation and come to a decision that is right for you.

PDG Anthony Paradiso reviewed the proposed Alert foundation by-laws. A motion by DG R. Bush seconded by DG D. Bush to accept and be placed on the ballot. Motion carried. After voting: Alert Foundation bylaws approved.

3 applications were received for the appointment of the **MD 20 Leadership Institute 2021 co-chair**. After voting: PCC Shembeda and PCC Askew were appointed.

2 applications were received for the appointment of **MD 20 NAMI champion**. After voting: IPDG Regina Cecconi was appointed.

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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