

DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #3

OCTOBER 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,

In October, Lions Clubs usually start implementing the projects for the goals they set for the year. However, Clubs worldwide are still asking for activity ideas that can be safely done during this pandemic.

We need to adopt a different and thorough approach in living our Lionism. If we read again the LCI's Purposes, perhaps we can find some areas we never considered as part of our being a lion: most of us have been focusing only on the last purpose (#8).

- 1-To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- 2-To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- 3-To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- 4-To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- 5-To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- 6-To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- 7-To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- 8- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Within this framework, three days ago I got a call from Italy. Lion Jacopo Pagani, who will likely be Ciampino Lions Club President next year, proposed a virtual club twinning.

The club twinning is a way of fulfilling purposes # 3 and 6. It is also a way of safely socializing and travelling virtually around the world. I encourage you to discuss this program within your club. Please, contact me if you are interested.

Also, an updated list of services is attached. If you have services to add to the list, please send them to me so they can be shared with all clubs.

"Together We Can!"

**Yours in Service
DG Giuseppe Coco**

The District 20R1 Lions Toast

**Not Above You
Not Beneath You,
But With **ALL** of You**

DISTRICT'S GOAL STATUS

Because Together We Can!

- 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 needs training on the screening camera. Participating in district led activities fulfills LCI's purpose # 2.

- New Leader 10 session training started as scheduled on Aug. 17. We have had 4 sessions and another 6 are scheduled. Participating in district training also fulfills LCI's purpose # 2. There is still time and room to sign up.

- The District membership plan is attached below. Your involvement and commitment will be essential. If you do not have a Membership Chairperson, please appoint one and have her/him contact PDG Ron Delo (GMT). Please see the calendar below, there is a membership chair training scheduled for Oct 12.

- LCIF is our Foundation. This year District goal is to reach \$31,000 in donation. District already received **\$22,500** to address the pandemic + **\$10,000** for My Brother Vinny veteran organization (See below). It is paramount that we support our Foundation in accordance with each club's financial capability. To date, only 1 club in the district has been reported donating to LCIF. I encourage you to make a least a minimum yearly club donation based upon your membership count and your donation program. A donation will entitle you to be part of the unbelievable achievements of LCIF.

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.

October Calendar

1 Clubs Report Membership on MyLCI

1 DG visits Hendrick Hudson

5 DG Visits Mahopac

7 DG visits Mount Kisco

8 DG visits Suffern

12 Membership chair training & New Leaders 5th training session

19 Cabinet Meeting

21 DG Bedford Hills

22-24 MD 20 Leadership Institute (Binghamton)

23-24 MD 20 Council Meeting

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.



ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION

Dear Presidents,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS. Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2019-2020 Tax Year	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may apply for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the Lions Tax FAQ. Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

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.



MD 20 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

BINGHAMTON OCT 22-24

Participation fee is \$375 per person which includes all expenses and will be paid by the District up to 3 attendees. Please, CONTACT DG NOW (only 4 seats are left). <http://www.md20lions.com/LionsLeadership.html>.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Vision Center on Blindness



CALLING ALL LIONS & VOLUNTEERS!

This year's Fall event will take place on October 10, 2020.

Select the work time based on your availability:

9am - 12pm

or

1pm - 4pm

Croton on Hudson and Blue Path



VIRTUAL WALKATHON

October 3rd 2020 at 10am



Join us as we walk – separately but together –
to create a better world for
children with autism and their families.

Register now at bluepathservicedogs.org

Presenting Sponsor: Team Michelangelo

Platinum Sponsor: Croton Lions Club

Sign up for the Districts 20R1 New Leaders Training

Send an email to DG giuseppe.coco54@yahoo.com

**Next session is scheduled in conjunction with Membership Chair Training
on October 12th 2020 6.20 p.m. on zoom**

**You will get information on how to create your customized club
membership plan for the year.**

Sunrise



Save The Date • October 18, 2020

Dear Lions,

During these strange and challenging times, all of us are catching a glimpse of what it means to be a child with cancer -- the fear of catching something that could be deadly, the social distancing, the constant handwashing.... the isolation. The COVID-19

pandemic has caused the Sunrise Association to adapt all of our programs so we can continue providing critical services to our families impacted by pediatric cancer.

Although this year we were unable to safely provide physical camp, our team worked together from across the country to build the best Virtual Camp. More than 1700 children participated throughout the eight week camp season. Remarkably, every child received a weekly personalized Camp in a Box package which was filled with camp swag and supplies – everything the campers needed to fully participate. Additionally, in order to ensure that all families had access to Sunrise programming, 200 campers received free tablets as their families could not afford a device. Sunrise made sure that there were NO barriers that would prevent our campers from being part of this incredible camp experience.

Last year, our SunriseWALKS – Pearl River Event had 850+ walkers and volunteers and raised over \$245,000. This success enabled Sunrise to bring back the joys of childhood to children with cancer all at no charge to the families. This has only been possible because of generous supporters like you!

Unfortunately, the current crisis forced Sunrise to cancel all in-person fundraising events, leaving a major loss in fundraising revenue. However, our SunriseWALKS event has been reimagined to be a Virtual Campaign, culminating in a Virtual Celebration on October 18th that will feature special guests, surprise performances, and most importantly, our Sunrise campers!

Whether it's making a donation or engaging your community to be a part of the Virtual Celebration, we are grateful for anything you are able to do this year.

Grantee: District 20 R1 For more information please contact:



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Passenger Van for Veterans Organization - My Brother Vinny



Dear Lions,

My Brother Vinny (501C3) provides furnishings (furniture, linens, dishes) for homeless veterans re-entering convention housing. They reached out to Hudson Valley Lions for help in obtaining a replacement (now used) passenger van. District R1, based on club level fundraising, applied to LCIF (\$10,000 match) and to NYS Bermuda Foundation (\$5,000 match) for funding to support the project.

Club Contributions	\$10,006
LCIF Match	\$10,000
NYS Bermuda Foundation Match	\$5,000

With the successful application for LCIF and NYS Bermuda Foundation grants, we assembled \$25,006 toward procurement of an additional passenger van for My Brother Vinny

Funds arrived from LCIF at the end of last month, and on Sept 24th, IPDG Carl Anderson presented the District 20R1's contribution of \$25,006 to Paula Miritello. In the upcoming weeks, she has the task of purchasing and detailing an additional van, to add to the MBV fleet.

Our provisional plan is to inaugurate the van at the Yorktown Self Storage facility on Lexington Avenue, Yorktown (Route 202 end of Lexington) sometime in November.

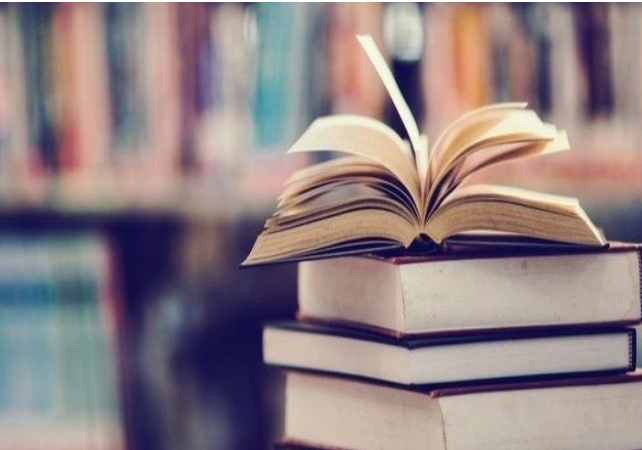
Certainly a socially distanced and safe Lion turnout would be grand. Contributing Clubs are encouraged to attend with their banners along with any Lions with uniform or lions vest.



Invitation will follow as the event details are finalized.

Another great outcome from IPDG Carl Anderson

The Lions Club of Bedford Hills



The Lions Club of Bedford Hills has awarded a scholarship to local resident. Justin Eimer, of Bedford Hills, who is a 2020 graduate of Fox Lane High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship established in honor of Perry Tinti by the family of Perry Tinti.

Eimer has started his engineering studies at Binghamton University.

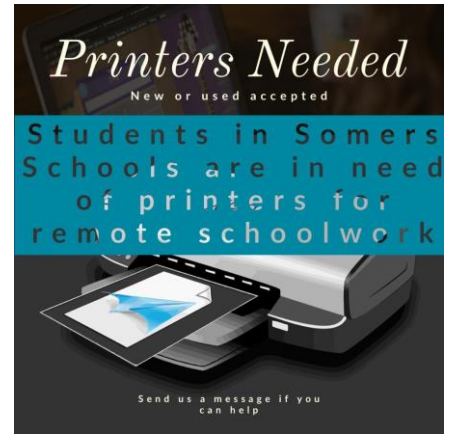
Perry was an accomplished engineer and a long-time valued member of the Lions Club of Bedford Hills.

Eimer was selected by the Tinti family and the Lions Club of Bedford Hills committee headed by Vice President Lynda O'Hanlon, Club Secretary Kathleen Garrity and member Thomas Rocchio.

Somers Lions Club

We have several families with financial needs who have chosen to have their children learn remotely. Having a printer within their homes would help them complete their assignments. If you have a new or used printer to donate, please send a private message to [Somers Lions Club, Somers NY](#) facebook page.

Thanks in advance for your help.



**Cold Spring Lions
met
DG Giuseppe Coco**

REMEMBERING PID ROBERT G. KLEIN



Dear Lions

With deep regret we were informed that Robert “Bob” G. Klein, Past International Director (1999-2001) passed away on September 25. He was a Lion for 45 years.

A member of the North Rockland Lions Club since 1975, the late Past Director Klein offered his leadership and served through many offices within the association, including charter club president, district governor and director of the Multiple District 20 Past District Governor Organization. In addition, he was the founding president and steering committee member of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation. He also served as a discussion leader and moderator at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

In 2001, the late Past Director Klein was appointed as Chairperson of the LCIF 9/11 Central Steering Committee that distributed US\$3.2 million for September 11 victims and their families. He was the fund administrator for the LCIF September 11 Fund. In 2005, he was appointed by the Lions international president to serve as the Lions representative to UNICEF in New York and was an appointed member of the NGO Committee for UNICEF’s Working Group on Violence Against Children. He

was also involved with the US Fund for UNICEF and the Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box program. His service knew no bounds as he was always willing and ready to lend a hand and support where needed. He encouraged and supported others to give their talents that ensured projects were successful.

In recognition of his service to the association, the late Past Director received numerous awards, including the Lion of the Year award, the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, the 100% Club President Award, a 30 Membership Key Award, Grand Master Key, 30 and 35-Year Monarch Chevrons, several Extension and Rebuilding Awards, the 100% District Governor Award, five International President’s Awards, an International President’s Leadership Medal, four International President’s Certificates of Appreciation a Silver and a Gold Centennial Lion, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. In addition, he was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow, and a Governor of Excellence.

In addition to his Lion activities, the late Past Director was past chairman of the board of the Association for Visually Impaired and was a member of the board of directors of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He was also founder of the Van Tassell Society, a Lions affinity group working to promote the activities of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and chairman of the agency’s Major Gifts committee.

He made friends easily and kept them for decades. Whether it was a casual visit at home, touring China, or an annual dinner at convention. The Late Past Director and his spouse Evelyn took the time to cultivate friendship and created long lasting memories.

Teamwork and determination guided his successful career as a regional staff director of the New York State United Teachers. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and cherished friend to many.

Services will be held privately. Notes of condolences may be sent to

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DISTRICT 2020-21 GOAL STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP					
By the end of June 2021 the District will achieve a net growth of 30					
Action Step	Responsible	Resources	Start Date	Due Date	
1 NAMI Workshop (Club Pres., Vice Pres., Past. Pres.)	DGE	LCI material	Jan. 06, 20	Apr. 26, 20	
1a Goal is launched	DG	Directory		Jul. 07, 20	
Clubs are encouraged to:		Letter to All Club Presidents and/or DG's Visits	Aug 1	Sept 30	
A. appoint elect a Membership Chair (GMT)					
B. adopt the proposed club membership goal (see attachment)					
2 District establishes a Membership Committee	DG	Chair GMT + 6 ZCs	Sept 1	Sept 30	
2a Membership Committee identifies 2 prospective new club, 2 club branches and/or campus clubs and clubs that need rebuilding	GMT/NAMI	ZCs + DG	Sept 1	Sept 30	
2b To identify and appoint Guiding Lions	DG	GLT + Certified Guiding Lions	Sept 1	Sept 30	
2c To identify sponsor clubs	ZCs	Clubs	Sept 1	Sept 30	
2d To conduct community needs assessments	GMT	Membership Committee	Oct 1	Oct 31	
2d To Draft plans	GMT	Guiding Lions, ZCs	Oct 1	Oct 31	
2e To implement plans	GMT	DG, Guiding Lions, ZCs	Nov 1	May 31, 21	
3 District Membership Chair Seminar: Club GMTs membership plan template. ZCs establish Membership Sub-Committees	DG / ZCs	GMT, MD20GMT, ZCs Chair ZC + 4 Club GMTs		Oct 19, 20	
4 Goal Achievement 1st Status Report	GMT	Full Cabinet meeting		Oct 5, 20	
5 Membership Sub-Committees, 1st Zone meeting, ZCs suggest Club Goals, Sub-committees identify Clubs' Goals	ZCs	Chair ZCs + Club GMTs	Oct 1	Oct 31	
Clubs suggested growing goal (see attachment)					
5a Clubs complete and approve their own plans	ZCs	DG, GMT	Oct 1	Oct 31	
6 Club Plans implementation	Clubs' GMT	DG, GMT, ZCs	Nov 1	May 31, 21	
6a Goal Achievement 2 nd Status Report	GMT	GAT/NAMI		Nov 30, 2020	
6b Goal Achievement 3 rd Status Report	GMT	Full Cabinet meeting		Jan 4, 2021	
6a 1 st Recruiting event	Clubs' GMT	DG, GMT, ZCs	Nov 03, 20	Nov 30, 20	
6b 2 nd Recruiting event	Clubs' GMT	DG, GMT, ZCs	Apr. 01, 21	Apr 30, 21	
6c Goal Achievement 4 th Status Report	GMT	District Convention		Mar 7, 21	
6d Goal Achievement 5 th Status Report	GMT	Full Cabinet meeting		Apr 12, 21	
6e Goal Achievement Final Report	DG	District testimonial		Jun 5, 21	
White = Planned timeframe -	Green = Done	- Yellow Scheduled			

Club Service Ideas

In this paper you'll find a list of the most popular Lions services and programs. Several of them can be implemented in a pandemic environment.

You can pick from this list to create your club yearly program. However, once a year, your club should assess the programs and services you provide to your local community. Through a simple assessment, you will be able to understand:

- What kinds of volunteer services your community needs.
- Which projects and programs are important to the people in your area.
- Whether your clubs' current service projects are still needed by the community.
- If other organizations in your area are providing similar services.

We suggest to follow the guidelines to conduct a LIONS CLUBS COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT (MK9) - Because Lions help where help is needed.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

SIGHT

The mission of the Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action program is to provide programs and assistance to those who have partial or complete loss of sight and to work to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness.

Below are resources and project ideas to help you make a difference.

Recycle Eyeglasses

Starting an eyeglass collection in your community can be an easy and rewarding activity that will raise your club's visibility, repurpose usable glasses and recycle those that can no longer be used.

Vision Screenings

By organizing a vision screening, you can help identify people with possible vision problems and address their eye health issues before they cause vision loss.

Eye Banks

Eye banks recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for vision restoration, research and education.

Eye Health

The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) is a community-based education program empowering Lions to promote healthy vision and raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss.

Other Service Ideas (several of which can be done on Zoom)

- Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a library or senior center.
- Volunteer to create audio recordings of books & periodicals.

- Work with local eye care professionals to provide community vision screenings.
- Sponsor a World Sight Day event.
- Sponsor visually impaired students through camps, contests or other activities.
- Create a community arts program for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
- Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.
- Develop a directory of community resources and services for those who are visually impaired.
- Volunteer at a visual rehabilitation or vocational training center.
- Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
- Host a fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes for those who are blind.
- Work with local employers to develop an employee vision screening program.
- Develop a discount voucher program with optical shops for underserved populations.
- Design a transportation program for those who are blind or have low vision.
- Host a “Beep Baseball” game or tournament.
- Support a guide dog training program through fundraising or voluntary labor.
- Develop an assistive technology library so people can access resources as their needs change.
- Create a sensory garden that engages the senses of touch, smell, hearing & taste. Provide braille or audio recordings of signage.
- Partner with a school for the blind to support assistive technology & maintenance needs.
- Partner with an orientation and mobility specialist to provide ongoing support to teachers and employers of inclusive classrooms/workplaces.

HEARING

The mission of the Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Program is to demonstrate concern and respect for the dignity and independence of people who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have speech disorders, with the goal of helping to improve their quality of life.

Hearing Screenings

Organize a hearing screening in your community to help people determine possible hearing loss. Hearing screening results may indicate a potential need for further assessment.

Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP)

The Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) enables Lions to provide refurbished hearing aids to individuals with limited financial resources.

Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP)

The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project enables Lions in the United States to provide hearing tests and new hearing aids to individuals with limited financial resources.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

- Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment.
- Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
- Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need or a childhood cancer center.
- Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.
- Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children’s cancer centers.

- Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
- Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
- Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
- Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
- Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer. 92. Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
- Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
- Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.
- Remodel a children's cancer center.
- Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
- Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
- Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.
- Assist at camps for children with special needs.
- Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.
- Organize a community blood drive

DIABETES

Diabetes is increasing worldwide. The number of people living with diabetes is more than 422 million and is expected to affect over 642 million by 2040. (World Health Organization). Lions conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention and research.

Here are resources and project ideas that can help you make a difference in your community:

Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness

Strides events include walking, dancing, cycling and running. They promote diabetes awareness and healthy exercise for people with diabetes or for those at risk for the disease.

Diabetes Screenings

The purpose of diabetes screening is to identify asymptomatic individuals who may have diabetes and not know it, and to refer them to qualified health care professionals for additional assessment.

Diabetes Partnerships and Organizations

Expand your community reach. Work with local diabetes organizations and Lions diabetes partners to:

- Provide community awareness and education programs
- Conduct diabetes screenings
- Improve greater access to health care, community support and diabetes management for those in need

Diabetes Resources

Download diabetes brochures, flyers, handouts and other publications to help raise awareness in your community at www.lionsclubs.org

LCIF Core 4 Diabetes Funding

This program awards multi-year grants for large-scale Lions efforts to support the expansion and enhancement of diabetes education, prevention and treatment programs.

Other Service Ideas (several of which can be done on Zoom)

- Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event.

- Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
- Volunteer to serve at a children's diabetes camp.
- Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
- Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes & vision screenings.
- Distribute educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair.
- Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
- Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
- Sponsor a child in need to attend diabetes camp.
- Donate diabetes books to your library with a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
- Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
- Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website/Facebook.
- Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
- Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.
- Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
- Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.
- Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs & materials.
- Promote community resources and online materials from LCI partners NDEP, DECA & IDF.
- Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
- Provide educational materials to schools & physician offices.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities. Tragically, these children often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress – and give them hope for the future. That's why the Lions Services for Children Program continues Lions Clubs International's long tradition of helping the world's future generations.

Lions Services for Children Projects

The problems children face vary in degree from country to country, but the need for health and education services is constant and universal. Lions clubs help address these needs by developing services for children – projects with specific, attainable goals, including:

- Collecting food, clothes or books
- Organizing a vision or hearing screening
- Providing immunizations through a vaccination drive
- Starting a literacy program with a local school, library, community center
- Supporting a Leo club
- Supporting a nutritional program for undernourished children
- Securing wheelchairs for disabled children
- Sending a child with diabetes or physical challenges to a specialized camp
- Lions have also constructed hospitals, schools, orphanages and children's centers throughout the world to serve children in need.
- Lions Youth Camps are one or two weeks long and usually include a host family stay before and/or after the camp.
- A Lions Youth Exchange, or “host family stay,” can be arranged independent of a Lions youth camp in hundreds of countries where there are Lions clubs and typically lasts between four and six weeks.
 - ✓ A sponsoring Lions club is required for every youth participating in YCE. The sponsoring club works closely with their regional YCE Chairperson to coordinate the application process for interested youth, including applicant screening, enforcement of insurance requirements, and

procedures concerning passports, visas, immunizations, etc. They are responsible for all travel arrangements to and from the youth's home country to the camp or host family stay. They also host a program orientation for youth participants going abroad and their families.

- ✓ A host Lions club receives youth participants into their country. Host clubs work closely with their regional YCE Chairperson, local Lions youth camp organizers, and host families to coordinate placing accepted YCE youth participants. Many of the members of this club will serve as host families for youth. The host club is ultimately responsible for the youth participant while abroad and provides room and board.

- **Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor an Annual Art Contest for Kids in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

- **Lions International Essay Contest**

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2016-17 Lions International Essay Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

DISASTER RELIEF

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS

When a disaster strikes, Lions respond and mobilize to assist the community -- whether the emergency affects a few people or thousands. Lions are encouraged to work with local authorities in preparing for and responding to natural, man-made or healthcare disasters.

In March 2009, Lions Clubs International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). This partnership encourages Lions to participate in IFRC disaster preparedness training and planning.

There are numerous opportunities to receive disaster preparedness training: working on a Community Advisory Council, arranging blood drives, pinpointing vulnerable populations that would require extra help in case of disaster, helping with community-wide emergency drills and educating the public about pandemic flu viruses.

The Lions ALERT program

Develop a plan of action in case of an emergency, including natural disasters, man-made disasters or a public healthcare crisis.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

– Community Service

Lions Crew at Work community service projects are hands-on service projects for active Lions. Lions Crew at Work community service projects are high-visibility initiatives that illustrate the "We Serve" Lions motto. Lions Crew at Work volunteer service projects will likely attract onlookers – all potential new Lions club members. Ideas for community service projects can include:

- Improving schools.
- Remodeling non-profit community centers.
- Painting shelters for homeless persons or battered women.
- Updating food pantries.
- Repairing summer camps for disabled children.
- Painting/repairing public parks or playgrounds.
- Building new community facilities for persons in need.

In addition to a Lions Crew at Work service project, consider organizing a food, clothing, book or toy collection. This will involve the entire community in the Lions Crew at Work community service project.

– Organize a Community Service Project

To implement a Lions Crew at Work project, first:

- Evaluate community needs.
- Partner with local organizations.
- Determine the best project for the community.
- Outline a plan. Include procedures, materials needed, and costs.
- Submit the plan and budget to the Lions club, district, or multiple district for approval.

Once approved:

- Request volunteers – both Lions and non-Lions – to serve on the project committee.
- Obtain legal permits for the project.
- Promote the event in advance.
- Request volunteer manpower and donated materials from throughout the community. These persons (local government, civic and business leaders, tradesmen, friends, and neighbors) and companies (local retailers and corporations) may become project sponsors and/or new club members.
- The project will provide an opportunity for the entire community to fulfill the "We Serve" motto as they work together for a common cause.
- Advise all volunteers to wear protective clothing and eyewear for the project.
- Create a large Lions-logo sign for the project.
- Invite the media to witness a Lions Crew at Work project.

Resources

The Lions Crew at Work Kit materials include:

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| ✓ Crew at Work Guide | ✓ Crew at Work Event Flyers |
| ✓ Crew at Work Safety Sheet | ✓ Crew at Work Certificate of Achievement |
| ✓ Crew at Work Press Release | ✓ Crew at Work Stickers |
- (To purchase these materials, complete and submit an order form at LCI Store).

– **Environment Service** (More information at www.lionsclubs.org)

Planning environment projects is a great way to get the entire community involved in your service activity. Organize hands-on projects that protect the environment for a cleaner, healthier, brighter future.

- **Tree Planting**

Every tree planted by a Lion is part of a large scale effort by members around the world to make a significant impact on the environment.

- **Recycling**

Lions environmental efforts occur at Lions club, district and multiple district level, as well as in the homes of environmentally-conscious Lions.

- **Community Clean Up**

Improve the environment and work alongside Lions, Leos and members of the community on a "hands-on" high-visibility service project.

- **Environmental Education**

Inform the public about the importance of preserving and protecting the environment.

- **Environment Chairperson**

Organize environmental service projects in your area by becoming a Lions Clubs environmental chairperson. [Learn more about the responsibilities of the Environment Chairperson.](#)

- **Download the Lions Green Team Kit:**

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| ✓ Green Team Guide | ✓ Green Team Event Flyers |
| ✓ Green Team Tip Sheet | ✓ Green Team Certificate of Achievement |
| ✓ Green Team Press Release | ✓ Green Team Stickers |

Other Service Ideas (several of which can be done on Zoom)

- Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
- Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.
- Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
- Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.
- Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
- Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!
- Commit to “Meatless Mondays” or not eating meat one day each week.
- Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.
- Lead an after-school nature walk.
- Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.
- Work with city officials to paint “no dumping” signs near road drainage areas.
- Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.
- Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
- Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.
- Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
- Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
- Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.

- Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation. 39. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
- Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.

– **Community Culture Programs**

Culture is the expression of characteristics specific to a particular group or region. Culture promotes the formation of community bonds, the development of artistic achievement and the continued transfer of knowledge from one generation to another.

As an international organization with a strong global presence, Lions clubs represent cultures from every corner of the globe. To celebrate diversity in our communities, you can support an existing culture project or choose to develop new culture project ideas.

Cultural activities can include:

– **Visual Arts Projects**

- Arrange public art exhibits.
- Sponsor a photography contest.
- Provide support for local artists/art leagues.
- Commission new public art for the community.
- Arrange an art auction as a club fundraiser.

– **Dance Projects**

- Organize a local dance recital. The dancers could be students or local professionals.
- Invite recognized dance troupes to your community.
- Sponsor a trip to a professional dance event for student dancers.
- Arrange a dance contest for dancers of all ages. Present prizes to the best dancers in different age categories.
- Sponsor a formal dance for the elderly.

– **Food Projects**

- Arrange a food festival featuring local fare.
- Publish a cookbook of local cuisine.
- Provide financial assistance for a student of food science.
- Create a fundraising meal; for example, a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner.

– **Recreation Projects**

- Support a local sports team.
- Volunteer to help with Special Olympics events.
- Provide sports equipment to a local sports league.
- Sponsor an outing to a local sports event.
- Build or maintain a local park, nature trail, sensory park, etc.
- Volunteer to build or repair playground equipment for public parks.
- Organize a sports tournament as a fundraiser.

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- Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to those who are elderly or visually impaired.
- Organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.
- Prepare food baskets for families in need.

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. 45. Take families in need shopping for fruits and vegetables.
- Organize an event to benefit a food bank in your community; use cans of food as admission.
- Hold a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for a children's center or a homeless shelter.
- Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy recipes.
- Create a recipe book to sell on facebook and donate proceeds to food bank
- Create healthy snack packages to be distributed to children in need.
- Partner with local restaurants or food markets to deliver donations to a shelter.
- Start a food co-operative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.
- Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.
- Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition & food preparation.
- Provide fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.
- Provide transportation for those who are elderly or visually impaired so they can shop for food.
- Teach children to bake a loaf of bread they can take home to their family.
- Invite a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting.
- Provide needy children with backpacks supplied with food for when school is not in session.
- Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for the community.
- Establish a community vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMS

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Global outreach through the International Relations program provides clubs with resources to plan service activities focused on international understanding and cooperation.

– Club Twinning

Twinning provides an opportunity to learn about another club and its culture.

– Missions

Through missions, Lions provide support to impoverished communities that have limited access to clean water, food, education, and healthcare services.

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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