

DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #4

NOVEMBER 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,

Four months ago I made my oath in front of our International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi.

*“Will you accept the office of District Governor together with the rights, opportunities and obligations? **I will.***

*Will you uphold the Constitution and ByLaws of Lions Clubs International and the Policy of the International Board of Directors? **I will.***

*Will you support the purposes of this association and the Lions Code of Ethics? **I will.***

*Will you work harder to inspire, lead and extend the purposes of Lions Clubs International and its programs in your District and in the world? **I will.”***

However, when I started my adventure as DG, I knew it would have been difficult. Everything was against me. District Membership low as never before, Clubs’ activity reporting close to zero, number of clubs 31 (-4), District events Clubs’ attendance 30% and, on top of all this, a pandemic killer that froze most activities. But 40 years in the military gave me the spirit and the skills to try to adopt the only successful strategy available: *“turning all challenges into opportunities”*.

Lions Presidents, I ask you to do the same. You have a unique, peculiar situation to operate in. What worked well 6 months ago doesn’t now but your community still needs you even more.

This is a great opportunity to review your activities and find out what you can do safely to serve your community, improve your club members with good training and find new members for your club. These are the three critical areas to be addressed. Your members need activities and responsibilities to feel that they are useful to either their club or their community or all of humanity. This is what Lions Clubs International is offering them through your club and your leadership as President.

During these first four months I have had some disappointments but also several successes with clubs that decided to give me a chance. While disappointments are not going to worsen the situation, successes are improving some clubs and those are my rewards.

The secret for progress and success is to set up goals, follow LCI's guidelines, never be satisfied, and never give up.

“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
Because Together We Can!**

DISTRICT'S GOAL STATUS

- **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.

- **New Leader 10 session training** started as scheduled on Aug. 17. We have had 5 sessions and another 5 are scheduled. There is still time and room to sign up.

- As usual, during the first quarter we experience a loss in **membership**. This year, however, the drop was less relevant than previous years. This month of October we started to have a positive net growth. It is essential that all clubs focus on membership throughout the entire year. Please use the “recruiting wheel” at page 13.

The suggested goal for all clubs is to recruit 1 new member for each 10 existing members. Clubs below 18 members are encouraged to set a goal of reaching 20 members. Total support from the district is available. If you do not have a Membership Chairperson, please appoint one and have her/him contact PDG Ron Delo (GMT).

- **LCIF Campaign 100**. This year District goal is to reach \$31,000 in donation. To date, only 2 clubs in the district have been reported donating to LCIF (**total \$3,000**). I encourage you to make a least a minimum yearly club donation based upon your membership count and your donation program. Lions' Personal donations are also encouraged and considered coming from the club. **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.

November Calendar

1 Clubs Report Membership on MyLCI

Nov 5 DG's Visit Valhalla Lions Club

Nov 9 - 6th New Leaders Training

Nov 10 DG's Visit Ramapo Lion Club

Nov 10 Peace Poster Deadline

Nov 12 DG's Visit North Salem Lions Club

Nov 15 MBV Van Inauguration

Nov 16 DG's Visit Mahopac Lions Club

Nov 18 DG's Visit Lewisboro Lions Club

Nov 23 – 7th New Leaders Training

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, Bedford Hills, Cold Spring, Hendrick Hudson, Mount Kisco, North Rockland, Pearl River, Suffern and Yorktown



NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

TOGETHER
WE CAN!

District 20R1 Convention 2021

Tarrytown March 7th, 2021

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 February 25 – 27, 2021



The course previously scheduled on Oct 22 – 24 has been postponed to February 25 – 27, 2021. 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. <http://www.md20lions.com/LionsLeadership.html>.

Deadline for Entries

PEACE



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Each Peace Poster entry must be received by November 10, 2020

Send all entries to: PDG Maybelle Twohie, Peace Poster Chair
96 Montebello Commons Drive, Suffern, NY 10901

Sign up for the Districts 20R1 New Leaders Training

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

Next session is scheduled on November 9th 2020 6.20 p.m. on zoom

Passenger Van for Veterans Organization - My Brother Vinny



**LET'S GIVE THANKS 2020
LIVE!**

Join Us for a Virtual Event
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
12 - 4 PM

LIVE STREAMING EVENT
Get a Behind-The-Scenes Look
from MBV Storage Headquarters

DONATE DIRECTLY
THROUGH OUR WISHLIST
OR MYBROTHERVINNY.ORG



Dear Lions,

On November 15th the Lion van addition to My Brother Vinny - acquired with Clubs' donations and matching grants from LCIF and NYS&Bermuda Foundation - will be commissioned and inaugurated at the Yorktown Self Storage facility on Lexington Avenue, Yorktown (Route 202 end of Lexington). While this will be virtual, we are hopeful of having some ten (10) Lions on hand to mark the occasion (**Masks, social distancing, required**).

Contributing Clubs are encouraged to attend with their banners along with any Lions with uniform or lions vest.

Additional Service: MBV has asked us to celebrate the occasion by bringing one or more of the following: Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Toaster, Coffee Maker.



Dear Lion: Let's Celebrate!

On January 13, our founder – Melvin Jones – will be honored for the 142nd anniversary of his birthday and we could not be more excited to celebrate with Lions around world.

This year, we want to celebrate what it means to be a Lion during Campaign 100, with a LCIF Week Melvin Jones photo contest. I am excited to share a first look at the contest with you, as a Lion leader. We will launch the contest with all Lions in the next two days.

- Contest is open between October 22 – December 31, 2020
- Voting and deadline for submission is December 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm (Central Time Zone)
- Winners announced on January 17, 2021
- Enter the photo contest online at <https://gleam.io/g/WrR9g>

First category is Melvin Jones Fellow/Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF/PMJF)

Submit a photo of yourself with your MJF plaque or PMJF pin. Group photos will not be accepted. You must also comment by answering the question, in 120 words or fewer, How has LCIF helped you personally or helped your club to help even more people in your community or globally?

Second category is Vision/SightFirst-Focused

Submit a photo of yourself from a project you were a part of, in support of a Vision project or LCIF's SightFirst program (as this year, we are celebrating 30 years of SightFirst accomplishments). Group photos will not be accepted. You must also comment by answering the question, in 120 words or fewer, How has LCIF helped you or your club improve the lives of the visually impaired and/or prevent avoidable blindness?

Third category is Youth/Lions Quest-Focused

Submit a photo of yourself you were a part of from a Youth or Lions Quest project. Group photos will not be accepted. You must also comment by answering the question, in 120 words or fewer, How has LCIF helped you or your club provide access to quality education, vital health services, and positive youth development for young people around the world?

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

The Lions Club of Bedford Hills Food Drive

Thank you to the wonderful members of the community! We collected 7 grocery carts of much needed supplies which we'll give to @CommCtrNW so they can distribute to those in need! The generosity & support is awesome! #weserve #lionsclubs #lions20r1 #bhlions



Community Center of Northern Westchester would like to thank the Lions Club of Bedford Hills and their president, George Rosamond, for their efforts with a food drive at the DeCicco's of Katonah on Sunday, October 18th.

They handed out flyers of our most needed foods and were able to collect and donate an amazing 672 pounds of food to our pantry today!

♥Thank you to all the Lions Club members and to all in the Katonah community who donated to the drive! We appreciate all the support!





Pearl River Lions Club Annual Scholarship Raffel



Enter for a chance to win

1st Prize

A \$100 Shop Rite Gift Card

2nd Prize

A \$50 Shop Rite Gift Card

**Ticket cost \$2 each or
\$5 for three**

**To enter go to our website pearlriverlions.org
Choose the donate page on the menu and look for
SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE click the donate button.**

**We appreciate your Support
Thank you**

Pearl River Lions Club

Pearl River Lions is fundraising its Annual Scholarship.

Raffle tickets sold to raise money for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to one of the graduates of Pearl River HS who is going on to a career in human services and submits an essay which describes the community services he/she has participated in. Reach out to Pearl River Lions for information.

<https://www.pearlriverlions.org/>



Pearl River Lions Club

Charitable Virtual 5 K



Run / Walk

Choose your own route and Run or walk
anytime between

October 30 thur November 1

\$20 per person

Each participant will receive a
commemorative medal

All Proceeds go back to the community.

Sign up @ pearlriverlions.org

Pearl River Lions Club

Pearl River Lions is hosting their first annual virtual 5K fundraiser, "Trick or Trot". Join and advance at your own pace. Run, walk, skip, or hop.

If interested in participating, please follow the link below. Reach out to Pearl River Lions for information.

<https://www.pearlriverlions.org/>



Rockand Indo-American

Congratulations, to Past District Governor Lion Mathai Chako on completing all the requirements for Bachelors program of Lions University.

Mount Kisco Lions Club

Great Lions Meeting with our District Governor Giuseppe Coco and his wife Krista Hoversten Coco. Together we can. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something, and together we can change the world.



Hendrick Hudson Lions

The Hendrick Hudson Lions sponsored the Online Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Contest as part of Halloween in Hudson.

The decorating contest was open to children (in the following categories: 0-PRE-K, K-2ND, 3RD-5TH, 6TH-8TH, & 9TH-12TH) as well as adults.

The carving contest was open to children (in the following categories: 3RD-5TH, 6TH-8TH, & 9TH-12TH) as well as adults.



Participants just had to take a picture of the pumpkin being entered and then submit it as a private message with us (include the First name of the person and the age group in your message).

Photos were due by 10/24 at 10:24pm. Voting opened on 10/25 until through 10/28.

Winners will be determined by the number of likes.

Mahopac Leo Club

Mahopac Leo Club is sponsoring a #drivein #movienight to support Community Cares on Friday Nov 6th. Donations accepted at Communitycares.org / donate page- \$25 per car. Must be reserved ahead of time. Come see how much fun supporting our community can be! Be sure to like the Leo's page for lots of exciting stuff they have going on!



*Research gives HOPE for tomorrow, **Community Cares** gives HELP for today!*

The Mahopac Leo's Club is hosting a Drive in movie to benefit Community Cares. We will be having a concession stand during the movie to help raise money for Community Cares. We are asking for donations of anything from the list below for our fundraiser.

If you would like to donate please contact us at mahopacleosclub@gmail.com or call Danielle Whitmarsh at 646-261-0229

Items to consider

- Bagged popcorn
- Individually wrapped candy (such as packs of skittles, mike and ikes, milk duds, etc)
- Small bags of chips and snacks
- Chocolate bars
- Donuts, cookies and cupcakes
- Water bottles
- Cans of soda
- Juice boxes
- Hot Chocolate
- Whipped Cream
- Cups with lids- for hot drinks
- Restaurant gift cards
- Supermarket gift cards



MD 20 ALERT FOUNDATION

A few years ago, many of you may remember, super storm Sandy hit Long Island and NYC particularly hard and Lions all over the world were very generous with their donations to the rebuilding effort. LCIF was also generous with grant money. We are using that money to build a warehouse and stock it with emergency supplies. After many years, the MD20 council finally agreed to build a warehouse at Camp Badger to house supplies for any future emergencies. That building was completed almost four years ago and we have been working since then to put supplies into the wonderful space that we have in Spencer, NY. DG Rick Brisee from District W has been spearheading the job of purchasing equipment and supplies. He inventories the purchases, stores them safely in the building and he has worked up a plan for distribution of items should the need arise. We have also purchased and wrapped a small trailer (thanks to ID Gary Brown for finding us a bargain). We have also



ordered a larger trailer that will be wrapped once we take delivery.



Currently we have many different items in stock, for example blankets, generators, dehumidifiers, shop vacs, brooms, gloves, tarps, emergency lighting, extensions cords, tents, shovels, cleaning buckets, etc... If anyone has more ideas of items to stock on our shelves, please let us know.

In addition to all of the activity at the building, we have been forming a MD20 Alert Foundation to hold the assets of the committee and shield the MD. We are in the final phase of the Foundation set up and so we hope to

have people join the team as directors from all over the state. **We need more help and we will be holding formal elections at the MD20 convention in Syracuse May 14-16, 2021.**

Please monitor the MD20 website for a link to the MD20 Alert Foundation. We hope to have this up soon and the information will include a complete inventory of the warehouse as well as the procedure to request emergency supplies.

We hope that every MD20 Lions member will consider whether this may be their passion for service to the whole



MD20 community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either DG Rick Brisee or PCC Kelly Clark, our contact information is included below.

Thank you all for your consideration and your time.

PCC Kelly Clark kclarkmd20@gmail.com

DG Rick Brisee rbrisee@hotmail.com



Recruiting Wheel

The Recruiting Wheel is an effective method to compile lists of people who could be invited to join your club. Distribute this page at a regular meeting. For each category on the wheel, have an experienced Lion ask: “Who is the one?”

Example: Who is the one relative you feel would like to make a contribution to improve the community? Give your members a brief time to think about their choices, and fill in the Build a Lions’ Network form as thoroughly as possible.



*May include but is not limited to elected officials, school principals, police and fire chiefs and hospital administrators.

** May include but is not limited to doctors, accountants, dentists, lawyers and bankers

Club Fundraiser Ideas



WITH THE
MELVILLE LIONS CLUB

Friday, November 6th
6:30 PM
on Zoom

\$10 PER SHEET - \$25 FOR 3 SHEETS - \$50 FOR 7 SHEETS

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/melville-lions-club-party-bingo-fundraiser-tickets-123354114477>

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL LionPatriciaTremaroli@gmail.com



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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