

# **DISTRICT 20R1 BULLETIN #5**

## **DECEMBER 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,

I want to thank you for what your clubs have done and are doing to support people in need in your community and worldwide.

Many clubs organized food drives and made fundraisers donating to local food pantries or to the LCIF disaster relief account.

Due to the pandemic, millions of people lost their jobs and are now waiting in line for food distribution. These are the times when our service as LIONS can make a difference and give hope to people in distress.

Starting now throughout this winter holiday season, if your club has the possibility to organize another food drive or fundraiser, please, do it. People need food

and money to pay their bills.

I also encourage you, please make a personal donation (what you can) to LCIF. Leading by example I already donated.

Another challenge is coming up: ***Vaccination campaign against Covid 19***. The operation of vaccinating the entire NY State population will be enormous. Multiple District 20 has offered Governor Cuomo to help with administrative duties. This will be not only an invaluable support to the community, but also a great opportunity for your club to improve visibility and recruit new members (additional details in this bulletin).

I have already received the commitment of lions from 3 clubs. Please communicate your intention so that we can progress. Also there is the possibility to lead this initiative at district level, please step forward as ***Vaccination Campaign District Coordinator***.

Never, as in this period, the slogan ***“Where there is a need, there is a Lion”*** can be more appropriate.

I avail myself with this opportunity to wish you and your families Happy Holidays 2020 and a Happy New Year.

***“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 7 sessions and another 3 are scheduled. There is still time and room to sign up.

- **Membership.** It is essential that all clubs focus on membership throughout the entire year.

- **LCIF Campaign 100.** This year District goal is to reach \$31,000 in donation. To date, only 4 clubs in the district have been reported donating to LCIF (**total \$3,815**). 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

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

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.

## Clubs not yet scheduled

**Blauvelt, Carmel Kent, Clarkstown, Croton on Hudson, Lewisboro, North Salem, Ossining, Peekskill, Piermont, Pleasantville, Rockland Indo-Am, Rockland Regional, Stony Point**

**Your DG will contact you soon by email or/and phone to schedule a date and modality of the DG's visit. Please be ready with one or two options.**





# NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

TOGETHER  
WE CAN!

## District 20R1 Convention 2021

Tarrytown March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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>.



## DISTRICT'S PEACE POSTER WINNER

This year the District 20R1 Peace Poster winner is from Valhalla Middle School.

Congratulations to the young artist and Valhalla Lions Club.

Many thanks to all clubs, and particularly to clubs' Peace Poster chairs who were able to conduct the contest despite the pandemic.

Thank you so much, PDG Maybelle Twohie, for managing the Peace Poster Contest for the District.



## Passenger Van for Veterans Organization - My Brother Vinny



Special Thanks to **Lions District 20R1**  
My Brother Vinny Van Sponsors

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the commissioning of the van (2019 Ford 250) for My Brother Vinny, at the Yorktown Self Storage facility on Lexington Avenue, Yorktown (Route 202 end of Lexington).

My Brother Vinny provides household furnishings for veterans. Since inception in 2014, they have provided for 1184 veteran.

Under the Past District Governor Carl's Anderson

leadership, clubs donated \$10,006 towards two matching grants from LCIF and NYS&Bermuda Foundation, totaling up to \$25,006.

Participating Lions Clubs: Blauvelt, Brewster, Clarkstown, Cold Spring, Croton on Hudson, Lewisboro, Pearl River, Somers, Yorktown, and Somers Leo Club. TOGETHER WE CAN!!



Attending the ceremony: Paula Miritello representing My Brother Vinny, DG Giuseppe Coco representing D20R1, IPDG Carl Anderson initiator and coordinator of the project, Lion Tracy Reimann President of Somers Lions Club, Lion James Poulin President of Yorktown Lions Club, CS Krista Hoversten representing Pearl River Lions Club, Lion Lonnie Spinozza-Johnson NYS&Bermuda Foundation Trustee, and several Lions from Yorktown Lions Club.





# NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

## Brewster Lions Club



**Congratulations to all Brewster Lions for receiving the Diamond Centennial Award.**



**Those Lions are awesome!**

## Yorktown Lions Club



Lion James Poulin received the International President's Leadership Award 2019-2020

The International President's Leadership award is the third highest honor in Lionism and is given to those Lions who have demonstrated significant leadership contributions.





## North Rockland Lions Club Food Drive

“Members of the North Rockland Lions Club proudly donated bags of food Saturday, November 21 at the Atonement Lutheran Church of Stony Point. All food received is being transported in support of People to People to help feed Rockland’s hungry.

This year the Lions were restricted from doing their annual food drive at Stop & Shop in West Haverstraw. Instead, the club banded together to support local food drives that were already going to be occurring. That includes Atonement’s food drive drop off. Lion Jake stated, “Proud to have been part of such a successful day for Atonement - all due to their wonderful organizing efforts and so many generous North Rocklanders!”



Photographed are NRL President Jake Cataldo, NRL Secretary Carol Hoerter, JROTC member Kevin and Atonement volunteer Irene.”



## Pearl River Lions Club Food Drive

Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Shop Rite Parking Lot, Pearl River Lions Club conducted their Annual Food Drive benefiting the Rockland County Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center.



## Pearl River Lions Club Annual Food Drive

**Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 2pm  
Shoprite of Pearl River Parking Lot**

**Benefiting the Rockland County  
Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center**

The MLK Multi-Purpose Center Operates the 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Food Pantry in Rockland County in addition to providing numerous other services to the community including:

- Senior Nutrition Assistance Program
- Community Health Program
- NYS Licensed After School Program
- Youth Employment Program
- Advocacy

Donations Accepted  
Here:

[www.PearlRiverLions.org](http://www.PearlRiverLions.org)





## Mahopac Lions Club & Mahopac Leo Club



On November 15, at the Freight House Café, and on November 20, at Red Mills Convenience Center the Mahopac Leo's Club & Mahopac Lions Club sold Holiday Ornaments designed and created by a District 20-K1 Leos. Revenue in support of the Mahopac scholarship fund!



United For The Troops Mahopac Leo's Club & Mahopac Lions Club, Mahopac NY



Leo's wearing their shirts met at St James parking lot.



# LETTER FROM MD 20 TO GOVERNOR CUOMO



*Multiple District 20*

**LIONS CLUBS of NEW YORK STATE *and* BERMUDA, INC.**  
***WeServe***

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October 29, 2020

Governor Cuomo,

On behalf of the almost 15,000 lions members and 510 Lions Clubs in the state of New York, I have been authorized by their 11 District Governors representing our members, to offer our member's services to assist in the state's efforts to vaccinate the citizens of our state.

Understanding the enormity of this task, we know that government cannot achieve this alone but it will take civil society to make this happen.

Depending how the immunizations are distributed, our members can be available to assist with administrative duties such as filling out forms, helping with organizing the areas where people will come for immunizations.

Lions Clubs of NYS are no strangers to working in NY during challenging times. During 911 we mobilized our membership with the assistance of our International Association and Foundation in providing food, clothing and converted shipping containers serving as shelters within the disaster area acting as areas for rescue, for recovery workers a place to rest and get out of the weather. Also providing counseling and survivor camps for families effected for up to 5 years after the attacks.

During super storm Sandy, Lions again mobilized immediately providing needed goods to those who lost their belongings and generators for community centers and others and because of that, we now have a warehouse at our camp in Spencer NY stocked with emergency supplies to be dispensed, when needed to areas of disasters.

During the pandemic, our members have provided respite meals to health care workers in several hospitals, provided food to food pantries, and sanitized vehicles of health care workers and ambulances throughout NYS. These activities are a small part of our 100+ yrs. of service throughout the world and in NYS.

Since 2018, over 1,800 teachers and staff members have been trained in Lions Quest. These training sessions have been delivered in conferences and multi-day training sessions. Training has been conducted in 87 Districts and BOCES programs across the state. We estimate that Lions Quest has had an impact on over 15,000 students over the past three years and continues to climb.

Governor Cuomo, thank you for your efforts during these difficult times and we look forward to assisting in any way possible.

Our Motto is WE SERVE! We are ready to serve. Please let us know how we can help  
Sincerely yours,

*Deborah Harrison*

Deborah Harrison  
2020-2021 Council Chairman

# LETTER FROM GOVERNOR CUOMO TO MD 20



STATE OF NEW YORK  
**EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**  
ALBANY 12224

**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
GOVERNOR

November 6, 2020

Deborah Harrison  
Multiple District 20  
Lions Clubs of New York State and Bermuda, Inc.  
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Dear Ms. Harrison:

I want to extend my deepest thanks to you, your Clubs, and your members for your extraordinarily generous offer of assistance in our COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

We're honored to have your partnership and support as we continue our efforts to develop and operationalize our implementation plan. Working together, we will show once again there's nothing we can't accomplish when we're united, and I'm proud to have you and your members standing with us at this critical time.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for stepping up to serve your fellow residents and help reinforce how important compassion, generosity, and unity are at a time like this. I look forward to building on our vital efforts in the days and weeks ahead.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. Cuomo", written over a horizontal line.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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PERFORMANCE \* INTEGRITY \* PRIDE

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## 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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