

DISTRICT 20 R1 BULLETIN #7

APRIL 2021

No one can do everything, but
Everyone can do something, and
Together we can change the world.

Ronald J Sider



GIUSEPPE COCO
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 20 R1
2020-2021

TOGETHER WE CAN!



District Governor Monthly Message



Dear Club Presidents and Lions,

We are just about there! As the vaccination progresses more and more clubs are getting out of hibernation. This coincides with the beginning of spring and the good and warm weather, which will allow us to meet safely outdoors. Everyone's hope is that in a few weeks we will be able to experience some kind of social life.

We are in our last quarter of the year and have some important and exciting events in front of us.

Dear Presidents, it is your personal responsibility to ensure your club has regular and fair elections. Please, continue to work toward achieving your membership and service goals. Remember that the new member fee waiver (\$35) will end on June 30, please take advantage of this opportunity and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join your club.

On March 7th, we had our District virtual convention with a maximum peak of 80 attendees. Feedback indicates everybody enjoyed it. I want to thank everyone who helped with the organization and realization of the event. A special thanks to those who attended.

On May 14-15 there will be our MD20 State Convention which will also be virtual. To be able to vote for our DG candidate Jack Ciaramella your club must be in good standing (ALL dues paid: International and MD20) by April 14th.

Virtual International Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. If you have never attended an International Convention in person you can have a glimpse of it with the upcoming virtual convention.

Thank you for being a Lion.

“Together We Can!”

**Yours in Service
DG Giuseppe Coco**



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** is over. We had 10 sessions with attendees and speakers from several Districts. However, we only had an average of 6 attendees from our district which set our goal achievement at 60%.

- **Membership.** It is essential that all clubs focus on membership throughout the entire year. The International BoD has waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021. Let's take advantage of this opportunity, ASK ONE!

- **LCIF Campaign 100.** This year District goal is to reach \$31,000 in donation. To date, only **11 clubs** in the district have been reported donating to LCIF (**total \$6,151**). I encourage you to make at 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.

All Clubs have members who pay their dues but do not participate in clubs functions and events. Ask them to be active members by simply donating to LCIF. Just remember to provide them with their ID number, Club Number and the link to LCI website.

Official Visit of the District Governor

Clubs visited: Armonk, Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Cold Spring, Hendrick Hudson, Mahopac, Mount Kisco, North Rockland, Pearl River, Ramapo, Rockland Universal, Somers, 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, outdoors.

April Calendar

Apr 1 - Clubs Report Membership on MyLCI

Apr 1 - Clubs Pay LCI and MD Dues

Apr 12 Cabinet Meeting

Apr 15 Clubs complete Club Officer Elections

Apr 15 - DG Visit Carmel Kent Lions Club

Clubs not yet scheduled

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

Please contact your DG by email or/and phone to schedule a date and modality of the DG's visit.

RECENT SERVICES

YORKTOWN LIONS AND THE JEFFERSON VALLEY MALL EASTER CAR PARADE

March 20, 2021 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Mall Parking Lot, enter through Lee Blvd.

First 500 Children will receive a goodie bag



SHREDDER DAY



May 22nd, 2021

9:00 am to Noon

The Nest - Parking Lot

44 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring

On site bonded and certified commercial shredder.

For Philipstown Residents and Businesses.

Donations are always welcome!

No paper clips, binders or plastic bags - Containers will be returned to patron at drop-off.

Masks required and social distancing will be practiced here.

Patrons will remain in cars and have shred material in trunk of car to be removed by volunteers from Lions Club.

Sponsored by the Cold Spring Lions Club



Valhalla Lions Club Food Drive

TO BENEFIT THE MOUNT PLEASANT FOOD PANTRY

AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DONATION DROP-OFF: MARCH 15-20, 2020

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Presbrey-Leland Memorials
250 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla, New York

Suggested Items:

Lunch/Dinner

Canned Soup
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)
Canned Beans
Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Rice
Saltine Crackers
Graham Crackers
Boxed Instant Potatoes
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Pasta and Sauce

Breakfast Foods

Cereal – Hot or Cold
Oatmeal
Boxed Milk
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

Cooking Staples

Flour
Sugar
Cooking Oil

Beverages

Bottled Juice
(Apple/Cranberry/Orange)
Boxed Milk (Parmalat)
Coffee
Tea

Baby Supplies

Diapers
Baby Food
Wipes

Personal Care Products

Shampoo/Conditioner
Bath Soap
Shaving Cream
Toothpaste



We Serve!

Paper Products

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Tissues
Napkins

Household Products

Cleaners
Laundry Detergent
Bleach

COMING UP



International Association of Lions Clubs
Leo Multiple District 20
New York State & Bermuda

MELISSA AMANTE
Leo Multiple District President



LEO CLUB ADVISOR TRAINING

Facilitator
Immediate Past District Governor
Diana Grise
Connecticut, USA

Saturday, May 8, 2021

12:00 PM

All Leo Club Advisors and Faculty Advisors Welcome to attend.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOChpzMtGtHONDRCBKtdwuyDtxON10yk>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For More Information

MD20 Leo Chair Pablo Romano (347) 260-4544

District 20-R1 Leo Chair Paul LaSpina (914) 523-4031

YORKTOWN LIONS



Scholarship Raffle

Please visit www.yorktownlions or email yorktownlionsclub@gmail.com to purchase raffle tickets. The raffle will support our annual scholarship fund. The Lions award 10 Scholarships to students at Yorktown, Lakeland and Walter Panas High Schools.

Dual Powered Generator 7850/6250 Watts

Gasoline and propane



\$20 EACH or 6 FOR \$100

Drawing will be held at our
1st Summer Concert June 27th 2021

Winner must pick up generator in Yorktown



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Vice President
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* Lion
* Member

A copy of our most recent
financial statement is available
by writing to VISIONS or the
NYC Dept of Law
Charities Bureau
130 Broadway, 3rd Floor
NY, NY 10037

Spring, 2021

Dear Fellow Lions,

With the summer planning underway we need our strong and steadfast supporters to help us continue to serve children and adults who are blind. Won't you consider giving a contribution from your Lions Club to help sponsor a child with his/her family to attend our summer family programs, which will allow us to provide vision rehab services and independent living skills in a learning through recreation environment.

Lions are a great partner enabling what we can do at VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB). As you approach your Centennial Service Challenge, VCB joins your efforts!

Your continued support will make an impact on someone's life: "We learned so much as a family. H.R. has learned so much, too" H.R.'s mother said, "This is the first time H.R. watched a whole movie because he was fully able to experience it in a new way [through audio-description]".

Your contribution of \$550 allows us to serve a child for one week this summer!

Your contribution of \$2,200 allows us to serve a family of four (4) for one week this summer.

Please consider making an impact today by donating to VISIONS:

Call Margarita to process your contribution, 212-625-1616 ext 122 or, Give online using the following hyperlink <https://www.visionsvcb.org/donate/>

Thank you for your continued support

Yours in Service,

Lion Krystal Findley-Jones and the VCB Lions Steering Committee

Promoting the Independence of People of All Ages Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired
visions CENTER ON BLINDNESS (VCB) | **visions** AT SELLS MANOR | **visions** REHABILITATION SERVICES
VISIONS/SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED 500 Greenwich St. 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013-0354
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Pearl River Lions Club



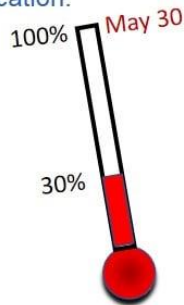
Each year, the Pearl River Lions Club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a Pearl River High School Senior who is pursuing a career or profession in serving others. Our motto is We Serve.

This year, we are unable to complete our usual fundraising due to the pandemic. We ask for your assistance in completing our goal of awarding a deserving high school senior a scholarship to further their education.

Donations Accepted
Here:



www.PearlRiverLions.org



OPEN MIC

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EDT

Every 2 weeks on Wednesday until
June 16, 2021

Muddy Creek Open Mic is hosting
our virtual Open Mic on Zoom. Please
join us! There are a few things to know:

1. You must register to attend to either play or listen in. If you are playing, let us know what time slot you prefer here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AEA62BA5F58-muddy>
2. After Registration you will be given the link that you can share with your friends and family.
3. We request a modest donation to the Pearl River Lions Club, but it NOT required to attend.

To make a donation, please go to:

<https://donate-pearl-river-lions-club.square.site/product/pearl-river-lions-open-mike-donation/4?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>

To learn more about the club, please go to:

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



Yorktown Lions Mulligans & Margaritas Golf Outing June 7, 2021 Somers National Golf Club

**1000 W Hill Dr, Somers,
NY 10589**

Includes:

- * Giveaways * Green Fees & Cart**
 - * Lunch, * Cocktails & Dinner**
 - * Awards Shots and Scores ***
- Scramble Format**

\$200. Per Golfer

WITH A SMALL FEE

You can now pay online at yorktownlionsclub.com

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE & DONATIONS
APPRECIATED**

For further information, contact The Yorktown Lions

Email: yorktownlionsevent@gmail.com

or call 914-488-4185

10am Registration – 11am Lunch -12:30pm Shotgun Start



JOIN US FOR A FUN
EVENING OF WINE
GLASS PAINTING
WE PROVIDE ALL
YOU NEED TO PAINT

Friday, April 23
7:30 PM
Via Zoom
**\$25 PER
PERSON**

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SOMERS LIONS CHARITABLE
PLEASE ADD "SOMERS CARES" IN MEMO
MAIL TO: SOMERS LIONS CLUB C/O DAWN MCEVOY
404 EAGLES RIDGE ROAD | BREWSTER, NY 10509

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER
WWW.SOMERSLIONSCLUB.ORG

MATERIALS
MUST BE PICKED UP
4/19 OR 4/20
5:30-7:30 ONLY
376 US-202,
SOMERS NY, 10589



Virtual

PAINT NIGHT

Fund Raiser



ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT LION DAWN MCEVOY
DAWN.MCEVOY@SOMERSLIONSCLUB.ORG

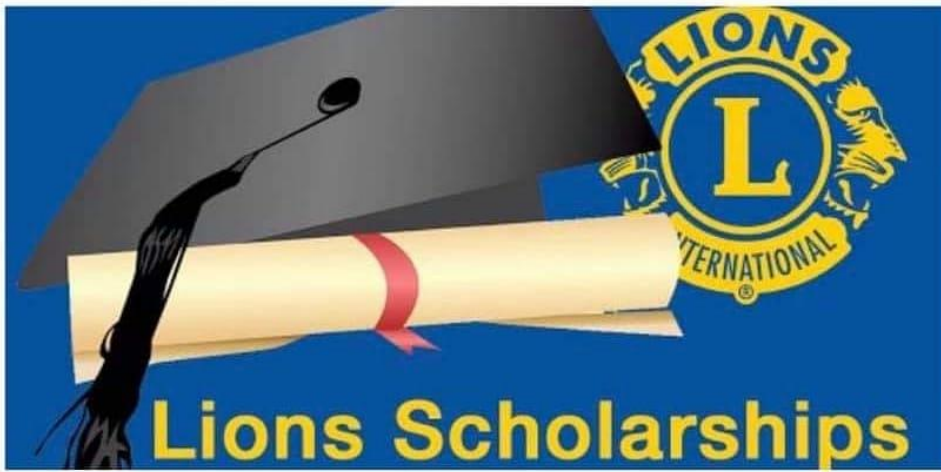


@SomersLions

Mahopac Lions Club

Mahopac NY Scholarships available! High School Seniors don't forget to apply for this scholarship! #Mahopacleos be sure to send it to your notable friends!

The application is made available at the guidance office.



Cold Spring Lions Club

Preparation Underway for 61st Annual Cold Spring
Lions/Frank P. Milkovich Scholarship
By PCNR Staff | on March 30, 2021
Special to the PCNR

The Cold Spring Lions Club will be offering a total of \$2,500 in scholarship(s) to a graduate(s) of an accredited educational institution. The candidate must have been a resident of Philipstown since July 1, 2020. The scholarship is based on need, scholarship and potential to succeed.

This is the 61st consecutive year that the Cold Spring Lions Club has been giving the scholarships. It is estimated that in these past 61 years, the Lions Club has awarded in excess of \$275,000 to deserving Philipstown graduating seniors. Applications are available in the Guidance Offices at O'Neill HS, Panas HS, and Haldane HS. Applications are also available by contacting the Cold Spring Lions Scholarship Chairman John Merante, 5 Grandview Terrace, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Completed applications must be returned to the school counselors by May 10, 2021. All applicants will be interviewed during the first week of June. Recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) are announced at the graduation ceremony.

We hope that the community will continue to support the fund-raising drives initiated by the Lions so that more Philipstown graduates are able to receive the needed financial assistance to further their education.

The 6th annual fundraiser hosted by the Lions Club will be held on September 25, 2021, from 3pm – 7pm at the newly renovated Taconic Outdoor Education Center. The "Pullin, Picking and Shuckin Roast" will feature Mystic Oysters, BBQ Hudson Valley Chicken and Ribs along with salads and desserts, wine and beer. Live Music will be presented by Ben Friert & friends. Cost is \$65 per person. Tickets will be available at coldspringlions.org. or send a check to PO Box 308, Cold Spring, NY 10516.



LIONS RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

On March 7th, at the virtual District 20R1 Convention 2020-21 the following Lions received a recognition or award.

Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lion Mary Elena Chase of Pearl River Lions Club
Lion Stephen Duch of Pearl River Lions Club
Lion Elliot Gross of Bedford Hills Lions Club
Lion Krista Hoversten of Pearl River Lions Club
Lion Victoria Reimann of Somers Lions Club
Lion Larry Uffer of Somers Lions Club

In Memory of

Lion Felissa Bondoc Tanchoco of Rockland Centennial Lions Club

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship

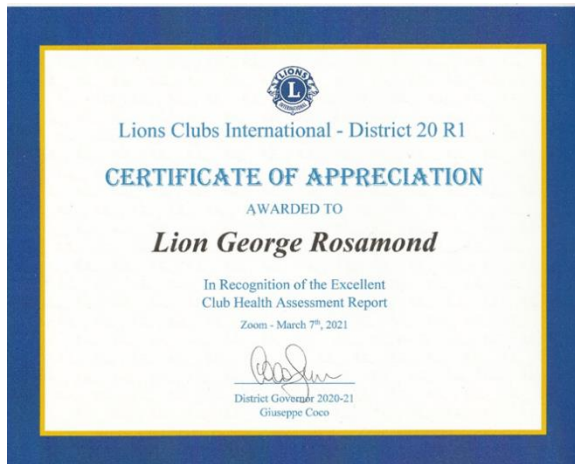
Lion Frank Milkovich of Cold Spring Lions Club



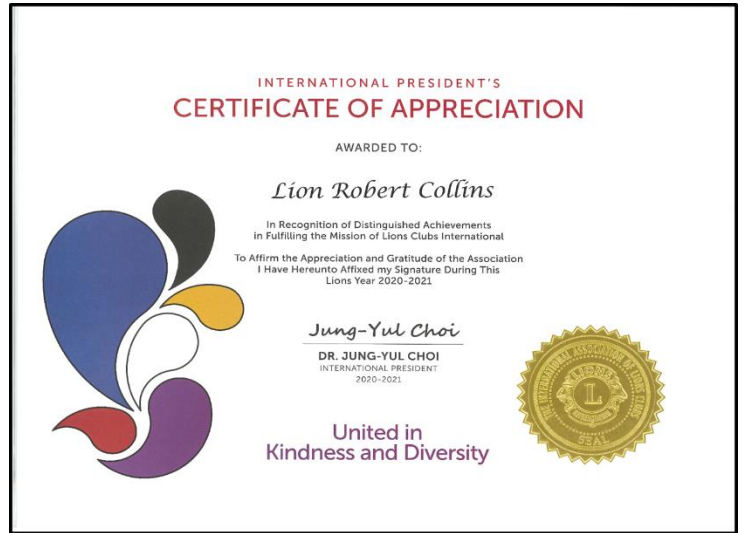
New Voices Certificate of Recognition

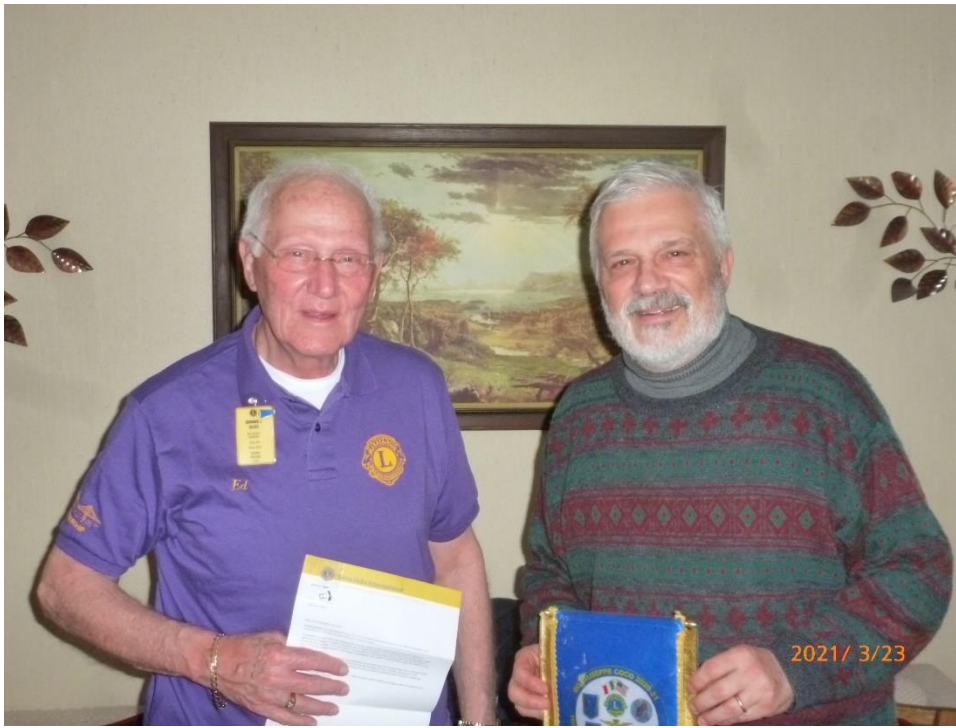


District 20R1 Certificate of Appreciation



International President's Certificate of Appreciation





**DG Giuseppe Coco
visited PDG Edward
Klotz of Ossining Lions
Club to present him
with 50 years Monarch
Chevron**



A CONVENTION SO GOOD WE'RE BRINGING IT TO YOUR HOME

The MD-20 New York State & Bermuda 2021 Convention



**Broadcast Live
From Syracuse, NY**

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Dr. Patti Hill
International Third
Vice President
Edmonton, AB



May 14 & 15, 2021

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**Clubs' delegates will vote to elect our International Officers and to approve the
International Board of Directors Revised Dues Adjustment Resolution (see next page)
If you have any questions please ask your DG Giuseppe Coco**

International Board of Directors Approves Revised Dues Adjustment Resolution

Dear Lion,

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues paid by Lions members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *The board recently approved a new dues adjustment model that will be voted on at the 2021 International Convention.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2022
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand and our membership.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

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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