



LIONS District 20 R-1

DG Ellen Purcigliotti



Dear Lions of District 20-R1,

Thank you for giving me this historic opportunity to serve with you as the first DG of the second century for Lion service, and the first DG to serve under the first woman president of LCI. President Gudrun has challenged and inspired me with her message of seeking new horizons and pushing beyond my limits. Currently, we are 1.7+ million men and women strong: Lions, Leos, Alpha and Omega.

Our International President has stressed that we Lions expand our global causes of service to include: **Diabetes** awareness, **Hunger** short-ages, **Environmental** issues, **Childhood Cancer**, and **Vision**. This will be the focus of my efforts this year. Additionally, I plan to launch new initiatives involving women and children and mobilizing local disaster relief programs. I know this sounds like an ambitious start, but with your help we can write a few new chapters for District 20-R1. Use this directory to find the resources, agencies, guest speakers, or technology support for your work in making the world a better place to live.

According to the Lions International Clubs Foundation:

- Today, 253 million individuals are blind or visually impaired.
- By 2040, nearly 650 million people are expected to be living with diabetes.
- Each year, our planet experiences a 15% increase in natural disasters.
- Each night, more than 800 million people go to be hungry.
- Each day, 245 people die from measles.
- Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer.
- By 2025, half the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas.

A safer and healthier world awaits our love and service.....

My best,

District Governor Ellen Purcigliotti

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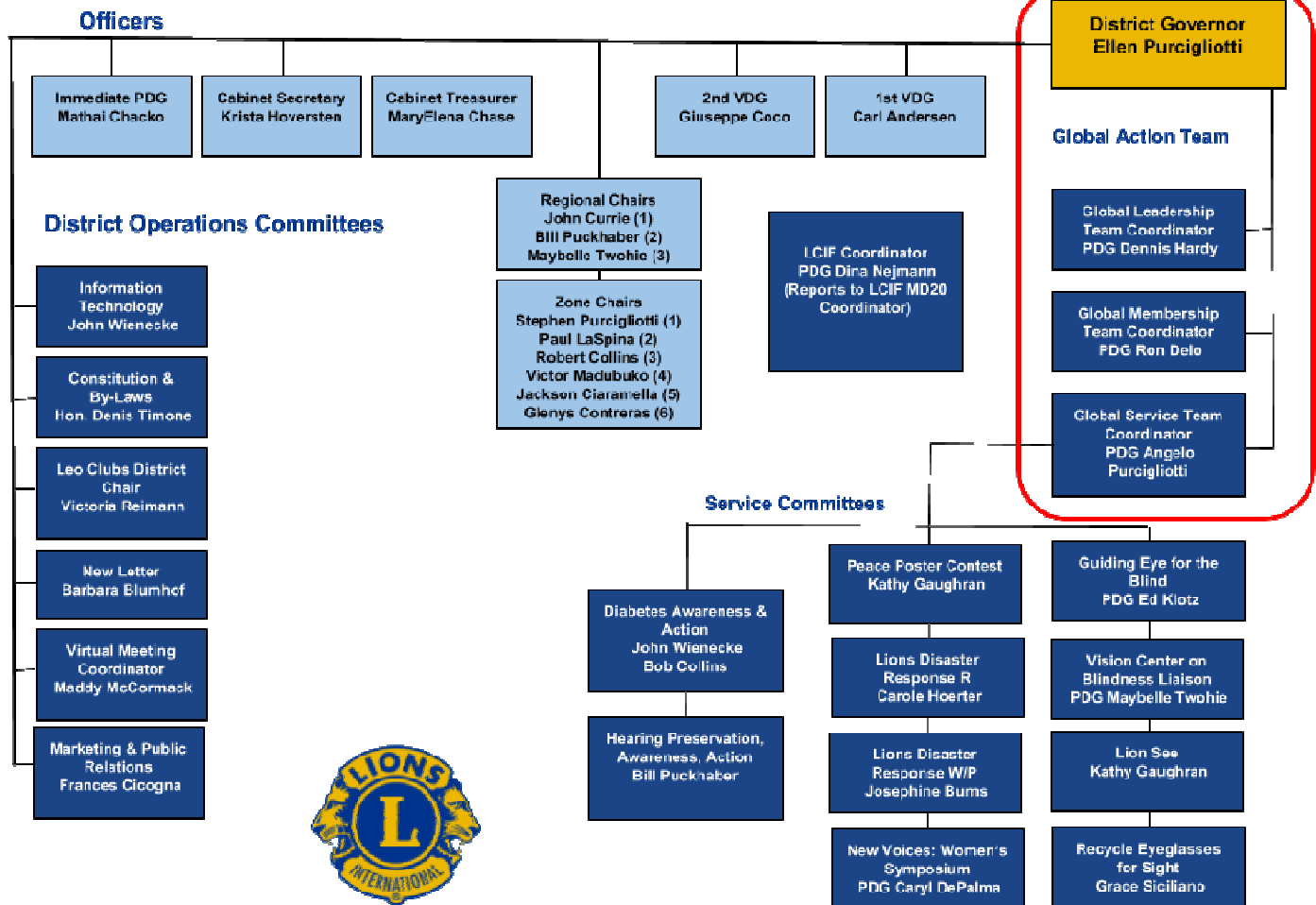


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2018-19 District Cabinet



District Cabinet Structure MD20R1



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**“TO REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS, WE MUST REACH
WITHIN OUR CLUBS, COMMUNITIES AND SELVES.”**
International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

In the brisk air of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a small country. It's a land defined by natural beauty and discovery. It's a place of grit and unwavering innovation, where nearly 100 percent of the electricity comes from renewable sources and seven of every thousand people are Lions, the highest ratio in the world. So what is this small, but impressive, country? It's Iceland, and it's the home of our 2018-2019 International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. President Yngvadottir joined the Eik Lions Club in 1992 and, from that moment on, has served her local community and the world with the passion, care and vigor both Lions and Iceland are known for.

The sense of unity that helps Iceland thrive is the same attitude that allows Lions across the globe to make their communities stronger, healthier and safer. Being a Lion is a unique experience. And an incredible honor. Our communities depend on us to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. They entrust us with the care of some of our most vulnerable neighbors—lives and futures that can be forever altered by an act of kindness. We are men and women who realize that giving back changes lives. Including our own. There is a spark when people come together to serve. When we unite to make our communities better, we become better. And closer to the people we serve. **TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS.**

My Presidential Theme – We Serve

Accomplished people from around the world have led our great association in its over 100-year history. While each international president brings a unique perspective and expertise to Lions Clubs International, there has (and always will be) a single constant that unites all Lions: service. With this as a guide, each president is committed to helping clubs increase their service, and as a result, their impact on our local and global communities.

My Presidential Message – Beyond the Horizon

There's a world of service yet to be reached, even by Lions. During International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's year at the helm of Lions International, we'll reach within our district, clubs and selves to reach levels of humanitarian good the world has never known.

My Presidential Focus – Harnessing the Power of 1.4 Million Lions

International President Yngvadottir's programs and initiatives will focus around four key elements of Lions International that are important to moving the association forward.

- 1) Moving membership forward
- 2) Increasing leadership development
- 3) Promoting the fellowship of Lions
- 4) Sharing our stories

To all Dedicated Lions/Volunteers,

We are looking forward to seeing you **Sunday, August 12th** for our **Annual Volunteer Recognition Family Day/Lions Day**. A friendly reminder that parking within the VCB campus will be limited. Below is the agenda for the day. We are looking forward to having you as well as your families as we at VISIONS VCB thank you for your generosity and hard work!

Annual Volunteer Recognition Family Day/Lions Day
Sunday, August 12, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

10:00 – 12:30pm - Guided Tours, Participate & Observe VCB Programming Activities, Swimming & Lounging
11:00 -12:00 - VCB Executive Committee Meeting (VRC Multipurpose Room)
12:30 – 1:30 pm - Lunch & Award Presentation
1:30pm-2:30pm - Open Swim

Please confirm your attendance to: Jennifer Tetefsky
VCB Department Manager
845-354-3003, ext. 300 or jtetefsky@visionsvcb.org

Thank you in advance for your services
Krystal Findley-Jones, LMSW



SUFFERN LIONS AND THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN PRESENT 3RD ANNUAL



DOG DAY

SEPT 8, 2018

LEO P LYDON PARK

20 SYLVAN WAY, SUFFERN

11 AM—2 PM

CONTESTS & PRIZES

(categories and times to be announced)

RAFFLES & MORE



Registrants must be at least 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult. Dogs participating in the event must be on a leash at all times. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure his or her dog has been properly vaccinated. Winners must be present to claim any prizes. Judges will determine winning dog in all events and their decision is final. Void where prohibited by law. Suffern Lions Club reserves the right to modify the program of events as necessary. LCI & affiliates shall be held harmless for any injury to persons or property caused by owners and/or their pets.



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SOMERS LIONS

Block Party—June 30th



**Somers Lions Block Party held June 30th
... fun time had by all ...**

The Somers Lions Club, in Somers, NY has successfully run the town's Independence Day event for over 10 years. Though, in the recent past attendance was down and the club was tasked with coming-up with fresh new ideas that would infuse the event with more life and bring the community together. Enter stage right Jan Corning, 2nd VP of the Somers Lions Club. By trade, Jan is a Project Manager for a construction company, and used her skills to pull off an incredible feat of love, patriotism and community spirit.

As Jan sprang into action, she led a diverse team of 6 different community groups all working toward the common goal of transforming the Independence Day event. Through her leadership and the diversity of the group she inspired many ideas to flow through the year-long planning process. The major impact to the event included relocation to a more crowd friendly venue thanks to a relationship with a new business owner, research and implementation of new ideas based on what event-goers expected from the event and modifying the name to invoke a sense of community by calling it "Block Party".

However, the most important addition to the event was our unanimous decision to honor a local veteran hero. 1st LT Victor Prato, a local Somers Resident, was severely wounded by a car bomb last year while serving our country in Afghanistan. He suffered life altering injuries and has been in rehab to learn how to walk again, amongst other things. During our planning process, Lieutenant Prato's story became an inspirational driving force for all of us. His intense recovery effort became a rallying force that kept us striving to do our best and make this an event that would honor him.

In the end, it was Jan's leadership skills that brought together a diverse group of traditional and non-traditional committee members, resulting in an event that exceeded everyone's expectations, received rave reviews and continues to be talked about around town several weeks later. Next year's event is already being planned to enable more of the community to participate. Reflecting on our Independence Day planning and celebration, we are also reminded of the benefits that diversity and inclusion bring to our community and appropriately serve our country.

Photo courtesy Deena Bell/Halston Media.

CARMEL KENT LIONS **Putnam County 4H Fair**

Members of the Carmel Kent Lions Club volunteered at the 47th annual Putnam County 4H Fair on July 27- 29, 2018 as they have done for the past thirty years. Their duties included prepping, cooking and serving fair goers at the food pavilion. Lions Maggie DeMarinis, Paul DeMarinis, Katherine Castaldo, Frank Mueller, Mike Heffron and Frank Chianca worked various shifts from Friday to Sunday during this three day event.



Lions Frank Mueller, Mike Heffron and Frank Chianca

Lions Katherine Castaldo
& Frank Chianca



DG Ellen at Lions International Convention



International President Gundrun Yngvadottir and Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson with DG Ellen and PCC Angelo Purcigliotti

DG Ellen and fellow DGs from Africa



IPDG Mathai and DG Ellen join forces at the Convention in Las Vegas in July

Pearl River Lions *Legacy Project*

PEARL RIVER LIONS Club LEGACY PROJECT

The 3 benches in Central Avenue Field in Pearl River needed repairs. Pearl River Lions Club decided to restore them as a Club's legacy project. The old rusted nuts and bolts and the rotted wood were removed and replaced with new hardware and Trex boards. The steel frames were wire-brushed and painted. The work was done by John, Ralph, Carla and Rowena. Plaques were placed that read: Community Service Project - Pearl River Lions Club - June 2018



North Salem Lions Golf Outing August 27th



Enjoy a great day of golf at the beautiful Salem Golf Club in North Salem, NY (www.salemgolfclub.org).

The event will include a

- 4-person best ball
- continental breakfast
- great barbecue lunch
- amazing buffet dinner
- awards and raffle prizes during dinner

If you are not playing golf you can register for Dinner only.

- **Compete in our Longest Drive and our Closest to the Pin Contest for a chance to win 2 tickets to any national sporting event!**
- **You could be 1 of 4 shooters taking the 165 yard hole in one and win \$50,000!**
- **Included with your online registration is a 1-year subscription to Golf Digest.**

Register now and remember to invite your friends to play. Just click "Tell a Friend" and you can send them a link to this site automatically.

Thank you for your support!

NORTH SALEM LIONS (a 501c organization)

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**TO REGISTER FOR THIS GREAT LION EVENT go to
<http://www.northsalemlionsgolfouting.com/>**

Guiding Eyes for the Blind **Lions Appreciation Day**

By Annie Chiappetta, President, White Plains Lions

Districts 20 and 21 attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights on July 14 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. I was pleased to have been asked to speak as a graduate representing Guiding Eyes. I was joined by another graduate and Lions leader, Curt Lantrupe. It is gratifying to know that Curt and I are both presidents of our respective clubs and I hope more members who live with visual impairments like Curt and I step up to lead a club. We have a unique perspective and I believe sharing our life experiences will only enhance the importance of supporting all people who are blind when Lions step in to work on projects involving blindness.

We also congratulated the Van Tassal award recipient for caring for over 500 puppies.

Here is to a very successful and active year.

Pictured are Lion Annie and her devoted companion.



MD20 NYS and Bermuda **AD HOC COMMITTEE—Special Request**

Good morning Lions,

We are looking for members to serve on the third Ad Hoc Committee meeting for MD 20 NYS and Bermuda, on Saturday September 8, 2018.

The meeting will be held at the **Binghamton DoubleTree Hotel, 225 Water Street, Binghamton, NY 13902** , [607 722-7575](tel:6077227575) beginning at 11:30 am, and be completed no later than 3 pm. Lunch will be provided and you will be paid for your mileage and tolls under MD 20 Rules of Audit.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how we can attract more grass root Lions to our annual convention.

Agenda will be:

- Self-introductions, How many conventions have you attended
- What did you like about the conventions?
- What did you dislike?
- What seminars did you attend?
- What workshops would you like to see at the conventions?
- How about speakers?
- Meal functions - what would like to change or add?
- Open discussion on how we can make the convention fun and educational.

Please let Lion Ellen know if you are interested in attending and contact me know if you have any questions.

PCC Tim Jachlewski
MD-20 Lions, New York & Bermuda Inc.
Secretary/Treasurer

SAVE THE DATES

***USA and Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
Sept 20-22, 2018, Columbus OH
Go to: <https://lionsforum.org/>***

***District 20R-1 Annual Convention
Sunday, November 4th, 9am-2pm
Double Tree Hotel, Tarrytown***



**Congratulations to Rockland Universal
Lions on their Charter Night**





Lions 20r1 community

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Send a Card to:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington DC 20307-5001

If you can't send them to Walter Reed take one or several to your local American Legion, VA facility, VFW, JWV, or any other veteran organization.

Bring a smile to a vet. They deserve it.

**Don't forget to save your used holiday cards
to send to St Jude Children's Foundation.**

Please contact Suffern Lions Lois and/or Frank Hagen
if you have donations for veterans.
845-357-6079.

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