

A “New and Improved” District 20-R1 Convention is Coming to Town  
on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Campaign 100 Kickoff Social on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

# 20R1

Lions in District 20-R1 are going to have the best District Convention ever!  
Vice-District Governors Carl Anderson, Giuseppe Coco, and Convention Chair Angelo and I have planned a District Convention that you will remember and will empower you to continued service. We’ve changed the entire format of the Convention from the minute you step into the DoubleTree Hilton in Tarrytown to register on Sunday at 9 a.m. until you leave at 2 p.m. The following is a thumbnail sketch of what is planned.



1Lion Becky and ID  
Lion Steve Thornton,  
MD13 - Ohio

Once you register, you will have the opportunity to enjoy coffee and “meet and greet” our guest, International Director Steve Thornton from Wooster, Ohio. He is a retired Chief of Police from Wooster who has held many distinguished positions in Lions throughout his career. Additionally, representatives from the major community agencies and charities will have displays to welcome the Lions. From 10-10:30 we will have a “**Celebration of Service**” in loving memory of the Lions who have gone to rest after their lifetime of service.

The Convention will highlight several of Five Global Initiatives – **Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Childhood Cancer, and Environment** with award winning video clips from Lions Clubs International. Lions from our District 20-R1, committed to spearheading these programs, will lead an open discussion about efforts to build community involvement. I once heard the expression that “the impossible is an illusion.” The Lions leading these initiatives believe in the impossible. This open sharing session will be in lieu of workshops and breakout sessions.



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER

By the afternoon, I am sure you will have worked up a hearty appetite, so Nick Magliato, the assistance catering manager, has planned a **Little Italy Hot Lunch Buffet** for hungry Lions. Additionally, representatives from Friends of Karen, Guiding Eyes, Visions, etc. will join designated tables to discuss their programs. For the first time, LEOs will participate actively in the full program of our Convention and interact with Lions throughout the day.



I also plan to deliver my **State of the District** report about the progress we have been making since July and my goals to make District 20-R1 a shining star. After introducing the candidates for office and awarding certificates of appreciation, the highlight of the luncheon will be our keynote speaker, **ID Steve Thornton** who will help our district launch LCIF Capital 100 – the biggest capital campaign ever.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the District Convention.

My best, DG Ellen Purcigliotti