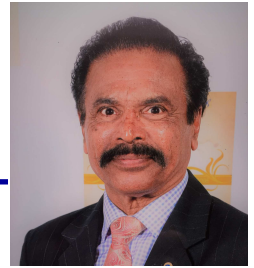




LIONS District 20 R-1

DG MATHAI CHACKO



My fellow Lions of District 20-R1:

First let me thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor of 20R1 for the 2017–2018 Lions year. I am both humbled and honored to serve this year as we begin the second century of humanitarian services of Lions Clubs International.

I am also excited and anxious about the new year. I am excited because I believe that with your help, our District can reach new levels of service to those who truly need Lions' assistance. I am anxious because I realize the tremendous responsibility that rests on my shoulders as your District Governor. I am nevertheless confident we can succeed if we each do our part. That's where each of you comes in. As members of your local clubs, you can be instrumental in shaping the direction our District will head this year. We must all commit ourselves to reversing the trend of declining membership. This month alone, our District lost 12 members. Our goal should be to add at least one new member per month to each of your clubs, this year to offset anticipated losses due to relocation, resignation, and yes, even death.

International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal wants to take the theme **"we serve"** to new dimensions. He wants Lions to focus on: **The Power of We, The power of Action and The Power of Service.** Our task is to convert the Power of We into actual service, through the Power of Action. When we combine the Power of We with the Power of Action, we get the Power of Service –the most powerful force in nature. With more hands, we can serve more people. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller. In fact, for every new member who joins our team, we impact the lives of at least 30 people through service.

Together as a team, we will be able to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, and in our own lives, as we gain personal and professional skills that will last a lifetime. As a team, it is better to work closely with our fellow lions as well as others within the community to meet our service initiatives. We are looking forward to the fellowship. Teamwork and personal satisfaction that we will gain through our services to our community. If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. Let's do it.

All the best regards and yours in service

DG Mathai Chacko



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Fellow Lions,

In July, I had the greatest experience attending the 100th Annual Lions Convention in Chicago and representing my Club and District. The Convention opened with the Lions parade through the streets of Chicago and I had the pleasure of marching with the New York delegation of several hundred members, then turning around and watching the rest of the parade, which lasted four hours. Our District delegation was led by PID Dr. Jack Weber, who is 93 years young and included another dozen or so Lions from our district, a good showing for a small district like 20 R-1.

There were many Lions, some in costume and some in traditional native outfits, but no tigers or bears, oh my. There was a 10 foot Snowman courtesy of the Minnesota delegation and a 30 foot Kangaroo, the mascot of the Australia delegation and several dragons courtesy of the Chinese delegation.

The convention formally opened on Day 2 with reports from IP Chancellor Bob Corlew and keynote address by another well-known Tennessean, former Vice President Al Gore, who spoke about the environment. The session concluded with the nomination of PID Judge Haynes Townsend to be the next third Vice President of LCI.

At the second plenary session, IP Chancellor Bob Corlew reported on the Centennial Challenge - to provide 100 million service projects between 2014 and 2018. At present, 166,294,784 service projects have been recorded, it is wonderful to report that we have exceeded our goal possibly reach 200 million service projects, when the challenge ends next year in Las Vegas. I also had the pleasure of meeting 2nd Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, who will be elected the first female President of LCI in Las Vegas.

The final session began with yet another son of Tennessee, Charlie Daniels, and his band who played tunes consistent with it being the Fourth of July. IP Corlew then swore in his successor as International President Lion Naresh Aggarwal who presented his goals for the new Lions year. IP Aggarwal swore in the new International Vice Presidents, International Directors and District Governors including our own DG Mathai Chacko. The convention adjourned until July 2018 in Las Vegas.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Michael Bryceland, PDG



DG Mathai, Lion Usha and PDG Dina representing 20R1 in the MD20 Parade of Lions in Chicago

From IP Naresh Aggarwal

Upgrading Our Service to You—as a Lion



Namaste!

The divine in me salutes the divine in you. Welcome to our new century. My goal over the next 12 months is very simple—to reach a new level of service to Lions and from Lions. Before I ask you to reach a new level of service, Lionism will reach a new level of service to you.

So how can I serve our 1.4 million Lions? I cannot give everyone senior positions. I cannot give you money. I cannot meet all of you. However, I plan to touch all of your lives with the power to serve.

So let's examine every stage of one's Lionistic career and how I can help. The first stage is becoming a new member. When I became a new member 43 years ago, I suddenly felt as if I had left my hometown and become a man of the world. This year, I want every member to download our new mobile app. This will connect all our members on one global platform.

The next stage is beginning to serve. As a member of the Batala Smile Lions Club in Punjab, India, I was proud of how the community began to respect me. This respect depended on the number of people I served and how many people were aware of this service. We now have a new Global Service Team. Your District GST leader will identify projects that serve the maximum number of people per dollar and per hour. They will also train Lions on how to convert a normal project into a Legacy Project via Lions branding and public relations.

The third stage is aspiring for leadership. While I enjoyed rising up the Lions' ladder, I sometimes wished that our leaders focused more on work than on long speeches. A new awards system will incentivize the efforts of Lion leaders in the right direction. We plan to reward retention of members, hence keeping the focus on you—our existing members. New awards will also be given for involving over half the club in service and for creating the most Legacy projects.

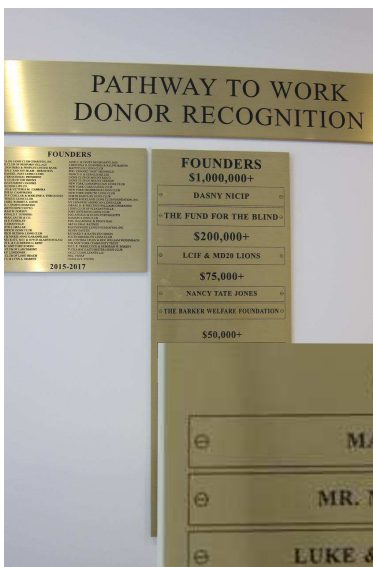
As a global leader of Lionism, I want to keep every Lion connected to Lionism. Our new Welcome Home program is an international online club for members unable to attend club meetings. Meetings and fee payments are conducted entirely online.

The last stage is now. I want to give every Lion the same goal for the next 12 months. My dream is that every Lion will serve 10 people each month. If this happens, we will serve 170 million people this year—a big increase from our current level of 100 million and a big step toward our goal of serving 200 million annually by 2020. This is the focus of all my meetings around the world.

All the best. See you as I travel around the world.

Naresh Aggarwal

Lions Clubs International President



Around the District Closing out 2016 / 2017



IPDG Dina and
her very proud Dad



PID Jack Weber
celebrates Lionism



PDG Rich Kingman, IPDG
Dina and Lion Jack enjoying
the evening



PDG Dennis Hardy
addresses the audience



Above—White Plains Lions
Dining in the Dark June 10th

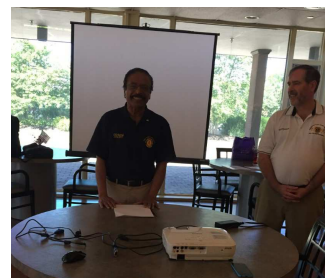


On left:
June 17th—
Enjoying
gastronomic
delights at
Taste of
Suffern



Ossining Lions Club incoming
officers were sworn in by DGE
Mathai Chacko on 6/22. Left
to Right, DGE Mathai, Pres.
Greg Mayer, 1st VP Maureen
Morgan, Secy John Bell and
Treasurer Katie Milcarek-
Burke.

Pictured below—the District Leader-
ship Training for the new incoming
officers held on 6/24/17



Service Dog Workshop—9/6

By Lion Ann Chiappetta*

SERVICE DOGS AND YOU

A workshop for Veterans, families, and professionals

Date: Wednesday, September 6

Time: 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Place: White Plains Vet Center 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains

**Guest Speaker: Stephen LaValle, Marine Corps veteran,
Field representative from the America's Vet Dogs program.**

- Are you a veteran with a disability?
- Are you thinking about how a service dog might be able to help?
- Find out what service dogs are all about in this interactive workshop
 - How a dog can help someone with a documented disability
 - What to expect when applying for a service dog and more

This seminar will also review access laws pertaining to service dogs,
emotional support animals and therapy animals.

To register, please call Lion Ann Chiappetta at 914-682-6321 or email
ann.chiappetta@va.gov

*Lion Ann is VP of the White Plains Lions Club and is blind.



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DOG DAY

SEPT 9, 2017

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20 SYLVAN WAY, SUFFERN

10 AM—2 PM



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(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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What Do Lions Do (?) By 2VDG Carl Anderson



During my first year as a member of the Rocky Hill Lions Club – 23B Connecticut, I encountered and faced that question. From working carnivals and ice cream socials, helping Santa give out pencils, and smelling like cotton candy for days, I would be able to take on the club tasks, but continue to wrestle with the question.

The answer for me came several months later, at a regular meeting night – and involves gumballs.

The Rocky Hill Club received royalties from a candy distributor, who maintained candy and gumball machines – with Lion emblazoned gumballs, throughout greater Hartford. Every quarter, they would send the royalty check, payable to the Rocky Hill Lions, to Lion Bert's address. Lion Bert was a 23 year Lion, and well into his eighties. While the royalty checks rarely exceeded \$15 or \$20, Bert handled this Committee assignment with great dedication and enthusiasm.

At every meeting, Bert would get up during the new business portion, and talk exuberantly about gumballs -- how he had seen full (or empty) machines at various drug stores, groceries, and news-stands, and how he was expecting the next royalty check, which he would bring to the next meeting.

One night, Bert became especially gregarious, and proceeded to talk for thirty (30) minutes about gumballs and all manner therein.

I, and others, looked pleadingly at our President Gene, who allowed Bert to complete his full report without interruption.

After the meeting, President Gene sought me out. “Bert is a long, long time Lion,” Gene began. “He was widowed ten years ago. He has had a hard time giving up driving. His two daughters live in neighboring towns, and between them manage to handle his daily errands, so that he is able to stay in his house.”

“Bert has slowed down considerably, but he is very proud to chair the gumball committee (one member). It allows him to contribute. It gives him hope.”

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For me, the answer to the question -- What do Lions do (?) -- is very simple.



Damos Esperanza - We Give Hope

Looking forward to the days ahead

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Welcoming 2017 / 2018

CARMEL-KENT LIONS CLUB







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26th Annual Putnam County 4H Fair

Thank you to Lions

Mike Tiren
Frank Chianca
Katherine Castaldo
Sam Rapa
Mike Heffron
Brian Whitfield

For working this year's 4H Fair.





DG Mathai, ID elect Gary Brown and IPDG Dina, in front of Camp Badger's new Emergency Building. The building was dedicated to PID Bob Libin on July 30.



MD 20 2017 / 2018
Council of Governors

Taste of North Rockland—Oct 5th Save the Date



Second Annual “A Taste of North Rockland” Fundraiser

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 5th

West Haverstraw Village Hall

130 Samsondale Ave.

West Haverstraw, NY 10993

Price \$35, \$40 at the door

Please make checks payable to:

North Rockland Lions Foundation

P.O. Box 3

Garnerville, NY 10923

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to

Association for the Visually Impaired and Project Possible

Hendrick Hudson Wine Tasting –Oct 7th ***Save the Date***



THE HENDRICK HUDSON LIONS CLUB

WINE TASTING!

Saturday, October 7, 2017
(rain date October 14, 2017)
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

AT
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50/50 raffle
Munchies
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20 R-1 Convention—Nov 5th

Save the Date

Contributed by PCC Angelo Purcigliotti, Convention Chairman

Dear Lions,

At the 1st District Cabinet Meeting I reported that I need your help to make this year's District Convention exciting, interesting and informative! Below is a sample program from a recent convention so you can see the format we have followed and what we have presented to those members who attended. Though we have tried our best, we have failed in maximizing attendance, attracting new members and new clubs to participate. Are we, for example making the best use of our time? What should we be doing that we aren't doing? How should we make our Leos a more integral part of our convention?

Please review what we have been doing and let me know what we should be doing to make this year's convention the best ever! Please email me your ideas and suggestions. Our District Constitution assigns responsibility for the planning of the District Convention to the District Governor, Vice District Governors and our District's Past District Governors Organization. If you would like to join our planning meetings, please let me know and we will ask you to join us. At the very least, share with us any ideas you have and we will consider everyone of them in our convention planning.

This year's District Convention will be held on Sunday, November 5th at the Double Tree in Tarrytown. We have charged \$60 per person and \$23 per Leo. Should we have an early bird special for those registering before let's say September 30th?

I am also interested in hearing your ideas for an inexpensive district social event on Saturday evening, November 4th. No business will be discussed. We will have it to bring the district together and have some fun. Wouldn't it be great to make new friendships and renew old ones?

If it is to be, it is up to me!

Yours in service,

PCC Angelo, Convention Chairman

DISTRICT 20 R-1 Sample Convention Program

Registration & Displays—10-11:30	Special Awards Presentation
Remembrance Service—11:30	Introduction of District Candidates
Call to Order, Lions Pledge & Prayer—Noon	Guest Speaker presentation
Seminar—12:15	Special Awards Presentations
State of the District Report 12:45-1	Recognition of Club Presidents
20 R-1 Charity Report—1:00	Closing Remarks
LUNCH	Raffle Drawing

Cold Spring Lions Celebrate Lion Centennial

Contributed by Lion Christopher Radko

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Thanks again, for joining the Cold Spring Lions Club at Garrison Landing, for our shared 100th Anniversary Lions Club pot-luck picnic. Ten clubs attended, in total, near 100 people!

Over the past century, the Lions Club organization has accomplished a great deal, and touched many lives, more than we may ever know. Not least of which, Lions have, since 1917, raised and donated over a BILLION dollars worldwide for many good causes.

I think there's a lot to be said for coming together. While we exist as individual clubs, and provide key local good works, we don't always have to go it alone. I feel that there are ways, and projects, that we may want to consider doing together. Lions show strength in numbers, and great things can be accomplished when we work together.

Here is a small sample of notes that clubs attending shared about some of their successful fundraising ideas. Please feel free to add anything that I may have missed, and to share with ALL your CLUB MEMBERS, and us too!

I am hoping to see a club step forward and host next year's district and regional gathering. We at Cold Spring Lions will gladly offer what ever help/ suggestions we can, to help ensure your success.

*Lion Ted from Cold Spring spoke about the ways we raise money. The annual Pig Roast (very profitable), the beer tent at Cold Spring Fourth Of July parade/ fireworks on the Hudson , and our Discount coupon (a plastic card / like a credit card, listing restaurants and town places that offer discounts with purchase, such as 10% off meal, or free drink, etc) Our community volunteer service includes scholarships for students going to college, Hudson River clean up, spring roadside clean up, free Shredder Day for all tax and personal documents, and donations to local food pantry.

*Lion Ray from Westchester Pride spoke about various raffles being their effective way of raising money. And he described some of the great community outreach through teaching life skills to homeless youth, Children's Village for LGBT community, Anti bullying efforts, and holiday outreach with Toys for Tots.

*Henry Hudson - Lion Tana shared their emphasis for growing membership. The Psychic Fair which has grown exponentially is a great example. And held in a Church... What a unique and popular idea!! Also a themed Comedy&Dinner show, and a Clambake in the springtime to get new people interested while raising funds.

*Croton Lion Mary Ann, discussed hosting an entire community picnic as an outreach. Also Wine Tasting at the Yacht club. Croton also sells Christmas trees which is great, but requires a lot of dedicated physical work. They have an annual crawfish boil also at the Yacht club, a booth at the area's famed Summer Fair, providing gifts for kids, info, and recruiting new members.

*Mt. Kisco Lion Victor spoke about a Downtown Thunder event... bikers who pay a fee to participate. One thing I know, guys and gals with Harleys are well heeled and care deeply about good causes. He also spoke about their Spring Boutique, hosting various vendors, arts and crafts, w/ music. Held at the Boy's and Girl's club in Mt. Kisco. Another fundraiser is an annual dinner, with yummy foods provided / donated by local restaurants.

MD 20 Lions NYS/Bermuda Convention—May 4-6 2018

Save the Date and plan ahead

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LIONS 2018 MD-20 NY/BERMUDA CONVENTION ROCHESTER, NY

May 04-06, 2018

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE (____) _____
EMAIL _____

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Person 2: _____ Person 3: _____

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Hotel preference and special requests are accommodated on a first come/first serve basis by the Rochester Convention & Tourism Bureau after they are received at the MD-20 Office.

We can make no guarantees.

If your group would like to be assigned to the same hotel you must submit your requests all together at the same time in the same envelope to the MD-20 Office and each room reserved must have a separate form. **We will do our best to fill your request but we make no guarantees.**

Reservation requests must be received by MARCH 15, 2018.

Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned.

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Any other questions contact Maria Poulsen: nyslionsclubs@verizon.net

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