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DG MATHAI CHACKO



Greetings to my Fellow Lions of District 20-R1,

First, we have all heard of the devastation that horrible Hurricane Harvey has caused to Houston, Texas, affecting millions of people. Shortly after Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, LCIF issued a \$100,000 emergency catastrophe grant. This grant will allow Lions in the area to provide food, water, blankets, and other necessities to those in need. We may not be close enough to help with clean up, rebuilding, or sending needed supplies, but we can help by contributing to LCIF and writing "Disaster Relief" on the bottom of our checks. Please donate today to help the Victims in Texas and the victims of Irma in Florida. A donation of \$1,000 is eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

We had our 1st District Full Cabinet Meeting, and Installed the District officers. We had a very successful meeting which was attended by 42 lion leaders. Thank you my dear fellow lions for your tremendous support. Thanks to Mt Kisco Lions Club for hosting and their wonderful hospitality.

As you know our district convention is on November 4th and 5th. The convention team chaired by PCC Angelo Purcigliotti is working very hard to have an interesting convention this year. International Director Ardie Klemish from Iowa will be our chief gust and key note speaker. Please make every effort to attend. You should be there. This is your convention.

I am very concerned about the membership drop. We lost 34 members during the last two months. I appreciate your efforts to recruit new members, but remember that we also need to work on the retention and motivation of our current members. I want to reemphasize the role of Membership Chair to address membership satisfaction for the retention as well as recruiting. Look for new innovative ideas to increase your membership, attend as many district functions as possible and do your best to answer important communications from the GMT and other district officers. Check out the resources on our new web <u>e-district.org/sites/20r1</u> and use them. Also, reach out to the GMT and other district officers for assistance. We are here to help. Please let me know if I can be of any help.

I started visiting the clubs. During the term of office, it is a requirement for a District Governor to visit all the Clubs, to let the clubs know the District goals and the Plans of the International President. This is an excellent opportunity for your clubs to showcase your club's activity and achievements to the District Governor who will bring it to the attention of the District and the Lions Clubs International. Please work with the Cabinet Secretary to schedule the DG Visit to your club. I hope to meet with you soon.

All the best regards and yours in service,

DG Mathai Chacko

http://www.e-district.org/sites/20r1/index.php





A New Era Begins For Lions From IP Naresh Aggarwal



Progress can come with a steep price. As people worldwide enjoy fast food and work nonstrenuous jobs, diabetes has become a global crisis. My own nation, hardly wealthy, is a case in point. India is known as "the diabetes capital of the world" with a staggering 50 million people suffering from type 2 diabetes. The statistics in the United States are bleak as well. In New York, a city with access to fruits and vegetables, an estimated 800,000 adults—more than one in every eight—now have diabetes. Nationwide, the picture is even grimmer. One in three children born in the United States is expected to become diabetic in their lifetimes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The toll on society will be enormous. Diabetes can lead to <u>heart disease</u>, <u>stroke</u>, <u>kidney</u> <u>damage</u> and nerve damage. It also causes blindness.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) will not sit on the sidelines as the disease mounts. We will be in the thick of efforts to prevent and treat the disease. At our 100th International Convention in July in Chicago we formally announced our new commitment to curtailing diabetes. Echoing Helen Keller's appeal to Lions in 1925 at their convention to become Knights of the Blind, Keller Johnson-Thompson, Keller's great grand-niece, urged Lions to take on this new challenge.

"Will you not constitute yourselves to continue to be Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness through your work with diabetes?" she asked tens of thousands of Lions near the end of the final plenary session.

The focus on diabetes is part of LCI's new global service framework. We are directing our energies and resources toward vision, hunger, the environment, and pediatric cancer and diabetes. We're building on our traditions but also giving Lions new ways to serve. Lions can continue to support their local causes, of course, but we ask clubs and districts to contribute to the five areas of focus.

Johnson-Thompson dramatically rung the bell that was struck at the 1925 international convention to ring in Lions' work with the blind and visually impaired. For 100 years Lions have always answered the bell. I am fully confident that we will rise to the challenge and fight back against the modern scourge of diabetes.

Naresh Aggarwal

Lions Clubs International President

Bringing Peace to the World through one child at a time

Attention Peace Poster chairpersons of District 20 R-1 ...

Submission deadline for Club Peace Posters

Must be **postmarked no later than November 3rd**

. **Mail to** PDG MaybelleTwohie 175 McNamara Road, Wesley Hills NY 10977

Any questions contact PDG Maybelle 917-980-4511

Thanks to all clubs, who once again, will share in the Lions International Peace Poster contest.

> Yours in service, PDG Maybelle Twohie Peace Poster Chairperson



LIONS DISTRICT 20-R1 EVENING SOCIAL & CONVENTION



Lions 20 R 1 Community



SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 4, 2017 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

INFORMAL SOCIAL GATHERING WITH INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ARDIE KLEMISH, MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS, FOOD & BEVERAGES BEING SERVED "MIX & MINGLE WITH FELLOW LIONS" BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER 351 MAIN STREET, MT. KISCO, NY 10549

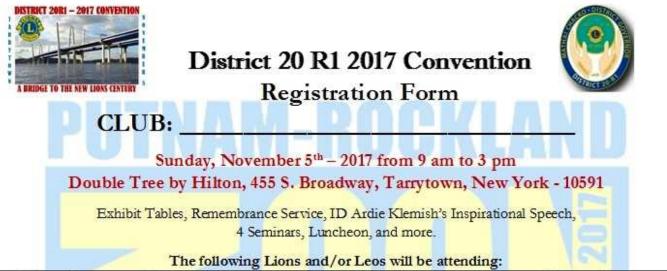
SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5, 2017 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CONVENTION DEDICATED TO THE MEMORIES OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DICK MCFADDEN & RAY ICOBELLI GUEST & SPEAKER INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ARDIE KLEMISH EXHIBIT TABLES, SEMINARS, LEO'S PROGRAMS, MEMORIAL SERVICE, "PICK-a-PRIZE RAFFLES," "DINING IN THE DARK" LUNCHEON EXPERIENCE & MORE DOUBLETREE HOTEL 455 SOUTH BROADWAY, TARRYTOWN, NY 10591



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A - Registration Fee is \$60 each (_____no. x \$60=_____) B - Leos is \$23(_____no. x \$23=_____]

Saturday, November 4th – 2017 from 7 to 9 pm. Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester - 351 E Main St. Mt. Kisco

Informal social with ID Ardie Klemish - Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards The following Lions will be attending:

	Name of Attendees		Name of Attendees
1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	

C - Registration Fee is \$10.00 each (_____no. x \$10= \$_____

Grand Total A + B + C =

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

This form can be used either for a group and/or for an individual member For organizational reasons, registration and fee will not be accepted at the door Please make checks payable to District 20-R1. Completed form and checks must be received before October 25th, 2017, by:

District Treasurer PDG Dennis Hardy - 305 Ash Street Piermont, NY 10968



Calling All Lions & Volunteers Saturday, October 14, 2017 FALL WORK DAY

At VISIONS VCB

111 Summit Park Road, Spring Valley NY

HELP VCB get ready for Fall/Spring 2017-18

Painting dorm steps and porches - Grounds work

Fixing wheelchair ramps - Organizing clothing

Furniture moving and other projects

9:30am—coffee/tea/donuts at registration 10:00 am—work day begins 1:00pm—lunch is served



"A Great Lions Club is a group of people who enjoy being together and working on projects." PDG Bill Fitzgerald

Two years ago, a Yorktown HS student was facing an especially aggressive cancer. Our board voted to hold a fundraiser – a pasta dinner on a Saturday at the beginning of November -- in addition to our Halloween Festival, and Veterans Day Event. Only after all three were completed did it occur to me that we had committed ourselves to -- and completed – THREE (3) "All Hands on Deck" events in a TEN DAY span.

We were able to accomplish this because of Group Coherence. N.B. this has not always been the case for the Yorktown Club. We have been through stages where our club was fractious and argumentative, and while those outgoing checks were certainly larger, they were much more contentious.

What brought about this transform was necessity - some members resigned, and we suddenly had fewer "checkbooks" but many more "hands on" members. We confronted "full membership required" fundraisers, and "increased participation" service projects. We had to "All Hang Together" - with greater co-ordination and communication among ourselves and the greater Yorktown Community.

The results speak for themselves. The Yorktown Club currently averages 2 - 3 service projects each month, with about 1 per month requiring full club turnout. Donations are smaller, and / but each has much more thought and support behind it.

It is very easy to get caught up in fundraising first and foremost. N.B. our mission begins "to empower volunteers to serve their communities..."

Clearly money IS important to the mission -- it is NOT primary.

Coherence and Awareness First.

The service and donations will follow.



Senator Akshar Endorses New and Existing Programs at Lions Camp Badger

Spend a little time at Lions Camp Badger, and you know you've been somewhere special! Located in in the peaceful, pristine hills of Spencer, this camp offers one and two week overnight programs for teenagers and adults with special needs. Camp Badger is a little known gem that is rapidly gaining in popularity in our area and across the state.

Senator Fred Akshar recently spent a morning touring the facilities and speaking with campers, staff and parents who are part of the Lions Camp Badger family. He was impressed by what he saw! Said Senator Akshar, "Those with developmental disabilities deserve the same opportunities as those without. The hardworking staff at Lions Camp Badger ensures those opportunities are alive and well."

The dedicated staff at Lions Camp Badger form the framework from which campers can be successful. "We try to fit the program to the camper, and not the other way around," explains camp director Pat Gillule, "it's not a 'one size fits all' approach."

Personnel at camp consist mostly of college students, teachers, and a small administrative team. Counselor Adam Park, who has been working at Lions Camp Badger for the past three years, has this to say: "Camp is an amazing experience, not just for the campers, but also the counselors. I've learned more about myself and life from the campers than I have from anywhere else."

Campers enjoy a wide range of activities, including swimming, fishing, boating, arts & crafts, music, vocational activities, sports, nature, and special events. Many campers receive scholarships to offset the cost of attending camp. Community members and businesses often volunteer their time and talents to create fun and memorable experiences for everyone. During the summer, campers enjoyed activities sponsored by Owego Gymnastics, Spencer Fire Department/EMS, Tri-County Bow Hunters, Bookmobile, Spencer Youth League Field Hockey, and the Waverly Library.

New for the 2018 summer season will be an additional week-long program for campers ages 13-17 who have emotional or behavioral disabilities. This program will offer relaxation activities, teambuilding, yoga, problem-solving, and therapeutic art, music, and drama programs. "There are not enough services out there to help guide these teens toward life choices that will positively support them," said Gillule. "Overnight camp is one of the few environments that can offer a "fresh start", where an individual can be encouraged to try out a new form of thinking or behavior with no strings attached. Campers are free to explore new coping techniques and mindsets, decide what works for them, and apply it to their lives back home. This can be very empowering."

Also new will be expanded age programming for individuals with developmental disabilities. Campers as young as 12 through 55+ will have the opportunity to attend Lions Camp Badger. This insures that recreational opportunities will be available for individuals of all ages. It also offers up to two weeks of valuable respite time for family members and caregivers, allowing them to rest and recharge.

Additional information about camp programs and sign-up information for the camp mailing list can be found at www.lionscb.org. It is recommended that potential new campers begin signing up now, as space will fill quickly.

By the end of Senator Akshar's tour, it was clear that Lions Camp Badger had captured his heart. "My advocacy at the state level will always be to ensure we are fulfilling our moral obligation of providing the basic of human services to all New Yorkers." At that, he warmly shook the hands of each of the campers. Embracing the camp philosophy, Senator Akshar focused on their abilities versus their challenges. "Work hard and dream big," he advised them. "Dream as big as you can, and you can accomplish anything!"



Staff, Campers and Families from Lions Camp Badger:

(L to R) Lion Tom Bailey, Cynthia Reuter, Adam Park, Ryan Bareham, Willy, Eddie Stevens, Senator Akshar, Leah Gillule, Pat Gillule, Fay Bareham

> Senator Akshar enjoying a visit with Ryan Bareham, Willy, and Eddie Stevens



Also, please **SAVE THE DATE** - **Saturday, February 10th, 2018**, *Flame the Band* and *Eddie Stevens, The Edmeister Show*, will be performing from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Tioga Downs, 2384 W. River Rd, Nichols, NY. Everyone is invited. This will be a fundraiser for Lions Camp Badger and we are hoping for a huge turnout. The venue can hold up to 400 people! Please watch our Facebook page and/or website: <u>www.lionscb.org</u> for more information. Information about Flame the Band may be found at <u>www.flametheband.com</u>.



Sunday, November 19th (10am-2pm) American Legion Tickets: \$20 /Children under 12 eat FREE



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 2:00 PM HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL (RAIN or SHINE)

DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME??



HEY KIDS!!! JOIN US AND MEET YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS! PAINT PUMPKINS, WIN SPECIAL PRIZES! THERE WILL BE FACE PAINTING, SAND ART, GAMES & BALLOONS TOO! DON'T FORGET OUR BAKE SALE!

Bring an old pair of eyeglass and help the Lions recycle them!

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New Service Framework Contributed by PCC Angelo Purcigliotti,



Lions clubs around the world have been serving their local humanitarian needs for an entire century. As part of **LCI FORWARD**, the new strategic direction for Lions Clubs International to triple our impact and serve 200 million people annually by 2020-2021, Lions and Leos are uniting to address five especially pressing global humanitarian challenges.

The following are the five **service platforms** that make up what we call the GLOBAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK:

Please continue reviewing the service platforms on the following pages.

Diabetes

Why We	Diabetes is the 8th leading cause of death in the world.
Should	1 in 2 people living with Diabetes are undiagnosed.
Care:	About 415 million adults currently have diabetes and with current rates it's estimated that this number will rise to 642 million by 2040.
	The proportion of people with Type 2 diabetes (which is preventable) is increasing in most countries, even amongst children.
Main talking	Halting the global diabetes epidemic is Lions Clubs International's NEW SIGNATURE CAUSE .
points:	Diabetes was chosen because it is a growing epidemic across all cultures, which makes Lions' global net- work of volunteers uniquely suited to help in the fight against it.
	LCIF invested \$750,000 to fund impactful Lions/Leos pilot projects that will assist in the development of pro- ject blueprints for clubs.
	Blueprints to engage in or organize new community health screenings, diabetes camps, community recrea- tional facilities, and support groups will be rolled out at the 2018 Las VegasConvention.
	LCI is currently identifying additional effective international partnerships to access new networks and re- sources for Diabetes and each of the other platform areas.
Lions/Leos	See Lions Diabetes Project Example
Resources:	LCIF Diabetes Grant
	25 Diabetes Project Ideas
	Organizing a Fundraising Strides Event
	Lions/Leos can use the Children's Symposium to bring experts and Lions together to learn and inspire action
	for this cause in relation to children. (e.g. diabetes camps, coordinating new D/MD advocacy efforts)
	Diabetes has been added to the <u>Centennial Service Challenge</u> , and LCI will be asking Lions and Leos to engage in Diabetes service projects during a Worldwide Week of Service from November 13-19,2017
This Service	UN Sustainable Development Goal #3 – Good Health and Wellness
Area is rele-	Lions Day at the UN
vant to:	WHO – Diabetes Programme
	UNICEF

Environment

Why We Should Care:	 Environment as an organizational cause provides innumerable opportunities for impactful service. The air, water and land on our planet are essential to everyone's survival. Water scarcity affects more than 40% of the global population and is projected to rise. Land degradation, declining soil fertility, unsustainable water use, overfishing and marine environment degradation are all lessening the ability of the natural resource base to supply food.
Main talking points:	 Lions and Leos are meeting environmental challenges at the local and global level by planting trees, organizing recycling programs, providing clean drinking water and cleaning up communities to help preserve our environment for generations to come. LCI currently has online resources for tree planting, recycling, and community cleanup projects. LCI is in the research and development phase for providing Lions and Leos with additional resources and blue-prints to learn and engage within this topic area. LCI hopes to identify effective international partnerships to access new networks and resources for each of the platform areas.
Lions/Leos Resources:	See Lions Environment Project Example Environmental Education Project Ideas Lions and Leos are encouraged to engage in environmental service projects during a <u>Worldwide Week of Ser-</u> <u>vice in April.</u>
This Service Area is rele- vant to:	UN Sustainable Development Goals #6 - Clean Water, #7 - Clean Energy, #11 - Sustainability, #12 – Re- sponsible Consumption, #13 – Climate Action #14 – Life Below Water, #15 – Life on Land Lions Day at the UN UN Environment Program UNESCO Food and Agriculture Organization

Hunger Relief

Why We Should Care:	 795 million people around the world are undernourished. Children often are the most affected; more than 3 million children under the age of 5 die every year from malnutrition. Every year roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption — approximately 1.3 billion tons — gets lost or wasted. If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world couldbe reduced by up to 150 million. Poor nutrition can lead to a number of chronic diseases, such as diabetes, obesity, and some types of cancer.
Main talking points:	 Lions and Leos currently distribute food to schoolchildren, stock food banks, create sustainable community gardens and lead community food drives to fight hunger around the world. LCI is in the research and development phase for providing Lions and Leos with additional resources and blueprints to learn and engage within this topic area. LCI hopes to identify effective international partnerships to access new networks and resources for each platform areas.
Lions/Leos Resources:	See Lions Hunger Project Example Lions and Leos are encouraged to engage in hunger relief service projects during the Worldwide Week of Service in January. Lions and Leos can use the Children's Symposium to bring experts and Lions together to learnand inspire action for this cause.
This Ser- vice Area is relevant to:	UN Sustainable Development Goal #2 – End Hunger Lions Day at the UN WHO UNICEF Food and Agriculture Organization UN Women United Nations Development Program

Pediatric Cancer

Why We Should Care:	In high-income countries, approximately 80% of children with cancer survive five years or more after the diagnosis. This results in a growing population of long-term survivors who often develop additional health problems as a result of harsh cancer treatments and need follow-up treatment and care. In middle- to low-income countries, survival rates are at between 10 -20%. Late detection/diagnosis of cancers and poor access to care and treatment yield a worse prognosis for these children.
Main talking points:	 Lions and Leos have opportunities to help with Direct Patient Support, Family support, Access to Care, and Advocacy & Research. LCI is in the research and development phase for providing Lions and Leos with new resources and blueprints to learn and engage within this topic area. LCI hopes to identify effective international partnerships to access new networks and resources for each platform areas.
Lions/Leos Resources:	<u>See Lions Pediatric Cancer Project Example</u> Lions can use the <u>Children's Symposium</u> to bring experts and Lions together to learn and inspire action for this cause. Lions can apply for LCIF <u>Standard Grants</u> to expand existing pediatric cancer services.
This Service Area is relevant to:	UN Sustainable Development Goal #3 – Good Health and Wellbeing, #10 – Reduce Inequalities Lions Day at the UN WHO & International Agency for Research on Cancer UNICEF

<u>Vision</u>

Why We Should Care:	 About 285 million people are visually impaired worldwide: 39 million are blind and 246 million have low vision (severe or moderate visual impairment). 80% of vision impairments are preventable or curable. About 90% of the world's visually impaired people live in developing countries. Globally, uncorrected refractive errors are the main cause of visual impairment. Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness.
Main talking points:	 Lions have been "Knights of the Blind since 1925, in response to the infamous challenge of HelenKeller. Lions and Leos have a long history of screening vision, educating communities, building clinics and supporting the blind and visually impaired through assistive technology and vocational training programs. LCI hopes to identify effective international partnerships to access new networks and resources for each platform areas.
Lions/Leos Resources:	 <u>See Lions Project Example</u> Lions and Leos are encouraged to engage in sight related service projects during the <u>Worldwide Week of</u> <u>Service in October</u>. Lions can use the <u>Children's Symposium</u> to bring experts and Lions together to learn and inspire action for this cause.
This Service Area is relevant to:	UN Sustainable Development Goal #3 – Good Health and Wellbeing Lions Day at the UN WHO & Prevention of Blindness and Deafness Programme UNICEF

The Position of Youth in the Global Service Framework

Overview	LCI Forward positions youth beyond just recipients of LCI's service work, but as capable leaders and PARTNERS across the entire service framework. When Leos and young people are given opportunities to serve alongside Lions in meaningful roles that grow their skills and leadership capacity, we create an environment in which future organizational leaders will thrive.
Main talking points:	 Almost half the world's population is under 30 years old. The average age of a Lions club member globally is 66. Youth, Leos, and Young Lions (under 40 years of age) are uniquely positioned to respond to changing global humanitarian needs as leaders and innovators and to ensure our organization remains relevant and vibrant. Youth participation and integration are a vital part of LCI's quest to impact the lives of 200M people annually. Youth, therefore, must be acknowledged, developed, and empowered tolead.
Current Youth Integration Initiatives:	 Leo Leadership Area Forums supported by the Leo Leadership Grant are expanding to new regions. LCIF grant funding is being expanded for Leo-led projects in January 2018. A proposal to add two young adult representatives to the LCI Board of Directors is currently in review by the board. The MyLION mobile app is to be available worldwide to both Lions <u>and Leos</u> to connect membership, promote service projects, and highlight accomplishments. LCI is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Leo Club Program (December 5th) by hosting an <u>International Leo Day Video Contest</u>, which aligns Leos service with the global service framework. Lions and Leos are encouraged to engage in youth engagement activities during a <u>Worldwide Week of service in August</u>.
Relevant to:	Lions Day at the UN UN Programmes on Youth UNESCO UN Economic and Social Council The Office of the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth Young Leaders for the Sustainable Goals

Please direct any questions on the information provided to programs@lionsclubs.org.



HENDRICK HUDSON LIONS CLUB 2ND ANNUAL



Saturday, November 18, 2017 \$30 per person includes beverages, dinner and the show! Adults 21 or over only

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

> Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society 155 Highland Avenue, Verplanck









http://www.e-district.org/sites/20r1/index.php

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.

Please contact Suffern Lions Lois and/or Frank Hagen if you have donations for veterans. 845-357-6079. *District Governor* Mathai Chacko lionmathai@yahoo.com

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