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from DG Ellen Purcigliotti



District 20-R1

You are cordially invited to District 20-R1 Fall Convention November 4th, 2018 9 am to 2 pm Double Tree by Hilton 455 S. Broadway Tarrytown, New York

> Registration 9:00-10:00 am Displays, Coffee and Meet the ID

Celebration of Service Program 10:00 am Convention Seminar 10:40-12:30 pm Luncheon 12:30-2:00 pm

Contact District Treasurer Maryelena Chase @ casaaltany@aol.com for registration information

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



Lions20r1community



La Quinta Inn 540 Saw Mill River Road Elmsford NY

. Campaign 100 Kickoff

Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards

. Meet ID Steve Thorton

Light fare—\$10.00

RSVP Cabinet Secretary Krista Hoversten District20R1Secretary@yahoo.com



With many new Lion members, it is important that everyone understand what your dues do—- the amount payable annually to LCI, MD-20 and District 20-R1, and when these payments are due.

1. Lions Clubs International(LCI): The annual dues per member are \$43. Your club's treasurer will receive an invoice in July for \$21.50 and January for the remaining \$21.50. The amount due will be based on the number of members in your club on record at LCI in July and January.

2. MD-20 (New York State and Bermuda): the annual dues per member are \$20. Your club's treasurer will receive an invoice in July from the State Office in Syracuse for \$10 and in January for the remaining \$10. When you pay your club's dues in July and January, our District will be reimbursed \$2 per member.

You can see why it is so important to pay on time. These reimbursements are our largest source of revenue which pay expenses needed for running District 20-R1. The amount due in July and January will be based on the number of members in your club on record at LCI in July and January.

3. District 20-R1 (Northern Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties) dues are \$3.00 per member. <u>District dues are billed annually</u>. Your club's treasurer will receive an invoice from our District's Treasurer shortly before the end of this year. The amount due will be based on the number of members in your club on July 1st on record at LCI. This additional revenue is also needed to cover the expenses to run District 20-R1.

I hope this explains the annual dues structure all clubs are obliged to follow. Failure to pay your club's dues can result in financial suspension if your club is more than 90 days past due. Failure to rectify this situation could also lead to the revocation of your club's charter.

I strongly suggest you review this important information with your members at a future club meeting. Contact me at casaaltany@aol.com if you have any questions.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018 2:00 PM HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

(If it rains, we'll be inside the high school in the Dome! Enter through the front doors to your left.)

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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Yorktown Lions *Words on Wood—Saturday Nov 3rd*



Yorktown Lions is hosting a Words on Wood Studio Sign Party FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM Grace Lutheran Church

3830 Gomer St. Yorktown Heights, NY

Enjoy a fun party with friends and CREATE a beautiful custom wood sign! The possibilities are endless. If you can dream it up, chances are we can put it on a sign.

Visit us at wordsonwoodparty.com for photos and inspiration!

To order use this website by October 26th. https://goo.gl/9xXygT



Mahopac Lions 2nd Dine and Learn Nov. 7th







Friday, November 16, 2018

\$40 per person

Includes beverages, dinner and the show!

Sponsored by:

D. Bertoline & Sons

and

Angela's Delicatessen

Adults 21 or over only

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society 155 Highland Avenue, Verplanck



Somers Leos 2018 POLAR PLUNGE Nov 17th

Freezing For A Reason!



Special Olympics New York has 68,547 athletes training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports. The athletes and their families or caregivers are NEVER CHARGED to participate! It costs \$400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season. Somers even has its own Special Olympics Team!



Join the Mt. Kisco Lions at our 34th Annual **GOURTE BRUNCH** Sunday, NOVEMBER 18th (10am-2pm) American Legion

Tickets: \$20 / Children under 12 eat FREE

Last Year's SPONSORS from 2017

A & S Marketplace Azteca Basilico Bedford Diner Bedford Bagel & Bakery Ben and Jerry's Blue Dolphin Burger King Casa DiLisio Conte's Fish Market Crabtree's Kittle House Dunkin Donuts Edible Arrangements Exit 4 Fox Caterers Henry's Deli L'Anjou Bakery Lexington Square Mardino's Mario's McDonald's M & R Deli Mt. Kisco Bagel Co. Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn Mt. Kisco Seafood O'Connor's Public House Pastry Corner Sinapi's Pizzeria 28 Chinese Kitchen The Turk Village Social Winston

Somers Lions Club Our Christmas party this year celebrates what we do, which is WE SERVE!

7th Annual Westchester All Stars and Friends Christmas for Veterans Concert December 7, 2018 at 7:30pm



Paramount Hudson Valley Theatre, 1088 Brown Street, Peekskill, NY

"featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, John Sebastian, the voice of the Lovin Spoonful. Legendary Rock drummer Carmine Appice of the Vanilla Fudge.. And so many more. Your host Bill Edwards will also be doing a tribute to our hometown hero, 1st Lt. Victor Prato US Army Airborne who was injured in combat in Afghanistan. AND a visit from Santa Clause direct from Radio City Music Hall! All proceeds go to veterans' charities such as Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144, Veterans Adaptive Sports and Friends of Fallen Heroes NY. It's a night of Rock and Roll, Soul, Blues and Christmas songs. Come for a great night of holiday entertainment while supporting true American Heroes".

Cost: \$75 per person (Includes Concert & Happy Hour)

Happy Hour 6-7pm Food Only/Cash Bar ~ The Hudson Room 23 S Division St, Peekskill, NY 10566 Concert at Paramount Hudson Theatre begins 7:30pm

RSVP and Payments due by 11/1/18 Make checks payable to "Somers Lions Club" Mail to: Dawn McEvoy, 31 Krystal Dr., Somers, NY 10589

Yorktown Lions Holiday Dinner Danc

Friday, December 7th, 2018 7:00PM - 12:00AM

Vittoria'Z On The Lake 489 E Main St, Jefferson Valley, NY 10535

> Cocktail Hour Sit Down Dinner Premium Open Bar

Tickets \$95 pp

Reservations Only Call 914-488-4185 or Email yorktownlionsevent@gmail.com Live Music by: Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders

Meet your District Zone Chairs, part 2

The Zone Chairs play a pivotal a role in the communication between the District Governor's Cabinet and the thirty-five clubs in the 20-R1. Without them, it would be an impossible task to know how each of the clubs are functioning. By keeping DG Ellen and VDG Carl and Giuseppe informed of each club's activities, they encourage Lions to support the District, the Multiple District of NY State, Lions Clubs International, and the LCI Foundation. DG Ellen asked each of the Zone Chairs to write their biography so that you, the Lions of District 20-R1, would get to know them better. This edition of the newsletter will feature the remaining three of the six chairs:

Zone 4- Victor Madubuko; Zone 2- Paul LaSpina; Zone 6- Glenys Contreras



For the past 15 years, **Victor Madubuko**, who lives in Bedford with his wife and five children, has been the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of CareerNation, a New York based recruiting and staffing firm with offices in White Plains and Manhattan. The firm assists corporations and organizations throughout the United States to hire and retain qualified employees in order to increase their business performance. Prior to Career-Nation, Victor worked for a variety of companies including Toksifecks Hold-

ings Moscow, Consolidated Edison of New York, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and as Director of Recruiting at Equinox Fitness Clubs in New York City.

Victor received a Law Degree from the People's Friendship University, Moscow and Masters of Science Degree in Management from The New School University in New York City. Before continuing his education in Moscow and New York, Mr. Madubuko studied Economics in Abia State University, Nigeria. Fluent in five languages, Mr. Madubuko has received several awards including Moscow Entrepreneur of the Year Awards for his contribution to business growth in post-Soviet-Union Russia, Isabor Lubin Awards for outstanding academic achievement in the New School University graduate program, and Network Journal Forty Under 40 Achievement Awards for entrepreneurial leadership.

Mr. Madubuko is President of Mt Kisco Lions Club and President Elect at the Westchester Human Resources Management Association. He has served on the Board of United Nations Association of Westchester, Big Brother Big Sister of Westchester and Alumni Ambassador at The New School University in New York City. Read more about Victor at: https://www.theexaminernews.com/know-your-neighbor-victor-madubuko-humanresources-development-bedford/ My name is **Paul LaSpina** and I am the Immediate Past President of the Somers Lions Club and Zone 2 Chair. My Lions journey started 9 years ago when my sons were in middle school. As a family we have always volunteered at Rosary Hill, in Hawthorne NY, and I wanted my children to embrace that seed and nurture it by expanding their volunteer experience and paying it forward. I knew I could not ask that without doing more myself. I

was familiar with a number of members in the Somers Club so it was an easy transition for me. What I quickly realized is that they were so much more than running the Pancake Breakfast & Independence Day Picnic. They were a group of passionate and driven individuals with the sole focus of helping others and equally as important, is was a group you wanted to hang out with.

As a member of the Lions, I have held a number of positions including Director, Vice President, President, District & Somers Leo Advi-



Left to right: Lion Robert "RJ" LaSpina, Zone Chair Paul, Somers LEO President Brandon LaSpina

sor, Zone Chair and LCI Representative to the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, as well as have chaired and participated in many fundraising committees. I have found a passion for hands on projects as well building the Somers Lions Club Brand within our community and helping other clubs within our district. I love brainstorming with fellow Lions on different and creative ways to approach our community service. Some of my favorite events are working with local families in need, Make A Wish, Friends of Karen, BluePath-Autism Service Dogs, Drug Crisis in Our Backyards and Special Olympics to name a few.

A bit more on what I do in my spare time... I have a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and MBA- Marketing degrees. I am currently VP of Strategic Alliances and Partnerships for a Background Screening and Drug Testing Company and have a private Marketing & Business Development Consulting practice which helps companies grow.

I am excited by DG Ellen's passion, dedication and enthusiasm which she brings to our district! I look forward to meeting and working with my fellow Lion members within our zone and district while creatively looking at ways to keep doing what we do, SERVE!



I am **Glenys Contreras**, Zone 6 Chairperson. I have suffered from vision impairments all my life. I was a premature baby born with a vision complications known as strabismus or 'cross-eyed' in one eye, a condition in which the visual axes of the eyes are not parallel and the eyes appear to be looking in different directions. The way strabismus is treated is to cover the strongest eye

with a patch, forcing the weaker eye to catch up. This treatment may or may not work. Sometimes the patient requires surgery, which it what happened in my case.

As I grew up, I started thinking about how to help people who are in similar situations as I was but less fortunate since I had the chance to treat my condition.

At the moment, I am an optical specialist, and I have been blessed to help people with vision impairments for more than two decades. Joining the Lions Club added a greater feeling to what I do. The Lions gave me the invaluable opportunity to help people with vision impairment like me but can not afford to treat their vision problems.

I am extremely happy to be able to make a difference and not only help people with vision impairments, and also help other people in general.

News from Jean I See the World

Gifts Galore!

With VISION as one of Lions' "Five Global Initiatives", Jean Barlow—proud member of North Rockland Lions—is taking the opportunity at the upcoming District Convention in Tarrytown **to give to every attendee**, a *complimentary* copy of the new non-Braille version of her children's book, I SEE THE WORLD!! Those of you who have embraced this book in its original full-Braille form will be glad to own both versions. Whether you've made ISTW a part of your family gift-giving or your Club has used it for its community outreach efforts, you have inspired children and families with valuable lessons of both diversity and sensitivity to disabilities.

Jean is Creator, Author, and Publisher of I SEE THE WORLD and will be on hand with both books if you would like her to personalize your gift copy or if you'd like to purchase additional copies of either version.

> Lion Jean Barlow (845) 268-3170 Jean.ISeeTheWorld@hotmail.com

News from Camp Badger



As you can imagine, we are in the midst of shutting down/winterizing the camp for the season. This involves a lot of hands-on work to drain all water lines, sinks, toilets, showers, washers, etc. and then making sure there is antifreeze in all the traps to prevent freezing and cracking. We certainly have a lot of sinks, toilets and showers! Similarly, the pool needs to be winterized so we don't lose expensive equipment. Once all this happens, only then can the camp "rest" for the winter months. Except for the deer and other wildlife, the camp is quiet until next April.

If you've you been following our Facebook page, you have seen photos of the recent wedding receptions we hosted here at the camp. In the fall months when there is otherwise no programming, we rent the Collins Conroy Lodge for weddings, reunions, parties as a way to bring in some extra revenue. It works out well for us this time of year and we have at least 4 to 5 bookings each fall. We receive many compliments on how beautiful the camp and the Lodge are, especially this time of year. It also brings attention to what we do here a Lions Camp Badger. It gives me an opportunity to talk about our programs for youth and adults with special needs. I look at it as good P/R all around. Word of mouth is the best marketing too!!



It's not all fun and games here in the fall. Pat Gillule, Camp Director, is already working on scheduling and planning for summer programs 2019. We need to have all of this information in place very shortly so that we are ready to go "live" with our registration portal in January. We are working on our marketing materials for the fall conventions, as well as updating the brochure, website and other social media. If you aren't already following us on Facebook, that is a great resource for updates! Search "Lions Camp Badger."

FLAME the Band Concert:

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Tioga Downs Resort & Casino in Nichols, NY.

FLAME the Band performs from 2:30-4:30pm

Flame the Band is comprised of super talented individuals with special needs. This concert was such a hit last February that we are doing it again! Please consider joining us for an afternoon of great music and dancing and socializing with our campers. Watch for information on our Facebook page and website. You can learn more about Flame the Band at their website: www.flametheband.com





LION MINTS:

As the liaison and beneficiary for Lion Mints for the MD20, it is my responsibility to market the Lion Mints Program. Lion Mints are a great way to make your community aware of Lions Clubs

International and your presence as a service organization. By making arrangements to set out trays of Lion Mints for sale at local businesses, your club can make money to support even more service projects. Lions Camp Badger also benefits. If you are interested in learning more about the Lions Mints program, go to <u>www.lionmints.net</u> or call 1-866-220-0213.

Follow us on Facebook: @CampBadger, Twitter: @LionsCampBadger website: www.LionsCB.org or call 1-800-232-7060



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.

Save your used holiday cards And 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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