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from DG Ellen Purcigliotti



Happy New Year to all my dedicated Lions and Leos. It's been a frosty December and January in District 20-R1, but this has not stopped YOU from serving our community with service projects and incredible acts of kindness. This newsletter is filled with YOUR articles and YOUR pictures that fulfill the Lions Clubs International's vision statement "To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service."

Second Vice-District Giuseppe Coco has sent the following "partial report" of Club Activities after only six months:

> 305 Activities 6018 Lions' hours 10,570 People served \$121,522.00 Collected \$46,112.00 Donated

This is mighty impressive! Please don't forget to post your activities on MyLCI (https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx) in a timely manner to keep focused on your club's performance and to keep track of your club's history.

My challenge and primary goal for the remainder of my term as your District Governor is to expand our humanitarian service. We must increase our membership to enable us **TO SERVE** even more people to improve their lives. Could you Imagine how much PDG Giuseppe Coco's report would be if we had the LCI minimum requirement **1250** members in 35 Clubs instead of **941** members?

Please make this your vision for 2019. Together we can make this vision become our reality!

Yours In Service

Lion Ellen

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The President's Message January 2019



When we became Lions, we embarked on a journey together. We all started down a path of service, sharing kindness, bringing hope to our communities, changing the lives of the people we serve, and by changing our own along the way.

But in many respects, the service itself is a journey. It isn't something that comes together in a single day and it doesn't end when the event is over. It's a cycle of learning and doing and celebrating so that we can continue evolving our work and expanding our capacity to serve.

We learn of a problem—perhaps it's an epidemic of diabetes in our hometown or a local population in need of medical care—and we begin to think of ways in which our club might help. We do some research, we reach out to people who know about the issue, and we learn more about the needs and the obstacles in our path. This is the learning and discovering that comes before the doing. And this makes the service we do that much better, because it's more informed, and more prepared, and ultimately more effective.

Reporting what we do and sharing our stories is also a key component to keeping the movement going. It is one thing to perform a good deed. It's another to perform a good deed and share the story of your service with others who may champion your cause or even joing you in service—all because they were inspired by your story.

Remember, we're all on this journey together. We are all heading towards one goall—a better world—yet we are all taking different paths to get there. And the process of getting there is just as important as the destination. What is your path?

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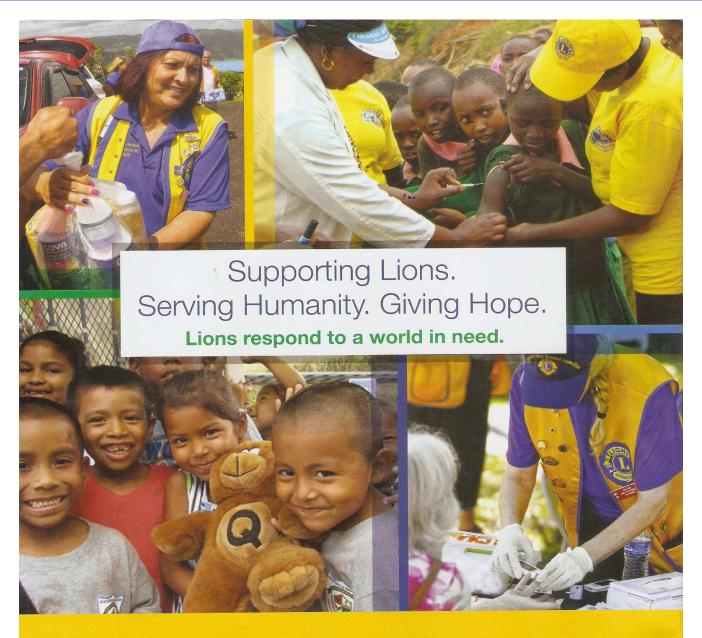
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Campaign 100





Campaign 100 aims to empower Lions to serve today and well into the future. This most ambitious fundraising effort in the history of Lions Clubs International Foundation requires participation from every Lion worldwide. Together we can do it, because together, **We Serve**.

Support a world in need. Visit Icif.org/CampaignDonations and give to LCIF's Empowering Service Fund today.



Do your DUES—Reminderby District Treasurer Maryelena Chase

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.

Meet your District Secretary Krista Hoversten and Treasurer Maryelena Chase



I am Lion Krista Hoversten (Coco). I grew up in primarily Scandanavian small towns in Minnesota. I have a BA in Education and Social Science from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN and an MA from Boston University in Counseling Psychology. That led me to work with active duty military and adult family members in Germany, Italy and for 2 years at the now closed Ft Devens in Massachusetts in the Army Education Centers.

Those experiences were a great awakening, sometimes shocking, to the variety of the human condition in this world. And that knowledge encouraged the profound desire

to do what was possible to ameliorate challenges many individuals face. Lions Clubs International is designed to address some of these issues on an organizational level. In each of our small ways, we may be able to positively affect the lives of many.

In 1987 I married an Italian Air Force Officer (Lion Giuseppe Coco-2nd VDG) and moved to the Rome area. I participated in events of the Ciampino Lions Club from 2005, joining in 2012. In Italy, in addition to being on the club's board of directors, I was on a district committee for the production of publicity videos assisting in the translation from English to Italian. My club activities concentrated on its social event planning.

In 2015 we transferred to Suffern and then to Pearl River Lions Club where last year I served as LCIF coordinator. Currently I am District Cabinet Secretary, membership chair for Pearl River Lions Club and Guiding Lion for Rockland Universal Lions Club.

Hello fellow Lions. For those who have not yet met me, I am Maryelena Chase from the Pearl Rivers Lions.

I was born and raised in Syracuse NY and attended college at Oswego State University (NY) where I met my future husband, Kenneth. We've now been married 48 years, have one son and one fantastic 12 year-old granddaughter.

Instead of teaching High School French or Italian after my son went to school I went into my own business for 32 years in Brooklyn before finally retiring.



I have lived in Montebello for the past 35 years. I was President of the Suffern Womans Club for three years and Treasurer for one year before that. When those duties ended I decided to explore the Lions and really was impressed with the commitment and energy of the Pearl River group.

I joined the Pearl River group at the invitation of Guiseppe Coco three years ago. This year I became Treasurer of District 20-R1 and am enjoying getting to know the workings of the District. I'm hoping to have more time next year for Pearl River Club pursuits.

20-R1 PEACE POSTER Winner Dallanara Santana





Pictured are Dallanara and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Marino Santana.



Ramapo Lions President John Twohie, PDG and Peace Poster Chairwoman Maybelle Twohie, and DG Lion Ellen Purcigliotti, presented the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest Winner, **Dallanara Santana** of Kakiat School in Spring Valley with a check for \$100 from District 20-R1 and \$50 from the Ramapo Lions. Dallanara Santana was joined by her Art Teacher Eileen Manion and Jennifer Wilmoth who is the Principal at Kakiat School.

Valhalla Lions 3rd Annual Wine & Olive Oil Tasting March 3rd



"Si prega di unire il Valhalla Lions Club" Please join the Valhalla Lions Club

Our Third Annual
Fine Wine and Olive Oil Tasting
Presented By Tenuta Torciano winery
Tuscany, Italy



Brunello di Montalcino Terrestre Super Tuscan Riserva Bartolomeo Super Tuscan Riserva Baldassarre Super Tuscan Riserva Cavaliere Super Tuscan Riserva Chianti Classico Vernaccia of San Gimignano Extra Virgin Olive Oil Truffle Olive Oil Pepper Olive Oil Balsamic Vinegar Old Selected VinBeato Dessert Wine

appetizers accompany the tasting

followed by a Sunday pasta station dessert and coffee

\$60.00 per person

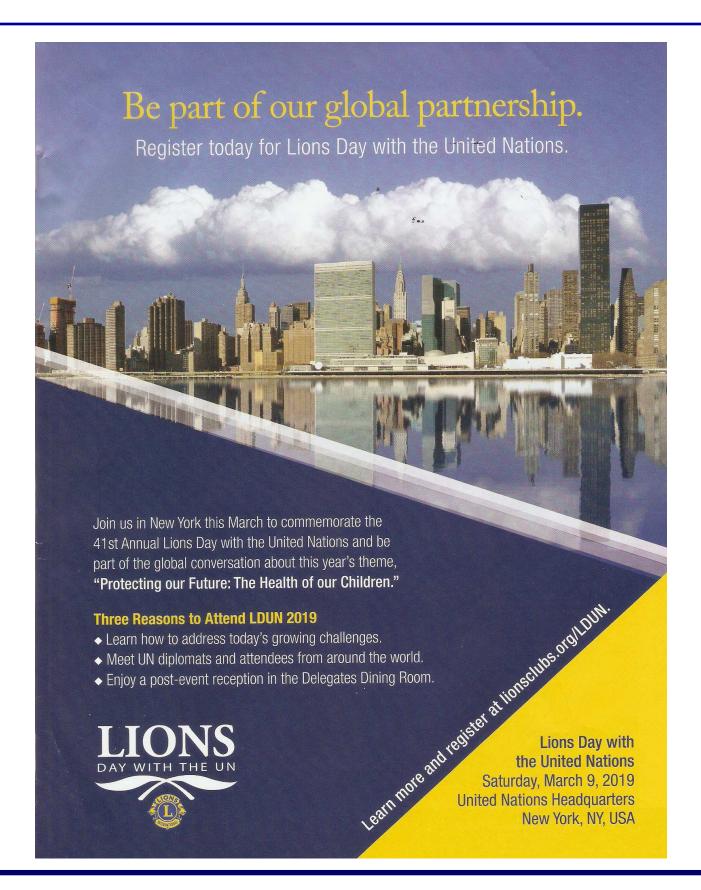
discover how to taste and pair wine with food and spend an enjoyable afternoon with friends and Lions!

Sunday, March 3rd 2:00 PM At Knollwood Country Club Please make checks payable to "Valhalla Lions Charities"

> Please RSVP by Sunday, February 24th Melissa Bosco 914-552-7639 mboscocpa@gmail.com

41ST ANNUAL LIONS DAY AT THE UN

Save the Date—March 9th, 2019



20 R-1 See Training March 16, 2019



Saturday, March 16th, 2019 10:00 am— 1:00 pm Jefferson Valley Mall Community Room

This training program is open to all Lions in our District who want to learn the SEE Program basics. It will include pre-screening tasks; how to use the SEE scanner; record keeping and reporting. Attendees will receive a training manual they can take back to their clubs to use as a guide to start their own program if they do not already have one. If your club already participates in the SEE program, this is a great opportunity to train club members who have not previously been involved.

HISTORY

Screening Eyes Early is modeled after the pediatric vision screening program developed in the Tennessee Lions Eye Center Outreach Program under the guidance of Dr. Sean Donahue at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee during the late 1990's. Lions Clubs International Foundation was interested in making the vision screening program a model for Lions Clubs.LionsSEE makes its way to New York...

Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla NY is dedicated exclusively to the diagnosis, care and treatment of children with complex medical and rehabilitative needs and is a community resource for children with a variety of medical concerns. Personnel at Blythedale had a great deal of experience in evaluating children's vision. Together, LCIF, District 20-R1 Lions and Blythedale Children's Hospital formed a collaborative effort to establish a screening program to service the needs of children in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties.

Lions Screening Eyes Early at Blythedale began with LCIF awarded Core4 program funds, contributions and volunteer power from the Clubs of District 20-R1, Blythedale's commitment of space and office support along with the services of Barbara Ladenheim, PhD as Director of the program under the guidance of Dr. Joelle Mast, Blythedale's Chief Medical Officer. SPIKE the Lion, drawn by a local high school student, became the mascot of the program. Lions SEE at Blythedale blossomed; between the first session in March 2004 and the last in March 2007, Lion volunteers screened more than 5400 children and 543 were referred for treatment. Lions SEE at Blythedale was a great success, and the Lions were eager to broaden the effort. Unfortunately, other commitments prevented Blythedale from housing a state wide vision screening project and a decision was made to move Lions SEE to Buffalo.

Lions SEE at Blythedale laid the groundwork for the current multiple district New York State project - LionsSEE, Inc. based at the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo. LionsSEE, Inc. runs under the medical guidance of Dr. James Reynolds and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of Lions representing districts throughout of New York State. LionsSEE, Inc. carries on the Lions enthusiasm and mission: To decrease childhood blindness through early detection and treatment of the most common vision disorders that cause mblyopia; insuring that all children of New York State will be able to SEE their future each step of the way, no matter where a pro-



Lions SEE and partner Lions Kidsight USA

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Guiding Lion Training March 23, 2019



Guiding Lion Training

NY Metro/Hudson Valley Lions (R2, R1, O, 23A)

March 23, 2019 9 AM – 3 PM

at Visions VCB Rehabilitation Center 111 Summit Park Road Spring Valley, NY 10977 (Palisades Parkway Exit 12)

Gain insights on how to guide others in recruiting, training, building club awareness, and developing future leaders.

N.B. – previous service as a Past President is no longer a prerequisite.

\$10 registration includes Lunch



Faculty: PDG Lori Rieger (20S),

PDG Lori Beninson (23A)

PCC Bill Shembeda (20-O)

For More Detail --

R2 – PDG Guillermo Perez—<u>lionguillermoaperez@gmail.com</u>

R1 – Lion Bob Antonucci—RBAntonucci@aol.com

O PCC Bill Shembeda—lionbill@shembeda.net

23A PDG Melissa Smith—lionlissa@vahoo.com

FVDG Carl Anderson, R1— <u>LionCAA11@gmail.com</u>

Register online:

Guiding Lion Training Registration

http://link.winningdynamics.com/sh-trk-112p68p/r/e/DJYklcAmYBLIOPM9?r=https://form.jotform.com/83326069502152

Pearl River Lions Save the Date Charter Night—April 28th 2019





Pearl River Saloon Ballroom 45-49 West Central Ave Pearl River NY \$50.00 per person

Please contact Giuseppe.Coco54@yahoo.com
to receive an invitation
!!! Seats are limited !!!

Reminder—New Officer Nominations/ Elections by 1VDG Carl Anderson

New Officer Nominations/Elections:

Please begin working on your slate of incoming officers beginning in February, or March at the latest. This will position your club to appoint a nominating committee, and follow the protocol of presenting your slate at one meeting, vote on the slate at the subsequent meeting, and afford your club secretary sufficient time to meet the May 15 reporting deadline.

N.B. The officers' names on MyLCI as of June 30, 2019 will be the names that are submitted in the upcoming District Directory,

Also please make a note of these upcoming district dates:

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Friends of the Lions Nursing Scholarship Initiative Update from Ray (the LION) Infarinato

With great enthusiasm, I share with you an unsolicited recent update from one of our recent Nursing Scholarship awardees. It is heart-warming and imbued with her passion and positivity as she pursues her nursing studies; and it speaks to the value created by our initiative's work, now entering its 15th year. (And, remember to mark your calendars for the 2019 Pasta Dinner fundraiser which has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 5pm.)

"Just a quick update on my status at BC -- I am absolutely loving my education so far, and my passion for nursing grows more and more with each class I take. I will be starting my first hospital clinical next semester, and -- while nervous -- I am extremely excited for the opportunity to become immersed in the hospital environment as a student nurse!

Currently, I am working as a research fellow for the Undergraduate Nursing School. My research focuses on the perception of racism and its influence on the health and clinical care of minority populations. Hopefully, I will be giving a poster presentation on this research with my colleagues in the spring!

Additionally, I became a certified EMT this past summer and am an active member of BC's collegiate EMS team. Becoming involved in this organization has not only sharpened my clinical skills but also provided me with a source of belonging and passion within the Boston College community. I plan to continue my involvement with BCEMS and work for a volunteer ambulance company over the summer!" (Alana Dinelli, Scholarship Awardee)

Nurses Win Mega Millions Lottery Ticket And Donate The Money by Chaunie Brusie

A group of NICU nurses from Missouri has once again proven that nurses are the most amazing creatures on the planet by donating the money they received after their combo Mega Millions ticket turned out to be a winner. And even more heartwarming? They donated the money to two co-workers, one who just lost her son and one whose husband was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Earlier this month, the entire country was captivated with the premise of winning the largest-ever lottery jackpot, set at 1.6 billion dollars, and co-workers around the nation joined in on "office pools" to enter. The NICU nurses at Mercy Children's Hospital in Missouri were no exception, with 126 nurses pooling their money together to enter the Mega Millions. And not only did they end up scoring one of five \$10,000 winning tickets in their state, but their winning ticket was only one number away from winning the entire jackpot. "We never thought in a million years we would win anything at all and then we came one number away from winning \$1.6 billion," NICU nurse Stephanie Brinkman, who organized the lottery pool.

Despite being so close to the big jackpot, after taxes, the grand total of the winning ticket came to \$7,200. Split between all 126 nurses, each nurse would only receive \$56. So, instead of each of them pocketing enough to buy a few pizzas for their family, they once again decided to pool their resources together—this time, to make a difference for two people who really needed it. The nurses decided to keep the lottery winnings together and donate it all instead of keeping any small amount of money for themselves.

While their winnings may not have been a billion dollars, it was still enough to make a big difference and Brinkman was able to present a check to two of their co-workers, fellow nurse Gretchen Post and hospital neonatologist Casey Orellana. The neonatologist's husband, Phil, was recently diagnosed with sarcoma cancer, which has spread to his lungs, and with him requiring care, along with the couple's two young children, Orellana has been forced to drop her work hours by half. She told the news outlet that on the day the nurses gave her the check, she had been worrying about how she was going to pay for medication for her husband and that the gesture "touched her heart." The rest of the money went to Post, who lost her 17-year-old son, Jack, the youngest of her three children, to suicide on October 23rd. Jack died the night of the Mega Millions drawing and Post told her co-workers that the money will be used to pay for his funeral. "Jack always had a smile on his face. He did not lead anyone on that this would happen," his grieving mother described.

Mercy Hospital is obviously very proud of its NICU nurses, who demonstrated the selfless giving and kind-hearted compassion that drives so much of the work they do each and every day and sent out a <u>tweet praising</u> <u>the staff</u>: "When it comes to incredible, we hit the jackpot!" the hospital wrote.



Dear BMYF Coordinators, Trustees, Committee Members, Advisers and Exec Officers,

Thank you all for helping to make this year's raffle a great success. Your dedication and passion for the Brandel/Murphy Lions Youth Foundation is truly heartwarming, and your efforts in raising funds through our raffle we will allow the BMYF to help many more children in need through our grant program. And, speaking of the grant program, nearly 100,000 children have been helped since the inception of the BMYF. That's truly amazing, and this is all through your collective efforts!!!

A total of \$63,000 was raised.

The Super Bowl raffle results for this years drawing, listed in prize order, are:

- 1. Grand prize Super Bowl winner Appalachin Lions Club, 20-E2
- 2. \$2,000 prize winner Brookville Lions Club, 20-K1
- 3. \$1,000 prize winner Frank Jared, Southhold LC, 20-S
- 4. \$500 prize winner Kirk Johnson, Southold LC, 20-S
- 5. \$500 prize winner David Philips, Lewisburg LC, 20-R1
- 6. \$250 prize winner LiCalucci, Kevin Canisbey
- 7. \$250 prize winner Impacto Lions Club, 20-R2
- 8. \$250 prize winner John Templeton, Southold LC, 20-S
- 9. \$250 prize winner DG Ellen Purciglioti, 20-R1
- 10. \$250 prize winner Lowville Lions Club, Kelly Clark, 20-Y

In closing I would be remiss if I didn't thank PDG Peg Diiorio, 2nd VDG & BMYF Treasurer Terri Oster for their tireless work on this raffle, and for Lions Michelle Gagnon & Rosemarie Marciano for their great assistance. You are a fantastic and dedicated team, and we very much appreciate your efforts coordinating this raffle.

Sincerest regards & thanks, Lion John Wargo

Camp Badger News



LIONS CAMP BADGER HONORED WITH INAUGURAL GRANT AWARD...

Lions Camp Badger was one of sixteen Organizations found worthy to receive an inaugural grant from the Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation. The Camp was selected as a not for profit "That would have the biggest impact on the

was selected as a not for profit "That would have the biggest impact on the community in terms of Community Development, Economic Development And Educational Opportunities"



Forecast For Summer 2019

- 100 CAMPERS.
- HAVING FUN IN THE SUN
- MEETING GREAT FRIENDS.
- Participating In Great Activities.
- HAVE GREAT EXPERIENCES.
- Personal Growth with Great Learning.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- REINFORCE CABIN FOUNDATIONS.
- ENLARGE AND UPDATE BOYS & GIRLS BATHROOMS & SHOWERS.
- Long Range Planning For New Cabins And More Campers.

Thank You For Your Past Support...
Continue Helping Build A Brighter Future
Support Lions Camp Badger

Around the District ...



Ramapo Lions Club members presented Lion Anisio Correia with the Robert J. Uplinger Award. He was joined by his wife Lion Agnes Correia. The Ramapo Lions Club would like to congratulate Lion Anisio on his accomplishments.



Meanwhile, PDG
Dina Ciaramella
presented the Uplinger Award to
Suffern Lion
secretary Lenny
Chiat at their belated holiday
gathering.



On a cold January Saturday, the **Somers Lions** hosted their fifth annual Blood Drive and Health Fair at Somers High School. There was a great turnout: 50 units of blood were donated. With every donation there is the potential to save three lives; consequently, 150 lives have the potential to be helped by these generous donations.

An event like this is only successful with the help of many Leos, dedicated health and related health care professionals, along with free advertising by our local papers: the Somers Record, Mahopac Record, and the town of Somers.The Somers Lions



is willing to share their experience with other Lions clubs in 20-R1 who might be interested in sponsoring a similar blood drive. (Article contributed by Dr. Lou Bisogni)

Zoraya Reyes from **Spring Valley Lions Club** sent these pictures about their event in December16, and some pictures for Christmas tree lighting on December 9 in Spring Valley Village Hall. President Gisella Chavez Garcia organized this community event.







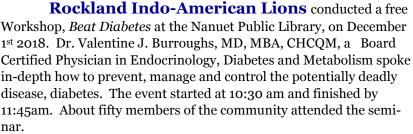






Around the District cont'd ...









Diabetes Educator Denise Roma, MS, RDN, CDN, CDE from Nyack Hospital also addressed the attendees regarding diet control and other options to help diabetics contain their disease. Both speakers answered questions from the audience on Management and Monitoring Diabetes and Metabolism.

VDG Giuseppe Coco, CS Krista Hoversten, ZC Jack Ciaramella, District Diabetes Chairperson John Wienecke, Ramapo President John Twohie and Lion Alex from Pearl River were in attendance. Lion John Wienecke also spoke on the occasion. Lion Alex provided technical support and took pictures. VP Lion Dr. Mano Zachariah MD coordinated the event. PDG Mathai Chacko welcomed the speakers, guests and participants.



PDG Lion Lorraine poses at a Lions float before the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California.

Stony Point Lions conducted a clothing and food drive in December.



The Brewster Lions Club and VFW Post 672 invited the community to a Breakfast Fundraiser for the Oscar Gonzalez Memorial Safe Swim Scholarship. Student Volunteers from the Brewster High School Soccer Team, the Brewster Boy and Girl Scouts, and the VFW helped to serve up a tasty menu that included omelets, waffles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, baked goods, oatmeal, juices, coffee and tea.

Oscar Gonzalez was a 14 year old sophomore who died of an apparent drowning last year. The Brewster community was devastated by his death and support poured in to help with his family's burial expenses. Afterwards, Brewster Lions Club President John Duncan and Secretary Deb Duncan came up with the idea of a Swim Scholarship in Oscar's name to fund swimming lessons for children. The Brewster Lions hope that their efforts to provide swimming instruction, free of cost to all children in their hometown, will prevent another tragic drowning.





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March 15th—Submission deadline for Volume 3, Issue 5

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