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Lions Clubs International

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

A message to all Lions
from International President,
Lion Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



Dear Lion,

I want to thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and your community healthy during these difficult times. Your courage during this global crisis has shown those around you that, even though the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the way we live, it has not changed who we are as Lions. We are hope. We are kindness. And we are in this together.

Remember, Lions have served for more than a century. We have faced incredible challenges for more than 100 years. And we have always been there, serving, restoring hope, and bringing our communities together. We will get through this incredible challenge, just as we always have.

Let us continue to put our kindness in action by putting health and safety first. Let us continue to be what our communities need us to be—Lions.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



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POSTPONED

DISTRICT 16-N

The Lions District 16-N Governor 2019-2020 Alvin Cox's Testimonial is postponed to a future as yet to be determined date. Everyone will be notified when this event will be rescheduled.

DISTRICT 16-J

The Testimonial for District 16-J Governor Linda Banks has been rescheduled for April 24, 2021 at the Lake Chateau in Woodbridge N.J. More information will follow.

DISTRICT 16-L

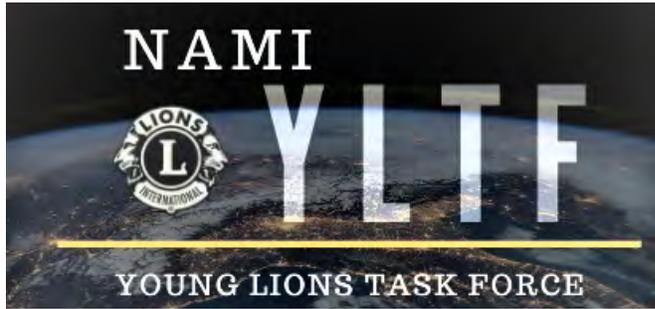
The Lions District 16-L Governor's Testimonial is on. Put on your dancing shoes and raise a toast to PDG Dave Skrivanek at his testimonial dinner, December 6, 2020, at the Ramblewood Country Club. More information will follow.

DISTRICT 16-N

Lions District 16N, Re-organization, Welcome Back Meeting, Awards and Memorial Service. Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Ravellos- 138 Eagle Rock Avenue East. Hanover, NJ. \$35.00 per person. Reservations are required, as always!! Please contact Dinner Chair PDG Paula Tarantino Maione by phone: 201-709-4944 or email: pdg-paula@comcast.net

CANCELLED

Testimonial to Past District Governor Alvin Cox, that was scheduled for October 1, 2020, has been cancelled.



WHAT IS A NAMI CHAMPION?

NAMI Champion – the point person for leading this initiative. It could be the District GMT Coordinator, a Past District Governor or another respected leader. A NAMI best practice is to be clear what we expect from team members. For example, we could expect the NAMI Champion to communicate about the program and be its lead supporter; maintain the plan the team creates; keep track of goals vs. actuals and be the go-to person when problems arise.

Determining strategies and resources to increase the prevalence and membership satisfaction of Young Lions in North America.

West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson Lions Club
Please Join Us For An

"Installation Picnic"

of

Niurka "Nikki" Mederos

Sunday, September 13th*

at

Camp Marcella, NJ Camp for Blind Children
27 Durham Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866
Gates open at 11:30

Installation Ceremony 12:00pm Food Serving 12:30pm-2:30pm

Rain or Shine
Ample room for Social Distancing
Camgrounds w/Picnic Tables and Large Indoor Areas
Gazebo by the lake or bring a blanket & sit on the grass
visit their website www.campmarcella.org

See the infirmery we sponsor in person

DJ Rafael

Activities for Adults and Children
including fishing in their Mitten Lake - rods available or bring your own!
Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Salads/Desserts/Cold Drinks and more....

ADULT TICKETS \$30 CHILDREN 6-12 \$10
TICKETS NEED TO BE PREPAID NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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Disposable Masks will be available or bring your own

*Due to COVID-19, please be aware that depending on State of NJ mandated restrictions on the day of event, it is subject to cancellation

DISTRICT 16-L

**MIDDLESEX VISIONARY LIONS CLUB
VIRTUAL CHARTER PRESENTATION**

New Club Charter Presentation ceremonies are a meaningful way to welcome a new club and new Lions into the pride. Normally, this is a big event attended not only by club members, but also Lions dignitaries. However, these are not normal times, so the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club held their Charter Presentation via Zoom on Sunday August 23, 2020, attended by Lions and dignitaries alike!

This club consists of 21 Charter Members and one new member. Its “official” charter night was postponed due to Covid-19, which is the reason for the virtual event.

IPCC Mahesh Chitnis, who inducted all members stated, “It is an honor to induct you into the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club. Welcome to the world of service.”

The Deputy Mayor of South Brunswick, the Honorable Joe Camarota gave the opening remarks, stating that, “it is an honor to be part of the Charter Presentation.” He also remarked about the club’s work in youth and women empowerment, and asked club members to become involved in various township committees, including the committee on women, the Senior Center and food pantry.

- PID Mel Bray inducted the club officers:
- Board of Directors: Sushana Chaudhary, Tanmoy Banerjee, Vijay Viswanthan, and Tori Brown.
- Marketing & Communications Chair: Pradeera Lakshmanan
- Service Chair: Shalu Ohri
- Membership Chair: Sanjeeta Banjrjee
- LCIF Coordinator: Benz Basheer

- Treasurer: Sahil Aneja
- Secretary: Supryiya Prabhu
- First Vice President: Benz Basheer
- President/King Lion: Radha Malick.

Second Vice President
Neetu Kumar was unable to attend.



The keynote speaker for this ceremony was International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan, who presented the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club a “Virtual Charter.” Lion Brian stated that this club will be excited about being a part of Lions Clubs International. He asked the club members to share the good times and create memories while putting their community first. For members, seek quality people who listen, are enthusiastic and will work as a team. He commended the club’s vision of empowering youth and women.

Middlesex Visionary Club President Lion Radha Malick thanked all who attended the virtual event. “It was an honor and privilege to accept the charter.” Although the club was formed in January 2020, due to the pandemic, the charter night was postponed until this virtual event. She also thanked International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan for taking the time to attend this virtual Charter Presentation.

Many Lions dignitaries attended with congratulatory remarks, including club Guiding Lion Anu Chitnis, IPDG 16-J Linda Banks, District Governor 16-J 2020-2021 Kevin Kosobucki, PDG Dawn Kosobucki, PCC Jeff Gans, our MD-16 endorsed candidate for International Director, PCC and current State Advisor Jack Romano, First Vice District Governor 16-J Varsha Naik, Second Vice District Governor 16-J Kash Delory, PDG Clarence Brown, PCC Winster Ceballos, and PDG Armando Guerra who gave the new club his traditional Lions ROAR!

International guests attending included Vice Council Char MD-305 Pakistan, Ayesh Malik who stated, “Congratulations to all members of the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club and to President Radha. I like to see women in leadership positions.” Also attending was PDG Ruth Chua from Manilla the Philippines who gave her congratulations and welcome to this club.

Board member Sushana Chaudhary thanked all the Lions dignitaries and especially our international guests for attend the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club Virtual Charter Presentation ceremony.



EDISON VISIONARY LIONS CLUB

NEW VOICES COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DURING COVID 19

- By Mahesh Chitnis -

Edison, August 15, 2020 – Many Lions clubs worked together in District 16J to support our communities during the Covid19 pandemic. Following the message of International First Vice President Late Haynes Townsend, "Kindness Matters", New Voices in central NJ decided to work with other local organizations to support the needy. The group served over 3000 prepared meals, distributed groceries for over 200 families and over 6000 reusable as well as single use face masks. They also raised funds for Lions Clubs International Foundation.

As a side effect of the pandemic, many lost their source of income and food. Edison Visionary Lions, Old Bridge Visionary Lions, Menlo Park Lions, Middlesex Visionary Lions clubs decided to serve prepared meal. They cooked meals and distributed to the homeless in Edison, Perth Amboy, Piscataway and Old Bridge. The meals included soups, sandwiches, meatballs, pasta etc. They received help from Ozanam Shelter, Renovation House and townships of Edison and Old Bridge for the distribution. Sri Guruvaayoorappan Temple of Morganville supplied them with 200 meals every week for 8 weeks which were distributed to needy including the Senior citizen who had no means for getting food. Local community leaders, Biral Patel and Parul Amin went door to door in Edison, Piscataway and Woodbridge to find and help the locals who were hurting. Along with prepared meals, they also distributed fruits, non-perishable ready to eat food items and facemasks.

The clubs also provided meals to the staff of Nursing homes and hospitals as appreciation for their dedication for serving in difficult conditions. When the PPEs were not available in open market, members of Menlo Park Lions and NJ Fitness Lions stitched masks and donated them to healthcare workers. They stitched over 3500 masks.

With the limited resources, New Voices couldn't prepare and distribute enough meals. So a decision was made to

prepare grocery boxes which can support families for their weekly needs. Most notable of this effort was on June 7th, 2020. To celebrate the 103th anniversary of formation of Lions Clubs, New Voices collaborated with Telugu Fine Art Society to provide groceries to 60 families. They were also supported by BCB Community bank and Old Bridge Township for distribution. They also worked with local charitable groups to open pop-up food pantries every weekend as drop-off and pick-up locations for non-perishable food items. This effort is still continuing. This project is supported by Hands of Hope food pantry.

During this pandemic masks and gloves were an essential commodity. It was difficult to get them in open market. It was difficult for the underprivileged to acquire them. Besides the masks stitched by Lions, they also were supported by Vikhyat USA Inc (A fashion design house) and Pandya Foundation. All the meal and grocery boxes were accompanied by the masks for the entire families. They distributed masks to the veterans during their Father's Day social with social distancing.

Edison Visionary Lions and Old Bridge Visionary Lions also organized virtual awareness programs for COVID prevention and mitigation. They also had programs for the mental health of the youth.

Edison Metro Lions, Edison Visionary Lions, Menlo Park Lions, Old Bridge Visionary Lions, NJ Renaissance Lions, Middlesex Visionary Lions and their affiliated Leo clubs came together for a Leo led concert broadcasted on TV Asia to raise over \$16,000 for the COVID relief fund of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the New Voices of Lions were busy supporting our communities. Their effort was recognized by Lions Club officers, local elected officers and the media. Their focus on hands-on service is appreciated by the beneficiaries of their service. They are looking forward to collaborating with the established clubs in serving the communities.

Together in Service,

LION MAHESH CHITNIS

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Chair, Council of Governors, MD16 (2018-19)
President, Past District Governors Association of NJ Lions Clubs International
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EDISON VISIONARY LIONS CLUB



MENLO PARK LIONS CLUB

MASK MAKING MISSION

1st Vice District Governor from 16 J, Lion Varsha Naik, and Menlo Park Lions Club have stepped up to address the immediate needs of the community and started the extremely important initiative of creating the Lion Mask Making Mission team.

Lion varsha Naik ,Pranali Bharmbe ,Pranali Patil,Pavita Gavas,Lion Pratibha Nichakawade,Lion Sanjot Khiste,Lion Mini Pavithran,Lion Shanta Ravi, Lion Shruti Khiste, Madhura Lohit, Shubha Kamath worked day and night to support our hospital with lifesaving masks. With the valuable support of many organizations such as Menlo Park Lions Club, New Jersey Fitness Lions club and several other organizations. Menlo Park Lions Club put together a hard-working group of talented women who made and donated over 3,500 masks to hospitals, healthcare workers and several communities in need of these lifesaving masks.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lions Club International members around the world have been helping their local communities. To date, a total of 3,500 cotton fabric masks have been donated to many different hospitals and centers including Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, St. Peter’s Hospital in New Brunswick, Newark Medical Center in Newark, New brunswick senior center, and many Urgent Care centers.

1st VDG Lion Varsha Naik explains that the masks they make are of high quality, soft cotton, which makes them washable and reusable. This design also prevents single-use masks from ending up in landfills and reduces carbon footprint.

The team expresses their satisfaction that they can sup-



port their community by making masks while staying at home and maintaining social distancing during this pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended wearing cloth face coverings in public settings to help slow the spread of the COVID-19. By substantially reducing particle transmissions, face coverings especially protect the well-being of vulnerable community members like the elderly and immunocompromised.

Lion Varsha Naik
1st VDG - 16 J



HIGHTSTOWN-EAST WINDSOR LIONS CLUB

LIONS DONATED 1800 MASKS AND 1800 PAIRS OF GLOVES

Earlier this summer the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club, with an assist from District Governor Linda Banks, donated 1800 Masks and 1800 pairs of gloves to Penn Medicine – Princeton Hospital for the specific use of the local Home Care Staff, which consists of Nurses, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists, Aides, and Social Workers. These people spend ALL their time in the field, visiting anywhere from 5 to 8 people each, per day.

We had learned that due to the shortages caused by COVID-19, the bulk of the PPE being obtained by and for the hospital was going to the hospital (ER, Floors, ICU, Etc.); a less than adequate supply was being provided to the Home Care Staff, thus the specification that the PPE we donated was to be used by Home Care Staff only. Unfortunately I don't have a photo of that presentation.

To put things into perspective, the Home Care Field Staff has roughly 18-20 members (I don't actually know the exact number – could be a few less); at 6-8 visits per day, changing masks and glove at least once per patient (often times more

than that!), 1800 masks and pairs of gloves will last approximately 10 days +/-!

Realizing that the 1800 (3600) items were a "drop in the bucket", and that with post-COVID patients now being put into the mix, where additional PPE item were required to be worn (extra face masks, extra gloves, (paper) gowns, hats, etc.), the Hightstown-East Windsor Lion Club decided to do a Go-Fund-Me page as a fundraiser, in lieu of standard fundraisers; HEWLC would match up to \$1,000, plus another \$1,000 match by the District 16-J Foundation; we donated \$3,500 to the Princeton Hospital Foundation, to be used for PPE for Home Care Therapists only.

We were joined at the presentation by the Somerset Community Lions Club, who donated 300 N95 masks, and HEW Club President Lion Tricia Sooter, PCC Bob Virgadamo, Lion Paul Cousineau, Home Care Director Connie Oldham, SCLC Lion Monika Sharma, Charter President Leo Saanvi Sharma of the Somerset Community Cyber Leo Club, and SCLC Lion Rohit Gupta.



The photo shows, left to right, Lion Paul Cousineau, PCC Bob Virgadamo, and HEW Club President Lion Tricia Sooter presenting the \$3,500 check to Home Care Director Connie Oldham.

EDISON LIONS CLUB

"LOCAL VOLUNTEERS FIGHT COVID WITH MUSIC"

"Local Volunteers Fight COVID with Music"

By: Ojas Chitnis

Edison, NJ: Local Leo Clubs with support from their parent Lions Clubs raised over \$16,000 to support frontline healthcare workers around the world in their fight against COVID19. A virtual concert, "Leos and Lions Salute Corona Warriors" was held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 8:00 PM to create awareness and promote the fundraiser. All the proceeds from the fundraiser which ended on July 5th, 2020 will go to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

From the onset of COVID19 pandemic, few lions clubs and their affiliated Leo clubs in the Central New Jersey area are working together to help the first responders and citizen who are affected by this crises. The Edison Visionary Lions Club, the Edison Metro Lions Club, the Menlo Park Lions Club, the Old Bridge Visionary Lions Club, the Middlesex Visionary Lions Club, and the New Jersey Renaissance Lions Club undertook several service projects since March to support the needy. They distributed over 1600 prepared meals, groceries for over 100 families and 4000 masks since March 2020.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), a funding arm of Lions Clubs is focusing on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. The foundation has awarded over 300 Grants totaling \$5 million. To support Lions Clubs International Foundation and salute Corona Warriors, few Leo and Lions clubs come together to host a virtual concert.

The virtual concert, broadcast by TV Asia Telugu International Television Network, featured more than 15 youth performances, ranging from an inspiring rendition of Mozart's Divertimento to an energetic bhangra dance performance. The concert was hosted by Leo Ojas Chitnis, the US representative on the Leo Club international board, and Aaron Zhu, the president of the Edison-East Brunswick Leo Club.

Gracing the concert and giving their remarks were several dignitaries from Lions Clubs International, including International Third Vice President Lion Dr. Patti Hill, Lion Donna Townshend (wife of late International First Vice President Judge Haynes Townshend), Foundation Executive Administrator Lion Rebecca Daou, and Past International Director and Foundation Trustee Aruna Oswal from India. Also giving remarks were the representatives of participating Lions Club, as well as Past District Governor Lion Eddie Hui, First Vice District Governor Elect Lion Varsha Naik and Past Council Chairperson Lion Mahesh Chitnis.

The concert was incredibly successful, raising more than \$16,000, one-hundred percent of which will find its way onto the ground where it is needed most, thanks to Lions' global network of community servants. Through raising funds for this concert, 11 fundraisers earned the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honor awarded by Lions Clubs International Foundation. The following were recognized as top fundraisers: Ojas Chitnis, Aaron Zhu, Tarika Yellaula, Ishan Malick, Avani More, Janhavi Ahire, Siddhanth Ravi, Saanvi Naik, and Jaya Nishal.

Executive Administrator Lion Daou said that Lions Clubs Inter-



national Foundation (LCIF) is giving priority consideration to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. She thanked Leos and Lions for their creative approach for fundraising.

Lion Donna Townsend discussed about why kindness matters, saying that "one act of kindness, no matter how small, can change the world".

Lions Third Vice President Dr. Patti Hill congratulated youth volunteers and talked about how contributing to LCIF helps support healthcare workers where they are needed most.

Dr. Raj Pandya, a platinum sponsor and Chairman of the Pandya Foundation, said that it is important to support organizations like LCIF, "because COVID-19 has impacted the whole country and the whole world...We need to come together as a community do whatever we can to all the public servants and social organizations".

Lion Varsha Naik, First Vice District Governor of District 16-J, expressed her sincere gratitude for the "corona warriors". She also said that she is "proud of the young leaders, who are working to make the world a better place".

Lion Anu Chitnis, a platinum sponsor, thanked the doctors, nurses, and other frontline workers. She gave a shoutout to Leos for their "infectious energy and enthusiasm", which goes a long way in serving the community and saluting those who keep us safe.

Lion Aruna Oswal, a trustee of LCIF, said that she is proud of the work of Leos and that the concert is a "great inspiration, which shows the bright future ahead for LCIF and Lions Clubs International".

Lion Mahesh Chitnis thanked all Platinum Sponsors: Dr. Raj Pandya, Anu Chitnis, Yash Pandya, and Old Bridge Visionary Lions Club and the support extended by TV Asia Telugu team. He talked about the service of participating clubs during the pandemic and requested viewers to support the Corona Warriors.

Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.45 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information or to get involved with the Lions Club, please contact Lion Mahesh Chitnis at (732) 444-8644 or mahesh.chitnis@visionarylions.org

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



UNITED IN KINDNESS AND DIVERSITY

with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

Our service has the power to achieve a greater good for all—and great service begins with you. You are the innovators who keep your community strong, and that’s why it’s so important to continue to learn and develop new ways to enhance your service.

Your compassion and experience are your best resources, and we have the tools and training to help you transform your knowledge into action. And as you continue to serve safely within your community, we will continue to do everything we can to help you accomplish the extraordinary.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

LEARN. LEAD. GROW.



Learning is for every Lion. What we know enables us to grow as individuals, as clubs and as leaders in community service. And the LCI Leadership Development Team is always ready to help you take your next step forward.

Visit the Learn. Lead. Grow. Page to learn more about the educational and training resources that are available to you. Explore programs developed by Lions International and local Lions including online modules, webinars and even training opportunities around the world. Because when you learn, lead and grow, you make your club and your community a better place for all.



SERVING SAFELY

Your safety is our priority. And the Serving Safely page is your best resource to stay updated with the latest tips and tools you’ll need to keep your community strong, safe and healthy.

Visit the Serving Safely page for blogs, social media resources, inspirational stories and the tools you’ll need to continue making a difference in your community. And be sure to explore the Virtual Events Center Library for recorded seminars and presentations to learn more about how you can help your club stay connected and engaged.



IF YOU BELIEVE

Lions all over the world have learned to adapt their service and activities to meet the evolving challenges facing their communities. Just like the Lions of Exeter Lions Club in San Joaquin Valley, California, who have found new ways to carry on old traditions.

Read their story, If You Believe It, and learn how Lions in California have gotten creative to keep spirits high in their club and community.



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DISTRICT 16-N

**DISTRICT 16-N
CLUB INCENTIVE AWARD
2019-2020**

As District Governor, I am very pleased to announce the winning Clubs of the District 16N Club Incentive Awards:

1st Place: - Belvidere Lions Club, 194 Points: President Valerie L. Tisshuk Plaque and complimentary District Meeting Dinner for Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2nd Place: - West Milford Lions Club, 170 Points: President Barbara Corsaro Certificate and complimentary District Meeting Dinner for Club President and 1 Officer.

3rd Place: - Harrison Lions Club: 159 Points, President Lou Lambe Certificate and complimentary District Meeting Dinner for Club President. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Thank you for your service,
Alvin Cox, District Governor 2019-20

POINT CRITERIA:

- **District Meeting Attendance:** 1 point for each member attending the District Meeting each month.
- **Monthly Reports (MMR) filed with LCI:** 5 points with each MMR filed with Lions International.
- **New Members inducted/reported to LCI:** 5 points for each new member inducted/reported to Lions International.
- **Officers/Member attending Leadership training:** 5 points for each Officer/ member attending a Leadership Training.
- **Service activities reported to LCI:** 5 points for each Service Activity reported to Lions International.
- **Peace Poster participation:** 5 points for participation in the Annual Peace Poster Contest.



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NORTH WARREN LIONS CLUB

The North Warren Lions Club is having its annual Golf Outing Thursday September 10th at 8 AM at Architects Golf Club 700 Strykers Road, Phillipsburg, NJ. We decided on Architects again because it is one of the top 5 golf courses in New Jersey.

The cost is \$130.00 per person. We will have golf carts, a boxed breakfast and still working on how lunch will be served.

Proceeds right now support our 4 local food banks, two local scholarships and LCIF.

It's time to get out and enjoy yourself for a day and support our Lions Club.

Please contact PDG Bob Brandt @ bbrandt@brandtboxnj.com to confirm you will be joining us so we have a head count.

Yours In Service,
PDG Bob



Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

ROBERT BRANDT - PRESIDENT
North Warren Lions Club

Robert Brandt bbrandt@brandtboxnj.com (908)482-8143

Annual Golf Outing

NORTH WARREN  LIONS CLUB
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT 16-N

Thursday, Sept. 10th, 2020
Shotgun Start at 8 AM

**Architects
Golf Club**
700 Strykers Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
908-213-3080

DISTINCTION BY DESIGN - "TOP 5 COURSES YOU CAN PLAY IN NEW JERSEY"

\$130.00 Per Person
*Includes golf cart,
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DISTRICT 16-N

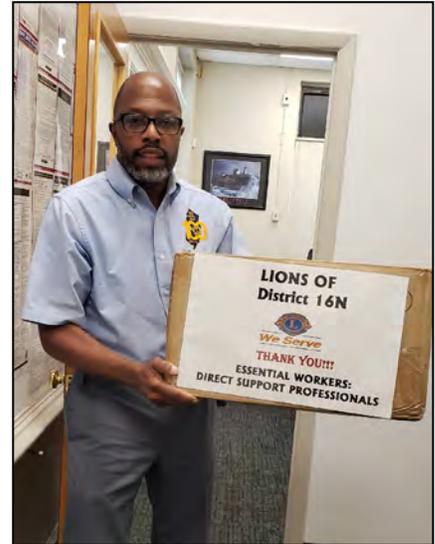
LIONS OF 16-N DONATE MASKS AND GLOVES

The Lions of District 16N distributed 15,000 face to masks to the essential workers/direct support professionals who work within agencies that provide direct support to adults with intellectual and or developmental disabilities who reside in group homes and supervised programs in the following counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren. (These cited counties comprise Lions District 16N). The social service agencies who were the recipients of the face masks included: The Arc of Bergen and Passaic County (4000 face masks), The Arc of Essex County (2000 face masks), The Arc of Morris County (2000 face masks), The Arc of Sussex County (2000 face masks), The Arc of Warren County (2000 face masks), Developmental Disabilities Association Of New Jersey (2000 face masks) and Allies Inc. (1000 face masks).

District Governor Alvin Cox, who has worked in the disabilities field for the past 35 years, states “I know how important the direct care staff are to the adults with disabilities, they are the front line workers, they are there to provide some times total support to the adults with

disabilities who reside in group homes and supervised programs. During this coronavirus pandemic, the direct support professional were the essential workers who kept each individual safe. In some cases the direct support professional, stayed 24 hours and even lived in the group home to assist and care for their residents. The direct support professionals/essential workers showed compassion, commitment and dedication in assisting the most vulnerable group of individual’s adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who in many cases also had underling health conditions. Within the state of New Jersey without the care and support of the direct support professional, the contraction and fatality rate of the coronavirus of these individuals would have been, I believe so much greater. We owe a great debt of thanks for all the essential workers/direct support professionals. The Lions of District 16N providing 15,000 face masks, not only kept the direct support professional safe but it also helped in keeping the adult with disabilities safe.”

The Lions of District 16N were able to donate 15,000 face masks due to a grant



District Governor Alvin Cox, preparing to load face mask for delivery

that they received in the amount of \$10,000 from Lions International Foundation. Grant funds awarded are to be used to provide support to those in immediate need due to a natural disaster or some form of health crisis.

Here are a few testimonies/thank yous from recipients of the face masks:

Thank you to the Lions District 16N for the donation of 4000 surgical masks to the Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties during the COVID 19 pandemic. This much needed personal protective equipment will be used for the essential workers in our residential program and group homes in Bergen and Passaic counties. Our homes and apartments must be staffed 24/7 to care for the residents. These homes cannot shut down. The Arc’s dedicated front line staff are essential workers, selflessly working every day and continuing to provide the care and support our residents need when they are well and when they are ill. Thank you for continuing to care for the Arc and the individuals with disabilities we serve. Kathy Walsh President and Chief Executive Officer, The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties.

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District Governor Alvin Cox, presents 2000 face masks to Group Home in Hudson County run by the social service organization Developmental Disabilities Association Of New Jersey.

DISTRICT 16-N

Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation of 2000 mask to assist in our COVID-19 relief efforts. Throughout the pandemic, our staff provided around the clock care to the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the masks will directly support their care. Linda C. Lucas, Chief Executive Officer, The Arc of Essex County

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the donation of PPE to our agency. These are truly challenging times and it is reassuring to have the support of the benevolent organization such as the Lions Club. John Whitehead, Chief Executive Officer, The Arc of Warren County.

Thank you very much for your donation of 2000 masks for us to use for our direct support professionals in our 22 group homes. The masks will be a valuable asset to our PPE needs while our staff works with adults with developmental disabilities throughout Sussex County. Richard C. Leecher, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer, The Arc of Sussex County.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the donation of 2000 surgical



District Governor Alvin Cox, presents 1000 face masks to Anil Singh, Vice President Residential Services Northern Region, Allies Inc.

masks. We use nearly 900 each week in over 25 facilities. They have been an integral part of addressing a crisis of the magnitude never seen in our agency before. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to all your District 16N members that made this possible. William R. Testa, Executive Director The Arc/Morris Chapter.

I would like to thank you for your donation of 1000 masks. Personal Protective equipment and other medical supplies are greatly needed as we continue

working through the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, our medial and direct support staff cannot stay at home with their loved ones during this crisis. They are there on the front lines, caring for those we serve with tremendous dedication, courage, and professionalism. I am extremely proud of them, and very grateful to you for helping us keep them safe and healthy, as well as the individuals that we support. Michael D. Haggery, Interim CEO Allies, Inc.



LIONS OF 16N DONATE 15,000 FACE MASKS TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS/DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

State Advisor Jack Romano, 2nd Vice District Governor Marie Nieto, Kathy Walsh, CEO Arc Bergen and Passaic, Marianne Balazs, Director Arc Bergen and Passaic/Hackensack Lion and District Governor Alvin Cox, present 12,000 face mask to the Arc of Bergen and Passaic, Arc of Essex, Arc of Morris, Arc of Sussex and Arc of Warren Counties.

DISTRICT 16-N

PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE, INC. RECEIVES GRANT FROM LIONS DISTRICT 16N CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Coronavirus health crisis has put businesses and organizations on high alert. How do you successfully open your business or organization and keep everyone safe?

Pathways to Independence, Inc., located in Kearny, is an organization that has been dedicated to assisting Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities achieve their fullest potential for 43 years! The SAFETY of our Consumers has always been one of our primary concerns! One symptom of the Coronavirus is an elevated temperature. One way to assure the safety of our Consumers as well as our Staff is to take everyone’s temperature as they enter your establishment. Anyone, whose temperature is elevated above 100.3 ° F, will not be permitted access into the Pathways facility.

Pathways original plan was to manually take everyone’s temperature with a digital thermometer which is labor intensive and not always accurate. In searching for an efficient alternative, Pathways obtained information regarding the purchase of a Thermographic Camera which takes your body temperature, scans and stores the information, and also alerts staff when someone enters the building with an elevated temperature. Pathways new plan was to obtain the Thermographic Camera. These cameras are expensive and with Pathways spending funds to safeguard the building for the eventual return of our Consumers, unfortunately funding for the Thermographic Camera was not available.



PDG Alvin Cox, standing by Pathways new Thermographic Scanner Camera, which takes Persons body temperature. Funding Received by Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation



The Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation has always been supportive of Pathways to Independence- a District 16N Non-Sight Project. Executive Director, PDG Alvin Cox submitted a grant application for the purchase of the Thermographic Camera, stating that it will greatly assist Pathways in keeping the Adults with Intellectual and/ or Developmental Disabilities safe and secure when they attend Pathways. The camera will test their temperature as well as other visitors as they enter the building and their body temperature will be scanned to ensure that everyone is safe.

PDG Dennis Brubaker, Grants Committee Chair, immediately contacted the Foundation Grants Committee and Fellow Trustees with the funding request. Within 24 hours the Charitable Foundation Committee Member and Trustees unanimously approved the purchase for the camera. Grants Chair Dennis responded: “The goal of the Foundation is to help those-in-need. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone and as a Foundation, we wanted to provide support to Pathways because they do a great job in providing funding for this camera keeps one person safe, then the Foundation would have achieved its goal!”

“Thank you, Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation!”

**Alvin Cox,
IPDG 2019-2020**

BELVIDERE LIONS CLUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELVIDERE LIONS CLUB

Belvidere Lions Club celebrated their 68th birthday on July 18th 2020! Cheers to the club for their dedication to our community. The club supports community and school lunches, Family Promise, Special Olympics, Camp Marcella and much, much more.

Our next fundraiser will be held on August 25th. Raffle will be live streamed. \$10,000.00 grand prize 250 tickets will be sold. Benefits Camp Warren, Lions Camp Marcella for Blind Children, vision screenings, local scholarships and other sight and community projects. Please contact any Lion member or Mike at 908-451-6778 to purchase your ticket. We are always looking for dedicated people to join our club. If interested please visit our site on Facebook-Belvidere Lions Club. Become part of a winning team!



BERGENFIELD LIONS CLUB

Bergenfield Lions gave two \$3,000 scholarships to two young ladies for their college education. Kaleigh Timmns will be attending University of Scranton in PA and Charvi Bhayana will be attending Binghampton University.

We had 12 Lions today for our scholarship presentation at Memorial Park. Brian did a great job...he was his usual loquacious self...got off topic a few times...."Just saying" David as VP stepped up to say a few words on behalf of the club.

Both winners are planning on double majors and thanked us for our scholarships.

It was good to see everyone.



SUMMIT LIONS CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Summit Lions had a busy day on Tuesday, August 11 holding an Ice Cream Social for families picking up their weekly food packages at GRACE (Giving and Receiving Resources for our Community’s Essentials). Hundreds of families were served and the cold ice cream on a hot summer day was a special treat! The Summit Lions also took the time they had together at this outdoor event to install new member, Linda Solomita, and to honor Andrea Ippolito with the Melvin Jones Award.



LIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

A message from:

JEROME THOMPSON

Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader



LIONS OF NORTH AMERICA ARE IMPACTING LIVES!

Dear Club Leader:

I got a call one afternoon from a friend. The first thing that I heard as I answered the phone was, "Jerome, I think I am lost." "Ok, stay calm. I will try to help you. Look around and tell me what you see. Then, tell me where you are trying to go." After a short exchange, my friend discovered where she was; the wrong turn that was made; and, how to get back on course.

COVID – 19 HAS US A LITTLE OFF COURSE. WHERE ARE WE?

Even with the COVID crisis slowing us down, we impacted nearly 22 million lives in the United States and affiliate countries (CA 1). That is with only 49% of the clubs reporting at least one service project. Because of the efforts of each club, we decreased our dropped members by 6% in the past year. Additionally, we reduced the number of clubs that turned in their charters by 10%. Congrats! Let's keep working on retaining those members that we have. Lions are resilient! We will remain calm and learn to navigate the new normal that is emerging daily.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Our challenge in 2020-21 is to work with our clubs to emerge from "COVID Hibernation" and return to what we do best – serving our communities. We are going to utilize the North American Membership Initiative process in about 90% of our district to expand our footprint of service, engage more volunteers and provide opportunities for personal leadership development.

HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR CLUB HELP?

Service

- Monthly report your service using MyLion. The process has been streamlined to allow you to report in a matter of minutes.
- Strive to report service activities that impact about 120 lives per member during the next year. If you have a club of 30 members, try to report service projects impacting 3,600 lives.

Membership

- Your DG team will be striving to charter a new club or two in the district. If you know someone who lives in the area, please ask them to join the new club.
- The Constitutional Area Goal is to add 44,000 Lions to existing clubs between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Your club is asked to add at least one new member each quarter.
- The Constitutional Area Goal is to limit drops to no more than 33,000. Your club is encouraged to engage members in new service opportunities, new fellowship opportunities and to limit dropped members to three per club, if at all possible.

Thank you for your leadership!! Working together we are going to show kindness to our members and our community. Your Global Action Team is here to assist. Please let us know what we can do to assist your club.



Sincerely,

H. Jerome Thompson
PID Jerome Thompson,
Global Action Team - CA 1 Leader

DISTRICT 16-J

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT INDUCTION

By PCC Jack Romano

One of the highlights of each International Convention is the administration of the Oath of Office for each District Governor, by the new International President. Due to the covid-19 worldwide pandemic, the 2020 International Convention in Singapore had to be cancelled.

However, Lions persevere and always make the best of any situation. To properly induct our new 2020-2021 District Governors, Lions International held formal induction ceremonies over a broadcast medium called KUDO. Lions also being inventive, were able to take the KUDO broadcast for Group 18, and streamed this event via Zoom!

Group 18 instructor, PID Jenny Ware from Michigan, moderated her group’s induction ceremony, which was



conducted by International President Jung-Yul Choi. IP Choi stated that despite the Covid-19, Lions continue to turn kindness into action every day. His 2020-2021 personal theme is “United in Kindness and Diversity.”

IP Choi continued stating that diversity makes us stronger and innovate in new and exciting ways. In diversity, we recognize and celebrate our differences and we find we have much in common. He tasks the new District Governors to continue supporting Campaign 100 to support our foundation, LCIF, and support for our core service goals. He emphasized some of the skills gained in DGE training including teamwork, storytelling and leadership. These will help each district governor achieve success in their year.

“Your induction as District Governor is a time-honored tradition and a proud moment each of you will never forget.” At this point, IP Choi administered the oath of office to each district governor on the call. Group 18 included DGs Nalit Patel, 16-N; Kevin Kosobucki, 16-J; and Al Mottola, 16-L.

Our new district governors included Lions from Barbados, India, Australia and Nebraska to name a few places

IP Choi concluded the ceremony by stating he was “looking forward to leading and serving with my district governors.”

A special thanks to PDg Dawn Kosobucki, DG Kevin Kosobucki and PCC Winster Ceballos for providing the link to this event and the KUDO broadcast.

Congratulations to all our District Governors for the 2020-221 Lionistic year.

DISTRICT 16-L

DISTRICT 16-L RECEIVES LCIF EMERGENCY GRANT

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across the medical field. Hospitals, nursing homes, medical offices and practices have all experienced a shortage of PPE. District Governor Dave Skrivanek, 16-L applied for and received an emergency grant of \$10,000 for the purchase and supply of such equipment. In order to make these funds go as far as possible DG Dave decided to donate the grant to five hospitals service District 16-L. With their economy of scale purchasing power, these institutions can leverage the funds for bulk purchase of masks, gloves, face shields, disposable gowns and other medical equipment used in the fight against Covid-19.

DG Dave designated the following hardest hit institutions as the recipients of \$2,000 each for purchase of PPE:

- Centra State Hospital, Freehold N.J.
- Monmouth North Lakewood Medical Center
- AtlantiCare, Galloway Township N.J.
- Jersey Shore Medical Center – Neptune N.J.
- Cooper Hospital Camden N.J.



According to DG Dave, “the hospitals can use these funds to better purchase PPE in bulk quantities.”

Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion. DG Dave filled this need through his application and distribution of the LCIF grant funds.

DISTRICT 16-N

DISTRICT 16-N DONATES PPE TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

By PCC Jack Romano

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the district governors of Districts 16-N, J and L applied for and received a \$10,000 LCIF emergency grant to provide PPE to essential workers. District Governor Alvin Cox put together a committee of Lions to decide how to disperse the funds for Personal Protective Equipment. His requirements were that the donation goes to those organizations who assist special needs adults in either day programs and/or supervised group home situations. After much discussion it was decided to provide PPE to the ARC of Bergen-Passaic Counties and the related ARCs in each of the counties comprising District 16-N, namely Hudson, Essex, Morris, Warren, Sussex. 14,000 masks were procured through this emergency LCIF grant.

Present for this event were District Governor Alvin Cox, 16-N, 2VDG/1VDGE Marie Nieto, Past Council Chair and State Advisor Jack Romano. Representing the ARC of Bergen-Pas-

saic Counties were Marianne Balazs Director of Development and also a member of the Hackensack Lions Club, and Kathy Walsh, President and CEO.

According to Ms. Walsh, “We are so appreciative of the support of the Lions. The ARCs are providing 24/7 care for individuals in our group homes and we desperately need PPE to keep our residents and the staff who are front line heroes, safe.

District Governor Alvin added, “Thank you for being a part of what probably is my last official duty as district governor. I truly appreciate all your support in the emergency grant committee and the distribution of the protective face masks.”

Each box of masks will be provided to the ARC offices serving District 16-N.

It was a great day to be a Lion!

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



Corsaro family accepts a check from the West Milford Lions Club to JDRF and Team Miracle for Matthew.



West Milford Lions Club President Barbara Corsaro presents check to Camp Marcella Director Mike Pacala

DISTRICT 16-J

LIONS MAKING AND DONATING MASK

PDG Nancy Jakubczyk of district 16-J made over 380 mask and donated them to Lions, Newark Beth Hospital, 2 different Nursing Homes, DAV in Parsippany, Hillside Firemen and Police. IPDG Linda Banks and PDG Ruth Molenaar also recieved their mask.



Lion Subarna Sahni of District 16-J, also made and donated more than 200 mask for senior living facility. She had 5 volunteers sewing.

RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB

RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB INDUCTIONS & AWARDS

By PCC Jack Romano

In keeping with the New Jersey State regulations of meetings of 20 or fewer individuals, the Rutherford Lions Club held its annual officer and new member induction meeting and ceremony on Wednesday June 17, 2020 on the grounds of the Rutherford Woman’s Club. Tables were spaced at least 6 feet apart and no more than two chairs were set up at each table. The meeting was also on Zoom but there were unfortunate technical difficulties which made large scale Zoom attendance difficult.

The annual graduating high school senior scholarship was awarded to Brian Inguanti, who attended with both parents. According to club president, Laura O’Connor, “Brian was selected for this scholarship by the Faculty at Rutherford High School. The Rutherford Lions play no part in the selection process. This \$2,000 scholarship is the highest honor awarded a graduating senior.” Brian stated, “I am honored to receive this scholarship. I will attend Fordham University and participate in their ROTC program. My goal is to become a military lawyer so as Lions help the community, I can serve my country.”

PCC and current State Advisor Jack Romano inducted all club officers for the 2020-2021 Lionistic year. They are: President Laura O’Connor, First Vice President Susan Temes, Second Vice President Christine Robertson, Third Vice President Lisa Garland via Zoom, Secretary Kevin Hildebrand, Treasurer Glenn Elliot, Tail Twister Mark O’Connor, Lion Tamer Ann Marie McCarthy, LCIF Coordinator Judy Stabile in absentia, Membership Chair Sue Forsythe and Directors Joseph Catania, James Cleary, William

Galloway, Cherie Moss, Michaele Prokop and Loretta Young in absentia. Past President Theresa Gilburn was also mentioned but was unable to attend.

As is tradition with this club all new members, although participating since September 2019 are inducted at the June meeting and ceremony. This was the case with new Lion ViJai Kumar, sponsored by DGE 16-N, Nalit Patel. PCC Jack performed the induction ceremony.

The Lion of the Year is awarded to that Rutherford Lion who exemplifies service and participation in the myriad projects sponsored by this club including Vision screenings, eye glass collection providing and serving lunch to senior citizens at the Kip Center, the holiday fruit sale, beefsteak dinner and pancake breakfast to name a few. Receiving this prestigious honor was Lion Joe Catania.

The Rutherford Lions Club also honored one of their members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for their untiring dedication to both Lionism and the club. Lion Glenn Elliot made the presentation to club president Laura O’Connor, who was not only surprised but was also almost speechless simply uttering a “thank you” to all members. Having known Lion Laura for many years and the level of her Lionistic work, this is a well-deserved honor.

Due to the pandemic, individually wrapped sandwiches served as dinner for this occasion.

Congratulations to all 2020-2021 Rutherford Lions Club officers and awardees. Continue your dedicated service to the Rutherford community.

SAYREVILLE LIONS CLUB



Members of the Sayreville Lions Club met today at the home of Lion Ed Boyler to wish him a happy 92nd birthday. We all got to sing Happy Birthday and were treated to a drive by from the Sayreville Fire Department and Police. Best wishes and many more. Lion Ed is a Past President of the club and a member for over 40 years.



DISTRICT 16-L

DISTRICT 16-L ZOOM REORG MEETING

Due to the pandemic, District Governor Al Mottola 16-L decided to hold their annual Reorganization Meeting via Zoom on Thursday August 27, 2020. The District 16-N cabinet attended in person.

After calling the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2VDG Ely Mateo. Lion Tal Kramer led all Lions, in person and on Zoom, in One Verse of America. Chaplain Tom Volpe gave the Invocation.

Some of the items discussed included the USA/Canada Lions "Virtual" Leadership Forum, necessitated by the cancellation of the live event in Louisville KY. PDG Karen Ressler urged all Lions to take advantage of this low cost (only \$20 registration) opportunity and to review the course offerings.

District 16-L and MD-16 NAMI Champion PDG Bob Freidel gave a report on this new membership initiative being rolled out in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2. The purpose of NAMI is to rebuild failing clubs, establish at least one new club in each district or sub-district, retain current members, and for each club to bring in at least 1 new member, while minimizing drops. Utilize the Leo to Lion program, so that Leos can continue their service journey. He is also working on a new club at Brightview/Mt. Laurel.

JDRF District Chair Donna Freidel stated that despite the State Convention/Strides Walk being cancelled, funds were raised through a virtual JDRF Walk.

Since DG Al cancelled the Peace Poster contest in 16-L due to the current and ever-changing school opening situation, Peace Poster Chair Min Elders will oversee the District 16-L Lion Essay Contest, which runs concurrent with Peace Poster. The contest theme is "Peace Through Service." There will be

two entry groups, children ages 6 to 10 and 11 to 13. DFG Al will judge the essays.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Tina Sung submitted the district budget for the 2020-2021 Lionistic year which was passed by those attending the meeting.

PCC Al Olizi asked that all clubs support LCIF Campaign 100 despite the pandemic as the need is more pressing now than ever.

Because the 2020 State Convention was cancelled, awards that would have been presented at that convention are to be awarded at either the district reorg or first District/Cabinet meeting. PID Mel Bray attending via Zoom made the following presentations:

The Presential Leadership Medal, the 3rd highest award in Lionism was awarded to 1VDG Doug Both.

The International President's Medal, the 2nd highest award in Lionism was awarded to Lion Donna Freidel.

Congratulations to both recipients on their well-deserved awards.

2VDG Doug Both stated that the N.J. Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center remains closed as it is on the property of the Katzenbach School for the Deaf, a state-run institution and we are obligated to follow state rules. He also said that this will be a good club volunteer opportunity once the center reopens.

In his closing remarks, DG Al stated he remains optimistic about this year despite the restrictions due to Covid-19, and reminded all clubs to continue social activity whenever possible. He thanked all who attended the Zoom Reorg meeting.



COVID-19

NEW JERSEY COVID-19 UPDATES

Find up-to-date information and guidance at our COVID-19 Information Hub.



INDOOR DINING RESUMES!

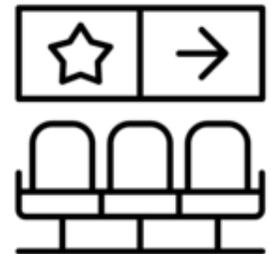
Dining

Restaurants can reopen indoor dining areas today, Friday, September 4th at 25 percent capacity. Learn more about group limits, mask requirements, and social distancing measures.

MOVIE THEATERS REOPEN!

Movie Theater

Indoor performance venues, including movie theaters, can reopen today, Friday, September 4th at 25 percent capacity, up to 150 people per theater. Masks are required! Learn more about what to expect at the movies this fall on the COVID-19 Information Hub.



GET READY TO VOTE!

Vote

This year's Election Day will be unlike any other. Registered voters have multiple safe options for casting their vote. Learn more about New Jersey's vote-by-mail system.

GET COUNTED!

Get Counted

Completing your Census form is important to ensure that your community receives the federal aid and political representation it deserves. Learn more about why the Census matters. And then fill out the form online at my2020census.gov!



GYMS ARE OPEN!

Gym

Indoor gyms were allowed to reopen this Tuesday, September 1st at 25 percent capacity. Don't forget - masks are required! Read more about requirements for social distancing, temperature screenings, and limited locker room use online.

**FOR MORE UPDATES AND RESOURCES,
VISIT OUR COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB.**

WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

WOOD-RIDGE LIONS THANK FIRST RESPONDERS

The members of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club (16N) acknowledged the remarkable efforts of our first responders during the Coronavirus Pandemic. The club arranged to have an evening supper and desserts sent to the Pharmacy Department of Hackensack University Medical Center. This department has been an intricate part in the overall care provided by the hospital staff. The dinner was provided by the delicatessen Lucky Larry's and the desserts by Mills Bakery, both located in Wood-Ridge.

The Club also presented to the Wood-Ridge EMS and Fire Department members gift cards for Dunkin Donuts. The Club thanks these volunteers for their extraordinary efforts, dedication and service to the residents of our community.

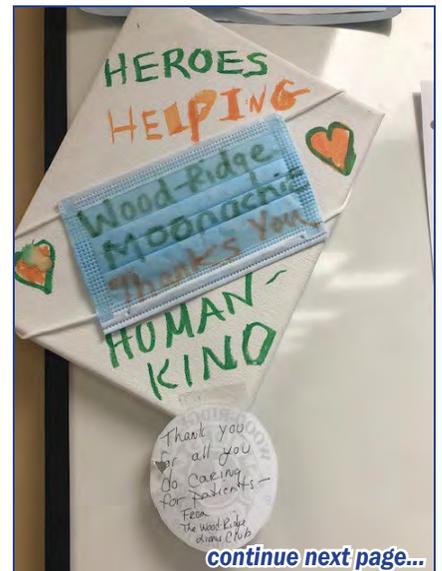
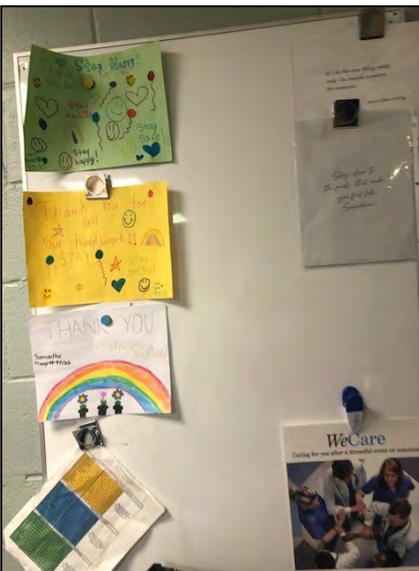
Also presented to the Pharmacy Staff and to the Wood-Ridge EMS and Fire Department members were over sixty “Thank You” cards made by the school children of Wood-Ridge.



Pharmacy Staff at HUMC admiring the food platters sent by the Wood-Ridge Lions Club prepared by Lucky Larry's.



Making the presentation, Lions Club Member and Chairman Frank Finke, EMS Captain Dennis Kronyak, Wood-Ridge High School Senior Anthony Finke (who helped with the collecting and organizing the cards and photos), Wood-Ridge Fire Chief Michael Cribbon and Lions Club President Mark Czarnecki.



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WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

To the members of the Wood Ridge Lions Club and their families,

Being part of a service organization, such as the Lions club, rarely do we anticipate being on the receiving end of charitable act. Rather we use our resources to give to those in need, those less fortunate; or during times like this, those who put themselves in harm's way to care for those infected with Covid-19. The team members at Hackensack University Medical Center have been working around the clock to care for the ill and deliver the care you would expect from a distinguished healthcare system like Hackensack Meridian Health. The team members from the Pharmacy Department are continuing to work hand in hand with nursing and medical teams to deliver lifesaving therapies, investigational trial treatments and supportive care for the inpatient positive Covid-19 population. Being away from families for extended hours, working back to back shifts and coming in the next day to do it all over again; we put our lives aside for the betterment of our community's health. That is why this week's gesture by the Wood Ridge Lions club really makes it all worth it. I myself being a healthcare worker and an active member of the Wood Ridge Lions club, was contacted by the club to see if the Lions could express their thanks to the healthcare workers of Hackensack, specifically my team in pharmacy, for caring for our communities sick.

The evening and overnight shifts of the pharmacy dept. were treated to dinner and desserts from a local Wood Ridge business, Lucky Larry's Luncheonette. Arriving with the dinner was a care package of posters and cards filled out by the families of the members of the Wood Ridge Lions.

The cards were read aloud and passed around while team members ate. The words and drawings filled the Pharmacy team with emotions and great thanks for the thoughtfulness expressed by the Lions and their families. The cards and posters have been hung with great pride throughout the entrance, communication board and break room of the department as a constant reminder to the healthcare employees that their work is greatly appreciated and is impacting families in a positive way.

I am fortunate to be a part of such a dedicated healthcare team as well as an amazing service organization. By joining the two we were able to convey the community's appreciation, support a local food business and continue to express thanks to the healthcare workers through words of support and signs of thanks.

A special thanks to Frank Finke, board of governors W-R Lions, and Doug Struck, owner and operator Lucky Larry's luncheonette. And a very special thanks to the family members of the lions for their thoughtful cards, posters and cheerful drawings!

On behalf of the entire Pharmacy management team, senior leadership, front line staff and myself, THANK YOU to the Wood Ridge Lions and their families for their continued support. It is through these types of acts that I KNOW we will overcome Covid-19 and be stronger, TOGETHER.

Please see attached photos for your acts of kindness in action!

"We Serve"

James W. Love Jr., MHA, CPhT
Coordinator, Pharmacy Special Projects
Pharmacy Department
Hackensack University Medical Center



MIDLAND PARK LIONS CLUB

MIDLAND PARK LIONS DONATE GIFT CARDS & PPE

By PCC Jack Romano

With the Covid-19 pandemic limiting in-person gatherings, many clubs are finding different and unique ways to provide service in their communities. The Midland Park Lions are no exception.

In their first ever ZOOM meeting the club decided to do two service projects/donations to assist the Mid-

land Park Community. Gift cards for Acme markets were donated to 5 local organizations, Church of the Nativity, Faith Reformed Church, Midland Park Christian Reformed Church, Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and The Midland Park Love Fund to be used in support of those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

In addition, Personal Protective Equipment was donated to the Mid-

land Park Post Office to be used by the clerks and letter carriers. The MPLC has strong ties to the USPS as PCC Jack is a postal retiree and Lion Nick Pappapetro's father worked at N.Y. GPO for many years. Postmaster/OIC Camilla Ambrose gladly accepted the donation from the Lions.

Despite the pandemic, Lions will always find a way to serve.



FAIR LAWN LIONS CLUB

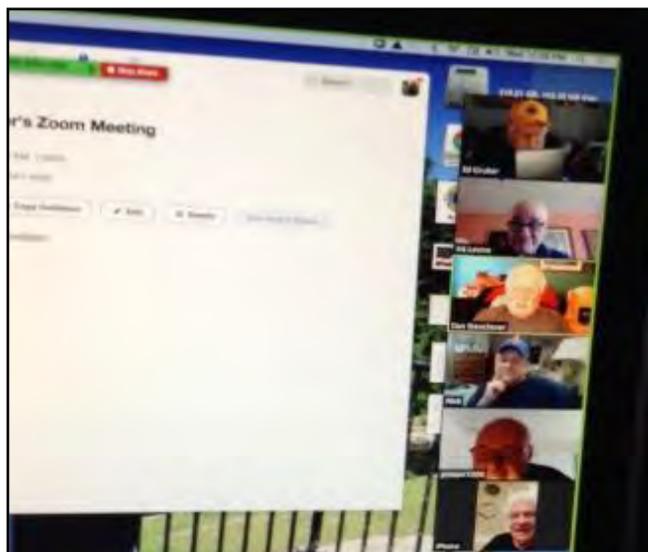
As a result of the continuing Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Fair Lawn Lions Club arranged a virtual "ZOOM" meeting.

The members followed the format of a regular meeting. It is hopeful that this terrible plague will soon disappear & we can all return to healthy & normal activities.



For further info, please contact:

**Ed Gruber
201-791-3734**



SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

While the four corners of the Earth are all being touched by the current Covid-19 pandemic, few areas have felt the impact as the New York / New Jersey metropolitan area, Bergen County standing out as being particularly hard hit. To make matters worse, vital medical supplies are in short supply in areas where they are needed most and the level of food insecurity being experienced by some in our area has skyrocketed.

Unfortunately, in keeping compliant with the current social distancing mandates, this year the Lions have had to cancel their primary fundraising events, the annual Lions Carnival and it's Mustang Car Raffle.

The activities of the Saddle River Valley Lions have always been driven by its belief in the club credo 'Where there is a need, there is a Lion.' In light of the enormous challenges being faced by our local communities and the amount of assistance needed, the Lions have taken the following steps.

The club's Board of Directors, with the support of Saddle River Valley's full membership, authorized its com-

mittee chairs to reassess their annual 2020 charity distribution budgets to ensure that the grants made from the Lions' 2019 fundraising efforts are being directed to where they will do the most good in this time of crisis.

As a result, the Lions have determined that the local club will focus on those non-profit organizations providing direct assistance to those affected by the pandemic. Included in this group are First Responders who have critical funding needs, particularly to cover the cost of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and other expenses created by and unanticipated prior to this crisis. Also included are organizations working to prevent and alleviate hunger by providing food stuffs and/or cooked meals to those in need.

Using these parameters as a guide, the Saddle River Valley Lions have announced that it has so far this month distributed a total of \$12,500 to the organizations here listed.

- USR Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Mahwah Emergency Medical Services
- Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Family Promise of Bergen County
Walk-in Dinner Program (for the working homeless)
- Mahwah Center for Food Action
- Star of Hope Ministries

In addition the Lions send their thanks and appreciation for the efforts being made by the members of these organizations, public service which is nothing short of heroic.

For those wishing to contribute to the additional grants now under review by the club, please make checks payable to Saddle River Valley Lions Charities and mail to Post Office Box 333, Saddle River, NJ, 07458.

For details about membership opportunities in the Saddle River Valley Lions Club, more information about its many activities, or to see a video-slideshow describing its six decade+ history, visit the club's Facebook page or its website, www.SRVLions.org.

**Where There's a Need
There's a Lion**



Be-A-Lion.org

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



A letter from your chairperson

Gudrun Yngvadottir

As we enter a new Lion year, we still have a world of uncertainty. It is easy to focus on the last few months and all of the challenges. They are real and they are serious. However, I started to think about my unique experiences as chairperson this year and quickly found inspiration from Lions throughout the world.

THANK YOU

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Our world is in need, and caring Lions, supported by our global foundation, are changing it. Learn more about the power of Campaign 100 to support Lions as they transform the lives of friends, families, and community members, and then help create the change we want to see in the world.

USA/CANADA LIONS VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP

A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

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LCIF

LCIF & CAMPAIGN 100!

My name is Lion Winstler Ceballos, and I am the 2020-2021 LCIF Coordinator for District 16-N. As an important part of a global team of Lion leaders collaborating to make Campaign 100 our next historic success, I would like to remind you of some important information relating to LCIF and Campaign 100.

In case you haven't heard much about Campaign 100 yet, I want to share a few key things to know, and some helpful resources:

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is a US\$300 million campaign for our Foundation, LCIF! Campaign 100 will allow us to increase our service impact; fight diabetes; and expand our impact to include all of our global cause areas.

If you are a club LCIF coordinator, you'll connect your fellow club members to LCIF, by telling your story; making a plan for the year; building your team; and raising funds for LCIF. Your position description can be found [HERE](#).

As your district LCIF coordinator, I'll offer you tips and guidance to help you be successful!

One of my goals this year is to organize training opportunities for all clubs LCIF coordinator in our district. In these training, you will learn more about LCIF, Campaign 100, and simple strategies you can use to help your club be successful!

I'll be reaching out to you personally very soon to talk with you about training and about what your club has accomplished so far this year. I'll be reporting on the efforts of our district and want to make sure your club's support of LCIF is included! Please don't hesitate to contact me in advance.

During the past fiscal year (2019-2020), District 16-N did an amazing job by raising \$27,276.66. In total, District 16-N has donated toward Campaign 100 \$68,124 from July 1st, 2017 to August 31st, 2020. Campaign 100 ends on June 30, 2022.

If each lion in District 16-N pledge \$8.00 a months for the rest of Campaign 100 (around 2 years left), we will surpass our goal. What is \$8.00 per month? Two (2) cups of coffee? Do you think that we each of us can sacrifice that in a month? Let show that we can support our foundation. Let's make it happen!!! You can pledge your donations online at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate> or by filling this form: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/92410187>



You can learn more about Campaign 100 here. I encourage you to read the case for support and the general brochure in particular.

Lastly, In order to serve you better, I have created a small survey that I would like for you to complete. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/6ofMTvqx1iqT5aVc7>

The survey will help us to understand what is your club needs and also know if we need to organize training opportunities for all club LCIF coordinator in our district. In this personalized training, you will learn more about LCIF, Campaign 100, and simple strategies you can use to help your club be successful! My goal is to visit as many clubs as possible.

If you would like me to visit your club (in-person or virtually) and explain more about Campaign 100, please e-mail me back at lcif@lionwinstler.com. I would like to know what is your club doing and what are your plans to support LCIF.

I look forward to speaking with you soon and to working towards our goals together this year!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Winstler D. Ceballos, PCC
LCIF District Coordinator, District 16-N
lcif@lionwinstler.com

DEPTFORD LIONS CLUB



Deptford Township Lions making masks.

WESTMILFORD LIONS CLUB



Olympian Heather Gerety and West Milford Special Olympics Coach Kristy Clave with Vivian Claven accept a donation from West Milford Lions Club.

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB



Westville Lions Club welcomed 2 new members into their club at their August 11, 2020 business meeting.

Pictured left to right is: Bryan Miller, sponsor Bill Fox, and new members Zachary Italian and Alicia Sylvia. Welcome Lion Zachary and Lion Alicia.



DISTRICT 16-J

NJ LIONS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

In these very challenging times, the Trustees of the NJ Lions Charitable Foundation wanted to help their communities and they decided to donate to several non-profit charitable organizations that serve their communities in a variety of ways from alleviating food hunger to providing aid to first responders.

The NJ Lions Charitable Foundation donations went to the Church of Holy Spirit, the South Orange First Aid Squad, the Mt. Olive Food Pantry, the Mountainside First Aid Squad, the Sparrow Food Pantry, the Livingston First Aid Squad, and St. James Social Services in Newark. Grant funds were donated to several critical community facilities and public services identified by the Cedar Grove Lions Club, and in addition, \$3,000.00 was donated to LCIF for Bahamas Disaster Relief.

CAMP MARCELLA



As with so many events cancelled, Camp Marcella was not able to open up their summer camp. Marissa and Jess took the opportunity to paint a mural to enjoy when they can all get together again.

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB 

Semi-Annual BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday - September 13th 2020
12:30pm to 5:00pm

The Chicken Dinner consists of a 1/2 BBQ Chicken, 2 veggies, potato salad, roll, butter & pudding.

FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$10.00
Get your tickets before they're sold out!

TAKE OUT ONLY

MASKS REQUIRED AT PICKUP

We're in Thomas West Park on Delsea Drive in Westville

Call Bill Fox 856.456.8936  Leave Your Name & Number

Our YARD SALE has been cancelled for October 2020

HIGHLANDS LIONS CLUB



Highlands Lions Club was proud to present the Lion's 2019 Civic Award to: Ben Saini, Radhika Saini, Vick Gandhi and Pinky Gandhi of Katz's Luncheonette, Bay Ave., Highlands.

They were selected for their years of continued service to the Highlands community beyond their store.

Award was delayed because of COVID19. Congratulations to all.

DISTRICT 16-N

DISTRICT 16-N SERVICE PROJECT - HUNGER

Dear Fellow Lions,

A special thanks to Lion Miquel Diaz, and the Paterson Simon-Bolivar Lions Club in taking the lead on this important service project for a Hunger Event which took place at the Integrity Masonic Temple, 224 Broadway, Paterson NJ on July 25th 2020.

Volunteer Lions from the Paterson Simon-Bolivar, Livingston and Wallington Lions clubs and in conjunction with Vallabh Vidy-anagar Alumni (VVN) USA partnered with a zero-touch facility that will prepared & cooked food for us, on the day of the event, in large trays.

The Paterson Simon-Bolivar Lions Club arranged for the following.

1. Volunteers to pack this food in smaller containers
2. Food Containers
3. Serving spoons, napkins etc. in packet
4. Rent for this facility.
5. Co-ordinate with Mayors office, and media to be present
6. Paterson Simon Bolivar Lions Club Banner

The Livingston Lions Club arranged for the following.

1. Masks.
2. Gloves.
3. Bottles of hand sanitizer.
4. Arrange with Kitchen to have hot food delivered to this facility, on the day of by 10:45 AM.
5. Volunteers who would like to do service activities.

Where there is a need there is a Lion,
could not be truer with every one's contribution and support

Thank You
Lion Nalit Patel Governor, District 16-N



DISTRICT 16-N SIGNATURE SERVICE PROJECT - HUNGER

By **2VDG Kam Patel & PCC Jack Romano**

As Lions, we serve, wherever possible, whether it is helping in disaster, supporting vision projects such as our Vision Screening Program, or donating funds for a service project, especially as it related to one of our Lions core issues, Hunger.

One such ambitious program undertaken by Livingston Lions Club in collaboration with the Paterson Simon-Bolivar Lions Club and in conjunction with Vallabh Vidy-anagar Alumni (VVN) USA a 501-C3 organization, based in Edison Township N.J. was serving hot meals in Paterson, N.J.

A special thanks to Lion Miquel Diaz, and the Paterson Simon-Bolivar Lions Club in taking the lead on this important service project for a Hunger Event on July 25th 2020, at the Integrity Masonic Temple, 224 Broadway, Paterson NJ.

Lions members are extremely motivated to serve in any such way to assist where needed.

Attending this were members of VVN, Livingston Lions Club members Lion Kamlesh Patel 2 VDG 16-N, and Club President, Club Second Vice President Lion Samir V. Patel, Club Service Chair Lion Himanshu Patel his family, Lion Nisha Patel, student member Lion Dr. Bansi Patel, District Governor 16-N Nalit Patel, and Special Guest from South Carolina Mr. Harris Nussbaum who participated in serving and distribution of hot meals.

Other participating Lions included District Treasurer Lion John Pinkus from Wallington Lions Club and Immediate Past District Governor Mr. Alvin Cox, from Kearny Lions Club.

Over 365 meals were served. City of Paterson Mayor Andre Sayega and other municipal officials were on hand for this Hunger event.

Partnering with a zero-touch facility, food prepared & cooked included: pasta, beans, and rice. Fruit and water were also available as well as trays for takeout.

The Paterson Simon-Bolivar Lions Club arranged for the volunteers to pack this food in smaller containers, food containers, serving spoons, rent for this facility. and coordinating with Mayors office and media to be present

The Livingston Lions Club provided masks, gloves, bottles of hand sanitizer, and for the hot food to be delivered to this facility, and additional volunteers.

It was indeed a very successful program, well appreciated by all who visited and all members of both the clubs and the sponsoring organization showing their readiness to serve their community.

Despite the challenge of the Covid-19 Pandemic, clubs can collaborate for similar projects and fulfill their service activities.

Where there is a need there is a Lion, could not be truer with everyone's contribution and support.

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB



Congratulations to the Westville Lions on their newly renovated Westville Lions Clubhouse which was destroyed in an accident last year.



Westville Lions Club delivered lots of food and drinks to Ronald McDonald House in Camden on July 29, 2020. Ronald McDonald House was so appreciative of all the donations.

MEDFORD LAKES LIONS CLUB



Medford Lakes Lions Club helped the Protestant Community Church collect items for the Lions Food bank in July, 2020.



Avalon Lions Charities Foundation Presents

50/50 CASH Elimination Raffle

7 BIG CASH PRIZES | **\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING NOW AT THE WHITEBRIER RESTAURANT** 260 20th St Avalon, NJ

YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE SEVEN BIG CASH PRIZE WINNERS!

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 25, 2020 5-9 pm • \$100.00 per ticket

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED:

- 1st Prize **300th Ticket Drawn**\$10,000
- 2nd Prize **299th Ticket Drawn**\$2,000
- 3rd Prize 250th Ticket Drawn\$1,000
- 4th Prize 150th Ticket Drawn\$500
- 5th Prize 100th Ticket Drawn\$500
- 6th Prize 50th Ticket Drawn\$500
- 7th Prize 1st Ticket Drawn\$500

Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold for this event!
 Need not be present to win. Prizes based on all 300 tickets being sold.
 (\$500 = 1.67%, \$1,000 = 3.33%, \$2,000 = 6.667%, \$10,000 = 33.33% of total collected)

To Benefit:
Avalon Lions Charities Foundation, Inc.
ID# 18-4-39471 License# RI: 2020-07
More Information:
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WESTMONT LIONS CLUB



GET YOUR LIONS MASKS ON!

Westmont Lions PDG Karen Ressler and PCS, Ken Ressler model their Lions Masks.

ATCO



Atco’s President Anthony Zito proudly installs his daughter, Alexa, as Treasurer.

EATONTOWN LIONS CLUB



Eatontown Lions Club held the installation of officers outside under the Lions Pavilion. Everyone enjoyed the outdoors and the fellowship.

LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY



Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley - Looking back at a terrific two years! PCT Ann E. Reiver served an incredible 2-year term as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley. PCT Reiver was much appreciated and had a huge impact on LEBDV.

TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB

THE CUSTOM CAR AND HOTROD SHOW PRESENTED BY TOMS RIVER LIONS

On Sunday August 9th the Toms River Lions held a Show for Custom Cars, Hotrods, Trucks and Motorcycles for judging by Jersey Shore Car Show Foundation. There was a total of 129 vehicles on display for car enthusiast and the general public. It was located at the parking lot at Rt 37 by Pizza Hut in Toms River, NJ.

People came and strolled all day to inspect all the vehicles and to find their most favorite one. They were able to vote for People's Choice Award given to the winner of this category. Later all the cars were judged and given trophies based on their merits - Engine size and condition, interior/exterior painting, interior refurbished and much more.

The show included antique cars with QQ license plates, many of these classic cars have been completely restored. There were a few late model contemporary cars, plus others such as the 1936 Auburn/Excalibur(re-made from a car kit). There were multiple Harleys' and trucks to be judged. Some of the judges came from the Whiting Car Club others from the nearby cities.

The atmosphere was exciting with various ornamental presentations around or near cars, which ranged from patriotic flags to stuffed images of individuals and stuffed animals, previously won plaques, and more to make it festive.

The winners of the day took home a total of 39 trophies that were given by the Toms River Lions Club. In addition, there were many trophies given by other sponsors and ven-

dors to the car show.

Our thanks goes to Al Dompieri of Jersey Shore Car Show Foundation who co-sponsored the event and Lion Jason Mangan, Car Show Chairman for handling arrangements for the day.

The additional Mane Event Trophy Sponsors were as follows: Arocho Insurance Agency - Affordable Automotive (3) - Community Medical Center Foundation - CNC Motor Works, LLC - DJ Blue Entertainment Featuring Frankie D (2) - Don Edy, Lions Club of Calgary, CDA - Hairport Salon - Holiday City Good Neighbor Pharmacy - Holiday City Italian Restaurant - Jersey Shore Car Shows Foundation (6) Jersey Shore Podiatry, Main Street Auto Repair - Perlmutter Family ShopRite - Perfect Vape - Pine Belt Auto Group (8) - Pizza Hut (6) - Rosato's Pub and Pizzeria - Silvi, Fedele & Honschke.

Vendors were: Blinging With Becky (3) - Deluxe Car Care, LLC - Jersey Shore Car Shows - Scents, Suds and Beyond. All of these people and their organizations helped make this a successful event. The Toms River Lions are thankful for their participation and we have planned another show in the near future. Watch for news about it!

Anyone interested in joining this active, worldwide organization whose focus is on helping blind and visually impaired people and children plus more, can contact Mel at 732-239-8968 Or Marion at 732-408-1902.

DISTRICT 16-L

Good Evening Fellow Lions,

After tonight's meeting you are now aware that we are overhauling the website to serve you better. It is a work in progress but I want to share it because you can help me craft it to maximize its usefulness and aesthetic appeal so people, other than us, might utilize it as a resource. I welcome all feedback and please don't hold back! As the programmer, I am too close to it and sometimes lose focus of what I am trying to ultimately accomplish. Your fresh eyes will give me the proper perspective to get back on course where I have lost my way. It is changing every day and I hope to be near complete by the date of the meeting. Thanks in advance for your help.

<https://lionsdistrict16n.org>

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Louis Lambe, IT Chair
lionsdistrict16n@gmail.com



TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB

TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB AIDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Recently the Toms River Lions Club reached out to Community Medical Center in Toms River to help with the needs of the hospital or for the patients in the hospital. Due to the Corona Virus many concerned people were donating food for the doctors and nurses that were working long shifts. When contacted, Jennifer Shufran, VP of Community Medical Center.

Foundation said they were well provided with generous donations of lunches and dinners for their staff. Toms River Lions Club, a part of the Lions Clubs International Organization, decided to give assistance to all new and existing patients who were in the Intensive Care Units (ICU) in the hospital.

Due to the Corona virus many in the ICUs were patients who had no access to or visits from their friends and family members when a lockdown of the hospital was enforced because of the virus and their strict restrictions which disallowed visitors.

Many patients did not see or hear from families for weeks or for the duration of their illness.

Many families suffered immensely when a patient died of the virus without the comfort of family members at their bedsides. But at the time of the lockdown it was not just virus patients that were involved, heart patients in recovering ICUs as well as other patients in the hospital were in a similar situation.

The Toms River Lions Club consulted with the hospital and their idea was approved. The Lions Club donated five Apple tablets to be used by patients in the Intensive Care Units which would enable access to their families. Once delivered, the tablets were set up by the Internal Technical Staff at the hospital with the simplest programs for easy use and access.

For those who had little or no experience with tablets, nurses and others helped arrange for patients to do Face-time or Skype with their families. These were not iPads put to use but "Eye"pads. To give visual aid and comfort to those confined and infirm in the hospital.

Why "Eye"pads your ask? That is because all Lions Clubs around the world work for the main purpose helping

people with eyesight problems and give hearing assistance as well. The members assist blind and visually impaired by working with others such as NJ Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Blind in T.R., summer camps for blind men, women and children - who might be blind and disabled, as well as many other organizations. These "Eye"pads were able to be given to the hospital through donations from people who attended some of our fundraising events and White Cane collections during the year. We are proud that the quarters and dollars that are given as donations can be turned into such a meaningful gift of sight and used to connect families and friends.

An additional community event for Lions Clubs International and our club is the Annual Peace Poster Contest. Jaime Schalk of Jackson, who received a money award, was the winner for TR Lions Club. This contest is geared towards our youth in the community. It is designed to expand their artistic skills and their visions of world peace. It is for school children ages 11-13.

This work is done in conjunction with the schools in the area following strict rules. Posters are judged first by the club and then presented to the NJ District. The final judging is by the Lions International Organization. The winner can be from anywhere in the world, and when selected they are transported to this country and presented at a special event given for Lions Clubs International at the United Nations in NYC. The final prize is a trip to NYC with a chaperone plus a check for \$10,000. The chosen design is used for one year by the Lions organization in stationery and cards. For more info: 732-408-1902 lv msg please.



DISTRICT 16-J

DISTRICT 16-J REORG MEETING 2020

By State Advisor Jack Romano, PCC
and DG Kevin Kosobucki

On a hot summer's day and due to the restrictions of Covid -19, the District 16-J reorg meeting took place at the Knights of Columbus outdoor picnic grove on Saturday July 25, 2020 in Parlin N.J. Calling this meeting to order was 2VDG Kash Delory with a roll call conducted with clubs attending in person and on Zoom. Among those on Zoom were Cabinet Secretary Phyllis Johnson PDGs Armando Guerra and Jim Dougherty, Lions Rey and Sylvia Fonseca, Zone Chairs Komal Dangi & Joyce Mehta, Milltown President Joan Trent and Menlo Park President Pratibha Nichakawade. The youngest attendee was Lion cub Alissa, granddaughter of PDG2 Carlos Alma.

District Governor Kevin Kosobucki welcomed all guests stating "Thank you for coming out. That these are trying times and that we are learning as this is a new world with meetings in person outside and on Zoom."

Now IPDG 16-J, Linda Banks thanked everyone for being here and DG Kevin for allowing her to "finish" her term of office by giving district awards that would have been distributed at the state convention which was cancelled due to the pandemic.

IPDG Linda honored the following Leos with Awards:

Leo JD Magaw, Leo of Honor Certificate and Governor Medal. IPDG Linda stated "it was an honor to have met you. You are a great Leo working with me on the Leo Forum."

Leo Ronaq Sahni, Leo of Honor Certificate and Governor Medal. IPDG Linda stated, "He was a great team leader."

Leo Aaron Zhu, Leo of Honor Certificate and Governor Medal (in absentia). "Arron is a talented piano player who helped coordinate the Leo on line fundraiser Lions and Leos honor our Covid Warriors."



The following Lions received the District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation and Medal:

Lion Rey Fonseca, (via Zoom). "Rey was one of our chaplains and gave me advice and help."

Lion Rogel Bautista. "Lion Rogel was my other chaplain and parliamentarian, who got me through some rough moments."

Lion Subarna Sahni. "Subarna always put me on the right path and was my sidekick. She was amazing with the Leos."

Lion Varsha Naik, then 2VDG 16-J. "Varsha was part of my cabinet and I wish her congratulations and good luck as 1VDG District 16-J for 2020-2021."

Lion Kevin Kosobucki, then 1VDG 16-J. "We worked well as a team and will continue to do so. I appreciated the help." Lion Kevin also stated "You aren't done yet!"

PDG Dawn Kosobucki. There were early AM and late PM telephone calls where sometimes we screamed and other times we laughed. Our teamwork was wonderful, and she helped during my mom's passing."

IPDG Linda awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the following Lions:

- Patricia Contreras, Club Excellence Award for opening the N.J. Peruvian Lions Club.

- Elizabeth Cano (in absentia) for being the Hunger Chair.

- Rhashonna Cosby (in absentia) for being Cabinet Secretary

- Kash Delory for his work as JDRF Chair

- Rohit Gupta as Guiding Lions. Lion Rohit stated that "this was a great honor."

- Dianne Andrade as Cabinet Treasurer who did not reimburse without a receipt!

Lion Paul Couisneau received the District 16-J "Lion of the Year" award.

As IPDG Linda concluded her awards, PDG Dawn on behalf of her cabinet, presented IPDG Linda a "Kindness Matters" pin, a survivor's scarf, and a plaque reading, "Friends are Family You Choose. DG Kevin presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to IPDG Linda, in appreciation for her efforts as District Governor 16-J for the 2019-2020 Lionistic Year.

PID Mel Bray then presented the International Awards. These Lions are nominated by then DG Linda, sent to PID Mel for concurrence and then to International President Jung Yul Choi for approval. These awards would also have been given at the cancelled state convention.

International President Certificates of Appreciation, the 4th highest award level was presented to:

- Lion Ed Morgan of the New Providence Lions Club for his work during the pandemic.

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DISTRICT 16-J

- Lion John Schewska of the Summit Lions Club for his efforts at organizing food drives and PPE. Lion John stated it was "great to collaborate with other clubs."

- Rhashonna Cosby of the Linden Lions Club, in absentia, for her work as cabinet secretary

Leadership Medals, the 3rd highest award level was presented to Cabinet Treasurer Diane Andrade, a long serving "great" Lion.

Presidential Medal, the 2nd highest award level was presented to:

- PDG2 Carlos Alma for his work on hurricane and earthquake relief for Puerto Rico and supporting local hospitals. PDG Carlos stated that despite his being a small club everyone did what was necessary to get the job done. He also stated that he is "super proud to be a Lion."

- Lion Bob Harris in absentia accepted by Lion Patricia Nielson of the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club.

In her closing remarks, IPDG Linda stated that the year was very eventful especially when things closed down. This did not stop Lions, as she obtained a \$10K emergency LCIF grant to purchase approximately 45,000 masks and gloves/ PPE for local hospitals.

She then passed the gavel to DG Kevin.

To complete the cycle of becoming a newly installed District Governor, PDG Dawn pulled the "DG Elect" ribbon from DG Kevin's badge to make the transfer of authority official.

DG Kevin introduced his cabinet for 2020-2021 Lionistic year 1VDG Varsha Naik, 2VDG Kash Delory, Cabinet Secretary Phyllis Johnson (on Zoom) and Cabinet Treasurer Dianne Andrade. He also introduced attending Lions dignitaries including PID Mel Bray, Council Chair Mike Pacala, PCC and State Advisor Jack Romano, PDGs Ruth Molenaar 16-N, Carlos Alma and Earl Groendyke, 16-J.

Goals for DG Kevin's year include:

- Judge Haynes Townsend Membership Award limited to past recipients of the Ramiro Collazo award. Details to follow
- 16-J is currently +6 members at 1436. The Cafeteros of N.J disbanded
- Retain members. If a member is leaving find out why, and possibly find a remedy.
- Establish at least one new club to fulfill NAMI objectives.
- Establish Leo/Lion Club Branches at clubs that have Leo Clubs.
- A net membership of +35 for the year ending June 30, 2021.



- Unification as one complete district with no group of clubs operating as a sub district within 16-J. Share all ideas under one umbrella of 16-J

- Training for Zone Chairs and Club Officers. If a member wants to "move up" attend training.

- LCIF support to include leading MD-16 in donations and including all Leos in a virtual concert to raise funds for LCIF. Campaign 100 extended to 2022.

- Projects including a Diabetes grant. (submitted and pending)

- Resurrecting a District newsletter

Some of the comments from project chairs included:

North American Membership Initiative - NAMI – Subarna Sahni. Focus on retention as we can no longer leak members

National Alliance on Mental Illness - NAMI - District Mental Awareness Chair– Rohit Gupta. Spoke on how District 16-J will work with NAMI (a grassroots effort established in 1979) helping the members of our community.

Leo District – District 16-J will be starting Leo District this year. All Leos in District J are members. DG Kevin appointed Saloni Naik as the Leo-Lion Liaison on the District 16-J Cabinet. She will be helping to bridge the generation gap with the new Leo Lion Club Branches.

Hunger – Aruna Gurprasad. with co-chair Tony Razzano We will do what we can for the community by expanding work done in the past.

LCIF-DG Kevin Kosobucki. Stated Committed Model Clubs include Summit and West Windsor. Committed Model Visionary Clubs include Edison Visionary and Hightstown-East Windsor. The latter is on their way to become a 200% /Club. Your club can become a 100% club if each member donates \$10 or more, in a Lionistic Year, to LCIF.

At this point all new cabinet officers, zone and committee chairs present were inducted by PID Mel Bray and DG Kevin Kosobucki. New Lion Veronica Vasquez of the Central Jersey Cyber Centennial Club Branch, sponsored by PDG Dawn Kosobucki was inducted into the pride of Lions.

A Melvin Jones Fellowship was awarded to Lion Alvin Comanda of the Somerville Metro Lions Club.

A Progressive MJF (2) was presented to Avinash Delory and a PMJF (5) was presented to 2VDG 16-J Kash Delory both from the West Windsor Lions Club.

For his comments, Council Chair Mike Pacala stated to just keep asking for members.

For his closing remarks, 2VDG Kash Delory stated, "Thank you to our Front-Line workers. I look forward to working with DG Kevin furthering his goals." 1VDG Varsha Naik stated. "Thank you for joining the reorg meeting showing unity. Congratulations to DG Kevin and all cabinet members. Work together. Keep serving. Programs to include new members. Keep safe and serving." DG Kevin having the final word stated that this was a unique way to meet.

Congratulations to the new District 16-J cabinet for the 2020-2021 Lionistic year.

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



A special letter from your chairperson

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lion,

In these challenging times, we must respond to the realities we are facing as a global community and stay hopeful for the future. We are also determined to find the best way forward to ensure the long-term success of our efforts.

In this spirit, International President Choi, Campaign International Chairperson Dr. Yamada, Campaign International Vice Chairperson Moore and I are announcing that the timeline for Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service has been extended by one additional year, through June 30, 2022. We must give ourselves the time necessary to realize our full potential in this campaign, for the future of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

We remain optimistic and action-oriented in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As of May 21, 2020, LCIF has granted US\$3,851,655 to provide immediate relief to communities severely impacted by COVID-19. We encourage you to stay connected to the work of your foundation. You can visit LCIF's dedicated COVID-19 response page to learn how our foundation is responding.

Many Lions have asked how they can help during these unprecedented times. If you are able, please consider joining LCIF in its support of Lions' relief efforts by donating at lionsclubs.org/donate. Your contributions are crucial to sustaining LCIF's ability to help Lions keep their communities safe and healthy. All donations are eligible for MJF and Campaign 100 recognition. If you have recently made a donation, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and appreciate your support of our foundation.



Sincerely,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson,
Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH

Information obtained below is from LCIF and the World Health Organization (WHO). Each year, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer globally. This means that a child is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes. Globally, 37% of children with cancer survive, but survival rates vary widely by region.

In 2018, the World Health Organization launched the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer with the goal of reaching at least 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030. The Initiative brings together stakeholders from around the world and across sectors towards the common goal.

KEY FACTS:

- Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents around the world and approximately 300,000 children aged 0 to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- The most common categories of childhood cancers include leukemias, brain cancers, lymphomas and solid tumors, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms tumor.
- In high-income countries more than 80% of children with cancer are cured, but in many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) only about 20% are cured.
- Childhood cancer generally cannot be prevented or screened.
- Improving outcomes for children with cancer requires early and accurate diagnosis followed by effective treatment.
- Most childhood cancers can be cured with generic medicines and other forms of treatments including surgery and radiotherapy. Treatment of childhood cancer can be cost-effective in all income settings.
- Avoidable deaths from childhood cancers in LMICs result from lack of diagnosis, misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis, obstacles to accessing care, abandonment of treatment, death from toxicity, and higher rates of relapse.
- Childhood cancer data systems are needed to drive continuous improvements in the quality of care, and to drive policy decisions.

THE PROBLEM

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents worldwide. In high-income countries more than 80% of children with cancer are cured, but in many LMICs only 20% are cured.

The reasons for lower survival rates in LMICs include an inability to obtain an accurate diagnosis, inaccessible therapy, abandonment of treatment, death from toxicity (side effects), and excess relapse, in part due to lack of access to essential medicines and technologies addressing each of these gaps improves survival and can be highly cost-effective

WHAT CAUSES CANCER IN CHILDREN?

Cancer occurs in people of all ages and can affect any part of the body. It begins with genetic changes in a single cell that then grows out of control. In many cancers, this results in a mass (or tumor). If left untreated, cancer generally expands, invades other parts of the body and causes death.

Unlike cancer in adults, the vast majority of childhood cancers



LIONS PROVIDE LUNCH AT INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY CELEBRATION IN MALAWI

In May 2019, LCIF entered into a formal partnership with Global HOPE (Hematology-Oncology Pediatric Excellence), a program of Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. Launched in 2017, Global HOPE is a transformational initiative that is improving the standard of care for children with cancer in sub-Saharan Africa.

do not have a known cause. Many studies have sought to identify the causes of childhood cancer, but very few cancers in children are caused by environmental or lifestyle factors. Cancer prevention efforts in children should focus on behaviors that will prevent the child from developing preventable cancer as an adult.

Some chronic infections are risk factors for childhood cancer and have major relevance in low- and middle-income countries. For example, HIV, Epstein-Barr virus and malaria increase the risk of some childhood cancers. Other infections can increase the child's risk of developing cancer as an adult, so it is important to be vaccinated and other pursue other methods such as early diagnosis or screening to decrease chronic infections that lead to cancer, whether in childhood or later.

Current data suggest that approximately 10% of all children with cancer have a predisposition because of genetic factors. Ongoing research is needed to identify factors impacting cancer development in children.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

Because it is generally not possible to prevent cancer in children, the most effective strategy to reduce the burden of cancer in children is to focus on a prompt, correct diagnosis followed by effective therapy.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

When identified early, cancer is more likely to respond to effective treatment and result in a greater probability of survival, less suffering, and often less expensive and less intensive treatment. Significant improvements can be made in the lives of children with cancer by detecting cancer early and avoiding delays in care.

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EARLY DIAGNOSIS CONSISTS OF 3 COMPONENTS:

- Awareness by families and accessing care
- Clinical evaluation, diagnosis and staging (determining the extent to which a cancer has spread)
- Access to treatment

Early diagnosis is relevant in all settings and improves survival for many cancers. Programs to promote early and correct diagnosis have been successfully used in countries of all income levels, often through collaborative efforts of governments, civil society and non-governmental organizations, with vital roles played by parent groups. Childhood cancer is associated with a range of warning symptoms that can be detected by families and by trained primary health care providers.

Screening is generally not helpful for childhood cancers. In some select cases, it can be considered in high-risk populations. For example, some eye cancers in children can be caused by a mutation that is inherited, so if that mutation is identified in the family of a child with retinoblastoma, genetic counseling can be offered and siblings monitored with regular eye examination early in life. Genetic causes of childhood cancers are relevant in only a handful of children with cancer. There is no high-quality evidence to support population-based screening programs in children.

TREATMENT

A correct diagnosis is essential to treat children with cancer because each cancer requires a specific treatment regimen that may include surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy. Access to effective diagnosis, essential medicines, pathology, blood products, radiation therapy, technology and psychosocial and supportive care are variable and inequitable around the world.

However, cure is possible for more than 80% of children with cancer, in most cases with inexpensive generic medications that are listed on the WHO List of Essential Medicines (EML). WHO EML for children, defined as those meeting the priority health care needs of the population, includes 22 cytotoxic or adjuvant medicines and 4 hormone treatments for childhood cancer. Children who complete treatment require ongoing care to monitor for cancer recurrence and to manage any possible treatment-related toxicity.

PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative care relieves symptoms caused by cancer and improves the quality of life of patients and their families. Not all children with cancer can be cured, but relief of suffering is possible for everyone. Pediatric palliative care should be appropriately considered as a core component of comprehensive care starting when illness is diagnosed, and continued regardless of whether or not a child receives treatment with curative intent.⁷

Palliative care programs can be delivered through community- and home-based care to provide pain relief and psychosocial support to patients and their families. Adequate access to oral morphine and other pain should be provided for the treatment of moderate to severe cancer pain, which affects more than 80% of

cancer patients in the terminal phase.

WHO RESPONSE

In 2018, WHO launched the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer with partners to provide leadership and technical assistance to support governments in building and sustaining high-quality childhood cancer programs. The goal is to achieve at least 60% survival for all children with cancer globally by 2030. This represents an approximate doubling of the current cure rate and will save an additional one million lives over the next decade. The objectives are to:

- Increase capacity of countries to deliver best practices in childhood cancer care
- Prioritize childhood cancer and increase available funding at the national and global levels

WHO and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) collaborate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and other UN organizations and partners, to:

- Increase political commitment for childhood cancer diagnosis and treatment;
- Support governments to develop high-quality cancer centers and regional satellites to ensure early and accurate diagnosis and effective treatment for children with cancer;
- Develop standards and tools to guide the planning and implementation of interventions for early diagnosis, treatment and palliative and survivorship care inclusive of the needs of childhood cancers;
- Improve access to affordable and essential medicines and technologies;
- Support governments to safeguard families of children with cancer from financial ruin and social isolation as a result of cancer care.

LCIF AND THE GLOBAL HOPE PARTNERSHIP

Building on the foundation of Baylor College of Medicine's International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) in treating childhood AIDS in Africa, and relationships with governments and Ministries of Health established by BIPAI, Global HOPE has been able to rapidly and effectively treat nearly 7,500 children and train over 1,500 African healthcare professionals in the care of pediatric hematology-oncology since its inception.

The LCIF Board of Trustees approved a 2-year strategic partnership between LCIF and Global HOPE to cooperate in building long-term capacity in Africa to treat and dramatically improve the prognosis for children with cancer and blood disorders in Sub-Saharan Africa. This partnership will help strengthen the local healthcare infrastructure to effectively provide the multi-disciplinary care that is needed to optimally care for children with cancer and blood disorders.

THE PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES THREE COMPONENTS:

1. LCIF funding support of US\$2 million over 2 years to support Global HOPE infrastructure, strengthening projects in Uganda, Malawi, and Botswana.
2. Engagement of local Lions at the country level in Global HOPE activities within their country.
3. Joint fundraising where financial support is mobilized for the partnership.

To support this partnership and our growing work to improve outcomes for children with cancer, donate to LCIF.

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Subtle Clues That Your Child Needs an Eye Exam

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Four Alternatives to Eyeglasses for Children with Myopia

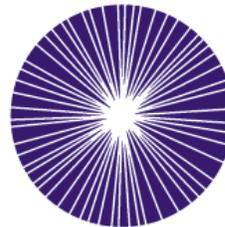
Eyeglasses aren’t the only solution for kids with myopia, or nearsightedness. Learn the pros and cons of four eyeglass alternatives: MiSight contact lenses, orthokeratology, low-dose atropine drops and multifocal contact lenses.

Using a Home Vision Test to Order Glasses Online

You might feel tempted to order glasses or contacts online, especially if it’s hard to get an eye appointment. But how reliable are home vision tests, and should you use them to order new lenses? Know the facts about this increasingly popular option.

What Every Eye Patient Should Know About COVID-19

As clinics reopen, you may feel nervous about venturing out to medical appointments. Know what to expect: Our collection of EyeSmart articles on COVID-19 can prepare you for changes to eye clinic routines and procedures.



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DISTRICT 16-L

CABINET MEETING

A pre-cabinet meeting was held on July 25, 2020, at the home of DG Al Mottola.

Discussions included the District’s budget, whether District meetings will be able to be held in person or virtually with something such as Zoom, among other items.

Pictured from left to right, 2nd VDG Ely, Mateo; CS Terry Rosiak; DG Al Mottola; 1st VDG, Doug Both and ZC, Heather Roark.



DISTRICT 16-N

"LIONS DISTRICT 16-N RE-ORGANIZATION, WELCOME BACK MEETING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE"

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Fellow Lions:

As you are aware due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the District 16N Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2020 had to be cancelled. Our Annual District 16N Memorial Service, honoring our departed Lions would have taken place at that meeting. Our first District Meeting for this Lionistic Year has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020, at which time the previously cancelled Memorial Service will take place. If you have not already reported the name/names of any deceased Lion/Lions from your Club who have passed away since April 15, 2019 through July 31, 2020- please forward their names/names before August 31, 2020 to Memorial Service Chair PDG Paula Tarantino Maione.

Our Regular District Meeting will take place at Ravellos- 138 Eagle Rock Avenue East Hanover, as it has in past years. Arrangements have been made with the management that will provide a safe, enclosed outdoor dining arrangement, social distancing, etc. in compliance with Governor Murphy's orders. The District 16N Re-organization Meeting that was to have taken place on Saturday, August 8, 2020, as you know, was re-scheduled to take place preceding our September 10th Regular Meeting.

The Re-organization Meeting will begin at 6:00pm for any Lion who wishes to attend, followed by our Regular District Meeting at 7:00pm. Our Regular Meeting will, as always, be a Dinner Meeting. In following Governor Murphy's mandate requiring that no one walk around with food or drinks, the dinner will be served at the table, as well as any drinks you may wish to have from the bar! Safe and adequate seating, as well as all additional guidelines in place at the time of our meetings, will be in compliance!

The cost of the Dinner will remain at \$35.00 per person.

Reservations are required, as always!! Please respond if you will be attending, on or before Thursday, September 3rd.

Please contact Dinner Chair PDG Paula Tarantino Maione by phone: 201-709-4944 or email: pdgpaula@comcast.net

Please also indicate if you will be attending The Reorganization Meeting, The Dinner Meeting or BOTH MEETINGS!!

These past few months have been difficult for all of us - it is time for us to once again get together and share, at least a little bit of the "normalcy" WE ALL KNEW PRIOR TO COVID-19!! Looking for to seeing everyone!!

THE SAFETY OF OUR FELLOW LIONS IS OF OUR UTMOST CONCERN AND WE ARE MAKING CERTAIN THAT EVERY PRE-CAUTION IS BEING CONSIDERED AND TAKEN IN THE PLANNING OF OUR MEETINGS.



"REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS"

Yours in Lionism and Service!
PDG Paula

MD-16

REPORT ON THE ON-LINE VIRTUAL 2020 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

From/By Bob Virgadamo, PCC



Fellow Lions of MD-16,

I hope this issue of the New Jersey Lion finds you all well and following the precautions outlined to stop, or at least limit, the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.

I am here to tell you about the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, which will be brought to us in a new and different way this year. Due to COVID -19 the Form which was to be held in Louisville, KY this year had to be cancelled, so the 2020 Forum is going virtual! It will be held from Friday, September 25 through and including Sunday, September 27, 2020.

There will be two sessions on Friday.

The Opening Session will begin at 8:00PM and run through 9:15 PM. It will Include a Welcome by the General Chair, a Tribute to International Vice President Haynes Townsend, and a Keynote Address by Katherine Greenland.

The second session will run for one hour from 9:15 – 10:15PM. There will be four different Forum Sessions from which you can choose one to attend:

FORUM SESSION TITLE

- 1. NAMI – What’s All The Buzz About Kindness & Diversity?
- 2. LCI Digital Programs
- 3. Diverse Projects & Activities To Engage Women & Families
- 4. How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs On Campus

MODERATED BY

- Jerome Thompson, PID
- Jayaram Balanchander
- Sangeeta Jatia, PID
- Paul Baker & Brett Rosenblum

There will be four sessions on Saturday, beginning at 11:00AM and ending at 2:15PM.

The General Session, from 11:00AM to Noon will feature International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International Director Justin Faber, and LCIF Chairperson IPP Gudrun Yngvadottir with Lion KaSondra Byrd

There will be a symposium on Childhood Cancers from 12:15 to 1:15PM, with Four Diamonds and Penn State Health Children’s Hospital.

The remaining two Sessions for the day will each run for one hour and each “session time” will have four Forum Session choices from which you may choose one. They will be:

12:15 – 1:15PM Session Time

FORUM SESSION TITLE

- 1. NAMI – Individual District Enhancement Plans
- 2. Dealing Kindly With Contentious Members
- 3. Campaign 100
- 4. How To Start A Leo Club
Where Diversity and Kindness Matter

MODERATED BY

- VP’s Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan, & Dr. Patti Hill
- Ed Farrington, PID
- PIP’s Joe Preston & Brian Stevenson

- Mahesh Chitnis, PCC & Leo Ojas Chitnis

1:15 – 2:15PM Session Time

- 1. NAMI – Building Successs Through Kindness
- 2. Reflections From Our Founmding Fathers

- 3. Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success
- 4. How Do WE Approach The Younger Generation?

- Ron Seybold
- PIP’s Joe Wroblewski & Judge Brian Stevenson, and Lacy Presnell, PID
- Barbara Thompson
- Daniel Marney Elkins, VDG

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There will be Three Sessions on Sunday, which will run from 2:30PM through 5:30PM.

The First of Three Sessions will run from 2:30-3:00PM, and will be a General Session in Recognition of Sponsors and NAMI Pilot Districts

The Second Session will run from 2:30-3:30PM and will offer five different session topics, of which you may choose one. They are:

<u>FORUM SESSION TITLE</u>	<u>MODERATED BY</u>
1. Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Towards A Cure	City of Hope
2. Young Lions – Diverse Leadership Skills Contribute To A Successful Future	Jordan Glass Williams
3. Attracting & Retaining Great Lions Through Diversity	A.P. Singh, PID
4. Debunking the Membership Myths	Malcolm Kirwan, PCC
5. Legal Issues	Sarah Levy

The Third and Closing Session will run from 4:00PM through 5:30PM and will feature a Keynote Address by Striker Corbin, a Thank You from General Chairperson Harvey Whitley, and a Preview of the next Forum: Racing Ahead To Des Moines with speakers Wendy Cain, PDG, Jerry Inman, PCC, and the Catch Des Moines Team.

It would seem that more Lions than usual – not just in New Jersey, but all throughout North America – are thinking about attending this year's Forum since everyone's Multiple District, State, District and Sub-District Conventions were cancelled.

Another reason the Forum is expected to be so well-attended is the "I've-been-stuck-in-the-house-for-6-months-and-I-gotta-get-outta-here" syndrome. In the end though, another, more important reason is because those who have been to the Forum in the past know that the Forum is THE BEST THING that LCI does for the individual Lion!

Every seminar is a learning experience in which everyone may participate – you can not only learn, but teach, just through discussion with Lions from Canada, the Caribbean, Bermuda, and all 50 States, including Alaska and Hawaii. This year's individual Forum Seminars may not cover such a wide array of topics but are certainly diverse enough that you might still hardly be able to choose which one(s) you'd like to attend. The Motivational Speakers are generally excellent and, well... motivational! Because we'll all be on-line, you may not make as many friends with Lions from all over North America. But, even virtually, I am guessing that after three days at the Forum, you will still leave invigorated, motivated, and ready to face any new challenge that pops up in your Club, your District, and your life!

It's not too late to Register. Just go to <https://members.lionsforum.org/> or <https://lionsforum.org/>, and pay your \$20. That's right...only \$20 for the three days of seminars this year.

The \$20 Registration Fee includes access to all seminars; but there won't be any vendors, the Pin Traders are probably not coming (to trade), the Forum Store will be closed and you will have to bring your own meals for Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch, the Saturday and Sunday Dinners.

As much information as is available at this time can be seen at <https://lionsforum.org/>, including the on-line application, or if you prefer, a printable application which can be mailed with a check. As Multiple District Chairperson, I try to keep a record of who has attended the Forum each Year; I would be most appreciative if you could let me know, via email, if and when you've registered; I can be reached at cranburybob@outlook.com.

I hope to "see" everyone at the 2020 Virtual Forum. Stay well.

We Serve Together,

Bob Virgadamo

Bob Virgadamo, PCC
MD-16 Chairperson
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



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August 1, 2020

Dear supporter,

The Passaic-Clifton Lions Club is sponsoring our 15th annual Golf Outing on September 24, 2020 at Farmstead Golf and Country Club.

I have enclosed an invitation for you and your friends to come and join us for a wonderful round of golf and dinner afterwards. You will have a great time and everyone goes home a winner. A successful golf outing needs golfers. I am asking you to participate and come play golf with us.

The proceeds from this event are used to support our charitable activities in the Passaic-Clifton area and New Jersey Lions projects. Some of what we do is as follows:

- Scholarship for a graduating seniors from the City of Passaic and the City of Clifton
- Annual Children's Christmas party for 100 children from the City of Passaic and City of Clifton.
- NJ Camp for Blind Children, Inc. (Camp Marcella), a camp for the visually impaired children.
- Our Lions KidSightUSA program (free vision screenings, eye exams and glasses for disadvantaged children).
- Support NJ Lions approved projects, such as St. Joseph's School for Blind Children, NJ Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center, Eversight NJ, Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, The Arc of Bergen and Passaic, the Seeing Eye Foundation and many more.
- Support to international causes and disasters via the Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- Co-sponsoring programs with the other service and fraternal organizations
- Passaic PBA and FMBA charitable causes
- Boys and Girls Club of Clifton

We are a 501 C (3) corporation, EIN# 75-3251286. Your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

We are a very busy organization that do a lot for its communities, and that is why we need your support. This is our main fundraising event for the year. Your tax-deductible donations helps in our endeavours. Our members pay dues, which cover our basic operating costs, and help us make sure that 100% of the donations our club receives go to the donor's intent.

Our club is the oldest active club in the North Jersey Area having been founded in 1921. Your donation and participation at this outing will allow us to continue to do the good work that we perform.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 201-321-9550 or e-mail at tsimp07640@gmail.com.

Thank you on behalf of all of our members.

Thomas E. Simpson
 President

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15th Annual

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