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Congratulations

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	Lion Kam Patel District Governor Elect	Lion John Carroll First VDG Elect	Lion Barbara Corsaro Second VDG Elect
16-J			
	Lion Kash Delory District Governor Elect	Lion Evelio Salermo First VDG Elect	Lion Rogel Bautista Second VDG Elect
16-L			
	Lion Ely Matteo District Governor Elect	Lion Donna Freidel First VDG Elect	Lion Terry Rosiak Second VDG Elect

From Leo-Lion Ojas, Lion Anu & Lion Mahesh Chitnis

INCOMING MD-16 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
 District Governor Elect 16-N - Kamlesh J. "Kam" Patel
 District Governor Elect 16-J - Kashmiri "Kash" Delory
 District Governor Elect 16-L - Ely Mateo
 Council Chair Elect MD-16 NJ - Robert "Bob" Freidel

MD-16

MD-16 LIONS 101ST STATE CONVENTION

By: PCC Jack Romano

After 3 long years, the Lions of MD-16 were back at a new venue, the Tropicana Hotel & Casino for our 101st State Convention. By all accounts it was a ROARING success!

The "unofficial" kickoff to our state convention was Thursday evening May 19, 2022 a meet & greet with our International Guests at The Chelsea Pub another new venue and a very short distance from the Trop. This was an informal enjoyable time to reacquaint with our fellow Lions and introduce ourselves to our guests. This year was no exception as the Lions welcomed ID Ken Ibarra and partner-in-service Lion Amy Fink.

Lion Amy Fink, originally from Philadelphia, grew up in Palo Alto and San Francisco California. She and her life partner, International Director Ken Ibarra have been together in San Bruno, CA for 23 years. Lion Amy is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has been awarded three (3) International President Certificates of Appreciation, and two (2) Leadership Medals. In 2010 she joined Director Ken in forming a new Lions club and became Lion Amy, being inducted as Charter President of the Bay Area Special Olympics Lions.

International Director Ken Ibarra, originally from San Francisco, grew up in San Francisco and San Bruno California. ID Ken is a member of the San Bruno Lions Club since 1992. He was elected to serve a two-year term as international director in the Virtual International Convention in

June 2021. He has held a number of offices with the association including District Governor, leadership coordinator, LCIF Coordinator, as well as serving many years as a Leo Club advisor. He has been a presenter at three USA/Canada Forums as well as a presenter at the 95th Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, South Korea. He has also served as a Certified Guiding Lion for four clubs.

PCC Dayl Baile opened the First Plenary Session on Friday afternoon at 1:30 PM by introducing Council Chair Armando Guerra who was our host and guide. CC Armando stated that the Lions of MD16 were "truly amazing," and thanked the convention committee for making him feel at home.

CC Armando appointed Lion Alex Bernales as the "official timekeeper."

What would a convention be without reports? Our first report from the Credentials Committee by Lion Matt Povinelli was: 16-N, 13; 16-J, 28; 16-L, 14 delegates.

The official rules listed on page 5 of the convention book were adopted by the delegates with one correction that submission of resolutions was to be by 0800 hours not 1800 (6PM) on May 21, 2022.

ID Jeff Gans formally introduced our International Guest, ID Ken Ibarra. ID Ken was elected to the International Board at the Virtual International Convention in June 2021 and is serving a 2-year term. ID Ken thanked PID Mel Bray for the invita-

tion to speak at this MD-16 Convention, and is having a great time with the Lions of New Jersey. He brings greetings from International President Douglas X. Alexander by stating, "it's great to be together again and serve from the heart." He also asked us to think about what we learned from this convention and take this home to our respective clubs.

The mayor of Atlantic City, the Honorable Marty Smalls presented CC Armando and the Lions of New Jersey a Proclamation on the occasion of their 101st State Convention, asking all of us to patronize the casinos, restaurants and stores and have a great time.

The following is a summation of the reports at the First Plenary Session:

PDG Bob Freidel gave the Global Membership Team report. MD-16 is +18 in membership. He requested each club to raise awareness of Lions by appointing a public relations chair and issuing press releases. He also wants us to be wary of the June drops.

Dr. Dave Verducci gave the Leo Report by stating that the Leo program is surviving and thriving, where the Leos are committed to the ideals and service of Lionism. He also mentioned this was the first time Leos are attending the State Convention. Congratulations Leos!

The Global Leadership Team report was presented by Leo/Lion Ojas Chitnis on behalf of his mom, Anu. He stated that

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Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award to PCC Dayl Baile, PCC Jack Romano, PCC Mahesh Chitnis and PDG Dawn-Marie Kosobucki presented by Dr. Bob Moore, with all Past Harold P. Nutter recipients.

MD-16

MD-16 held a Regional Lions leadership Institute (RLLI) attended by 25 Lions in November 2021. Lions Terry Roziak, Donna Freidel and himself are graduates of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). Leo/Lion Ojas also mentioned that we need to orient new Lions properly in order for them to be successful in their Lionistic Journey.

PCC Jack Romano gave the Global Service Team report by stating as Lions "We Serve, but we do not report!" While there are ongoing service projects throughout MD-16 the reporting is consistent among all 3 sub districts at 27% including Leo Clubs.

PDG Dawn Kosobucki presented the LCIF report. There are 14 Model Clubs:

- District 16-L - 1 Visionary (Toms River), 3 Model (Toms River Visionary, Atco, Camden)
- District 16-J - 3 Model. (Sayreville, Summit Westfield), 1 Visionary (Edison Visionary),

1 proposed Visionary (New Providence), 3 - 200% Clubs (Hightstown-East Windsor, N.J. Renaissance, West Windsor.

- District 16-N – 1 Model; Club (West Milford) and 1- 400% Club (Passaic-Clifton).

Currently MD-16 is 64% (\$520,075) towards its goal of \$808,192.

State Approved Projects reviewed this year included Eversight, Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, MAVIS, Camp Marcella, and Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center, as these projects provide services throughout MD-16. The N.J. Training School/Jamesburg, having not responded to inquiries for current information was dropped as a State Approved Project by the Council of Governors at the March 22, 2022 council meeting. Committee Chair PDG Dennis Brubaker thanked committee members CC Armando Guerra and PDG Clarence Brown for their work.

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center board member PDG Rick Chittum gave the NJLERC report. The NJLERC was established in 1997 to meet the goal of recycling used eye glasses and assist the visually impaired. Each year over 6.5 million eye glasses are recycled in the 13 centers in the USA. As we know through our vision screening programs when kids see better, they are better educated and better prepared to lead a useful life.

The International Convention will be in Montreal on June 24-28 2022. Convention Chair IPDG Kevin Kosobucki, 16-J told us that to date 32 Lions and guests from MD-16 will be attending. All necessary information is at www.lionsclubs.org under the heading LCICON.

This concluded the First Plenary Session.

A breakout seminar on Global Membership Approach presented by Area 1-F GAT Leader PCC Winter Ceballos provided an overview of this approach which will be mandated by LCI effective July 1, 2022. In it all incoming district governors are to post their objectives in order to rejuvenate, revitalize and remotivate club members and to grow membership. Governors will build a Team (appointments), a Vision (SWOT analysis), a Plan (resources and action) and Success (execute and track). Governor goals should be considered as District Goals and communicated through the District Governor's Advisory Committee to all clubs.

As with every state convention a Memorial Service is held at the conclusion of the Friday activities prior to the LCIF dinner honoring those Lions who have departed us in the past year.

At the LCIF Dinner the following Lions were recognized as follows:

Melvin Jones Fellowships: Nelda Bernales and Ivy Bautista, Matt Povinelli and Lou Lambe.

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships:

- Subarna Sahni: 2 diamonds
- Kevin Kosobucki: 5 diamonds
- Kash Delory: 3 sapphires, yellow gold
- PCC "THE BOB" Virgadamo: 6 sapphires, white gold
- Winster Ceballos: 4 sapphires, yellow gold
- Jack Romano: 1 diamond and Helping Hands pin

The Saturday May 21, 2022 festivities start with the Recognition Breakfast at 0800 where many Lions are recognized for their meritorious service to their communities, districts and the Multiple District. After reconvening the session CC Armando presented a Special Award to PCC/SA Mahesh Chitnis for his successful efforts in spearheading the Liberty for Sight attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the longest chain of spectacles. Also receiving Special Awards

were PDG Jose Nieto for establishing the Camp Marcella Alumni Lions Club in 16-N, Anu Chitnis for organizing the MD-16 RLLI, and DG Varsha Naik for establishing 2 clubs in 16-J.

MD-16 Peace Poster Chair SuzAnne Pacala presented the MD-16 winning Peace Poster by artist Kaiza Bautista sponsored by the Jersey City/Hudson City Lions Club. The poster was on display for all Lions to see and admire this student's artistic abilities.

GAT Area 1-F (New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington DC) Leader, PCC Winster Ceballos awarded GAT certificates of appreciation to: PDG Jose Nieto 16-N (at their district meeting), Lion Rogel Bautista and IPDG Kevin Kosobucki 16-J, PDG Karen Ressler 16-L at this convention.

The Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award is named after Harold P. Nutter who served as the 35th president of Lions Clubs International from 1951-1952. He was a member of the Camden N.J. Lions Club from 1933 until his death in 1980 at age 75. The Past District Governors Association presents this award in his memory. The Committee is chaired by PID Dr. Robert Moore and members include: 16-N PDGs Rick Chittum and PDG Dennis Brubaker, 16-J PCCs Bob Virgadamo and Douglas Schembs, 16-L PDG Dee Weimer and PID Mel Bray.

Awards were presented for the past 3 years where there was no in person convention:

- 2020: PCC Dayl Baile
- 2021: PCC Mahesh Chitnis
- 2022: PDG Dawn Kosobucki and PCC Jack Romano

The Dr. Ramiro Collazo Membership Award is named after the first Latin American and Cuban to hold the office of International President from 1945 to 1945. This is a membership award given to the Lion who has brought in the most members in their district between July 1 and April 30 of each Lionistic year. The 2021-22 award was presented to Lion Pratibha Nichakawade of District 16-J.

The Keynote Address by our International Guest is always a part of the recognition breakfast. ID Jeff Gans introduced ID Ken Ibarra and his partner -in-service, Lion Amy Fink.

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ID Ken thanked ID Jeff and stated that "It's great to be together again with long-time and new friends." His speech was "How Lions are Needed in the Pandemic," through service, visibility and safety! He discussed at length the Seal Beach CA Lions Club with 421 Lions and 300 Leos as an example of how to pivot during difficult times by being social, informative, with short meetings without meals to reduce the costs, and being involved in every aspect of the community by partnering with other organizations. Their motto is "NO ONE FAILS!"

IDs Ken and Jeff presented a Special Award to PCC Alan Brewer Chair of NJLERC for his work on Liberty for Sight. Other awards presented were:

LEADERSHIP MEDAL (3rd highest award in Lionism): 16-N, PDG Dennis Brubaker; 16-J John "JD" Schweska; 16-L, IPDG Al Mottola.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL. This is awarded for service to those in need above and beyond and must be endorsed by the sitting ID or IPID: 16-N, Alvin Cox; 16-J, Rogel Bautista; 16-L William Phillips.

The Closing/Second Plenary Session was called to order at 1035 hours on Saturday May 21, 2022. Our second report from the Credentials Committee by Lion Matt Povinelli was: 16-N, 19; 16-J, 41; 16-L, 33 delegates.

PID Mel Bray gave the Lions Eye Research Foundation report by expounding the benefits of the portable Optical Coherence Tomography (P-OCT) instrument used by the Institute for Optical and Visual Sciences (IOVS) at Rutgers Medical Center in Newark N.J. He also related the

condition of a 7-year-old who needed a new prosthesis in his enucleated eye which was coordinated by PDG Paula Tarantino-Maione. The child was successfully fitted with this device.

Lions Donna Freidel and Barbara Corsaro are ferocious supporters of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) through our annual Strides Walk on the Boardwalk and the Miracle for Matthew walks. Strides is in our 7th year at state convention starting in 2016. For 2021-22 Strides is one of the top corporate team fundraisers with virtual walks. Miracle for Matthew has consistently raised between \$10K to \$20K each year.

PCC Mike Pacala presented the Future State Convention Sites report on behalf of committee members PCCs Al Olizi and Dayl Baile and PDGs Jim Dougherty and Dennis Brubaker. The 102nd MD-16 convention will be at The Tropicana for 2023. Prices and details will be presented at a future date.

The Guinness World Record Committee report given by PCC Mahesh Chitnis officially confirmed that MD-16 is the new record holder of the longest chain of spectacles at 42,749 feet 4.13 inches, 8.96 miles. This was made possible through an LCI Marketing Grant assisted by ID Jeff Gans who is on the Marketing Committee.

The Finance and Operations report presented by DG and State Treasurer Doug Both indicated that MD-16 is solvent with all taxes paid. There were no Resolutions submitted, so there was no report.

Constitution and By Laws Chair PDG Karen Ressler explained the process through which committee members PCCs

Mahesh Chitnis and Jack Romano and herself went through existing documents and aligned these with the LA-4 Multiple District Standard C&BL as well as Policy Manual where all conflicting language was removed. The summary changes are noted on page 5 of the convention book. She also stated that the constitution is a living document and is based on the operation of MD-16. All changes were approved by a majority vote of the delegates to this convention.

Our third and final report from the Credentials Committee by Lion Matt Povinelli was: 16-N, 19; 16-J, 44; 16-L, 36 delegates.

Council Chair for the 2022-23 Lionistic year will be PDG Bob Freidel; the State Advisor will be PDG Dawn Kosobucki. Congratulations to our new State Council leaders.

This concluded the Second Plenary session. Each sub district held their District Convention in the afternoon where they distributed awards specific to their district and elected their incoming officer slates.

District 16-N: District Governor Kam Patel, First Vice District Governor John Carroll, Second Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro.

District 16-J: District Governor Kash Delory, First Vice District Governor Evelio Salerno, Second Voce District Governor Rogel Bautista.

District 16-L: District Governor Ely Mateo, First Vice District Governor Donna Freidel, Second Voce District Governor Terry Roziak.

Congratulations to all awardees and incoming district and state officers.



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LCIF RECEPTION



SUB-DISTRICT MEETING MD-16



THE GRAND GALA PARADE AND BANQUET



PID Melvyn and Ginny Bray.



PDG Jose and DG Marie Nieto.



PID Bob Moore and PDG Ruth Molenaar.



1st. VDG Ely Mateo and Petra M. Rodriguez.



ID Ken Ibarra and Amy Fink.



PDG Bob Freidel and Susan Pearlman.



ID Jeff and Ellyn Gans.



CC Armando Guerra.



ID Jeff Gans and ID Ken Ibarra.



DG Douglas Both and DG Varsha Naik.



2nd. VDG Kashmir and Avinash Delory.



1st. VDG Kamlesh Patel and SuzAnne Pacala.

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GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

SIGHT PROJECT-COINS DROP

By: Min Elders, PRC



Mayor/PCC/PDG Dale Baile

If you were driving on Market or Baynes Street in Gloucester City, New Jersey on Friday, April 29, 2022 from about 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM you probably saw some members of the Gloucester City Lions Club soliciting funds for the Lions. Besides the Market and Baynes site, Lions were positioned at Hudson Street and Johnson Blvd, Essex Street and Collings Road, and Broadway and Monmouth Streets. A total of 15 Gloucester City Lions went into the streets seeking funds for the Sight Projects of the Gloucester City Lions Club just as their big hand-held board stated. The club supplies eyeglasses to those people from school age to senior citizens who cannot otherwise afford them.

Wearing comfy shoes and carrying their buckets, the Lions once again were asking for their community's help; and because their community knows the Lions and appreciate the services they provide, the help was given. Standing so close to traffic in the street is not such a comfortable place to be, but the Lions do it and because the people know the Lions they make the club's effort a success.



Arvin Skramstad, Harvey Garrison, Project Chair Linda Baile and PRC Min Elders

LEO MD-16

LEO MULTIPLE DISTRICT 16 HOLDS IT'S FIRST-EVER STATEWIDE CONVENTION!

By: Lion Dr. David Verducci

Following up on the success in obtaining its charter last year by Lions Clubs International, New Jersey's new Leo multiple district, known as the Leo MD 16, held its first-ever statewide convention on May 20 and 21, 2022. The Leo Convention ran concurrently with the NJ Lions' own convention in Atlantic City at the Tropicana Hotel.

According to Northern Highlands Regional High School senior and 2021-2022 Leo MD 16 President, Elise Choi, the convention was designed to "bring together Leo Club members and club advisors from the around the state. The event was created to offer participants the chance to engage in opportunities for both fellowship and leadership training." Lion David Verducci, the NJ Lions Leo Committee chairman since 2017, concurred, stating that "one of major objectives of the convention was to create a higher level of interactivity between and among our Leos Club which, in turn, would reinforce Lionism's ideal of service to others."

But designing the event was not without its challenges. Making the convention open to Leo attendees without any fees attached charge was a priority objective in the planning process. This was achieved through the combined support of the New Jersey Lions organization and a Leo Leadership Grant from Lions Clubs International.

Other serious considerations included school schedules and the travel distances faced by some Leos. To meet these challenges the convention was set up as a 'hybrid event'. By broadcasting via a Zoom feed, Leos were able to interactively participate with in-person attendees in real time.

But to Leo MD 16 Director Pranav Joshi, the Vice President of the STEP for a Better World Leo Club, the effort of meeting these challenges was well worth it. According to Joshi, "The convention was amazing! Being able to be a part of the yearlong preparations was hard work.



International Director Ken Ibarra poses with Leo MD16 2021-2022 President, Elise Choi, and 2022-2023 President, J.D. Magaw.

Then, to see it all come to fruition, well, I just loved it! I learned a lot from the other representatives about projects, leadership, and how to have a successful club."

Leos participating in the convention's program of events had the opportunity to take part in interactive sessions covering a wide range of topics related to their interests and needs. Effective Club Governance was typical of what the Leos encountered. Conducted in a seminar format, current & former officers of local Leo clubs shared information about the duties of club officers as well as tips on how to perform their roles effectively.

One of the convention's most popular and well attended sessions was called Projects that Work! Hosted by Leo Nehal Bajaj, a Leo MD 16 2021-2022 cabinet member who will be returning as an officer in 2022-2023, Leo leaders from around the state shared information about their favorite club projects and gave some practical 'how to' advice. Reflecting on her overall experience, Bajaj, a member of the Somerset Cyber Community Leo Club, commented that "being a Leo has opened doors to a multitude of opportunities that I didn't even know

about a year ago! I had a great time collaborating with my fellow cabinet members!"

Close to one hundred Leos attended all or part of this first state convention. Representing almost a full third of its clubs, attendees included a contingent from the Jespy Leo Club of South Orange, New Jersey. The Jespy Club is only Leo Club chartered by Lions Clubs International that was created specifically to meet the needs of developmentally disabled individuals.

Also included as part of the convention's program was a 'Round Table Luncheon' for in-person attendees. In this session, attendees came together to enjoy a specially prepared pizza lunch while sharing something of their Leo experiences with fellow club members. To Brooke Gronau, a member of both the Point Pleasant Leo Club and the 2021-2022 Leo MD 16 Cabinet, it was a powerful experience. She explained, stating that "I loved interacting with everyone during lunch and learning about their lives, especially about the way the Leo program has changed their lives."

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The capstone of the convention was the announcement of election results and the installation of the Leo MD 16’s 2022-2023 officers by Lions International Directors Lion Ken Ibarra and Lion Jeff Gans. Those installed included the new president, Jonathan David (a.k.a. ‘J.D.’) Magaw; vice president, Diya J. Patel; secretary, Julia Yi; and treasurer, Nehal Bajaj. Also sworn in were the district represen-

tatives, also known as directors. These included Amanda Sun, Autumn Chiu, Canon Chiu, Deepanshu Kaushik, Humnah Poonawalla, Kimaya Sondurkar, Kristen Lee, and Mikayla Barrier.

As the convention drew to a close, incoming president Magaw reflected on the experience saying that “this convention will mark the first of many. We had our ups and downs planning this event, but

for our first ever convention, it was just amazing.”

But it was Leo Yashita Kaishan who seemed to best sum up the feelings of attendees about the convention experience. “My convention takeaway was the reminder that anyone can make a difference. And it helped me to better understand just how much of a difference I can make.”



In-person and virtual attendees are sworn in as the Leo MD 16 2022-2023 Officers and Directors.



Lions MD 16 Leo Committee Vice Chair, Lion Subarna Sahni, and Leo Committee Chair, Lion David (‘Dr. Dave’) Verducci (front row) pose with members of the Leo MD 16 2021-2022 cabinet.



Leos and Club Advisors pose together after their “Round Table Luncheon.”

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RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB

RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

By: PCC Jack Romano

HISTORY OF THE BEGINNING

It was late in 1921, Melvin Jones, Founder of Lions, came to the Eastern part of the United States from Lions headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, for the purposes of chartering new Lions Clubs. He travelled from Chicago on the Pennsylvania Railroad and returned to Chicago via the Erie Railroad; therefore, the earliest clubs in New Jersey are located at stops on these railroads. When Melvin Jones stopped at the Erie Railroad Station in Rutherford N.J., the first thing he saw was a sign across from the train station which read, "A. W. Van Winkle & Co," which still exists today! He crossed the square and entered the office. A secretary showed him first into the office of Charles A. Van Winkle. Since C.A. Van Winkle was a member of the Rotary, he was not interested in Lions, but he thought that his brother Theodore might be; therefore, he took our founder into the office of Theodore Van Winkle. Theodore Van Winkle was very interested in Lions, and promptly called Griswold B. Holman, Sr., Harvey Ely, and Lester H. Clee. They met for lunch and the Lions Club of Rutherford was born. The club was officially chartered on March 8, 2022

The first project of the Lions Club of Rutherford was the Rutherford Playground. The club raised \$1,200.00 for this purpose shortly after being char-

tered in 1922 and the first playground activity was in place that very summer at Rutherford Field (now Tamblin Field). The Rutherford Lions ran the playground for 12 years, whereupon it was turned over to the P.T.A. in 1934, and shortly after taken over by the Borough of Rutherford. (From conversations with Griswold B. Holman, Sr., Charter Member)

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE TO ATLANTIC CITY

At the 1923 New Jersey Lions State Convention in Atlantic City, Lester H. Clee, Pastor of the Rutherford Baptist Church and Charter Member of the Lions Club of Rutherford, was put up for election to the Office of District Governor. In those days, the entire State of New Jersey was one District, and each Lion was entitled to vote, not just the delegates. On Friday evening, one of the Rutherford Delegates at the convention called Theodore Van Winkle and reported that the vote on Saturday morning would be very close, but that he felt that a few more votes would win the election for Lester Clee. Theodore Van Winkle then began calling members, who responded by arriving at his house at 20 Montross Avenue. They piled into several automobiles and left at midnight for the long ride to Atlantic City. Remember there was no Garden State Parkway, only U.S. 9. After a number of breakdowns to replace



tires, they finished the arduous trip only a few minutes before the 9:00 a.m. vote. As a result, Lester H. Clee was elected District Governor, and became one of the very few District Governors to serve two terms. --Written by Lion Ted Van Winkle (from conversations with Theodore Van Winkle, Charter Member, and Irvine Mathews, first non-charter member and Past District Governor).

And so, it began - A Century of Service.

The Rutherford Lions Club celebrated its Centennial at The Women's Club of Rutherford an 100th Adversary Dinner on Saturday March 26, 2022. Attending were many Rutherford Lions Club members, community members and supporters, and representatives of The Women's Club of Rutherford. The Rutherford Lions and Women's Club have co-sponsored many community events, so it was fitting to hold this event here.

Lions Dignitaries included PID Bob Moore, District Governor Marie Nieto, and partner in service PDG Jose, PCC Mike Pacala and Zone 4 Chair SuzAnne Pacala, PCC Jack Romano and wife Diane, PDG Lou Corsaro and PZC and District 16-N 2VDG nominee Barbara Corsaro, PDG Dennis Brubaker and wife Ria, and PDG Paula Tarantino-Maione.

On March 8, 1922 an organizational meeting was held in the Rutherford Union Club. Lester H. Clee was elected as the first President and Griswold H. Holman was the first Secretary. There were 30 Charter members.

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RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB

On March 26, 100 years later current President Laura O'Connor welcomed all guests and dignitaries. She outlined the 6 tables of club memorabilia including the original Charter, the original Lions emblem plaque and a letter signed by none other than Melvin Jones dated May 26, 1958 from Club Secretary Justin Tokarski thanking him for the list for members who achieved 100% attendance at club meetings and would be so recognized by Lions International.

President Laura also spoke to the mission of the Rutherford Lions club as stated in part from their 40th Anniversary celebration in 1962. "From its inception the club has demonstrated its devotion to the cause of service. Its activities through the years have been legion and the helping hand has always been extended to those in need. Its Officers and members have worked diligently to achieve the aims and objectives of Lionism and to render aid where aid was

needed." This demonstration of service carries through from 1962 to the present and into the future.

As one of the more active clubs in District 16-N the Rutherford Lions Club has sponsored many events including Vision Screenings for local schools and also as part of the Charitable Foundation Vision Screening Team, The American Cancer Rallye for Life walk/run, Halloween decoration contests, pancake and spaghetti dinners, of which part of the proceeds are used to support the Kip Center. An upcoming event of interest will be the Duck Derby!

The club also supports the Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation, Camp Marcella, Eversight, the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey, and the Emanuel Cancer Foundation, which supports families who have children stricken with cancer.

District Governor Marie Nieto congratulated the club on their centennial, and presented President Laura a letter from International President Douglas X.

Alexander congratulating the Rutherford Lions Club on their 100th Anniversary. She also presented IP Doug's personal Banner.

PID Bob Moore spoke about the history of the club and the "Midnight Ride to Atlantic City" PCC Jack Romano, Vice Chair of the Eversight Advisory Board along with board members PCC Mike Pacala and PDG Dennis Brubaker made the formal presentation of their Marshall Klein Knights for Vision Fellowship. This was an engraved crystal piece and a certificate for the Rutherford Lions support of Eversight.

Club President Laura O'Connor and Treasurer Glenn Elliot reminded all to look at the memorabilia tables of which some went back to the inception of the Club in 1922.

Congratulations to the Rutherford Lions on their remarkable 100 years of service and looking forward to the next 100 years of continued service to their community.



DISTRICT 16-N

A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

By: PCC Jack Romano

LIONS DISTRICT 16-N CHARITY BALL & GOVERNOR'S TESTIMONIAL

The Webster's dictionary defines "excellence" as: to be superior; to outdo, to transcend or surpass by being better. This definition was on display at the Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation 50th Anniversary Grand Charity Ball and Testimonial to our district governor, Marie Nieto!

Held on Saturday April 2, 2022 at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge N.J. for the very first time, Lions, Dignitaries and guests gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Charitable Foundation, and honor the work and dedication of District Governor Marie Nieto for "Serving from the Heart."

In his welcoming address Foundation President Lion Mario Rosellini stated, "Welcome to the 50th Annual Grand Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial. We gather tonight to raise money for the Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation. As this is our Golden Jubilee and major fundraising event, the proceeds allow the Foundation to issue grants to Lions Clubs and other Community Organizations for worthy meaningful projects."

"This enables the Foundation to offer our Vision Screening Services to Clubs, Community Organizations and School Districts to screen students and individuals for ocular issue that can be easily corrected if found early."

"Honor the work of our District Governor Marie Nieto as she continues to lead District 16-N and conducts her club visits inducts new members and spreads Lionism throughout District 16-N."



DG Marie Nieto, Lion Donna Freidel, Esq. & PCC Ruth Molenaar.

Ball/Testimonial co-chairs PDGs Paula Tarantino Maione and Jose Nieto opened the program by welcoming all Lions, dignitaries and guests to the 50th Anniversary Ball and Testimonial. They mentioned that in the 50 years of existence this Foundation has distributed over \$800,000 in grants to Lions Clubs and worthy projects.

Among the many Lions Dignitaries attending were most notably PIDs Mel Bray and Bob Moore, MD-16 Council Chair Armando Guerra, and representing MD-16 State Advisor Mahesh Chitnis who was not able to attend was his partner in service GLT-MD 16 chair Anu Chitnis, who read a Proclamation from State Senator Vin Gopal and presented DG Marie with a personal gift. All congratulated DG Marie on her work as District Governor and wished her continued success for the remainder of her year and on her continued Lionistic journey.

District 16-N treasurer John Pinkus presented a check to the Foundation for their continued charitable work.

District Governor Marie then addressed all guests. "It has been an honor and privilege to serve Lions District 16-N as Governor this year, a journey that I have enjoyed every moment of. I have been able to witness that with their 'Service from the Heart,' our clubs have found innovative ways to serve their communities and raise funds in challenging times. Let us continue to build upon what we have and strengthen our District even stronger with our next Governor and his Cabinet."

"To the Cabinet member, 1st Vice District Governor Kam Patel, 2nd Vice District Governor John Carroll, Cabinet Secretary Matt Povinelli, Cabinet Treasurer John Pinkus, Region Chairperson Dennis Brubaker, all the Zone Chairpersons and the GAT Team, I thank you for your support and the hard work throughout the year. I could not have done it without you."

"To PID Dr. Bob Moore, all Past District Governors who have supported and guided me, all committee members who have helped me, thank you."

"A special thank you to all the Clubs and Lions of District 16-N, especially my home



club, the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson, for their support and encouragement to serve as District Governor."

"And thank you to my family; without them I would not be here today. Our children – Bianca, Jose and his wife Kacie – our other daughter. My husband, best friend and mentor Past District Governor Jose, you have known to gently give advice only when needed, Thank you."

Let the Party Begin!

Once the program and presentations were completed, all guests were served dinner and treated to the music of DJ Raphael who provided a wide range of musical selections for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

The Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial always concludes on a high note with the Nifty 50/50 raffle drawing. This year's lucky winners of the Nifty 50/50 are:

Grand Prize: Lion Ed Clementson, Hopewell Valley Lions Club 16-J ticket # 55 drawn by DG Marie Nieto.

Second Prize: Lion Subarna Sahni, Princeton Lions Club 16-J ticket # 207 drawn by Committee Member Buddy Casillo

Third Prize: Lions Marie and Jim Messina, Chester Lions Club 16-N ticket # 009 drawn by Committee Member PCC Winter Ceballos.

Congratulations to the raffle winners, District Governor Marie Nieto, and the Lions District 26-N Charitable Foundation on their 50 years of service and looking forward to another 50 years.

DISTRICT 16-N



PID Dr. Robert W. Moore. (DG Marie Nieto, PDG Jose Nieto & PID Mel Bray)



DG Marie Nieto, PDG Paula Tarantino-Maione, CC Armando Guerra & PDG Jose Nieto.



PID Mel Bray.



PCC Winster Ceballos with Lion Gaetano "Buddy" Casillo drawn the Nifty 50/50



Lions Sandra y Carlos Paz, PDG José Nieto, Dr. Rodolfo & Erlinda Rodríguez, Tia Perla Olla, DG Marie Nieto, José M. & Kacie Nieto and Bianca Nieto.



Diane & PCC Jack Romano.



DG Marie Nieto, PDG Ruth Molenaar, PDG Nancy Jakubczyk, PDG Linda Banks y Lion Silvia Fonseca. Lions, friends and family celebrating with DG Marie.



DISTRICT 16-N



Lions Maria Aguilar & Claudio Ambrossi.



2nd. VDG John W. & Andrea Carroll.



Lions Olivia & Luis Morgado.



Lion Sandra Paz, PDG's Ruth Molenaar & Dawn Kosobucki.



Lions Claudio Ambrossi, John & Andrea Carroll, Patricia Vega, Maria Aguilar Ambrossi, Ruth Molenaar, Ria & Dennis Brubaker, Diane & Jack Romano.



Lions Erlinda & Rodolfo L. Rodriguez, OD.



DG Marie & PDG Jose Nieto.



Lions Rey & Silvia Fonseca

DISTRICT 16-N



DG Marie, PDG Paula Tarantino-Maione, 1st. VDG Kam Patel, PDG Jose Nieto & PDG Nalit Patel.



Lions Lou Lambe & PDG Alvin Cox.



Lions SuzAnne & PCC Mike Pacala.



Ria & PDG Dennis Brubaker.



Lions Barbara & PDG Louis Corsaro.



Diana y PCC Winster Ceballos.



Lions MaryAnn & Joe Csentszits, Barbara & Mario Rosellini, PDG Louis Corsaro, DG Marie Nieto, PID Dr. Bob Moore, Ginny & PID Melvyn Bray and SuzAnne & PCC Mike Pacala.

GLOUCESTER LIONS CLUB

Gloucester City cleanup day

By: Min Elders, PRC

When you know you have a good thing, it is worthwhile to keep it going. So, on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM 7 members of the Gloucester City Lions Club and 3 members from the Leo Club did some spring cleaning and also paid tribute to the past as part of the community cleanup day. The group went to the jogging track, especially the middle section, called the Lions Rest Stop. The 4,000 square foot oval shape

area with park benches, shrubbery and flag poles surrounding it has special meaning for the club. It was originated by the club’s past president, Charles Thompson. They trimmed bushes, raked the leaves, pruned some trees and removed litter from the jogging track and the rest area, now known as “Thompson’s Oval”. People working together to clean up a community resource and keeping the memory of a valuable member alive is a good way to spend time on a Saturday morning.



Jacob Spotts(Leo), Sene Gorman(Leo), Rachel Gorman(Leo advisor), Lions Jack Hughes, Arvin Skramstad, Harvey Garrison, Sam Costanzo, and Patrick Keating.



Rachel Gorman (Leo advisor), Sean Gorman (Leo), Bowie Johnson, Jack Hughes, Jacob Spotts (Leo), Lions Harvey Garrison, Jamie Megee, Sam Costanzo, Dayl Baile, and John Dennery.

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

West Milford Lions Club in Memorial Day Parade. Carrying banner are Lion Mauro Macari and PID Dr. Bob Moore.



WEST MILFORD/WAYNE LIONS CLUB

HONORING A BELOVED LION

All of us remember Lion Al Ruffini, a Wayne Lion for 26 years, during which he held virtually all of the officer positions, including three terms as King Lion. Besides his other Lion accomplishments, Al mostly enjoyed organizing and being the advisor of the Leos Club at Wayne Hills High School, where he worked virtually his entire teaching career.

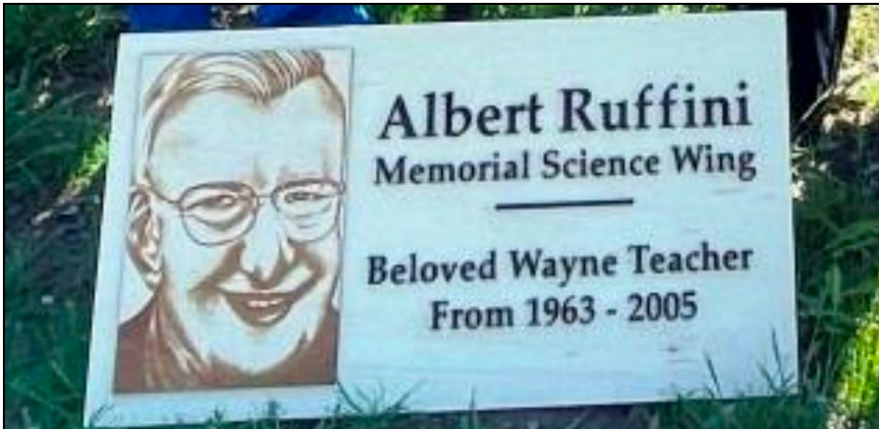
Lion Jessica Fishman, who succeeded Al as the Leos advisor, has called to our attention that Al was a science teacher in the Wayne district for 42 years, with 39 of those years at Wayne Hills. In 2005 he retired with an effective and dedicated career of working with students, col-

leagues, and the township. The Science Department thought it was most appropriate and deserving to commemorate his contributions and service.

To that end, an American holly tree in his honor was recently planted in the front lawn outside the main office at Wayne Hills, and the south wing hallway between science lab rooms 228 and 235 will be designated as the Al Ruffini Memorial Science Wing. Al was very involved in environmental and community issues, so the Science Department thought it fitting to conduct a dedication during their Environmental Week this year.



West Milford and Wayne Lions join to attend dedication of American Holly Evergreen Tree and second floor of Science wing to Lion Al Ruffini, Wayne Lion, Science teacher and Leo Club Advisor at Wayne Hills High School.



Members of the West Milford and Wayne Lions Club at dedication for Al Ruffini at Wayne Hills High School.

TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB

TOMS RIVER FIELD OF DREAMS EARTH DAY CLEANUP

The Toms River Lions Club volunteered several hours on 4/23/22 cleaning up the Toms River Field of Dreams Park in preparation of its Grand Opening on April 30th, 2022. Lions volunteers were President.

The Toms River Lions Club took the opportunity to use the NJLions’ Service Day in honor Earth Day.

Members of our club gave assistance in cleaning areas within the RWJ Barnabas Field of Dreams Park on 4/23.

However, it was a two-fold clean up celebration. First in honor of Earth Day and second because it was one week before the official opening day of the park which was scheduled for opening on April 30th.

The workers cleaned sand and stones from the cement areas. They cleaned all the in-ground plaques which commemorated those individuals and companies for their donations. And cleaned any debris around the park.

Those who worked were PID/President Mel Bray and wife Ginny, Rich Lucy, Valarie Mckee and Marion Goldberg.

They were gratified to know that their work made the special park on opening day shine as hundreds of people turned out for this special event in the sun after days of rain.



WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



OFFICER INDUCTION

By: Lion Barbara Corsaro

On June 1, 2022, PCC Jack Romano, PID Dr. Bob Moore, Incoming 2nd. VDG Jan Halvorsen, District Governor Marie Nieto, Incoming President Ray Garcia, Secretary Lynn Mandon, TailTwister Mauro Macari and Treasurer Howard Seufert (back) attended the Officer Induction Meeting/Ceremony held at the Cypress Tavern on Wednesday.

Saddle River Valley Lions Club

2022 Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 17, 2022
Ramsey Golf & CC

11:00 AM SHOTGUN START
\$200 PER PLAYER

GREENS FEES, CART, FULL BREAKFAST,
 BEER & BEVERAGES ON THE COURSE,
 DINNER WITH PREMIUM OPEN BAR IMMEDIATELY
 FOLLOWING GOLF- ALL INCLUSIVE

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 EMAIL: murphmove@gmail.com Text: 201-954-7601

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PCC Al Olizi Congratulated
Edison Metro Lions Club



WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

WOOD RIDGE LIONS BEEFSTEAK DINNER LIKE NO OTHER!

Most of us have been to a beef steak dinner sponsored by a Lions Club or some other community organization. Most beefsteak dinners follow a trajectory of salad, pasta, French fries, and beef, served sliced on Italian bread. Most will include some kind of raffle or tricky tray, or silent auction, with goods and services donated by either club members or community merchants in support of that club’s or organization’s fund-raising goals.

You get all this and MORE at the Wood Ridge Lions Club Beefsteak Dinner!

It has been two long years since Covid put a temporary hold on this annual event. And what an event it is! You have not been to a beefsteak unless you have attended the Wood Ridge Lions Beefsteak. This was held on Friday April 8, 2022. Usually, the event coincides with Super Bowl weekend in February.

This was the 37th annual Beef Steak dinner to benefit the Wood Ridge Lions charitable causes. Taking the reigns of Master of Ceremonies (and mischief), was Lion Ken Turtoro. He was assisted by a phalanx of Lions including Mike Roman, Jimmy Love, George Meglio, Jack Maher, Bob Valenti, Al Rottini, Frank Finke and Rich McCullagh .just to name a few. It was decided to keep the yearly rotation going even though there was no beefsteak in 2020 or 2021.

The “Honorary” Emcee was none other than Mr. Beefsteak himself Jack Nagel, who has stepped down from this event. Although taking a less active part, his assistance was needed to conduct the Black Jack game. Lion Jack received a standing ovation for his previous work of the prior 36 beefsteak dinners.

This event usually draws upward of 600 attendees, packing the Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church on Outwater Lane in Gar-

field N.J. However, due to Covid restrictions and to keep a “distance” between tables this was reduced by half with approximately 300 attendees.

Yes, you do get the usual beefsteak fare as this was no different at the Wood Ridge Lions Beef Steak dinner. Beef was aplenty, drinks were flowing and merriment prevailed.

Then the REAL fun begins!

Unlike other more sane or calmer beefsteak dinners, the Wood Ridge Lions outdo themselves each year with their version of how a beefsteak dinner should be conducted.

This beefsteak features the famous (or rather infamous) “Football Throw.” Attendees make a donation to throw a nerf football the length of the auditorium with the object of actually throwing the football through an opening between the goalposts held by two Lions. If you accomplished this task, and it is not easy, you win a cash prize. Some came close, but there were no winners this year.

For door prizes there are 28 possible prizes you can win by just attending; 12 of these prizes included gift certificates to local merchants including Shop Rite, Segovia’s Carlstadt, Bazzarelli’s Moonachie, Bistro 107, Moonachie, Justin’s Wood Ridge, Emilia Romagna Wood Ridge, Annabella’s Carlstadt and Gus’ Last Word, Wood Ridge. There are 2 packages of N.Y. Yankee tickets, and a foursome at Galloping Hills Country Club.

There are 5 “money boards” including Texas Hose Em’, Jackpot, Black Jack where you can win anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 and one lottery ticket box with \$75 in various New Jersey lottery tickets. Also included in the door prizes was one 32-inch television.

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WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

THE GRAND PRIZE WAS ONE \$3000 CRUISE VOUCHER.

There were also 6 “goof prizes” which ranged from a nerf miniature golf set to a travel package of a model airplane, and a plastic tennis racket! This is where you can get “Hosed!”

Each of these prizes were contained in boxes numbered 1 to 28.

MC Lion Ken kept the door prize auction going by calling the ticket numbers issued to each attendee who had the opportunity to pick a box. At certain points known only to Ken and his staff, those called to select a box were asked if they would accept a cash payment without first knowing what was in the box, similar to the game show, “Let’s make a Deal!” This is where you can get “Hosed,” by either selecting a goof prize box, or accepting payment for less than the value of said box. In similar fashion where a cash payment was made to the box selectee, Emcee Ken would auction the box to the highest bidder. Boxes were being auctioned for upwards of \$300. If you paid for a box and got “Hosed” with one of the goof prizes, you did receive as a consolation prize a T-shirt stating, “I got Hosed at the Wood Ridge Lions Beef Steak Dinner!” One of the highlights of the evening was Emcee emeritus Lion Jack Nagel bidding \$250 for a box with a \$100 gift certificate.

Also raffled was a 60-inch television and sports memorabilia

from the Mets, Yankees and Jets.

After two years on hiatus, the Wood Ridge Lions Beef Steak is back with beef, fun frivolity, all raising funds to support the Wood Ridge Lions Club charitable causes which include Camp Marcella, St. Joseph’s School for the Blind, JDRF, Eversight, and local scholarships.

Emcee Ken thanked everyone for attending and is planning to hold this event in February of 2023.



DISTRICT 16-J

LIONS DISTRICT 16-J CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SWEETHEART FUNDRAISER

Love fills the air especially around Valentine’s Day where every year we give to all our sweet hearts flowers, candy, cookies, cake and much love. Lions express this not only to our loved ones but also by attending the Lions District 16-J Charitable Foundation Annual Sweetheart FUNdraiser. However, Valentine’s Day was pushed ahead to April 23 this year due to Covid considerations the date of the 2022 Sweetheart Dance!

In her opening statement, Foundation President PDG Dawn Marie Kosobucki stated, “This event is then only fundraiser the Charitable Foundation holds to live up to its charitable commitment and mission of We Serve.”

Continuing, PDG Dawn also stated, “This year as we continue our year of service as an international community service organization, our Charitable Foundations continues its service by providing grants to Lions Clubs in District 16-J for their community service projects. We are also continuing our efforts detecting eye issues early utilizing 2 SPOT and 5 Plus Optix vision screening cameras so we can increase the number of vision screenings.”

Foundation trustees and local merchants contributed items to the auction, which included a large screen television, wine, picnic baskets and other assorted items and gifts. All food served at the buffet was donated by Camillo’s Restaurant, Crown of India, Fiddlehead Restaurant, Rustini’s, Valencia Restaurant and Zinna’s Bistro. The wait staff were members of the Sayreville Leo Club. Member of the STEP Leo Club helps in setting up the hall for the event.

Attending his first ever Lions event, and I am sure there will be many more was 11-month-old future Leo Christopher, the grandson of PCC THE Bob Virgadamo and Kim Stark. Young Christopher was the best-behaved future Leo and Lion in attendance.

Congratulations to the Lions District 16-J Charitable Foundation on their long awaited Sweetheart Dance.



DISTRICT 16-N

SAVE the DATE



**“Pathways to Independence”
20th Annual Walk-A-Thon
Saturday, September 24, 2022
10:00 am
West Hudson Park – Kearny**

WALLINGTON LIONS CLUB

HATS OFF TO NEW JERSEY LIONS



Left to right King Lion Cookie Evan, Lions Mike Backos, Ed Zukowski, Team "S" Leader Kathy Gaspar Schiro, Marie Doody, Linda. Back row from left to right, John A Pinkus, John M Pinkus and Ray Bielski.

At the May 3rd meeting of the Wallington Lions Club members got to see and hear about the New Jersey Lions breaking the Guinness Book of Records. Wallington Lions that were part of that team were Lions John A. Pinkus, John M Pinkus, Marie Doody and Kathy Gaspar Schiro. Also taking part in that team were friends and family members as well as DG. MARIE Nieto, Past District Gov. Jack Romano and 3 members of the Rutherford Lions Club.

The feat acknowledged was a joint effort to establish a new

World Record and it was indeed accomplished. Over 8 miles of linked eyeglasses glistened in the Green Ring Area of Liberty State Park on May 1st. THE grand total of glasses amounted to 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Included in that chain were 5,000 spectacles that Team "S" affixed on card boards and linked together.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to each and every Lion for collecting glasses all year long, as well as those that transported, assembled, affix, disassembled, reloaded those 100,000 pairs of glasses.

DISTRICT 16-N

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!!!

Pathways to Independence, Inc. • 60 Kingsland Avenue, Kearny, NJ

Is a Day Program for People with Developmental Disabilities.

"It is also a Lions District 16N Non-Sight Project! "

They are currently Hiring!!!

*Direct Support Professional Staff *Van Drivers *Van Aides

If Interested, please contact: Alvin Cox, Executive Director 201-997-6155

MD-16



**Attention Golfers! Registration is now open for our
28th Annual Gift of Sight Charity Golf Classic**

You keep hope in sight for others by supporting this year's Charity Golf Classic! Join us on the green Monday, August 29th at The Legacy Club at Woodcrest in Cherry Hill, NJ with your foursome! 100% of proceeds benefit LEBDV's Gratis Tissue Program.

[**REGISTER TODAY!**](#)

**Registration for players closes this Friday for LEBDV's
2nd Annual Cornhole for Corneas fundraising event!**

Join us at Craft Hall on Thursday, June 16th from 6-9 pm for our 2nd Annual Cornhole for Corneas! Non-player tickets can be purchased at the door. Don't miss out on an evening of cornhole, raffles, food, drink, and fun as we raise awareness and funds in support of LEBDV's sight restoration programs!

[**REGISTER TODAY!**](#)

**Lions Eye Bank
of Delaware Valley**

65th Anniversary Gala

Celebrating 65 Years of Sight-Saving Service

We the People

Save the Date | **SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 5, 2022 | 6PM**
 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA
 FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW



POINT PLEASANT LEOS CLUB

**POINT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL LEOS CLUB
SERVICE PROJECT ON EARTH DAY**

There were 18 Point Pleasant Leos who acted on behalf of the NJ Lions service project on 4/23 in celebration of Earth Day. The Point Pleasant High School Leo Club, with Stacey Camilleri as their Advisory, joined in with other local organizations in the town. The Leos did an early morning setup for the arrival of the other groups. Together they collectively cleaned up the Riverfront Park on River Rd in Point Pleasant. Everyone worked together to enhance one of the largest and most used

parks in Point Pleasant.

This Leo Club of approximately 65 members is sponsored by the Toms River Lions Club since there is no Lions Club presently in Point Pleasant. In addition, TRLC has adopted the Point Pleasant Visionary Lions as a branch club. TRLC is working with members of the town branch club in Point Pleasant, to help them get their club up and running, since they have less than the 20 members needed.



CAMP MARCELLA

“SUMMER 2022 PROGRAM”

“Welcome Back Campers!”

Camp Marcella will be open this Summer and applications are being accepted on-line on our new Registration Platform: CampDoc for the following Camp Sessions:



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| July 10 –July 16 | Staff Orientation and Training |
| July 17-July 23 | Week 1: Challenged Adults |
| July 24-July 30 | Week 2: Challenged Adults |
| July 31- August 6 | Week 3: Challenged Youth |
| August 7- August 13 | Week 4: Challenged Youth and Teens |

“WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING CAMPING SEASON”

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! “WE WILL BE WELCOMING OUR STAFF AND OUR CAMPERS IN JUST 5 WEEKS!”

With Camp being closed for the past two seasons due to Covid-related restrictions placed upon us, WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN GETTING THE CAMP READY FOR THIS YEAR’S PROGRAMS!! Help is needed in many areas! If your Club has an assigned Cabin or Project or if “you just want to help where needed for general “clean up”- please contact Mike Pacala, President by phone: 201-933-0032 or email: pactool@aol.com for additional information on jobs that need to be done and to set up dates when available to come up to Camp “to get the job done!”



Where There's a Need, There's a Lion

DISTRICT 16-N

DISTRICT 16-N CELEBRATES LIONS AT MEMORIAL SERVICE AND AWARDS MEETING

By: PCC Jack Romano

One of the traditions of the Lions of District 16-N is to memorialize our departed brothers and sisters and recognize those Lions who went above and beyond in their Lionistic service to the district. This tradition continued at The Festa on Thursday May 5, 2022 for the last district/cabinet meeting of this Lionistic year 2021-2022. Also, at this meeting was our guest speaker, Bill Schuldt from Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey.

Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey, formerly the N.J. Foundation for the Blind (aka Diamond Spring Lodge) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which receives the majority (67%) of its funding from individual donations. Thanks to our donors, we help our program participants learn skills that allow them to manage their lives, and created a welcoming community in which they feel safe and supported. its mission from just providing care, to focusing on teaching basic and essential life skills, as well as providing health and wellness activities year-round. We empower people with vision loss or blindness by providing support, education and training in assistive technology and independent living skills. I am looking forward to our "Dining in the Dark" dinner on Wednesday Oct. 26, 2022. For further information please log on to www.vlanj.org.

The winner of the District 16-N Peace Poster Contest is also recognized at this meeting. Attending with her family was Kaiza Bautista, sponsored by the Jersey City/Hudson City Lions Club. The theme of this years Peace Poster Contest was "We

Are All Connected." Lion SuzAnne Pacala, Peace Poster Chair presented the plaque to Kaiza for her artistic work. Kaiza thanked the Lions for the opportunity to present her art work expressing this theme. Her poster was also the MD-16 winner, having been submitted to the international competition in December 2021.

The Memorial Service is a solemn remembrance of those Lions who have passed away in

the previous year. They may be gone from our presence but never from our hearts and memories. Those Lions and affiliated clubs are: Joseph Ruffalo Jr., Bloomfield; Harry Gorman, Donna Whritenour, Chester; Allen "Ron" Olsen, Edward T. Rogan, Closter; John Schrage, Midland Park; Roger Barr, Saddle River Valley; Marty Bookman, Albert Ruffini, Wayne; William "Bill" (Peace Poster King) Francis; Rocco Gillio, Ed Lucas, Phillip "Bud" Rottini, Wood Ridge.

The solemnity of this service leads to the awards ceremony where Lions from District 16-N are recognized for their contributions to the district and Lionism during District Governor Marie Nieto's term of office. Receiving awards for their service to District 16N are: Region Chair PDG Dennis Brubaker.

Zone chairs receiving certificates are: PDG Ruth Molenaar, PDG Jose Nieto, Lion SuzAnne Pacala, Lion Lynn Mandon, PCC Jack Romano, PDG Paula Tarantino Maione who were present. Unable to attend were Lions Mike Moyer and Drew Van Dam.

District Governor Marie awarded three Mentor Awards. DG Marie stated, "A men-

tor is a wise loyal advisor, a teacher, or coach." The following Lions provided assistance and advice and are the recipients of the 2021-22 Mentor Award: PCC Jack Romano, PDG Paula Tarantino Maione, and PDG Jose Nieto.

The Dr. Robert W. Moore Pioneer Award is presented to those Lions who blazed the trails over the years and to those who will do so in the future. DG Marie chose to honor three clubs celebrating their 100th Lions Anniversary: Newark Lions Club, Passaic-Clifton Lions Club, accepted by PCC Winstar Ceballos, and the Rutherford Lions Club accepted by Lion Glenn Elliot. Unfortunately, neither PZC Chris Smith nor PCC Mary Devon O'Brien were present to attend due Lion Chris' ongoing medical recovery. We wish them well. Congratulations to these clubs and best wishes for another 100 years of service!

Many congratulatory certificates were presented to Lions who assisted DG Marie throughout the year, especially for the recent breaking of the Guinness World Record for the longest chain of Spectacles. Lions who participated include: Bob Moore, Lou Lambe, Jose Nieto, Rick Chittum, Mike Pacala John Fraser, Rich Strepparava, Karen Seagaard, Winstar Ceballos, Jim Murphy, Kim Santucci, Kathy Schiro, Drewe Schiro, Theresa Ognewchuk, Marie Doody, Andrea & John Carroll, Ruth Molenaar, Nick Landy, Sue Forsythe, Jack Romano., and Sarina Roman from Eversight.

A special recognition was given to Lion Kathy Schiro, as Team Leader and the Wallington Lions Club for participating in the preparation of the strings of eyeglasses.



DISTRICT 16-N

DG Marie also awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the Global Action Team members, PZC Lou Lambe, PDGs Brad Day and Nick Landy who was not present to accept his award. She also honored her cabinet 1VDG Kam Patek, 2VDG John Carroll who was unable to attend, Cabinet Secretary Matt Povinelli and Cabinet treasurer John Pinkus for their tireless work throughout her year as district governor.

PCC Winstar Ceballos awarded 25-year chevrons to PDG Rick Chittum, PDG Alvin Cox and Lion Lisa Garland, congratulating each for their Lionistic service.

Special recognition was given to PDG Paula Tarantino Maione, PDG Ruth Moleenaar, Lion Lisa Garland, PZC Barbara Corsaro and Zone Chair SuzAnne Pacala for their work in Lions Women’s Empowerment.

Also receiving honors were First Vice District Governor Kam Patel for increasing membership in the Livingston Lions Club, Dr. Dave Verducci for his excellent work with the Leos of not only District 16-N but also MD-16., Lion Barbara Corsaro for her work with JDRF, and Miracle for Matthew.

Yuly Romero who prepared many of the certificates for District 16-N and is also the graphic artist for the NJ Lions Newsletter was presented with a floral bouquet in appreciation for all her work on behalf on

the Lions of District 16-N and MD-16.

Finally, PDG Jose Nieto received a certificate and medal for his work in starting the Camp Marcella Alumni Club.

Lion Lou Lambe reminded all attendees to input the results of their club elections into My Lion as this information is important to publishing the directory for 2022-2023.

PCC Mike Pacala told us that there WILL be a camping season at Camp Marcella, 2 weeks for special needs adults ages 18-35 from July 17-31, and 2 weeks for

blind and visually impaired campers July 30 to August 13.

PCC Jack Romano discussed the upcoming International Convention in Montreal Canada June 24-28, 2022. All pertinent information is on the LCICON web site and www.canada.ca for requirements to enter Canada.

Congratulations to District Governor Marie Nieto on a successful year and to those awardees who provided the necessary assistance to make her gubernatorial year successful.



DISTRICT 16-N



TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB

TOMS RIVER FIELD OF DREAMS SPECIAL NEEDS

By: Lion Marion Goldberg

The Toms River Field of Dreams, a park for” Special Needs” children and adults, had its grand opening on April 30, 2022. Members of Toms River Lions were among the designated donors who attended. There were also over one thousand people who attended on a cool but sunny day to experience the effects of all the special equipment available to them.

There were speakers talking about the history of the park, how it got started, and how the special equipment was a new design by a park equipment company from New Jersey. The project took about four years to complete the 3 ½ acre park.

There were sub sandwiches for the public provided by Jersey Mike’s and juices provided by Mc Donald’s and water and coffee provided by Starbucks. All of these added to the festivities of the day. There were so many children and adults in wheelchairs of all sizes and shapes. There were also people on crutches and with special braces to help them walk – all who came to inspect and try out the facilities at this wonderful park.

Although it was not totally complete even by opening day, there is miniature golf for those in wheelchairs, swings for a child and adult to swing together, a trampoline that held a wheelchair and allowed the person in the wheelchair the experience that bouncy feeling. There is a zip line where children are placed into a specially devised seat and then pushed to the opposite end on cables just like a regular zip line plus much more.

The comment that was made was that they built this park for Special Needs people to experience this equipment as if they were normal and with no disabilities. Everyone was happy and laughing.

What was not expected was for parents to see this joy on their child’s face such as they had never seen before. The adults were in tears seeing how this joy was extended to their “Special Needs” child.



Baseball player Todd Frazier with Christian Kane and wife Mary teaching son Gavin to pitch.



And the park’s baseball field.



GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

Chicken BBQ Dinner

By: Min Elders, PRC

If you were yearning for some good BBQ, the place to be was the Gloucester City High School on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The Lions Club of Gloucester City was hosting their Annual Chicken BBQ there. For \$12.00 in advance or \$14.00 at the door, you could be treated to chicken BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, bread, butter, green beans, cupcakes, juice, coffee and tea along with the company of a group of wonderful people.

The club thanks everyone who came to the chicken BBQ. They served over 700 people making this fundraiser a success. The club has been doing this chicken BBQ for over 20 years now and club members along with the Leo Club were the happy hard-working servers.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Its 1.4 million members are dedicated to bettering the quality of life for the handicapped, the poor, the sick and the aged. A Lions Club is really just a group of civic-minded men and women who have banded together to give their time, energy and resources in service to others. The name LIONS is an acronym that stands for Liberty, Intelligence and Our Nation's Safety. Their programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and many other programs. Lions can also be counted on to provide pancake breakfasts and great chicken BBQs.

The Gloucester City Lions Club wants to recruit new members and is proud of our recent new members who have advanced to District positions. All Lions Clubs are seeking more members and if anyone is interested in joining the Lions or getting information about their various activities, they can contact the Gloucester City Lions Club.



Denise Glassman, M. Driscoll, PRC Jack Hughes and Sam Costanza.



Friends of the Gloucester Club.



President Chris Garrity, wife and son.



John Theckston, Andy Herman, Project Chair Linda Baile, Mayor/PCC/PDG Dayl Baile, Matt Wojtkowiak, Steve Pedrick, Jamie Magee, Larry Porter, President Chris Garrity and Patrick Keating.



PRC Jack Hughes, Rick Ross, Barbara Sacchetti, PRC Min Elders, PCS Ted Howarth, Harvey Garrison and Bowie Johns.



John Theckston, Andy Herman, Arvin Skramstad, Jamie Magee, Mayor/PCC/PDG Dayl Baile, Steve Pedrick, Larry Porter, Chris Garrity and Patrick Keating.



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