



# NJ LION



"WE SERVE"

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Dear Lion,

One of the best parts of being a Lion is that every day you can see how your service changes lives right outside your door. But that's only the beginning. Because whether your focus is local or global, your impact goes far beyond your community. Especially when we serve our global causes.

Our global causes unite the talents and innovation of every Lion and Leo around the world. So if you're looking to take on an ambitious new service project, consider one of our global causes. And no matter how you serve, keep it up because Together We Can starts with you.

Make a great day,  
And a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



Brian Sheehan,  
International President

*Together We Can*

WE LIVE, WE GIVE AND WE SERVE AS ONE.  
Because we know that together we are  
more. Together, there are no limits.

## MD-16

# Meet Our International President

**BRIAN E. SHEEHAN**

**Lions Club International President 2022-2023**

**B**rian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022.

President Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson, MD convention chairperson, GMT Liaison and GLT area leader. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation & Finance Committee, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, and board appointee to several committees including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees. He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including many of the Global Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year; the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award; the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award; the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award; the Founders Membership Growth Award; numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation; International President's Leadership Award; multiple International President's Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Second Century Ambassador.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. SBA Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

President Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters. And in their spare time, they have enjoyed raising many types of exotic animals.



**Lions Club International President's Theme: "Together We Can"**  
**It's so simple, so fundamental, and so true.**  
**Together We Can.**

**P**resident Sheehan believes it. He sees it in his work, in his service and in his wonderful marriage to Lori—teamwork makes it all work. That's why Together We Can is his message to Lions, and the world.

We see it in our clubs every day. People uniting to build up our communities, to be the helping hand, to change lives. Together. We see it in the work we do with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). We take on big life-changing projects that make our communities healthier, more vital and more sustainable. And we do it together.

Lions know we can't do it alone. To accomplish big things, we all have to pull together, roll up our sleeves and put in the work to make the impossible possible. And we do it with a smile because this is how we live, this is how we serve, and this is who we are as Lions.

**Every day, we live out the simplicity, the necessity and the absolute beauty of Together We Can.**



## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

# SECURE YOUR SPOT AT LDUN 2023

Lions Day with the United Nations upcoming dates:

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

This event and supporting materials will be offered in English and French only.

[- Register now](#)

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

**New York, New York, USA**

This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.

[- Register now](#)

Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2023 Lions Day with the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya or New York City,

USA, as we explore the impact of Lions' and Leos' service on improving health, nutrition and wellness in communities around the world. Secure your spot today at one of these special events and join us for a celebration of Lions service and partnership with the United Nations.



Your LDUN registration includes:

- Tickets to the LDUN program
- Printed souvenir program
- Dynamic speakers and panel discussions
- Lions International pin (Nairobi and New York) and portfolio (New York only)
- Entertainment
- Participation in local service projects

## MD-16

**YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT OUR...**

### 22ND ANNUAL CRYSTAL GALA

## ENCHANTED EVENING

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2023**  
**6:00PM**

**EMMANUEL  
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SERVING NEW JERSEY CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1981

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## GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

# Gloucester City Lions Breakfast

By PRC Min Elders

If you were in the vicinity of the Gloucester City High School cafeteria on Sunday, November 13, 2022, you were greeted by a delicious aroma. It was the appetizing scent made by the Gloucester City Lions Club Pancake Breakfast cooks working to fill their many orders that morning. The breakfast was held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and was staffed by the Club members and assisted by the members of the Leo Club (30 students). PCC Dayl was in charge of the whole project.

A lot of people and businesses in the Gloucester City area appreciate good pancakes and acknowledge by their patronage the various projects that their Lions Club run. This latest endeavor served 320 breakfasts for the club. Good people making good food resulted in success all around and permits the club to continue their work of community involvement.



PCC/PGD Dayl Baile, Andy Herman.



PCS Ted Howarth, PRC Min Elders, Bowie Johnson, 2Vice president Linda Baile, Harvey Garrison.



Matt Wojtkowiak, PDG, Bob Delambily, Jack Hughes, PDG, Mary-Ann Ragone, Delambily.



Arvin Skramstad, John Theckston, Linda Baile, Jess Torres, Patrick Keating, Chris Garrity, Andy Herman, and Steve Pedrick.



Leo's students.



Matt Wojtkowiak, and his sons.



Chris, Samantha Baile, Linda Baile, Front Scott.



## WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

# 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT BEEFSTEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER

## Friday February 10, 2023

**T**he Wood-Ridge Lions Club is proud to announce our 38th Beefsteak Dinner. This is our major event conducted over 37 years on the Friday before Super-Bowl featuring games, sports memorabilia and prize auctions, along with great camaraderie and Beef!

**NEW LOCATION:** Fiesta Banquets, 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. Doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner service beginning at 7:00 PM. Beer, wine, & soda included from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Cash bar is available 6:00 PM until event close.

**\$70 per person.** All Seats Are Assigned & Must Be Paid For In Advance. Door prizes (one chance included with your ticket purchase) contain a variety of restaurant gift certificates and other valuable prizes. Additional chances are available at 3 for \$10.

**CONTACT:** Any Wood-Ridge Lions member or send an email

with your name and phone number to be contacted. Email: [wrlionsnj@gmail.com](mailto:wrlionsnj@gmail.com) or call Mike at 917-952-1160.

**SERVICE TO OTHERS** - Some of the charities and organizations the Wood-Ridge Lions support:

- NJ Camp for Blind Children - Camp Marcella
- St. Joseph's School for the Blind
- Foundation for Fighting Blindness
- Eversight – Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey
- Center for Food Action, Bergen County
- Juvenile Diabetes JDRF
- The Lions Eye Research Foundation of NJ
- The ARC of Bergen-Passaic – Hoehne-Feinman Center
- Special Olympics NJ – Adopt-a-Cop Torchrun
- Wood-Ridge Lions Scholarship Fund
- Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation
- Lions KidSight Eye Screenings for Children conducted at local schools+

## CAMP MARCELLA

# Camp Marcella 50-50 Raffle



**Dear Fellow Lions:**

For your information, this year the Toms River Lions Club is sponsoring our annual 50-50 raffle with all proceeds benefiting the New Jersey Camp for Blind Children. Tickets were forwarded to all Lions Clubs secretaries, camp trustees and individuals last Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 each. Prizes for 1st place will be 35%, 2nd place 10% and 3rd place 5%.

Drawing will be on Saturday June 3, 2023

We would ask you to please make checks payable to our sponsoring club, "Toms River Lions Club" and mark "Camp Marcella" in the memo line of your check. Please return your check along with the completed ticket stubs and/or any unsold tickets to the Toms River Lions Club, C/o PID Mel Bray, 33 Woodview Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759-1353.

Thanks for your support and "Good Luck in the drawing".

**Yours in Lionism,  
John E. Allen, PDG**

**P.S. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or PID Mel Bray.**

**Contact info: John Allen - Tel. 732-928-5863 or email [jeamea1148@gmail.com](mailto:jeamea1148@gmail.com)**

**Mel Bray - Tel. 732-239-8968 - email [Melvyn.bray@icloud.com](mailto:Melvyn.bray@icloud.com)**

## STEP FOR A BETTER WORLD LEO CLUB

# STEP For A Better World is at West Windsor Police Department

On December 5 STEP For A Better World LEO Club's LEO Advisor Lion Jessica Shah and Project Lead & Head Photographer LEO Tejas Jadar visited West Windsor Police Department to pick up 123 toys in which the Department raised over \$600 to purchase toys to bring smiles on hundreds of children this holiday season which will be distributed by the Toys for Tots Foundation (West Trenton Area) which is a program run by the U.S. Marines! Thank you to WWPBA President & Officer Walter Silcox Franks for spearheading this initiative and Detective DeMarzo, Patrolman Brown, Detective Robles, & Patrolman LeForge. Thank you to LEO Tejas Jadar & LEO Gurneel Batra for leading this initiative. Special thanks to Shivaleela Jadar for her assistance in transporting toys! Central New Jersey Toys for Tots Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.



## MD-16

# DANCE A THON SPONSORSHIP

MD 16 Lions & Leos are Invited to participate in Dance A Thon - LCIF 1st Dance A Thon

*In honor of Melvin Jones Birthday*

(Let's get everyone to participate all day if possible)

**March 11, 2023 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Venue: West Windsor Fire Company**



IPP/LCIF Chairperson Lion Douglas X Alexander has been invited to attend.

All monies pledged will go to LCIF on behalf of those dancing.

**PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR THE SPONSOR/LCIF DONATION FORM.**

Believe We Serve, Dawn Marie Kosobucki, PDG 16 J 16-18/PMJF | H: 732-234-3932

If anyone knows of anyone to donate food: sandwiches/pizza and beverages please let me know, we don't want anyone dehydrating or passing out.



## MD-16

## NOVEMBER MD-16 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Contributed by: 1st VDG Donna Freidel

**L**ions Multiple District 16 held its second Council of Governors meeting on November 19, 2022. The meeting was held at a new location, Bog Restaurant, in West Windsor. Council Chairperson Bob Freidel presided over an interesting meeting, which included a wonderful presentation by representatives from NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness). We learned that Lions can help destigmatize mental illness and also where to find help. The NAMI representatives are available to speak at District and Club meetings.

Voting on the winning Peace Poster, from those submitted by the three districts, took place at the meeting. Representing District 16L was our district's first place winner. Brooks Meyer. Brooks is a seventh grader at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School who was sponsored by the West Berlin Lions Club. The overall winner from MD16, whose poster will move on in the competition, was Serena Jung, who was sponsored by District 16N's River Edge Lions Club. MD16 Peace poster Chairperson, SuzAnne Pacala,



CC Bob Freidel.

did a wonderful job running the Peace Poster Contest, as did our 16L Chairperson, Min Elders.

Multiple reports were offered by the chairpersons of the various committees, including information on the Multiple District Convention, International Convention, and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. PCC Al Olizi gave several reports and also was serenaded for his birthday and presented with a delicious birthday cake!

The Multiple District has new initiatives on marketing, led by CS Subarna Sahni, who is in charge of coordinating efforts at publicizing service throughout the three districts.

CC Bob Freidel spoke enthusiastically about the Balloon Festival, which will take place on June 16-18, 2023, at the Flying W Airfield in Medford, NJ. There will be hot air balloons, vendors, and WW II vintage planes on display, as well as service projects during the day throughout the event. Any Lions who wish to volunteer for this event, which will raise funds for the US-Canada Forum we are hosting in 2024, should contact CC Bob Freidel.



PCC Al Olizi celebrated his birthday at the meeting with CC Bob Freidel.



## FAIR LAWN LIONS CLUB

### FAIR LAWN LIONS CELEBRATE PDG PAUL MEYER'S BIRTHDAY

The Fair Lawn Lions Club welcomed new King Lion Kheira Sanjanelo as their leader at their meeting at the Railyard Tavern on Wednesday November 2, 2022. As their new King Lion she asked all club members to assist her in her efforts to reestablish some of this clubs activities post covid. PDG Dan Stenchever provided the cake and birthday festivities for club member PDG Paul Meyer who celebrated his 85th birthday and 52 years as a Lion serving the Fair Lawn community.

*Congratulations PDG Paul on your birthday and service to Lionism!*



## USA/CANADA LIONS



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**4 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS**  
during meals

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## WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

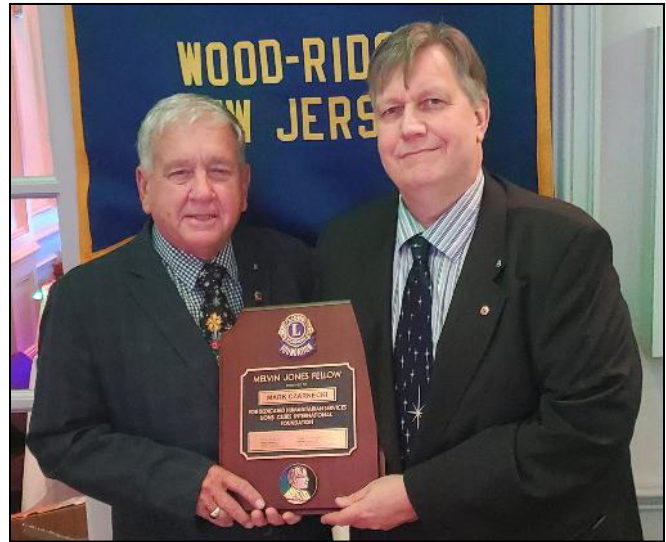
### SPECIAL MOMENTS AT WOOD-RIDGE LIONS HOLIDAY PARTY

**O**n the evening of Sunday, December 4th, The Wood-Ridge Lions enjoyed their annual Holiday Party at the Fiesta banquet hall in Wood-Ridge. Making it a very special celebration, new member Robert Mayo was inducted and Past President Mark Czarnecki received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Both ceremonies were performed by Past District Governor Dennis Brubaker, accompanied by King Lion Angelo Pertruzzella.

During a short business meeting, Past President Joe Solda and Chairperson of the annual Thanksgiving drive announced that this year the club donated 100 turkey dinners with condiments to the Bergen County Food Bank. Since Lion Solda has continuously chaired this project since 2000, the Club has donated 1,820 Thanksgiving dinners. Next, Club Secretary PDG Brubaker recognized and thanked Lions Mike Roman, Ken Turtoro, Rich McCullough, and Jim Love for their continuing participation in the District 16N Eye Screening project.

The evening festivities hosted by Lion Tamer Jim Love were enjoyed by all, and included gifts for the accompanying spouses, a lucky ticket giveaway for dinner for two at a local restaurant, and a special drawing for those wearing a holiday sweater. Music was provided by Party of 2, with Lion Ken Turtoro as the singing Piano Man.

The Club now looks ahead to the Annual Sports Night Beefsteak Dinner on the Friday before the Super Bowl, the Annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, and the Phil Rotini Golf Outing on May 1st.



PDG Dennis Brubaker with Past Club President Mark Czarnecki.



PDG Dennis Brubaker, new member Robert Mayo & wife Pat.



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**AUGUST 2 - 6, 2023**

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## MD-16

# MD-16 PEACE POSTER CONTESTS

By: PCC Jack Romano

Contributors include Peace Poster Chairs SuzAnne Pacala 16-N, Rachna Sharma 16-J, Min Elders 16-L and Lion John Schweska, 16-J

The theme of the 2022 Peace Poster Contest was "Lead with Compassion" a difficult concept for adults to comprehend, let alone 11- to 13-year-old young artists. However as in past contests our student-artists always amaze us at their concept of the annual theme.

## For District 16-N Peace Poster Chair SuzAnne Pacala:

There were 17 posters entered; however, 3 are disqualified for not following the rules of the contest. These posters as well as those qualifying will be honored by their individual sponsoring clubs. This year the Lions will choose the winning poster by a silent vote indicating their selection with tickets provided by the Peace Poster Committee. According to Peace Poster Chair SuzAnne Pacala, "The heart of the Lions will judge which poster will represent District 16-N at the state level." Thanks to Lion Lynn Mandon for assisting with this process.



District 16-L Peace Poster Chair Min Elders

Lions throughout the dinner break reviewed all the Peace Posters submitted and made their choices. And the winners are:

First Place goes to Serena Jung, an 11-year-old sixth grader from the Cherry Hill Elementary School sponsored by the River Edge Lions Club. This poster is drawn in colored pencil and beautifully done.

Honorable Mention goes to Valerie Torres a 13-year-old eighth grader from Middle School #7 sponsored by the Jersey City/Hudson City Lions Club. The pencil work and sketches are also beautifully done.

Both sponsoring clubs have had peace poster winners in past contests.

Peace Poster Chair SuzAnne also stated for 30 years young artists have visualized a concept of peace as part of the LCI Peace Poster contest. Tonight 17 individuals expressed their vision and heard the message.

Thank you for all support at the club level and e-mails and telephone calls to make this happen. The rules are very specific and must be honored.

The winning poster will compete in the MD-16 judging to be held at the State Council meeting on Saturday Nov. 19.

## For District 16-J Peace Poster Chair Rachna Sharma:

The contest was held at The Bog restaurant in Cranbury golf course, West Windsor on Saturday November 12th. Judging was done by Aylin Green, Executive Director of the West Windsor Arts Council.

Winner 1st Prize: Olivia Gaffney, Grade 7 sponsored by Summit Lions Club

Winner 2nd prize: Jennifer Joiner of New Providence Middle School Art Club sponsored by New Providence Lions Club,

Winner 3rd prize: Aarna Patel, Grade 5, Village School in West Windsor, sponsored by the West Windsor Lions Club

## For District 16-L Peace Poster Chair Min Elders:

1st place – Brooks Meyer, 13 years old from Our Lady of Mt Camel New Jersey, 7th grade, sponsored by the West Berlin Lions Club. Student's quote on peace - "Peace should unite the world to faith one child at a time."



District N and State winner from River Edge Chair SuzAnne Pacala

2nd place – Allison Gottlieb, 13 years old from Carl W. Goetz Middle School, 8th grade, sponsored by the Toms River Lions club. Student's quote on peace - "Peace is contagious and it can spread by leading with compassion."

3rd place – Eva Fields, 13 years old from the Southern Region Middle School, 8th grade, sponsored by the Stafford Township Lions Club. Student's quote on peace - "Live Love Peace".

Overall, 169 children participated in the Peace Poster Contest from the ten clubs of District 16-L. Each of the clubs taking part in the contest selected one winner. From these local winners, one was chosen to represent District 16-L. Brooks Meyer was the 1st place district winner and also became the MD 16 2nd place winner representing the West Berlin Lions Club. She became a dual winner from among the six clubs involved and the six schools of District 16-L.

"Lead with Compassion" was the theme of the 2022-2023 Peace Poster Contest.

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## MD-16

Participants used a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works they created were unique and expressed the young artists' life experiences and culture.

All the posters were evaluated on three criteria at each level of the judging. The criteria were originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

District 16-L Governor, Ely Mateo, was the judge of the district's contestants' posters.

Congratulations to all the participants who did an excellent job. It made the judging very difficult. DG Ely also extends his thanks to each of the participants who took the time and made the effort to take part in this Peace Poster Contest.

MD – 16 RESULTS Peace Poster State Chair SuzAnne Pacala

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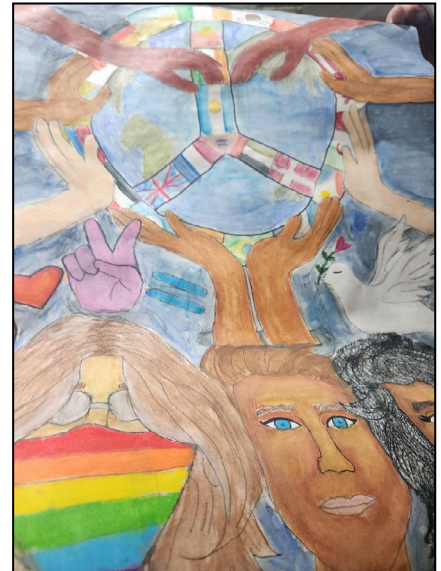
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Submitted from District J, sponsored by the Summit Lions Club: Olivia Gaffney, Grade 7 Age 12

Submitted from District L, sponsored by the West Berlin Lion Club: Brooks Meyer, Grade 7, Age 13

The winning poster that will represent New Jersey in the international judging is ..... Serena Jung, sponsored by the River Edge Lions Club, District N, Lion Lorraine Blake, President.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Rachna Sharma and Min Elders for all their leadership in Districts J and L. It has been my pleasure to work with you on this very important Lions project. To all the clubs who worked tirelessly to sponsor this contest in their communities, your efforts to support this for your communities is so appreciated. Not only



District 16-J Peace Poster Chair Rachna Sharma.

have we provided a wonderful opportunity for student artists, but we have introduced them to the greatest service organization in the world!

**Congratulations to all artist  
who participated in the  
2022 Peace Poster Contest!**

## CAMP MARCELA ALUMNI LIONS CLUB



It was a pleasure for DG Kam Patel attending and addressing at the CHARTER LUNCHEON celebrations of the newly established CAMP MARCELA ALUMNI LIONS CLUB, sponsored by West New York Leones Cubanos De Hudson Lions Club.

Very impressive new generation youngsters very much internet savvy, at Lions we need such tech and internet savvy members ready to serve the community in multiple ways through the internet and their services with presence in needy places. I am very confident they are going to be a wonderful example-setting club.

**WESTMONT LIONS CLUB**

**The Westmont Lions Club Foundation**

presents our annual

# **BUNCO NIGHT & BASKET AUCTION**

**Friday, February 24, 2023**

**7:00PM to 10:00PM**

**(Doors open at 6:00 PM)**

**At Audubon Park Community Hall, 20 Road C  
(Next to the Fire Station), Audubon Park, NJ 08106**

**Tickets: \$10.00 each in advance**

**\$15.00 at the door (if not sold out)**

**Don't be disappointed, try to purchase your tickets in advance.**

**Players age 7 to 107!**

**Individuals, Groups and Families Welcome!**

**For tickets, see any Westmont Lion or  
contact Bob Morris at 856-858-8240**

**Web: [www.westmontlionsnj.org](http://www.westmontlionsnj.org) ~ Facebook: @WestmontNJLions**

**Bunco is a non-gambling dice game similar to Yahtzee. No need to have played  
the game before since oral and written directions will be given before the game.**

**Proceeds will help the LIONS charities.**

**Food and beverages available**

**Door Prizes, Basket Auction, 50/50 and Game Prizes**



**MD-16**

## **MD-16 Peace Poster**

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It is a pleasure to serve with you all! PCC Michael and I wish you and your families a Healthy, Happy and Blessed 2023!

**Lion SuzAnne Pacala  
Peace Poster Chair, MD16**

## RIVER DELL LEO CLUB

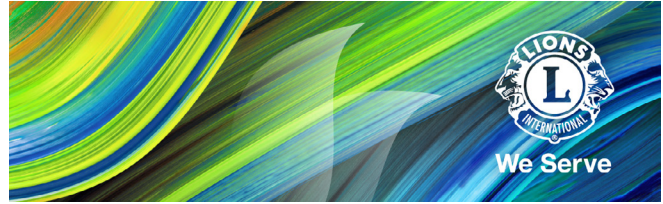


## River Dell Leo Club Plants Trees at River Dell HS

**T**his Fall, the River Dell HS Leo Club planted trees at River Dell HS to replace aging trees at the campus. Juniors, Shea Kepple and Anthony Chann planted two trees provided by the River Edge Shade Tree Commission under supervision of Commission member, Jennifer Dougherty and NJ Licensed Tree Expert, Liz Stewart, chair of the Shade Tree Commission. Support was provided by the River Dell Grounds Keeper and Lions Al Carpenter and Peter Dunsay as well. In the Spring, the Leo Club members will nurture the trees. Trees are an important part of our community and these Leo Club members are planning for the future!

If you would be interested in assisting the local Lions Club and becoming a Leo Club member, please contact : Peter Dunsay, Leos Club Adviser; River Edge Lions Club: Email to: [pdunsay@juno.com](mailto:pdunsay@juno.com) or call (973) 271-2710.

## MD-16



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



International President,  
Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

It takes a great team to bring big ideas to life. That's what makes your club so special. Because the greatest team you could ever ask for is always right by your side. And by working together, you bring out the very best in every Lion and make even greater things possible in your community.

Teamwork will always be one of our greatest strengths. It helps us take on bigger challenges and achieve bigger goals like expanding our service and growing our clubs. So let's embrace what makes our team so special and be open to new ideas, new members and new ways of doing things. Because none of us can do more than all of us. And together we can do so much more.

Make a great day,

**Brian Sheehan**  
International President





**WEST WINDSOR LIONS CLUB****70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**W**est Windsor Lions Club (WWLC) celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the Bog Restaurant in the Cranbury Golf Club on November 5, 2022. Lions, Leos from the Step for a Better World Leo Club and a number of dignitaries from District 16J attended the anniversary. Food was great and the table decorations were outstanding. Thanks to the Mayor, Lion Hemant Marathe of West Windsor, council members Lion Sonia Gawas, Lion Linda Geevers, Lion Andrea Mandel, 2VDG Rogel Bautista, ZC John Schweska, ZC Gloria Hermoso, PDG Dawn and PDG Kevin Kosobucki for making this event so special for all of us. WWLC honored club secretary Rachna Sharma for outstanding services and dedication to our club.





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JULY 7-11, 2023

## DISTRICT 16-L

ATTENZIONE!!!!



Ding! Dong! The Don is Dead!

6:30PM • SATURDAY,  
March 25, 2023Dinner and Murder Mystery  
O'Connors Bar & Grill

1383 Monmouth Rd (RT 537), Eastampton, NJ 08060

\$75. pp • Cash Bar

Purchase Tickets on [Lionsdistrict16l.com](http://Lionsdistrict16l.com) or [dlfesq@aol.com](mailto:dlfesq@aol.com)It is strongly suggested that yous all attend!

## DISTRICT 16-N



The Board of Trustees of the

*Lions District 16-N  
Charitable Foundation*

Cordially invites you to attend the

*51st Annual Grand Charity Ball*

and

*Testimonial to  
District Governor Kam Patel &  
PDG Nalit Patel*

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Cocktail Hour: 5:00pm

Dinner | Testimonial: 6:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm

Open Bar ~ Dinner- choice of entree ~ Viennese Table

Music for your listening and dancing pleasure

*The Chandelier*

340 Franklin Ave., Belleville, N.J. 07109

Donation: \$100.00 per person

RSVP: by March 25, 2023

Black Tie - Optional

## NIFTY 50/50

Nifty 50/50 Ticket Raffle at \$100 per ticket with 3 prizes: 35%, 10%, 5% of all proceeds of all tickets sold. Please forward all Nifty 50/50 ticket requests to Lion PCC Jack Romano 15 Crest Drive Midland Park N.J. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

Payment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for purchase of \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.

Mail tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_



## DISTRICT 16-L

## LIONS DISTRICT 16-L JDRF ONE WALK

Lions District 16L participated in the JDRF Southern NJ One Walk, held at Camden County College on October 16, 2022. Fourteen Lions Clubs in 16L supported the 16L Team, headed by 1VDG Donna Freidel, with financial contributions totaling over \$8,000.00. The local JDRF Chapter recognized the Lions with a Top Fundraiser tent, which provided us with the opportunity to promote lionism on the day of the walk.

On the day of the One Walk, 2VDG Terry Rosiak, ZC Tal Kramer, and 1VDG Donna Freidel turned out to represent the Lions Team, wearing our Strides T-shirts. Our Lions Strides t-shirt was also displayed with the other team shirts. Terry manned the Lions Tent, offering materials on Lions, while Donna and Tal walked the course. JDRF organizers expressed their appreciation for all the Lions do to work for a cure to type 1 diabetes!



**DISTRICT 16-J**

**LIONS DISTRICT 16-J CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**  
**Sweetheart Charity Dinner Dance**  
**FUNdraiser**

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**  
**6:00 PM- 10:00 PM**

**Knights of Columbus 2061**  
**Victorian Hall**  
**775 Washington Road, Parlin NJ 08859**

**\$75 p/p - Buffet Style Dinner, Music with Dancing**  
**Open Bar, 50/50 Raffle, Tricky Tray**



For more information or questions please contact  
Lion Dawn Marie Kosobucki, PDG at 732-234-3932  
or email [dawniere@optonline.net](mailto:dawniere@optonline.net)  
(Charity Dinner/Dance in subject line)  
Thank you for your continued support of the  
Lions District 16-J Charitable Foundation



## HACKENSACK LIONS CLUB

# HACKENSACK LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 95 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Chartered on December 14, 1927, the Hackensack Lions Club is one of the oldest clubs in District 16-N if not all of MD-16. The club celebrated their 95 years of service with a dinner at Martino's Family Grocery and Restaurant in Hackensack N.J., on Saturday November 5, 2022.

Many members of the club and guests came to revel in the past accomplishments of this club and under the leadership of King Lion/Secretary Amy Guggino, and Treasurer Nancy Paparazzo are looking towards the future with new and different service projects and fund raisers for the club such as the upcoming Corn Hole event on Saturday Nov. 17, 2022.

King Lion Amy thanked all those who were able to attend the afternoon event and welcomed guests PCC Jack Romano and wife Diane. Lion Amy went on to explain what the club has done over the years and hopes to continue to do in the future.

The club remains active in the Hackensack/Maywood community by sponsoring:

**The Good Character Award.** This award is in honor of the late King Lion Emil Canestrino. The club provides a financial award to a graduating senior at Hackensack High School who has been referred to the club for their "good character," to help defray higher learning expenses.

**Vision Screening.** The club uses the Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation's SPOT vision screener to provide screening services to those schools that have a need or any organization that requests assistance with vision screenings. When this is used on pre-school aged child read, it gives parents an early assessment for issues that can be addressed before these create a learning issue. The club has successfully screened in Hackensack and Maywood N.J. schools and the Lodi and Maywood campuses of the South Bergen Jointure Commission schools.

**Eye Glass Collection.** The club has eye glass collection boxes located in the greater Hackensack community Lion Nick Gorab sorts, cleans and delivers the collected eye glasses for further processing and distribution to those in other countries.

**Disabled Veterans.** The club has supported disabled Veterans in the community by providing Shop Rite Gift Cards to ensure no one would go hungry especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Hackensack Lions also support Camp Marcella to help provide a fun and safe camping experience to a blind or disabled individual who may not otherwise get to experience a week at a summer camp.

The Hackensack Lions are able to provide this level of service through the Hackensack Lions Charitable Foundation Inc., whose goal is to make the greater Hackensack area a better place in which to live and do business. This group of community leaders and business owners coming from all walks of life help the blind, the sight impaired and many other local causes.

Part of the celebration was in memory of deceased members: King Lion Emil Canestrino, Lions Charles Ticho, Lisa Gorab, Peggy



**King Lion Amy Guggino and PCC Jack Romano.**

Koestner, and Past District Governor Paula Tarantino Maione, who was a friend of the club.

PCC Jack Romano spoke about the history of the Hackensack Lions being chartered in December of 1927 and being sponsored by the Rutherford Lions, who themselves were founded by none other than Melvin Jones. Could there have been a Jonesian connection? He also read and presented to King Lion Amy a congratulatory letter from our international President Brian Sheehan, congratulating the Hackensack Lions on their 95th Anniversary.

Unofficial club historian Lion Nick Gorab a life/50-year member regaled everyone with stories of past hijinks especially when he was a new member and was responsible for club guest speakers and programs. Two stories of interest are the "belly dancer" program where the dancer was instructed to "interact" with a particular Lion, and the annual beer fueled Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary softball game. Fortunately, the field was located near a stream. Lion Nick also recounted all of the places in and around Hackensack where the club has met since he became a Lion in 1971. A special mention was for Rudy's restaurant which unfortunately fell to a wrecking ball and the forever gone Chicken a la Rudy.

Martino's Grocery & Restaurant provided a festive feast of Italian specialties including tomato & mozzarella Salad, pasta e fagioli, Chicken Parmigiana, fish, shrimp, roasted chicken, rigatoni in meat sauce, sausage and peppers, penne, cavatelli and broccoli, just to name a few, all non-fattening and absolutely delicious! Then there was dessert.

The City of Hackensack is going through a renaissance with construction of midrise apartments, urban renewal projects and revitalization of the shore line along the Hackensack River. The Hackensack Lions will continue their rebirth in keeping with the growing community. As the city is growing so is the club which in the word of Life Member Lion Nick Gorab, "I hope to make it to the centennial!" And so do we.

**Congratulations to the Hackensack Lions Club on their 95th Anniversary and we will do this all again in 5 years on December 14, 2027, for their centennial celebration.**

**DISTRICT 16-N****CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MD-16 New Jersey Lions State Office**  
**30 Knightsbridge Rd #525**  
**Piscataway Township, NJ 08854**  
**Telephone: (732) 747-9440 • Fax: (732) 352-1411**

**International President - Brian Sheehan**  
**"Together We Can"**

**District Governor – Kamlesh Patel**  
**52 Clubs – 1181 Members (16N)**

The latest Lions International Digital magazine  
 can be found [<HERE>](#)

Visit The State Website [www.njlions.org](http://www.njlions.org)

Submit any ARTICLES, PICTURES, COMING EVENTS, FLYERS for the NJ Digital Magazine to Ruth Molenaar at [Ruth.molenaar@aol.com](mailto:Ruth.molenaar@aol.com). You can also call her at 201-725-1373.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>SUBMIT BY</u>	<u>PUBLISH ON</u>
#3 - Mid-Winter/Spring (35 Pages)	March 22, 2023	March 29, 2023
#4 -State Convention (35 Pages)	May 25, 2023	June 05, 2023

Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) Training is designed lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their Lions community will benefit from the RLLI, where they will learn about club operations, opportunities and resources available to clubs, and gain both valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

MD-16's RLLI will be held on:

-Thursday January 19, 2023 at 7:00pm via zoom

-Saturday January 21st & 28th, 2023 (in-person), 8:30am-4pm



The RLLI in-person session will be held at 820 Washington Road, Parlin NJ. ALL DATES are a required part of the training. The cost is only \$25 per Lion, Leo-Lion, or Leo. Please respond to this email, if you are interested / or know of anyone you would like to be recommended to attend no later than Jan. 13th, 2023, so that the required paperwork to complete, materials, and links can be sent. Dawn Marie Kosobucki, PDG 16 J  
 Home Phone 732-234-3932

**January 2023**

-Sat, Jan 21 – RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Instruction)

-Sat, Jan 28 – RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Instruction)

**February 2013**

-Fri, Feb 10 -WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB - 38th ANNUAL BENEFIT BEEFSTEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER - This is our major event conducted over 37 years on the Friday before Super-Bowl featuring games, sports memorabilia and prize auctions, along with great camaraderie and Beef! NEW LOCATION: Fiesta Banquets, 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 Doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner service beginning at 7:00 PM. Beer, wine, & soda included from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Cash bar is available 6:00 PM until event close. \$70 per person. All Seats Are Assigned & Must Be Paid For In Advance. Contact: any Wood-Ridge Lions member or send an email with your name and phone number to be contacted. Email: [wrlionsnj@gmail.com](mailto:wrlionsnj@gmail.com) or call Mike at 917-952-1160.

**March 2023**

-Thur, Mar 9 – 16N St Council – Women, Leos – Location TBA

**April 2013**

-Sat, Apr 1 - 16N Charitable Ball and Testimonial for DG Kamlesh "Kam" Patel 2022-2023 and PDG Nalit Patel 2020-21– The Chandler, 340 Franklin Ave, Belleville, NJ. More info to follow.

-Thur, Apr 13 -16N St Council – Memorial Service & Awards TBA

**Individuals, who would like to be added to/deleted from this list to receive "Lions Only" business and events in your clubs, let Rick know [rchittum16n@aol.com](mailto:rchittum16n@aol.com)**



## DISTRICT 16-N



The poster features a vibrant background with several hot air balloons. One balloon prominently displays the Lions International logo. A pair of black-rimmed glasses is superimposed over the central text. The event title is written in a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts. A blue cloud-like shape contains the dates and location. A 'LIVE MUSIC' sign is shown in a stylized font. A circular inset image shows food trucks. At the bottom, three blue buttons highlight key features: Live Music, Food Trucks, and Kids Play Area. Contact information is provided at the very bottom.

# LIONS Flight for Sight Hot Air Balloon Festival

**JUNE 16TH-18TH,  
2023**

**LOCATION**  
Flying W Airport &  
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Rd, Medford, NJ 08055,  
United States

**LIVE  
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**FUN FAMILY DAY**  
• FOOD TRUCKS  
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• KIDS PLAY AREA  
• ADULT BEVERAGES

**General Admission: \$20.00**  
**Kids under 10 FREE**

**Group Balloon Rides: \$300.00**  
**Single Ride: \$20.00 per person**

**LIVE MUSIC**   **FOOD TRUCKS**   **KIDS PLAY AREA**

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## JERSEY CITY/HUDSON CITY LIONS CLUB

# JERSEY CITY/HUDSON CITY LIONS CLUB ON THE MOVE

By: PCC Jack Romano

**T**he Jersey City/Hudson City Lions Club is blazing a trail with some upcoming new and innovative service projects. This long-serving Lions Club is pivoting to the community needs to remain relevant in providing needed services.

At their club meeting held at Gino's Restaurant on Central Avenue, one of the City's shopping districts, Past Council Chair Jack Romano inducted the 2022-2023 officers:

- President: Lion Maria E. Aguilar-Ambrossi
- First Vice President PDG Ruth Molenaar
- Secretary Lion Andrea Carroll
- Treasurer Lion Diane Lynch
- Tail Twister Brandon Ambrossi
- Lion Tamer Natasha Fernandez
- Board of Directors 1VDG John Carroll, Lion Joe Tortuelli, Lion Gary Zampella.

King Lion Maria thanked all members attending and stated that the club is looking to partner with other civic groups within Jersey City for service projects, especially with veterans who may need services such as vision screening, examinations and eye glasses. She also spoke about some proposed fund-raising events which remain in the planning stages.

1VDG John Carroll awarded a Past President plaque to PDG Ruth Molenaar for her tenure as president of the club in the 2020-2022 Lionistic years.

PCC Jack awarded years of service chevrons to:

- 1VDG John Carroll for 50 years of service
- PDG Ruth Molenaar for 25 years of service
- Lion Diane Lynch for 25 years of service

Also attending were two potential new members. This club has successfully grown membership over the past 3 years despite the pandemic.

**Congratulations to all club officers and awardees on their continued Lionistic service journey.**



# LIONS FLIGHT FOR SIGHT HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

JUNE 16TH - 18TH, 2023






## DELAWARE VALLEY LIONS CLUB

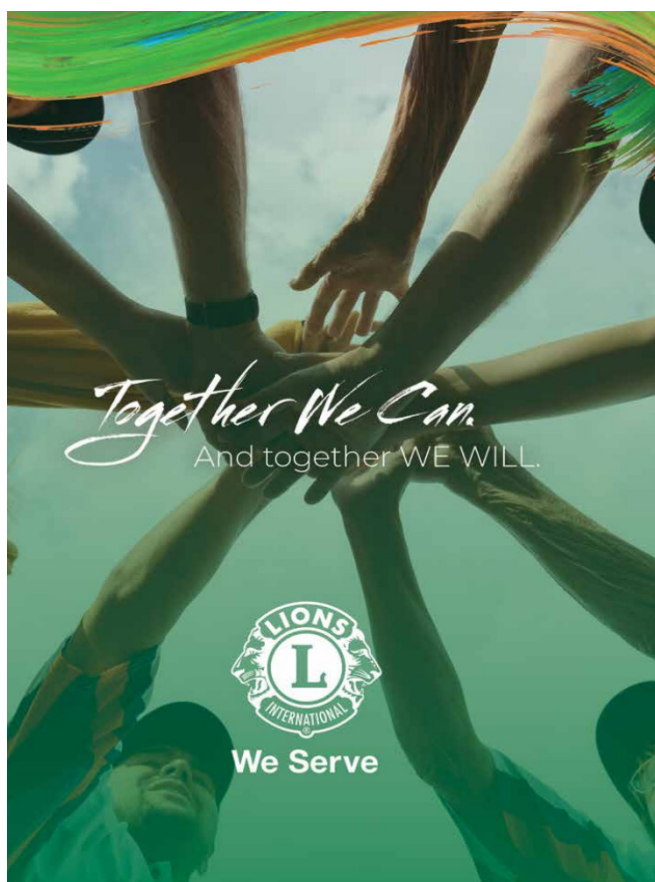
# LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE



**R**ich Lucy receiving his Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley Gene Polgar Fellowship presented by PID Mel Bray, Eye Bank Chairman.



Karen Ressler received Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley certificate of Participation from PID Mel Bray, Eye Bank Chairman @ COG meeting 9/10/22.



## WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



**W**est Milford Lions present Melvin Jones awards to Lions Janice Halvorsen and Lion James Kenny. Pictured are President Ray Garcia, James Kenny, Janice Halvorsen, and PID Dr. Robert Moore.



## JDRF

## JDRF WALK AT LIBERTY STATE PARK

By: PCC Jack Romano

**A**fter a 2-year hiatus due to the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic, walkers and supporters of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation gathered for their annual walk at Liberty State Park on Sunday Nov. 6, 2022. No one was deterred by the change back to Eastern Standard Time as all the participants were ready willing and able to lend their support to this District 16-N and MD-16 State Approved Project.

Normally in early November in past walks there has been weather issues either cold rain or both. However, the JDRF gods were shining brightly on this year's walk as the weather, although overcast was unseasonably warm, which made for a fantastic event.

District 16-N has "adopted" and supported JDRF as a district project under the banner of Team Miracle for Matthew for over ten years when we first learned that Mathew Corsaro grandson of PDG Lou and PZC and current Second Vice District Governor Barbara was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 16 months. Because of Lions support and other donations to Team Miracle

for Matthew, as well as other organized teams, there have been technological breakthroughs whereby Matthew (or anyone else with the appropriate app) can now be alerted to fluctuations in his blood sugar levels. A wearable insulin pump can administer the appropriate dose of insulin as the need arises. This technology did not exist three years ago!

During the pandemic, the main JDRF Walk at Liberty State Park was canceled in lieu of smaller localized walks with fewer attendees in an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid19. These "mini" walks did not deter the enthusiasm of Lions supporting JDRF and Team Miracle for Matthew. Now that Covid seems to be mitigated to some degree Lions from all over District 16-N participated in this long-awaited main event.

David Corsaro, father of Matthew stated, "after 2years (2020 & 2021), with tiny walks it is great to be back together. Thank you to Lions Clubs who helped raise over \$15,000, which we could not have done without their support." Grandmother Barbara stated, "Lions support at the walk helps towards turning Type 1 into Type none!"



Walkers supporting Team Miracle for Matthew included the Wayne Hills N.J. High School Leo Club, and students from Harrison High School led by PDG Nick Landy who is on the faculty.

Other JDRF Walks included District 16-L at Avon by the Sea on Sunday October 16, 2022 and District 16-J Middlesex County Johnson Park on Sunday October 30, 2022.

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**JDRF****From the JDRF Web Site:**

After two years of walking virtually, we are so excited to bring the entire T1D community together again for the 2022 JDRF One Walk.

The JDRF One Walk is your chance to show the world that together, we can conquer type 1 diabetes (T1D). If you're living with T1D or you love someone living with T1D, you'll likely do just about anything to make life easier.

When you participate in JDRF One Walk, the money you raise will power more research, enable more advocacy and fund more support for the 1.6 million Americans living with T1D. And, you'll have a great time doing it! That's because you'll walk with a committed community that is passionate about doing whatever it takes to live in a world without T1D.

**Thanks to all Lions and walkers for supporting the 3 JDRF Walks in MD-16 with the mission of turning Type one into Type none!**



## LEO CLUB MD-16



### What's Up?

#### Is Your Leo Club Data Up to Date in MyLCI?

If you haven't already done so, Leo Club Lion Advisors are reminded that all Lions Clubs sponsoring Leos are required to keep their MyLCI Leo data updated.

Keeping MyLCI current is critical as the data entered is our primary source of contact to your club. The data you provide help us provide you with all the new and updated Leo information as it becomes available.

Need help with MyLCI?  
Send an email to:  
[NJLeoClubs@gmail.com](mailto:NJLeoClubs@gmail.com)

## LEO CLUB NEWS

### WHO WILL BE THE LEADERS OF THE LEO MD16 IN '23-'24?

#### ELECTIONS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

The timeline for the election of Leo Multiple District 16's 2022-2023 has been announced. In addition to electing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, two directors from each of NJ's sub-district's (16N, 16J, and 16L) will be chosen.

All registered New Jersey Leo Club members are eligible to stand for election. To assist individuals considering being nominated are strongly to attend the informational session that will be held on March 19, 2023. All Leos and Leo Club advisors (both Lion and faculty advisors) are welcome to attend either or both of these meetings via Zoom.

To be eligible for election, an individual must have been a Leo Club member in good standing for at least one half year. In addition, candidates must complete a short application, create a two minute video stating their qualifications, and must be endorsed by both their home club as well as its club's Lion or faculty advisor.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### NJ LEO CONVENTION 2023

The officers and directors of the Leo Club Multiple District 16 have announced that the **NJ State Leo Convention** will be held on **Sunday, May 23, 2023**.

Responding to feedback received from participants of the New Jersey's first-ever Leo Convention held last May, the 2023 program will be entirely virtual and free of charge. All Leo Club members, club advisors, and Lions are invited to attend..

In addition to a variety of program sessions, a number of well-known speakers will be on hand to share their knowledge and Leo experience. Workshops will offer tips for building membership, ideas for managing successful service projects, and much more!

We hope all those associated with the state's Leo program will mark the date on their calendars and will plan on joining us this May. Registration is required, so watch your email for sign up information and program schedule which will be forwarded in January.



**DISTRICT 16-L****SAVE THE DATE****DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER****(Note Our New Location)****PENNSAUKEN COUNTRY CLUB  
3800 HADDONFIELD ROAD  
PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110****DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023  
6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.****FELLOW LIONS OF DISTRICT 16 L**

Please join us as we celebrate all that you have done during this Lion year for your club, the district and community. Your dedication and hard work have made a difference and helped to change the lives of so many people in our communities. Thank you for allowing me and the district team to visit with each of your clubs. It's been a humbling experience. Let's celebrate together and join me, the district cabinet and our District Lions Clubs as we celebrate our many accomplishments.

More information on ticket cost, our menu and entertainment will be made available after January 1, 2023. So please mark your calendars for this auspicious occasion.

Yours In Service,  
Ely Mateo • District Governor

## WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**A**s they have been doing traditionally, the West New York Cuban Lions Club celebrated its Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 7th at Segovia Meson Restaurant in Carlstadt, NJ. It was a wonderful night filled with Lionistic fellowship in the spirit of Christmas. The characteristic delicacies served at dinner were complemented by the presence of Santa Claus and his wife Santa Claus, as well as wonderful music by DJ Rafael, dancing, raffles and lots of joy and the club also commemorated the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Club's entry into the International Organization of Lions Clubs.

**We wish all the members and friends of the Club a Happy and Blessed 2023.**



PDG's Marie and Jose Nieto, President with Santa.



Alex and Blanca Mankiewicz with Santa.



President, PDG Jose Nieto, Secretary Erlinda Rodriguez, Niurka "Nikki" Mederos, Raquel Soutuyo, PDG Marie Nieto & Sandra Paz.



Sandra and Carlos Paz with their nephew Ryan Paz with Santa.



Beautiful Mrs. Migdalia Llerena celebrated her 95th birthday.



PCS Felix and Delia Barrera with Santa.



PDG Ruth Molenaar with Santa.



Lions Erlinda & Dr. Rodolfo L. Rodriguez, OD.



Writer Jorge Luis Seco toasting with friends.



## DISTRICT 16-N

## MIDLAND PARK HONORS VETERANS

By: PCC Jack Romano

**W**ith the advent of social media and the ease of internet searches, where students can discover almost anything at their fingertips, keyboards and I-phones, a group of Midland Park Highland School students decided to do things the "old fashioned way."

Students Madeline Eliya, Finley Fells, Dafina Patreski, Melanie Stein and their fellow classmates conceived of a project for their social studies class on how best to honor those veterans from Midland Park who served in the wars and conflicts in the 20th and 21st centuries. Thus, a research project was born.

Under the direction of teachers Mrs. Ganguzza and Mr. Kigallen, these students used previous Memorial Day programs to research every serviceperson from Midland Park who has served or is continuing to serve in the military. The resulting project is the Highland School Veterans Memorial featuring all service men and women living and deceased or killed inaction under the banner, All Gave Some, Some Gave All.

The students actually performed library research and conducted personal interviews with surviving family members for this project. Included in the project are photos of some those killed in action where available and brief biographies of each service person outlining their branch, rank and service achievements and the date they died in service to our country. Many streets in Midland Park are named in honor of those who have fallen.

The students used the following time periods for their project: World War I 1914-1918, World War II 1939-1945, Korea 1950-1953, Vietnam 1959-1975, Gulf War 1990-1991, Afghanistan



**Peter Galasso, principal of the Highland School Midland Park with PCC Jack Romano.**

2000-2021, Iraq 2003-2011. Also listed are active-duty service personnel during the periods of 1939-1970, 1974-2001, 2009-2022.

In fact, Midland Park with a population of 8,000 in 1970 had the highest per-capita of Vietnam War casualties in the nation with eight killed, which prompted then Mayor Cornelius A. Pointer to write to President Richard M. Nixon asking him not to send any more service persons from the borough to Vietnam.

Mr. Peter Galasso, Principal of the Highland School stated, "This 'legacy project' was not just about another project that involved research, collaboration, and creativity to achieve an outcome. It was more than that. This project was about 11 and 12 year old kids taking it upon themselves to honor servicemen and women who walked the same hallways in Midland Park as they do today. Students traveling the Highland Elementary School hallways can now literally see the Service History in Midland Park; past and present. It is comforting to know that Highland school students will know what service to the country looks like because of this project and the work of the students and teachers."

A power point presentation will run in a continuous loop on a television mounted in the center of the Memorial Wall partially funded by the Midland Park Lions Club. With over 300 slides, this encompasses all the veterans that ever passed through Midland Park schools that our students identified. If there is someone that we missed we can always add them to the presentation.

What a great way to honor our Veterans living and deceased and to teach students the power and necessity of proper research techniques, skills which will last them a lifetime.

(I have permission from the school principal, Peter Galasso to publish the photo of the students).





## WAYNE AND WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

### JOINT MEETING OF WAYNE AND WEST MILFORD CLUBS

**T**uesday, Oct 11 at North Jersey Country Club in Wayne, NJ was held a Joint Meeting of Wayne and West Milford Lions Clubs. Guests included DG Kam Patel, PID Dr. Robert Moore and 2VDG Barbara Corsaro. Two new members were inducted into the West Milford club.



Ryan Kenny pinned by his dad, Jim. A very special moment for Jim, his sons, and the West Milford Lions Club.



DG Kam Patel with the Group of Wayne and West Milford members.



Ryan and Brendan Kenny with Sponsor 1st VP of WM club Jim Kenny in center.



Brendan Kenny pinned by his dad, Jim. Brendan Kenny pinned by his dad, Jim. Brendan Kenny pinned by his dad, Jim.



DG Kam Patel, Ryan Kenny, West Milford 1st VP Jim Kenny, Brendan Kenny, Wayne Pres John Taggart, PID Dr Robert Moore, 2VDG Barbara Corsaro.





## LIVINGSTON LIONS CLUB

# CLASSROOM SPACE NEEDED-GUIDING DOG

Livingston Lions Club has worked with Livingston Township, and we have set the guiding dog program.

Guiding eye for the Blind will work with Livingston Community Center on a biweekly basis for January and February 2023, which would be an ideal space for their classes as well.

After that they will use for 3 days a week going forward.

I'm including a link to a feature that highlights a Lions Appreciation Day we held on our campus this Fall- [Celebrating Lions 2022 - Guiding Eyes for the Blind](#).



SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION - PAGE 32

## DISTRICT 16-J

*You're invited!*

TESTIMONIAL DINNER & DANCE FOR  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR KASH DELORY  
2022-2023

APRIL 29TH

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Hosted by West Windsor Lions Club



2085 ROUTE 27, LINCOLN HIGHWAY, EDISON, NJ 08817

\$75/person; Net proceeds go to Fight Hunger/LCIF

*RSVP by March 31st, 2023*

kdelory@gmail.com

Make check Payable to

West Windsor Lions Club - 14 San Marco Street, Princeton Jct., NJ, 08550

OR Zelle - wwlcdues@gmail.com

## LIVINGSTON LIONS CLUB



**Guiding  
Eyes**  
for the Blind

# Classroom Space Needed

Our local, puppy raising region needs a space to hold leashed training & obedience classes for our future guide dogs in training.



## Who We Are

Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs to people with vision loss. We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals for greater independence. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with all services provided completely free of charge.

Volunteer puppy raisers prepare our pups for guide dog training. Raisers prepare our puppies with the skills they need to take on a job that will change someone's life.

## → What is Needed?

A free dedicated training space is essential to provide our volunteer puppy raisers a place to train our pups on program year-round.

- able to comfortably fit 15-20 volunteers with their dogs indoors
- needed 1-2x per week for up to 2 hours.

## → FAQ'S

- We will disinfect any areas of the space that need to be.
- Class is planned & taught by a dedicated staff or volunteer who will be your point of contact.
- We have general liability coverage & can provide you with a COI.
- We work with Labrador Retrievers & German Shepherds from ages 10 wks-2 years.
- Space is only used 1-2 hours per week so typically does not affect any animal allergies.

## → You Can Help Us

By simply providing a dedicated space, you are helping our mission.

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:**



**Liz Vacchiano, Regional Puppy Instructor**  
914-523-7394



evacchiano@guidingeyes.org



guidingeyes.org



## MD-16

## STRIDES WALK IN CALGARY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH

A great day for bringing diabetes awareness and fellowship with lions at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Pictured with International President Brian Sheehan and other lions (DG, PDG, CC, ID, PID's and lions).



## DELAWARE VALLEY LIONS CLUB

### "MY CORNEA TRANSPLANTS GAVE ME MY LIFE BACK"

Brooke is one of nearly 50,000 people in The Delaware Valley who have benefited from Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley's (LEBDV) sight restoration programs. Restoring sight and preventing blindness for 65 years, LEBDV gives back hope and restored vision through the healing power of eye donation.

With your help, we will continue to make a lasting impact and ensure that every person in need has access to the highest-quality tissue that is processed and delivered with skill, compassion, and care.

Your gift will change lives in The Delaware Valley. Making a donation means giving back hope for a second chance at

sight and the ability to live an independent life.

97% of all cornea transplant operations successfully restore a recipient's vision. LEBDV serves as both a leader in the field of eye banking and as a responsible and altruistic steward for the gift of cornea donation to over 1,000 of your neighbors every year.

It takes a giving community to make our work possible. Every financial contribution, regardless of size, will change the life of someone who would otherwise live in darkness.

Help us help others. Together, we can provide hope through this life-changing gift, one person at a time.



Brooke Halper, Esq., Cornea Transplant Recipient and Eye Donation Advocate.



[CLICK HERE ... GIVE TODAY](#)



**MD-16****LIONS LOVE TO USE ACRONYMS**

Contributed by: PDG Karen Ressler  
Understanding our Lions alphabet soup

**M**any companies and organizations adopt their own unique jargon and abbreviations - that while understood by insiders are sometimes hard to decipher by those outside their group. Lions are no different in that respect - we have so many acronyms, that it can be a challenge for new members to get up to speed on what they all mean. And when new programs or initiatives are rolled out by Lions International, even seasoned Lions can find it hard to keep up.

If you want to brush up on your Lions Acronyms, [click here](#) to download a list of with the full term spelled out. Want to help educate your club members about their meanings? Maybe your club's Tail Twister would like to make up a short quiz at a meeting to see how many acronyms each member can get correct.

Lions are busy, and using acronyms can save time - both when speaking and writing. It is easier to say three syllables than nine - "P" "I" "D" instead of Past International Director for example. Just keep your audience in mind when using an acronym. If you are addressing a group that includes many non-Lions, make sure you use the full term at the beginning of your presentation, before reverting to using an acronym. In writing a press release, or even making a fundraising flyer, it is good practice to spell out the full term/title, followed by the short term. You can then use the short form throughout the rest of your document without leaving the reader wondering what those letters mean.

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**Calling All Lions!!!!**  
Save the Date



**New Jersey Lions  
State Convention  
May 18,19,20, 2023  
Tropicana, Atlantic City**

*David Corsaro*  
Appearing May 19<sup>th</sup>

**KNOWLTON LIONS CLUB****Knowlton Lions Truck Raffle and Picnic**

**A**ugust 27, 2022 In the photo PID Dr Robert Moore, 2VDG Barbara Corsaro, PID Mel Bray, PDG Lou Corsaro, and Toms River Lion Ginny Bray.





## GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

By: PRC, Min Elders

The Gloucester City Lions Club gathered at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Vitale's Italian Bistro in Gloucester City, New Jersey for their Christmas Dinner. A total of 34 members including wives were at the affair.

Even though the Covid 19 virus has decreased its intensity, all present were aware that they still need to be cautious.

The 2022 projects of the club were successful and all the members look forward to having the same success in 2023.

Their commitment to the Lions organization and to each other is the reason they are successful. Covid 19 can sometimes place a burden on their activities, but they find a way to handle the problem and move on to completion.

Everyone had a wonderful time being with their friends and enjoying the happy holiday season.





## LIVINGSTON LEO CLUB



### Mayor's Citation and Recognition of Livingston Community Leo Club

**L**ivingston Township Mayor Michael M. Vieira with winners of Public speaking competition in age groups 8-12 and 13 – 18. Livingston Mayor also blessed the freshly inducted members of Livingston Community Leo Club with DG Kam Patel and PDG Nalit Patel.

## BELVIDERE LIONS CLUB



**T**he Belvidere Lions Club Foundation Inc., hosted the 2nd Golftoberfest Golf Outing at Harkers Hollow Golf Club on Saturday October 15th, 2022.

Thank you all that made this event a great success!

**Lion Mike Moyer**



## EVERSIGHT

### GOOD AFTERNOON EVERSIGHT FRIENDS!

**A**s we enter into the fall season, and the final quarter of the year, I'd like to thank you for your on-going support of Eversight's sight-saving mission. Your contributions make vision a reality for those in need.

Recently Eversight released a video elaborating on our global mission and vision. You may view and share the video on the Eversight's Youtube page at <https://youtu.be/FMQjpamaFnw>.

Also, we now support PayPal and Venmo as giving modes on our website. Please visit <https://www.eversightvision.org/give/> to learn more. We are grateful for the opportunity to share more about the local and global impact of Eversight's work in Q3 of 2022 below.

#### Tissue Transplants

In New Jersey, 510 donors selflessly gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors from January 1 to September 30, 2022.



#### Research & Innovations

This summer, Eversight was able to purchase a tissue incubator.

This piece of equipment will help Eversight culture tissues and cells within a controlled environment. This tissue incubator is connected to oxygen, carbon dioxide and nitrogen gas cylinders that control the proportion of these essential gases in the incubator to mimic various physiological conditions.

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL



**Y**our club is changing lives every day through its enthusiastic and innovative service. Your success comes from rolling up your sleeves and getting to work to help your community, but success also comes from creating a great member experience for your Lions.

Read [Five Ways to Make Serving Fun](#) and learn how to get your club and community excited about your next service project. Let's keep doing what we do best and make serving fun for everyone. Because that changes lives in more ways than we'll ever know.

## EVERSIGHT



*Peter is a proud New Jersey resident and grateful double cornea transplant recipient of 25 years.*

**Eversight**  
making vision a reality

## You change lives.

Eversight is a nonprofit eye bank with the mission to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.

## In 2021 through our work and the support of people like you:

### 8,595

people received sight-restoring cornea transplants

### 3,441

donated eye tissues helped advance critical vision research and education

### 898

surgeons and clinicians received training and education on innovations, safety and best practices to ensure best patient outcomes

## In New Jersey



### 726

residents gave the gift of sight as eye tissue donors



### 411

cornea tissues were donated by New Jersey residents to advance vision research and educate surgeons around the world



Received the NJBIZ Healthcare Heroes Innovation Award for our work in identifying the impact COVID-19 had on eye tissue donation



Proud state project and partner with New Jersey Lions to serve our communities and to help everyone see a better tomorrow

**Change the lives** of those who are losing their sight or are blind, and the future for millions more all over the world awaiting treatment and cures.



Learn more today and get involved at [eversightvision.org](https://eversightvision.org) or on social media [@eversightvision](https://twitter.com/eversightvision)

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**MONTREAL 2022**  
104th Lions Clubs International Convention

Lions and Leos, thank you  
for making LCICon 2022  
Montréal a huge success!



**BOSTON**

**2023**



**COMING  
TOGETHER.  
MOVING  
AHEAD.**

### LCICon 2023 Boston

Next year, the 105th Lions Clubs International Convention will be in "the city on the hill" — where Lions and Leos will unite to forge a path to a better world. It's going to be a celebration you won't want to miss!



Register today

## DISTRICT 16-N

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

January kicks off the start of our 100 Clubs in 100 Days Challenge. We challenge you to identify unserved communities with needs that are going unmet and fill those gaps with 100 new clubs across the United States. If you are up for the challenge of starting one of those new club in your district, you won't want to miss our next Global Action Team Webinar. Our host, GAT Constitutional Area I Leader, PID Jerome Thompson, will be joined by four of our area leaders from across the country to discuss the steps to form a new club and resources available to help along the way. [Click here to register>>](#)

Expanding Our Footprint of Service  
into New Communities  
Ten Easy Steps to Success

January 30, 2023 | 7:00PM – 8:00PM CST

## The Success Corner!

If you or your district has a success story that you would like to share, please email me at [GAT@lionwinster.org](mailto:GAT@lionwinster.org).

We have to celebrate your success!

Also remember that GAT District Funding of USD \$500 is available for each district with the submission of a GAT success story (one submission per district). Any district GAT Member (District Governor, GLT, GMT, GST Coordinator) on record with Lions Clubs International or the Cabinet Secretary may apply for the funding. 2022-2023 submission will open in September.

For more information and the application, please visit the button below.

[GAT District Funding](#)

## DISTRICT 16-L



## Moorestown Lions

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Beef & Beer

- ❖ Date: Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- ❖ Time: 7:00pm - Midnight
- ❖ Place: Lenola Fire Hall,  
225 N Lenola Rd  
Moorestown, NJ
- ❖ Cost: \$35 Donation

[facebook.com/moorestownlions](https://facebook.com/moorestownlions)

Contact Helen: 609-304-9989 or Ashley: 609-315-1992



Great Food - Awesome DJ - Silent & Chinese Auction  
50/50 ~ Beer & Wine - Set Ups ~ Loads of Fun

All Proceeds devoted to Lions Projects benefitting the Sight & Hearing impaired, Special needs individuals, youth programs and scholarships.

## WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB



Eleventh-Annual

## BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2023



1pm to 4pm



Basket tickets available at 12:00

Don't miss out on this awesome family oriented event. There will be a Basket Auction that will run throughout the day, that will have a wide variety of items auctioned off that day. Come out just for the basket auction if you're not bowling that day.

GUARANTEED FUN FOR ALL!!

**\$15.00 Per Person / 5 people per lane**  
PLUS each bowler gets PIZZA, SODA, and Shoe



Rental...ALL INCLUDED

RESERVE YOUR LANES EARLY

THE WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS, AND ALL OF OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

The event takes place at WESTBROOK LANES in Brooklawn

Call 856-287-5763 - Leave Your Name & Number

We are also seeking donations for the Basket Auction, and Sponsors for the lanes. Call for more information.



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# The Lions Eye Research Foundation of NJ

## WHAT DOES THE LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION DO FOR YOU?

**The Lions Eye Research Foundation (LERF)** supports full-time research efforts to develop new treatments for the major causes of blindness by providing funding to support new research projects in:

- **age-related macular degeneration**
- **amblyopia**
- **corneal scarring**
- **management of complex eye trauma**
- **diabetic retinopathy**
- **glaucoma**
- **retinitis pigmentosa**
- **& purchase needed research equipment**



**Your LERF Trustees hold Fundraisers to support the Foundation's Research Efforts.**

**Research Doctors report their latest findings in advancements and techniques to our foundation.**



**LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
OF NEW JERSEY INC. (LERF)**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**"DOCTORS' SPEAK FORUM"**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

OPEN TO ALL LIONS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



Currently we plan to conduct the program as a Zoom style meeting from 9 am to noon with the option to go live in person should the pandemic dramatically improve and the University removes restrictions.

**Please RSVP to PID Mel Bray**  
[melvyn.bray@icloud.com](mailto:melvyn.bray@icloud.com)  
or 732-239-8968

**DEADLINE TO RSVP: FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**



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### Your Donations are Tax Deductible

LERF is approved under section 501(C) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions to support the LERF Chair are Tax deductible. Contributions are Welcome from Individual Lions Members, Lions Clubs, Individuals, Affinity Groups, Corporations and Foundations. Thank You for your consideration.

**Contact: PID Mel Bray: 732-239-8968 or [melvyn.bray@icloud.com](mailto:melvyn.bray@icloud.com)**



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