



# NJ LION



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"WE SERVE"

June 2023

## INCOMING MULTIPLE DISTRICT-16 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



District Governor Elect 16-N - John W. Carroll

District Governor Elect 16-J - Evelio Salerno

District Governor Elect 16-L - Donna Freidel

Council Chair Elect Multiple District 16 NJ - Ruth Molenaar

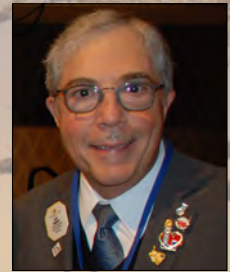
State Advisor Elect Multiple District 16 NJ - John "Jack" Romano

## MD-16

# Congratulations!



**Lion Ruth Molenaar**  
Council Chair Elect  
MD-16



**Lion Jack Romano**  
State Advisor Elect  
MD-16

16-N



**Lion John Carrol**  
District Governor Elect



**Lion Barbara Corsaro**  
First VDG Elect



**Lion SuzAnne Pacala**  
Second VDG Elect

16-J



**Lion Evelio Salermo**  
District Governor Elect



**Lion Rogel Bautista**  
First VDG Elect



**Lion John Schweska**  
Second VDG Elect

16-L



**Lion Donna Freidel**  
District Governor Elect



**Lion Terry Rosiak**  
First VDG Elect



**Lion Thomas Volpe**  
Second VDG Elect

*To Our Incoming  
Multiple District-16  
Council of  
Governors for the  
Lionistic Year  
2023-2024!*



## MD-16

# MD-16 LIONS 102<sup>nd</sup> STATE CONVENTION TROPICANA HOTEL & CASINO

By: PCC Jack Romano

**T**he Lions of MD-16 were back, to the Tropicana Hotel & Casino for our 102nd State Convention. The convention demonstrated the wherewithal of the Lions of MD-16 to meet, greet and discuss issues of concern to all of us.

The Chelsea Pub a very short distance from the Trop was the scene of our Thursday evening May 18, 2023 unofficial convention kickoff "meet and greet" with our International Guests International Director Debra Weaverling of Kansas and partner-in-service Lion Ron. This was an informal enjoyable time to reacquire with our fellow Lions and introduce ourselves to our guests.

PCC Al Olizi opened the First Plenary Session on Friday morning at 10:30AM by introducing Council Chair Bob Freidel who thanked the convention committee for their work in planning this event.

CC Bob appointed PDG Lou Corsaro as the "official timekeeper." PDG Lou was

diligent in keeping all speakers to their allotted time. Great job PDG Lou!

State Advisor PDG Dawn Kosobucki introduced the head table: Past International Directors Dr. Bob Moore and Mel Bray, International Director Jeff Gans of New Jersey, International Director Deb Weaverling of Kansas, Council Chair Bob Freidel, Parliamentarian PDG Brad Day, District Governors 16-N Kam Patel, 16-J Kash Delory, 16-L Ely Mateo.

The official rules listed on page 2 of the convention book were adopted by vote of all the delegates present at that time.

ID Jeff Gans formally introduced our International Guest, ID Deb Weaverling. In her remarks ID Deb indicated that Lions meetings should be fun, challenging, entertaining and exciting and to not be afraid to make changes where needed. There should be a goal or objective to all meetings and encouraged Lions to separate their Board of Directors meetings

from general membership meetings. She also spoke about proper orientation of new Lions and the advent of Chat GP/Artificial Intelligence in our Lionistic lives.

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

CC Bob Freidel gave Marketing Report by showing the PSA with Lions in action providing services to various communities in MD-16.

The Global Membership Team report from Chair PDG Dave Skrivaneck stated 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.

SA Dawn Kosobucki read the written Leo Report submitted by Dr. Dave Verducci who was unable to attend. The Leo program is surviving and thriving, and Dr. Dave thanked the Lions and Leos for his 7+ years as the MD-16 Leo Chair.

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Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award for 2023 are Lion Marion Goldberg, PDG Jim Dougherty and PDG Kevin Kosobucki presented by Dr. Bob Moore, with all Past Harold P. Nutter recipients.

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PDG Kevin Kosobucki gave the State Projects Review Committee report stating that there was no change from the previous year – status quo.

The International Convention will be in Boston MA on July 7-11, 2023. Convention Co-Chair IPDG Marie Nieto, 16-N told us that to date 74 Lions and guests from MD-16 will be attending. All necessary information is at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) under the heading LCICON.

PDG Dawn Kosobucki presented the LCIF report which included:

- 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.

This concluded the First Plenary Session.

The Past District Governor's Association held an afternoon cocktail reception at The Rooftop Lounge as their final meeting of this Lionistic year.

A breakout seminar presented by ID Deb and Lion Ron on Running a Meeting as a District Governor occurred Friday afternoon after the lunch period. This was an informative interactive presentation where both ID Deb and Lion Ron provided examples of thinking fast and thinking slow and best practices for meetings.

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. This year we memorialized 71 deceased Lions and most notably: PID Stan Grossman 16-J, PCC Ralph DeVito 16-N, PDG Bob Brandt 16-N and PDG Paula Tarantino Maione 16-N.

At the LCIF Dinner ID Debra Weavering, ID Jeff Gans and LCIF-MDC Dawn Kosobucki recognized the following Lions:

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships:

- 37 & 38 Blue Sapphire White Gold PMJF to PCC Bob Virgadamo.

- 5 Blue Sapphire Yellow Gold PMJF to DG Kash Delory.

- 7 & 8 Diamond Yellow Gold PMJF to SA/PGD Dawn Marie Kosobucki.

- 6 Diamond Yellow Gold PMJF to PDG Kevin Kosobucki.

- 3 Diamond Yellow Gold PMJF to PDG Karen Ressler & Lion Buddy Casillo (not in attendance).

- 1 Diamond Yellow Gold PMJF to CT 16-J Dianne Andrade, ZC 16-L Tricia Neilson, 2VDG 16-L Terry Rosiak.

### MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

- PDG Nalit Patel 16-N (not in attendance),

- DG Kam Patel, 16-N

- 1st.VDG Donna Freidel, 16-L

- 2nd. VDG SuzAnne Pacala 16-N

Several others not attending received MJFs: Jane Lee Bridgeford, & Martha Anci. 6 Leos from STEP for a Better World Leo Club obtained their 1 Diamond PMJF, they will receive their pins at the Balloon Festival.

The LCIF Dinner also featured "The Magic of David Corsaro." Mentalist and Magician David Corsaro has been a professional magician for over 27 years and recently won on the hit TV show "Penn & Teller Fool Us." He is also a featured performer at "Monday Night Magic", New York City's longest running off-Broadway magic show, "Magic in a Bottle" at City Winery and "Speakeasy Magick", one of the newest, hottest shows in NYC.

He has performed his amazing feats of magic for Fortune 500 companies (BMW, Wrigley's, Panasonic, Nestle, and Viacom) as well as top music acts ("Chicago", "Earth Wind and Fire" and "The Milwaukee's"). David also donates his talent for a variety of charitable orga-

nizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Hurricane Sandy Relief, JDRF and Lions International. David's personal brand of magic can be described as an enthusiastic blend of magic and comedy that will have you laughing.

David's brand of magic combined with humor had all the Lions amazed and laughing.

The incoming First Vice District Governors sponsored the Hospitality Room featuring the "King of Karaoke" PDG Kevin Kosobucki with live musical accompaniment by PCC Jack Romano. Lions' singers good, bad, and indifferent all had a great time singing their favorite songs. We also had the debut performance from 8-year-old Danayh Ceballos, singing "This Girl is on Fire," accompanied by her father PCC Winster.

Saturday May 20, 2023 began with the Recognition Breakfast at 8:30AM where many Lions are recognized for their meritorious service to their communities, districts, and the Multiple District. CC Bob Freidel reconvened the convention at this time.

The mayor of Atlantic City, the Honorable Marty Smalls presented CC Bob and the Lions of New Jersey a Proclamation on the occasion of their 102nd. State Convention, asking all of us to patronize the casinos, restaurants and stores and have a great time.

MD-16 Peace Poster Chair SuzAnne Pacala presented the MD-16 winning Peace Poster by artist Serena Jung sponsored by the River Edge Lions Club. A plaque commemorating this achievement will be presented to Ms. Jung at a meeting of the River Edge Lions Club in June 2023.

GAT Area 1-F (New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington DC) Leader, PCC Winster Ceballos awarded GAT Chairperson Award Certificates for Leadership, Membership and Service to: Avinash Delory (16J), William Phillips (16L), Pratap Jayakar (16N). PCC Winster's personal awardee/rising star was Lion SuzAnne Pacala.

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## MD-16

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 1979 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 PCC Al Olizi and PID Mel Bray.

The recipients of the Harold Nutter Award for 2023 are: Lion Marion Goldberg, PDG Jim Dougherty, PDG Kevin Kosobucki. Congratulations to all on this momentous achievement.

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 1946. 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 2022-2023 award was presented to Lion Avinash Delory 16-J. for sponsoring 26 new members.

The Keynote Address by our International Guest is always a part of the recognition breakfast. ID Jeff Gans introduced ID Deb Weaverling and her partner -in-service, Lion Ron.

ID Deb thanked ID Jeff and stated that "It's great to be here with the Lions of New Jersey." ID Deb addressed upcoming issues important to all Lions such as the International Convention, the Lions portal changeover, membership growth and retention and meaningful service projects citing the Seal Beach Lions Club featured in a recent Lions Magazine and the subject of last year's ID Guest PID Ken Ibarra. She thanked the Lions for this invitation and mentioned that she got to speak to almost everyone at the Chelsea Pub Thursday evening. She also spoke to our International President Brian Sheehan's theme, "Together We Can."

ID Debra Weaverling presented the

following awards and medals:

**LEADERSHIP MEDAL** (3rd highest award in Lionism): Jessica Fishman (16N), Pratap Jayakar (16N), and Mark Ramos (16J), Rachna Sharma (16J), Samuel Valenti Jr (16L), Heather Roark (16L).

**PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL.** (2nd highest award in Lionism) This is awarded for service to those in need above and beyond and must be endorsed by the sitting ID or IPID: - Maya Twinkle Bhatt (16N), Avinash Delory (16J), Edwin Palenzuela (16L).

Certificates of Appreciation presented by CC Bob Freidel and this Council of Governors for service and commitment to MD 16 included: ID Jeff Gans, PID Mel Bray, PID Bob Moore, SuzAnne Pacala, CT Dianne Andrade, VDG Donna Freidel, VDG Barbara Corsaro, CS Subarna Sahni, Rich Lucy, PCC Winster Ceballos, PCC Mahesh Chitnis, PDG Kevin Kosobucki, PCC Al Olizi, PCC Dayl Baile, PCC Mike Pacala, PDG Dennis Brubaker, PDG Jim Dougherty, Dr Dave Verducci, Rohit Gupta, PDG Ruth Molenaar, PCC Jack Romano.

CC Bob also presented certificates for work with Balloon Festival to: Donna Freidel, Terry Rosiak, Subarna Sahni, Rogel Bautista, Mel Bray & Dawn Marie Kosobucki.

CC Bob was recognized by his Council with a PMJF that will physically be presented to him at Balloon Festival as it has been delayed.

The Closing/Second Plenary Session was called to order at 10:00AM on Saturday May 20, 2023 by CC Bob Freidel.

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 spoke about the hybrid 2023 version of Doctor's Speak an annual event held by the staff of Institute of Optical and Visual Sciences (IOVS) which had over 100 in person and virtual attendees.

Lions Donna Freidel and Barbara Cor-

saro 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 8th year at state convention starting in 2016. For 2022-2023 Strides continues to be one of the top corporate team fundraisers.

PCC Al Olizi presented the Future State Convention Sites report on behalf of committee members PCCs Mike Pacala, and Dayl Baile and PDGs Jim Dougherty and Dennis Brubaker. The 103rd MD-16 convention format and location will be determined soon and will be announced once finalized.

Constitution and By Laws committee chair PDG Karen Ressler indicated that there were no proposals or amendments submitted within the specified time period for this convention.

Outgoing Council Chair Bob Freidel announced the incoming Chair and Advisor for the 2023-2024 Lionistic Year: Council Chair for the 2023-2024 Lionistic year will be PDG Ruth Molenaar; the State Advisor will be PCC Jack Romano. 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 John Carroll, First Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro, Second Vice District Governor SuzAnne Pacala.

District 16-J District Governor Evelio Salerno, First Vice District Governor Rogel Bautista. Second Vice District Governor John Schweska.

District 16-L: District Governor Donna Freidel, First Vice District Governor Terry Roziak, Second Vice District Governor Chaplain Tom Volpe.

**Congratulations to  
all awardees and incoming  
district and state officers!**

## THE CHELSEA PUB - KICKOFF PARTY





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## LCIF RECEPTION





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## FIRST PLENARY SESSION





## HOSPITALITY ROOM





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## RECOGNITION BREAKFAST





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**SUB-DISTRICT 16-N**



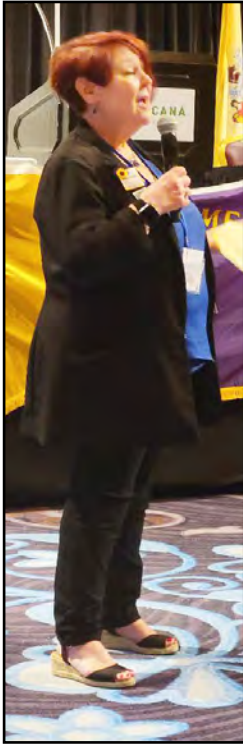


**SUB-DISTRICT 16-J**





**SUB-DISTRICT 16-L**





**JDRF**





## THE GRAND GALA PARADE AND BANQUET



CC Bob Freidel and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Terry Rosiak.



PDG's Kevin and SA Dawn Marie Kosobucki.



DG Kamlesh Patel and 2<sup>nd</sup>.VDG SuzAnne Pacala.



DG Kashmir and Avinash Delory.



DG Ely Mateo and Petra M. Rodriquez.



PID Bob Moore and PDG Ruth Molenaar.



1<sup>st</sup>.VDG John W. and Lion Andrea Carroll.



1<sup>st</sup>. VDG Evelio and Sonia Salerno.



## THE GRAND GALA PARADE AND BANQUET



Lion Tal Kramer, 1st. VDG Donna Freidel and PDG David Skrivinek.



PCC/SA Jack Romano and Lion Kartika Gupta.



PID Melvyn and Ginny Bray.



ID Jeff and Ellyn Gans.



Lion Ron and ID Deb Weaverling.





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## LIONS SPECIAL MOMENTS



**BOSTON**

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**JULY 7-11, 2023**





## MD-16

# 103<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION GUESTS



PID Mel Bray, ID Deb Weaverling and husband Ron, PID Dr. Bob Moore and ID Jeff Gans.

**D**eb Weaverling, from Basehor, Kansas, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Weaverling has 30 years of experience as a human resources specialist and Administrator. She currently works as the office manager of a local accounting firm.

She has been a member of the Leavenworth Lions Club since first joining in 1998. She has held a number of offices with the association including zone chair, district governor, LCIF district coordinator, district GLT coor-

dinator and multiple district council chairperson.

Her service is defined by her desire to serve her community and "to give back and pay it forward." In recognition of her service, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award, an International President's Award, and has been honored by her club as an MD 17 Claude M. DeVorss Fellow. Director Weaverling is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Weaverling is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the American Red Cross, United Way, and the Women's Division of the

Leavenworth-Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce.

She currently serves as the scholarship chairperson for the Chamber of Commerce-Women's Division. During her term as president of the Chamber of Commerce-Women's Division, she was honored as the Athena Award Recipient Business Woman of the Year. She is also the Treasurer of the Leavenworth County United Way. Director Weaverling previously coached competitive swimming year-round for 17 years, twice being honored as the volunteer coach of the year. Director Deb Weaverling and her husband, Ron, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren.



## DISTRICT 16-N

# MEMORIAL SERVICE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

## DISTRICT 16-N/CABINET MEETING

Every April Lions District 16-N honors those Lions who have passed away in the preceding year with our annual Memorial Service. Also, at this meeting those Lions who have performed exemplary service are honored at the Awards Ceremony.

District Governor Kam Patel opened the meeting by stating that this meeting has an extremely busy agenda. He thanked all who attended and mentioned the diversity of the district as demonstrated at the recent (April 1) Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial, the positive diverse membership growth, the upcoming Balloon Festival in June and Dr. Lion Varun Nagpal, an oncologist, who will speak on Cancer and prevention.

PDG Jose Nieto gave a synopsis of the Governor's Ball and Testimonial honoring both DG Kam Patel and PDG Nalit Patel. 2VDG Barbara Corsaro spoke about then upcoming strides/JDRF walks and volunteer opportunities at Camp Nejeda a camp for children with diabetes.

PDG Dennis Brubaker and PCC Mike Pacala presented a report on the upcoming State Convention. Leo Chair Dr. Dave Verducci gave the Leo report and will step down from being the MD-16 Leo chair after 7 years of dutiful service.

IPDG Marie Nieto and PCC Jack Romano combined to give the report on the International Convention in Boston July 7-11, 2023 and the Mid-Atlantic Breakfast.

Dr Varun Nagpal spoke about cancer prevention indicating that smoking including second hand smoke are causes of many cancers today. Getting screened and eating a healthy diet are ways you can take to avoid this dreaded disease.

The Memorial Service honors all Lions who have departed this earth since April 1, 2022 to present. Unfortunately, in District 16-N over 30 Lions have passed away most notably PCC Ralph DeVito, Mt. Olive Lions Club; PDG Bob Brandt, North Warren Lions Club; and PDG Paula Tarantino Maione, Harrison Lions Club. PDG Nancy Jakubczyk, the interim Dinner Chair conducted the Memorial Service honoring all our departed Lions. This service has been

conducted by the late PDG Paula Tarantino Maione for many years and PDG Nancy filled these shoes admirably.

DG Kam Patel presented a Memorial Plaque to Kristen Tarantino the late PDG Paula's daughter in appreciation for all the hard work PDG Paula has performed for District 16-N and MD-16 over many years of service for district and state approved projects including Camp Marcella.

The Awards Ceremony recognizes Lions who have served their clubs and communicate well in the past year. DG Kam awarded The District 16-N Vision Screening Team comprising of over 30 Lions from different clubs in the district Certificates of Appreciation and small trophies in recognition of their service to screening students and individuals.

The PID Dr. Robert Moor "Pioneer of the Year" Award is presented as a tribute to those Lions who "blazed the trails" over the years and to those who will continue to do so in the future. The 2022-2023 Pioneer of the Year Awards go to:

- PDG Nalit Patel
- Belvidere Lions Club accepted by King Lion Tom Durham
- Chester Lioness Lions Club accepted by King Lion Judith Irwin and Lion Joyce Casillo
- Verona Lions Club accepted by King Lion Michael Petti and Secretary Myron Spektor
- Waldwick Lions Club accepted by Lion Rich Andrychewicz.

DG Kam presented PCC Jack Romano with his own "Fourth Pillar Appreciation Award" as a chair needs 4 legs or pillars to stand tall.

To conclude some "old" business left over from the 2022 State Convention IPDG Marie Nieto recognized Lion Lou Lambe for the hard work and dedication to Lions District 16-N with his first Melvin Jones Fellowship.

In closing 1VDG John Carroll stated this was an informative meeting. 2VDG Barbara Corsaro was humbled by the Memorial Service. DG Kam thanked all for attending and looked forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in May.





**DISTRICT 16-N**





**MD-16**

# **105<sup>TH</sup> LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**BOSTON, MA • July 7-11, 2023**

**Registration Information**





## WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

# WEST MILFORD MEMORIAL DAY TOWN PARADE



**W**est Milford Lions Club float. Pictured in front of float are members, left to right: President Ray Garcia with his granddaughter Harlow, Mauro Macari, PID Bob Moore, and Howard Seufert, Incoming 1st VDG Barbara Corsaro, Lynn Mandon, Miriam McCarthy and John McCarthy.



## WEST MILFORD LIONS COLLECTED EYEGLASSES



**W**est Milford Lions collected eyeglasses in April for Passaic County Health Department Eyeglass Recycling Program. Pictured are Lynn Mandon, WM Lion, and Sherry Papaleo with Passaic County Health Dept, Jan Halvorsen, West Milford Lion, and Amani Wynter, also with the Health Dept.

## WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON



WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON  
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# BACK TO SCHOOL



## Community Fair

Preparing Families for the 2023 - 2024 School Year



## Save the Date!

### August 27, 2023

St. Joseph's Community Center  
64th & Palisades Avenue  
West New York



\$5

Please Donate Funds to  
Purchase Backpacks with School Supplies

\$8

Please include your business card with your donations to display you as a donor in the event!



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# MIDLAND PARK LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

11:30 am - 9:00 pm



**DINE IN**

**LUNCH & DINNER**

**TAKE OUT**

Rosario's Trattoria

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Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone or tell the waiter/cashier when dining in/taking out at Rosario's that you are supporting the Lions Club. A percentage of your bill (excluding tax and gratuity) will be donated to the Midland Park Lions Club.

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## CHESTER LIONESS LIONS CLUB



PDG's Ruth Molenaar, Nancy Jakubczyk, Linda Banks and Sandra Jusino.

## PRIDE & PREJUDICE

On Friday May 5th. the club had its Spring fundraiser, "A Gala Evening at the Show" at the Black River Playhouse in Chester, NJ. Opening Night of Chester Theater Group's performance of Kate Hamill's "Pride and Prejudice", based on the famous Jane Austen novel.

The Chester Lioness Lions Club is a volunteer service organization chartered under Lions International. Its focus is on providing hands-on services to communities in need in Chester, NJ, and its surrounding areas. A particular focus has been on supporting women's and family needs.

Visit our website [www.chesternjlionessclub.com](http://www.chesternjlionessclub.com). Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/chesterlionessclub>

## MD-16


**Lions Clubs International**


### GLOBAL HARMONY CONCERT BOSTON

Monday, July 10th, 5:00 pm

Pennsylvania Lions  
All-State Band  
Russell McCutcheon, conductor

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC),  
415 Summer St Boston, MA,  
Room 160 ABC

**INFORMATION, PROGRAM  
AND TICKETS:**  
<https://global-harmony-concert.eventbrite.de>





Service Activity by Lions of Massachusetts,  
Lions of Pennsylvania,  
and Multiple-District 111-Germany



## AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

### PROGRAM

Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band

District Governor-Elect

Roland Härdtner, marimba, vibraphone

Russell McCutcheon, conductor

### TICKETS

Book your ticket (\$25):

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With the proceeds we support music projects for young people in the Boston area.



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# 6TH USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM

**AUGUST 2 - 6, 2023***Illinois*  
ROCKFORDRockford Radisson Hotel  
& Conference Center



## MD-16

# LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON

**T**he annual Business Meeting/Luncheon of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley (LEBDV) was held at Caffè Aldo Lamberti in Cherry Hill N.J. on Saturday June 3, 2023.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, PID Mel Bray welcomed all attending, thanking them for giving up their Saturday afternoon. He stated that this is the second year of his two-year term and that changes were coming.

He introduced the many dignitaries in the audience, most notably PID Dr. Bob More a privileged board member, International Director Jeff Gans, and board member Marion Goldberg who recently received the Harold P. Nutter Award at the 102nd N.J. Lions State Convention.

Attending from the staff at LEBDV included: Jerilyn Giardina Director Partner Relations and Community Outreach, PDG Mary Anne Rangone Development Officer and Tracie Yensel Quality Assurance Coordinator. PID and LEBDV Chair Mel then introduced Lion Jim Quirk President and CEO.

In his address Jim Quirk stated that LEBDV has accomplished many things. He then asked "Why are we here?" He spoke about the term "Altruism – the belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the wellbeing of others." This is what Lions do.

Lion Jim then stated that "...I am excited to share with you that LEBDV will change its name to AltruVision, A Lions Eye Bank on July 1, 2023. This new name recognizes that our mission is to restore sight is not possible without the heroic donors whose last act is the very definition of Altruism." There are two sides to this altruistic endeavor: The donors who define this in their organ donations and the recipients whose outcome is improved vision. Both are altruistic acts.

The Gratis Tissue Program will expand under AltruVision. In addition, the new name is not a break with our affiliation with Lions Clubs International. In fact, in his "Word from the Chairman of the Board," PID Mel states, "This eye bank is one of the few remaining in our country that maintain its affiliation with LCI and that is something we are proud of."



Chairman of the Board of Trustees, PID Mel Bray.

LEBDV President Quirk also gave a brief history of the Eye Foundation of Delaware Valley stating he is proud of the transformation over the years also, by stating, about the name change, "new name, same mission."

Lion Jim Quirk also spoke about the major impacts all eye banks have on the transplant world. He cited LEBDV's efforts on the donation use of corneas locally and in their efforts internationally in Kenya and Rwanda.

PID and Board Chair PID Mel Bray presented Crystal Visionary Award to 34-year employee Laurice Lynah for her dedicated service to the mission of sight restoration. She was nominated by Past Chair PCC Mary Devon O'Brien. Ms. Lynah in a written statement thanked PCC Mary, and the Trustees stating her vision is to restore the gift of sight, and I will forever cherish this award.

PID Mel accepted donations from clubs with the LEBDV service area thanking them for their contributions to continue the Gratis Tissue Program.

As the Chair of the Board, PID Mel presented floral arrangements to 4 individuals: Nancy Greene, Marion Goldberg, Ginny Bray, and Carmen Perez.



## VERONA LIONS CLUB



The Verona Lions Club NJ participated in the township Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies. Members are pictured in front of the Medical Transportation Vehicle which is funded in part by the local club.

## MD-16



SEPT. 21-23, 2023

**THE ROW**  
Reno, Nevada

3 RESORTS – ONE DESTINATION  
El Dorado • Silver Legacy • Circus Circus



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## PARSIPPANY LIONS CLUB



The Parsippany Troy-Hills  
Public Library System  
A World of Stories

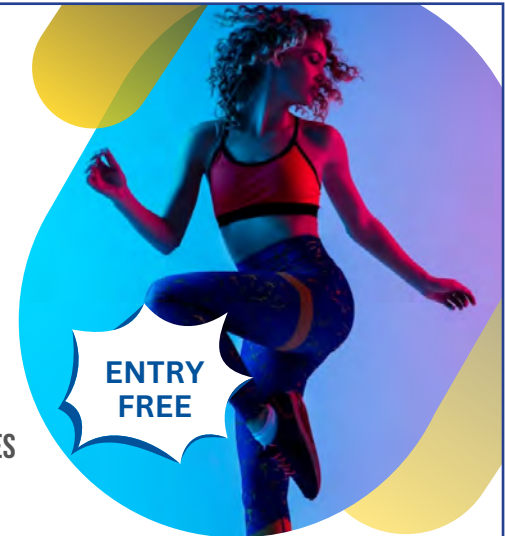


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## JDRF

# HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK TO JDRF'S OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER PARTNERS!

This year's National Volunteer Week theme is Forward.

**F**orward celebrates the progress our volunteers have helped us make and the progress that's still to come. Looking forward is what fuels our vision and mission to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications. All week long, JDRF will be celebrating our remarkable volunteer partners who dedicate themselves to supporting, connecting, and empowering the type 1 diabetes (T1D) community. We are endlessly grateful for your passion and commitment to advancing our shared mission forward.

A special thank you and congratulations to Barbara Corsaro, our 2023 Community Volunteer Award winner! Barbara began volunteering at JDRF after her grandson, Matthew, was diagnosed with T1D 11 years ago at age 15 months. His diagnosis opened her eyes to a daily life that was different from most children. The need to see further research and better technology became Barbara's priority and passion. As a member of Lions Clubs International, she worked tirelessly to encourage Lions



Clubs throughout our state to get involved in raising funds and showing support. Barbara was instrumental in making JDRF a New Jersey Lions State Project and continues to help move JDRF's mission forward within the Lions community.

Thank you for being part of the JDRF family and for bringing hope to the T1D community. The New Jersey Metro and Rockland County Chapter is incredibly grateful for all our volunteers and your continued support. We cannot say thank you enough but are excited to keep pushing JDRF's mission forward with all of you!

-All of us at the JDRF Metro and Rockland County Chapter



## CAMP MARCELLA

### CAMP MARCELLA 50/50 RAFFLE

As you may know, the Toms River Lions Club sponsored the 50/50 Raffle for the camp this year. The drawing was held on

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

with the following results: Gross ticket sales amounted to \$7,190.00 and the winners were:

**1st Prize went to the Knowlton Lions Club • 2nd Prize went to Jacki Goldklag • 3rd Prize went to Joe Vega**

The proceeds, \$3,595.00 less expenses are going to Camp Marcella Operations.

We wish to thank PID Mel Bray and the Toms River Lions for all of the work that they put in to make this a successful raffle.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of Camp Marcella, I wish to thank all of the participants in the raffle for your support of the camp and the children that we serve.



Sincerely..

**John E. Allen, PDG**

Vice President, Camp Marcella  
Ways & Means Chairman





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