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Meet Our International President



DR. PATTI HILL
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2023 - 2024

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

International President Hill is president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as an educator and psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, International President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at many forums and conventions. Dr Hill is a founding member of the Lions of Canada Consultative Committee.

In recognition of her service to the association, International President Hill has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards. She has been honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of numerous other fellowships.

In addition to her Lions activities, International President Hill is active in numerous professional, human rights, and community organizations. In the past, she served as an executive officer of the Alberta Association of School Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired. International President Hill has also served on the Alberta Premier's Council on Persons with Disabilities.

International President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, enjoy time with their family which has grown to include Pieter, Carley and grandson Alexander, Erin, Mike and granddaughter, Violet, and Jessica and Mitch.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHANGING THE WORLD

Our time has finally come, and I hope you are as excited as I am. This is our year to move our districts and our association forward. We are on a mission to change the world, and one of the most significant ways we can achieve true change is through MISSION 1.5.

MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members by 2027 so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more than a billion people. To help achieve this ambitious goal, we have to grow our clubs and we have to start new ones. Reaching our MISSION 1.5 goal will require the support of every Lion. Most of all, it will require support from you.

Changing the World starts with you, but it doesn't mean that you have to do it alone. You have assembled a capable team to help you achieve your district goals. You are part of a global network of colleagues to whom you can always reach out both to ask for help and to offer it. You have the world's greatest support team, including the GAT, ready to help. You also have the world's greatest foundation, LCIF, ready to help you magnify service in your district.

So this year, be brave. Lead by taking the bold first steps for others to follow. Change starts with you. Together, we have the power to change lives, change communities and change the world.



FAST START CHARTER CHALLENGE

President Hill is proud to recognize the leaders and teams that are leading the way in strengthening service and membership by chartering new clubs. Even though we've only just begun, the Fast Start Charter Challenge officially ends on September 30, so get your new clubs submitted before then.

For more information about the Fast Start Charter Challenge and other great presidential awards like the Jesse Robinson's Membership Growth Cup, as well as the resources to help you achieve your goals, visit your [Awards Website](#).

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LIONS ROCK AND ROAR AT THE 105TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMING TOGETHER. MOVING AHEAD

Lions the world came together in Boston MA for the 105th Lions International Convention on July 7-11, 2023. The New Jersey MD-16 Delegation was no exception.

An International Convention always features great events and entertainment, and Boston did not disappoint. From our always fascinating and interesting International Parade of Nations to the rocking of "Killer Queen" a Queen tribute group to our informative plenary sessions, this convention had it all and then some. All Plenary Sessions were hosted by Emcee Extraordinaire Lion Cyril Lim.

The first plenary session featured an address by then International President Brian Sheehan, the always moving flag ceremony and the winners of our Peace Poster and Essay contests,

Emma Andrea and Keaton Hamilton respectively.

There was a panel discussion at our second plenary session on overcoming life obstacles moderated by television personality Selema Masekela, son of famed South African trumpeter and master musician Hugh Masekela, including skateboarding legend Tony Hawk, Oscar-winning film maker Jimmy Chin, and extreme adventurer Erik Weißenmayer the first ever blind mountaineer to conquer all the "Seven Summits" Mt. Kilimanjaro Africa, Mt. Vinson Antarctica, Mt. Everest Asia, Carstensz Pyramid Indonesia, Mt. Elbus Europe, Aconcagua South America, Denali/Mt Everest North America. Also featured was the Humanitarian Award winner Chef Jose Andres from World Central Kitchen, and of course our foundation LCIF.

The closing plenary session included performances by Victory Brinker, the world's youngest opera singer. Lions also heard the results for the elections of our International Officers and International Directors for the 2023-2024 Lionistic year:

- International President Dr. Patti Hill, Canada
- Immediate Past President/LCIF Chair Brian Sheehan, United States
- First International Vice President Fabricio Oliveira, Brazil
- Second International Vice President A.P. Singh, India
- Third International President Mark S. Lyon, United States

Then IP Sheehan administered the oath of office to new IP Dr. Patti Hill

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As a Lion for more than 32 years, International President Dr. Patti Hill has always brought out the very best in others. Her life and career have been defined by her passion for social justice, her dedication to helping others reach their full potential and her devotion to making the world a better place for all people. President Hill's programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service:

1. Creating a greener, cleaner environment
2. Sharing our stories with the world
3. Reaching our full potential as Lions and leaders
4. Supporting our global foundation, LCIF

IP Hill's theme is "Changing the World." Changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning. With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change. It is up to each of us to simply begin. Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time. She urged all Lions to show their communities what it means to be a Leo and Lion and to

use social media to promote our brand. This will take teamwork, trust, and calculated risks to achieve these goals for a new era of service.

Lions also heard about MISSION 1.5 which is a dedicated effort to have 1.5 million members by Lionistic year 2027. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Clubs membership goal. Global change comes from local efforts. When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger. It makes the world a kinder, healthier, and better place to live.

In keeping with a tradition which started at the 104th International Convention in Montreal Canada, the MD-16 Lions held a New Jersey Delegation Dinner at a local restaurant to socialize, celebrate the achievements of the past year and looking ahead to supporting our incoming District Governors for the 2023-2024 Lionistic Year.

Another feature of this convention was the Global Harmony Concert by the Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band, conducted by Russell G. McCutcheon, and Associate Conductors Vince LoRusso and Cyndi Mancini. The featured solo-

ist with this all student/volunteer band was professional percussionist, marimba, and vibraphone player Roland Hardtner. He is the District Governor Elect for District 111-SN in Germany. Donations to attend this event were distributed to local Boston charities.

The 2024 International Convention will be in "the land down under" in Melbourne Australia on June 21-25, 2024.

As the final plenary session closed IP Dr. Patti Hill administered the oath of office to all District Governors Elect present. The ceremony includes the "pulling of the elect" ribbons. For MD-16 New Jersey our District Governors for the 2023-2024 Lionistic year are:

District Governor John Carroll 16-N with ribbon pulled by his partner-in-service Lion Andrea.

District Governor Evelio Salerno 16-J with the ribbon pulled by his partner-in-service Lion Sonia.

District Governor Donna Freidel 16-L with the ribbon pulled by her partner-in-service Lion Tal.

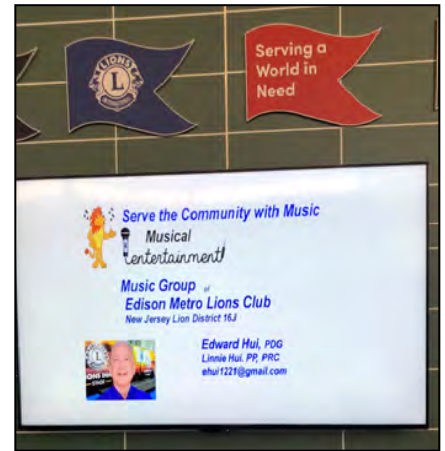
Congratulations to our MD-16 District Governors and their administrations for the 2023-2024 Lionistic Year. Let us go forth 'Changing the World' of Lionism!



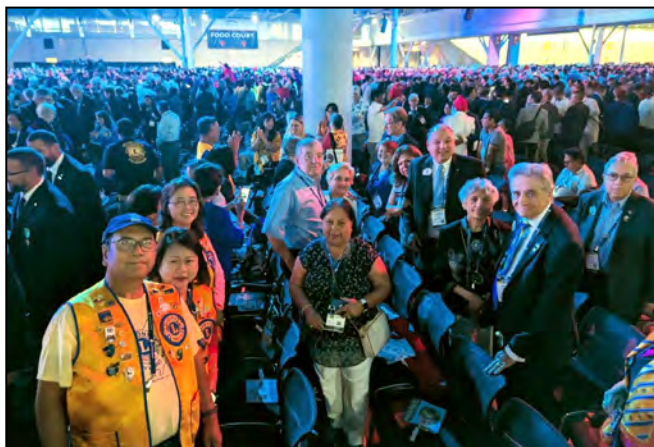
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DISTRICT 16-J

DISTRICT 16-J TESTIMONIAL TO GOVERNOR KASH DELORY

With a "roaring" opening choreographed dance number, with partners Nelda and Alex Bernales, Master of Ceremonies 2VDG 16-J Rogel Bautista opened the ceremonies honoring District Governor Kash Delory on the occasion of his Testimonial Dinner. Lions dance because "Together We Can!"

1st VDG Rogel stated that as Lions we must immerse ourselves with camaraderie and fellowship and what better way to do this is by dancing a modern Indian dance performed by DG Kash and members of the 16-J Indian community.

DG Kash thanked everyone for attending by stating that the "testimonial is not mine. Congratulate yourselves in fellowship and camaraderie." Following this theme, MC Rogel stated that "Lions are equal in that we all serve together."

State Senator Linda Greenstein presented a Joint Senate/General Assembly Resolution to DG Kash Delory co-sponsored by herself and General Assembly members from the 14th Legislative District Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, in recognition of DG Kash's extraordinary accomplishments. State Senator Greenstein

also added, "it is great to see the terrific work of this organization."

West Windsor Township Mayor Lion Dr. Hemant Marathe stated, "it is an honor and privilege to be here for my friend, Kash Delory." Mayor Marathe also presented a Proclamation from the West Windsor Township Council congratulating DG Kash for his meritorious service to the community.

West Windsor Lions Club Members Avinash Delory, DG Kash's partner-in-service and Shikha Rastogi gave the welcoming remarks. Lion Avinash thanked everyone for attending stating that "your presence means a lot." "We stand together for the benefit of the community. Our passion is to serve others." "Kindness matters and we must serve from the heart."

Lion Shikha Rastogi added she is impressed with Lion Avinash's enthusiasm and dedication and considers Lion Avinash her "Second Mom." She also stated that, "Kash is committed to Lionism and cannot go wrong with his passion and guidance."

We also celebrate the newest club in District 16-J the West Windsor Golden Lions Club charter January 9, 2023, with 26 new members.



MC Rogel, stating we had a "Full House" proceeded to introduce the relatives, friends, and the many Lions dignitaries attending.

State Advisor Dawn Kosobucki on behalf of the District 16-J Cabinet presented DG Kash with another Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

DG Kash's son Vikas gave a moving tribute to his father. thanking his dad for being "a pillar in life."

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DG Kash's youngest daughter Mina stated that "helping others and altruism is the focus of Kash's life." By leaving a career in IT for teaching in the inner city, he made a difference in his student's lives. "Throughout the years he (Kash) became more and more passionate to make the world a better place."

DG Kash's oldest daughter Sonia Viman and husband Aashu Viman named 3 pillars in Kash's life:

1. Passion & intense joy
2. Service to others
3. Practice making this a habit.

Her dad is a pillar of strength to his children and grandchildren.

West Windsor Lions Club member Frank Schoemann stated he was proud of DG Kash and on behalf of the club presented DG Kash and Lion Avinash with Past District Governor Pins.

In his address, PID Bob Moore stated that it is an honor and privilege to be here tonight, celebrating the success for Governor Kash Delory. Kash has made a strong impression with his calm demeanor and his calling as a teacher is rewarding and challenging.

PID Mel Bray in his remarks thanked DG Kam for his friendship as this goes back to 1995-96. "I always thought that DG Kash will do some good." PID Mel inducted two new members into the Peru-

vian Lions Club, Pedro Sanchez, and Zizi Phun.

Council Chair Bob Freidel stated that DG Kash "was an example for all Lions to aspire to." His leadership on the 2023-2023 Council of Governors was instrumental in the donations to East Palestine OH due to the train derailment and fire, as well as relief to the Lions of Mississippi due to tornadoes.

Not to be outdone, DG Kash gave appreciation plaques/awards to the following:

- Lion George Cook, Hillsdale LC for 17 new members
- Lion Doriann Kerber as a zone and environmental chair
- Lion Trisha Neilson for dedicated service
- 2VDG Rogel Bautista for assistance throughout the year
- 1VDG Evelio Salerno for assistance this year
- SA Dawn Kosobucki for assistance throughout the year
- Lion Mark Ramos as GLT-D
- Lion Rohit Gupta as GST-D
- Lion Dianne Andrade for her service as Cabinet Treasurer
- Lion Avinash Delory for her inspiration and distinguished service.

In his final remarks, DG Kash hoped that everyone had fun, thanking MC Rogel Bautista for "volunteering" for this position! He also stated that he is



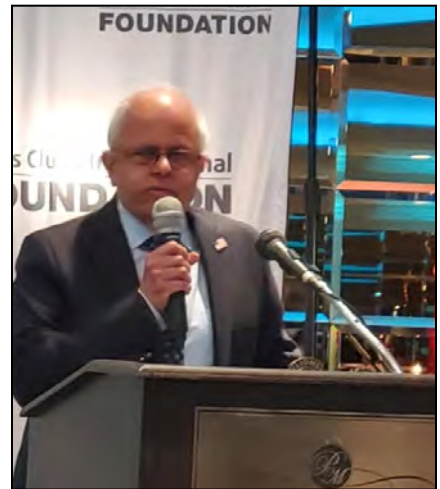
"blessed to have many of you here as friends." He thanked PIDs Bob and Mel Bray, and the late Jim Hines for their mentorship and dedicated the ceremony to PCC Elspeth Moore who encouraged him at the Centennial convention in Chicago in 2017 to step up to district and MD-16 leadership.

"Thanking all clubs for their tireless efforts to promote the causes of Lionism, DG Kash stated, "This was an experience of a lifetime to lead District 16-J. Tonight's event raised \$2000 for LCIF."

Congratulations to District Governor Kash Delory on his many accomplishments leading Lions District 16-J.



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DISTRICT 16-L

DISTRICT 16-L TESTIMONIAL TO GOVERNOR ELY MATEO

District Governor Ely's testimonial dinner was held at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Gifts were presented to the Governor, including a Lion painted by 1VDG-Elect Terry Rosiak, a carved Lions plaque and a Melvin Jones Fellowship! Everyone had fun with the Hawaiian theme.

Present were many Lions dignitaries and friends celebrating the tenure of DG Ely for the 2022-2023 Lionistic year.

Despite many "challenges" DG Ely confronted he persevered and accomplished his goals of visiting most Lions clubs in District 16-L.

He received many awards and accolades including a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

To separate his testimonial from the more "formal affairs" the testimonial had a Hawaiian- dress theme which was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to DG Ely on his very courageous and successful as District Governor of 16-L.



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DISTRICT 16-J

IT'S REORG MEETING SEASON DISTRICT 16-J

District Governor Evelio Salerno called the Lions of District 16-J to their Annual Reorganization Meeting held on Saturday August 12, 2023 at Costa's restaurant in Roselle Park N.J. Attending attendance were DG Evelio's partner-in-service, Lion Sonia, cabinet members First VDG Rogel Bautista, Second VDG John JD Schweska (Pronounced like Fresca!), Cabinet Secretary Bwana Davis-Jones, Cabinet Treasurer Patricia Nielson, and Parliamentarian Rhashonna Cosby. Many Lions from 16-J attended this meeting including Immediate PDG Kash Delory and partner-in-service Lion Avinash, PCC Armando Guerra and partner-in-service Horleida, and PDG Varsha Naik.

Guests included PCC Mahesh Chitnis, Immediate Past Leo-Lion Board Liaison Ojas Chitnis, District Governor John Carroll 16-N with partner-in-service Lion Andrea, District Governor Donna Freidel 16-L with partner-in-service Tal Kramer, Council Chair Ruth Molenaar and State Advisor PCC Jack Romano.

IPDG Kash passed the gavel and gong to District Governor Evelio.



The keynote speaker was Ojas Chitnis who addressed the Lions about IP Patti Hill's Vision, Mission 1.5, the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before, and Lions service impact at the grass roots level. He presented Lion Enrique Maseda with an International President's Certificate from now IPIP Brian Sheehan for 50 years of distinguished service.

DG Evelio gave the Lion his vision for the upcoming Lionistic year. He thanked everyone for attending and asked all of us to be better Lions, by helping and giving to others. A change in attitude will make a difference.

DG Evelio then asked each of his appointees to the Global Action Team to give a brief synopsis of their goals and objectives for the 2023-24 Lionistic Year.

Global Service Team (GST-D) Chair Dorianne Kerber is looking to share ideas among clubs for environmental issues, conduct food drives and health fairs.

Global Leadership Team (GLT-D) Chair PCC Armando Guerra asked all Lions to support DG Evelio and be TEAM players (Together Each Accomplishes More).

Global Membership Team (GMT-D) Chair PCC Mahesh Chitnis asked the Lions to incrementally increase membership by understanding the needs of each community.

For their closing remarks, IPDG Kash Delory asked all Lions to continue to support LCIF especially for their relief efforts on Maui in Hawaii, and the efforts of Mission 1.5. 2VDG John JD



Schweska stated that "everyone is a valuable part of Lionism." 1VDG Rogel Bautista asked everyone to "work in unity and harmony for impactful service." DG Evelio thanked everyone for being here and their support and asked for commitments from all Lions present to bring in at least 1 new member.

Congratulations to the Lions of District 16-J and District Governor Evelio Salerno for a fruitful Lionistic year.

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DISTRICT 16-N

IT'S REORG MEETING SEASON: DISTRICT 16-N

District Governor John Carroll 16-N held his reorganization on the beautiful grounds of Camp Marcella on Saturday August 19, 2023. Attending was DG John's partner-in-service Lion Andrea, First VDG Barbara Corsaro and PDG Lou Corsaro, Second VDG SuzAnne Pacala and PCC Mike Pacala, Cabinet Treasurer John Pinkus Sr., PCC Winster Ceballos, PDG Fernando Navarro, PDGs Marie and Jose Nieto, Council Chair MD-16 Ruth Molenaar and State Advisor, PCC Jack Romano. Many Lions from District 16-N also attended the meeting, many of whom were first timers.

Invited guests included DG Evelio Salerno 16-J and Lion Sonia, DG 16-L Donna Friedel and sister Lion Diane Freidel, First VDG 16-L Terry Rosiak, IPDG Kash Delory 16-J and Lion Avinash Delory.

DG John outlined his goals and objectives for the 2023-2024 Lionistic year. These included:

- Establishing 2 new clubs with a total of 40 members
- Adding 100 members to the pride (60 members plus the 40 in the new clubs)
- Limit drops to no more than 75. Retaining all current members.
- Each club to have a positive gain of 5 members
- Monthly zoom meetings with the Cabinet; quarterly zoom meetings with the region and zone chairs.
- Joint zone meetings either in person or via zoom
- Visiting clubs to whom he is invited.

He also told all Lions that his District Meetings will be as follows:

Sept 14, Nov. 9, 2023; Mar, 14, Apr.

11, 2024 at the Bolger Center 471 Godwin Ave., Midland Park N.J. The Oct.12 2023 and Jan. 11 2024 meetings will be via zoom.

The State Council General Sessions open to all Lions and all on Saturdays at 1030 will be:

- Sept. 9 2023 at The Cranbury Inn, 21 South Main St. Cranbury N.J.
- Nov. 18, 2023, Jan 13, and Mar 23, 2024 at St. David's Episcopal Church Community Room, 90 Main St. Cranbury N.J, 08512

PCC Winster addressed IP Patti Hill's sub theme of "Changing the World." Changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is only a beginning—and it starts with us. It happens through the many small choices and acts of kindness we make every

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day. Together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one community at a time. This is part of Mission 1.5 to attain 1.5 million members in the Association by Lionistic year 2027.

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1. Creating a greener, cleaner environment
2. Sharing our stories with the world
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PCC Winstler also spoke about training opportunities within Lionism including Lions University, RLLI, ELLI and ALLI institutes, GAT seminars and webinars available to all Lions without charge. He encouraged all Lions to use the Lions LEARN application on the LCI web site.

PCC Jack Romano gave an overview of the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno NV on September 20-23, 2023. Registration is \$345. Hotels are either \$129 or \$139 per night. Guest speakers include Lion Floyd Smith, humanitarian and musician, Don-

na Hartley, inspirational speaker, Saturday lunch IP Patti Hill, Saturday dinner Striker Corbin motivational speaker and success coach. There will be a Strides Walk Friday Sept. 21 and over 50 seminars on various subjects.

PCC Jack also administered the Oath of Office to the Cabinet Treasurer and all Zone Chairs attending and discussed succession planning for the club and district.

PDG Nancy Jakubczyk offered an overview of duties and responsibilities of a Zone Chair.

DG John Carroll outlined how he will conduct his club visits for the 2023-24 Lionistic year which will be a combination of in person and zoom meetings as well as attending club events.

Cabinet Treasurer John Pinkus Sr. presented the proposed District 16-N budget which is based on 1150 members and is balanced.

Lion Buddy Casillo gave a presentation on the new/revitalized District 16-N Hearing Aid Program in conjunction with Montclair State University.

For their closing remarks:

2VDG SuzAnne encouraged all clubs to participate in the Peace Poster Contest with the theme "Dare to Dream." Kits are available from the LCI store for

\$12 each plus shipping, with each entry requiring a separate kit. The deadline to order peace poster kits is October 1, 2023. She also spoke to the advantages and purpose of attending RLLI.

1 VDG Barbara Corsaro reminded all attendees on the JDRF Walk at Liberty State Park on Saturday November 5 2023. The other walks include Jersey Shore/Avon by the Sea on October 8 and Johnson Park Piscataway on October 15.

IPDG Kam Patel stated that thanked everyone for attending especially the officers from districts 16-J and L. He asked that the Zone Chairs work together this year and thanked Lion Buddy Casillo for spearheading the Hearing Aid Program in District 16-N.

PCC Mike Pacala and PDG Jose Nieto gave a brief overview of the 2023 camping season at Camp Marcella, thanking all club and Lions for their continued support.

DG John thanked everyone for coming to Camp Marcella for this reorg meeting and hopes to see everyone at the district meetings.

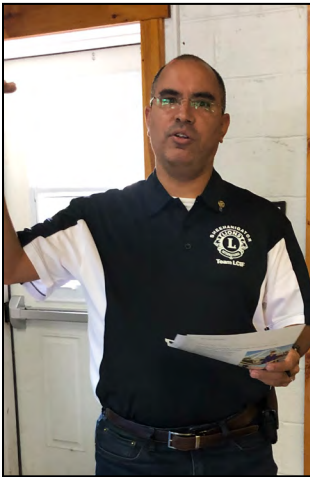
Congratulations to the Lions of District 16-N and District Governor John Carroll and his cabinet for a fruitful Lionistic year.



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DISTRICT 16-L

IT'S REORG MEETING SEASON: DISTRICT 16-L

By PCC Jack Romano and DG 16-L
and Donna Freidel

The Maple Shade Lions Club hosted of the District 16-L reorg meeting held on Monday Aug. 21, 2023. District Governor Donna Freidel and her cabinet, including First VDG Terry Rosiak, Second VDG Tom Volpe, Cabinet Secretary Tal Kramer, Cabinet Treasurer Heather Roark and IPDG Ely Mateo welcomed all attendees from near and far.

Dignitaries from District 16-L attending were IPID Jeff Gans, PCC Bob Freidel, PCC Dayl Baile, PCC Al Olizi, PDGs Clarence Brown, Mary Ann Ragone DeLambily, Dave Skrivanek, Karen Ressler, Bill Sauser, Jr., Dee Wiemer.

Guests attending included PDGs Dawn Kosobucki, Kevin Kosobucki, and Marie Nieto, District Governor 16-J Evelio, Salerno and partner-in-service Lion Sonia, District Governor 16-N John Carroll and partner-in-service Lion Andrea,

and First VDG 16-N Barbara Corsaro.

Representing MD-16 were Council Chair Ruth Molenaar and State Advisor/Secretary, PCC Jack Romano.

DG Donna thanked everyone for coming especially the representative from Districts 16-J and N who had long journeys. She stated that she is looking to have a fantastic year of service and increased membership. She also celebrated two clubs that recently turned in their charters: Oceanport and Mt. Holly Lions Clubs, honoring their many decades of excellent service, and challenging the Lions present to carry on their work.

DG Donna, CS/16L Diabetes Chair Tal Kramer and 1VDG /MD16 Diabetes Chair Barbara Corsaro 16-N presented banner patches for those clubs who raised \$300 or more for JDRF: Atco, Berlin, Stafford, Stafford Leos, Westville, Neptune, Willingdon Manor DE, Gloucester City, Westmont, Toms

River, Clayton-Glassboro, Haddonfield (\$1000), Moorestown (\$750) and Mt.Holly \$5600!

1 VDG Barbara Corsaro reminded all attendees of the JDRF One Walk events, taking place at Liberty State Park on Saturday November 5 2023, at Jersey Shore/Avon by the Sea on October 8, at Johnson Park Piscataway on October 15. 2023, and at Camden County College in Blackwood on October 29, 2023.

For her goals DG Donna is asking all clubs to increase service activities and report these activities in My Lion. As a fun way to encourage reporting, she gave out prizes to those clubs who reported their service activities that took place between July 1 to August 21, with the Westmont and Westville Lions Clubs winning. DG Donna said more prizes will be offered but to be eligible, clubs must both engage in service and report that service on MYLION!

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Global Leadership Team District Chair (GLT-D) PDG Karen Ressler spoke about training for zone and region chairs as well as training on the SPOT vision screeners, which is being held by Kids Sight Chair Lion Lois Kelly. GLT Karen will be scheduling additional training programs for officers and all will be notified and encouraged to attend.

Global Service Team District (GST-D) Chair PDG Clarence Brown addressed Mission 1.5 the effort to get to 1.5 million members by 2027. He is willing to assist in any hands-on service projects, especially those related to Lions core issues.

Global Membership Team District (GMT-D) Chair PCC Bob Freidel stated that the survival of clubs requires bringing in new members. A great way to get new members is through a service project and by asking people to join. PCC Bob will contact any club with less than 20 members. He will also investigate the Leo to Lion program in 16-L.

Global Extension Team District (GST-

D) 1VDG Terry Rosiak challenged all Lions to reach our 1.5-member goal for Mission 1.5. She also pledged to work with the zone and region chairs to ascertain if clubs need help and will move to start specialty clubs.

LCIF Area Leader PDG Dawn Kosobucki and LCIF District 16-L Chair PCC Al Olizi stated that we are looking to increase donations to LCIF in District 16-L for the 2023-24 Lionistic year. Please consider LCIF in your end of year donation programs. In addition, funds are being raised for the wildfire in Maui Hawaii.

Both PDG Dawn and PCC Al presented DG Donna with her long-awaited Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque. DG Donna was originally recognized as an MJF at the State Convention but without the plaque.

PDG Dawn indicated that the goal for LCIF is to raise \$55 Million this year which is \$30 per member per club. She also asked each club to donate \$145 to LCIF of Jan. 13, 2024 in celebration of

Melvin Jones' 145th birthday. It is noted that District 16L donated its share of the proceeds from the 50/50 to LCIF, as well as the proceeds from the auction of a vintage wooden Eyeglass Collection box, donated by the Mt. Holly Lions.

PDG Mary Ann DeLambily spoke about the recent name change of Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley to AltruVision and described its mission to restore sight.

Peace Poster Chair Min Elders gave all the Lions information about the 2023-24 Peace Poster Contest with the theme "dare to dream." She stated she enjoys seeing the children's creative art work. District 16L made it easy for clubs to participate by ordering the kits and having them available for clubs to purchase, a savings of the relatively large shipping cost.

DG Donna thanked everyone for attending and noted that the crowd numbered about one hundred Lions. Keeping the meeting lively and energetic, DG Donna kept the run time of the meeting to just over one hour! **Congratulations!**



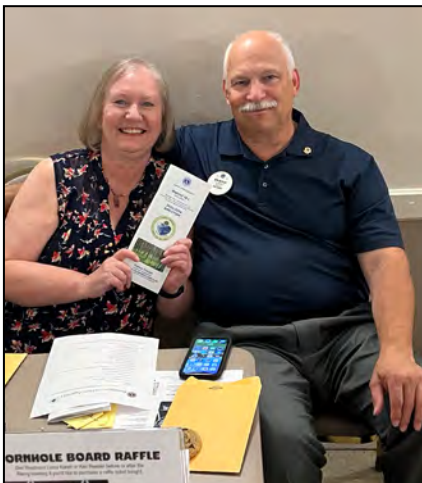
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MD-16 WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. PATTI HILL

Lions Clubs International Presidents have a hectic and herculean travel regimen. They advocate for our core issues all over the world. IP Dr. Patti Hill is no exception!

Every September, world leaders and members of the diplomatic community converge on the United Nations Headquarters in New York for the opening of the next session of the UN General Assembly. Attendees gather to discuss the most pressing global challenges of the moment and collaborate on solutions. Lions have been part of this United Nations collaboration since 1948.

As IP Hill was traveling from Vancouver BC Canada to New York City to attend the opening session of the U.N. General Assembly she transited through Newark Liberty International Airport. International Director Hon. Anthony Paradiso, invited Council Chair Ruth Molenaar, PCC State Advisor/Secretary Jack Romano and PCC Winster Ceballos as a "Welcoming Committee" to greet IP Patti as she disembarked at Newark Liberty. Despite a snafu with her car service, she was glad to see welcoming and friendly Lions



at such a late hour (11:15 PM). We assisted her with her luggage and ensured that she was finally safe in the car and on her way to her hotel in the city.

Godspeed IP Patti on all your travels as our International President.

GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

BUSINESS MEETING

By: Lion Min Elders

The Gloucester City Lions Club met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 for their business meeting. There were a total of eight guests in which two were members of the Boy Scouts. Scout leader Michael Kazmar and his son, Michael Kazmar II. Michael spoke on his Eagle Scout project that included building shelving and other repairs to the Gloucester City Helping Hand Food Pantry. Michael was also soliciting funds to assist in

this project. The Club donated \$200. The donation was matched by two of our members, Lions Jason Fanning and Mark Ford.

Four of our guests were from the Gloucester City, food pantry, Committee, President Mary Ann McCann, Tom McKenna, Connie Hill and Greg Teears. President McCann thanks the Club for all of our donations as she stated that the Lions Club was one of their largest contributors. The Club presented President McCann with a check for \$1500.00.



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SADLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-24 SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB



This picture is of the 2023-24 Saddle River Valley Lions Club Officers & Directors installed on June 20, 2023 by State Advisor PCC Jack Romano. (Picture courtesy of Lorraine Reichert)

Seated: Paula Turrin, Charities Treas.; Danny Kahn, Dir.. First Row: Bob May, Secty; David Verducci, Dir.; Andy Calcara, Club Treas.; Mark Stephan, Immed. Past Pres.; Gene Leporiere, Dir.; Jim Murphy, Dir.; Jeff Smyrychynski, Pres.; PDG Jack Romano, State Advisor. Back Row: Chris Reichert, Membership Dir.; PDG George Lesnik, 1st VP; Nabil Riaz, 2nd VP. (Not Pictured: Barry Ervin, 3rd VP)



WAYNE LIONS CLUB

WAYNE LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION



President Lion John Taggart on right presenting to Lion Charles Turminello, a Founding Member of Wayne Lions.



President Lion John Taggart presenting the President's Award for Lifetime Achievement to Lion Mario Rosellini.



Lion Ken Gorski accepting Melvin Jones award from Pres John Taggart and the Wayne Lions Club.



PID Dr Robert Moore presents the President's pin to Incoming President of the Wayne Lions Club Lion Judy Gorski, the first woman president of the Wayne Lions Club.



Lion Ray Garcia is installed as President of the West Milford Lions Club for Year Two by PID Dr Bob Moore.



PCC Mike Pacala accepts checks from West Milford Lions for Eversight and Camp Marcella.



JDRF State Co-chair Barbara Corsaro accepts donation for JDRF from President Lion Ray Garcia on behalf of the West Milford Lions.



Progressive Melvin Jones was presented to Lion Jim Kenny by PID Dr Bob Moore and the West Milford Lions.

DISTRICT 16-N

DISTRICT 16-N WELCOME BACK- CHANGING THE WORLD

District Governor John Carroll conducted his first cabinet meeting with the theme "Welcome Back-Changing the World" at the Bolger Center/Midland Park Ambulance Corps on Thursday September 14, 2023. Attending were all cabinet members, some zone chairs, and Lions from District 16-N.

For his 2023-2024 goals DG John stated that, "There is no 'I' in Team." We need to change the world at the club and district level inclusive of our 50 clubs and 8 zones. Mission 1.5 the initiative to gain 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027 must include increasing membership and retention of current members.

He set goals of:

- 2 new Lions clubs – a cultural club in the Indian Community of Jersey City and reestablishing a club in Hoboken consisting of businessperson in the financial industry. This will add 40 members.

- Adding 60 new members to existing clubs

- Limiting drops to no more than 75

This will result in a net gain of 25 members for the district. "My goals are a Team effort."

The GAT Team presented their respective reports all focused on a Mission 1.5 theme including reporting service, establishing new clubs, retention of our current 1187 members.

Council Chair Ruth Molenaar introduced a concept of a district wide contest for attending district meetings. More information on this event will follow.

Our guest speaker was Liana M. Romano MS, CCC the Di-



rector of Dementia and Alzheimer's programs for Care One. A speech pathologist by training, Ms. Romano has expanded her interests into Dementia care and is working towards a certificate in Nursing Home Management. She spoke about how Dementia can affect individuals of all ages, its gradual onset, and implications for family members providing for their care. DG John presented Liana with an appreciation certificate from District 16-N for her incredible presentation.

With a new meeting venue and a new Lionistic year DG John stated that he plans to start his meetings promptly at 7:00PM and end no later than 9:00 PM. He accomplished this goal and thanked every for attending.

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GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB INSTALLED JULY 18, 2023

By: Min Elders, PRC

The Gloucester City Lions Club installed their officers for 2023-2024 on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Vitale's Restaurant. The swearing in of three officers to the club took place after a lovely dinner with 21 members and the 4 family guests of the new president.

Membership Chairperson PCC/PDG, Dayl Baile, inducted the President, Patrick Healey, the First Vice President, Linda Baile, and Second Vice President, Larry Porter.

Jess Torres, the departing president, after his one year in office, knows the club will be in good hands.

The Gloucester City Lions Club has a 75 year history, being organized in March of 1944. Mentioning just a few of the many activities the Gloucester City Lions Club is involved in include: the White Cane Campaign; the Lions/Eye/Ear/Diabetes Screening; Pediatric Cancer; N.J. Lions Eyeglass recycling; Music Association for the Visually Impaired Students of New Jersey and the Peace Poster Contest.

The Club is definitely a very busy group with all the services they provide for their community so a "tip of the hat" to the Gloucester City Lions Club.



Colleen Healey, PCC/PDG, Dayl Baile, Gerry Healey, New President, Patrick Healey, Katie Healey.



2 VicePresident Larry Porter, New President Patrick Healey, 1st Vice President Linda Baile.



PCC/PDG, Dayl Baile, Gerry Healey, Colleen Healey, New President, Patrick Healey, Katie Healey.

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I am reaching out on behalf of a Bloomfield resident in need of a ramp for wheelchair access. This resident is 40 years' old and suffers from Long Covid. Unfortunately, it has left her immobile and bed-ridden. She has struggled with this for 3.5 years and has a 4 year old child. Her husband is the primary caregiver and the only source of income in the household. They are unable to afford the purchase/installation of a ramp. At this time, her husband has to pick her up and carry her out of the home to attend doctors' appointments.

Does the Lions Club have any programs for ramp installation? Any assistance that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Lois McAuliffe, MSW, LCSW
Social Work Specialist



Department of Human Services

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
1 Municipal Plaza, Room 213 | Bloomfield, NJ 07003

WEST BERLIN LIONS CLUB



The West Milford Lions Club presented Dr Eric Shnayder, Kinnelon Ophthalmologist, with the Elspeth Moore Award for Humanitarian Service in Vision Care. Pictured left to right are West Milford Lions Club President Ray Garcia, First Vice District Governor and State Chairperson for Juvenile Diabetes Barbara Corsaro, Dr Eric Shnayder, Receptionist Robin Brizzolara, and Club Secretary Lynn Mandon. Dr Shnayder assists club members with the Kidsight Vision Screening Program for children in West Milford and surrounding towns.

HARRINGTON PARK LIONS CLUB

2023 LIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Harrington Park Lions Club congratulates the students who are recipients of the 2023 Lions Scholarship program. Holly Budinich and Eliza Qosaj each received \$1,000.00 scholarships. Eliza and Holly both attended Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan. The scholarship is awarded based on grades, leadership and community service. Both Recipients are highly motivated, creative and dedicated students. Holly will be attending West Chester University, PA and Eliza will be attending Ramapo College, NJ.



Holly Budinich, Benny Qosaj, Eliza Qosaj. Back, Liz Budinich, Craig Budinich, Robert Budinich President and Louis Apa Scholarship Chairman.

GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

RECOGNITION OF CLUB PAST PRESIDENT

By: Min Elders, PRC

The Lions Club of Gloucester City held their business meeting at Vitale's restaurant on August 15, 2023. The significant event of the evening was the presentation of the Past President's Plaque to Jess Torres by our current President Patrick Healey. There were two guests of member Jim "Bowie" Johnson present, Chuck Walmsley and Bin Ackley.

Past President Jess Torres, and current President Patrick Healey.



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INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FUTURE FORUM?

- Bud Wahl, Forum Planning Committee Secretary

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum reaches out to all parts of North America every year in an effort to identify cities that might be interested in showcasing their area by hosting a future Forum. A seminar is held during each Forum that explains the entire bidding procedure. This year, that seminar will be held in the Silver Baron C seminar room on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m. A bid package will be made available to all attending the seminar that includes a flash drive containing all the necessary information to complete a Forum bid.

Hosting a Forum requires the Host City to adequately meet the educational needs of the Forum and be a comfortable, affordable environment for the attendees. This attracts an average attendance of approximately 2,000. The Single or Multiple District must work closely with the local



Future Host Cities

2024 Louisville, Kentucky

2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey

2026 Memphis, Tennessee

2027 TBD at the Reno Forum

Visitor's Bureau throughout the process. In fact, once the Lions of the area decide to submit a bid, the local Visitor's Bureau typically completes most of the work on the bid.

There are six main areas of a bid that need consideration: hotels, convention facilities, catering, transportation, audio/visu-

al and local Lions volunteers. The Forum is planned and organized by the Forum Planning Committee. However, there is a Host Committee, made up of area Lions, which plays a major role in the success of the Forum. Hosting a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is an exciting experience.

The economic impact a Forum has on a city and the surrounding area is long lasting. Pre and post tours are often made available so attendees can enjoy the local attractions the Host City has to offer.

Now is the time to begin the process for hosting a future Forum. The process begins with the support of the Council of Governors. If your Council of Governors is in favor of exploring the possibilities further, you need to come to Reno and you need to attend the seminar on Friday morning.

If you have any questions regarding hosting a future Forum, prior to the Reno Forum, please feel free to contact Forum Secretary Bud Wahl at pidbud@yahoo.com.

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



On September 16, West Milford Lions sold hot dogs to aide the Friends of the West Milford Library Book Sale. Pictured from left to right are 1st Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro, Bobbie Del Sol, Howard Seufert, Second Vice President Jan Halvorsen, Lynn Mandon, and Immediate Past President John McCarthy.

WAYNE LIONS CLUB



Members of the Wayne Lions Club , along with friends and First Vice Governor Barbara Corsaro, enjoyed a Wine Tasting and 5-course dinner with dancing at Magnanini Winery in Wallkill, New York.

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

As you continue helping the world in times of great need, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there to support your service. LCIF grants enable us to make the greatest impact, both locally and globally.

This month's newsletter highlights examples of this impact to motivate you in both your service and support of LCIF. I was fortunate to participate in the Global Service Week in Kenya and was truly inspired by our grant funding, which supported 35 service activities in four days. I hope you enjoy the video highlights below. Thank you to everyone who was part of this awesome project, and to those whose donations to LCIF made it possible.

Make a great day,

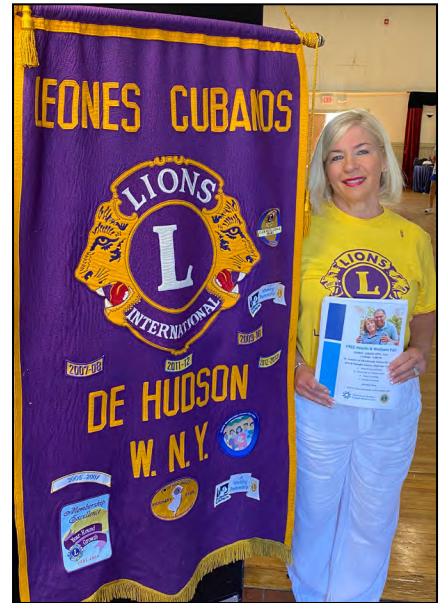
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Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON

**WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS
DE HUDSON HEALTH FAIR**

By: Mercedes Jimenez-Hart

On August 27, the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson under the leadership of its president Sandra Paz, sponsored their annual health fair with the support of Hackensack Meridian Palisades Medical Center. 120 people attended the event and received medical consultation and service; 100 backpacks with school supplies were given to school children and an ice cream truck was on hand to give out free ice cream to the children who attended the event.



WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON



WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON



CLUB DE LEONES CARTAGENA

LIONS CLUB SIMON BOLIVAR OF PATERSON PROVIDES 3000 PAIRS OF READING GLASSES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN COLOMBIA

Paterson, NJ - The Lions Club Simon Bolivar of Paterson, New Jersey, continues to extend its humanitarian reach beyond local borders. In a significant endeavor, the organization embarked on a mission to Colombia, delivering a much-needed resource - reading glasses - to those struggling with visual impairments due to limited access to affordable eyewear.

Eyewear accessibility is a persistent challenge in Colombia, where many individuals face barriers to obtaining necessary glasses. In response, the Lions Club Simon Bolivar seized the opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Spanning cities such as Cienaga, Aracataca, Sabanagrande, Riolacha, Santa Marta, including Barranquilla and Cartagena, the club's dedicated group traveled to various cities distributing a total of 3000 pairs of reading glasses to those in need.

The execution of this charitable mission required meticulous planning and commitment. Members of the Lions Club Simon Bolivar worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the initiative, exemplifying their dedication to alleviating challenges faced by those less fortunate.

Notably, this venture marks another instance of the Lions Club Simon Bolivar's global engagement. Last year, the organization extended its benevolent efforts to the Dominican Republic, delivering vital medical supplies to communities in need. Within their home community of Paterson, NJ, the Lions Club Simon Bolivar has undertaken a range of initiatives including fundraisers, food drives, and the distribution of reading glasses. These efforts underscore the organization's continuous commitment to uplifting the lives of their neighbors.

Miguel Diaz, President of the Lions Club Simon Bolivar, emphasized, "Our organization is driven by a shared passion for helping others and making a positive impact in the lives of those who face challenges. We remain persistent in our dedication to making a positive impact, whether in our local community or in regions beyond."

As the Lions Club Simon Bolivar's tireless efforts reverberate through communities, they stand as a beacon of compassion and an embodiment of the organization's philosophy of kindness.



CLUB DE LEONES CARTAGENA



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*The USA/Canada Lions
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**ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
SEPTEMBER 18-20TH, 2025**

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SOMERVILLE METRO LIONS CLUB

SOMERVILLE METRO LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 16TH ANNIVERSARY

By: 1st. VDG Rogel Bautista

We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate another milestone in our journey of service. A little bit more than 16 years ago when I formed this Club with other 3 original members, I had no inkling how far we would go but was glad for the opportunity to serve in our community. Thanks to all for bringing our Club to this point - our members, Guiding Lions (PDG Tony Abano and the late PCC Larry Massaro), the sponsoring club (Highland Park Phil

Am Lions Club), Lions from the district, and everyone who inspired and supported us in our service projects and other activities.

On our 16th anniversary, special thanks to all those who helped make our celebration a success, most especially to Lions Gloria EddieGlovic Hermoso and Theresa Lambino Domider for the tremendous work they put into the event.

Thanks to all our guests who shared our celebration especially to our District guests. Thanks Council Chair Ruth

Molenaar for the inspiring and heartfelt keynote speech, District 16J Gov. Evelio Salerno for installing our officers, Lions Jackie Pirante- Fuchs and Bob Kaplan for the very creative emceeing, Lion Brian Gallagher for the inspirational talk and for putting a nice flavor to it with your endearing Tagalog words.

May God continue to fill our hearts with joy and inspiration so that we may continue to share ourselves in the service of others and be instruments in CHANGING THE WORLD.



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