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// The purpose of my life
on this earth is to help
others achieve their
potential. If I'm not doing
that, I should be! //

DR. PATTI HILL

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2023 - 2024

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Changing the World

There's an old saying – It's the journey, not the destination. Changing the world is a journey. There's no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning.

With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change. It's up to each of us to simply begin. Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time.

In fact, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. Truly meaningful changes will occur when we are intentional about the *kind* of changes we want to make. When we strive to make positive changes—in our lives and in the lives of others—we put good into the world.

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BE THE CHANGE

Making the World a Better Place

It turned out that Dr. Hill's business partner was married to a Lion. When district Lions organized a project to help fund cochlear implants for those in need, they wanted someone with knowledge of the deaf community, so they turned to Patti for guidance. Of course, she was happy to help.

When Dr. Hill became the founding principal of The Heritage School, Lions wanted to return the favor. "What do you need?" they asked.

Dr. Hill was happy to have Lions' help, but she didn't expect them to keep coming back.

But the Lions persisted.

In fact, they asked her to become a Lion. More than once.

There was no question her life was already busy. In addition to her business and her job as principal, she was finishing her Ph.D. and expecting her first child. Even so, she couldn't turn them away.

In 1990, she joined the Edmonton Host Lions Club. She soon realized her club was more than just a local club; it was a critical part of a global association of clubs just like hers that were serving in nearly every country on earth. Being a Lion was the perfect way to do what she had always wanted to do—make the world a better place.

One of her first projects showed Dr. Hill just how powerful being a Lion can be. The hospital in Edmonton didn't have a dedicated pediatric operating suite. This meant every time a child required surgery, the equipment had to be manually adjusted to accommodate these young patients. This added more complexity and discomfort to an already harrowing experience for children and their parents. Dr. Hill and her club asked how much it would cost to

build a specialized operating suite for children. The response? Three hundred thousand dollars.

"And we did it," she says. With the help of LCIF, they raised every penny. "That's when I knew that Lions could have real impact."

When she attended her first multiple district convention, she realized that the impact wasn't limited to Edmonton.

As she walked around the venue and saw the displays of all the projects Lions had done that year and heard the conversations taking place, she realized the scale of it all. That's when she knew she was part of something much bigger than she could've imagined.

"I get it now," she said. Dr. Hill realized Lions weren't just changing their communities, they were changing the world.

Changing the world is what she is focused on as our international president.

// We're here to make the world a better place. It drives every decision I make. //



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BE THE CHANGE

Believe in Yourself

To change the world, we first must believe change is possible.

Here are some key steps that can help you face the challenges ahead.

Be brave.

In the causes you tackle and in the work that you do, don't shy away from something that may seem too difficult. You're up to the task and other Lions are here to support you. So take that bold first step.

Invest in the future.

We all have a reason to invest in the future, and young people may be uniquely positioned to help us create change. We are better able to deal with the issues facing our communities when they're at the table with us. Let's invite the next generation of global leaders to serve with us as Lions.

Collaborate.

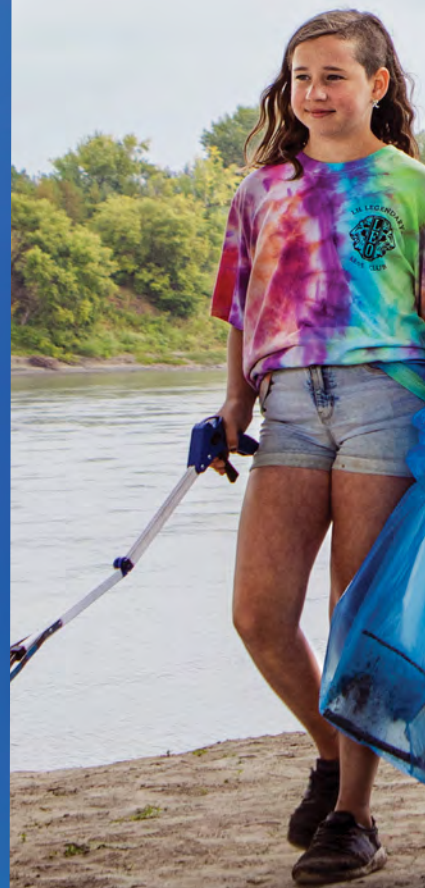
We do our best work as a team. Work with community leaders, other service organizations, and each other to address the biggest problems facing your communities. Collaboration makes change happen faster.

Lead the way.

Lions and Leos lead by example. We show the world what is possible when people care about their communities and when kindness is the goal. Lead the way, and others will join you.



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LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY JERSEY CITY HUDSON CITY LIONS CLUB

Elegant Christmas party was held on December 2 in the halls of the Hispanic Mercantile Federation in Union City, NJ. "We SERVE" Awards were presented for their work to three outstanding members of our community. President Lion Maria E. Aguilar-Ambrossi and the Hudson County Commissioner Anthony Romano presented the awards to Sonia Marte-Dublin, Glenda Icabalceta and Narciso Castillo.

Also highlighted were the president of the club, Lions Maria E. Aguilar-Ambrossi and her husband Claudio Ambrossi,

District 16-N Governor Lion John Carroll and his wife Secretary Andrea Carroll, Treasurer Diane Lynch, Z1 Zone Chair Lion Natasha Fernandez, Lion Patrick Ambrossi, Lion Patricia Vega, The president of West New York Cuban Lions of Hudson, Lions Sandra Paz and her husband Carlos Paz, from The Newark Borinquen Lions Club were accompanied by Lions Lili Casas, Marta Casas and Miguel Gonzalez. Also, Multiple District 16 Council Chair Ruth Molenaar.

Congratulations to the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club, all Club members, Honorees and everyone present.



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GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB



FOOD PANTRY

The Gloucester City Lions Club met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 for their business meeting. There was 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 his 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.



Left to the right: Eagle Scout leader Michael Kazmar, Life Scout Michael Kazmar II, Vice President Linda Baile.



Greg Teears, Vice President Linda Baile, Connie Hill, Food bank president, Mary Ann McCann, Tom McKenna.



WAYNE/WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

WAYNE/WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUBS JOINT MEETING

International President Patti Hill has stressed that one of her goals for the 2023-24 Lionistic year is club collaboration in service activities, meeting, and projects. This goal was demonstrated through the joint meeting of the Wayne and West Milford Lions Clubs at the North Jersey Country Club on Tuesday September 26, 2023.

There were 15 Wayne Lions and 10 West Milford Lions present. Also attending were invited guests District Governor John Carroll, partner-in-service Lion Andrea, Council Chair Ruth Molenaar and State Advisor Jack Romano.

King Lion Judy Gorski of the Wayne Lions Club welcomed all to this meeting by thanking all for attending. King Lion Ray Garcia of the West Milford Lions Club echoed those sentiments and looked forward to working with the Wayne Lions Club as they reestablish their vision screening program through the auspices of West Milford Lion and First VDG 16-N Barbara Corsaro.

The Wayne Lions discussed some upcoming programs and events including Wayne Day, ordering new shirts for club members their annual Holiday Party and the Leo program.

The West Milford Lions discussed their health fair, white

cane events and the adult literacy program/ESL in conjunction with the West Milford Library.

First VDG Barbara Corsaro gave an overview of the technical progress made through Lions donations to JDRF, speaking about grandson Matthew's insulin pump and the ability to detect his sugar levels through his I-Phone. She also told the Lions about all the upcoming JDRF events in New Jersey including the Liberty State Park walk on Saturday Nov. 5, 2023.

District Governor John Carroll thanked the respective King Lions and club members for inviting him and Lion Andrea and was glad to hear about each club's activities. State Advisor Jack Romano asked all the Lions where they would be on Sept. 18, 2025? He spoke about USA/Canada Forum 20025 at Harrah's Atlantic City. Many Lions expressed an interest in attending and volunteering for this upcoming Forum.

Both King Lions Judy and Ray thanked all the Lions for attending this meeting with future collaborations planned between both clubs.

Last night- Wayne Pres is Judy Gorski and West Milford Pres is Ray Garcia.



Wayne Lions Club, President King Lion Judy Gorski, members, DG 16N John Carroll and wife Andrea, SA/PCC Jack Romano and CC Ruth Molenaar.

WAYNE/WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



West Milford Lions Club, President King Lion Ray Garcia, members, DG 16N John Carroll and wife Andrea, SA/PCC Jack Romano, CC Ruth Molenaar and 1st. VDG Barbara Corsaro.

WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB

WOOD-RIDGE LIONS RECEIVED TWO HONORS

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club of District 16N recently received special recognition from two organizations for their strong support over many years.

At the Thursday, September 21 club meeting, President Angelo Petruzzella was presented the Eversight Shared Vision Award by Sarina Roman, Philanthropy Assistant at Eversight. This award was created in 2009 to recognize individuals, groups and organizations that have shown extraordinary support of Eversight's mission to restore sight through corneal transplantation, research and education. This year six awards were presented to recipients from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Connecticut, and one International. Wood-Ridge Lions was the only Lions Club to be honored.

The second award presented was a plaque from Special Olympics, earlier received by Past President Ed Garrett, for supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is, an event which celebrated its 40th year. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a special fund-raising event and Wood-Ridge Lions has been supporting that effort for 35 years. As we know, Special Olympics is now an MD-16 State Project.

The Wood-Ridge Lions were very pleased and honored to receive both recognitions for their support.



WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A **LION**

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SAVE THE DATE

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM 2025

Where will Lions from New Jersey and all over CA-1 and 2 be on September 18-20, 2025? At Harrah's Atlantic City for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

Forum 2025 will be different from previous Forums in that all the activities will take place under one roof. This includes the Forum store, all seminars, lunches, and dinners. There will be no need to wait in line for a bus to transport you to an events center. Unpack, relax, and enjoy all the activities and learning opportunities the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum offers.

No shuttles are needed. There will be over 80 seminars on topics of interest to all Lions.

Atlantic City offers shopping from high end brands to a factory outlet mall and everything in between.

Volunteers will be needed in support of all Forum 2025 activities. So, please consider not only attending but also helping by being a volunteer. If interested, please contact PCC Jack Romano at mrzip6104@yahoo.com or at 551-804-1054.



RUTHERFORD LIONS CLUB



RUTHERFORD LIONS INDUCT CLUB OFFICERS AND NEW MEMBERS

At a celebratory dinner on Wednesday Sept. 27, 2023, the Rutherford Lions Club inducted their club officer slate for 2023-24 as well as 3 new members.

King Lion Susan Temes thanked all the members for coming out to this dinner. She explained that they would induct their officers and the newest members of the Rutherford Lions Club whose official induction was unfortunately delayed.

Past Council Chair and current State Advisor /Secretary Jack Romano conducted the induction ceremonies. The officer slate for the 2023-2024 Lionistic year are:

- President Susan Temes
- First VP Christine Robertson, Second VP Lisa Garland, Third VP Michaela Prokop
- Secretary Kevin "Skip" Hildebrand
- Treasurer Glenn Elliot
- Lion Tamer Ana Luzzi and Tail Twister Mark O'Connor

- Membership Chair Susan Forsythe
- LCIF Chair Gerry Primiano

The newest members inducted into the Rutherford Lions Club are Lions Sara Cohen, Ed Gajda and Jane Virone all sponsored by Lion Laura O'Connor.

King Lion Susan recognized Immediate Past President Laura O'Connor with the "Lion of the Year" Award for her dedicated work to the club and the Rutherford community.

PCC/SA Jack Romano informed the club that the USA/Canada Forum will be at Harrah's in Atlantic City September 18-21, 2025. The Forum is a great place to interact with other Lions from CA 1 & 2, exchange ideas, take informative training sessions and make new friends. Many Lions were interested in attending as more information will follow on this subject.

Congratulations to all officers and new members

CHESTER LIONESS CLUB**JDRF - CHESTER LIONESS CLUB**

Chester Lioness Club walked today at Chubb Park in Chester for Juvenile Diabetes.

BELVEDERE LIONS CLUB

Zone Chair Mike Moyer presents a check to 1st Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro for JDRF from the Belvedere Lions Club.



WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



West Milford Lions Club welcomed two new members on October 18. PCC Mike Pacala conducted the Induction. Pictured from left to right: PCC Mike Pacala inducted the new member Lori Novak-Carafello and Sponsor Lynn Mandon, New Member West Milford Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lydia Furnari and Sponsor Miriam McCarthy, President Ray Garcia.

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



West Milford Lions Club took part in local Trunk or Treat. Pictured left to right are Howard Seufert, Lynn Mandon, and John and Miriam McCarthy. John and Miriam designed and created the underwater scene with moveable shark.

SOUTH ORANGE LIONS CLUB

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The South Orange Lions Club September was Child Cancer Awareness month. In the United States, approximately 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, resulting in over 90,000 cancer related hospitalizations. Hackensack Meridian University Hospital Children's Health put out a flyer to please consider donating a pair of pajamas to help make a child more comfortable during an unexpected hospital stay. PDG Joseph Kika placed an email to Alyssa Henderson at Hackensack Meridian 5E Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology/BMT for more information about their request. The South Orange Lions Club sent our best buyer

out on the mission, Lion Debbie Fresco. We are happy to report Lion Debbie Fresco purchased 56 pairs of PJs total, 24 pairs for the girls and 32 PJs for the boys in multiple sizes. Alyssa Henderson of Hackensack Meridian sent a thank you letter to the South Orange Lions Club. "Just wanted to say thanks again on behalf of HUMC 5E Pediatric Oncology for the generous donation!! Pictured below is Alyssa Henderson and her husband along with South Orange Lions Club President Thomas Morrisroe and PDG Joseph Kika at our club meeting and a photo of the staff at Hackensack Meridian Health with the donated PJs.



EDISON METRO LIONS CLUB

EDISON METRO LIONS & LEOS 17TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY STAYING RELEVANT WITH SERVICE AND MUSIC

The Edison Metro Lions club 17th Anniversary Party celebrated this long serving club's commitment to service and music at the Pines Manor on Sunday October 29, 2023.

Founding members PDG Eddie and Lion Linnie Hui demonstrated once again that by combining their Leo Club activities with service and music, this club has a track record of success.

Invited guests Council Chair Ruth Molenaar, PCC Mahesh Chitnis and State Advisor PCC Jack Romano all

gave congratulatory speeches to mark this occasion.

Musical performances included both Lions and Leos ranging from classical to popular music.

PCC Jack Romano presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Immediate Past President Lion Grace W. Zhang for her work within the Edison Metro Lions Club.

All attendees enjoyed an afternoon of music, song, and service. Congratulations Edison Metro Lions Club on your 17th anniversary!

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



First VDG Barbara Corsaro inducted new member Bill Carafello into the West Milford Lions Club. Pictured left to right are Sponsor Lynn Mandon, Bill Carafello, and 1st VDG Barbara.



WEST MILFORD LION MODEL CLUB AWARD

First Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro presents the Model Club Award to the West Milford Lions Club and President Ray Garcia.

WOOD-RIDGE LIONS CLUB**WOOD-RIDGE LIONS WELCOME
LEO CLUB OFFICERS**

At their October 19 meeting, Wood-Ridge Lions invited the officers of the Wood-Ridge High School LEO Club. The LEO Club was officially chartered in June.

LEOs in attendance (in photo l-r) were Jerry Rivera (Treasurer), Jazlynn Mercado (Secretary), Jair Argueta-Ramos (President), Krishna Patel (Vice-President) and Mrs. Lucia DiNapoli (Teacher Advisor). Mrs. DiNapoli did a commendable job, along with assistance by Dr. David Verducci as then State/ District 16N LEO Chairman, in getting the club activated. Wood-Ridge Lion Bob Valenti, who helped in getting this club chartered, continues to be the Wood-Ridge Lions Club Liaison.

Many of the Lions at the meeting contributed their reasons for wanting to be a Lion, as well as noting many of the projects, fund-raisers, and charity organizations that the club supports. Each LEO officer sat with their Lion Officer counterpart at the dinner table. The Lions, in the meantime, were informed that the LEO Club will continue to grow as more students are showing interest in joining. Plans are now being made to have a get-together in the near future to include all of the Wood-Ridge High School LEOs.

**Dennis Brubaker, Secretary
Wood-Ridge Lions Club**



SADDLE BROOK LIONS CLUB**HONORING KING LION JIM RYERSON**

At the Saddle Brook Main Lions Club annual Christmas Party King Lion Jim Ryerson was recognized by club members for the service he performed for the Saddle Brook community during the Covid19 pandemic. A very surprised King Lion Jim was presented with a Lions watch, pin and congratulations from PID Dr. Bob Moore and Council Chair Ruth Molenaar. Lion Bob West and all members congratulates King Lion Jim.



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Lions from MD-16 attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno NV in September 2023. As with any Forum, there are always exciting motivational speakers, seminars of all sorts, and the Strides Walk. The 2025 Atlantic City Forum Committee had an informational table to explain and inform Lions about our upcoming event.



JDRF

JDRF WALK AT LIBERTY STATE PARK



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THIS YEAR, THE ANNUAL NORTH JERSEY JDRF ONE WALK TOOK PLACE AT LIBERTY STATE PARK ON NOVEMBER 5, 2023. MANY LIONS, THROUGHOUT THE STATE, JOINED TEAM MIRACLE FOR MATTHEW TO WALK FOR A CURE FOR TYPE ONE DIABETES.

THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL AS WE WALKED AMID THE BACKDROP OF LADY LIBERTY.

TEAM MIRACLE FOR MATTHEW RAISED OVER \$24,000. OUR LIONS OF DISTRICT 16N RAISED OVER \$15,000 TOWARDS THE TEAM TOTAL.

WE WALK EACH YEAR AND RAISE MONEY TOWARD OUR GOAL OF "TURNING TYPE ONE INTO TYPE NONE".



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELVIN JONES!

Council Chair Ruth Molenaar opened the General Session of the State Council by wishing The Founder of Lions International a Happy 145th Birthday, as this meeting, was held on his actual birthday of January 13. To celebrate this great event a celebratory birthday cake was the dessert of the day.

CC Ruth had a Bauducco Mini Panettone for everyone that was at the meeting, wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2024!

Our guest speaker Keith Adams was invited and introduced by DG Donna Freidel. Thank you DG Donna. Keith Adams from New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NJVOAD) informed the Lions about his organization.

Mr. Adams explained that NJVOAD, a nonprofit support organization responding to major disasters through communica-

tion, collaboration and cooperation using the concept of A-B-C-D, Asset Based Community Development, making connections with local organizations.

He gave the Lions a new definition of Disaster which includes the following issues:

- Food/Housing • Mental Health • Economic
- Social/environmental • Systematic Racism.

There will be a "Power of Community" Conference on Thursday April 11, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick which is open to all individuals. To register or contact NJVOAD:

- 609-321-1233 • Njvoad.org • Helpnjinow.org.

CC Ruth thanked Mr. Adams for speaking to the Lions and presented him with a council pin.



PID Dr. Robert Moore, Parliamentarian IPID Jeff Gans, Council Chair Ruth Molenaar, guest speaker Keith Adams, 16-L DG Donna Freidel, 16-J DG Evelio Salerno, 16-N DG John Carroll and State Advisor PCC Jack Romano.

MOORESTOWN LIONS CLUB

Moorestown Lions

Annual Beef & Beer

❖ **Date:** Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

❖ **Time:** 7:00pm - Midnight

❖ **Place:** Lenola Fire Hall,
225 N Lenola Rd
Moorestown, NJ

❖ **Cost:** \$40 per ticket

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GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB -PANCAKE BREAKFAST-

By: Min Elders, PRC

The Gloucester City Lions Club met for their business meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Vitale's Restaurant. With 29 members present, one new member-to-be was introduced to the club.

Membership Chairperson PCC/PDG, Dayl Baile, inducted the new member, Chuck Walmsley, who was sponsored by James Johnson (Bowie). Our club is always happy to bring a new member into our group.

The Gloucester City Lions Club once again held their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the cafeteria of the Gloucester City High School. The cooks were busy from 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon cooking and serving the many people who stopped in for a great breakfast. The project was run by club members and helped by Leo Club coworkers. PCC Dayl was in charge of the whole project. The folks in the Gloucester City area appreciate good pancakes and acknowledge by their patronage the various projects their Lions Club sponsor. Good people making good food resulted in success all around and permits the club to continue their work of community involvement.



Left to the right: PCC/Membership Chair, Dayl Baile, Bowie Johnson, New Member Chuck Walmsley, President Pat Healey.



Left to the right: PCS Ted, James Johnson, Jack Hughes, Harvey Garrison, Jason Fanning and his son Elliot.



Left to the right: Larry Porter, Jamie Megee, Chris Garrity, Pat Keating. Jason Fanning Son, Elliot, Vice President Linda Baile, PCC/PDG Dayle Biale, Arvin Skramstad.

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB

WHITE CANE DAY AT KINNELON STOP AND SHOP



John McCarthy and Lynn Mandon - West Milford Lions.
BOTH PICS -LOCATION IS KINNELON STOP AND SHOP



Lions Miriam and John McCarthy during West Milford
White Cane Day.

Age Groups:
1-3, 4-6, 7-9
and 10-12

Meet the
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Hosted by the Allentown Lions Club
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Saturday, March 23rd
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John (Jack) Romano

Mario Rosellini

Rose Stigliano

The Lions District 16N Charitable Foundation will hold its 52nd Annual Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial honoring District Governor John W. Carroll on Saturday April 13th, 2024, at The Knoll Country Club-East, 12 Knoll Drive, Parsippany N.J. 07054.

Cocktail hour from 6 PM until 7 PM; Testimonial immediately following at 7 PM. Four Hour Open Bar; Hot and Cold Hors Oeuvres, Pasta Station, Carving Station; Dinner, Salad and a choice of Fish or Meat Entree with a Vegetarian option available. Dinner and Dancing will follow at the conclusion of the Testimonial.

Dinner Tickets are \$100.00 Per Guest and can be purchased by contacting PDG Lou Corsaro at: lcorsaro@optonline.net or at 973-728-1876. All dinner tickets must be paid for in advance; no tickets will be sold, or funds collected at the door. Deadline to purchase dinner tickets is , April 5th, 2024.

You can support District Governor, John Carroll by sponsoring an ad in our Journal Book. Ads are Full Page \$150.00, Half Page \$100.00, Quarter Page \$75.00, Inside Front and Back Cover \$250.00

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The Nifty 50/50 Raffle is limited to no more than 300 tickets sold. Prizes are: 35%, 10%, 5% of all proceeds. Tickets are \$100.00 each. If you want to support the Foundation by purchasing a Raffle Ticket, please contact State Advisor, Lion Jack Romano at 551-804-1054 or E-mail: mrzip6104@yahoo.com. Deadline to purchase raffle tickets is April 5th, 2024

I hope to see you at the Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial.

Lion Jack Romano, State Advisor
Trustee Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation

DISTRICT 16-N

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52nd Annual Grand Charity Ball

and

*Testimonial to
District Governor John W. Carroll*

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Cocktail Hour: 6:00pm

Dinner | Testimonial: 7:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm

Open Bar ~ Dinner- choice of entree ~ Dessert

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Black Tie - Optional

DISTRICT 16-N**LIONS DISTRICT 16-N CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC*****Annual Grand Charity Ball and Governor's Testimonial***

LIONS DISTRICT 16-N CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
52nd Annual Grand Charity Ball & Testimonial

District 16-N Governor John W. Carroll**Saturday April 13, 2024**

The Knoll Country Club-East • 12 Knoll Road, Parsippany, N.J.
 Cocktail Hour at 6PM immediately followed by Testimonial/Dinner

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Phone # _____

E-Mail: _____

Make all checks payable to: Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation

Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment

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NIFTY-FIFTY TICKET RESERVATION

This is the major fundraiser for the Foundation. You can help us support Lions Club projects and our Vision Screening Program by selling these tickets. A great way to do so is to have your club take a ticket and have the members or other interested individuals take "shares" in a ticket.

\$100.00 per Ticket

3 Prizes: 35%, 10%, 5% of proceeds of tickets sold

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Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment

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CHESTER LIONESS LIONS CLUB



Chester Lioness/Lions Club inducted a new member this week. Left to right - Membership Chair Pat Murray, Sponsor Lynne Kranik, New Member Whitney Robina and Charter Member Ginny Savell.



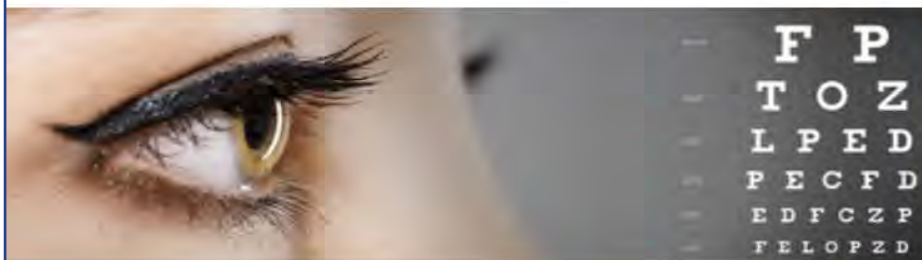
Lioness Joyce Casillo of the Chester Lioness Lions Club presents First Vice District Governor Barbara Corsaro with a check for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Team Miracle for Matthew.

PARSIPPANY LIONS CLUB

Parsippany Lions Club presents,

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- From 10 AM to 2 PM EST
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DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM

District & Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) offer a new opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. DCG initiative funding is provided to clubs and districts from their own contributions to LCIF. The program thus incentivizes both Lions donations to LCIF and Lions service projects that are in alignment with the Foundation's focal areas. All projects must be approved by LCIF. The program is available to both district and clubs.

Through the District & Club Community Impact Grants program, 15 percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects on a club and/or district level.

Donations may be made throughout the year, and grants can be applied for in the following Lions year. The District & Club Community Impact Grant requires a \$5,000 minimum donation for clubs and a \$10,000 minimum donation for districts. The minimum donation must be achieved within the fiscal year (i.e., July 1 – June 30).

Donations that are restricted to a specific program or area of focus (i.e., disaster, youth, sight, etc.) will not qualify in the determination of funds made available to the district or club. Multiple districts are not eligible for the DCG program. Districts and clubs will be required to meet a minimum donation level to enable 15% of their donation to be counted towards their available funds to be accessed through the DCG program.

District and clubs qualifying for the program will have the option to use earned funds to carry out local projects and access those funds through the submission of a District and Club

Community Impact Grant Application or use them as part of the local matching funds component of other LCIF grant program applications. Clubs have the opportunity to retain their DCG funds for the use of their club, or to release those funds to their district to be counted toward the district's DCG account. Both districts and clubs will have the opportunity to save earned funds over a 15-year period. Funds not used in that 15-year period will expire on a rolling basis and will be released back to LCIF.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, LCIF Donor Services will notify the districts and/or clubs who are eligible to apply for District and Club Community Impact Grants.

The LCIF Coordinators for each district are:

- District 16-N: PCC Winster Ceballos/Lion Lisa Garland
- District 16-J: PDG Kash Delory
- District 16-L: PCCs Dayl Baile and Al Olizi
- MD-16: PDG Kevin Kosobucki

Clubs eligible for DCGs are:

- District 16-N: Passaic-Clifton
- District 16-J: Hightstown-Easr Windsor, West Windsor, Sayreville, New Providence, N.J. Renaissance.
- District 16-L: Atco, Toms River.

For further information please reference publications:

- LCIF 31 EN 11/18 DCG FAQs
- LCIF 28 EN 8/18, Application booklet
- Your district coordinator.

Frequently Asked Questions:

The District and Club Community Impact Grant Program



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

What is the District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) Program?

A: The DCG program is an opportunity for clubs and districts to utilize some of the funding they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For clubs and districts that qualify, they are eligible to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations) in that year.

What type of projects qualify for fund usage?

A: DCG funds can be used to support specific humanitarian activities and highlight Lions in communities they serve. Grant funds are not eligible to pay membership dues or establish a reserve fund. The District and Club Community Impact Grant program is a new program, and though possible scenarios have been anticipated, LCIF may update criteria as additional scenarios are proposed.

How can my district or club qualify for this program?

A: Clubs qualify by donating a minimum of US\$5,000 to LCIF within one fiscal year. The eligible club funds are 15% of the donations attributed to club members or the club itself. Districts qualify by donating a minimum of US\$10,000 to LCIF within one fiscal year. The eligible district funds are 15% of the donations attributed to the district itself, plus the donations from its clubs that do not reach a US\$5,000 minimum, plus any funds the eligible clubs transfer to the district. Eligible donation amounts are for donations made directly to LCIF's Empowering Service fund, only; this does not include donations to the club itself or district itself, restricted

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LCIF donations, or donations designated to LCIF's Disaster Relief fund. The funds can be applied for once the fiscal year ends. Funds become available upon approval of the project.

My district or club was notified that it qualified for the DCG program. How do I access the DCG funds?

A: When a district or club qualifies for DCG funds, it can apply at any time. Applications should be submitted to LCIF at a minimum of 90 days prior to the project commencement to allow for adequate processing time. You can apply for the DCG funds by sending a completed grant application to LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org. Applications submitted by districts must be signed by the current district governor and be certified via resolution by the current district cabinet.

Club applications shall be signed by the current club president and certified via resolution by the current club board.

The application is located on the LCIF website: On the main menu bar, hover over "Start Your Service" and then click on "Grant Types."

How do I check the balance of my district or club's DCG funds?

A: Any questions regarding donations or a district or club's balance of available funds should be directed to Donor Services at donorassistance@lionsclubs.org

If a club has not donated at least US\$5,000 within one fiscal year, could it be combined with the next fiscal year's donation amount?

A: No, a club must donate at least US\$5,000 within one fiscal year to count toward their eligible balance.

Does my district or club have to use the collected funds within the next fiscal year?

A: No, if your district or club meets the minimum donation requirement, your district or club does not have to apply to use their available funds within the next fiscal year. The amount available will transfer into the next fiscal year. The amount available in one fiscal year is available for application for up to 15 years, beginning at the end of that fiscal year. After 15 years, the opportunity expires.

If a club's donation does not reach US\$5,000, could it be combined with other clubs' donations (under US\$5,000) and calculated into the district's total amount?

A: Yes, the cumulative sum of all clubs in a particular district (not including clubs with donations of at least US\$5,000) count toward the district's eligible grant amount.

Some clubs would like their district office to help them apply for the grant. Is it possible to apply all the funds to the district office and then have the district office allocate the grant funds to the clubs accordingly?

A: While any eligible club can transfer their donations to their district, the district has to submit unique project-specific DCG applications. There cannot be a "block grant" scenario where a district applies for a single DCG grant for many different projects and then divides up the grant funds to the clubs.

Do Lead Gifts (US\$100,000+) count toward a club or district's donation total?

A: Lead Gifts can count toward DCG fund only under certain circumstances:

1. If the Lead Gift donor opts out of a designation for their gift, their gift can count toward the DCG program.
 2. Upon payment in full, the donor can indicate what percentage of their gift will count toward the DCG program. Any percentage of the gift that is designated toward a certain cause is ineligible to be counted toward the DCG program.
- Any percentage of the gift put toward the DCG program is ineligible to be designated toward a certain cause.

Can DCG funds be used for an LCIF Matching grant that was already approved?

A: DCG funds can be used for all or part of the local Lions matching funds component of another LCIF grant program.

However, DCG funds cannot be used as local Lions matching funds for a grant that has already been approved by LCIF.

There is a document on the LCIF website outlining the process for using DCG funds to meet the local matching funds requirement for another LCIF grant program. You can find that document in the resource center and on the DCG page.

Can funds be used for a project in a district or country other than the applicant's?

A: Funds may be used to support a project outside of the applicant's district including projects taking place in a country other than the applicant's country. If a project is to take place in a country outside the applicant's district, the project shall have the endorsement, and preferably, the active involvement of the local Lions district. In countries where there are clubs but no district structure, the local clubs closest to the project need to endorse the project. In all cases, detailed information on the role of local Lions in the project should be provided to LCIF. In countries where no clubs exist at present, the applicant Lions must be able to demonstrate the ability to properly oversee, evaluate and report on the project.

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CLUB OFFICER ANNUAL NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Don't forget that your club's nominating meeting needs to be held in March, and that you need to give all club members notice of this nominating meeting 14 days in advance. The election should be held in April, again giving 14 days notice to members as to when the election is to be held. The election results should be reported by the club secretary as soon as the election is over. Do NOT wait until the end of the Lions year to report them; it is important to let Lions International know who will be taking over right away, so appropriate messages and training can be provided to the incoming officers.

Even if you are keeping the same officers from the previous year, they still need to be entered in MyLCI, because the current officer terms all will expire on June 30, 2024. After that the 2023-24 club officers, including the club secretary, will no longer have access to MyLCI. Need help? Click here for instructions on how to add next year's officers. A common mistake in entering new officers, is failing to click on the "Next Year" on the select term tab. The secretary winds up reporting the new officers for the current year, instead of the next year, and they all expire in June - before the new officers even take office.

Many clubs fail to elect a full slate of officers. Per the current club standard, the membership chairperson, the service chairperson, and the marketing chairperson are all club officers. So in addition to the usual president, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors that you are electing, make sure your nominating committee fills all the positions. The club LCIF coordinator position is another position that is frequently left unfilled. It is typically filled by the immediate past president. With so many clubs repeating club president for many, many years, there may not be an immediate past president in the club - and the nominating committee forgets to fill the position. Whenever a club leaves a club office unfilled, and not reported in MyLCI, the club misses out on important communications from the district and International sent specifically to that officer. If you have a really small club, there is nothing wrong with a Lion being filled in for more than one office in MyLCI.



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SAVE THE DATE!

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15th Annual Avalon Lions Golf Classic
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BRIDGETON LIONS CLUB

KIDS SIGHT PROJECT AND THE SALVATION ARMY

November and early December activities for the Lions club included recognizing Students of the month at their monthly meeting, participating in the annual Kids Sight Project, and volunteering for The Salvation Army.

Bridgeton High School student of the month Lizbeth Rosas- Merino is 15 years old and is a sophomore. She enjoys nature and is a member of the Environmental Club. Liz is a participant in Families to College. She is in the Early College Program. After graduation Lizbeth will pursue her Bachelor's degree in liberal arts and linguistics.

Cumberland Regional High School student of the month Caitlyn Lupton



is a senior. Her course of study is Biomedical/Communications. Caitlyn just completed her 4th year of field hockey, and has started her fourth year of swimming.

Caitlyn is a Member of National Honor Society, Math Honor Society,

Science Honor Society and Biomedical Honors Program.

KIDS SIGHT PROJECT:

On Wednesday, November 15 students at Maurice River Township School were screened for vision problems by members of the Bridgeton Lions Club. Pictured are Sight Chairman Harvey McCubbin, Claire Walton, King Lion Mike Cudemo, Lion John Simons and Lion John Casarow.

Helping "ring" the bell is Lion Peggy Gentile-VanMeter and her granddaughter Brielle who is a 5th grade student at Stow Creek Township School. This is also posted on our Facebook page.

Thank you and Happy New Year. Peggy



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All proceeds to benefit the blind and other charities!

GLOUCESTER CITY LIONS CLUB

TWO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM ROWAN UNIVERSITY

By: Min Elders, PRC

The Gloucester City Lions Club met on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 for their business meeting. Two distinguished guests from Rowan University, Maria Lepore-Stevens, EdD, CAPE, COMS and Shari Willis, PhD, WFR spoke about Camp Abilities New Jersey at Glassboro.

They are Directors of the organization and they explained that it is an educational outdoor and adventure sports camp for youth with visual impairments ages 6-17 years old where campers are paired 1:1 with trained coaches throughout all of their activities. They mentioned that nationally Lions Clubs have proven to be great supporters of the Camp's programming.

Gloucester City Lions Club was glad to give a \$250 donation for Camp Abilities NJ at Rowan University



Maria Lepore-Stevens, Shari Willis, 1st Vice President Linda Baile.

Glassboro. They also sent a flyer about the camp for any children who might be

interested in coming to the camp this summer.

RIVER DELL LEO CLUB



The River Dell Leo Club collected sixty-two pairs of gently worn sneakers from Bergen Catholic HS students that have out grown them.

Two Leo Club members delivered the donation to the Catholic Charities collection box at St. Peter the Apostle Church parking lot in River Edge.

The Leo Club is sponsored by the River Edge Lions Club and collection barrels are also located at River Dell Middle School and River Dell High School.

The Leo Club is open to high school students and students may join by sending an email to pdunsay@juno.com

BRIDGETON LIONS CLUB

BRIDGETON LIONS CLUB AND BRIDGETON SALVATION ARMY TOGETHER!

The Bridgeton Lions Club joined in the holiday spirit full force on Saturday, December 9 by ringing the bell for the Bridgeton Salvation Army from 1-4 p.m. at the Greater Bridgeton Amish Market in nearby Hopewell Township.

Under the capable direction of Lion Harvey McCubbin and Bridgeton Salvation Army Lt. Sahory Montalla, club members and students were recruited for the outing.

Club members and Bridgeton High School students greeted fellow community members and raised funds for a worthy cause in a fun-filled, festive setting.

King Lion Mike Cudemo worked with Bridgeton High School Leos Club advisor Chrissy Akers and Bridgeton High School ROTC Sgt. Sam Welden to coordinate students participation.

In addition to raising much-needed funds for Salvation Army, the Bridgeton Lions used the outing to increase awareness of the club and maintain relevance in our community.

The Bridgeton Lions Club might be small in number of members, but maintains a large footprint in the community with Saturday's event proof of their continued impact.



Left to right, back row, Lions John Simons and Amy Simons, front row Destiny Rios Torres, Banía Barrera and Dayana Paola Martinez.



Included in the photos are left to right, Dayana Paola Martinez, Sgt. Sam Welden, ROTC instructor, Kahimya Johnson, Lion Evelyn Simpkins, Rodrigo Rojas Merida and Lion Mike Cudemo.

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TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB

TOMS RIVER LIONS CLUB DONATES TO STEM HUNGER IN AREA

By: Lion Marion Goldberg, TRLC

Several members of the Toms River Lions Club (TRLC) met with representatives of the People's Pantry, our local food bank, on Friday December 8th. They were there to present a check as a continued effort to assist those in need. This food pantry is a Toms River NJ extension of the Ocean County Area Food Bank - FulfillNJ of Neptune. The check which was a Grant provided as part of the District and Community Grant Program from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was in the amount of \$1800.

People's Pantry is a local storefront facility on Hooper Ave in Toms River that handles incoming food donations from places such as Fulfill and also from several local grocery stores that give much assistance to the project. It is open weekly from 9-3 pm - M-F where they distribute the food as it comes in from their sources. It is given to those with food insecurity. Unfortunately, not all items on a recipient's grocery list are always available.

The Toms River Lions grant money has now enabled People's Pantry to help supplement their supplies so that those who are food insecure have better choices when they arrive. The check was presented to the three ladies who operate the different levels of the facility and its food chain. One works with the procurement of larger supplies, another handles the local distribution to residents who arrive daily for food, and another assists with the warehouse management of food as it is incoming from multiple sources. These ladies are: Janelle Garcia, Vice President of Community Impact, Eileen Davis-Kovar and Jazmyn Ball.

There are currently 8 stores across Ocean County similar to this one. They all now assist those in need. This location provides eggs and milk plus some other dairy products and frozen veggies



and meat products. This was begun after Hurricane Sandy and then carried over with the needs due to COVID when "Feeding America" started. That is when local grocery stores and others recognized the growing need. Local schools had fundraisers along with churches, and they would bring the collection of items to the food bank for distribution to needy people.

The Lions International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois supports special projects throughout the world as lions goals. Their main projects are Vision and Eye conservation for the last 100 years. Recently Diabetes became a project with goals to help those in need with this disease. Now, due to the changes in the world's essential humanitarian needs, LCIF has added the following: Hunger, Childhood Cancer and Environment as additional goals for Lions. This Humanitarian world-wide organization plans to assist in each project.

Toms River Lions Club is always trying many means to have fundraisers such as White Cane collection and raffles and now Entertaining Shows as a means of raising funds. We use these funds throughout the expanded area of the Toms River Lions Club. So, when you participate in or donate to or attend any of our functions, your dollars will be used in our local towns and done in special ways

which includes attacking Hunger.

But it is more interesting to know that People's Pantry also has other avenues to help people. There is a training area in the facility that works to help interested new cooks who are underemployed or unemployed or those who wish additional training in the culinary arts field. It houses a complete commercial kitchen with a trainer where they are trained in a 13- week course of prepping food. They then must take an exam to become a certified cook/chef. This takes them off the unemployment rolls and gives them a lifetime career. They can even begin their own catering business.

Another business located in the same building is the JBJ Soul Kitchen Foundation (a non-profit organization) which provides meals daily to anyone. It is not a part of the People's Pantry but works in cooperation with them.

For those who wish and can pay, the cost of the three-course meal is \$20. Anyone may also donate \$20 or more as a tax deductible donation and provides meals for others who cannot afford the price. Otherwise, those who just need food and cannot pay are welcomed and are provided a meal in exchange for working for it – such as being a waiter or a cleanup person or doing dishes etc.

In addition, there are volunteers who help cook the meals and make the desserts and that includes Jon Bon Jovi who frequently comes in to help out and oversee this wonderful location which is his pride and joy as a proprietor. He is there when in town and often is known to be your waiter.

You can help also by putting a few cans of food into local grocery store boxes that seek your help. Or, by a direct donation to the People's Pantry, or to assist local students' food drives whose donations are then sent to People's Pantry. If you are able to participate in any of the above you will personally be helping in the "Feeding America" cause.

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Deadline to RSVP: Saturday, April 13, 2024

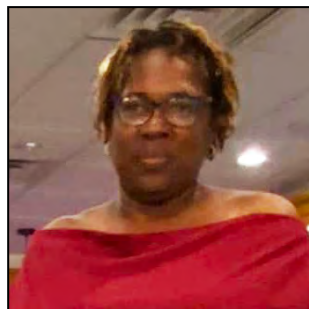


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2023 PEACE POSTER WINNERS



For over thirty years, the Peace Poster contest sponsored by LCI provides children with a chance to express their vision of peace while inspiring the world through artistic creativity. This year's theme, "Dare to Dream", proved to be a popular inspiration for over 200 students from New Jersey. As stated by the LCI website, "a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire - it is a path, a goal, an ambition. It is hard work, so children are asked to show how they would turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality."

Judging the submitted posters was not an easy task, as the work was colorful, vivid, and expressed hours of hard work and thought on the students' part. Many clubs chose to honor their winners and runners up with certificates and tokens of the club's appreciation.

The winners for the Districts are as follows:

District N (10 entries)
Isabella Chimbay, Age 13, Grade 8
Eric S. Smith Middle School, Ramsey, NJ
Sponsored by Saddle River Valley Lions

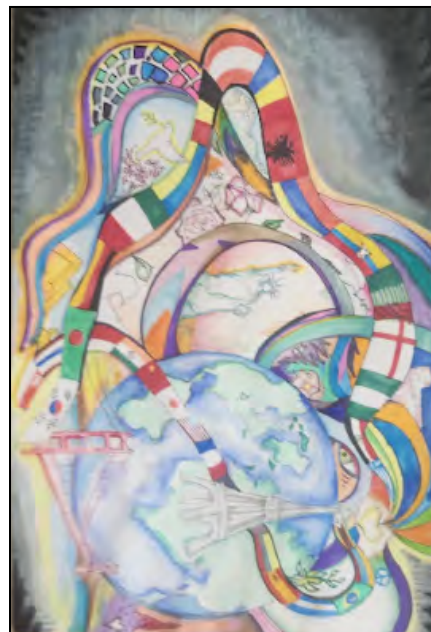
District J
Deanna Sobriero, Age 13, Grade 8
Colonia Middle School Art Club
Sponsored by Summit Lions Club

District L (10 entries)
Charlotte Moreno, Age 12, Grade 7
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School
Sponsored by West Berlin Lions Club

Of these three winning posters, two were eligible for the State level of judging which took place at the November State meeting, November 18, 2023. Those Lions in attendance voted for District N's poster to represent MD16 on the International level of competition. At the time of writing this report, no winner has been chosen, as such will be announced on February 1, 2024.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the Lions who made our contest possible this year. My Co-Chairs, Rachna Sharma (16J) and Min Elders (16L) provided invaluable assistance in bringing this esteemed contest to the young artists across New Jersey who participated. They are the ones who should be celebrated for their efforts and bravery in sharing their talent with the world.

You have my sincere thanks, and it was a pleasure serving with you on another Peace Poster Contest.



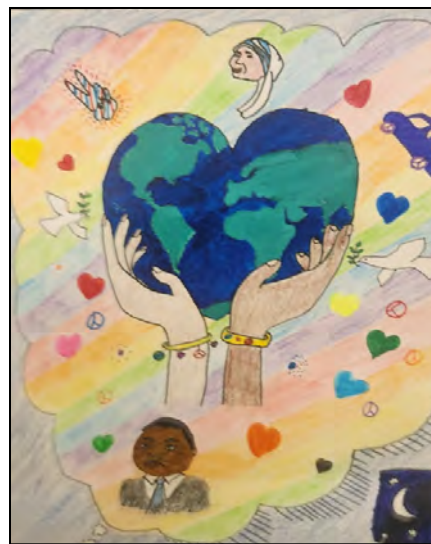
Winner, 16N Isabella Chimbay

I would be remiss if I did not share the gentle reminder that the 2024 Kits will be on sale beginning January 15.

Thank you for allowing me to share my passion for art by serving as the MD 16N and MD16 Chairperson of this committee.



Winner 16J Deanna Sobriero



16L Winner, Charlotte Moreno

MD16**Pennsauken Lions Club****Ned Davis Memorial**

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Raffle Baskets

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For information contact us at: Pennsaukenlions1@gmail.com 856-468-8921

LEO CLUB

2024 LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By: Lion Subarna Sahni • MD 16 Leo Clubs Chairperson

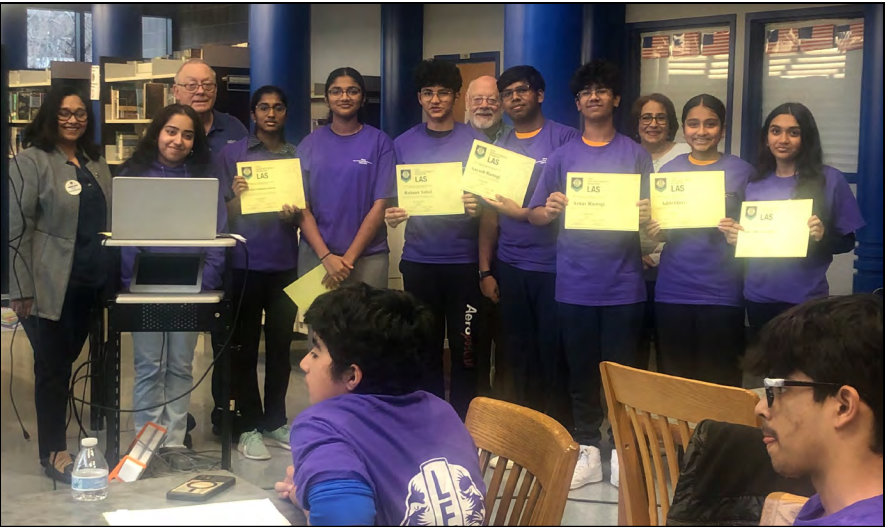
A huge congratulations to the MD 16 Leo Council for hosting a very successful 2024 LEO Leadership Conference. The day-long conference had sessions on the Art of Public Speaking, L in Leo Stands for Leadership: Driving from the Passenger Seat, Member Motivation, Meaningful Service vs Volunteer Hours. A shout to our stellar group of Facilitators led by Council members Nehal Bajaj, Autumn Chiu, Julia Yi, Canon Chiu, Anika Bawa, Mikayla Barrier, and Leo Advisory Panelist (E)JD Magaw Jr. The Leo Council and I express our heartfelt gratitude to Lion Fern Rashkover for making an 80-minute drive from NYC to Sayreville, NJ on a Saturday morning to spend her day with NJ Leos and share her wealth of knowledge and expertise on how to be a good public speaker. I thank MD 16 Lions Council of Governors for their unequivocal support. Leos were greeted and welcomed by Council Chair Ruth M Molenaar, and State Advisor John Romano. A special thank you to 1st Vice District Governor Rogel Bautista, 2nd Vice District Governor John JD Schweska for your encouragement and inspiration. Thank you DG Evelio Salermo for your presence. Leos were excited to meet our inspirational Lion Leaders, Past International Directors, Robert W. Moore and Melvyn K Bray. Thank you both for being there for us, sharing your wisdom and knowledge. Last but not the least, PDG Dawn Marie Kosobucki for providing us with logistical support, and much, much more - couldn't have done it without you.

New Jersey Lions MD-16 Leo Club Program
 Saddle River Valley Lions Club - Northern Highlands
 Livingston Lions Club - Livingston Community & School Leo Club
 Parsippany Lions Club NJ - Parsippany Community Leo Club
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 Princeton Lions Club • Sayreville Leo Club
 Somerset Franklin Lions Club - Cyber Somerset Community Leo Club.
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 West Windsor Lions Club

Day 2 of Regional Lions Leadership Institute ends with a celebratory dinner and graduation ceremony. Congratulations to all the graduates! We are constantly learning through shared experiences, although I (Lion Subarna Sahni, MD-16 Leo Club Chairperson) was a Facilitator/Faculty on Day 2, I was constantly observing, absorbing, and learning from our participants.



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REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**By: PCC/SA Jack Romano**

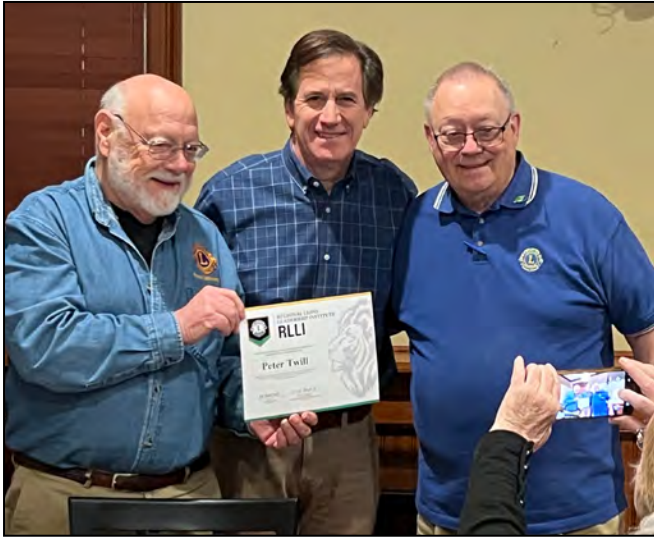
MD-16 recently concluded two training sessions for our future Lions elders.

District Governor Elect training provided the future governors of District 16-N, J and L with the skills they will need to lead their respective districts. This was open not only to the 1VDG/DGEs but also to the current 2VDGs who will move up to First VDG, and 2VDG nominees.

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SEPTEMBER 18-20TH, 2025**

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