

New Jersey Lions

Annual State Convention



Tropicana Casino & Resort Atlantic City

Thursday 5/14/2026 - Saturday 5/16/2026

Message From The Council of Governors

The 2025–2026 Council of Governors welcome you to the New Jersey Lions Multiple District 16 Annual State Convention. It is truly a privilege to gather together in service, fellowship, and shared purpose.

We are honored to welcome Second International Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah and his wife, Lion Jayna from Nairobi, Kenya. Vice President Shah is a lifelong Lion whose extraordinary humanitarian leadership has advanced global service through Lions Clubs International and LCIF, impacting countless lives across Africa and beyond. His dedication to expanding Lions



mission—through sight, health care, and community development initiatives—embodies the very heart of Lionism and our commitment to serving those most in need.

We extend our sincere appreciation to this year’s State Convention Committee Chairs, PCCs Al Olizi and Dayl Baile and the dedicated committee members PCC Mike Pacala, PDGs Dennis Brubaker, Jim Dougherty, and Armando Guerra whose commitment and countless hours of preparation have made this event possible. Their leadership reflects the very best of Lionism—collaboration, service, and excellence.

As a Council, we are deeply grateful to our state committees and Lions across New Jersey for their unwavering dedication throughout the year. Your service continues to make a meaningful impact in communities across our state. We also wish to acknowledge the many individuals whose dedication supports the strength and structure of our organization. A special note of appreciation goes to the Convention Book Committee IPDG Rogel Bautista and Lion Lou Lambe, PID Jeff Gans, and countless others, whose efforts brought this publication to life. While the book may look a bit “different” this year, the heart of it remains unchanged—capturing the spirit of our service, the strength of our fellowship, and the impact of Lions across our state.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our MD16 State Office Manager, Lion Kartika Gupta, whose professionalism, dedication, and tireless efforts provide the foundation that keeps our organization running smoothly. Her attention to detail, responsiveness, and unwavering commitment ensures that all we do is carried out with efficiency, consistency, and care, supporting our Lions and leadership every step of the way. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our State Office Advisor, PCC Dawn Kosobucki, for her steadfast support of both the State Office and the Council of Governors. Her knowledge, guidance, and thoughtful counsel have been invaluable, providing clarity, continuity, and strength in our work throughout the year.

While at the convention, we encourage you to take full advantage of all that is offered—visit the exhibits, attend seminars, and engage with fellow Lions. Participate in our service initiatives and activities that reflect our shared mission to serve. Most importantly, take what you learn and experience back to your clubs, continuing the cycle of leadership, service, and impact.

We extend our very best wishes to the incoming Council of 2026–2027 as they prepare to lead with vision, strength, and continued dedication to our mission.

2025-2026 Council of Governors



A.P. Singh
International President

April 24, 2026

Multiple District 16
United States



Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your Multiple District State Convention!

Your dedication and commitment make you outstanding examples of what it means to be Lions — to your family, your friends, your community and to Lions around the world. Your incredible accomplishments honor our association’s motto, “We Serve,” and show the people around you how you lead to serve and serve to lead.

Your contributions make a real difference in your district and throughout your communities. Your kindness is not only changing lives — it is inspiring others to do the same. It is through your commitment to service that you are ensuring that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come.

As we look to the future, I know you will continue to work together to deliver the life-changing service for which Lions and Leos are known. Thank you for reminding Lions that we must all lead to serve, and serve to lead.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh
International President

A warm welcome to this year's special guests

International Second Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah and Lion Jayna Shah



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Dr. Manoj Shah International Second Vice President

Dr. Manoj Shah of Nairobi, Kenya was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions International at the association's 107th international convention held in Orlando, Florida in July 2025.

Vice President Shah is a successful businessman with interests in the Automobile, Property, Hospitality and Finance sectors.

A Charter member of the Nairobi Greater Lions Club since 1988, Vice President Shah has held many offices within the association at Club, District and International levels. He has served as a Constitutional Area Leader of the Global Action Team – Africa and was Chairman of the Africa Lions Steering Committee which led to Africa being recognized as a separate Constitutional Area. He also served as a Trustee of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and is a Humanitarian Partner and Major Lead Gift Donor.



A passionate advocate for leadership development, Vice President Shah has served as faculty at several International Lions Leadership Institutes and facilitated leadership workshops across Africa and Asia. He is a certified LCIP Trainer for Lions International and has led the District Governors Elect seminar as a group leader multiple time.

Vice President Shah's philanthropic endeavors have left an indelible mark on the community. He played a pivotal role in establishing Lions Service Centers in Kenya, including the Lions Renal Unit, Lions Dental Center, and Lions Hearing Center. Notably, he spearheaded the establishment of the first Lions Eye Bank in Kenya and serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Management of the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in Nairobi. Additionally, he has been instrumental in establishing the first two Lions Comprehensive Diabetic Care Centers in Kenya.

Vice President Shah has received numerous accolades, including the "Elder of the Burning Spear" (EBS) Award by the President of the Republic of Kenya for his role in Nation Building, "Ambassador of Goodwill Award" by Lions International, and the prestigious "Commander to the Venerable order of St. John Medal" (CStJ) from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for Community Engagement and conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities. His achievements have been highlighted in his published biography titled "One in A Million."

In addition to his Lion activities, he is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the Chairman of the M.P. Shah Hospital, Chairman of the Automobile Association of Kenya Road Safety Council, Member of the Priory Council of St. John, Trustee of the Kilimanjaro Blind Trust, Board Member of Special Olympics Kenya and an active member of the Visa Oshwal Community. At National Level he has also served as the Chairperson of The National Transport and Road Safety Authority of Kenya. (NTSA)

Vice President Shah is married to Jayna, an equally dedicated member of Lions Club Nairobi Greater and are both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. They are proud parents to two daughters; Dr. Priyum and Lion Dr. Soyum who is a resolute Lion leader and Progressive 7 Diamond Melvin Jones Fellow and proud grandparents to two granddaughters.

Convention Schedule

May 14-17, 2026

Multiple District 16 – State Convention
Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

May 14, 2026 (Thursday)	Timing	Location
Convention Kick Off Party	6:30 pm	Chelsea Pub
May 15, 2026 (Friday)		
Registration	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Salon 3
Exhibits	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Salon 3
General Session	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Salon 4
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	On your own
Seminar - Self Care and Wellbeing	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Salon 1
Seminar - Chair Yoga	2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Salon 2
Memorial Service	2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Salon 2
Free time	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
LCIF Reception	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Salon 4
LCIF Dinner	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Salon 4
Hospitality Room	9:30 pm	Salon 4
May 16, 2026 (Saturday)		
Registration	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Salon 3
Exhibits	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Salon 3
Service Project	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Salon 3
MD16 Breakfast & Awards	8:30 am – 10:15 am	Salon 4
Seminar - Learn ChatGPT	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Salon 1
Seminar - Eversight	10:30 am – 11:00 am	Salon 2
General Session	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Salon 4
Lunch	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	On your own
Women in Lions	1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Salon 1
Seminar – Moving Up in Lionism	1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Salon 2
Seminar – Learn the Lions Portal	1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Salon 2
Subdistrict Meeting N	2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Salon 2
Subdistrict Meeting J	2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Salon 4
Subdistrict Meeting L	2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Salon 1
T1D Walk (on boardwalk/weather)	3:45 pm	
Free Time	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
Grand Ball Reception	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Salon 4
Grand Ball March	7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Salon 4
Grand Ball Dinner & Dancing	7:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Salon 4
May 17, 2026 (Sunday)		
DGE Orientation/Breakfast		Boardroom

Agenda (Business Sessions & Breakfast)

Friday, May 15, 2026 Opening Plenary (Business Session) 10:30 AM

Call to Order and Introduction of State Convention Committee	PCC Al Olizi
Welcome	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Pledge of Allegiance	DG SuzAnne deRussy Pacala
One Verse of America	DG John Schweska
Invocation by State Chaplain	IPDG Rogel Bautista
Lions Toast	DG Sarah Taylor Deak
Introduction of Head Table	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Appointment of Official Timekeeper - PDG Lou Corsaro	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Presentation of State Convention Rules	PID Jeffrey R. Gans
Presentation of Proclamation of the City of Atlantic City, NJ	PCC Al Olizi
MD 16 Finance & Operations Report	Lion Rich Lucy
MD 16 Leo Clubs Committee Report	1 st VDG Subarna Sahnii
MD 16 State Projects Report	PDG Nalit Patel
Lions Eye Research Foundation (LERF) Report	PID Melvyn Bray
T1D/Strides/Diabetes	PDG Donna Freidel
NJ Lions Eyeglass Recycling Report	PCC Alan Brewer
MD LCIF Report	Presented At LCIF Dinner
1 st Report of the MD 16 Credentials Committee	CS Matt Povenilli
Announcements	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Benediction by State Chaplain	IPDG Rogel Bautista

Saturday, May 16, 2026 (Breakfast & Awards) 8:30 AM

Meeting Call to Order	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Pledge of Allegiance	DG John Schweska
One Verse of America	DG Sarah Taylor Deak
Invocation	IPDG Rogel Bautista
Lions Toast (with water)	DG SuzAnne deRussy Pacala
Introduction of Head Table	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
MD16 Special Recognition	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Presentation of Peace Poster	DG SuzAnne Pacala
Presentation of Ramiro Collazo Membership Award	Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club
Presentation of Harold P Nutter Distinguished Service Award	PID Robert W Moore
Introduction of Guest Speaker	PID Jeffrey R. Gans
Presentation of International Presidential & Leadership Award	2 nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah
Keynote Address	2 nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah
2 nd Report of the MD 16 Credentials Committee	CS Matt Povinelli
Benediction by State Chaplain	IPDG Rogel Bautista

Saturday, May 16, 2026 (Closing Business Session) 11:00 AM

Meeting Call to Order	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Pledge of Allegiance	DG SuzAnne deRussy Pacala
One Verse of America	DG Sarah Taylor Deak
Invocation	IPDG Rogel Bautista
Introduction of Head Table	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
MD 16 Resolutions Committee Report	PID Robert "Bob" Moore
MD 16 Voting on Resolutions (if any)	PID Jeffrey R. Gans
MD-16 Global Extension Team Report	PCC Winster Ceballos
MD-16 Global Leadership Team Report	PCC SOA Dawn Marie Kosobucki
MD-16 Global Membership Team Report	PRC Rachna Sharma
MD-16 Global Service Team Report	PDG Nalit Patel
MD 16 Constitution & Bylaws Report	PDG Brad Day
MD 16 Voting for Constitution & Bylaws (if any)	PID Jeffrey R. Gans
MD 16 International Committee Report	IPDG Rogel Bautista
MD 16 Future Sites Committee Report	PCC Al Olizi
3 rd & Final Report of the MD 16 Credentials Committee	CS Matt Povinelli
Announcement of 2026-2027 Council Chair & State Advisor	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Benediction by State Chaplain	IPDG Rogel Bautista
Adjournment	CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily

Proposed Convention Rules

To Be Approved at Opening Session: The Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 16, Lions International, State of New Jersey, will be the basis upon which the proceedings of the Convention will be governed.

Order of Business: There will be strict adherence to the regular order of business as indicated in the State Convention Program. New Business will be in order at each session only at the conclusion of the regular order of business.

Resolutions: No resolutions will be accepted from the floor. All resolutions must be typewritten double spaced on one side of the paper only and delivered to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee (if that person is present at the Convention, if not then to the State Council Chairman) not later than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Any resolution involving any manner, directly or indirectly, the disbursement or obligation to disburse any funds or sums of money, must have been received no later than 60 days prior to the start of the convention (i.e., Monday, March 16, 2026).

Speakers: No person will be heard more than twice on any subject brought before the Convention and no person, discussing a motion, resolution or other matter brought to the floor, will speak more than **Three Minutes (3')** without consent of the majority vote of the Delegates present. At the opening session of the Convention, the State Council Chairman will appoint an official timekeeper whose responsibility it will be at all sessions of the Convention to note the number of times a person speaks on a subject and the length of the time he/she takes in discussion and to advise the State Council Chairman when the speaker will have used his/her allotted time under the Rules of Convention.

Ballots: Ballots to be used at the Multiple District meetings will be printed on heavy duty paper with each paper divided with **four (4)** tear apart pieces and each one numbered from **#4 to #1** in reverse order so as to start at the bottom with #1. Matters requiring a decision by Ballot will take place during Saturday sessions and at such other times during the Convention that the Council deems necessary at the Multiple District Meetings. The tear apart # used for balloting will be called by the State Council Chairman.

Voting Procedure at Multiple District Meetings: A voting committee will be appointed by the State Council Chairman at the opening of the First Session of the Multiple District Meeting of the Convention, which committee will supervise all voting taking place at the Multiple District Convention sessions. The State Council Chairman will appoint **One (1) Teller** from each Sub-District, and the **Three (3) Tellers** will count the votes and sign the teller's report which will be retained with the minutes as a permanent part of the record of the Convention.

Delegates and Alternates: Each Delegate will vote by presenting a **Certified Ballot Card**. An Alternate cannot vote unless the Alternate is taking the place of the Delegate and has been **Certified** as such and that the original Delegate's Ballot Card has been "voided". Delegates will have the exclusive right to have the Ballot Card certified up to the opening meeting of the Convention. Thereafter, an Alternate of the Club may take the place of a Delegate from the Club who has not yet been certified and said Delegate's Card will be stamped "void" by the Credentials Committee Chairman of said Sub-District who will retain such voided card in his/her files (when this is completed, the Credentials Committee Chairman will issue a new Delegate's Card to the Alternate who is replacing such a Delegate and such Alternate will exercise all authority as any other Delegate). Once a Delegate's Card has been voided such Delegate will be unable to serve as a Delegate at this Convention. Delegate Cards for all Lions designated as Delegates to this Convention will be certified up to the beginning of the final session. (Delegate-Alternate procedure and delinquent dues policy - Refer to Article VIII, Section 6(a) and 6(b) of the Multiple District 16 State Constitution and By-Laws as amended).

Quorum: A majority of the certified Delegates registered and in attendance will constitute a quorum of the Convention.

List of Clubs: The list of Clubs in balloting will be the official list furnished by the International Association of Lions Clubs as of April 1, 2026.

Voting at Sub-District Meetings: The same rules of procedure as set forth in the Multiple District meeting will apply to the Sub-District meetings.

Voting for District Governor & Vice-Governors: Balloting for District Governor and Vice-Governors will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at individual Sub-District meetings, and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 16 and these rules.

Adoption of Rules: Following the adoption of these rules by the Convention they will not be suspended or amended except by majority vote of those Delegates present at any meeting.

Parliamentary Authority: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition, 2020) will govern all parliamentary procedure except when in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 16 and the rules procedure adopted by this Convention (in which event the said Constitution and By-Laws and Rules of Procedure will govern).

Melvin Jones

The Man Who Turned Business into Service Founder of Lions Clubs International

More than a century ago, a visionary insurance man from Chicago asked a simple but powerful question: **"What if successful people used their talent not just to make a living, but to make a difference?"**

That man was **Melvin Jones**, the founder of what would become **Lions Clubs International**, the largest service organization in the world.

Born in **Fort Thomas, Arizona**, Melvin was the son of a U.S. Army captain. As a child, his life moved with his father's military assignments, eventually settling in the Midwest. In **Chicago**, Jones made his mark in the insurance business and joined a local business group called **The Business Circle**. But Melvin wanted more than just networking—he envisioned men of influence uniting to serve humanity. On **June 7, 1917**, he gathered like-minded leaders at the **LaSalle Hotel** in Chicago. That meeting planted the seeds for what would soon become **Lions Clubs International**.



Melvin Jones didn't just talk the talk. He **left his successful insurance agency** behind to dedicate himself full-time to Lions. From the first Lions convention in **Dallas, Texas**, in October 1917, he helped shape the organization's non-commercial, service-first philosophy. He served as Lions' **chief managing officer for 33 years**, and in 1950, he was named **Secretary General for Life**.

Here's a fun fact: **Melvin Jones loved stamps!** He was a **charter member of the Lions International Stamp Club** and an avid collector. Today, stamps featuring his image are cherished by Lions and philatelists alike around the globe.

His influence reached beyond Lions. In 1945, he proudly represented Lions Clubs International as a **consultant at the founding of the United Nations** in San Francisco—a reflection of the growing global recognition of the Lions movement.

Melvin's guiding motto, *"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else,"* became a cornerstone of Lions philosophy. When he passed away in **1961**, at the age of 82, he left behind not just an organization, but a legacy of selfless service that spans across borders and generations.

So next time you hear a Lion speak about service, remember: it all started with a bold idea from a man with a big heart, a sharp mind, and a humble desire to make the world a better place.

Melvin Jones may be gone—but his light still shines in every act of kindness we perform.

Words of Wisdom from Melvin Jones

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

"Ordinary people doing extraordinary things — that's the spirit of Lionism."

"What greater legacy can we leave behind than communities made stronger by our hands and hearts?"

"We serve not for praise, but because the need is great."

"When service becomes your purpose, success will follow naturally."

"The hope of humanity lies in people who care enough to act."

"Lions are not born — they are made by their willingness to lead and serve."

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS FROM NEW JERSEY



Benjamin F. Jones ■
Newark
President(1925-26)



Harold P. Nutter ■
Camden
President(1951-52)
Director (1943-45, 1946-48)



Wayland P. Cramer ■
Camden
Director(1921-24)



Harold P. Nutter ■
Camden
Director(1943-45,1946-48)



Herbert L. Birum, Jr. ■
Hopewell Valley
Director(1957-59)



William F. McCormick ■
Fair Lawn
Director(1962-64)



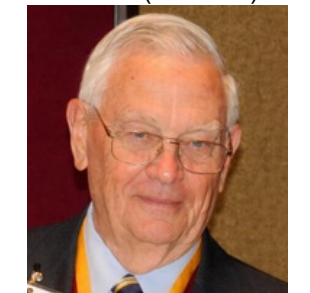
Maxson P. Strub ■
Warren Twp.
Director(1966-68)



John S. Swantek ■
Pemberton Twp.
Director(1980-82)



Gordon R. Post ■
Denville
Director(1985-87)



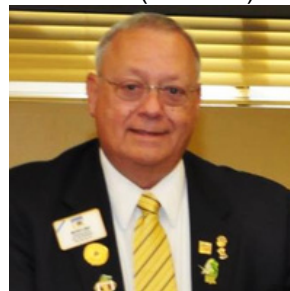
Charles H. Wiemer ■
Lindenwold
Director(1993-95)



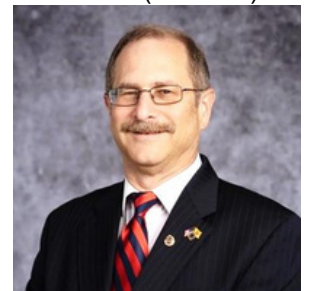
Stanley Grossman ■
Springfield
Director(1999-01)



Robert W. Moore
West Milford
Director(2005-07)



Melvyn K. Bray
Toms River
Director(2015-17)



Jeffrey R. Gans
Camden
Director(2021-23)

Cabinet Officers, District N



SuzAnne deRussy Pacala
District Governor
West Milford



Barbara Corsaro
Immediate Past District Governor
West Milford



Mike Moyer
1st Vice District Governor
Belvidere



Pratap Jayakar
2nd Vice District Governor
Parsippany



Matt Povinelli
Cabinet Secretary
Ridgefield



John Pinkus
Cabinet Treasurer
Wallington

District Parliamentarian
District Chaplain
Region Chairperson
Zone Chairperson (1)
Zone Chairperson (2)
Zone Chairperson (3)
Zone Chairperson (4)

Zone Chairperson (5)
Zone Chairperson (6)
GLT Coordinator
GMT Coordinator
GST Coordinator
GET Coordinator
LCIF Coordinators

Bradford Day, PDG
Alvin Cox, PDG
Dennis Brubaker
Andrea Carroll
Bill Clifford
Jose Salgado
Marie Doody
Fredricka "Cookie" Evans
Lynn Mandon
Miguel Diaz
Michael Pacala, PCC
Marie Nieto, PDG
Louis Lambe, PZC
Jose Nieto, PDG
Winster Ceballos, PCC
Ruth Molenaar, PCC

Belvidere
Kearny
Wood-Ridge
Jersey City/Hudson City
Knowlton
Bergenfield
Wallington
Wallington
West Milford
Simon Bolivar
Rutherford
West New York
Harrison
West New York
Passaic-Clifton
Jersey City Hudson City

Cabinet Officers, District J



John JD Schweska
District Governor
Summit



Rogel P. Bautista
Immediate Past District Governor
Somerville Metro



Subarna Sahni
1st Vice District Governor
Princeton



Reinerio Fonseca
2nd Vice District Governor
Elizabeth Cubanos



Peter Twill
Cabinet Secretary
Summit



Patricia Nielsen
Cabinet Treasurer
Hightstown-East Windsor

District Parliamentarian
District Chaplain

Enrique Maseda
Rogel Bautista, IPDG
Peter Twill

Elizabeth Cubanos
Somerville Metro
Summit

Region Chairperson (East)
Zone Chairperson (E1)
Zone Chairperson (E2)
Zone Chairperson (E3)

Edward Shaffery, Jr.
Peter DeSarno
Julie Andrade
Diomedes Vargas

Springfield
New Providence
Elizabeth Portuguese
NJ Multicultural

Region Chairperson (North)
Zone Chairperson (N1)
Zone Chairperson (N2)
Zone Chairperson (N3)

Theresa Domider
Quinn Murray
Meriam Canares
Pratibha Nichakawade

Somerville Metro
Somerville Metro
Somerville Metro
Menlo Park

Region Chairperson (South)
Zone Chairperson (S1)
Zone Chairperson (S2)
Zone Chairperson (S3)

Allan Bowne
Gina Grillo
Subbu Dharmarajan
Ratnesh Bhadauria

Sayreville
Metuchen
New Jersey Artists
Old Bridge Visionary

Region Chairperson (West)
Zone Chairperson (W1)
Zone Chairperson (W2)
Zone Chairperson (W3)

Rohit Gupta
Ed Clementson
Sona Soni
Joyce Mehta

Somerset Franklin
Hopewell Valley
Princeton
South Brunswick

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Rachna Sharma, PRC
Varsha Naik, PDG
Mahesh Chitnis, PCC
Subarna Sahni, VDG

Sayreville
West Windsor Twp.
Menlo Park
Edison Visionary
Princeton

Cabinet Officers, District L



Sarah Deak
District Governor
Hammonton



Terry Rosiak
Immediate Past District Governor
West Berlin



Jeff Iapicco
1st Vice District Governor
Middletown



Kazi Islam
2nd Vice District Governor
Atlantic City Bangladesh



PDG Donna Freidel
Cabinet Secretary
Clayton Glassboro



Bill Phillips
Cabinet Treasurer
Eatontown

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GET Coordinator
LCIF Coordinators

Jeff Gans, PID
Thomas Volpe

William Thonack
James Deak
Steve Stein
Ellen L. Gagnon

Talbot Kramer, PCS
Farouque Talukder
Robert DeLambily, PDG
Ralph L. Emerson, Jr.
Carol Orsi

Terry Rosiak, PDG
Terry Rosiak, PDG
Clarence Brown, PDG
Donna Freidel, PDG
Donna Freidel, PDG

Camden
Westville

Eatontown
Hammonton
Allentown
Moorestown

Clayton Glassboro
AC Bangladesh Am
Hammonton
Westville
Hammonton

West Berlin
West Berlin
Neptune
Clayton Glassboro
Clayton Glassboro

Guiding The Pride

Multiple District 16 Committee Leadership

Global Action Team

Global Leadership Team

MD: Dawn Marie Kosobucki, IPCC
16N: Mike Pacala, PCC
16J: Dawn Marie Kosobucki, IPCC
16L: Terry Rosiak, PDG

Global Membership Team

MD: Rachna Sharma, PRC
16N: Marie Nieto, PDG
16J: Rachna Sharma, PRC
16L: Terry Rosiak, IPDG

Global Extension Team

MD: Winster Ceballos, PCC
16N: Jose Nieto, PDG
16J: Mahesh Chitnis, PCC
16L: Donna Freidel, PDG

Global Service Team

MD: Nalit Patel, PDG
16N: Louis Lambe, PZC
16J: Varsha Naik, PDG
16L: Clarence Brown, PDG

Lions Clubs International Foundation

MD: Jack Romano, PCC
16N: Winster Ceballos, PCC
16N: Ruth Molenaar, PDG
16J: Subarna Sahni, VDG
16L: Donna Freidel, IPDG

LCIF Area Leader:
Constitutional Area 1-A:
Dawn Marie Kosobucki, IPCC

MD Committees

Auditor

MD: Outsourced
16N: Nick Coco
16J: Diane Andrade, PCT
16L: Not Listed

Chaplain

MD: Rogel Bautista, IPDG
16N: Alvin Cox, PDG
16J: Rogel Bautista, IPDG
16J: Peter Twill, CS
16L: Lion Tom Volpe

Childhood Cancer

Chair: Doug Both, PDG
16N: Jack Romano, PCC
16J: Lion Peter Loeser
16J: Lion Alvin Comando
16L: Doug Both, PDG

Constitution & By Laws

Chair: Bradford R. Day, PDG
16N: Bradford R. Day, PDG
16J: Mahesh Chitnis, PCC
16L: Karen Ressler, PDG

Credentials

Chair: Matt Povinelli, CS
16N: Matt Povinelli, CS
16J: Patricia Nielsen, CT
16L: Bill Phillips, CT

Diabetes Awareness and Action

Chair: Donna Freidel IPDG
16N: Barbara Corsaro, IPDG
16N: Louis Corsaro, PDG
16J: John Schweska, DG
16J: Gloria Hermoso, PZC
16L: Donna Freidel IPDG

Digital Newspaper

Chair: Ruth Molenaar, PDG
16N: Ruth Molenaar, PDG
16J: John Schweska, DG
16L: Karen Ressler, PDG

Environment:

Chair: Mark Ramos, PRC
16N: Louis Lambe, PZC
16J: Mark Ramos, PRC
16L: Maggie Liebe

Finance and Operations

Chair: Richard Lucy
16N: Richard Lucy
16J: Vivian Roz
16L: Karen B. Ressler, PDG

Future Convention Sites

Chair: Ray Garcia
16N: Ray Garcia
16J: Evelio Salerno, PDG
16L: Karen B. Ressler, PDG

Guiding The Pride Continued

Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action:

Chair: Alan Bowne, RC
16N: Buddy Casillo
16J: Alan Bowne, RC
16L: Contact DG

Hunger:

Chair: Naliti Patel, PDG
16N: Naliti Patel, PDG
16J: Evan Sciarrello
16L: Ellen-Ward Gangon, ZC

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16L: Min Elders

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16L: Kazi Islam, 2VDG

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16J: Leo-Lion Gianna Waranowicz
16J: Leo-Lion Ishaan Tangirala

Lions Information

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16J: Earl Groendyke, PDG
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SOME ATLANTIC CITY TRIVIA

1. Lions Clubs International held our International Convention in Atlantic City, NJ in 1923, 1951, 1955, 1961, & 1970.
2. Saltwater taffy, a type of candy, was invented in Atlantic City in the 1880s, where it was sold along the Boardwalk.
3. The first Miss America was held in Atlantic City in 1921. Its original purpose was to attract people to stay longer over the labor day weekend. It has been held in Atlantic City from 1921 to 2004 and returned in 2013.
4. Atlantic City had the world's first boardwalk. When it was first opened, the Boardwalk was 8 ft (2.4 m) wide and 1 mi (1,6 km) long. Today, it is 60 ft (18 m) wide and about 5.5 mi (9 km) long.
5. Of the 20 casinos in New Jersey, 9 are in Atlantic City. These 9 casinos bring in \$2.5 billion in gambling revenue per year, making it the second biggest gambling earner in the US after Las Vegas, Nevada.
6. Dave Thomas, the founder of the fast food chain Wendy's was born in Atlantic City.
7. Prior to the city's development and naming, it was the summer home of the Lenape indigenous people, who called it *Absegami*, or "Little Water". Colonial settlers later called it Absecon, which survives as the island name.

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	B George E. Kovac	■		E Paul L. Werner	■		C Hon. I.V. DiMartino "Nick"	■
	C Hon. Walter V. Kurkian	■					D Raymond E. Ryan	■
	D Archie M. Pine	■					E Dominick F. Peterpaul	■
	E W. H. Woodside	■						

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74-75	A Edward A. Klaiss, Jr. ■	85-86	A John E. Cimiluca ■	96-97	A Albert S. Knaub ■
	B Gerald J. Finney ■		B Leroy Robert Wetjen ■		B Roy E. Weber ■
	C Theodore S. Harrer ■		C Robert J. Sand ■		C Lionel F. Crossman "Lee" ■
	C Charles H. Wiemer ■		D Bernard F. Dominik ■		D Joseph M. Gerhart ☉
	D Martin R. Sonnenberg ■		E James C. Ming ■		E Frank H. Pelusio ■
	E Russell E. Vail ■	86-87	A Everette L. Lawson ■	97-98	A Robert Casatelli ■
75-76	A Leonard S. Dian ■		B John E. Allen ■		B Peter A. Dellera, Sr. ■
	B Lester W. Hohmann ■		C Diego Chila "Dan" ■		C Jeffrey R. Gans, Esq ■
	C William M. Hall, Jr. ■		D Melvin A. Butrica "Mike" ■		D Louis J. Samaro ■
	D Hector F. Chaput ■		E Nelson Goncalves ■		E Ralph R. DeVito ■
	E Edward J. Bolden ■	87-88	A Leonard A. Nason ■	98-99	A Jay William Gardner ■
76-77	A Michael F. Colabelli ■		B Norman D. Goldstein ■		B James A. Hynes "Jim" ■
	B Leonard J. Meier ■		C Victor D'Alessandro ■		C Joseph W. Guinan "Joe" ■
	C John Dennis Young ■		D Alfred E. Losiewicz ■		D John J. Holodnak ■
	D Ian Jay Gura ■		E Nicholas DiCanio ■		E Eugene Renkar "Gene" ■
	E Ronald J. Bushwell ■	88-89	A Reinerio V. Rodriguez ■	99-00	A Paula M. Tarantino ■
77-78	A William J. O'Connor, Sr ■		B Dr. Stuart Walle ☉		B Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" ■
	B Donald L. Spivey ■		C Karl F. Gittelson ■		C Richard L. Indiveri ■
	C John Ficco ■		D Andrew J. Pillar ■		D Andrew J. Lytkowski ■
	D James F. Paul ■		E Charles Shields ■		E Mary Devon O'Brien ■
	E Francis A. Tomaino ■	89-90	A Dr. Elie Katz ■	00-01	A Richard C. Chittum "Rick" ■
78-79	A Bernard T. Pryor ■		B Seth Sargent Barton ■		B Leonard T. Pope ☉
	B Ralph Finelli ■		C Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone ■		C Salvatore A. Velardi "Sal" ■
	C Joseph P. Benkert, Sr. ■		D Barry Swerdloff ■		D Edward L. Fleming ☉
	D Lawrence J. Massaro ■		E Jack Nievergelt ■		E Carlos A. Santos ■
	E Theodore W. Hart ■	90-91	A Edgar T. Carrier "Ted" ■	01-02	A Julio Millan ■
79-80	A Donald J. McAteer ■		B Louis Goselin ■		B Walter S. Camlin "Wally" ■
	B Joseph B. Locke ■		C William C. Eckert "Bill" ■		C William J. Mecher "Bill" ■
	C Henry J. Greaney ■		D Saul Cohen ■		D Debbie L. Roedel ■
	D Elmer E. Stout ■		E Stanley Grossman ■		E Frank J. Magnolia, Jr. ☉
	E Joel S. Ziegler ☉	91-92	A Louis Nemeth ■	02-03	A Elspeth C. Moore ■
80-81	A James P. Bosaits ■		A James P. Bosaits ■		B Takeo Ishimasa ■
	B Rollin Cunningham ☉		B Frank C. White ■		C William J. Sauser, Jr "Bill" ■
	C Bernard A. Gelles ■		C Frederick N. Angelo, Sr ■		D John Paul Dutkowski ■
	D Stephen M. Domovich ■		D James F. Paul ■		E Douglas C. Schembs, Jr. ■
	E Lorenzo A. Rodriguez ☉		E Fred Mezzopane ■	03-04	A Alberto Perez ■
81-82	A Paul A. Meyer ■	92-93	A William T. Leahy ■		B Earl C. Groendyke ■
	B Louis J. Dellera ☉		B Robert H. Wagner ■		C Robert W. DeLambily "Bob" ■
	C George N. Vinci ■		C Frederick E. Frisch "Fred" ■		D Arthur A. Roedel, Jr. ■
	D Raymond "Ray" Mitchell ■		D Charles G. Thorne ■		E Ismael E. Lafarga ■
	E Gordon R. Post ■		E Edward England "Eddie" ■	04-05	A Charles H. Landesman ■
82-83	A George Louis Bassett ■	93-94	A Robert Todd Lahullier, Sr. ■		B Ezell Jackson, Jr. ■
	B Royal J. Layden ☉		B Stephen Elliot Naples, Sr. ■		C Stanley B. Shapiro ■
	C Leon E. Mitten ■		C Nicholas Rossi, Jr "Nick" ■		D Alan P. Brewer ■
	D George William Kozar ■		D William S. Adams ■		E Bertram "Barney" Barnett ■
	E Michael DeRose ☉		E Charles F. Schadle ■	05-06	A Louis D. Corsaro "Lou" ■
83-84	A Samuel Levinson ■	94-95	A Victor A. Graziano ■		B Horace J. Brown ■
	B Clarence L. VanDyke ■		B Michael A. King ■		C MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily ■
	C Arthur L. Orsi ■		C Richard Zimmermann, Jr. ■		D Eddie G. Hui ■
	D Donald McDonald ☉		D Joseph T. Bocklage ☉		E Kenneth A. Mattfield ■
	E Kenneth Egbert ■		E Gilbert Lizardi ■	06-07	A Robert C. Millea "Bob" ■
84-85	A Thomas N. Gartley ■	95-96	A Robert W. Moore "Bob" ■		B Norman Palmer "Norm" ■
	B Louis V. Ciccone ■		B Richard H. Hobson ■		C Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee" ■
	C Vincent E. Battaglini ■		C Donald J. Gill "Don" ■		D Benjamin L. Yashinski "Ben" ■
	D George H. Reinhardt ■		D Oliver Miller "Ollie" ■		E James Wheeler "Jim" ■
	E Harold W. Woodward ■		E Ruben Pabón, Jr. ■		

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| 07-08 | A José Nieto, Jr
B Patti L. Pennell "Pat" ■
C Marlene L. Martin
D Bob Virgadamo
E Fernando A. Navarro | 12-13 | A George Lesnik
B T. Craig Finnegan
C Nancy C. Nelson ⊗
D John D. Kobland →
E Joseph J. Kika | 18-19 | N Ruth Molenaar
J Armando Guerra
L Kara C. Schnure |
| 08-09 | A Robert P. Frank "Bob"
B Richard C. Campana, Jr.
C Fred T. Niji ⊗
D Antonio Abaño "Tony"
E Dr. Edward Meyer "Ed" | 13-14 | A Winster D. Ceballos
B Clifford S. Kehley "Cliff" ⊗
C Karen B. Ressler
D Robert Brandt "Bob" ■
E Nancy A. Jakubczyk ⊗ | 19-20 | N Alvin Cox
J Linda A. Banks
L David A. Skrivanek "Dave" |
| 09-10 | A Dennis M. Brubaker
B Joyce M. Palmer
C Albert J. Olizi, Jr.
D James F. Dougherty "Jim"
E Philip D. Stern "Phil" ⊗ | 14-15 | N Héctor J. González
J Mahesh Chitnis
L Henry H. Harrison → | 20-21 | N Naliti Patel
J Kevin E. Kosobucki
L Alfred Motolla "Al" |
| 10-11 | A Dan P. Stenchever
B Rosemarie P. Townend
C James M. Heisler "Jim" ⊗
D Michael P. Hsing ⊗
E Craig M. Maziarz ■ | 15-16 | N John L. Romano "Jack"
J Carlos J. Alma
L Albert J. Olizi, Jr | 21-22 | N Marie C. Nieto
J Varsha Naik
L Douglas A. Both "Doug" |
| 11-12 | A Michael Pacala
B Michael T. Marrazzo ⊗
C Dayl R. Baile
D William "Doug" Reeder ■
E Diego Santiago, Jr ■ | 16-17 | N Bradford R. Day "Brad"
J Carlos J. Alma
L S. Robert Freidel, Jr "Bob" ■ | 22-23 | N Kamlesh Patel "Kam"
J Kashmiri Delory "Kash"
L Ely Mateo |
| | | 17-18 | N Nicholas J. Landy "Nick"
J Dawn Marie Kosobucki
L Clarence Brown | 23-24 | N John W. Carroll
J Evilio Salerno
L Donna L. Freidel |
| | | | | 24-25 | N Barbara Corsaro
J Rogel Bautista
L Terry Rosiak |
| | | | | 25-26 | N SuzAnne Pacala
J John Schweska
L Sarah Deak |

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- 92-93 W. Joseph Montagna ■
- 92-93 Lawrence J. Massaro ■
- 93-94 Stanley Grossman "Stan" ■
- 94-95 John E. Cimiluca ■
- 95-96 Louis V. Ciccone ■
- 96-97 Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone ■
- 97-98 Charles G. Thorne ■
- 98-99 Nelson Goncalves ■
- 99-00 Robert W. Moore "Bob" ■
- 00-01 Stephen Elliot Naples, Sr. ■
- 01-02 Arthur L. Orsi "Art" ■
- 02-03 Joseph T. Bocklage "Joe" ⊗
- 03-04 Mary Devon O'Brien ■
- 04-05 Victor A. Graziano ■
- 05-06 Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" ■
- 06-07 Salvatore A. Velardi "Sal" ■
- 07-08 Alan P. Brewer "Al" ■
- 08-09 Douglas C. Schembs, Jr ■
- 09-10 Elspeth C. Moore ■
- 10-11 James A. Hynes "Jim" ■
- 11-12 Jeffrey R. Gans, Esq. ■
- 12-13 Bob Virgadamo ■
- 13-14 Ralph R. DeVito ■
- 14-15 Winster D. Ceballos ■
- 15-16 John D. Kobland →
- 16-17 Albert J. Olizi, Jr. ■
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- 18-19 Mahesh Chitnis ■
- 19-20 Dayl R. Baile ■
- 20-21 Michael Pacala ■
- 21-22 Armando Guerra ■
- 22-23 S. Robert Freidel, Jr "Bob" ■
- 23-24 Ruth Molenaar ■
- 24-25 Dawn Marie Kosobucki ■
- 25-26 **MaryAnn DeLambily** ■

State Secretaries (1953-2000):

- 53-61 .. Arthur Smith ■
- 61-67 .. Albert C. McCracken ■
- 67-69 .. Robert Elwood ■
- 69-70 .. Donald P. Myers ■
- 70-76 .. M. Donald Dixon ■
- 76-00 .. Maxson P. Strub, PID ■

State Advisors (2000-2026):

- 00-01 . Lionel "Lee" Crossman ■
- 01-04 . Stephen Elliot Naples, Sr. . ■
- 04-07 . Mary Devon O'Brien
- 07-10 . Melvyn "Mel" K. Bray
- 10-13 . Elspeth C. Moore
- 13-14 . Mary Devon O'Brien
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- 22-23 . Dawn Marie Kosobucki
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State Office Coordinators:

- 24-25 . Karen B. Ressler

State Office Advisor:

- 25-26 . **Dawn Marie Kosobucki**

State Legal Chair (1997-2025):

- 97-98 . Roger K. Bently, III, Esq. . . ■
- 98-21 . Jeffrey R. Gans, Esq
- 21-26 . Albert Olizi, Esq

State Auditors (2003-2025):

- 03-14 . Daniel Frisch, CPA
- 14-19 . Carl Spellman, CPA
- 19-23 . Marilyn Heller Ayers
- 23-24 . Robert "Bob" DeLambily
- 24-25 .
- 25-26 .

State Parliamentarians (1982-2026):

- 82-83 . Ian Jay Gura ■
- 83-84 . George F. Martin ■
- 84-85 . Michael Orecchio ■
- 85-86 . Dr. Stanton Deitch ■
- 86-87 . John A. Fratto, Esq ■
- 87-88 . Richard S. Kain ■
- 88-89 . Dr. Stanton Deitch ■
- 89-90 . Donald J. McAteer ■
- 90-91 . Dr. Stanton Deitch ■
- 91-92 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. . . ■
- 92-93 . Richard S. Kain ■
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- 98-99 . Dr. Stanton Deitch ■
- 99-00 . Charles G. Thorne ■
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Benjamin Franklin Jones

A Visionary Leader in Lions Clubs International History



In the formative years of Lions Clubs International, one leader played a crucial role in steering the young organization toward a mission of impactful global service—**Benjamin Franklin Jones**, who served as the **ninth International President** from **1925 to 1926**.

Born on **January 1, 1870**, in Brooklyn, New York, Benjamin was the son of Reverend John Jones and Elizabeth Holland. From an early age, he demonstrated a strong commitment to education and public service. After attending Public School 10 and Brooklyn High School, he pursued a legal education at **New York University**, earning his **Bachelor of Laws in 1895** and **Master of Laws in 1897**.

Admitted to the New York Bar in 1897, Jones soon moved to **New Jersey**, where he began a successful legal and political career. At just 29 years old, he was elected to the **New Jersey State Assembly** and went on to become **Speaker of the House**. He later served as a **District Court Judge**, **Essex County Counsel**, and **President of the Essex County Tax Board**. During **World War I**, he served as a **Government Appeal Agent**, assisting in critical decisions regarding military service exemptions.

Jones was deeply committed to community service, particularly in the area of youth development. As President of the **International Boys Work Council**, he championed the importance of guiding young people toward responsible citizenship. He was also an active **Freemason** and a member of **Phi Delta Phi**, reflecting his values of integrity, fraternity, and public service.

His involvement with **Lions Clubs International** began with his role as a **founding member and charter president of the Newark Lions Club**. His leadership skills quickly gained recognition, and he was elected to the **International Board of Directors**, eventually becoming **International President in 1925**.

Jones's presidency was marked by a focus on building a strong organizational foundation and expanding the Lions' service mission. He presided over the **1926 International Convention in San Francisco**, earning admiration for his steady and inspiring leadership.

One of his most enduring legacies was his role in establishing **Lions' commitment to the blind and visually impaired**. In 1924, while serving as First International Vice President, he chaired the **Major Activities Committee**, which explored causes of preventable blindness. The committee's findings led to the historic invitation of **Helen Keller** to the 1925 Lions International Convention, where she challenged Lions to become "**Knights of the Blind**." Under Jones's guidance, her appeal was embraced, becoming a defining mission of Lions service that continues to this day.

Although he served only one term as president, **Benjamin Franklin Jones left an indelible mark** on Lions Clubs International. His leadership helped shift the organization from a social service club to a humanitarian movement grounded in purposeful action.

He passed away in **October 1935** at his home in **Maplewood, New Jersey**, after several years of declining health. He was buried in his native **Brooklyn**, the city where his remarkable journey had begun.

Benjamin Franklin Jones exemplified the Lions' motto, "**We Serve**." Through his vision, compassion, and unwavering dedication, he helped shape the Lions into the global force for good that it is today.

New Jersey General Assembly



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

By Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN and All Members of the General Assembly

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey is pleased to salute the life and legacy of Benjamin Franklin Jones, a citizen of uncommon character and accomplishment who served as a District Court Judge, as Speaker of this House in 1900, and as the President of Lions Clubs International—an enormously consequential role that afforded him the opportunity to invite Helen Keller to address the Lions International Convention in 1925 and lay the foundation for the fledgling organization's growth and global mission of beneficence; and,

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, and celebrated for a distinguished career in law and public service, Benjamin Franklin Jones was elected to this State's General Assembly in 1899 and made immeasurable contributions as President of the Essex County Tax Board, as a Government Appeal Agent during World War I, and as President of the International Boys Work Council, the latter of which, coupled with his membership as a Thirty-Second Degree Freemason, demonstrated his unwavering dedication to integrity, fraternity, and service—ideals that perfectly aligned with the Lions Club International mission; and,

WHEREAS, A founding member and Charter President of the Newark, New Jersey Lions Club, Benjamin Franklin Jones exhibited exemplary leadership on the International Board of Directors and as First International Vice President, and, as Chair of the Major Activities Committee, he learned that some instances of blindness could be prevented through proper medical care, a discovery that shifted Lions' focus toward blindness prevention and support for the visually impaired; and,

WHEREAS, In her 1925 iconic Knights of the Blind address at the International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become champions for the blind, a gauntlet that the organization was proud to embrace, and a commitment that has remained a defining part of Lions' work around the globe; and,

WHEREAS, Although the presidency of Benjamin Franklin Jones lasted only one year, his influence on Lions Clubs International was far-reaching, and his leadership style, marked by humility, dedication, and clarity of purpose, set a standard that continues to guide the organization in its every benevolent endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, Further appreciated for his wholehearted support of compassionate action, particularly for the vulnerable and marginalized, Benjamin Franklin Jones helped to forge the humanitarian spirit that defines Lions International to this day; and,

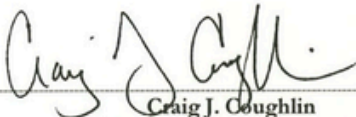
WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin Jones passed from this life in 1935 at his home in Maplewood, New Jersey, and the organization that he nurtured and loved builds on his meritorious legacy in its efforts to be a global force for good; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby honors the memory of Benjamin Franklin Jones, pays tribute to his life's achievements, and extends sincere best wishes to the New Jersey Lions as they gather in Atlantic City for their Annual State Convention this month; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.




Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly

Attest:


Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Celebrating Over 50 Years of Service

Our Golden Lions

District 16-N

Andrew Mark	Belvidere	70
Donald Uhl	Ridgefield	63
Paul Meyer	Fair Lawn	60
Thomas Hackett	Harrington Park	59
Charles H Landesman	Kearney	56
Vincent M Fasano Jr.	Bergenfield	55
Charles Tumminello	Wayne Township	55
Barry Goldberg	Livingston	55
John W Carroll	Jersey City Hudson City	54
Dr. Giovanni Lima	Kearny	54
Herbert Babb	Verona	54
Alan P Kiefer	Verona	54
Dr. Joseph Mazza	Rutherford	53
Bernard Holst	Midland Park	52
James H Cleary	Rutherford	52
Robert Piazza	Belvidere	51
Denis A Rossi	Chester	51
Harvey Young	Wood Ridge	51
Richard Camp	Verona	51
Richard Ghizzone	Mt Olive	51
Bruce Butzel	Oradell	50
Frank Hopp	Passaic-Clifton	50
C Richard Kamin	Mt. Olive	50
Joseph Kliminski	Bloomfield	50
David Korn	Rutherford	50
Albert Longarini	Dumont	50

District 16-J

John H Manhardt	Watchung	65
Edward J Dipolvere	West Windsor Township	64
Fred W Schaan	Warren Township	64
Lewis Schwartz	South Brunswick Township	60
Thomas E Sheenan	Dunellen	59
Casper P Boehm Jr	Sayreville	58
V John Truglio	Warren Township	57
Kenneth Kreismer	Sayreville	57

Rodolfo Miranda	Elizabeth Cubanos	53
Juan M Dominguez	Elizabeth Cubanos	52
Anthony F Razzano	South River	52
Fred R Kunich	Milford	52
George Canellis	Watchung	52
Enrique Maseda	Elizabeth Cubanos	52
Donald W Marshall	Metuchen	51
Bruce Austin	Westfield	50
Kenneth Rowinsky	Westfield	50
A J Dello Russo, Jr.	Bernards	50
Walter Schaefer	Sayreville	50

District 16-L

William D Dilks	Gloucester City	63
Edgar R Jeffers	Wenonah	61
Robert B Peppler	Allentown	61
Vincent L Lamanna Jr.	Avalon	59
George H Wimberg Jr.	Ventnor Margate	59
Robert A Turner	Haddonfield	57
Arthur L Orsi	Hammonton	57
Alan I Gould	Greater Wildwoods	56
Gregory Christopher	West Long Branch	56
George R Scheurich	Berlin	56
Theodore Roman	Greater Wildwoods	55
Frederick E Frisch	Ventnor Margate	53
Robert R Wilson	Atlantic Highlands	53
Stacy Phelon	Eatontown	53
Melvyn K Bray	Toms River	52
Dr. Michael Cohen	Atco	52
Charles Matthews	Camden	51
David A Roth	Red Bank	51
Richard H Stahl Sr.	Medford Lakes	51
Kenneth J Landgraf	Haddonfield	51
Dr. Maurice B Hill	Brick Township	51
Robert Smith	Wenonah	51
Truitt Andress	Winslow Twp.	50
Douglas Heun	Avalon	50
John Simons	Bridgeton	50
Kenneth East	Eatontown	50
Dolores Wiemer	Laurel Springs	50
John Wiessner	Hammonton	50
Dave Skrivanek	Stafford Twp	50

Lions who have served for over 50 years exemplify a lifetime of dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the ideals of Lionism. These extraordinary members have not only witnessed the growth and evolution of Lions Clubs International but have also played an active role in shaping their communities through decades of service. Their long-standing involvement is a testament to their enduring spirit of volunteerism and leadership, and they continue to inspire newer generations of Lions with their legacy of service.

Honoring Our Life Members

A Tribute to Lifelong Dedication

District 16-N

Albert Longarini	Dumont
Andrew Balysky	Chester
Arline Rossi	Chester
Buddy Casillo	Chester
Christopher Smith	Newark
Denis Rossi	Chester
Drew Churchson	Waldwick
Holly Simmenroth	Chester Lioness
James Lo Sapio	Chester
James Messina	Chester
John Lefand	Chester
Joseph Gaudio	Chester
Joyce Casillo	Chester Lioness
Marie Messina	Chester
Mary Devon O' Brien	Newark
Paul Meyer	Fair Lawn
Phillip Guidone	Chester
Phillip Savell	Chester
Richard Lucy	Chester
Richard Takvorian	Hackensack
Rick Vander Wende	Waldwick
Ronald Minardi	Chester
Terrence Standfast	Chester
Theodore Takvorian	Hackensack
Vincent Fasano	Bergenfield
Virginia (Ginny)Savell	Chester Lioness

District 16-J

Adriane Stewart	Warren Township
Edward Dipolvere	West Windsor Township
Fred Schaan	Warren Township
Lawrence Betsill	Warren Township
Mark Adler	Warren Township
Richard Kaufmann	Warren Township
V John Truglio	Warren Township
Vincent Oliva	Warren Township

District 16-L

Arnold Page	Medford Lakes
Arthur Orsi	Hammonton
Curtis Maginnis	Medford Lakes
Donald Bray	Toms River Twp Visionary
Donald Hory	Medford Lakes
Edwin Davis	Medford Lakes
George Scheurich	Berlin
Gregory Reinhardt	Medford Lakes
Herman Kruckner	Medford Lakes
Jeffrey Gans	Camden
John Wiessner	Hammonton
Joseph Decerbo	Atco
Kenneth Roberts	Medford Lakes
Melvyn Bray	Toms River
Michael Cohen	Atco
Peter Deller, Jr.	Toms River
Richard Holston	Medford Lakes
Richard Lucy	Toms River *
Richard Stahl	Medford Lakes
Takeo Ishimasa	Eatontown
Tom Alvino	Hammonton



MISSION 1.5 

* Transferred to new club

To qualify for Life Membership in Lions International, a member must meet specific criteria as outlined in the official application. A Lion may be eligible if they have maintained active membership for **20 or more years** and have provided outstanding service to their club, community, or the association. Alternatively, a member who has served actively for at least **15 years and is 70 years of age** or older, or any member who is critically ill and has also rendered exceptional service, may be considered. Life Membership is granted upon the recommendation of the member's club and the one-time payment of \$650 to Lions International, which covers all future international dues.

Membership Key Awards



Ambassador Key (150 Members)			
Name	Club	District	Issued on
Maresh Chitnis, PCC	Edison Visionary	J	10/31/2022
Key Of Nations (100 Members)			
Name	Club	District	Issued on
Winster D Ceballos, PCC	Passaic-Clifton	N	12/15/2021
Grand Master Key (50 Members)			
Name	Club	District	Issued on
Jeffrey R Gans, PID	Camden	L	07/15/2020
Arthur L Orsi, PCC	Hammonton	L	04/15/2011
Senior Master Key (25 Members)			
Name	Club	District	Issued on
Edgar Cuevas	Paterson Simon Bolivar	N	10/01/2011
Mary Devon O'Brien	Newark	N	11/01/2001
Nalit Patel, PDG	Livingston	N	08/31/2023
Theodore S Takvorian	Hackensack	N	09/15/2006
Robert West	Saddle Brook Main	N	03/15/2012
Carlos J Alma, PDG	Elizabeth Borinquen	J	11/15/2020
Max Bigol	Highland Park Phil Am	J	10/31/2022
Kashmiri Delory, PDG	West Windsor Township	J	09/15/2019
Armando Guerra, PCC	Elizabeth Cubanos	J	05/15/2020
Eddie G Hui, PDG	Edison Metro	J	02/15/2013
Roger F Knox	Summit	J	12/1/2005
Dawn Kosobucki, PCC	Sayreville	J	10/31/2022
Varsha Naik, PDG	Menlo Park	J	02/15/2019
Matthew Saum	Warren Township	J	10/15/2020
Peter L Twill	Summit	J	04/15/2010
Donald P V Bray	Toms River (Twp) Visionary	L	10/31/2022
Marion S Goldberg	Toms River	L	06/01/1996
Justin Lotano	Colts Neck	L	10/31/2022
John J Tarditi	Haddonfield	L	03/15/2021
Kara C. Schnure, PDG	Cherry Hill Pennsauken	L	10/31/2022
Richard W Zimmermann Jr	Laurel Springs	L	01/01/2003
Master Key (20 Members)			
Name	Club	District	Issued on
Pratap Jayakar	Parsippany	N	2/28/2025
Robert A Valenti	Wood Ridge	N	2/28/2025
John E Allen, PDG	Freehold Township	L	10/31/2022
Melvyn K Bray, PID	Toms River	L	08/15/2017
Tom DeBruin,	West Long Branch	L	10/31/2022
Peter A Deller, Jr.	Oceanport	L	08/15/2019
William D Dilks,	Gloucester City	L	12/15/2012



MISSION 1.5

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS (As of 04/20/2026)



16N

Belvidere	16-17
Harrison	16-17
Livingston	19-20, 20-21, 21-22
Passaic-Clifton	18-19, 20-21, 22-23
Rutherford	20-21
South Orange	16-17
West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson	20-21

16J

Central Jersey Professionals & Entrepreneurs ..	19-20
Cranbury	19-20
Edison Metro	16-17
Edison Visionary	14-15, 16-25 (9 Years in a Row)
Elizabeth Borinquen	14-15, 18-19
Elizabeth Portuguese	16-17
Fanwood	* 16-17
Garden State Champions Lions Club	16-17
Green Brook	19-20
Hillside	16-17, 21-22
Menlo Park	18-19, 19-20, 20-21
Middlesex Visionary	19-20
Milford	16-17
New Jersey Artists	20-21
New Jersey Fitness	* 20-21
New Jersey Peruvian	19-20
Old Bridge Visionary Lions Club	18-19, 19-20
Princeton	17-18, 19-20
Sayreville	16-17, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 23-24, 24-25
Somerset Franklin	19-20
Somerville Metro	16-17, 20-21, 21-22, 23-24, 24-25
South Brunswick Township	18-19, 20-21
South Plainfield	16-17
Springfield	16-17, 21-22
Summit	19-25 (6 Years in a Row; with 24-25 receiving the 5-Star Award)
Warren Township	14-15, 16-17, 19-20, 21-22
Watchung	16-17
West Windsor Township	15-16, 16-17, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23
West Windsor Golden	21-22

16L

Atco	22-23
Avalon	21-22
Brick Township	17-18
Brigantine	16-17, 21-22
Cherry Hill Pennsauken Korean	17-18
Clayton Glassboro	16-17, 19-20, 21-22, 22-23
Deptford Township	* 16-17
Eatontown	17-18, 22-23
Gloucester City	14-15, 16-17
Haddonfield	21-22, 22-23
Hammonton	14-15, 15-16, 16-17, 22-23
Highlands	19-20
Lakewood	* 17-18
Middletown Twp.	20-21, 21-22
Neptune Twp	17-18
Oceanport	* 16-17, 17-18
Pennsauken	16-17, 17-18
Toms River	17-18
West Berlin	17-18, 21-25 (4 Years in a Row)
Westmont	17-18
Westville	16-17, 20-21, 23-24, 24-25

* Means Club Charter Cancelled

Dr. Ramiro Collazo

A Trailblazing Leader in Global Lionism

Dr. Ramiro Collazo, born in Havana, Cuba, was a distinguished attorney specializing in Civil Law. Educated in London and Geneva, he brought a global perspective and deep commitment to service that would define his leadership within Lions Clubs International. In 1945, Dr. Collazo made history as the first Latin American—and the only Cuban—to serve as International President (1945–1946). His presidency came at a pivotal time following World War II, and under his leadership, Lionism expanded significantly around the globe.

Dr. Collazo's tenure helped establish Lions Clubs as an inclusive, international force for good. Affectionately known as the "King Lion of the World," he embodied unity, service, and vision that transcended borders. In 1978, the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club (District J) honored his legacy by creating the **Ramiro Collazo Membership Award**, presented annually to the Lion in Multiple District 16 who brings in the most new members between July 1 and April 30. The award—a solid 18-karat gold pin—celebrates not only growth, but the spirit of outreach and leadership that Dr. Collazo championed.



His legacy continues to inspire Lions to lead with purpose and serve with pride.

Honoring Growth and Leadership: Ramiro Collazo Membership Award Recipients

92-93	Francisco Arlas	Tenafly-Bergen-Phil-Am	A	09-10	Adolfo Gonzales	West New York	A
93-94	Rodolfo Miranda	Elizabeth Cubanos	E	10-11	Mahesh Chitnis	Edison Visionary	D
94-95	Ernesto Gomez	Elizabeth Cubanos	E	11-12	Rolando Diaz	West New York	A
95-96	Ismael J. Estrada, Jr. ■	Elizabeth Cubanos	E	12-13	Winster D. Ceballos	Passiac - Clifton	A
96-97	Ismael Lafarga ■	Elizabeth Cubanos	E	13-14	Barbara Guerra	Rockaway	N
97-98	Bert V. Latonio	Highland Pk Phil-Am	D	14-15	Sulbha ("Rina") Bajpai	Edison Visionary	J
98-99	Ismael Lafarga ■	Elizabeth Cubanos	E	15-16	Armando Guerra	Elizabeth Cubanos	J
99-00	Mary Devon O'Brien	Newark	E	17	Kashmiri Delory	West Windsor	J
00-01	Patricia Zurita	Union City Equatorianos	A	17-18	Varsha Naik	Menlo Park	J
01-02	Leonard Rosenberg	Old Tappan	A	18-19	Mahesh Advani	Princeton Visionary	J
02-03	Frank McLain, Jr. ■	Knowlton Township	D	21-22	Pratibha Nichakawade	Menlo Park	J
03-04	Charles Jenkins	Pemberton	B	22-23	Avinash Delory	West Windsor	J
04-05	Arthur L. Orsi	Hammonton	C	23-24	Winster D. Ceballos	Passiac - Clifton	N
05-06	Gina Jaramillo	Union City Equatorianos	A	23-24	Kashmiri Delory	West Windsor	J
06-07	Paul Carella	Mercerville	B	24-25	Jonathan Magaw	Atlantic Connections	J
07-08	Diego Santiago, Jr.	Elizabeth Borinquen	E	25-26	To Be Announced	At Convention	



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International Medal Recipients

Ambassador of Good Will Medals

1995. Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 2001. Stanley Grossman "Stan" E
 2004. Marshall S. Klein A
 2007. Robert W. Moore "Bob" A
 2009. Dr. Paul E Berman N
 2017. Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" L
 2023. Jeffrey R. Gans L

Presidential Medals

81-82 . Dr. Stanton Deitch "Stan" . . . B
 84-85 . Marshall S. Klein A
 88-89 . Marshall S. Klein A
 89-90 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 89-90 . Nelson Goncalves E
 90-91 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 93-94 . Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone C
 93-94 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. (as ID). C
 94-95 . Stanley Grossman "Stan" E
 94-95 . George N. Vinci C
 94-95 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. (as ID) C
 95-96 . Stephen M. Domovich D
 95-96 . Richard Zimmermann, Jr. C
 97-98 . Santo "Sal" Lucito (20K2) B
 99-00 . Louis V. Ciccone B
 99-00 . Stanley Grossman "Stan"(as ID)E
 99-00 . Charles G. Thorne D
 99-00 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 00-01 . Stanley Grossman "Stan"(as ID)E
 00-01 . Robert W. Moore "Bob" A
 00-01 . Stephen E. Naples, Sr. B
 00-01 . Arthur L. Orsi C
 01-02 . John E. Allen B
 01-02 . Joseph T. Bocklage, Sr. D
 01-02 . Douglas C. Schembs, Jr. E
 02-03 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" B
 02-03 . Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee" C
 02-03 . Ralph R. DeVito E
 03-04 . George F. Johnson, Jr. B
 03-04 . Eugene Renkar "Gene" E
 04-05 . Herbert Bodensiek A
 05-06 . Richard C. Chittum "Rick" A
 05-06 . Louis D. Corsaro "Lou" A
 05-06 . Elspeth C. Moore A
 05-06 . Robert W. Moore "Bob" (as ID) A
 05-06 . MaryAnn Ragone C
 05-06 . Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee" C
 06-07 . Robert W. Moore "Bob" (as ID) A
 06-07 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" B
 06-07 . James Anthony Hynes, Jr. . . . B
 06-07 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 06-07 . Alan P. Brewer D
 07-08 . Manuel N. Perez. A
 07-08 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" B
 07-08 . Donald P.V. Bray B
 07-08 . Eddie G. Hui D
 07-08 . Lawrence J. Massaro "Larry" . . D
 07-08 . Gilbert Lizardi E
 07-08 . Michael Zazzarino E

08-09 . William J. Sauser, Jr. "Bill" . . . C
 08-09 . Charles H. Wiemer, Sr. C
 08-09 . Kenneth A. Mattfield E
 08-09 . Dr. Paul E Berman N
 09-10 . Karen B. Ressler C
 09-10 . Bob Virgadamo D
 09-10 . Joyce Kernusz E
 10-11 . Richard C. Chittum "Rick" A
 10-11 . Norman Palmer B
 10-11 . Jeffrey R. Gans C
 10-11 . Mahesh Chitnis D
 10-11 . Mary Devon O'Brien E
 11-12 . Paula M. Tarantino A
 11-12 . James H. Fox "Jim" B
 11-12 . Albert J. Olizi, Jr. C
 11-12 . Mahesh Chitnis D
 11-12 . Philip D. Stern "Phil" E
 11-12 . Daniel Frisch E
 12-13 . William Bechtold. B
 12-13 . Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee" C
 12-13 . Dawn Marie Kosobucki. D
 12-13 . Stanley Grossman "Stan" E
 13-14 . Dennis M. Brubaker A
 13-14 . William "Doug" Reeder. D
 13-14 . Winster D. Ceballos A
 13-14 . Elspeth C. Moore A
 14-15 . Mahesh Chitnis J
 14-15 . John L. Romano "Jack" N
 14-15 . Paul Cousineau J
 14-15 . Lois Kelly L
 15-16 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" (as ID) . . L
 15-16 . Barbara Corsaro N
 15-16 . Linda A. Banks J
 15-16 . S. Robert Freidel Jr., L
 16-17 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" (as ID) . . L
 16-17 . Robert "Bob" Millea N
 16-17 . Clarence Brown L
 16-17 . Albert J. Olizi, Jr. L
 17-18 . Mahesh Chitnis J
 17-18 . John L. Romano "Jack" N
 17-18 . Kevin E. Kosobucki J
 17-18 . Min J. Elders L
 18-19 . Andrea Carroll N
 18-19 . Dr. David C. Verducci. N
 18-19 . Evelio D. Salerno J
 18-19 . Beverly Bova-Scarano L
 18-19 . Mahesh Chitnis J
 19-20 . Mahesh Chitnis J
 19-20 . Stanley Pukash Jr N
 19-20 . Carlos J Alma J
 19-20 . Robert Harris J
 19-20 . Donna Freidel L
 20-21 . Louis C Lambe N
 20-21 . Dawn Marie Kosobucki. J
 20-21 . Kevin E Kosobucki (LCIF) J
 20-21 . Bob Freidel L
 20-21 . Mahesh Chitnis J
 21-22 . Jeffrey R. Gans (as ID). L
 21-22 . Winster D Ceballos N

21-22 . Alvin Cox N
 21-22 . Rogel P. Bautista J
 21-22 . Mahesh Chitnis. J
 21-22 . William Phillips L
 22-23 . Jeffrey R. Gans (as ID). L
 22-23 . Ojas M. Chitnis J
 22-23 . Twinkle P. Bhatt N
 22-23 . Avinash Derlory J
 22-23 . Jonathan David Magaw Jr. J
 22-23 . Varsha Naik J
 22-23 . Edwin Palenzuela L
 22-23 . Winster D. Ceballos N
 23-24 . Ruth M. Molenaar. N
 23-24 . Anupama Chitnis J
 23-24 . Mahesh Chitnis. J
 23-24 . Ojas M. Chitnis J
 23-24 . Terry Rosiak L
 24-25 . Michael Pacala "Mike" N
 24-25 . Peter L. Twill. J
 24-25 . Beverly Bova Scarano L
 24-25 . PID Robert W. Moore. N
 24-25 . PCC Mahesh Chitnis J
 24-25 . PID Jeffrey R. Gans L
 25-26 . Dayl R Baile (Forum) L
 25-26 . ? N
 25-26 . ? J
 25-26 . ? L



International Medal Recipients

International Leadership Medals

91-92 . Bertram "Barney" Barnett E	14-15 . Carl Spellman N	23-24 . Dawn Marie Kosobucki . . . J
96-97 . Santo "Sal" Lucito (20K2) B	14-15 . Varsha Naik J	23-24 . Clarence Brown L
96-97 . Lawrence J. Massaro "Larry" . . . D	14-15 . Fay Kobland J	23-24 . Talbot Benjamin Kramer, Jr . L
96-97 . Harry J. Steigelman Jr. L	14-15 . Sulbha Rina Bajpai "Rina" . . . J	24-25 . Marie C. Nieto N
00-01 . Lionel F. Crossman "Lee" C	14-15 . Kevin E. Kosobucki J	24-25 . Glenn Elliott N
00-01 . Nelson Goncalves E	14-15 . Hari Kishan Eppanapalli J	24-25 . Frederick J. Cuzzo J
01-02 . John E. Allen L	14-15 . Armando Guerra J	24-25 . Patricia Nielson J
01-02 . Dr. John T. Farinella E	14-15 . Anupama Chitnis "Anu" J	24-25 . Vincent J. Borrelli, Sr L
01-02 . Elspeth C. Moore A	14-15 . Ana DiSessa J	24-25 . Barbara Corsaro N
02-03 . George L. Bassett A	15-16 . John A. Pinkus N	24-25 . Terry Rosiak L
02-03 . Frank J. Magnolia, Jr. E	15-16 . Thomas P. Neats N	
02-03 . Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee" C	15-16 . Frank J. Magnolia, Jr. J	25-26 . Ratnesh Singh Bhadauria J
03-04 . Richard C. Chittum "Rick" A	15-16 . Dayl R. Baile L	25-26 . ? N
03-04 . Debbie L. Roedel D	16-17 . Dr. David C. Verducci N	25-26 . ? N
03-04 . Richard Indiveri "Dick" C	16-17 . Michael Moyer "Mike" N	25-26 . ? J
04-05 . James Anthony Hynes, Jr. B	16-17 . Edward Clementson "Ed" J	25-26 . ? J
04-05 . Salvatore A. Velardi "Sal" C	16-17 . Donna L. Freidel L	25-26 . ? L
04-05 . Frank J. Magnolia, Jr. E	17-18 . Winster D. Ceballos (My Lion) . N	25-26 . ? L
05-06 . Lourdes Comas A	17-18 . Ruth Molenaar N	
05-06 . Albert S. Knaub A	17-18 . Nalit Patel (My Lion) N	
05-06 . James MacLane C	17-18 . Alyssa Bowne J	
05-06 . Jose Diaz C	17-18 . Rithika Ganesh J	
06-07 . John "Jack" Curran A	17-18 . Carolyn Vaca J	
06-07 . Robert P. Frank "Bob" A	17-18 . David A. Skrivanek "Dave" . . . L	
06-07 . Stanley B. Shapiro "Stan" C	17-18 . Medina Talebi L	
06-07 . Mary Devon O'Brien E	18-19 . John "Jack" L. Romano N	
07-08 . Donald P.V. Bray B	18-19 . Paula Tarantino-Maione N	
07-08 . Frank DiStefano L	18-19 . Leo Ojas Chitnia J	
07-08 . James M. Heisler C	18-19 . Varsha Naik J	
07-08 . Richard W. Zimmermann, Jr C	18-19 . Subarna Sahni, J	
07-08 . Antonio Abaño "Tony" D	18-19 . Ely S. Mateo L	
08-09 . Dennis M. Brubaker A	19-20 . Winster D. Ceballos, N	
08-09 . Louis D. Corsaro "Lou" A	19-20 . Joseph Kika N	
08-09 . Melvyn K. Bray "Mel" B	19-20 . Charles H. Landesman, N	
08-09 . Amodeo Beddia S. "Sam" C	19-20 . Dianne Andrade J	
08-09 . Alan P. Brewer D	19-20 . Kevin E. Kosobucki (LCIF) . . . J	
09-10 . Paula M. Tarantino A	19-20 . Douglas A. Both L	
09-10 . Donna M. Hanes C	20-21 . Kamlesh J. Patel N	
09-10 . Robert Pawlik D	20-21 . Rohit Gupta J	
10-11 . Rose Stigliano A	20-21 . Subarna Sahni J	
10-11 . Dorothy Wilson "Dottie" A	20-21 . Karen B. Ressler, L	
10-11 . Joyce Palmer B	21-22 . Dennis M Brubaker, N	
10-11 . Charles W. Hanes "Chuck" C	21-22 . John "Jack" L. Romano (LCIF) . N	
10-11 . John D. Kobland D	21-22 . Dawn Marie Kosobucki (LCIF) . J	
10-11 . Peter G Mitchell J	21-22 . Kevin E. Kosobucki (LCIF) . . . J	
11-12 . Winster D. Ceballos A	21-22 . John JD Schweska, J	
11-12 . Donald P.V. Bray B	21-22 . Dayl R Baile (LCIF). L	
11-12 . Lois Kelly C	21-22 . Alfred Mottola, L	
11-12 . Bradford R. Day "Brad" D	21-22 . Albert J Olizi Jr (LCIF) L	
11-12 . Anthony Franchini J	22-23 . Jessica Fishman N	
12-13 . Albert V. Ruffini A	22-23 . Pratap Jayakar N	
12-13 . Michael "Mike" Pacala A	22-23 . Mark A. Ramos J	
12-13 . Charles P Covington "Chuck" C	22-23 . Rachma Sharma J	
12-13 . Max Bigol D	22-23 . Heather Roark L	
12-13 . Héctor J. González E	22-23 . Samuel S. Valenti, Jr L	
13-14 . Henry H. Harrison C	23-24 . Andrea Carroll N	
13-14 . MaryAnn Ragone C	23-24 . Barbara Corsaro N	
13-14 . Anupama Chitnis "Anu" D	23-24 . John F. Bernal J	
	23-24 . Ezzio Bustamante J	



International President's Certificates

85-86	Richard W. Zimmermann, Jr.	16-C	01-02	Camilio Fernandez	16-E	07-08	Charles M. Nash	16-C
86-87	Richard W. Zimmermann, Jr.	16-C	01-02	Richard Hull	16-E	07-08	James F. Dougherty "Jim"	16-D
86-87	Eugene Renkar "Gene"	16-E	02-03	Victor A. Graziano	16-A	07-08	Michael Kaiser "Mike"	16-D
87-88	Stanley Grossman "Stan"	16-E	02-03	Lloyd R. Rausch	16-A	07-08	Antoinette O'Neill	16-D
89-90	Stanley Grossman "Stan"	16-E	02-03	Nicholas Gorab	16-A	07-08	William D. Reeder "Doug"	16-D
92-93	Eugene Renkar "Gene"	16-E	02-03	Fred T. Niji	16-C	07-08	Gilbert Lizardi	16-E
94-95	Paula M. Tarantino	16-A	02-03	MaryAnn Ragone	16-C	07-08	Michael Zazzarino	16-E
94-95	Alfred E. Losiewicz	16-D	02-03	Dorothy Bocklage	16-D	08-09	David S. Malka	16-A
94-95	Saul Cohen	16-D	02-03	Robert Pawlik	16-D	08-09	Michael Pacala	16-A
94-95	Mary Devon O'Brien	16-E	02-03	Kenneth A. Mattfield	16-E	08-09	Paul Cousineau	16-B
95-96	Lawrence Goldberg	16-C	02-03	Daniel Frisch	16-E	08-09	Norman Palmer "Norm"	16-B
95-96	William J. Sauser, Jr.	16-C	02-03	Phyllis Bosco	16-B	08-09	Mary C. Niji	16-C
95-96	Joseph T. Bocklage, Sr.	16-D	02-03	Henry Nalepa	16-B	08-09	Hal Wasserman	16-C
96-97	Robert W. Moore "Bob"	16-A	02-03	Jacqueline Hillman	16-B	08-09	Robert Brandt "Bob"	16-D
96-97	James Anthony Hynes, Jr.	16-B	03-04	Raul Cairo, Jr.	16-A	08-09	Kenneth Lee	16-D
96-97	Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee"	16-C	03-04	Lourdes Comas	16-A	08-09	Walter Breakey	16-E
96-97	Joseph T. Bocklage, Sr.	16-D	03-04	Betty Kay	16-A	08-09	Ismael E. Lafarga	16-E
97-98	Marshall S. Klein	16-A	03-04	Edward Kubik	16-B	09-10	Charles H. Landesman	16-A
97-98	Paula M. Tarantino	16-A	03-04	Patti L. Pennell "Pat"	16-B	09-10	Dan Stenchever	16-A
97-98	Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee"	16-C	03-04	Jean Poper	16-C	09-10	Santo "Sal" Lucito	16-B
97-98	Eugene Renkar "Gene"	16-E	03-04	Rev. Frederick S. Richardett, Jr.	16-C	09-10	Jeff Pennell	16-B
98-99	William J. Sauser, Jr.	16-C	03-04	Alan P. Brewer	16-D	09-10	James Anthony Hynes, Jr.	16-B
98-99	Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee"	16-C	03-04	Helen A. Thorne	16-D	09-10	Marlene L. Martin	16-C
98-99	Andrew J. Lytkowski	16-D	03-04	Isabel Baquero	16-E	09-10	Randy Williams	16-C
98-99	Charles G. Thorne	16-D	03-04	Paul A. Barlow, Sr.	16-E	09-10	Marilyn Chetrancolo	16-D
98-99	Helen A. Thorne	16-D	03-04	Joyce Kernusz	16-E	09-10	John D. Kobland	16-D
99-00	Herbert Bodensick	16-A	04-05	Rose Stiglinano	16-A	09-10	Craig Maziarz	16-E
99-00	Robert W. Moore "Bob"	16-A	04-05	Jo Ann Struzienski	16-A	09-10	Karen Q. Pisciotta	16-E
99-00	José Nieto	16-A	04-05	Virginia B. Culver	16-B	10-11	William H. Francis	16-A
99-00	Frank Ravese	16-A	04-05	Earl C. Groendyke	16-B	10-11	Matt Povinelli	16-A
99-00	Paula M. Tarantino	16-A	04-05	Dr. Stanton Deitch "Stan"	16-B	10-11	Winster D. Ceballos	16-A
99-00	Robert W. DeLambily	16-C	04-05	Samuel M. Gans	16-C	10-11	James A. Hynes, Jr. (as CC)	16-B
99-00	Charles H. Wiemer, Sr.	16-C	04-05	Roseanne Lombardo	16-C	10-11	Albert J. Olizi, Jr, Esq.	16-C
99-00	Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee"	16-C	04-05	John D. Risso	16-C	10-11	Randy Williams	16-C
99-00	Howard G. Wiemer	16-C	04-05	Charles H. Wiemer, Sr.	16-C	10-11	Mahesh Chitnis	16-D
99-00	Doris Cramer	16-D	04-05	Joseph T. Bocklage, Sr.	16-D	10-11	Daniel Prince	16-D
99-00	John T. Holodnak	16-D	04-05	Frank McLain, Jr.	16-D	10-11	John Michael Esposito, Esq	16-E
99-00	Robert Pawlik	16-D	04-05	Benjamin L. Yashinski "Ben"	16-D	10-11	Héctor J. González	16-E
99-00	Mary Devon O'Brien	16-E	04-05	Paul A. Barlow, Sr.	16-E	11-12	Dr. Rolando Diaz	16-A
99-00	Nicholas DiCanio	16-E	04-05	Douglas C. Schembs, Jr.	16-E	11-12	Lisa Garland	16-A
99-00	Leroy Hirth	16-E	05-06	Albert S. Knaub	16-A	11-12	Robert Burlew, Jr. "Bob"	16-B
00-01	Winster D. Ceballos	16-A	05-06	Richard C. Chittum "Rick"	16-A	11-12	Beverly Bova Scarano	16-B
00-01	Bernard Holzapfel	16-A	05-06	Virginia Culver	16-B	11-12	Thomas J. Eckardt	16-C
00-01	Elsbeth C. Moore	16-A	05-06	Linda Harris	16-B	11-12	William G. Hansen "Bill"	16-C
00-01	Paula M. Tarantino	16-A	05-06	Frank DiStefano	16-C	11-12	Theodore Howarth "Ted"	16-C
00-01	John E. Allen	16-B	05-06	Charles M. Nash	16-C	11-12	John L. Hughes "Jack"	16-C
00-01	Harry Eberle	16-B	05-06	Lawrence Massaro "Larry"	16-D	11-12	Jeffrey R. Gans (as CC)	16-C
00-01	MaryAnn Ragone	16-C	05-06	Alan P. Brewer	16-D	11-12	Linnie Hui	16-D
00-01	Stanley B. Shapiro "Stan"	16-C	05-06	James Johnson	16-E	11-12	Rose Pawlick	16-D
00-01	Dolores R. Wiemer "Dee"	16-C	05-06	Fernando A. Navarro	16-E	11-12	Al Tedesco	16-D
00-01	Richard Zimmermann, Jr.	16-C	06-07	Mignola Perez	16-A	11-12	Mahesh Chitnis	16-D
00-01	Helen A. Thorne	16-D	06-07	Florindo Siggia	16-A	11-12	Richard Magee	16-E
00-01	Gary N. Stocker	16-D	06-07	Melvyn K. Bray "Mel"	16-B	11-12	Edward Poto	16-E
00-01	Frances Dolen	16-E	06-07	James Anthony Hynes, Jr.	16-B	12-13	John L. Romano "Jack"	16-A
00-01	Douglas C. Schembs, Jr.	16-E	06-07	Donna M. Hanes	16-C	12-13	Ted VanWinkle	16-A
02-02	Herbert Bodensiek	16-A	06-07	Albert J. Olizi, Jr., Esq	16-C	12-13	Virginia Bray "Ginny"	16-B
01-02	Lourdes Comas	16-A	06-07	Eddie G. Hui	16-D	12-13	Earl C. Groendyke	16-B
01-02	Manny Martins	16-A	06-07	Lawrence Massaro "Larry"	16-D	12-13	Rosemary Townend	16-B
01-02	Horace J. Brown	16-B	06-07	Frank J. Magnolia, Jr.	16-E	12-13	Cynthia Harrison	16-C
01-02	Michael T. Marrazzo	16-B	06-07	Barry Goldberg	16-E	12-13	Janice Heisler	16-C
01-02	Jeffrey R. Gans, Esq.	16-C	07-08	Rev. Lois Schembs	16-A	12-13	Fay Kobland	16-D
01-02	Richard L. Indiveri "Dick"	16-C	07-08	Dorothy Wilson "Dot"	16-A	12-13	Bradford R. Day, Esq.	16-D
01-02	Charles M. Nash	16-C	07-08	William L. Brown, III "Bill"	16-A	12-13	Nickolas Psillos	16-D
01-02	Helen A. Thorne	16-D	07-08	Paul Cousineau	16-B	12-13	Ruth Abers Grossman	16-E
01-02	Arthur A. Roedel, Jr.	16-D	07-08	Richard Rosall	16-B	12-13	Nancy Jakubczyk	16-E
01-02	Helen Dombrowski	16-E	07-08	Min J. Elders	16-C	13-14	Barbara Corsaro	16-A

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13-14	Karlas Madera	16-A	17-18	Lisa Frederico	16-L	25-26	?	16-J
13-14	Matt Povinelli	16-A	18-19	Robert Frank	16-N	25-26	?	16-J
13-14	Melvyn K. Bray "Mel"	16-B	18-19	Michael Moyer	16-N	25-26	?	16-J
13-14	Clarence Brown	16-B	18-19	John A. Pinkus	16-N	25-26	?	16-L
13-14	Robert Burlew, Jr. "Bob"	16-B	18-19	Matthew Povanello	16-N	25-26	?	16-L
13-14	Barbara Bassett	16-C	18-19	Mahesh Advani	16-J	25-26	?	16-L
13-14	Jeffrey R. Gans, Esq.	16-C	18-19	Elizabeth Cano	16-J	25-26	?	16-L
13-14	Kenneth C. Ressler	16-C	18-19	Jyoti Sahni	16-J			
13-14	Thomas Milhous	16-C	18-19	Alfred Mottola "Al"	16-L			
13-14	Bob Desch	16-D	18-19	Kenneth C. Ressler "Ken"	16-L			
13-14	Frank Gomez	16-D	18-19	Terry Rosiak	16-L			
13-14	Elizabeth Angert	16-E	19-20	Nick Coco	16-N			
13-14	Thomas Morrisroe	16-E	19-20	??	16-J			
13-14	Mavi Pretto	16-E	19-20	??	16-L			
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14-15	William Ellis Edge "Bill"	16-N	20-21	Diane Jablon	16-N			
14-15	Barbara Guerra	16-N	20-21	Enrique Urquiola	16-N			
14-15	Delia Larriu	16-N	20-21	Dawn Marie Kosobucki	16-J			
14-15	Lynn Mandon	16-N	20-21	Dianne Andrade	16-J			
14-15	Barbara Sanders	16-N	20-21	John J. D. Schweska	16-J			
14-15	Linda A. Banks	16-J	20-21	Komal Dangi	16-J			
14-15	Sergio M. Granados	16-J	20-21	Patricia Contreras	16-J			
14-15	Robert Harris	16-J	20-21	Donna L. Freidel, Esq.	16-L			
14-15	Louis C. Lambe	16-J	20-21	Ely S. Mateo	16-L			
14-15	Shubhngi Mulay	16-J	20-21	Terry Rosiak	16-L			
14-15	Matthew Saum	16-J	21-22	SuzAnne Pacala	16-N			
14-15	Tes Abes-Olitano	16-J	21-22	Richard "Rick" C. Chittum	16-N			
14-15	Bob Virgadamo	16-J	21-22	Ruth Molenaar	16-N			
14-15	Kevin E. Kosobucki	16-J	21-22	Mahesh Chitnis	16-J			
14-15	Arnando Guerra	16-J	21-22	Pratibha Nichakawade	16-J			
14-15	Dayl R. Baile	16-L	21-22	Peter L. Twill	16-J			
14-15	Lionel F. Crossman "Lee"	16-L	21-22	Honglan Zheng	16-J			
14-15	Sarah L. Deak	16-L	21-22	Mildred Smith	16-L			
14-15	Karen B. Ressler	16-L	21-22	Robert Strovinsky	16-L			
15-16	Claudia Cordoba	16-N	21-22	Tina Sung	16-L			
15-16	Dr. David C. Verducci	16-N	22-23	Paula Tarantino Maione	16-N			
15-16	Elizabeth Cano	16-J	22-23	SuzAnne Pacala	16-N			
15-16	Judson Haggerty	16-J	22-23	Kamlesh J. Patel "Kam"	16-N			
15-16	Eddie G. Hui	16-J	22-23	Kevin Helewa	16-J			
15-16	Min J. Elders	16-L	22-23	Doriann Kerber	16-J			
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15-16	Kara C. Schnure	16-L	22-23	Nicholas A. Bloodworth	16-L			
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16-17	Nicholas J. Landy "Nick"	16-N	22-23	Samuel Seitles	16-L			
16-17	Paula Tarantino Maione	16-N	23-24	Alvin Cox	16-N			
16-17	Phyllis Johnson	16-J	23-24	Marie Nieto	16-N			
16-17	Vivian Roz	16-J	23-24	John "Jack" Romano	16-N			
16-17	Larry Caminiti	16-J	23-24	Frederick J. Cuzzo	16-J			
16-17	Mahesh Chitnis	16-J	23-24	Kartika Gupta	16-J			
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16-17	Prashant Karnik	16-J	23-24	Lois Kelly	16-L			
16-17	Kamini Lyer	16-J	23-24	Dolores "Dee" Wiemer	16-L			
16-17	John Bernal	16-J	24-25	Joyce Casillo	16-N			
16-17	David A. Skrivanek "Dave"	16-L	24-25	Louis C. Lambe	16-N			
16-17	Vincent J. Bernardo "Jim"	16-L	24-25	Lynn Mandon	16-N			
16-17	Mukund Karmerkar "Mookie"	16-L	24-25	Medha Kulkarni	16-J			
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17-18	John A. Pinkus	16-N	24-25	Pranali Patil	16-J			
17-18	Matt Povinelli	16-N	24-25	Ralph Emerson, Jr.	16-L			
17-18	Mahesh Advani	16-J	24-25	Ellen L. Gagnon	16-L			
17-18	Kashmiri Delory "Kash"	16-J	24-25	Sree Roy	16-L			
17-18	Bob Pawlik	16-J	25-26	?	16-N			
17-18	Bob Virgadamo	16-J	25-26	?	16-N			
17-18	Connie Coccione	16-L						

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Helen Keller and Lions International Celebrating 100 Years of “Knights of the Blind”

In 2025, Lions Clubs International proudly celebrates the **100th anniversary** of one of the most defining moments in its history—the inspiring speech by **Helen Keller** at the **1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio**, where she famously challenged Lions to become **“Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness.”** That single moment lit a fire of purpose within the organization, forever shaping its mission and global impact.

Helen Keller, born in 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama, lost her sight and hearing at just 19 months old due to an illness. With the devoted guidance of her teacher **Anne Sullivan**, Helen broke through the isolation of her disabilities to become a world-renowned author, speaker, and humanitarian. She was the first deafblind person to earn a college degree, graduating from **Radcliffe College in 1904**, and she spent her life advocating for people with disabilities.



Keller was already a respected public figure by the 1920s, known for her work in social justice, women's suffrage, and especially disability rights. Her affiliation with the **American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)** provided her a national platform to advocate for increased support, education, and opportunity for the blind and visually impaired.

In 1925, Keller accepted an invitation to speak at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Though her words were spoken by her interpreter, the message resonated powerfully: she appealed to the Lions to dedicate themselves to the cause of blindness prevention and support for the blind community. Her plea was not simply a request—it was a call to action, filled with purpose and urgency.

“Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”
Helen Keller, 1925

The Lions responded with heartfelt enthusiasm. That moment marked the beginning of a century-long partnership between **Lions International** and the cause of **vision health and blindness prevention**. Since then, Lions have established countless sight-related programs around the world, including **vision screenings, eyeglass recycling, support for eye hospitals**, and major initiatives like **SightFirst**, launched in 1990 to combat preventable blindness globally.

Keller remained closely connected to Lions International throughout her life, often acknowledging the organization's unwavering dedication to the cause she championed. Her influence became a cornerstone of the Lions' identity. In fact, no history of Lions Clubs International is complete without honoring Helen Keller's contribution—not just for her speech, but for the spirit of service she inspired.

Now, in **2025**, as Lions across the globe celebrate the **100th anniversary of Helen Keller's historic address**, the message remains as relevant and urgent as ever. Blindness still affects millions, and the need for compassionate, dedicated service continues. Lions Clubs honor this centennial not only with remembrance, but with **renewed commitment** to vision health, equity in eye care, and inclusive service for all people with disabilities.

Helen Keller's voice, though silent, continues to echo through every eyeglass provided, every child screened, and every life changed through Lions service. Her challenge in 1925 transformed a young service organization into a global leader in vision care—a legacy that will shine bright into the next century.

Harold P. Nutter

A Champion of Service, Leadership, and Freedom



Harold P. Nutter, a devoted Lion and visionary leader, left a legacy of service and global impact that still resonates within Lions Clubs International. Born on **December 12, 1904**, in **Milford, Delaware**, Nutter's life was one of dedication—to his profession, his community, and the ideals of humanitarian service.

Nutter's early education took him from **Milford High School** to **Fishburne Military School** in Virginia, then to the **University of Delaware**, and finally to **Temple University Law School** in Philadelphia. Together with his brother C. Armel Nutter, he co-founded **Nutter Mortgage Service**, a thriving business with offices in **Camden, New Jersey** and **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, offering services in mortgages, real estate, appraisals, and insurance.

His Lions journey began in **1933**, when he joined the **Camden Lions Club**. He quickly rose through the ranks, serving as club President, Vice President, and Director.

As **District Governor of New Jersey**, he demonstrated tireless energy and commitment, visiting 176 clubs and organizing 17 new ones. Known for his consistency and dedication, he maintained an impressive **36 years of perfect attendance** and earned the title of **Master Key Member**.

Nutter's leadership was nationally and internationally recognized. At the **1942 Lions International Convention** in Toronto, Canada, he was elected **Chairman of the Board of Governors**. He then served as Director and held all three International Vice President positions. His crowning achievement came in **1951**, when he was elected **International President** at the 34th Annual Convention held in **Atlantic City, New Jersey**—a proud moment for both his club and his home state.

As International President, Nutter brought a global vision to the role. He traveled extensively on goodwill missions, promoting peace, service, and the ideals of democracy during the height of the Cold War. His efforts earned recognition from the **Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge**, which awarded him for his powerful essay, "*Write Way to Freedom*." He became a passionate advocate for freedom and civic engagement, serving as President and Treasurer of the **All-American Conference to Combat Communism**, a coalition representing more than six million members.

Nutter also represented Lions Clubs International at key forums, including the **United Nations**, the **Bretton Woods Conference**, and the **American Society of Political and Social Science**. His leadership brought Lions to the table of global dialogue and service. He even had the honor of an audience with **Pope Pius XII**.

A devoted **Methodist, Mason**, and active community leader, Nutter was involved in a wide range of civic and professional organizations, including the **Boy Scouts of America**, **Leader Dogs for the Blind**, and multiple real estate and banking associations.

After a lifetime of remarkable service, Harold P. Nutter passed away on **November 29, 1979**. In his memory, Lions Clubs International established the **Harold Nutter Distinguished Service Award**, presented annually to honor Lions who embody his spirit of tireless dedication and leadership.

Nutter believed deeply in the power of service to change lives—and he lived that belief every day. His contributions continue to inspire generations of Lions to lead with purpose, act with courage, and serve with heart.

Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award

The Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award honors the legacy of Past International President Harold P. Nutter of the Camden Lions Club, who led Lions Clubs International in 1951–1952. Presented by MD-16, this prestigious award recognizes a Lion who has made outstanding contributions to Lionism and humanitarian service in New Jersey.

Nominees must be members in good standing of an MD-16 Lions Club and demonstrate exceptional service at the club, district, and state levels. They should have contributed significantly to an MD-16 committee's success and also made an impact through community or humanitarian efforts beyond Lions.

This award celebrates those who give freely of their time, expect no financial gain, and reflect the true spirit of Lionism. Being a Past District Governor is not required to receive this honor.

Champions of Lionism: Harold P. Nutter Award Honorees

1988	Harry J. Steigelman, Jr	■	B	2009	Arthur L. Orsi "Art"		C
1989	Maxson P. Strub "Max"	■	D	2010	Alan P. Brewer		D
1990	Angelo Biele	■	A	2011	Douglas C. Schembs, Jr		D
1991	Charles H. Wiemer "Chuck"	■	C	2012	Richard C. Chittum "Rick"		A
1992	Charles Shields	■	E	2013	Paula M. Tarantino Maione	■	A
1993	Bernard A. Gelles "Bernie"	■	C	2014	Stanley Shapiro	■	C
1994	George N. Vinci	■	C	2014	Bob Virgadamo		D
1995	Stephen M. Domovich	■	D	2015	Robert C. Millea "Bob"	■	N
1996	Stanley Grossman	■	E	2016	Winster D. Ceballos		N
1997	Charles G. Thorne	■	D	2017	Jeffrey R. Gans		L
1998	Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone	■	C	2018	Albert J. Olizi, Jr.		L
1999	William F. McCormick	■	A	2019	Dennis Brubaker		N
2000	Joseph T. Bocklage		D	2020	John L. Romano "Jack"		N
2001	Marshall S. Klein	■	A	2022	Mahesh Chitnis		J
2002	Victor D' Alessandro	■	C	2022	Dawn Marie Kosobucki		J
2002	Stephen E. Naples, Sr	■	B	2022	Dayl R. Baile		L
2003	Dr. Stanton Deitch "Stan"	■	B	2023	James Dougherty		J
2004	Robert W. Moore "Bob"		A	2023	Kevin Kosobucki		J
2005	Melvyn K. Bray "Mel"		C	2023	Marion Goldberg		L
2006	Mary Devon O'Brien		E	2024	Bob Frank		N
2007	Dolores Wiemer "Dee"		C	2024	Karen B. Ressler		L
2008	Salvatore A. Velardi "Sal"	■	C	2025	Michael Pacala		N
2009	Elspeth C. Moore		A	2026	To Be Announced At Convention		



New Jersey Lions State Convention Venues and Guest Speakers

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
2026	Tropicana	Atlantic City	2nd VP Dr. Manoj Shah
2025	Tropicana	Atlantic City	ID Chris Carlone
2024	Tropicana	Atlantic City	ID Anthony Paradiso
2023	Tropicana	Atlantic City	ID Deb Weaverling
2022	Tropicana	Atlantic City	ID Ken Ibarra
2021	Virtual		2nd VP Brian Sheehan
2019	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Pat Vannett
2018	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Ardie Klemish
2017	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Jennifer June Ware
2016	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Jerome Thompson
2015	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Kembra L. Smith
2014	Bally's	Atlantic City	ID Esther Lamothe
2013	Bally's	Atlantic City	PIP Dr. Clement F. Kusiak
2012	Bridgewater Marriott	Bridgewater	ID Carolyn A. Messier
2011	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	ID Haynes H. Townsend
2010	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	PIP Jimmy M. Ross
2009	Bridgewater Marriott	Bridgewater	PIP Terry Dale Graham
2008	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	ID David E Stoufer
2007	Clarion Hotel	Cherry Hill	ID H. David Fandt
2006	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	PIP Albert F. Brandel "Al" PIP
2005	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	Sid L. Scruggs, III
2004	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	PIP Kajit Habanananda "KJ"
2003	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	PIP William L. Biggs "Bill"
2002	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill (f.k.a Sheraton Poste)	Cherry Hill	PIP James E. Ervin "Jim"
2001	Sheraton- Atlantic City West	Atlantic City	ID Dr. Tommy King
2000	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	ID George Barrus "Mick"
1999	DoubleTree Hotel Somerset	Bridgewater	ID Richard D. Meyers "Rick"
1998	Hilton (now known as Crowne Plaza) Cherry Hill	Cherry Hill	PIP Kay K. Fukushima
1997	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City	PIP William L. Biggs "Bill"
1996	Seasons Resort	Great Gorge	PIP William D. Moody "Bill"
1995	Trump Regency	Atlantic City	ID Dr. William Iannaccone
1994	Hilton	East Brunswick	ID William Young "Larry"
1993	Hyatt (now known as Crowne Plaza) Cherry Hill	Cherry Hill	1st VP James T. Coffey
1992	Ramada Renaissance	East Brunswick	ID James C. Crawford "Jim"
1991	Hyatt (now known as Crowne Plaza) Cherry Hill	Cherry Hill	PIP Robert J. Uplinger
1990	Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel	East Rutherford	PIP Joseph J. Camarda
1989	TropWorld Casino & Resort	Atlantic City	PIP W. Richard Bryan "Dick"
1988	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	PIP Sten A. Akestam
1987	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski
1986	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	3rd VP Austin P. Jennings
1985	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	PIP Dr. James M. Fowler
1984	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	PIP Everett J. Grindstaff "Ebb"
1983	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	2nd VP Bert Mason
1982	Bally's Park Place	Atlantic City	IP Kaoru Murikami "Kay"
1981	Hyatt (now known as Crowne Plaza)	Cherry Hill	IP William C. Chandler
1980	Hyatt (now known as Crowne Plaza)	Cherry Hill	1st VP William C. Chandler
1979	Hyatt (now known as Crowne Plaza)	Cherry Hill	1st VP Lloyd Morgan
1978	Resorts International	Atlantic City	1st VP Ralph A. Lynam
1977	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Joseph M. McLoughlin
1976	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Joao Fernando Sobral
1975	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Harry J. Aslan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
1974	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Johnny Balbo
1973	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Tris Coffin
1972	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	ID Vaughan D. Hulse, Jr
1971	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	ID William B. Hix
1970	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Dr. Robert D. McCullough
1969	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	PIP Jorge Bird
1968	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP David A. Evans
1967	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	3rd VP W. Richard Bryan "Dick"
1966	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	IP Dr. Walter H. Campbell
1965	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	2nd VP Edward M. Lindsey
1964	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	1st VP Claude M. DeVorss
1963	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	IP Curtis D. Lovill
1962	Chalfonte - Haddon Hall Hotel	Atlantic City	2nd VP Aubrey D. Green,

Past District Governors Association of MD-16

The Association, made up of dedicated Lions who have proudly served as District Governors, reaffirms its commitment to supporting the Lions of New Jersey. Like all Lions, we are deeply focused on strengthening Membership, Leadership, and Service. Our members stand ready to help clubs attract and retain quality members, and to advance the core values of Lionism. Whether through club visits, mentorship, or guidance, we are here to assist in any way possible. Together, in the true spirit of Lionism, we share the responsibility of helping one another grow and succeed.

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1991-92	"Involvement"	Pres.	Donald E. Banker
1990-91	"We Serve"	Pres.	William L. Biggs, Esq
1989-90	"We Serve"	Pres.	William L. Woolard
1988-89	"We Serve"	Pres.	Austin P. Jennings
1987-88	"We Serve"	Pres.	Judge Brian Stevenson
1986-87	"Bring Quality to Life"	Pres.	Sten A. Akestram
1985-86	"We Serve Better-Together"	Pres.	Joseph L. Wroblewski
1984-85	"Answer the Call to Serve"	Pres.	Bert Mason
1983-84	"Join Hands in Service"	Pres.	Dr. James M. Fowler
1982-83	"Share the Vision of Service"	Pres.	Everett J. Grindstaff
1981-82	"People at Peace"	Pres.	Kaoru Murakami
1980-81	"Touch a Life with Hope"	Pres.	William C. Chandler
1979-80	"A World Together"	Pres.	Lloyd Morgan
1978-79	"Love, Compassion, Spirit in Action"	Pres.	Ralph A. Lynham
1977-78	"Lionism: People Caring for People"	Pres.	Joseph M. McLoughlin
1976-77	"Make Your Fellow Man Feel Needed"	Pres.	Prof João Fernando Sobral
1975-76	"Lionism Is Opportunity"	Pres.	Harry J. Aslan
1974-75	"Lionism: a Heritage Challenging Tomorrow"	Pres.	Johnny Balbo
1973-74	"One Million Men Serving Mankind"	Pres.	Tris Coffin
1972-73	"Humanitarian Solidarity Through Lionism"	Pres.	George Friedrichs
1971-72	"Lionism Is Commitment"	Pres.	Robert J. Uplinger
1970-71	"Involvement Now"	Pres.	Dr. Robert D. McCullough
1969-70	"Unite Mankind Through Lionism"	Pres.	W. R. Bryan "Dick"
1968-69	"Building a Cathedral"	Pres.	David A. Evans
1967-68	"World Understanding Through Lionism"	Pres.	Jorge Bird
1966-67	"Search for Peace"	Pres.	Edward M. Lindsey
1965-66	"The Challenge for Service"	Pres.	Dr. Walter H. Campbell
1964-65	"The Hour of Decision or Lionism: a Conscience"	Pres.	Claude M DeVorss
1960-61	"World Peace"	Pres.	Finis E. Davis
1958-59	"Honest Values"	Pres.	Dudley L. Simms
1957-58	"Step by Step"	Pres.	Edward G. Barry
1955-56	"Spirit, Mystic Ideals & Action"	Pres.	Humberto Valenzuela

** Years for Which There Are No Slogans, Unofficial or Official, Are Omitted (1963-64, 62-63, 61-62, 56-57)

Peace Poster Contest Themes

2025-2026	Together As One	2006-2007	Celebrate Peace
2024-2025	Peace Without Limits	2005-2006	Peace Without Borders
2023-2024	Dare to Dream	2004-2005	Give Peace a Chance
2022-2023	Lead With Compassion	2003-2004	Creating A Brighter Tomorrow
2021-2022	We Are All Connected	2002-2003	Dream Of Peace
2020-2021	Peace Through Service	2001-2002	Lighting The Pathway To World Peace
2019-2020	Journey of Peace	2000-2001	United In Peace
2018-2019	Kindness Matters	1999-2000	A New Beginning For Peace
2017-2018	The Future of Peace	1998-1999	Planting The Seeds Of Peace
2016-2017	A Celebration of Peace	1997-1998	A World In Harmony
2015-2016	Share Peace	1996-1997	Building A Peaceful World
2014-2015	Peace, Love, and Understanding	1995-1996	Peace Will Set Us Free
2013-2014	Our World, Our Future	1994-1995	Peace In My World
2012-2013	Imagine Peace	1993-1994	A Journey To Peace
2011-2012	Children Know Peace	1992-1993	An Environment For Peace
2010-2011	Vision of Peace	1991-1992	Peace Begins With US
2009-2010	The Power of Peace	1990-1991	People At Peace
2008-2009	Peace Begins With Me	1989-1990	Picture A Peaceful World
2007-2008	Peace Around the World	1988-1989	Peace Will Help Us Grow

THE 2026-2027 CONTEST

Harmony in Humanity

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.



Lions Clubs can order a contest kit for each contest they sponsor from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. In addition, the kit is now available digitally. You can get immediate access to all kit components via email so you can download and print the digital kit and save shipping fees.

Each Digital kit contains:

Downloadable

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant flyer to print for all students to take home
- Winner sticker (to attach to the back of the winning poster)
- Certificates to print for winner and school or youth group

Each Physical kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant flyer to duplicate for all students to take home
- Winner sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group
- Order physical kit

“Together As One”

Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest 2025 - 2026

Chosen by Past International President Dr. Patti Hill, this year’s Peace Poster Contest asked children to envision our world, **Together As One**. Districts 16 N, J, and L held their contests, and the results were creatively crafted, beautifully designed posters that supported the theme from a child’s perspective. Each district received hundreds of entries which were reviewed and narrowed to a smaller field as designated by that district. Ultimately, each district chose one poster to submit for the MD 16 State entry in the International Contest.

The three artists whose posters were chosen to represent their districts for the State level of competition were the following:

District N, Sarong Lee, sponsored by the River Edge Lions;

District J, Kashvi Jaitley, sponsored by the West Windsor Twp. Lions; and representing **District L, Nora Fredericks**, sponsored by the Toms River Lions.

Second Place winners acknowledged by their Districts were:

District N: Jenny Chen, sponsored by the Saddle River Valley Lions

District J: Wendy Castillo, sponsored by the Warren Lions

District L: Bonnie Kaur, sponsored by the Eatontown Lions

Third Place winners acknowledged by their Districts were:

District N: Aarvi Gulati, sponsored by the Saddle River Valley Lions

District J: Aimee Lee, sponsored by the New Providence Lions

District L: Abigail Hulme, sponsored by the West Berlin Lions

Honorable Mentions: Natalia Marciano (Allentown Lions), Londyn Ayala-Judson (Toms River Lions), Alexandra DeAnda (Middletown Lions)



**MD 16 Peace Poster Contest
Winner: Sarong Lee
from District 16N**

At the November State meeting, the winning poster selected for the International level of competition was designed by Sarong Lee, sponsored by the River Edge Lions of District 16N. Sarong and her family were recently welcomed at a District 16N meeting by District Governor SuzAnne Pacala, who presented Sarong with a plaque and certificate expressing our thanks for submitting her beautiful poster.

Thank you to all the Clubs that sponsored a Peace Poster competition for their communities! This is a valued tradition among our Lions Clubs, and the results never disappoint.

Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC)

The beginning of Lions Club pin trading goes back to founder, Melvin Jones, who was unsuccessful twice in his efforts to organize what we now know as Lions Clubs International. One of these attempts was an organization called the "Loyal Order of Lions" which lasted only a short period of time. However during that period, a lapel pin featuring a single lion was designed and issued for the members. When the Lions Clubs International was founded the design was enhanced to feature two lions facing left and right as seen around the world today. In the 1920's Lions Clubs began issuing special recognition pins such as a perfect attendance pin which became the precursor to Lions Club Friendship/Trading pins. During the



1950's, "Friendship" pins started to be passed out by Lions to people attending the Lions Clubs International Parades and fellow Convention attendees. These first pins did not have the Lions emblem and were made of paper, wood or plastic such as NJ's first pin (Cornucopia). In the 1960's, Lions changed to creating pins made of metal that are heavy for their size, and of high quality. Often these pins are quite colorful. Simply holding a well made Lions Pin has converted many to the hobby of collecting Lions Club trading pins. Additionally, pin trading/collecting has become popular because pins are relatively small, easy to store or display, and many are simply miniature works of art. Age is often not as important to pin collectors as much as the origin or design. Pins are usually collected in sets or groups issued by States, Multiple Districts, Clubs, individuals, or specific categories (such as lighthouses, trains, automobiles, animals, sports, bridges, etc). Many clubs produce pins to celebrate a special event (e.g., Flight for Sight Balloon Race) or occasion such as: Anniversaries of the Club (5th, 10th, 25th, 50th, 85th, etc.). These pins are then used to provide a Thank You to guest speakers, a gift to visitors, and/or each Club member. **The best part of Lions Club Pins is that when you give a pin to a person, they never throw them away. They may not wear it, but they do put it away. The pins remain a perpetual reminder to the owner.** There is a Lions International Pin Trading Club (LITPC) which was formed on June 27, 1973 and now consists of more than 600 members throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, etc. It is a lot of fun emailing fellow Lions around the world, trading pins by mail, and meeting the trading partner at a International Convention. Each member receives a quarterly newsletter ("The Trading Post") that includes articles on Lions Pins together with many offers to members. Annual Dues are only \$15.

How to Become a Member: If you are interested in learning more about Pin Trading or joining LITPC please contact PID Jeff Gans 609-634-3180 or GansFamily@comcast.net ***It's Fun to Trade & Collect Lions Pins! [See PID Jeff to get his Pin from 21-23]***

Going to the International Convention? Then purchase some NJ pins at the NJ State Convention,.....and trade some pins at the International Convention.

THE STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE



L-R: PCC Mike Pacala, PCC Dayl Baile, PCC Albert Olizi, PDG Jim Dougherty, PDG Dennis Brubaker, PCC Armando Guerra

WELCOME TO ATLANTIC CITY

We are delighted to see you again this year.



The Convention is a time to take advantage of the education, enjoy the entertainment, and spend extra time with friends.

ENJOY!



Thank You for a Successful Year of Leadership, Service, and Friendship

*You exemplify what it truly means to lead with vision, integrity, and heart.
Your dedication has strengthened our Multiple District and inspired Lions
across the state.*

2025-2026 Council of Governors

*SuzAnne deRussy Pacala, 16N
John JD Schweska, 16J
Sarah Taylor Deak, 16L
State Office Advisor - PCC Dawn Kosobucki*

Best Wishes to Our Incoming MD16 Council of Governors 2026-2027

*Michael Moyer, 16N
Subarna Sahni, 16J
Jeff Iapicco, 16L
Council Chair - PDG Brad Day
State Office Advisor - PCC Jack Romano*

*With gratitude and pride,
Council Chair MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily*

PDG Bob DeLambily



Together We Serve
2025 - 2026
MD16N District Governor
SuzAnne deRussy Pacala

Thank You 16N For A Truly Amazing Year!

Not Above You, Not Beneath You, But With You!





**It's been a true privilege to serve both my District and the MD16 Council. We are one great Lion family of New Jersey!
Bring Light, Build Unity!**

**District Governor 16J
John JD Schweska
2025-2026**



**The Journey continues! Keep serving, keep loving,
keep sharing life and hope with others!**

WITH GRATITUDE TO MY FELLOW COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

***Thank you for one of the most meaningful
years of my Lions life.***



***Serving alongside each of you this year has
been an honor.***

***Together, we led with kindness,
we shared light,
and we inspired action across our districts
and our Multiple District.***

***Your leadership, friendship, and
encouragement made this year truly special.***

***I am grateful for the opportunity to serve
beside you, and I look forward to all we will
continue to accomplish together as we
serve.***



***With appreciation and respect,
DG Sarah Taylor-Deak
District 16L
2025-2026***

Inspire Action. Cultivate Leaders. Build a Better Tomorrow.

IPCC Dawn Marie & PDG Kevin Kosobucki

*We would like to Congratulate the
2025-2026 Council of Governors:
CC MaryAnn, DGs SuzAnne, John & Sarah
as well as wishing a successful future to the
incoming Council 2026-2027:
CCE Brad, and DGEs Mike, Subarna and Jeff
along with SOAE Jack*

*We also wish to thank the Sayreville Lions,
Sayreville Community Leos and all the
newly formed Atlantic Connections Cyber
Leo-Lion Lions Clubs for their spirit and
support.*

*Please remember to serve with honor and
dedication, believe we make a difference,
dream big and Please donate to LCIF*



Congratulations

**to the Lions MD 16 outgoing
leadership of: CC MaryAnn Ragone
DeLambily, DGs SuzAnne DeRussy
Pacala, John Schweska & Sarah Taylor
Deak along with SOA IPCC Dawn
Marie Kosobucki for a job well done**

&

**As the incoming Council Chair, I look
forward to a great year in 2026-2027
working with the incoming team of
District Governors: Mike Moyer,
Subarna Sahni, & Jeff Iapicco and
SOAE PCC Jack Romano**



We Serve

CCE Brad Day

The Belvidere Lions Club The Belvidere Lions Club Foundation Inc. Endorses

**Michael Moyer as District Governor 16N
2026 - 2027**



“A recipe for growth and service”

The Belvidere Lions Club, chartered in 1952, will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2027 with special activities and legacy projects being planned.



“ROCKIN’ the RED BARN CONCERT SERIES”

Sunday June 14th, July 12th, August 16th and September 13th

Free concerts 4:00pm - 6:00pm



“WE SERVE”



Princeton Lions Club



PROUDLY ENDORSES

THE CANDIDACY OF LION SUBARNA SAHNI

as the

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2026-27

A Lion with a heart of service, compassion and generosity. Always ready to help and give. Lions of District 16J will immensely benefit from her experience and knowledge.

Princeton Lions Club wishes all incoming District Officers a successful Lionistic year.



THE CHARACTER — OF A — LION



Will to serve
Our hearts are in it for the right reasons.

Empathy
We listen with understanding & compassion.

Selflessness
Service above self drives our actions.

Excellence
We strive for greatness in all that we do.

Reliability
We don't wait to step up. You can count on us.

Vision
We see the needs and step up to meet them.

Enthusiasm
We have the passion and energy of a Lion.



Middletown Lion's
LION JEFF IAPICCO

Congratulations from the Middletown Township NJ Lions Club, its Members, Officers and Board of Directors on the nomination of

**Lion Jeff Iapicco to the position of
District L Governor 2026-2027**

All the reasons above reflect your character to lead our District!
Lion Beverly Bova Scarano, President



Midland Park Lions Club

Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.



Congratulations

to the

2025-2026 Council of Governors

for their service to Multiple District 16 New Jersey

State Council Chair Mary Ann Ragone DeLambily

State Office Advisor IPCC Dawn Kosobucki

District Governor 16-N, SuzAnne Pacala

District Governor 16-J, John Schweska

District Governor 16-L, Sarah Deaks

Best Wishes

to our

Incoming MD-16 Council

for a fruitful, successful, and productive 2026-2027 Lionistic year

State Council Chair PDG Bradford R. "Brad" Day

MD-16 Office Coordinator PCC John L. "Jack" Romano

District Governor 16-N, Mike Moyer

District Governor 16-J, Subarna Sahni

District Governor 16-L, Jeff Iapicco

And their respective

First and Second Vice District Governors!

Your dedicated, faithful and selfless service to Lionism is the hallmark of our moto, "We Serve!" Congratulations.



Yours in Service

Lion Jack Romano, PCC, PMJF



**Parsippany Lions Club
Proudly Endorses**



LION PRATAP JAYAKAR

Our Founding President, Melvin Jones Fellow,
International President's & State Lions Awardee

**To Serve as
1st Vice District Governor (2026-2027)
New Jersey Lions District 16N**

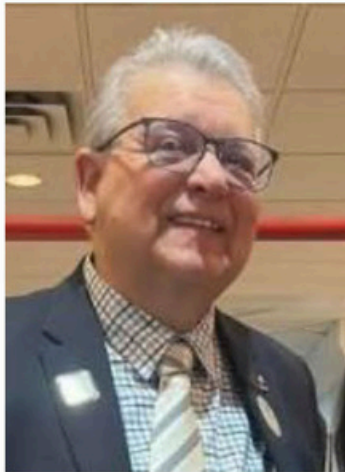


Pratap synergizes Service, Membership and Leadership for scalable community impact, grounded in the belief that “Lions and LEOs are two generations, walking side by side - learning, serving, and elevating communities together.”

Professionally, Pratap Jayakar serves as part of Executive Management at Integration International, Inc. (i3), offers AI-driven Consulting Solutions in Data Intelligence, Process Automation, IT Infrastructure Modernization and Workforce Transformation (www.i3intl.com)

Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club
Proudly Endorses

Reinerio “Rey” Fonseca



**For First Vice District Governor
16-J
2026-2027**

Atlantic City Bangladesh
American Lions Club
Proudly Endorses
Kazi S Islam



**For First Vice District Governor
16-L
2026-2027**





Lion Sponsor Dee Cifelli

July 20, 1939 – November 23, 2023

In Memorium



Robert C. Millea, PDG

July 2, 1955 - January 26, 2019

Dear PDG Bob,

I don't know if you are getting the emails but I am now running for Second Vice District Governor of 16N. I remember when you brought me to my first District Meeting and then my first Convention. I thought you should know that this is all your fault! I'm kidding. We miss you and I pray for your guidance as I advance through the officer ranks in Lions. Till we meet again, rest in peace my friend.

Lou Lambe

PS Mom, you're not innocent in this! Miss you too!



Mastering Lionism

Unlock your potential and build unshakeable self-confidence as a member of the largest service organization in the world. Being a Lion will empower you to shine in every area of life!



**Summit Lions Club
Proudly Endorses
Peter L. Twill
for 16J 2VDGE**



Allentown Lions Club
Proudly Endorses
Steven Stein



**For Second Vice District Governor
16-L
2026-2027**



We Serve



2021-2022



PID Jeff & Lion Ellyn



2022-2023

(Proud to have Represented NJ Lions on the International Board of Directors)

Best Wishes for A Successful Convention

**Welcome International 1st VP Dr Manoj and Lion Jayna to Our Convention
&
Congratulations to the Council of Governors for a Great Year**

Some Famous Firsts in New Jersey

1. The first drive-in movie theater was in Camden on 06/06/1933 (showed "Wives Beware").
2. The first condensed soup in America (Tomato Soup) was cooked and canned in Camden in 1897.
3. The first saltwater taffy was produced at the Jersey shore in the 1870s.
4. The first boardwalk in the world was built in Atlantic City in 1870.
5. The first Miss America (Margaret Gorman) was chosen in Atlantic City in 1921.
6. The first organized baseball game was played in Hoboken in 1846.
7. The first professional basketball game was played in Trenton in 1896.
8. The first intercollegiate football game was played by Rutgers and Princeton in New Brunswick on 11/06/1869.
9. The first radio broadcast of the World Series was transmitted live on radio station WIZ in Newark in 1921.
10. The first brewery in America opened in Hoboken in 1642.
11. The first national historic park in America was established in 1933 in Morristown.
12. The first seashore resorts opened in Cape May and Long Branch in the early 1800s.
13. The first movie was developed by Thomas A. Edison in West Orange in 1889.
14. The first phonograph was made by Thomas A. Edison in Menlo Park in 1877.
15. The first solid body electric guitar was invented by Les Paul of Mahwah in 1940.
16. The first copper mine in America was opened by Dutch settlers in the Kittatinny Mountains, circa 1640.
17. The first ferry service in the U.S. operated between Hoboken and Manhattan in 1811.
18. The first incandescent lamp (light bulb) was made by Thomas A. Edison in Menlo Park in 1879.
19. The first town to be lighted by electricity was Roselle in 1883.
20. The first robot to replace a human worker was used by General Motors in Ewing Township in 1961.
21. The first cultivated blueberries were marketed by Elizabeth White of Whitesbog in 1916.
22. The first steam locomotive to actually pull a train on a track was built by John Stevens of Hoboken in 1824.
23. The first airplane passenger flight flew from New York to Atlantic City on May 3, 1919.
24. The first balloon flight in America was made by Jean-Pierre Blanchard. On January 9, 1793, he landed a balloon at Deptford carrying a letter from George Washington.

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Congratulations

to our Outgoing
Council of Governors



DG SuzAnne DeRussy Pacala

DG John JD Schweska

DG Sarah Taylor Deak

For an Outstanding Year of Service
to our New Jersey Communities
and

to our Incoming Council of Governors

DG Michael Moyer

DG Subarna Sahni

DG Jeffrey Iapicco

We wish them much success and support
as they begin their year of leadership
and service to their communities and our Lions
mission of service locally and around the world.



PID Mel Bray, PMJF 21

Lion Ginny Bray PMJF 3

Congratulations to the 2025-26 MD16 Council of Governors

Council Chair MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
Governor SuzAnne Pacala 16-N
Governor John Schweska 16-J
Governor Sarah Taylor Deak 16-L

(For a Great Year of Service)

Best wishes for success to the 2026-27 MD16 Council of Governors

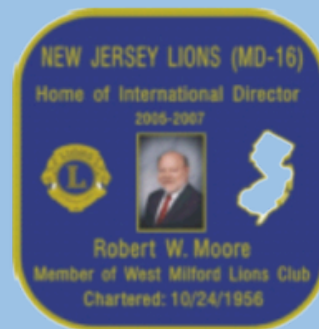
Council Chair Brad Day
Governor Michael Moyer 16-N
Governor Subarna Sahni 16-J
Governor Jeffrey Iapicco 16-L

Thank you, NJ Lions, for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Lionism,

Bob Moore

Robert W. Moore, Past International Director



PCC Mary Devon O'Brien

&

PZC Christopher Smith

**Wish to thank all MD 16 Lions for
everything with the sincerest
appreciation of gratitude for all
your service**



**May you continue to serve your local
community as well as our global
communities.**

In Friendship With, Service To & Support
of All Lions in Multiple District 16

Congratulations & Good Luck
To The 2026-2027
Council of Governors



Best Wishes From
PCC Bob Virgadamo And Kim Sarik
of the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club

Welcome to New Jersey



**International Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah
& Lion Jayna Shah**



Congratulations

On a successful year (2025-26)
Council Chair MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
DG SuzAnne Pacala (16-N)
DG John JD Schweska (16-J)
DG Sarah Taylor-Deak (16-L)

Best Wishes for 2026-27

Council Chair (Elect) Bradford Day
DGE Michael Moyer (16-N)
DGE Subarna Sahni (16-J)
DGE Jeffrey Iapicco (16-L)

**PLLBL Lion Ojas, PCS Lion Anu
& PCC Lion Mahesh Chitnis**

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Wishes you an Enjoyable, Meaningful Convention



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Congratulations
 to CC Mary Ann, DG
 SuzAnne along with DG John,
 DG Sarah and SOA Dawn for
 your service and leadership
 this year

Best Wishes
 to DGE Mike Moyer for a
 successful Lionistic year.



Yours in Service,
 PDGs Barbara and Lou Corsaro

NJ Lions Katzenbach Committee

Congratulate the Council of Governors Lions for a Year of Outstanding Service and Wishing a Very Successful And Rewarding Year of Service To The Incoming Council of Governors.

Thank you for Your Continued Support of The Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf Students. We Invite You to Join Us for the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10 AM in The Karnisky Auditorium.

**If You would like to contribute, please send your donations to
The NJ Lions Katzenbach Committee
102 Renaissance Blvd, NJ 08873**

(NJ Lions Katzenbach Committee is a 501c(3). All donations are tax deductible.)

**For more information, contact PDG Kash Delory at (609) 273-1955/
kdelory@gmail.com**

******* Where There is a Need, There is Lion *******

PDG Kash Delory & Lion Avinash Delory

Congratulations DG John Schweska (16J), DG Sarah Taylor Deak (16L), DG SuzAnne DeRussy Pacala (16N), State Advisor Dawn Marie Kosobucki and Council Chair MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily for an Outstanding Year of Service and Wishing Good Luck and a Banner Year to the Incoming Council of Governors 2026-2027.

Congratulations For Another Successful State Convention!!

New Jersey Lions Past District Governors Association



We as Past District Governors are available to assist you as our future members and leaders. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support.

2025-2026 Officers

President: Brad Day, PDG

Vice President: Kevin Kosobuki, PDG

Acting Sec/Treas: Kevin Kosobuki, PDG



We Serve



*“Bosses push,
Leaders pull. Real
leadership is
servant leadership.”*

~ Dave Ramsey

*“Leadership should
be born out of the
understanding of
the needs of those
who would be
affected by it.”*

~ Marian Anderson



*“A noble leader
answers not to the
trumpet calls of
self-promotion, but
to the hushed
whispers of
necessity.”*

~ Mollie Marti

*“Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead.”*

~ A. P. Singh

Lions District 16L Past District Governors Association

*Best wishes to the incoming District Governor
Teams. We are here to support you and will gladly
offer our assistance whenever you need us.*

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President: PDG Karen B. Ressler (2013-14)

Vice President: PID Melvyn K. Bray (1999-00)

Secretary/Treasurer: PDG Ely Mateo (2022-23)

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

CURRENTLY MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 16L CLUBS

PCC Dayl R. Baile (2011-12)

PDG Linda Banks (2019-20)

PDG Douglas Both (2021-22)

PDG Clarence Brown (2017-18)

PDG Richard C. Campana, Jr. (2008-09)

CC MaryAnn DeLambily (2005-06)

PDG Robert W. DeLambily (2003-04)

PDG T. Craig Finnegan (2012-13)

PDG Donna Freidel (2023-24)

PDG Frederick E. Frisch (1992-93)

PID Jeffrey R. Gans (1997-98)

PDG James M. Heisler (2010-11)

PDG Takeo Ishimasa (2002-03)

PDG Marlene Martin (2007-08)

PDG Alfred Mottola (2020-21)

PCC Albert J. Olizi, Jr. (2015-16)

PCC Arthur Orsi (1983-84)

IPDG Terry Rosiak (2024-25)

PDG William Sauser, Jr. (2002-03)

PDG Kara C. Schnure (2018-19)

PDG David Skrivanek (2019-20)

PDG Rosemarie P. Townend (2010-11)

PDG Delores "Dee" Wiemer (2006-07)

PDG Richard Zimmermann, Jr. (1994-95)

LIONS DISTRICT 16-N CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

“Celebrating 54 Years”

of
Serving Those In Need
Throughout New Jersey Lions Multiple District 16



Congratulations

to the
Lions of Multiple District 16
on your
2026 STATE CONVENTION!

John A. Pinkus
President

Winster D. Ceballos
Secretary

Alvin Cox
Vice-President

John "Jack" L. Romano
Treasurer

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Winster D. Ceballos	Robert Frank	Bob Lyman	John "Jack" Romano
Richard C. Chittum	Lisa Garland	Ruth Molenaar	Mario Rosellini
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**Lions District 16 J
Charitable Foundation**

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One of the projects supported by the 16L Charitable Foundation this year was the purchase of a **Misting Fan**, to be used in the **Charitable Foundation Tent**, that District clubs can borrow for service events and eye screenings. The foundation has made a **Donation to LCIF** which has enabled us to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to recognize a truly service minded District 16L Lion at this year's LCIF Dinner at Convention. The Foundation is in the process of submitting a grant application to LCIF to enable us to purchase several new **Vision Screeners** that district clubs can borrow.

The Foundation relies on the support of our District 16L clubs so that we can continue to help our clubs and state projects do even more! We ask that your club consider donating to the Lions District 16L Charitable Foundation when you make your yearly charitable gifts. We also encourage you to apply for a grant to support your projects!

*Can we help your club or project better serve your
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District 16 L

The Atco Lions Club

In Memoriam

Of those who have departed us



Joseph C. DeCerbo

Life Member, Melvin Jones Reciprocate

&

Lucille DeSilvio Giannini

Loving memory of sister with love V.P. Phyllis DeSilvio Shendock



Atco Lions Club

Thank You



Sarah Taylor Deak
On a Great Year
As DG for 16L

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*Thank you for representing Hammonton with
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*Multiple District 16
The Metuchen Lions Club*

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MD 16 Convention Committee

For Another Successful & Informative State Convention





In Memoriam

Theodore "Ted" Symanski

Past President 2010-2012

Member for over 44 years

&

Diana Yashinski

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Congratulates

The 2025-2026 Council of Governors

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DG John JD Schweska (16J)

DG Sarah Deak(16-L)

CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily, PDG

State Office Advisor Dawn Marie Kosobucki, PCC

And the 2026-2027 Council of Governors

DGE Michael Moyer (16-N)

DGE Subarna Sahni(16-J)

DGE Jeff Iapicco (16-L)

CCE Bradford Day, PDG

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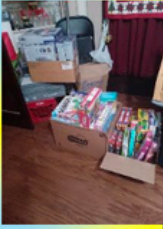
Pennsauken Lions Club

Serving the Pennsauken Community for more than 84 years, would like to congratulate incoming District Governor and the District Cabinet for their dedication to Lionism. Their hard work and dedication are a testament on what it means to be a true Lion. Good luck as you begin your journey for Lion year 2026-2027.

History of the Pennsauken Lions Club: Chartered Tuesday, March 24, 1942

Since its inception, the club has been instrumental in providing support to organizations and individuals in the Pennsauken community. This includes support for the Visually Impaired, annual Eye Screenings at Pennsauken, Merchantville Public Elementary and Parochial Schools, eye glasses for grade school children, Scholarships for High School Seniors to go to college. Many of our annual community programs targets community individuals who are in need. Through the efforts of the club and its membership, annually provide an array of events to support our on-going effort and commitment to the community.

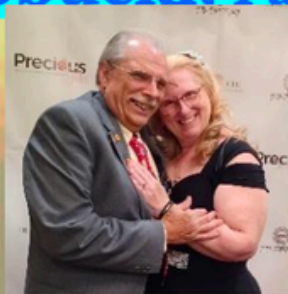
**Thank You Ms. Dawn
for all your dedication
to us, We Love You**



**Thank You to Our Leo
Advisor Mrs. Dawn Marie
Kosobucki, We will miss you.**

**Sayreville Lions Club,
celebrating 90 years of service: 1936-2026
we would like to congratulate the
2025-2026 Council of Governors**

**Especially Our Very Own
Dawn Marie Kosobucki,
Immediate Past Council Chair & LCIF Area Co- Leader
Kevin E Kosobucki, Past District Governor**



**DG SuzAnne Pacala 16 N DG John Schweska 16 J
DG Sarah Taylor Deak 16 L & Council Chair
MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily**

Wishing 2026-2027 Council the best:

**CCE Brad Day
DGE Mike Moyer 16 N
DGE Subarna Sahni 16 J
DGE Jeff Iapicco 16 L
&SOAE Jack Romano**

**We know that you lead all of us
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Would Like to Thank
District Governor
Sarah Deak*



*For Your Dedication
to District 16L*





The **West Milford Lions Club**

Chartered October 1956



Congratulations

DG SuzAnne Pacala

on your **OUTSTANDING** work in leading
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We are so **THANKFUL** and **PROUD OF YOU!**

Best wishes for a successful Convention!



Congratulations

Council Chair

Lion MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily

and

State Advisor

Lion Dawn Marie Kosobucki

for your outstanding leadership, guidance, and services.

Best wishes to MD-16 for a successful convention!

from

West Windsor Lions Club



We Serve

The members of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club

CONGRATULATE

SuzAnne deRussy Pacala - District Governor, 16-N

***On her year of dedicated service and remarkable achievements for the
Lions of District 16-N and the communities that we serve.***

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The Wood-Ridge Lions Club Board of Directors wish to recognize our outgoing **King Lion Bob Valenti**. Under his leadership from 2024-2026 our club has shown increases in membership, member participation, and steady growth in fund raising.

Vision Screening – Several club members participated in the District Vision Screening Project. These members attended many of the screenings: **Ken Turtoro, Mike Roman, Dennis Brubaker, Rich McCullough, Jimmy Love, Bob Mayo, Frank Finke.**

White Cane Drive – Chairman Jimmy Love (member participation: 22) **Net \$1,630.00.**

Blind Seal Drive – Chairman Jack Nagel. WR High School Leo's & students distributed 2500 letters and Blind Seal Strips to 2500 homes. **Net \$3,600.00.**

Poker Night – Chairman Rob McMullin (member participation 12) **Net \$4,000.00.**

Holiday Food Drive - Chairman Joe Solda, since 1999 (member participation: 25) 160 turkeys & fixings to the Bergen County Center for Food Action. Also, 25 turkeys & \$2500.00 donated to Assumption Church Food Pantry, Wood-Ridge, that serves the surrounding communities. **Net \$6,500.00.**

Annual Beefsteak Dinner – Co-Chairs Ken Turtoro & Mike Roman (member participation: 34) **Net \$18,219.00.** *Since the 1986 inception, \$700,000.00 has been raised.*

Pancake Breakfast – Chairman Angelo Petruzzella (member participation: entire club purchased 10 or 15 tickets) **Net \$4,750.00.**

Golf Outing – Chairman Jeff Heldman (member participation: 25) **Net \$7,500.00.**

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lion Dennis Brubaker: Past 16-N Governor 2009-2010, LERF President & Trustee, Pioneer – Harold P. Nutter – Melvin Jones – 16-N Mentor Awards, Region Chair, Grants Committee, PP, Club Secretary.

Lion Jack Nagel: 2 term King Lion, Pioneer & Melvin Jones Awards, 45-Year Pin presented by District Governor SuzAnne Pacala

Lion Jimmy Love: incoming King Lion, joined *Eversight NJ Advisory Board.*

Lion Joe Solda & the Wood-Ridge Lions Club: received the first ever *Governor's Kindness Award* "For dedication to feeding the hungry with love, kindness and respect."

Lion Frank Finke: will receive a *Melvin Jones Award* at Club Installation Night, May 21st.



Congratulations to
CC MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily
on her 2025-2026 term as Council Chairperson!

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- TO remember that in building my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- TO hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give to them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
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14-15	A Merit Award Winner Finalist was sponsored by ... Wood-Ridge Lions Club	16-N
15-16	A Merit Award Winner Finalist was sponsored by ... Edison Metro Lions Club	16-J

Your Club Should Participate in the 2026-2027 Peace Poster Contest

2026-2027 Theme: ***"Harmony in Humanity"***. When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. We invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true "Harmony in Humanity".

LEO CLUBS IN NEW JERSEY

16N LEO Clubs (15)

Belvidere High School	Belvidere Lions Club
Livingston High School	Livingston Lions Club
Livingston Community	Livingston Lions Club
Bergen	Midland Park Lions Club
Mt Olive High School	Mt. Olive Lions Club
Parsippany	Parsippany Lions Club
Passaic-Clifton	Passaic-Clifton Lions Club
Upward Bound Helping Hands	Passaic-Clifton Lions Club
Cavallini Middle School	Saddle River Valley Lions Club
Mahwah High School	Saddle River Valley Lions Club
Northern Highlands	Saddle River Valley Lions Club
Jespy's	South Orange Lions Club
DePaul Catholic High School	Wayne Township Lions Club
Wayne Hills Senior High	Wayne Township Lions Club
Wood-Ridge High School	Wood Ridge Lions Club

16J LEO Clubs (19)

Central Jersey Professionals & Entrepreneurs Leo	Central Jersey Professionals & Entrepreneurs Lions Club
East Brunswick Leo	East Brunswick Lions Club
Edison Leo	Edison Metro Lions Club
Edison-East Brunswick Leo	Edison Metro Lions Club
Edison-Highland Park Leo	Edison Metro Lions Club
Edison- Somerset Leo	Edison Metro Lions Club
New Jersey Visionary Cyber	Edison Visionary
Elizabeth Portuguese	Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club
Green Brook Leo	Green Brook Lions Club
Menlo Park Leo	Menlo Park Lions Club
New Jersey Youth Artists	New Jersey Artists Lions Club
New Jersey Multicultural Leo	New Jersey Multicultural Lions Club
New Jersey Renaissance Leo	New Jersey Renaissance Lions Club
South Brunswick Leo Club	Princeton Lions Club
Sayreville Community Leo Club	Sayreville Lions Club
Cyber Somerset Community	Somerset-Franklin Lions Club
Warren Township Leo Club	Warren Township Lions Club
Step for Better World Leo Club	West Windsor Twp Lions Club
West Windsor Plainsboro Leo Club	West Windsor Twp Lions Club

16L LEO Clubs (22)

Allentown	Allentown Lions Club
Atcos Heartfelt Vision ✓	Atco Lions Club
Atlantic Highlands	Atlantic Highlands Lions Club
Brick Township High School	Brick Township Lions Club
Bridgeton High School	Bridgeton Lions Club
Cumberland Regional High School	Bridgeton Lions Club
Monmouth County ✓	Colts Neck Lions Club
Marlboro	Freehold Township Lions Club
Gloucester City High School	Gloucester City Lions Club
Haddonfield Memorial High School	Haddonfield Lions Club
Hammonton High School	Hammonton Lions Club
Laurel Springs	Laurel Springs Lions Club
Overbrook High School	Laurel Springs Lions Club
Samuel S. Yellin School	Laurel Springs Lions Club
Medford Lakes ✓	Medford Lakes
Pennsauken	Pennsauken Lions Club
Southern Regional	Stafford Township Lions Club
Point Pleasant	Toms River Lions Club
Atlantic City High	Ventnor Margate Lions Club
Timber Creek Regional High School	West Berlin Lions (Was Sponsored by Gloucester Twp Lions Club)
Gateway Regional High School	Westville Lions Club
Winslow Township	Winslow Township Lions Club

✓ Means Club Formed in 2025-2026

FIND SOME OF OUR LEADERS

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 B R A D D A Y B E L V I D E R E W A Y L A N D P C R A M E R

Our International Guests

Manoj Shah
 Jayna Shah

Our Council of Governors

MaryAnn DeLambily
 SuzAnne Pacala
 John Schweska
 Sarah Deak

2026-2027 Council

Mike Moyer
 Subarna Sahni
 Jeff Iapicco

2027-2028 Council

Pratap Jayakar
 Reinero Fonseca
 Kazi Islam

Our PIDs

Bob Moore
 Mel Bray
 Jeff Gans

2026-2027 CC

Brad Day

Our 2025-26 LEO Cabinet Members

President: Ruhaan Sahni
 Vice President: . . . Shreyas Jaykar
 Secretary: Kaitlynn Wang
 Treasurer: Albert Zhang
 16 N Director: . . . Shaurya Jaykar
 16 J Director: . . . Avighna Tirumala
 16 L Director: . . . Golam Khan

LIONS WHO ARE SILENT (Since Our Last Convention)

16N (19)

Bernd Kurt Anger
 Joseph Csencsits
 Ernesto B. Garcia
 Alvaro Gonzalez
 Gail Gorab
 Nicholas "Nick" Gorab
 Paul E. Grimes
 Harry Donald Gurke
 Peter Kepsel
 Lawrence C. "Larry" Mandon
 Robert "Bob" May
 Robert Joseph Narucki Sr
 Mark Joseph Olivo
 Naaisha Pettiford
 Sam Shipp
 Eileen C. Specchio
 Cathy A. Standfast
 Lucia Ugalde
 Joseph A. Verga

16J (8)

Wilson Baker
 Vito Alfredo "Nick" deMarsi
 Robert J. "Bob" Desch
 Joseph Lane
 Anthony David "Tony" Schiavo
 Theodore E. Symanski
 Bill Weaver
 Diana Marie Yashinski

OUR PDGs (3)

PCC Stanley Robert Freidel, JR
 PDG John E. Allen, JR
 PDG Norman I. Palmer

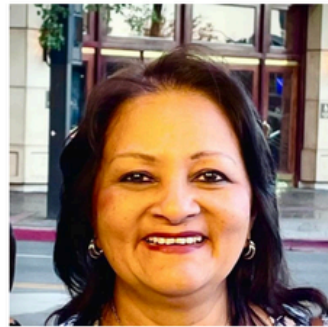
16L (15)

Gloria Bohinski
 Robert Busch
 David "Dave" Byington
 Carolyn S. Cameron
 Judge John A. Fratto
 Lucille Giannini
 Frances L. Gray
 Andrew J. "Andy" Lotano
 Billie Koerner
 Donald McClure
 Francis "Fran" Mulherin Jr
 Saul Resnick
 Lawrence Sorcher
 Howard George Wiemer, Sr
 Scott Wilson

ALL OF THE ABOVE 45 WERE ALSO LISTED IN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE BOOKLET

Up Close with the 2026-2027 Council of Governors

DG 16-N: Mike Moyer	DG 16-J: Subarna Sahni	DG 16-L: Jeff Iapicco	CC: Brad Day
1. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? A Portrait of Jennie	Good Will Hunting	The Martian	It's a Wonderful Life
2. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSICAL? The Music Man	Les Misérables	Oklahoma	The Sound of Music
3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG? The Presence of the Lord, Blind Faith	We Didn't Start the Fire.	Taxi – by Harry Chappin	Stardust
4. WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SINGER? Jelly Roll	Whitney Houston	Harry Chappin	Johnny Mathis
5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK? The Power of Positive Thinking by Peale	The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand	Foundation – Isacc Asimov	Red Clay by Charles Fancher
6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CANDY? Bit-O-Honey	Lemon Drop Candy	Peanut Butter Cups	Snickers
7. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW (CURRENTLY ON TV) Madison	Emily in Paris	Star Trek	The PBS Newshour
8. WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE LIONS? 2006	2013	2015	1995
9. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? Blue	Red	Red	Green
10. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TO WATCH? Ice Hockey	Tennis & Cricket	Baseball	College Basketball
11. WHAT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DO YOU PLAY? Guitar	None	Drums	The sticks
12. WHAT LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE? Jose Andres, World Central Kitchen	Sheryl Sandberg	Warren Buffet	My wife, Becky
13. WHAT DECEASED PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE? Ed Foreman	My Father	Richard Feynman	Marquis de Lafayette
14. DO YOU THINK THAT THERE IS LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS? Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15. DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION? Yes	No	No	No
16. HOW MANY CUPS OF COFFEE DO YOU DRINK IN A TYPICAL DAY? 3 to 4	3	8	2
17. IN WHAT CITY WERE YOU BORN? Phillipsburg, NJ	Lucknow, India	Passaic, NJ	East Orange, NJ
18. WHAT PLACE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO VISIT? France	Machu Pichu, Peru	Paris, France	Metropolis
19. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM? Butter Pecan	Rum & Raisin	Butter Pecan	Pistachio
20. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT? 3rd and Ferry Fish Market (Easton, PA)	EFES (Princeton, NJ)	Din Tai Fung (Shanghai, China)	Saen Thai



Join Women In Lions Seminar Workshop on Saturday, May 16, 2026 during the MD 16 NJ State Lions Convention. Everyone is invited to attend. Our special guest will be Lion Jayna Shah, partner in service with Lions & life to Dr. Manoj Shah, 2nd International Vice President



Meet the Dream Team

The Faces of NJ Lions State Convention 2026



Manoj Shah
International 2nd VP
Guest



State Council



MaryAnn DeLambily
Council Chairperson 16L



SuzAnne deRussy Pacala
Governor, District 16N



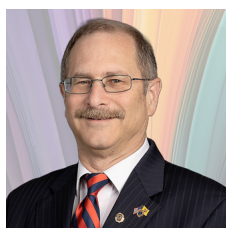
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Governor, District 16J



Sarah Deak
Governor, District 16L



PCC Dawn Marie Kosobucki
State Office Advisor 16J



PID Jeffrey Gans
State Parliamentarian 16L



IPDG Rogel P. Bautista
State Chaplain 16J

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Chairperson 16L



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Chairperson 16L



PCC Michael Pacala
District 16N



PDG Dennis Brubaker
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PCC Armando Guerra
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2025-2026



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Serve to Lead.**



We are committed to leaving this world better than what we inherited.
Together, our service makes it possible.

And, we can expand our service by growing our membership.