

## Lions District 20-K2

#### January 2022

What a great first half of this Lions Year you, our District, and Lions International has had. We have many reasons to be proud to be Lions.

*Lions International* - In December, Lions Clubs International was invited by the White House Coordinator for Operation Allies Welcome to participate in an urgent and historic opportunity to help more than 100,000 men, women, and children from Afghanistan rebuild their lives in America. As the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International was asked if we would assist. Your Club President has received information regarding this effort. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

**Clubs of District 20 K2** - Congratulations Lions of District 20-K2! You have added 163 new members, a new Club and a Club branch! With the increase in membership, you are providing even more service to your communities. Don't forget to report your service. We would love to be able to share your acts of kindness.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the South Nassau Spectacular ASD Lions Club. President Bridget Gallardo and her 22 charter members have already collected non-perishable food for the Thanksgiving food drive organized by their sponsoring Club (Rockville Centre Lions). They also collected holiday gifts for adults and delivered them to two local "group homes." With their passion and enthusiasm, they have and will continue to provide leadership, service, and socialization opportunities for young adults on the ASD spectrum and their loved ones.

The Westbury/Carle Place Lions Club President Debbie Caliendo has her members energized and making a difference. As a Club branch of the Jericho-Brookville Lions Club they collected wipes to be donated to The Social Brain (a nonprofit that assists brain injury survivors and their families). As they continue to build membership, I know they will bring tremendous service to those in need in the Westbury/Carle Place community.

Keep up the great work! If we continue the momentum and increase membership to 1250 before March 1, 2022, we will once again be a District in good standing and be able to endorse PDG Anthony Paradiso as a candidate for International Director.

The District Cabinet and I are here to support you and your efforts. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do this year.

Embrace and celebrate your club . . . your members, your way.

District Governor Paula Umreiko

#### 2021-2022 District 20-K2 Nassau County, NY and Bermuda

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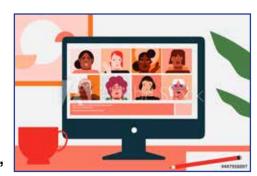
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Lions District 20-K2 www.lions20K2.org

Lions Clubs International www.lionsclubs.org

**Lions Clubs International Foundation** www.lcif.org

Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20 - New York State & Bermuda www.md20lions.com

Facebook Lions Clubs of Nassau County, NY and Bermuda, District 20-K2

Lions Camp Badger Empire State Special Needs Experience www.lionscb.org

New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation www.nysblf.org

Lions Eye Bank for Long Island www.LebLi.org

Lions SEE www.lionssee.org

Lend an Ear www.Laeny.org

## **DISTRICT 20-K2 CABINET NEWS**

## 1st VDG Rupal Sehgal

"All for one, and one for all" is a saying that expresses the strength of a team in any sector of life. Individual members are the pillar of our Lions Clubs, while a team inspires every person to triumph over any obstacles. We as a team win and lose together, so it is important that we keep team spirit up, regardless of the times we are living in, especially now with the COVID pandemic.

We are close to our targets as set by our District Governor. When we believe in ourselves and our team, we can achieve all our goals if we believe in the two main things needed to build a strong team: Consistency and Persistence.

As I look toward planning for next year, I am counting on our team for the knowledge, expertise, and drive needed to serve our community and to be able to make a difference in someone's life. As a business executive once said, "Motivation comes from working on things we care about." It also comes from working together as a team with having trust, respect, and understanding for each other. In the end, success will be ours.

Have faith in the power of your team.

Rupal Sehgal 20-K2 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

## **DISTRICT 20-K2 CABINET NEWS**

## **2nd VDG Mark Bothello**

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope 2022 brings you health, happiness, and peace.

With 2021 firmly in the rear-view mirror we as Lions must prepare for another year of challenges and the continuing Coronavirus Pandemic. There will be an overwhelming demand for our services, and many expect this to continue as societies and their economies continue to work towards recovery.

As our club's meet, be it in person or on Zoom become a Team Player because teamwork helps solve problems. The collaboration within our clubs can help solve difficult problems. Brainstorming is a great opportunity for our members to exchange ideas and come up with creative ways of doing things and fixing problems. By working together, clubs can find solutions that works best.

### **BE A TEAM PLAYER**

Four essential characteristics of a Team Player: One must be flexible and adaptable. You must be dependable and exhibit good judgement. Understand your organization's purpose, goals, and mission statement. Meet challenges head-on.

Mark Bothello 2VDG

## **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

#### Dear Lions of 20-K2,

Happy New Year! As we enter January, and begin the second half of our Lionistic year, I am thrilled to report that we are well on our way to achieving our goal of attaining our "District In Good Standing" status with 1250 members in 35 clubs. The clubs of this district have added 163 members in the first six months. We now stand at 1201 members – just 49 members short of our goal.

It is obvious that all of you are working hard to meet International President Douglas Alexander's challenge to reach new members in order to strengthen our clubs and provide better service to our communities. Attaining good standing will also allow our district to endorse a candidate in this year's contest for International Director.

Our own Past District Governor, the Hon. Anthony Paradiso, has announced his candidacy and is generating support throughout our Multiple District. With your help, we can reach 1250 members before our district convention in March, endorse PDG Anthony, and advance his nomination as our candidate for International Director at the MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls this May.

A big welcome to the newest members of our 20-K2 family, the Lions of the South Nassau Spectacular Lions Club. This club is committed to providing adults on the ASD spectrum and their allies with an opportunity to lead, socialize and serve others. If you know of any caring individuals who would benefit from participation in this club, please contact club secretary Maria Micillo at <u>mmicillo18@gmail.com</u>.

Welcome also to the members of the new Westbury/Carle Place Lions Club Branch, which continues to seek members in its effort to charter before the end of this Lionistic year. This club in formation is already busy assisting those in need. If you know of anyone in the Wesbury/Carle Place community who wants to improve the lives of others, please contact the club's Guiding Lion, PCC Andy Umreiko at <u>aumreiko@gmail.com</u>.

- Now is the time to add new members to your club. Lions International has waived the \$35 entrance fee for new members through the end of June, so now is the perfect time to grow your club!
- Ask family members to join your club. In addition to the temporary entrance fee waiver, the Family Membership Program provides families with the opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they join a Lions club together. Ask your club treasurer for details.

A big thank you to all of the clubs that have added members to their rosters this year, especially those who have experienced net growth. I encourage all clubs to continue to work on their membership. Reach out to me or any member of the District Governor's leadership team for help with recruiting. Keep adding those members as we continue our quest to 1250!

Yours in Service, Anthony J. Colleluori District GMT Coordinator acolleluori@protonmail.com

## **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## A Leader . . .

Requires the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others.

The ability to capture the imagination and enthusiasm of people with clearly defined goals.

Inspires commitment to a team to accomplish a mission.

Shows the way and goes the way.

Theresa Whalen GLT Chairperson





### 46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

#### September 15-17, 2022, Calgary, Alberta Canada

The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world, the USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you! With over 70 seminars training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs, thousands of Lions Leaders share their experiences.

## **DISTRICT 20-K2 NEWS**

## **Peace Poster**

The Peace Poster theme this year was "We Are All Connected." Congratulations to the Seaford Lions Club and Ayla Bienkowski, from Seaford Middle School, whose submission, "Circle of Hands," won First Place in District 20-K2 Peace Poster Contest. The West Hempstead Lions Club submission by Olivia Kahn from West Hempstead Middle School, titled "Internet," tied for Second Place with the Floral Park Lions Club submission by Olivertta Hernandez-Zawrony from John Lewis Childs Elementary School, titled "Sloth." A special thank you goes to the Bellmore Lions Club, Rockville Centre Lions Club, and Freeport Lions Club for judging the wonderful submissions. Thank you to all the clubs who participated in this important Lions project. See you next year! Thank you.

Yours in service, Lion Sue Reichert District Peace Poster Chairperson s.reichert421@gmail.com 516.459.8298







## **DISTRICT 20-K2 NEWS**

## LIONS FLAGS



Currently, there are only one-hundred flags available. The flags are  $3 \times 5$  feet, Dura Sleek, double-sided, and embroidered.

The cost of each flag is \$45.00, and a portion of the proceeds will go to District 20-K2.

To order, please contact Sue Piccolo, 646–354–1539 or email Sue at blue4821@gmail.com. Remit payment by check to:

The Cop Shop 560 Broadway Massapequa, NY 11758

Or Venmo Suzzanne-Piccolo

## **DISTRICT HALLOWEEN PARTY**



DG Paula Umreiko and Zone Chair (Bellmore President) Camille Morvay Raia



District Cabinet Treasurer (Bellmore Secretary) Paige Maria Raia and Bellmore Lion Nick Dupas

The Annual District Halloween Party was held at Verdi's in Westbury on Thursday October 28, 2021. There were over sixty-five attendees who enjoyed the food, festivities, and vying for more than forty raffle baskets. There were four different costume contest categories: The Best Male Costume, The Best Female Costume, The Best Couple's Costume And The Best Group Costume. The funds raised will benefit the Children's Polar Express on December 4.



Modern Day Witch PDG Terri Oster and Mad Hatter PDG Fred Rieger.

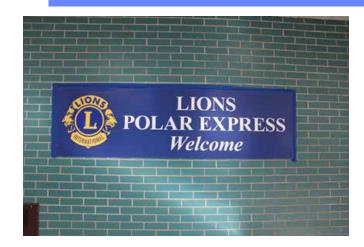


Best Male Costume, Steve Ozer.



Bellmore's 80s group won the Best Group Costume.

## **DISTRICT CHILDREN'S POLAR EXPRESS**



On December 4, 2021, the District's Children's Holiday Polar Express was hosted by the Bellmore Lions and served over 550 children and 270 families. With social distancing in place, 45 Lions and school volunteers as well as 30 Leos worked from set up to break down. Over 600 toothbrushes and toothpaste kits and 1200 bags of candy were assembled. Coats to hygiene kits were given to every guest. The Lions of 20-K2 brought Santa and cheer to many struggling families in Nassau County.



PDG Nina Lanci welcoming the guests to the Polar Express.





Floral Park Lions: L-R: Lion Loretta Rotella, GLT Theresa Whalen, & Lion Donna Langone with a beautiful array of socks for the children.



#### Bellmore



The Bellmore Lions took part in the Bellmore Street Fair on September 25 & 26, 2021. Pictured on the left is Cabinet Treasurer Paige Marie Raia next to Gabriella Lanci, in the background in navy blue is Bellmore Treasurer and PDG Nina Lanci and in white Bellmore President and District Zone Chair Camille Morvay Raia.

We served grab and go drinks and snacks to help raise some funds to donate back to the community. Our stuffed lion Leo was a huge hit with all the children. The Bellmore Leos Club was on hand to help.

## **Eastern Lions**

We held our Fundraiser, **Afternoon Tea with a Different Flare** with part of the proceeds going to Vision Bermuda.

Pictured L- R: Lion Joan Joslyn, Student Volunteer Poppy Yaxley of Warwick Academy, Lion Sharon Gibson, Lion Maxine Burns, Lion Yvonne Morton, Lion Delma Parfitt (President), Lion Kathy Burgess (1st VP), and new member Shubratha Konaru with daughter Shivy.





Cars driving through to pick up their tea boxes as they are given the chance to pick a ticket and win a prize!. Shown at the cars are Lion Kathy Burgess and Lion Joan Joslyn.

We prepared one hundred tea boxes with two types of sandwiches, cookies, cake, a scone, mints and off course two types of teabags in a chiffon gift bag attached to a beautiful ribbon with an Eastern Lions Club label and a thank you note.

#### **Floral Park**



At the September 15, 2021, meeting, Lion John Giuffre presented a check to President Lynn Smith for both the Floral Park Lions Club and Lions Camp Badger. Lion John was one of the Camp Badger raffle winners and donated the funds back to the club.



At the same meeting, GLT Theresa Whalen thanks Lion Barton Fingerman for all he and his wife, Lion Ellen Fingerman with a Lion statue for all they have done over the years for our club.



To kick off the school year in <b>Septembe</b> r, we held a school supply drive at Raindew Store. The items were delivered to the FPBS District where the social worker distributed them to qualified students.
• October 23 was the Drug Give Back at the FP Police
Department.
• October 24 was the Paint & Sip Fundraiser at the FP
American Legion.
• On November 4, Pampered Chef Consultant
<b>Barbara Heine</b> conducted a Zoom Virtual Fundraiser for our club. Great time was had by all!
• Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Grant filled the
OLV Food Pantry and St. Elisabeth's Church for over a
• year. Many thanks to them!
• A total of <b>300 pairs of eyeglasses</b> were donated from
September to December.

Sunday with Santa at the Floral Park Recreation Center on December 5, 2021. Pictured with Santa (Roger McGovern) are L-R: FP Lions President Lynn Smith, FP Secretary Helen Farley, FP Marketing & Communications Chair Irene Caniano, Lion Donna Langone, & District GMT Anthony Colleluori.

#### Freeport



The Freeport Lions Club, chartered in 1955, has been a recognizable force in community service. On Friday, November 5, 2021, the standard in service continued with a donation to the **Bayview Avenue Elementary School**. Partnered with a local small business in Freeport, **Best Banner**, a Marketing, Printing, and Promotions Company, the Freeport Lions Club was able to collect over 1,000 items to support that amazing educational institution.

Principal Mary Garguilo and her team were very grateful for the donations and look forward to working with the Freeport Lions to assist with the needs of the awesome students at Bayview Avenue Elementary School. Pictured L-R are: Freeport Lion Jonathan Howard, DG Paula Umreiko, Freeport Lion Melissa Harris, Principal Mary Garguilo, 1st VDG Rupal Sehgal and Rupal's husband Lion Manish Arora.

#### Hamilton



Four Hamilton Lions Club members doing a service project at Windreach Recreations Village. Windreach is a Therapeutic Riding Centre.

Members pictured left to right:

Lions David James, Jane Bothello, Marlene Christopher, and Mark Bothello.

On Thursday, December 16, 2021, PP Lion Lana Woods, and 1st VP Lion Marlene Christopher of the Hamilton Lions Club donated \$5,000 to the Bermuda Diabetes Association for their education programs, to improve the lives of those living with diabetes.



#### Jericho-Brookville

The members of the Jericho Brookville Lions Club are making a difference for people by being of **SERVICE**. In **COLLABORATION** with other organizations, we have: Cleaned beaches on both the North and South Shore of Long Island, grown oysters, (natures vacuum cleaners) which we "planted" in a protected / no harvest zone on the North Shore of Long Island, and we "Feed the Need" every Saturday at a local motel where individuals/ families, who would otherwise be homeless, are living. The photos included herewith were taken 12/22/21 at the motel, where we gave away toys to the children, and clothing and useful household items such as laundry detergent and fabric softener to the residents. **TOGETHER WE SERVE!!** 





#### Long Beach

October 26, 2021 Event

The Long Beach Lions had a terrific event on Tuesday evening October 26 in Atlantic Beach. There was a great turnout to see and hear David McCallum. We received unbelievable support from the Bellmore Lions Club which sent thirteen members to the Sunny Atlantic Beach Club at 1 pm that afternoon to help Lions Diane Laura and PDG Norm Alpren with all the work to prepare for the event's 23 Silent Auction items (some jewelry valued up to \$400) and 26 Raffle baskets, some with values at hundreds of dollars. District officers who also helped were DG Paula Umreiko, ZC Camille Raia and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Rupal Sehgal.

Clubs that supported us with members attending were from Jericho-Brookville, Rockville Centre, and Nassau Central. At David's request, all the funds raised will go to the *Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation*.

The Long Beach VFW provided a color guard, and we were honored to hear patriotic songs by Sophia McCallum, David's daughter. VFW commander Dan McPhee spoke about the Marines and its value to our nation. Lion Ira Ruderman put together a superb video of clips showing David in *Man from Uncle, NCIS, A Night to Remember (Titanic), Outer Limits, The Invisible Man,* and *the Andy Williams Show.* Members of the Long Beach City Council were present as were some County candidates for positions to be filled on Election Day.

The food was excellent, and a good time was had by all! It was a memorable evening!

Below clockwise: David, the "Boss," LB Lions Pres. Allen Schwartz, some of the guests, Allen & David.



#### Long Island Indo American

## **CLUB NEWS**

Long Island Indo-American Lions Club is committed to serve the community and to create a better tomorrow for the less privileged. In a very short period of time this club has done incredible Job through various events under under the leadership of President Indu Gajwani. The events organized by our club are not only limited to reaching out to community to help with Eye glass donations, Food Drive, Cloths drive, etc. The club also organizes Health and Wellness Fairs, Cultural activities, Social and educational events. Our club has made efforts to touch lives globally by making donations towards Cancer Cure, Eye Sight Testing/ Glasses and Meals Delivery etc.

The club hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gala on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Leonard's Palazzo, Great Neck Long Island. It was a full house. The Club President, Indu Gajwani, Gala committee, Executive committee and Club members worked very hard to make this event a success. The Gala Chairs Gobind Bathija & Dr. Sunil Mehra welcomed all. The Emcees of the evening were Event Chair-Anju Sharma and Program Coordinator Poojaa Makhajani. The Event was dedicated to Covid victims and Front Line Heroes. President Indu Gajwani was introduced by Anju Sharma who highlighted her life time achievements, her dedication, services and leadership as club president. Indu Gajwani also welcomed all. She spoke about the club achievements. Among many honorable guests the event was graced by Lions Club Dignitaries, District governor- Paula Umreiko Immediate past district governor-Terri Oster, 1st VDG-Rupal Sehgal, PCC-Andy Umreiko, PDG-T.J. Anand, PDG-Anthony Paradiso, PDG-NJ-Nancy Jakubezyk & Harish Mehta. President Indu Gajwani recognized her team. The members of the executive committee and chairs were honored for their dedication here for the rest of the rest of the rest of the rest for the rest of the r

dedication, hard work and support. The club members were honoured by the office of N.Y. Senator Kevin Thomas for their services.



#### Personal Hygiene & House old items distribution:

Under the leadership of Lions Club President Indu Gajwani, the Long Island Indo American Lions Club (LII-LC), donated personal hygiene items, household items, cleaning supplies, first aid items, etc. along with non perishable food and snacks items and in cash donation (by check) to the homeless shelter run by the **Terena Williams Glory House in Hempstead NY**. The project was handled by Project chair Poojaa Makhijani along with team members.

The Glory House is a unique program for men and women who are struggling to recover from addiction, sickness and domestic abuse.



Dedicated Lions of Long Island Indo American Lions Club donating Personal Hygiene, House Hold items, food items and Check to The Glory House

#### Diwali Celebration & New Member Induction Ceremony :

The club members celebrated Diwali on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Mint Restaurant Garden City. This event was a unique cultural blend where the people from different cultures were seen blending together enjoying delicious food, music, dance, raffle etc. Event Chair Anju Sharma spoke about celebration of diwali elaborating what diwali symbolizes. In addition to entertainment & cultural exchange the induction of new members was also held on Diwali. The Club is enthusiastic about involving youth. Govind Gupta, Neera Jain, Dr. Rakesh Dua, Dr. Asha Dua, Vaijanti Panjwani, Dr Rajagopal Hollar& Pushpa Rajagopal. The youngest member inducted was 22 years old, Kunwar Ishan Sharma.



#### **Polar Express :**

Long Island indo American club is actively participating in Polar Express Christmas drive since 2019. This year the club donated 'Baby Stuff' to help welcome 'new borns' into the world. The bags were made which included baby blankets, diapers, feeding bottles, bibs, burping cloths, pacifiers, rattles, comb & brush sets, teethers, feeding spoons, Sippy cups etc. This project was initiated by Project chair Sanju Sharma. Our youngest Lion Kunwar Ishan Sharma volunteered to deliver the stuff along with Club President Indu Gajwani & Event Chair Anju Sharma.



The club has done tremendous under the leadership of President Indu Gajwani. A New club which just started in 2019, the club has 82 members. These members are dedicated, hard working, talented, enthusiastic volunteers who are ready to make a change and serve selflessly for the betterment of community. Our club follows the motto 'We Serve': There is a long list of upcoming charity events like, Winter coat drive, Heart to heart, Safe center- Help against domestic violence, Cancer care, Clothes drive, Feed the Hungry etc.

#### Mineola



The Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club donated to the LI Bombers Beep Baseball on October 3, 2021. The Bombers enjoyed an awesome rooftop dinner with the Mineola Lions club, and are so appreciative of their generous donation!



**The INN Turkey Donation**: A donation of 120 turkeys was made to the INN, to give to families and individuals on Long Island. Pictured L-R: Billy Cassidy, Pedro Cardoso, Nathan Schwartz, Andrew Albro, John Broder(Past President & Melvin Jones Award Recipient), and John Kouri.



**Turkey Give-away**: Every year, the Mineola Lions Club members go food shopping two nights before Thanksgiving and Supply Thanksgiving meals ( and much more) to families in need. This year, our club members delivered meals to fifteen families. Pictured L-R: Thomas Jacoberger (Past President & Melvin Jones Award Recipient) and Peter Cardoso.

#### **New Hyde Park North**



Pictured at the food drive are L-R: Lions Dolly Schwartz, Mary Santora, Jeanne Cunningham, Susan Garcia, and President Joanne Alexander.



Lions Carol Bonnevie, Rose Bernardo, and Bonnee Yannaco.

On November 7, 2021 a food drive was held at Village Market in Floral Park. Our club donated three car van loads to Notre Dame Church Food Pantry, Holy Spirit Church Food Pantry, and Lutheran Children's Services Food Pantry. Village Market graciously offered their rear parking lot for our drive. The Floral Park residents were very generous, and along with our New Hyde Park North Lions club members, donated food and cash, which were used to buy more food supplies. The three food pantries were very happy to replenish their shelves.

Lion Jeanne Dippel collecting items.

New Hyde Park North Lions Club inducted new members on December 6, 2021, at our monthly meeting at Trotters Restaurant. Our club is now welcoming men to our club. Pictured L-R are new member John Santora, Lion Mary Santora, Lion Rose Abdilla, new member Marie Scandura, President Joanne Alexander, new member George Alexander, and the Honorable PDG Anthony Paradiso.





#### **Oyster Bay**



The Oyster Bay Lions celebrated the holidays at our annual party on December 11, 2021. It was a great way to celebrate another year of service and fundraising for our worthy causes. In addition to celebrating together, Lions donated Stop and Shop gift cards that were distributed to a local church food pantry for those in need this holiday season. We are looking forward to another great year as Oyster Bay Lions!

#### PLAINVIEW-BETHPAGE LIONS CLUB HAS BEEN BUSY THIS AUTUMN

Covid-19 has changed the way we as Lions hold meetings, and how we reach out to each other and to our communities, but it has not stopped us from contributing to raise funds, raise awareness, and share physical donations and goodwill to those in our club and in our neighborhoods.

This autumn season, our club has continued to donate funds to help raise and train a dog from the Smithtown Guide Dog Association. Our pup, Leo, is involved in intense schooling so he can soon graduate and become an official Guide/Service Dog to help a person in need. We feel the benefits to the dog, to the human, and the human's circle of family and friends all benefit from this companionship.

Our club members gathered with several brave and hearty Plainview High School students to stand outside local supermarkets and collect non-perishable foods and frozen turkey donations. Our club members joined hands with several strong and enthusiastic Bethpage High School students to organize all the donations and to pack the 2,640 pounds of foods collected into 40-pound packages to be delivered to families in need, with a frozen turkey, for Thanksgiving and then again for the winter holidays. We donated all the extra nonperishable food to the Ronald McDonald House, Saint Ignatius, Helping Hands, and Long Island Cares.

Our club has been selling fund-raising calendars for years, with the money collected going to fund our annual Lions Club Scholarship for deserving high school seniors in both towns that we serve. Within our Lions club is a small group of knitters ("Knit Wits") who have created and donated hundreds of hats, scarves and head-wraps to warm the hearts and souls of those in need. We also crochet small stuffed animal "lovies" that are donated to nursing homes and to local hospitals to help soothe, calm, and entertain pediatric patients. This autumn we have donated more than three hundred, and we're still working.

Vision health is a primary concern for Lions. Our club has assisted in the transport of countless cornea from one hospital to another, to assist in the gift of vision restoration. Our club also actively collects new and used eyeglasses to be restored and matched with those in need. We have collected over seven hundred pair of eyeglasses this autumn.

Our club has been hit hard by the passing of a beloved and extremely active member, and in the memory of our dear Leigh Zsadanyi, (Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Zone Chair, Environmental Chair, Leos Leader) we all continue to SERVE with our hearts and our deeds, always.



## **Rockville Centre**



The Rockville Centre Lions Club held their 22nd annual Duck Pluck at the Eat, Shop, Rock event in RVC on October 3, 2021. Pictured L - R: Christian Hansen, Marian Thomson, Robin Webb, Linda Goldstein, Maureen Jordon, Ron Webb, Michael Jordon, and front and center, the RVC Lions Club Duck.



The RVC Lions Club is delighted to sponsor the **South Nassau Spectacular ASD Lions Club**, which was chartered December 30,2021 with twenty-two members. The club will provide leadership, service, and socialization opportunities for young adults on the ASD Spectrum and their loved ones. The club is already at work making a difference in the lives of others. They collected non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive. Pictured here are Marian Thomson, VP Bill Manteria, Ed Asip, President Michelle Sewell of the RVC Lions and Spectacular Lions Club organizers Maria Micillo and Robin Foreman with a festive collection box decorated by the new club members at a recent organizational meeting. For more information about the Spectacular Lions Club, its mission, upcoming meetings, and planned activities, email Maria Micillo at mmicillo18@gmail.com

## Seaford





The Seaford Lions Club presented a Memorial Wreath at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Seaford American Legion Post. Pictured are Seaford Lions President George Brennan and Lions who attended.

The Seaford Lions held their annual Golf Outing September 23, 2021 at Wind Watch in Hauppauge. The event is a major fundraiser and enables the club, which has been in the community for nearly 70 years to benefit those in need. Prizes were contributed and local businesses and individuals sponsored holes and the dinner. Pictured is Golfer Joey Morgan on the 14th Tee.

#### **Peace Poster Contest**

Winners were chosen from Seaford Middle School and St. William The Abbot School. Each winner was recognized and given a monetary award. Ayla Bienkowski's was selected by the District to move on to the State level.



Seaford Middle School winners, L-R: Madelyn Boyon (2nd Place), Ayla Bienkowski (1st Place), Makayla Greenhaus (3rd Place)



St. William The Abbot School winners, L-R: Alexis Arechiga (2nd Place), Lonnie O'Brien (1st Place), Hayley Calcano (3rd Place)

### Wantagh



The Wantagh Lions Club delivered desserts on December 24, 2021 to service members at the US Coast Guard Station Jones Beach. Upon arrival we were greeted by several members of the US Coast Guard, many of whom were seated for their afternoon meal. They were all appreciative of the desserts.

Pictured in the photo from left to right: Wantagh Lion Larry Lamendola, Wantagh Lions President Joe D'Amelio, Executive Petty Officer Kevin Tanski, and Wantagh Lion Don Hagan.

## Westbury/Carle Place



On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, a meet and greet was held for potential members of the Westbury/Carle Place Lions Club at Frank's Steaks on Jericho Turnpike in Jericho.

Pictured with the potential members of the Westbury/Carle Place Club are:(far left), PCC Andy Umreiko who is the Guiding Lion for this new club, GMT Anthony Colleluori seated in the middle, DG Paula Umreiko behind GMT Anthony, Rockville Centre Lion Michael Jordan is next to DG Paula. PDG & Rockville Centre Lion Anthony Paradiso is pictured at the right front with Rockville Centre Lion Maureen Jordan next to him.

### West Hempstead



Despite Covid, the West Hempstead Lions were able to screen eighty children on December 13, 2021, at the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County located in West Hempstead. Pictured from left to right: Lion Santos Welti, CS Toni-Jean Louis, Lion Mark Reichert, HANC Principal Trudy Rubenstein, Lion Sue Reichert, and IPDG Terri Oster. Always willing to serve.



## **Nassau Central**



Nassau Central Lions celebrates the induction of two new members into their Club.



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

As of 2018, the Lions International Trading Pin Club is now awarding three Youth Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue their education and follow their dreams. The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Club International, **"WE SERVE."** During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000.00 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, **"Lions First."** 

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2022.** 

All graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs are encouraged to participate in the LITPC Youth Scholarship program.

**Important**: Since New York usually has several applicants, all scholarship applicants from New York **must submit their completed applications to PCC Jim Schiebel**, Youth Scholarship Chairman, **and not** Lion Lana McCaulley as stated on the Youth Scholarship application. We can only forward two applicants.

#### To obtain LITPC Youth Scholarship Information:

- 1. Go on the LITPC website: **LITPC.org**
- 2. Click on LITPC Scholarship Information
- 3. Click on Scholarship Application Form

4. Send completed application with all required information by **March 1, 2022,** to: PCC Jim Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, N.Y. 14468 jschiebel@rochester.rr.com 585-964-3619

#### Application must have:

a) **Completed current 2021-2022** Application with all five essay questions answered. Each essay response should not be more than 350 words in length.

b) Three Recommendations. One of the three must be from a Lion member.

- c) A certified, signed, and stamped high school transcript with all grades.
- d) A **list** of extra-curricular activities.

## ANNOUNCING THE 44TH ANNUAL Lions Day with the United Nations

## **Register Here**

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LDUN is a great place to meet new Lions and Leos, interact with global diplomats, and celebrate Lions service around the world.

Be an active part of our global partnership! This year's theme is "The NGO Impact on Global Health".

Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the UN Headquarters is closed to visitors and is unable to hold our event this year.

## **Register Here**

Date: March 11, 2022 Place: Westin Grand Central Hotel 212 East 42nd Street, NYC

Register today to secure your spot. Seating is limited!

## 98th Annual MD20 Convention

### **CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registration is open! Register here.

https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/md20lions/

Once you have registered for the conference, you will then be able to make hotel reservations.

#### **HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER INFORMATION**

The 98th Annual MD20 Convention, the Lions of New York State and Bermuda will take place at the <u>Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls</u>, conveniently located in downtown Niagara Falls, New York and just steps from the iconic Falls. This year's headquarter hotel is the <u>Sheraton Niagara Falls</u>, with additional availability at the nearby <u>Hyatt Place Niagara Falls</u>.

### **THINGS TO DO**

With so many activities and attractions in Niagara Falls USA, planning ahead will help to ensure that you get to see—and do—everything on your list. Request your complimentary **Niagara Falls USA Travel Guide** today!





## **MD-20** Lions

Join International President Douglas X. Alexander And Lions From Around the World At The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention

### June 24-28, 2022 In Montreal, Canada At the Palais des Congrès and the Bell Centre

The beautiful Palais des Congrès is one of North America's most renowned convention and exhibition centres. Near historic and cultural areas...Old Montréal, Chinatown and the arts and entertainment district!

## Registration is now open online at - *lcicon.lionsclubs.org*

- Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world.
- Celebrate cultural diversity by marching in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos.
- Learn and grow your skills in expert-lead seminars.
- Hear from world-renowned speakers.
- Meet and chat with Lion Clubs International staff about how to enhance your service, create new opportunities, access key resources and more.
- Participate in the exciting conclusion of Campaign 100, our Foundation's historic effort to ensure our future of service.
- If you're a delegate for your Lions club, and your club is in good standing, you'll be able to cast a vote in the International Election.
  - **Special Note:**

MD-20 has been assigned to the Sheraton Centre Hotel (Headquarters). Rooms are assigned first come first served...Please Register Early.

#### Required For Canadian Entry By US Citizens:

- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card (land & marine only)
- NEXUS card
- Enhanced Driver's License (land & marine only)

#### Covid-19 Protocol: Click Here

Currently, Canada requires that travelers provide proof of full vaccination. Refer to the Government of Canada website to check if you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption as well as which COVID-19 vaccines are accepted in Canada. The website also provides steps to follow for your trip and what to do if you test positive within 14 days of your entry to Canada.



## **MD-20 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PIN**



If anyone is interested in purchasing the MD 20 International Convention pin, they will be available for sale (\$2.00) at the 20-K2 District Convention, which will be on March 6, 2022 at the Hofstra University Club, 255 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.

Actual Size of the MD20 International Convention Pin is 1.75" wide



104th Lions Clubs International Convention

## - Help Keep Our Campers Smiling -

ions Camp



Smiles are contagious! Smiles on the faces of our campers and smiles too, on the faces of our counselors, volunteers and visitors who come to Lions Camp Badger. For forty-two years as the first New York State Lions project, Lions Camp Badger has not only brought smiles to thousands of campers but also a sense of self-esteem,

> confidence and acceptance. Lions Camp Badger is a very special place for very special people.

## Lions Camp Badger "Super Raffle" \$50 Per Ticket

Proceeds Will Benefit Empire State Special Needs Experience at Lions Camp Badger

> There Will Be 10 Winners Receiving \$1,000 Each

## RAFFLE MAILED TO EACH CLUB

Additional tickets available through Lions Camp Badger Office 607-589-4800

### On-Line at www.lionscb.org



Drawing will be held at the Camp on Labor Day 2022. ESSNE is a 501c3 organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

# Saturday - August 13 - 2022

<u>Save The Date</u>

WELLSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB The Wellsville Country Club is a beautiful 18-Hole Golf Course with a newly renovated event facility. Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, along the beautiful Genesee River and blocks from the historic Village of Wellsville.

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Guilding A Brighter Future

#### ALL ARE INVITED! JOIN WITH FRIENDS AND FELLOW LIONS IN HELPING LIONS CAMP BADGER BUILLD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

For Information Contact Event Co-Chairs -Lion William Emrick - williamemrick@yahoo.com PCC Andy Umreiko - aumreiko@gmail.com Sponsorship Chair PDG Michele O'Hare - dgmicheleohare@gmail.com



Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

CAMP CORNER

Please share the following with anyone who might be looking for an exciting and rewarding summer job!

#### 2022 SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT LIONS CAMP BADGER

Do you want a summer job that combines both work and fun in a beautiful outdoor setting? Come work at Lions Camp Badger!

Lions Camp Badger is a residential summer camp located in Spencer, NY. We run programs for kids and adults ages 6 and up who have special needs.

We are hiring NOW for Summer 2022!

- Cook(s) (live-in or live out)
- Aquatics Director (live-in or live out)
- Camp Counselors (must be 17 or older, live-in)
- RN's/PA's/NP's (Sunday-Friday six day sessions, live-in)
- Custodian (live-in or live-out)
- Social Worker (part-time live out)



We offer a competitive salary, room and board including meals, weekly time off, and comprehensive training before our campers arrive. You do not need prior experience--just a willingness to learn and grow from working with our amazing campers. Learn more about our programs and complete an application at our website, www.lionscb.org.

The camp season runs from June 28-August 6.

Questions? Contact Pat Gillule at 607-768-2386.

#### 2022 SUPER RAFFLE

Our annual Super Raffle tickets will be arriving soon. Super Raffle Tickets are \$50 each for a chance to win one of ten \$1,000 prizes. The more tickets you purchase, the more chances to win! All proceeds support Lions Camp Badger, operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc., a 501c3 not for profit organization, and one of your NYS&B Lions State Projects.

#### 2022 Lions Camp Badger Golf Classic:





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February 15, 2022	Childhood Cancer Day
March 6, 2022	District 20-K2 Convention Hofstra University Club, Hempstead, NY
March 11, 2022	Lions Day With The United Nations
March 26, 2022	Connect 2022, Floral Park Memorial HS, 210 Locust Street, Floral Park. For information: lionsclubconnection@gmail.com
May 20 - 22, 2022	MD20 State Convention, Niagara Falls, NY
May 26, 2022	2nd Open Cabinet Meeting and Legacy Celebration
June 11, 2022	District Governor Testimonial
June 16, 2022	4th Voting Cabinet Meeting
June 24 - 28, 2022	International Convention, Montreal, Canada
September 15-17, 2022	46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022 Calgary, Alberta Canada

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