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During a photo-screening, the screener uses a special camera to take a picture of the child's eyes. Once the instant photo is developed, they are sent to the Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo, who then analyzes the photo to look for any signs of vision problems. Lion Dawn Schmidt knows the importance of this event and photo-screening. “I am happy that we are able to offer this service to the community, and despite my busy schedule, I made the time to bring my daughter in for screening”, said Lewiston Lion Secretary Dawn Schmitt.

On Thursday morning, January 15 (10am), representatives of the Amherst Lions Club presented the Optelec ClearView machine—valued at more than $3,000—to Amherst Library Director Rosanne Butler-Smith. The special donation takes place during Lions Clubs International Worldwide Week of Service, as the world’s largest service organization approaches its Centennial.

Ninety years ago, the legendary Helen Keller called Lions the “knights of the blind.” Since then, Lions Clubs have done much to help those with vision problems. In keeping with that tradition, the Amherst Lions Club decided to make a major contribution, “opening the eyes” of potential new library patrons. Pending eventual plans include the provision of a magnifier to each of the Town of Amherst libraries.

Amherst Lions Club President Robert Sikorski notes that visually-impaired persons could not only use the machine for easier reading of mail and printed matter, but could also use the device to help write out their checks or letters. “The magnifier could be a godsend for those without sight, and the Amherst Lions Club challenges other Western New York Lions Clubs and Clubs throughout New York State to provide special help for local libraries and library patrons.”

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At the club’s meeting, Tierney Smith, Director of Educational Initiatives and Program Quality for the Northtowns Boys and Girls Clubs, reviewed the breadth and depth of programs offered to local youth at the various Northtowns locations.

Food Bank photo #1: Sheridan Drive Lions Marcia Benware and Paul Smith sorting food.

Food Bank photo #2: Lions Ruth Bland, Debbie Gajewski, Paul Smith, Marcia Benware, Sharon Battaglia, Phil Ostrowski, Ann Parelli – Food Bank staff member Wally – and Lion Ron Bezinque.

Boys and Girls Clubs photo: Rosanne Braxton (Board President of Northtowns Boys and Girls Clubs), Lion Ann Parelli, Tierney Smith (Director of Educational Initiatives and Program Quality), Lions Ruth Bland and Debbie Gajewski.
Greece Ridge Lions Club

At their January 28th meeting, the Greece Ridge Lions were presented with a check for $3,000 from the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, care of Judy MacKnight. This grant will be used toward a shed to be built in the spring to house the group’s growing medical loan closet. Town residents call the club to borrow commodes, walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, wheelchairs, and other durable medical equipment, which is loaned out free of charge.

The Greece Ridge Lions participated in the Greece Chamber of Commerce Health Fair on Saturday, January 31st. Members, under the watchful eyes (get it?) of Lion Dr. Michele Jamison, ophthalmologist, did vision screenings of children and provided general information about Lions, while Dr. Jamison also did glaucoma testing of adults.

 Appropriately, but not surprisingly this winter, snow fell the entire time during the club’s 13th annual Snow Golf Tournament on Saturday, February 7th. Temperatures were just below freezing, and there was more than enough snow in the park. Laughter could be heard all around the 12-hole course as golfers had fun hitting tennis balls with golf clubs. There were prizes for the lowest scores, the longest drives and for closest to the hole on the first drive. Although the Gates’ Lions played well, the Webster Lions had the best score, beating out rival Gates by one stroke.

The Greece Ridge Lions held their first euchre tournament fundraiser on Saturday, February 21st. For those not familiar with the game, euchre is a card game generally played by four people. At this fundraiser, after each game, players rotated to different tables to play with different partners and different opponents.

Big Flats Lions

We’re just coming off the holidays so there’s not much in the news, though we did have a fantastic Christmas party in December! Lion Gary Bernhardt reported that the last blood drive was the best one ever, with 25 units of whole blood, and Lion Marshall Updike told one of his famous jokes. For entertainment we had the music of Mark Chevaliez and Kenny VanEtten (aka: The Barley Boys), and they treated us to their vast collection of unusual instruments.

Bloomfield Lions

The Bloomfield Lions had a very successful Spaghetti Dinner on January 14th. We have another planned for February 11th At Veteran’s Park Route 5 and 20. We welcome any other Lions club members in the area to come and try out our dinner. We were able to give financial support to many worthwhile organizations in January both locally and state-wide. This was made possible by our generous community support of our Dinners and other fundraising events.

The Bloomfield Leos club performed a weekend of service at Camp Badger January 2nd-4th. Cabin cleanups and other miscellaneous chores were performed throughout the weekend. Picture are three of our Leos.

Canandaigua Lions

On December 8 Club members happily provided, prepared, and served a pasta dinner at the Blue Star Mother’s canteen for about 15 veterans and 8 Blue Star Mothers. Enough food was left to use for a meal for the veterans the next day, as well as to put in the freezer for future meals there or for a veteran settling into a home after receiving treatment at the VA hospital. Members also donated more clothing and some hand soap for the pantries there to help fill the needs of local veterans. Several of our Club members also purchased the Blue Star Mothers’ fundraising cook books. Several Blue Star Mothers attending the event are shown. Picture right to left are Lions Rod Dutton, Bert Mamula, Sam Potter, Melanie Dutton, and Richard Vara.
took our members on tours of the house, described what they do, and who they have in military service. They sit with the veterans as they eat and have discussions, so some of our Lions joined in that activity as well. There was a lot of conversation in the kitchen among and between Lions Club members and Blue Star Mothers, solidifying our camaraderie while serving our veterans. The effort was a great success and one which we plan to repeat!

Corning Lions

This picture is of the Corning Lions who worked to serve dinner for veterans and indigent at Holmes Plate restaurant on Thanksgiving Day. Lion Kim and Lion Brendan Holmes along with their staff donate food restaurant and service. Kim is the lady holding the child while Brendan is the tall guy in the back. About 150 dinners were served in 2 shifts. It has become an annual tradition for both the Holmes and the Corning Lions.

Horseheads Lioness

Our treasurer and Matriarch member, Cay Moses, has passed on her treasurer's duties, after many years of dedication and devotion to the treasurer's post. The Horsheds Lioness would like to thank Cay for all those years of service to her post and to the Board. She went above and beyond for the club.

We held our "Bottle/Can Drive" in January....this was our District 20-E2 Project and we raised approx. $95.00. This was our first effort at a recycling drive, so we now know ways we can make it more successful next year.

North Rose Lions

On December 12th, the North Rose Lions were treated to an excellent program at our annual Christmas Dinner. Roland "Chip" Stevens, a working Artist and Shipwreck finder spoke on the discoveries of British and Canadian steamships found in Lake Ontario. Chip enjoys painting and sketching the ships as they might have appeared sailing. He presented each couple with a personal ship sketching from his collection. More information about his work can be found at www.shipwreckworld.com.

Pictured is Lion Paul Wilson on the left presenting the North Rose Lions gift banner to Chip. The North Rose Lions would like to wish everyone a Prosperous and Healthy New Year 2015!

Penn Yan Lions

The Penn Yan Lions Club provided a wonderful Christmas party for over 30 Head Start children. After a wagon ride around Penn Yan, Santa greeted the children and gave each one gifts. Lion members assisted the children if their gifts needed assembling. It was a very special time for everyone.

Rushville Lions

DG Gary visiting the Rushville Lions Club to give the Club Excellence patch and the pins to Lion Rosanne Beyea - she sponsored a new Lion.

Sodus Lions

On December 20, 14 Lions members, 1 Lioness, plus Katie Hall, Martha Miller, and Jim Maher delivered 25 Christmas baskets. It took one hour to get them all out. In addition, many Lions helped deliver additional baskets for the Christmas sharing program. In all 52 baskets were delivered. Lion Bob Hillis deserves credit for great organization and coordination on this comprehensive community sharing project.

Sodus and Pal Mac Lions

Lion Ed Plesa is shown training Sodus Lion Bill Lesniak in the use of Pal-Mac's new Vision Screening camera at the Tot Spot Child Care Center in Ontario. Ed and the Sodus Lions screened 29 children at Ontario site on January 27th and then the Palmyra-Macedon Lions screened an equal number of children at the Macedon Center. Sodus has leased the Palmyra-Macedon camera for their screenings this past fall for Sodus Head-Start, Williamson Agri-Business Child Development Center, Sodus Primary School, Lyons Primary School, and Lioness Breakfast with Santa. With this arrangement the Sodus Lions have been able to screen a total 210 children at the above locations. There were a total of 31 referrals from these locations. This was a project of serving not only our community but one club serving another.

Union Springs Lions

Red Kettle Drive – Considering there were only four Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we had a very successful year. The four Saturdays covered by the Lions and community helpers raised $1,765.25, and the Coaches and Athletes raised $508.53 on Sunday the 21st for a grand total of $2,273.78 for our Salvation Army account. Our thanks to everyone who rang the bell and donated time and/or money.

Eye Glass Reclamation Program – We have several collection boxes throughout the community to obtain
used hearing aids and eye glasses. Twice a year, eye glasses are transported to the Canandaigua Lions Club, who processes them for District 20-E2. We submitted 866 metal-framed and 399 usable plastic framed eyeglasses. The amount sent to the District Special Funds on our Clubs’ behalf was $47.99, and our Clubs’ share of the revenue gained from processing the last batch of metal framed eyeglasses was $97.43. The used Hearing Aids are donated to the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation and processed through the Attica Leos Club under the guidance of the FLRLHF Audiologist Joe Kozelsky.

Victor Lions

The Victor Lions held our annual Halloween party with music by the Victor Junior High Bands. Cider and donuts were served. We donated money to the Finger-Farmington Food Cupboard and participated in Christmas in the village by giving out free popcorn.

Weedsport Lions were busy this season - shopping, wrapping and delivering gifts to a home for challenged and handicapped adults. This is the second year for the project. We serviced over sixty adults with sets of personal care products and fragrances. We asked the local school district to provide assistance in identifying needy families. The Lions shopped the local Shurfine and purchased turkeys, hams, and assorted groceries to provide seven families with healthy and nutritious holiday meals. Several local business made donations of cash to help in the purchasing of the groceries as well.

On December 13th, the Weedsport Lions participated in a village wide project, "Old Tyme Christmas". Over 350 bags were made for future club projects.

Weedsport Lions are currently working on selling ads to local businesses that will raise money for our annual senior scholarships. Scholarships are given out at graduation in June. The Club is also working on a schedule to help with the spring roadside clean-up on Route 34 between Weedsport and Auburn.

Weedsport Lions have also partnered with our local Good Samaritan Organization with funding to help local families experiencing difficulties. Last year we aided 12 families with special needs.

Volcott Lions

On a recent Saturday, over 200 people were treated to a free viewing of Disney’s “Frozen”. 110 children between the ages of 5 and 12 enjoyed free popcorn with the movie. This was the 2nd annual holiday movie matinee presented by Volcott’s Palace Theatre and the Volcott Lions Club. Amber Roberts, owner of the Palace Theatre commented that this was “quite a show”. The attendance was more than double that of last year’s event. It was great to see the turnout, making this a very successful event.

To promote the “Shop Local” theme, parents could drop off their children, signing them in and out. Lions Club members were available to assist the children. The parents could then use the “childless” time to support Main Street and other local merchants.

**District Y**

The 3rd Cabinet Meeting was held in Cortland. There were 25 Lions in attendance. Here are some photos. DG Tim speaking is the photo to the left.

PDG Dave Rutkowski and Lion Catherine Bernardo were in attendance and PDG Dave gave a report on the “SEE” program.

PDG Kerry Brown gave the GMT report.

2nd VDG Dennis Palmear and 1st VDG Brent Rueffer listen intently to the program remarks.

Lion Marge Montross is all smiles as she receives the “Strong Lion” award from DG Tim.

Morrisville Lions Club members Jeff Golley, left, and wife Kelly Golley, were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards during the Lions Club-sponsored circus at the Morrisville-Eaton Central School on Jan. 23.

The award is named for the founder of Lions International and is the highest recognition for exemplary service in Lionism.

Morrisville Lions Club members Jeff and Kelly Golley recalled they got involved in Lionism 15 years ago in a rather unconventional manner. While many Lions follow in the footsteps of older family and friends who have either invited them or inspired them to join, the Golleys were actually encouraged by their then-elementary school-aged son Derek. The youngster was friends with a child who was the son of one of the Morrisville Lions Club members, and used to accompany his buddy to Lions meetings and activities.

**Walton Lions Club**

_This is a picture of the sponsors and recent new members inducted on Thursday, January 15th when DG Tim was doing his club visit to Walton._

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District 20-O Lions Clubs have been very busy this winter:

- Amenia Lions donated towards the purchase of a camera for Lions SEE, Adopt-A-Family, and Sunday in the Country. They raised $8000 for scholarships at their annual dinner/dance.
- Bethel Lions volunteer at the local book store, and delivered bags of food and other items to 13 shut-ins in the Bethel area.
- Chatham Lions sponsored an annual Ice Fishing Derby.
- Cornwall Lions assisted 20 families in need for the holiday, and assisted the LEOs from the New York Military Academy in a highway cleanup project.
- Eldred Lions spent 5 weekend nights traveling to local towns and villages spreading Christmas magic.
- Florida Lions sponsored a Lions SEE screening.
- Greater Washingtonville Lions hosted 2 vision screenings.
- Hudson Lions recycled eyeglasses and collect food at each meeting for local food pantries.
- Hurley Lions cleaned up the Lions Gazebo.
- Hyde Park Lions hosted a vision screening at the kids expo health fair, and purchased eyeglasses for 2 students.
- Jeffersonville Lions collected eyeglasses for recycling.
- Kingston Lions donated to a local museum.
- LaGrange Lions rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and donated to the Poughkeepsie Children's Home. They also donated to Lions County Sight and Hearing Groups.
- Liberty Lions provided eye exam/glassed for a local student.
- Livingston Manor Lions brightened the residents day with a visit to a local nursing home.
- Middletown Lions Club continued their weekend backpack program, the popular Santa calls, and the reading action program. They worked with the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion on a clothing distribution for veterans.
- Millbrook Lions sponsored a dinner for local seniors.
- Millerton Lions sponsored a writing contest for local students.
- Monroe Lions recycled eyeglasses.
- Newburg Lions provided transportation for local vision impaired individuals, as well as hosting an annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters event.
- New Windsor Lions are selling chocolate bunnies for LEI.
- Northern Columbia Lions provided an eye exam/eyeglasses for a local student, and donated to the local food bank.
- Otsville Lions purchased holiday gifts for local children.
- Pawling Lions adopted a local family for the holidays and donated to the Lions county hearing committee.
- Pine Bush Lions supplied Holiday Food Baskets locally, and collected uses eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.
- Rhinebeck Lions sponsor the local basketball league.
- Rondout Valley Lions donated to the local school for the Association of Retarded Citizens.
- Stanford Lions helped at a local food pantry, provided needed rides for a cancer patient, and donated to a local women’s shelter.
- Town of Deerpark Lions planted trees and bushes at Town Hall to commemorate the club’s 35th anniversary and donated to the MD20 Lions SEE program.
- Town of Fallsburg Lions hosted several vision screenings.
- Town of Highland Lions adopted a family in need.
- Town of Ulster collected eyeglasses for recycling.
- Town of Woodbury arranged for Macaroni the Clown to entertain a group of BOCES students.
- Tri Valley Lions donated food and supplies to the ASPCA.
- Wallkill Lions sponsored the Hudson Valley’s first curling tournament at the Lions Pavilion at Popp Memorial Park.

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Winthrop Lions Club, Inc. Centennial Feeding

As part of its centennial celebration, The Winthrop Lions Club, Inc. sponsored a feeding at the Tilden Hall Family Shelter in Brooklyn, New York on January 10, 2015. Over one hundred (100) adults and children were fed. The Feeding project was coordinated by Lions Audrey Julien and Margaret Burke, chair and co-chair for the project. In spite of the very cold weather, the Feeding was well attended and the residents were appreciative. This project was done in response to a directive from Lions Club International President, Joe Preston who wanted a major service projects/ community awareness events to be held by lions clubs worldwide during the week of January 10-17, 2015.

The Sight Preservation Awareness, Action/Helen Keller for the Blind would like to thank all the other 10 clubs who are currently participating in the white cane fundraiser which will go on until May 2015 when White Cane week activities will be held from May 11-17. Donations from white cane fundraisers will be used for sight projects including Helen Keller for the Blind and the Lions Eye Bank. The committee will be donating special toys to the Helen Keller children’s center in December, raffling off electronics in March, planning a HK tour, participate in health fairs and screenings over the next months and culminate with a recognition ceremony for community supporters for people who are blind or with low vision. During these events, increasing membership will always be the goal.

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The Winthrop Lions Club, Inc. adopted the Tilden Hall Family-shelter during the 2013-14 Lionistic year.

MULCHFEST2015 Brooklyn, New York. JANUARY 10, 2015 in Prospect Park,

Braving 21 degrees temperature, Hollis Lions and Leos volunteered with the MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Program and the Prospect Park Alliance. Together we worked to care for 85 NYC’s Street Trees and provided them with a warm blanket of mulch.

Our day began at 11:00 am, and ended at 2:00pm; with a record of 35 trees directly mulched by Hollis brave mulching crew.

Mulching and raking leaves in Prospect Park, fantastic way to keep warm!!

White Cane Blast Off in District 20K1

This is a photo from Sight Preservation District White Cane Blast off at Banco Poplar on Utica and Eastern Parkway on October 18th 2014.Lions-Donna Budzi-Chairperson SPAA and Health Educators LC:, Cheryl Thomas-Leo rep-Winthrop, Audrey Brown-committee members-East New York and Levi Jeffers-Alpha.

National white cane day was celebrated on October 15 to educate the public about the white cane laws which demonstrates the independence of the blind and visually impaired person. The white cane with red ball at the end serves as a reminder to the public to yield to passage when in the public.

The lions took this message to the street on Saturday 10/18,when educational materials on eye health, white cane laws and what or how one can help the blind or a person with low vision. More than 200 passersby were given a packet and about $100 was collected as donations for white cane tags. While this activity was going on in one location, another club Metropolis set up tables on Rutland Road to do a similar outreach to community members.

They used the opportunity to do membership recruitment, fundraising and education as well. That day we reached more than 600 persons and distributed more than 3000 pieces of educational materials.

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New York State Lions welcome Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada July 4 through 8, 2014. Vice President Yamada is a neurosurgeon.

A member of the Minokamo Lions Club, Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson of Convention Committee. Yamada also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012.

In recognition of his service to the association, Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partners Award, eight International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Yamada is chairperson for several organizations including the Social Medical Corporation Koseikai, the Kizawa Memorial Hospital, the Social Welfare Corporation Jikeikai, Nozominuxoka Hospital and Ajisai Nursing College. He is a standing director of the Japan Hospital Association and an affiliate professor at Gifu University.

Dr. Yamada has been active in the area of international relations, serving as president of the Gifu-Hungary Friendship Association, Gifu-Morocco Association and Gifu-Salzburg Association. He is a recipient of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Medal of Honor of the Alaouite Dynasty of the Kingdom of Morocco and an honorary citizen of Beijing City, China, in recognition of his service to international friendship building.

Vice President Yamada and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Council Chairman Message

Where There’s A Need, There’s A Lion!

Congratulations! Just eight months into the 2014-15 Lionistic year and already two-thirds of the MD-20 Clubs have reported on 100,000 hours of combined service to their communities. By the end of this year in June, more than 15,000 Lions in 530 Clubs reporting throughout New York State & Bermuda will have made a positive impact in the lives of more than 1,000,000 people!

In MD-20 “We Serve” with compassion, enthusiasm, and now with a renewed commitment to increase the impact of our service activities through the four campaign themes of our LCI Centennial Service Challenge (CSC). Our inspirational global centennial goal is to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2015.

In August you focused on the theme of ‘Engaging our Youth’ with the Reading Action Program (RAP), back-to-school supplies, Leo’s activities, student scholarships, and Lion’s Quest programs.

In October you were active in ‘Sharing the Vision’, with Lions SEE KidSight USA vision screenings, white canes, low vision aids, and eyeglass recycling. Then as the weather turned colder, many Lions directly served those most in need by ‘Relieving the Hunger’ bringing donations to food pantries, shelters, delivering meals and providing holiday baskets during December and January.

This month in recognition of Earth Day on April 22nd, the Lions of New York State & Bermuda will be ‘Protecting our Environment’ by planting trees, conducting roadside and park cleanups, and recycling with the Council of Governor’s Partners-in-Service who have been collecting surplus new and lightly used shoes otherwise destined for a landfill. Working through Soles4Souls.org the ‘Pair it Forward’ goal is to provide one million shoes to those most in need. You can discover more ideas for LCI centennial projects and find additional tools and materials at Lions100.org and at the workshops during the 92nd MD-20 New York State and Bermuda Lions Convention in Binghamton.

With each of your generous acts of service, the Lions Clubs of New York State & Bermuda literally embody the spirit of our centennial theme: “Where There’s A Need, There’s A Lion”.

Peace,
CC Mark Whitney

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MD-20 CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM Binghamton 2015

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Welcome Luncheon
Fri. April 24, 2015 Noon
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $16.00 per person $______
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $17.00 per person $______

Breakfast with the Vice District Governors
Sat. April 25, 2015 7:00 AM
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $16.00 per person $______
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $19.00 per person $______

Lions Lunch
Sat. April 25, 2015 Noon
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $20.00 per person $______
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $23.00 per person $______

Gala Theme ”TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME”
Sat. April 25, 2015
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $38.00 per person $______
Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2015 $40.00 per person $______

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED __________

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION __________

Please send payment (no credit cards) to NYS & Bermuda Lions Clubs, 200 Gateway Park Dr. Bldg. ASyracuse, NY 13212. You must purchase your tickets in advance. No meal tickets will be sold at the Convention. The deadline for the office to receive your meal order form is April 15, 2015. Purchase your tickets early; meal events sell out every year!

Name __________________________

E-mail __________________________

Street Address __________________________

City/State __________________________ Zip __________

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKET. YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR PACKET AT THE REGISTRATION AREA IN BINGHAMTON.
The Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation

As we meet for our annual Convention in Binghamton, all of us at the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation would like to thank all you - the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of MD20 who have worked so hard to help children in need within your communities.

You help these children each time you complete a service project that specifically benefits our disadvantaged youth. You also help these children when your Lions Club, Zone, or District applies for a matching Brandel - Murphy Foundation Humanitarian Grant. And you help them each time you support our many Foundation Fundraisers like our recently concluded Annual Super Bowl Raffle.

This year’s Grand Prize winner was Lion Ray Steenett from District 20-K1, pictured at right. Lion Ray received an all expenses paid trip for two to see the Patriots play the Seahawks in Tempe, Arizona. His prize included airfare for two, their hotel stay, ground transportation, two tickets to the game, and so much more! Ten more winners also received a total of $5,000 cash prizes.

Next year’s raffle tickets will go on sale sometime in September and can be purchased for just $20 per ticket from your Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation District Coordinator. Visit our website often to learn more about all of our fundraisers and how you can help.

To date the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation has awarded matching grants of over $80,000 across MD20. Each year we depend upon our supporters to help us keep the Foundation strong. An important way in which you can participate is to present a Brandel - Murphy Fellowship Everyday Hero Recognition Award to a worthy Lion or Non-Lion in your community.

For a donation to the Foundation of only $500 you can invite this special person into a very unique Fellowship - recognizing them for their efforts to make the young lives of those less fortunate a better place. The recipient will receive a beautiful, one-of-a-kind medallion, lapel pin, and a certificate, suitable for framing, from Past President Al and his partner in service, Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy.

Please visit us at our convention booth in Binghamton to find out the many ways in which you can be our partner in service, as the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation helps children in need all across New York State and Bermuda. You can also visit us online at:

www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org
Flatlands Leos Help at the St. Vincent Ferrer Food Pantry

Flatlands Leos have done it again! On Saturday, February 21, 2014, the Flatlands Leo Club revisited the St. Vincent Ferrer Rectory food pantry for the third time, to help feed the hungry. The Leos assisted members of the Jr. St. Vincent de Paul Society making hundreds of peanut butter and jelly and tuna fish sandwiches. They then helped to bag and pack them, so they could be transported to Bedford -Stuyvesant to be handed out to families in need. “It’s good to see children coming together to help the needy,” said Richard Mahabir, supervisor for the Jr. St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Leos enjoyed being able to give back to the community yet again—one sandwich at a time.

Flatlands Lions Annual Toy Drive Brings Joy to Hundreds of Children

The Flatlands Lions Annual Holiday Toy Drive, chaired by two very special Santas, Flatlands Lions Gladys and Donald Pemberton, brought holiday joy to children served by two local agencies, Harlem Dowling Children’s Services and Mercy First. These agencies provide support services for Far Rockaway and Coney Island, respectively; areas with high concentrations of poverty and at risk families, which were and severely impacted by Superstorm Sandy, and are still recovering. In all, almost $8,000 was raised by the Lions to purchase toys and much needed clothing for the hundreds of children served by the two agencies.

Flatlands Lions Annual Holiday Nursing Home Visit

On December 20, 2014, the Flatlands Leo Club revisited the Crown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Brooklyn to bring presents and some holiday cheer. Santa (Lion Ed Antonio) and his helpers (including quite a few Leo elves) were quite busy, going room to room to drop off presents, joining residents in the day rooms, singing carols and leaving big smiles all around!

Anna from Frozen, and of course, Santa and his helpers, which brought smiles all around as they handed out presents of toys and clothing and Old Navy and Target gift cards for the older children. Once again, a good time was had by all!

Flatlands Lions Annual Holiday Toy Drive

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After being postponed due to the frigid temperatures in February, the Brooklyn Prospect Heights Lions club had their annual feeding at St. Gregory the Great RC Church. We invite the parishioners and anyone who would like some breakfast to join us after the service. We offer them food and a hot cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate to warm their bodies. We fed about 100 people and offered Lions literature so they can see what Lions do.

CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECT:

Snack Bags for Under-Privileged Children

District Centennial Coordinator Kristina McCarthy & 2nd VDG Dina Nejman reported that the “World Wide Week of Service” project in celebration of founder Melvin Jones’ birthday, held on January 10th, 2015, was a very successful event. The Lions of North Rockland, Pearl River, Somers, Pierson, Lewisboro, Blauvelt, Thornwood, Carmel-Kent, Putnam Valley, Valhalla, Croton on Hudson, Nanuet, Rockland Indo-American, and Hendrick Hudson came together to pack snack bags for children or donated to this service activity.

LIONS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO MONTROSE VETERANS

Under the Chairmanship of Lion Jackie Werner of the Rockland Centennial Lions Club, Lions from District 20R1 provided gifts for the residents of the VA home in Montrose. The gifts provided included hats, scarves & gloves for all. Also provided were puzzle books, cards, puzzles, movies, books on tape, CD’s from the 40’s through the 60’s, cassette players, blankets and many other items. Lions from the Rockland Centennial Club, Blauvelt Club, Ramapo Club and the North Rockland Club were on hand to distribute the gifts. Much laughter and singing made the day festive.

The Pembertons organized Christmas parties at each of the two agencies, in order to distribute the toys and clothing, and to simply help spread some holiday cheer to the children and their families during this time of the year. The first party, for the Harlem-Dowling Children’s Services, was held on December 14th and the second, for Mercy First was held on December 19, 2014, at the agency’s office in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. The parties were attended by hundreds of children and their parents. There was plenty of food, crafts projects, music and dancing, a face painter, cotton candy machines and surprise visits by Elmo and
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
Stephen N. Young, partner in service and beloved husband of Past District Governor Anne Smith Young, who passed away on January 29, 2015 was honored with full military honors on February 7, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Lion Amanda Cintron, Chairperson of Camp Badger reported that her committee has raised $550.00 with more to come.

Lion Silvia Estebanez, Chairperson of the Lions SEE Program, reported that her committee has screened 977 children thus far.

Lion Enrique Correa, Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee, reported that the committee and the NY Borinquen Lions Club will be at the Veterans Hospital on Kingsbridge Road, Bronx on February 26, 2015 to distribute toiletries, warm gloves, hats and scarves and the like to the veterans.

PROMOTING LITERACY – USO/LIONS PROJECT
The NY Financial District Lions Club has joined USO of Metropolitan New York in an effort to enable children of soldiers from New York to receive a book and a DVD of their deployed parent reading to them.

A fundraising journal is being published with contributors' ads and will be going to production and delivered to the contributors in the spring. They are aiming to be able to support 1000 children of soldiers from New York.

TOYS FOR KIDS
The Washington Heights – Inwood Lions Club distributed toys to children on Three Kings Day. The NY Borinquen Lions Club, NY Impacto Lions Club and NY Taino Lions Club also distributed toys to children during the holiday season.

CONGRATULATIONS
Lion Bernabe Gupit for winning $250.00 in the Brandel/ Murphy Super Bowl Raffle.

Past District Governor K. S. Kim for being honored by the Korean American Association of Greater New York for exemplary service.

NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED
Yonkers Millennium Lions Club celebrated their 18th Charter Anniversary on February 7, 2015 and installed new Lion Paresha Thaker.

Rivertown Lions Club held their monthly meeting on February 11, 2015 and installed new Lion Pradeep Bhasyam.

NY Cosmopolitan Lions Club held their annual Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration on February 13, 2015 and installed three new Lions – Timothy Hackett, Larry Lee, and Michael McGeehan.

Lions Clubs of Bermuda

The three Lions clubs of Bermuda, Eastern Lioness Lions, Hamilton and Paget, work together throughout the year to help the less fortunate on their island nation.

Their next project, working together with the Bermuda Society for the Blind, with hopefully some help from an LCIF grant, will be refurbishing the Society’s headquarters, the Beacon House. When it is finished, the Beacon House will be a state of the art facility offering to the blind and visually impaired citizens of Bermuda rehabilitation and adaptive services.

Long Beach Lions Leos

The Long Beach gave out hot chocolate (donated by Gentle Brew in town) on the Boardwalk for the Super Bowl Polar Bear Plunge. They were very successful and collected over $600.00 in donations to give to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the recipient of all donations for the event.
20 - N Nancy Luckman

Lion Nancy has had perfect attendance in the Gasport Lions Club for 21 years. She has served in almost every position in the club including president and was secretary for 11 years. Her favorite was tall twister. She has also been Club Newsletter editor for 20 years. She was a Zone Chairman for 2 years and 2 years as Region Chair and has mentored classes at the District Leadership Training on several occasions.

She was the District Cabinet secretary in 2002/2003 and again in 2011/2012. She and PDG Mike Curran wrote an Orientation booklet which for several years was provided to new members in the District.

She has served as Building Fund treasurer for her Church for 5 years and was the first woman president of the Church Council and served for 4 years in that capacity. She is a retired Insurance broker.

She has been married to PDG Lion Jim for 34 years and they are the parents of 5 children, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They have raised five Guiding Eyes puppies. Lion Nancy loves gardening and spending time with family.

20 - E1 Timothy Crawford

Tim and his wife Robin have been married 33 years and have lived in Hamlin since 1983. Tim and Robin have six children, two of which they adopted, Matt (30), Eric (29), Mandy (28), Nick (26), Robin (25) and Taylor (19). They are also blessed with four grandchildren, Valerie (7), Sophia (9mths), Kallie (7 mths) and Lilly (5 mths). Our family is our life!

Tim graduated high school in 1976 and pursued a career at Eastman Kodak. He was there 27 1/2 years until he retired. Tim was a prototype fabricator and was good at his job. In the midst of raising our children we took on a task of becoming Hillside therapeutic foster parents. We took care of children with behaviors and did this for 17 years. We met a lot of people, helped a lot of children and extended our family. As hard as it was, it was also very rewarding. We even were nominated and awarded a plaque for Foster Parents of the Year!

Tim has been an active member of the Hamlin Lions Club since joining in 2007. Tim’s sponsor was Lion David Soper. Tim has served as club President from (2008-2011), Zone chair for two years (2009-2011) and Region chair for two years (2010-2012). Zone 3, Region 2. Tim was also on the Board of Directors for our Hamlin Club. Tim is also a certified Guiding Lion. Tim has also been the Forum and Convention Chairperson for 20-E1 since (2011).

Tim has earned 100% attendance award every year since he has started. In (2008) Tim received, Lion of the Year and Professional Recognition award. He has also received a District Governor appreciation award. Tim received a Robert J. Uplinger award at club level in (2011) along with receiving a Robert J. Uplinger award at district level also in (2011).

Tim manages and operates the Hamlin Lions Loan closet. He served as Chairperson every year of organizing the delivering of roses to the local residents at Beikerk Nursing Home. Lion Tim was President when the “Charlie Maier” building was constructed and dedicated in the Town of Hamlin.

Lion Tim now is a full time Grandpa and devotes spare time to the lions loan closet, working in the yard in the summer and now becoming District Governor for the Lions.

20 - E2 Larry Strickland

A member of the Penn Yan Lions club since 1991. Larry graduated from Dundee Central School in 1969. Worked at various factory jobs in Penn Yan until October of 1974 when he was hired at The Birkett Mills, the world’s largest producer of fine quality Buckwheat products. He became a weighmaster in 1975 and was responsible for the quality of grain and grain unloading until he retired in August of 2013.

Larry and his wife Marian celebrated their 40th anniversary on January 18th, 2015.

Larry has officiated high school athletics for many years. Football for 32 years, basketball for 25 years, and track for 21 years. Larry served on the Penn Yan Village Planning Board for ten years and on the youth recreation board for five years.

20 - W Elizabeth Walker

Lion Liz has been an active member of the South Jefferson Lions Club since 2007. She has served on the Board of Directors for all club committees, served in all club offices and is currently the club Secretary. She initiated the Lion SEE program in the South Jefferson area. She has sponsored 4 new members.

On the District Level, she served 6 years as Diabetes Awareness/Action Chair and 2 years as zone chair. She was the District Secretary in 2011-2012. As a certified facilitator for the club excellence process, she has initiated this program in 3 clubs and is a certified guiding Lion presently working with 1 club.

Lion Liz is a 2011 MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute graduate and was a mentor for the 2013 Institute. She is a 2014 graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute held in Rosemont, Illinois.

She has received numerous awards including the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished service award, is a Melvin Jones Fellow, and was presented with the 2013 Past District Governors Association Leadership Award. At the 2014 NYS & Bermuda Lions State Convention, she was presented with the Lions Club International Presidents Leadership award.

Lion Liz and PDG Bob Walker will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary in June. They have 5 children: Robert 2nd, Deborah, Steven, Mary; Kathleen (deceased): 5 grandchildren, Amanda, William, Steven 2nd, Ashley, Megan, Jenna and 1 great grandchild, Alexia. PDG Bob, an elementary school teacher for 30 years and Lion Liz grew up in Henderson NY, attended Henderson Central School, went their separate ways, met again in Henderson, and married.

Lion Liz, born in Watertown, NY, graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, worked for 40 years in the field of Maternal, Infant, and Child Health. She was one of the leading pioneers in Perinatal Nursing and received numerous recognitions and awards on a local, regional, state and national level. Lion Liz and PDG Bob reside in the Village of Adams, where she serves as Chair of the Village TREE Committee and represents the South Jefferson Lions Club on the Adams Revitalization Committee.

20 - Y1 Brenton Rueffer

Lion Brent has been an active member of the Endicott Lions Club since 2006; his intention was to take a year to see what the club was all about before he committed to any fundraisers or projects. However, within two months, the chairman of the club’s biggest fundraiser resigned and Lion Brent took over the responsibilities of that fundraiser. Through his dedication he was chosen Lion of the Year in 2007 and was elected President in 2008 and held the position until 2010. Lion Brent has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010 and currently holds that position today. He was Zone Chairman from 2011 through 2014 and was appointed Director of Lions Camp Badger for a 2 year term in 2013. He was Chairman of the District Golf Tournament for four years.

Lion Brent was elected 2nd VDG in 2014 and moved up to 1st VDG in June of the same year due to the death of incoming District Governor Bill Winans.

Lion Brent was born and has lived in the Binghamton area all his life. He earned an Associate Degree from Broome Community College in 1975. Lion Brent worked for Singer-Link for many years. When he left the company in 1990 he became an Independent Contractor doing home improvements. Lion Brent was an avid bowler for over 40 years and now enjoys spending his free time golfing.

Lion Brent pays an Honorable Mention to his Significant Other, Lion Liz Coons, who was his Inspiration and Motivating Force. Lion Brent is very proud of all his present family especially his daughters Karen, Colleen, Terri, Lori and niece, Barb.

20 - Y2 Paula Flisnik

Paula began her Lion career with the Holland Patent Lions Club in 2007. Prior to her involvement with the Lions she had been to immerse in blindness prevention initiatives. Her engagement with blindness and deafness is owed to her long lasting employment as Director of Community Relations with the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Paula’s positions that honed her Lions’ leadership skills include District Y2 FDVG, SVDG, Region L Zone A Chair, Holland Patent club’s Executive Committee, First VP, President, Board of Directors, and Treasurer. She received honors as the recipient of Robert J. Uplinger and Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. Recognition was awarded for Certified Guiding Lion, and International President Appreciation. Paula is a 2013 graduate of the MD20 Leadership Institute. Working side by side with Region L Clubs, Paula supports the joint community event, Journey for Sight, as a committee member.

Paula resides in Marcy, NY with her husband of 34 years, John. The have 3 daughters, Erin McGuire, Laura Flisnik, M.D. and Sarah Flisnik, and Vincent Militano. Paula’s mission as a Lion is to assist those with vision and hearing impairments to achieve their chosen standard of living and independenece.
20 - Bill Sembali

An active member of the Middletown Lions Club since 1999, Lion Bill Sembali has served many roles including Club President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. At the district level he has served as Zone Chair, District Hearing Chair, and District Sight Chair. A graduate of the Lions Senior Leadership Institute, Lion Bill brings strong leadership skills to all of his volunteer positions.

Born and raised in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Bill joined the Army after college. His military career included assignment as a Special Agent criminal investigator, including a wide variety of investigative assignments and eventually specializing in computer crime. After retiring from the Air Force after 20 years, he went to work for IBM in the Managed Security Services where he is currently a Security Intelligence Analyst.

In recognition for his Lions Service throughout the years, Bill has received many awards and recognitions including a Knight of the Blind, a Melvin Jones Fellowship and the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation.

Lion Bill had been married to his lovely wife Lion Debi for ten years. Lion Debi is an artist as well as Past President and an active member of the Middletown Lions Club. Lion Bill enjoys flying fishing and is a great cook. Barbecues at the Sembali residence may include beer can chicken, Carolina style ribs and of course Bill’s famous pulled pork. That’s why he’s always asked to chair the annual club barbecue!

20 - Stephen DeNama

Lion Steve DeNama joined the Croton-on-Hudson Lions Club in 2007, after receiving an invitation from good friend,erry Klein. Steve learned what an awesome organization the Lions Club was and saw this as a way to give back to his community. Community service has always been a large part of his life. Boy scouts as a child and later as Cub and Scout Master. Steve enjoyed mentoring and guiding young scouts and organizing and participating in district events.

In Croton Lions Club, he has served as tail twister, president, district treasurer, and liaison with Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Lion Steve is a Certified Guiding Lion and is serving on the steering committee for the VCB.

Lion Steve embodies the Lions’ mission of helping people. He has received the Melvin Jones Award and through the County of Westchester Lions in 2010, he has a long history of community service and volunteerism that has greatly benefited the residents of our city.

His parents immigrated to the USA from their native Dominican Republic in the mid-eighties. Since a very early age, Guillermo demonstrated a passion for the performing arts and an eagerness to help anyone who needed assistance. In 1996 Guillermo volunteered to serve as Theater Program Director in New York City. During that period, he was an active professional actor and travelled with his Company all throughout USA and Latin America.

As a community activist, he has worked assisting people with housing, immigration, and education issues, such as teaching English as second language and GED classes to adults in continue education programs. He has provided immigration services in New York State, helping more than 5,000 people become USA Citizens by helping them file their application.

Lion Guillermo A. Perez has been an active member of Valley Stream Lions Club since 1991. He has served as club President, Treasurer, and Secretary. He is a partner in the CPA firm of T. S. Anand & Company CPAs, P.C in New York, New York. Lion TJ actively volunteers in various Lion and Indian Community charity events.

20 - K1 Melissa Torres

Lion Melissa Torres has been an active member of the Brooklyn Caribe Lions Club since December of 1995. She has served, as Leo Advisor, Scholarship Fund Committee Member, Membership Committee Chairperson, President, Treasurer, Activity Chairperson, and tailtwister.

At the District Level Lion Melissa has served as Zone Chair from 2001-2002, District Conventions Information chair 2004-2006, District Region Leo Chairperson for two administrations from 2007-2009, District Orientation Chair for 2009-2011, District Cabinet Treasurer 2011-2012.

Lion Melissa attended the International Senior Leadership Seminar at Dallas, Texas in September 2002. In 2007 she attended the MD20 Leadership Institute, and in 2013 she was a mentor for the MD20 Leadership Institute.

Lion Melissa has received numerous certificates and award of appreciation. Lion Melissa is a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Robert J. Uplinger, & Progressive Robert J. Uplinger Award and the District Governor’s Award. The Sunset Park Lions Club honored her with The Business Women of the Year Award in 2004.

In March 2009 she received recognition from Corona Lions Club for her work with the Leo District. In 2009 she received International President’s Commendation from International President At Brandon. In 2010, her club awarded her with the Lions of the Year Award. Also, in 2010 she received Presidential Medal.

Lion Melissa is an Insurance Broker certified with the NYS Insurance Department, and is the owner of MAR Brokerage and MAR Driving School. She is married to PDG Lion Oswald “Ozzie” Torres, CPA. They have four boys Michael and Leo Brandon. The entire family has dedicated their lives and time to helping anyone in need, the betterment of their community. Lionism is a family affair and their motto is “together we serve”.

20 - K2 Tejinder Anand

Lion TJ Anand has been an active member of Valley Stream Lions Club since 2010. He has served as club Vice President from 2011-2012 and a Board Member from 2012-2014. Prior to joining the Valley Stream Lions Club, Lion TJ was a member of the New York Lions “Host” Club in District 20 - R2 since 1981 and served as Club President from 1996-1998, Vice-President from 1994-1996, Secretary from 1991-1992, Treasurer from 1984-1988, and was a member of the Board of Directors for many years. He served as an advisor to the Club and Editor of the newsletter.

At the District level, he was a Board Member of the Diabetes Awareness Committee. He is a committee member for the GMT/GLT from 2011 to present. In 2012-2013 he served as Cabinet Treasurer, Zone Chair from 2003-2004 and in 2001-2002, chairperson for RJU Convocation 2004-2005 and a Trustee of NYS & Bermuda Foundation from 2001-2004.

In 2013-2014 he charted the Nassau Central Lions Club. He is a certified guiding Lions. For his service in Lionsism, Lion TJ Anand has received various Awards including a Certificate of Appreciation from the International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee in 2003. An award for Outstanding Services as district treasurer in 2012-2013 The New York Lions “Host” Club awarded him the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1998. 1001 Presidents Award in 1996-1998, Outstanding Service Award in 1989, Recognition Award in 1999, Zone Chair Award in 2001-2003 and numerous other awards.

Lion Tejinder (TJ) S. Anand resides in Cedarhurst, New York with his son, Lion Josh Anand, who is a senior attending Hofstra University. Lion TJ Anand graduated from Queens College, City University of New York. He is a partner in the CPA firm of T. S. Anand & Company CPAs, P.C in New York, New York. Lion TJ actively volunteers in various Lion and Indian Community charity events.

20 - S Manuel Vidal Jr.

3rd generation resident of Brentwood, New York since 1963 and graduate of Brentwood High School, class of 1982. Father of three and dedicated community activist. I am an Automotive technician for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, providing 16 years of great service and dedication. My father, Manuel Vidal Sr., was a leader of many clubs and organizations and his knowledge and leadership has been instilled in me so that I am able to make a change for the better in Brentwood, as well as other communities. I have been a part of our political process for over 20 years as a committee member; getting information out and helping the people become informed.

Aside from political clubs, I’ve also been a member of the Brentwood Islander Lion’s Club for the past 10 years. As a member of the Lion’s Club I participate across the county in many charitable events. Through leadership training and hands on experience, as well as good mentoring, I was able to grow and found the Community Services Committee, Co-Chair for Sight First II, and District Rapid Response Committee. During his Chairmanship on the Journey for Sight Committee, over 20,000 pair of used glasses were collected. He spearheaded efforts to help the victims of Haiti’s earthquake, mobilizing hundreds of residents and leaders in the community to collect much needed items such as food, clothes and medical supplies.

Lion Guillermo A. Perez, PMJF is an active and well respected member of his community, with proven leadership and advocacy for the causes of those in need, receiving awards and recognition from community organizations. In the Lionistic area he has also received the Past District Governors Leaders Award, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (3 Diamonds), Several International Certificates of Appreciation and more than 12 District Governors’ Appreciation Certificates.
FUND Raising
No individual committee, Club or District may engage in fund raising activities at the convention. This includes rallies, selling of souvenirs, pins, or material regardless of the purpose of the project. Permissible Activities at MD 20 Conventions: Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. at Lions of Binghamton; New York State; Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc.; Lions SEE Inc.; Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Inc.

1. All of the above are granted permission to sell raffle tickets at the annual MD 20 Convention.
2. All of the above are granted permission to hold their annual raffle drawings, on Sunday of the annual MD 20 Convention as scheduled by the MD Secretary/Treasurer.
3. All of the above are granted the opportunity to have free booth space at the MD 20 Convention.

Any other fund raising activities must be authorized by the Council of Governors.

PIN TRADING
No pintrading will take place during convention sessions. Pin Trading space will be arranged for the Pin Traders ClubeofNewYorkandBermuda, by the MD Secretary/Treasurer,atthe annual MD 20 Convention.

The Rules of the LCIConsitution and the policy of the Lions International Pins Traders Club shall be observed and enforced by the Board of Directors of the PTCNYKB. If requested, a table to promote scholarships, and provide membership information for the PTCNYKB, will be provided, NO CHARGE to the PTCNYKB. The MD 20 Secretary-Treasurer shall determine availability. No selling or trading of pins shall be permitted in this space.

DELEGATES
For club delegates to vote at Multiple and International Conventions, all club fiscal responsibilities must be paid in full, to both the International Association and the Multiple District. If your club is in arrears, club members will not be allowed to vote, until payment in full is received. Payment at the convention will be in the form of cash or other certified financial instruments. No payments will be accepted in the forms of personal checks, time cards, or credits for club voting privileges to be restored.

MD-20 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
BADGES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS AND SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Hospitality rooms shall not be open during the times of any official business session or any scheduled seminar, workshop, forum, luncheon, or dinner. When open, they shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

CONVENTION DELEGATES
Each chartered club in good standing in the District (Single or Sub-District) or Sub-Multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of the District (Single or in the Multiple District) to an (1) alternate and FURTHER PROVIDED, that each District (Single or Sub and Multiple) may, by express provision in its respective Constitution and By-Laws, grant full delegate status Any District Governor, present and Past International Officers, Past District Governors, or Provisional District Governors are allowed the right to vote independently of the club delegate quota.

Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote of his / certification process and, by, and one (1) vote of his / her choice on each question submitted to, the respective convention. The majority of this Section shall be five (5) or more members. Any club which is newly chartered and any other chartered club which takes in new members prior to the convening of any such convention, shall have its delegate quota determined on the basis of members who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day as shown on such record date in the records of the International Organization. Delinquent dues must be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be determined by the rules of the respective convention.

The MD-20 District Convention is in Aprilthis year, the members who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day in the club as shown by the records of the International office on March 1 are counted for purposes of calculating delegate entitlement. The International Constitution does not require that a club’s delegate have one year and one day membership in the club. Each club may determine delegate eligibility. It is hoped that this information is of assistance.

Photo ID must be presented for voting and certification. You must be registered to be certified. You must be certified to vote. You must be listed on your club’s delegate form. Delegate / alternate forms are due no later than determined by the MD-20 office usually 30 days before the convention. Delegate / alternate forms have been distributed to all Club Secretaries indicating the appropriate number of Delegates and Alternates the Club is entitled to. Numbers are based on membership reports obtained through Lions Club International, and reflect the number of members enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day. Any decline in club membership after March 1st, 2014 shall result in a decrease in Delegate members. These changes will be made by the Certification Committee.

REPLACEMENT OF A CERTIFIED DELEGATE BY AN ALTERNATE
The District Governor of a Sub-District, within Multiple District 20, shall be solely responsible for permitting the replacement of a delegate, whether certified or not, by a certified alternate at the Multiple District Convention. The District Governor shall require verification of one of the following methods:

Written verification from the clubs President or Secretary, that the delegate being replaced is not voting at the convention.

1. Electronic verification from the clubs President or Secretary that the delegate being replaced is not voting at the convention.

2. Telephone verification from the clubs President or Secretary that the delegate being replaced is not voting at the convention.

3. Verification, in person, by the club President or club Secretary that the delegate being replaced is not voting at the convention.

Alternates listed on the clubs delegate/alternate form furnished by Multiple District 20, in accordance with the by-laws of Multiple District at the Multiple District Convention, shall be the ONLY Lion eligible to replace a previously certified delegate. All delegate changes shall be accomplished prior to the beginning of the Convention Memorial Service on the Sunday morning of the Multiple District Convention.

VOTING
Each vote can only be cast by a duly accredited delegate whose credentials as such delegate have been passed upon and recognized as valid by the Credentials Committee of the convention and is present in person at the convention. No delegate shall have more than one vote on each question. In the absence of any delegate who has been compelled to leave or cannot be present at the time of voting a duly accredited alternate may cast the vote but only after substitution shall be approved by the Credentials Committee.

Challenges to the results of any vote must be made to the Chair before the close of the convention. Any challenge must be certified, by a certified alternate at the Multiple District Convention. The District Governor shall determine the outcome of said challenge.

PARLIAMENTARIANS RESOLUTION

Parliamentarians:
PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq.
PDG Clifford Youngs
PDG Anthony Paradis, Esq.
PJD John Rabideau, Chair MD-20 Policy Manual
PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq. Chair
MD-20 Long Range Planning Committee

Resolution
Whereas the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Inc. Multiple District 20, Lions Clubs International Inc. Have Assembled in Convention, in Binghamton, New York and

Whereas the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Inc. Multiple District 20 have been honored by the presence of by Lions

CONVENTION RULES

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Report of Resolutions Committee
92nd Annual Multiple District Twenty Conventions
Binghamton, New York
April 26, 2015
Whereas the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Inc. Multiple District 20 Have Assembled in Convention,

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that those who have contributed to said convention be recognized by the delegates thereof. Be it resolved, that we pay special tribute to the outstanding leadership of the District Governors, who have performed above and beyond the call of duty, who have spoken out in the cause of Lionsism, and labored long and hard to achieve these goals, we hereby commend and salute:

District Governors
Michael L. Lapsley, 20-S-1
Virgil O. Garner, 20-E1
Gary Boisseau, 20-E2
Donald W. Cravens, 20-W
Timothy Bush, 20-X1
Marianne Lynch, 20-Y2
J. Michael Parsley, 20-Z3
Dennis W. Hardy, 20-R1
Akim Mbe Bhuynu, 20-R2
B. George J. Kinzley, 20-T1
Fred R. Rieger 20-K2
Edward “Skip” Meinhold 20-S

PARLIAMENTARIANS RESOLUTION


CAMPaign MATERIAL
All posters and other campaign material advertising candidates for District Governor, 1st & 2nd Vice Governors, International Convention, shall be posted only in approved locations. The hotels being used specifically for convention purposes. It is expected that all due care and consideration will be given to the committee for which it was erected. No campaign material is to be posted on any public thoroughfare. The Convention Committee specifically requests that all such material be removed at the close of the convention.

It shall be prohibited to campaign for any candidate for office, or exhibit, display or possess any campaign material, within the voting area as well as within 100 feet of the voting area. The term ‘campaign material’ shall include, but not be limited to, the display, exhibition or possession of any material, paraphernalia, literature, document or other similar thing, which directly or indirectly refers to any candidate for office. This rule shall be enforced by the Sergeant-At-Arms.

Candidates for any office voted on at this convention may not engage in any campaigning in any official capacity at any function open to all attendees at this MD-20 Annual Convention.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
CONVENTION CALL

Official Notice:
This is the official call for the Annual Convention for the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda. Multiple District Twenty, Lions Clubs International Inc. to be held the dates of April 24-26, 2015 in the DoubleTree Hotel Binghamton, New York.

The Council of Governors has directed that the hours for Certification of Delegates and Voting shall be as follows:

Convention Program
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

All General Sessions are at the DoubleTree Hotel

Convention Registration: Main Lobby
Thursday, April 23, 2015
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 24, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25, 2015
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Delegate Certification: Johnson Room
Friday, April 24, 2015
Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Delegate Voting: Endicott Room
Sunday, April 26, 2015
VOTING ONLY BETWEEN
7:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Any District Governor, Past and International Officers, Past District Governors, or Provisional District Governors are allowed the right to vote independent of the club delegate quota, provided their home club dues payments are currently paid in full.

MD-20 Office Hours: Kilmer Room
April 24, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
April 25, 2015
8:00 a.m. - Noon
April 26, 2015
6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Lions Goods Store Operated by Lions Camp Badger: Link Watson Room
April 24, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of Multiple District Twenty extend a special acknowledgement to the Spouses/Partners in Service of our District Governors. That they have for the past twelve months, put up with tired and irritable Spouses/Partners in Service—unannounced absences from meals, late arrivals from meetings, and extra effort as district hosts for various affairs. In appreciation of their contributions, made unsensilby, we say “well done” and honor these outstanding people of Multiple District Twenty Lionism, and ask that they now stand or be remembered as we call their names:

Partners in Service
Susan Lawkowski, 20-N
Lion Linda Garner, 20-E1
Lion Kim Boisseau, 20-E2
Lion Rosemary Bush, 20-Y1
PDG Steve Lynch, 20-Y2
Lion Katherine Pardo, 20-O
Lion Wanda Carnimeo, 20-R1
Afroza Yasmin, 20-R2
Delva Allen, 20-K1
PDG Larry Rieger, 20-K2
Vera Meinholt, 20-S

Be it resolved, that we recognize the leadership and counsel of the Chair of Multiple District Twenty Mark Whitney

Be it resolved, that we recognize the continued counsel of our Present and Past International Officers and their wives, who are their Partners in Service, and express our appreciation and affection to:

International Director Dr. Steven Trenmaroli and Lion Marianne
Past International President Albert F. Brandel and Lion Dr. Maureen T. Murphy
Past International Director Douglas X. Alexander
Past International Director John E. Rabideau and Lion Bernie
Past International Director Robert Klein and Evelyn
Past International Director Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail
Past International Director Robert Seibert and Lion Gail
Past International Director Howard Conroy and Lion Pearl Glassman
And, be it resolved, that we wish to express our appreciation to the President of the MD-20 Organization of Past District Governors, PDG Narcissa Frett-Moses, 20 PDG Organization for their continuing support and involvement in our Multiple District, and,

be it resolved, to PDG Larry Sanford, Chair of this convention, and to the Lions of the host committee, who have worked long and diligently to make this a most successful convention, we say thanks, sincerely, for a job well done, and

be it resolved, that to the staff of the Binghamton Convention and Visitors Bureau, and to the hotels that are officially participating in this convention, we express our sincere appreciation for allowing the Lions of Multiple District Twenty to ROAR, and,

be it resolved, that to the leaders and speakers at the seminars and other functions, we express our appreciation for all their efforts, because many Lions have been significantly enlightened and informed by their efforts, and

be it resolved, that to all the members of the various committees, and the clergy, we express our heartfelt thanks, and

be it resolved, that to Multiple District Twenty Secretary/Treasurer, Past Council Chair Timothy Jachlewski, and his lovely wife, and Partner in Service, Cindy, and to Lion Maria Poulsen, Office Administrator, we say thanks for a job well done. They continue to make it possible for the Lions Clubs of Multiple District Twenty to operate in a highly efficient manner, and

be it resolved, that as this 92nd Annual Convention draws to a close and fades away into history, we ask all lions and all other attendees to return to their homes, rededicated to the goals of Lionism...we wish all a safe return home, and extend to all the wishes for a healthy and happy 2015-2016 Lions year, until we meet again in convention assembled in Buffalo, New York.

Good Morning Breakfast: (All are invited)
North Riverside Room
Friday, April 24, 2015
6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Conversations with your District Governor, Chair DG Dennis Hardy 20-K1

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION
FRIDAY Committee Meetings: Serling Room

CREDENTIALS: 10:30 a.m.
Lion Gail Murtagh 20-W, Chair
Sgt. at Arms: 11:00 a.m.
PDG Tom Dilorio 20-K2, Chair

RESOLUTIONS & RULES: 11:30 a.m.
PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq.
20-K2, Chair

VOTING & ELECTIONS: 1:30 p.m.
PDG John Shaffer 20-N, Chair

NOMINATIONS: 2:00 p.m.
PDG Alvin Breton 20-K1, Chair

Flag Ceremony: 11:30 a.m.
Co-Chair, PDG John Sobotta 20-E2, and PDG Gil Prince 20-R2

LCIF Luncheon: North Riverside Room
Friday, April 24, 2015
12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
PCC John Wargo, 20-MD-20 LCIF Chair

Keynote Speaker: Lions Clubs International First Vice President – Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
All Lions are invited to attend (you don’t have to be a Melvin Jones Fellow)

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Welcome Lions Luncheon: South Riverside Room
Friday, April 24, 2015
12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
PCC John Wargo, 20-MD-20 LCIF Chair

Speaker: Keller Johnson, Helen Keller’s great granddaughter,

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Brandel Murphy Foundation Annual meeting: Carlton Room A&B
Friday, April 24, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Working together as a team incoming with District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and Serling Room
Friday, April 24, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Presented by PCC Ed Lieberman

First Time Convention Attendees Workshop: Zone 225
Friday, April 24, 2015
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Presented by PDG Tom Dilorio

Friday Session Program: DoubleTree Grand Ballroom

General Session: 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Johnson City High School Jazz Band
Director – Matthew Clauths

Opening Session DoubleTree Grand Ballroom
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: PDG Mark Whitney, MD-20 Council Chair

Introductions of Council of Governors and Lion Dignitaries

Flag Ceremony: PDG John Sobotta 20-E2, and PDG Gil Prince 20-R2, Co-Chairs
Announcer: PDG Ozzie Torres 20-K1

Presiding: PDG Mark Whitney, MD-20 Council Chair

Welcome: DG Tim Bush 20-Y1

Preliminary Credentials Report: Lion Gail Murtagh 20-W, Chair

Adoption of Rules: PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq. 20-K2, Chair

MD-20 Constitution & By Laws Committee Report: PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq. 20-K2, Chair

MD-20 Financial Report: PDG Timmy Jachlewski MD-20 Secretary/Treasurer

Announce MD-20 PDG Organization Leadership Awards: PDG Narcissa Frett-Moses 20-K1, President, MD-20 PDG Organization
Introduction of Featured Speaker: ID Steve Tremaroli
Convention Keynote Speaker: Lions Clubs International
1st Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Response and Appreciation: PDG Mark Whitney, MD-20 Council Chair

International Presidential Awards: PIP Al Brandel and Lions Clubs International
First Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Report and Nominations of District Governors and Vice District Governors:
PDG Alvin Breten 20-K1, Chair MD-20 Nominations Committee

Close First Convention Sessions: 7:30 PM

DURING ALL CONVENTION SESSIONS PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES OR PLACE ON VIBRATE. THANK YOU

SATURDAY April 25, 2015 (No Business Session)

PDG Organization Breakfast
North Riverside Room
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
PDG Nancy Frett-Moses 20-K1, President, MD-20 POG Organization
Speaker: Lions Clubs International
First Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Good Morning Breakfast
South Riverside Room
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Conversations with your District Governor, All are invited

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SATURDAY WORKSHOPS:
TO AVOID DISRUPTIONS NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTRED AFTER WORKSHOP BEGINS.

MORNING WORKSHOPS: 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Lions Quest
Carnton Room A
How to Implement a Quest Program within your District. Working with partners BOCES; Lions Districts; Clubs; and LCIF to implement this program on a large scale across many school districts.
Moderator PDG Lorri Reiger, Presenters Joan Fretz, the sales person and Quest trainer of Long Island, and PDG Stu Wizwer.

Lions KidSight USA Children's Vision Screening and MD 20 Lions SEE

Environmental Projects
Carlton A
Implement projects that improve and protect the environment. Organize a highway clean up, plant trees or plan a community "Earth Day" event to collect recyclables such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles, used cell phones and batteries.
Presented by DG Mike Lawkowski 20-N and DG Marianne Lynch 20-Y2

MD-20 New York Bermuda Foundation Annual Meeting
Carlton Room B
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
(All Lions can attend)

Lions Camp Badger/Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. Annual Meeting
Carlton Room A
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
(All Lions can attend)

Convention Gala
Saturday, April 26, 2015
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.
The theme of the evening is "Take Me Out To The Ballgame!". Dress in your favorite baseball team attire.

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SUNDAY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Convention Registration
Main Lobby
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Delegate Certification
Johnson Room
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Delegate Voting
Endicott Room
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ONLY

Solemn Memorial Service
Grand Ballroom
Sunday, April 26, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Lion Bernie Rabideau, Co-Chair International Family Partner
Lion Richard Barron Entertainment – Burns & Kristy

Second Session
Grand Ballroom
Convene Business Session:
PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq, 20-K2, Chair, Resolutions

REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNORS:
MD-20 CC PDG Mark Whitney

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MD-20 PDG Organization Membership Growth Awards:
PDG Narcissus Frett-Moses, President PDG Organization

Presentation of Miracle in Service Awards:
PDG Jim Muscoreil.

Presentation of Past MD-20 Presidents Trophy:
Recognizes the District that has achieved the highest % of new member growth

Multiple Districts 20 Past Directors Award:
ID Steve Tremaroli

Reports from MD-20 Activities:
Lions Camp Badger:
Lion Tom Bailey, President

Brandel Murphy Foundation:
PDG Jack Weber

Lions SEE Program:
PDG Dave Rutkowski, President

New York State Bermuda Foundation:
PDG Milledge Smith 20-W, President

MD-20 Foundation Raffle Drawing:
PDG Milledge Smith 20-W, President

Final Report of Credentials:
Lion Gail Murtagh 20-W, Chair

Report of Resolutions Committee:
PCC Edward Lieberman, Esq 20-K2, Chair, Resolutions

Presentation of President, MD-20 PDG Organization:
PDG Narcissus Frett-Moses

Presentation of MD-20 2015-16 Vice District Governors Elect:
Council Chair, PDG Mark Whitney

Presentation of MD-20 2015-16 District Governors Elect:
Council Chair, PDG Mark Whitney

Adjourn 92nd Annual MD-20, Lions Clubs of New York State and Bermuda, Inc., Convention.
See You in Buffalo 2016.
"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie are all time honored American traditions. Come celebrate America’s pastime with us at the 2015 New York State & Bermuda Lions Convention, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Binghamton. Help us celebrate over 100 years of baseball here in Binghamton! Some of the best players to play the game got their start in our hometown. We all remember (come on – admit it) Whitey Ford, Joe Pepitone, and Tom Tresh, to name a few. And the current Binghamton Mets fielded such great players as Edgardo Alfonzo, Bobby Jones, and Jose Reyes, who went on to play with the New York Mets. This past season the Binghamton Mets were crowned the 2014 Eastern League Champions.

There’s a lot to celebrate and we hope you join in the fun. Please feel free to wear your favorite (new or old) baseball jerseys of your favorite team, and any other baseball memorabilia.

We will have some surprises, along with peanuts and cracker jacks, together with great music provided by "Straight Up" (yes, there will be baseball songs too). We look forward to celebrating with you!

THE NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION…IS YOUR FOUNDATION

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that assists in the support of charitable efforts of Lions Clubs throughout New York State and Bermuda and is an endorsed project for the Lions of our multiple district and their communities.

The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with Lions Clubs, foundations and other organizations, provides its assistance through a grant process or through direct or indirect programs and services with an emphasis on sight, hearing and humanitarian services. Our mission is to provide Multiple District-Wide support for worthy projects, which would otherwise be beyond the resources of individual clubs or sub-districts.

In the recent past, your Foundation has supported a variety of worthy projects, such as book kits for the visually impaired as well as a digital camera for eye screening; a walk-in cooler/freezer for Lions Camp Badger and a PediaVision photo screening unit. We have helped provide uniforms for youth sports programs, specular microscopes, Jaws for Life; assisted with a kidney transplant; helped fund a handicapped-accessible picnic area, park improvements, diabetes education center; provided vision and hearing evaluation devices and a special sewing machine. Every sub-district has received thousands of dollars in funded grants for a total of over $539,000 since 1994. In 2014 alone, more than $35,000 in grants has been awarded to 7 different sub-districts, including 3 disaster relief grants totaling $6,000 to 3 sub-districts impacted by local flooding.

In order to continue providing these grants, and to be responsive to emergency needs as they arise, the Foundation needs your on-going support. We are requesting that each club include the Foundation as a line item in their 2014 – 2015 activities budget and every year thereafter as a $100 entry. Every club that donates $100 or more to the NYS&BLF will be recognized by the Foundation with a patch for their club banner. We also provide the opportunity for you to formally recognize a fellow Lion or community member with the Robert J. Uplinger Award, which is available through your participation in our annual raffle program via your club or as individual Lions or at the annual MD-20 convention. For more information, please visit our web site at: http://md20lf.org

Thank you LIONS for everything you do to live up to the motto: “We Serve” and for your continued support of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation!
Did You Know that . . .

**Lions S.E.E., Inc.**
(Screening Eyes Early)

Has Done The Following In MD 20 Since 2008?

- Vision Screened More Than 34,000 Kids

Resulting In . . .

- More than 1000 children in new glasses
- Thousands of referrals for amblyopia, strabismus, cataracts and other serious yet treatable eye conditions
- And more than 20 sight-saving surgeries

**THIS WORK CAN CONTINUE ONLY WITH YOUR HELP!**

"There is nothing so pitiful as a person with sight . . . but no vision."

Helen Keller

Visit [www.lionsSEE.org](http://www.lionsSEE.org) to learn more about this Official MD 20 State Project, to donate and to find the contact information for your district's Lions S.E.E., Inc. Trustees