LIONS INTERNATIONAL 102ND CONVENTION
MILAN, ITALY

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

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Milan was “the place to be” July 5-9 2019 according to Mayor Giuseppe Sala, who welcomed all Lions and guests to Milan Italy for the 102nd International Convention. Mayor Sala in his welcoming letter stated “Milan is an unparcelled blend of culture, business, technology, solidarity and tolerance.”

Lions from all over the world assembled in Milan at the Milano Congressi (MiCo) Convention Centre, the largest such venue in Italy if not all of Europe.

In her welcoming letter to all Lions, International President Gudrun Yngvadottir stated, “This special event is more than a tribute to our legacy of service. It is in honor of you - the Lions and Leos who have impacted the lives of millions of people in the communities they live in and the world we all share.” Of course, this would all not be possible save for the original Lion, our founder Melvin Jones.

New for the Convention this year were drop in service projects assembling hygiene kits for Milan communities in need, LCICon donation drives with donation bins placed within the MiCo Center, The New Voices Initiative promoting gender parity in Lionism., and the efforts of European Leos.

One of the features of any Lions International Convention is the International Parade of Nations featuring all the delegations both large and small, many in native dress marching through the historic sections on Milan and terminating at the Duomo Cathedral. The New Jersey Delegation was no exception with our outgoing District Governors, Ruth Molenaar, Armando Guerra and Kara Schnure holding the banner for our endorsed candidate for International Director, Jeff Gans, while our DGEs, Alvin Cox, 16-N; Linda Banks, 16-J and Dave Skrivanek, 16-L marched with our New Jersey Delegation State Banner.

The International Show “That’s Italia,” featured performances by Italian tenors, classical Italian music and traditional Italian folk music.

The opening Plenary Session included the nominations and demonstrations for the candidates for International Third Vice President.

Featured at the Second Plenary Session was an interview with former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair, hosted by British journalist Alistair Campbell. They did not discuss Brexit.

At the third and final Plenary Session the Lions Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Denis Mukwege, a world-renowned gynecologist and human rights activist and Nobel Peace Laureate from East Congo, for his work in treating victims of wartime sexual violence.

Dr. Patti Hill was elected as Third International Vice President. She will take the office of International President in the 2022-2023 Lionistic year; only the second woman ever to hold this high honor in the history of our Association.

First Year International Directors elected from the United States were: Justin K. Faber, Michigan, Robert “Bob” Block, Illinois, Judge Christopher Shea Nickell, Kentucky, Michael D. “Mike” Banks, Oklahoma, Dr. Jose A. Marrero, Puerto Rico, Larry L. Edwards, Pennsylvania.

In addition, the continent of Africa was recognized and designated as its own Constitutional Area, starting in the 2020-2021 Lionistic year.

Future International Convention sites are:
2021 June 25-29
Montreal Quebec, Canada
2022 July 1-5
New Delhi, India
2023 July 7-11
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
2024 June 21-25
Melbourne, Australia
2025 July 4-8
Mexico City, Mexico
2026 July 3-7
Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Arriverderci Milano. The convention was great; the food, pizza, pasta risotto and gelato terrific; the sights such as the Duomo Cathedral, Sforza Castle, The Last Supper, the Navigli Canals designed by Leonardo Di Vinci awe inspiring.
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

[Images of people participating in a parade and holding signs and flags]

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[Images of convention attendees and activities]
It was always a pleasure to share helpful information “We Serve” to the other Lion clubs worldwide. This is the 2nd time that PDG Eddie Hui presented “Serve the Community with Music” at the international convention.

It was a smaller group to Milan this time due to conflicting summer schedule for many other performers. Nevertheless, our performers did a great job. Award-winning dancers Grace He and Katie Zhang performed beautifully not only at the Lions Den stage, but also during the international parade. In addition, they co-presented with Leo Grace Wang about their serving experiences. Michael Chen, a Leo turned Lion member, played confidently the piano pieces by Chopin and Ed Sheeran. Our singers Songyan Chen and Linnie Hui have been with the music group since 2008. They sang in Latin, German and French. Linnie also invited audience participation in line dancing. With music being the universal language, Edison Metro Lions Music Group will continue to have fun serving the communities.
Lions and Leos share their ideas of service to explore the diversity of our organization and to teach valuable lessons to bring back to our home clubs. Ojas Chitnis of New Jersey Visionary Cyber 16 USA was presented the Leo of the Year Award by PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir.

FACILITATOR: Leo Ojas Chitnis  •  MODERATOR: Lion Diana Baumann
Diabetes. This often underestimated disease is actually one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Each year, approximately 250,000 people die due to diabetes. Despite this, the epidemic continues to grow at an alarming rate. Lions Clubs International’s call for advocacy and action was heard by alpha Leos and Lions of MD 16. We live in a diverse community, our Leos come from different ethnicities, the racial diversity of our township is 42% Asians, 40% white, 9% African American, Hispanic 7% and others 2%. New research shows that Asian Indian immigrants in the U.S. are at increased risk for chronic diseases including Type 2 diabetes. Adopting American behavioral patterns, inherent Asian food habits and sedentary lifestyle may specifically affect HbA1c levels and high-density lipoproteins (HDL) cholesterol levels in this group, according to the study, “Mediating Role of Acculturation and Lifestyle Behaviors on Cardiometabolic Risks among Asian Indians in the United States,” presented at the American Diabetes Association’s® (ADA’s) 78th Scientific Sessions® at the Orange County Convention Center in June 2018.*

The South Brunswick Leos in MD16 composed primarily of high schoolers and middle schoolers from within the same school district decided to take action. Leo Sarang Mohaniraj, an ardent runner and a member of the South Brunswick High School track team came forward with the idea of hosting a 5k. And thus, the first annual Leo 5k - Run For Diabetes in our district was born. We brought together a team of enthusiastic Leos who along with me & Sarang would play a vital role in shaping this dream to reality. Leo Archana Kumar, Leo Ronit Thumuluru, Leo Heera Durga, Leo Soham Warik (our charter President, a constant source of inspiration and a dear friend) & Leo Jayshri Ganguly - the dream team.

Hosting a 5k was an enormous undertaking. For a successful run, planning is key. We decided to run it by our Advisor and our sponsors Princeton Lions Club’s President Lion Mahesh Advani and Secretary Lion Bina Mehta to ensure that we were making the right decisions. We took it upon ourselves to run it as a project with measurable, achievable and realistic goals. We formed committees in order to efficiently handle all the tasks that go into hosting a successful run. From T-shirt design to procuring sponsorships to publicizing the event, the Leos were to tackle it all, under the guidance of our then Leo Advisor Subarna Sahni. Each committee was lead by a Chair, who was then able to coordinate with the rest of the committee heads. The club showed an incredible level of engagement, with the vast majority of its members taking the initiative and working hard to make this event a success.

After spending good four months of dedicated work towards planning in the early part of 2018, we chose July 20th, 2019 as our day for the RUN. It was no longer an abstract idea, but an achievable goal that was within our grasp. As sponsors were signed in and the t-shirts delivered, the club’s motivation soared as tangible evidence of the run’s success finally materialized. Before we knew it, Race Day was upon us.

There was always a looming fear that the community would not reciprocate to the event. The weather was unusually warm, and it was slightly humid that day. But our fears were unjustified. The response from the community was almost overwhelming! Over 100 participants had registered and paid online, in addition to participants showing up on Race Day itself. Needless to say, the event was a huge success, much to the relief of all the Leos. We had free glucometer distribution and free of cost glucose testing conducted by Indian Health Camp of New Jersey. On-site JDRF Ambassador provided information on Type 1 Diabetes support and help groups.

All proceeds from this event are donated to Lions Club International Foundation for Diabetes Prevention and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) respectively. The run was undoubtedly one of the South Brunswick Leo Club’s greatest feats, proving that through passionate and dedicated work, there is no limit to what Leos are capable of. We serve through diversity, passion, and commitment.

Leo Ronaq Sahni
Past President 2018-19
Club Secretary 2019-20
South Brunswick Leo Club - MD 16

*Reference from ADA website
Sunshine was the watchword of the day as golfers teed off at the Saddle River Valley Lions Club’s 14th Annual Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic. Commenting on the sell-out crowd, S.R.V. Lion past president and the 2019 event chairperson, Chris Reichert, declared the day to be “a resounding success. It was one of the best we’ve held.” Citing attendance at the event at more than one hundred golfers and volunteers, Reichert stated that this year was confirmation that the “Bodensiek Classic has developed into one of the club’s major fundraisers.”

In its fifteenth year, the annual outing began as a social gathering and has grown into one of the Club’s most important events. Named to honor Lion Herb Bodensiek, a fifty-two year member of the Saddle River Valley Lions and a former resident of Upper Saddle River, the yearly golf outing was first held in 2005 and has continually grown in popularity since then. According to Lion Jim Murphy, a past chairman of the event, “the ‘Classic’ has become an important means of helping Lions fulfill its core mission. Lions provide funding needed by both charities that serve the blind and visually impaired as well as those volunteer organizations which assist people with other health-related issues.”

Again held at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club in Ramsey, New Jersey, Lion Roger Barr said that “this year’s event attracted more support from local businesses and other charitable organizations than the annual outing has ever had.” Enjoying the exclusive use of the club and its facilities, golfers participating in the all-inclusive event received the use of a motorized golf cart, fully paid greens’ fees, a full American breakfast, and a barbecue lunch with beer and other beverages. A majority of the golfers participating were returnees who gave the event rave reviews saying that “they looked forward to coming back next year.” “Using a ‘scramble format,’ participants competed for prizes including those given for the longest drives, ‘closest to the line,’ lowest team score, and much more.

The current Lions Club President, Lion Eugene Baskayan, said that the day was “also about being with friends, enjoying good food, and, of course, having fun.” “but the best part,” he added, “is that besides playing a great course, golfers were helping to make it possible for the Lions to be able to provide important resources for improving the lives of people right here in our own communities.”

Classified as a 501C(3) non-profit entity, the Saddle River Valley Lions Club has raised and distributed more than $2,500,000 during its sixty two year history. 100% of the net proceeds derived from activities such as the Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic go directly to the charities that the Club supports with none of the funds raised being used to meet the club’s administrative expenses, a cost borne by the Lions themselves.

To learn more about the Saddle River Valley Lions Club, including membership opportunities or any of its other programs, supported charities, and activities, visit www.SRVLions.org. The club can also be found on Facebook.
On May 22nd, the Lincoln Park Lions Club awarded the $2000 Nicholas J Di Canio Memorial Scholarship to Miranda. This Award is given to a graduating Lincoln Park Senior attending an accredited High School in the local area. The recipient had a successful high school career and ongoing community service. She’ll be attending Fairfield University in the fall.

Well our two Lions with golden manes, Peter Twill and Frederick Cuozzo managed to pull off the event with our huge tent, popcorn and pringles give always with Lion Club information on our specially made Ace-Twill Printers’ stickers. The kids all enjoyed it and family members got to know the Lions a little better. Friend of Lions, Rikki Owen, graciously helped us. Thank you to all. Being “present” in the community may seem small but it is very important, and promoting the mission of the International Lions Club is always a practical and daily goal for us!!

All my best,
Lion President John

A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRPERSON

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lions,
Welcome to the new Lion year! As I begin my role as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I feel happy, determined, proud, and I am filled with hope. LCIF is empowering Lions to do great things. I am thrilled that I am leading support for the foundation that supports Lions.

As a Lion leader, I frequently speak about reviving the lost art of storytelling. Storytelling is ever-important for our foundation. It is how Lions—and non-Lions—understand the importance of both doing and giving. It shows that our foundation is here to support Lions in their endeavors, whether that’s supporting our youth, giving vision back to someone who has lost it, or helping to rebuild a community center after disaster has struck. LCIF is here to help Lions accomplish even more than they could on their own.

Storytelling moves us to take action. Hearing the heartwarming story of a child seeing clearly for the first time in their life is what makes us want to be a part of it all. The world is in need. Lions want to answer the call. LCIF is here to support them. Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is raising US$300 million so Lions can increase their service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes. Please consider joining our mission and donate to this historic endeavor.

Lions, I am excited to see where this year takes our foundation and I am working hard for you.

Yours,
Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation
The Midland Park Lions Club welcomed District Governor Alvin Cox to the club’s second annual August Meeting/Barbeque on Tuesday August 13, 2019. Members and guests were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade salads and non-meat dishes for the vegetarians among us.

The club also heard the final project presentation/report from Eagle Scout Aiden Friars, who coordinated the refurbishment of the annual Holiday Display, at the Ridgewood Water property on Godwin Ave., including characters from Peter Pan, A Christmas Carol, Santa and his Reindeer, The Three Little Pigs, a Church Choir and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The Midland Park Lions started assembling and storing these figures in 1976, eventually making this into a project for the Boy Scouts for a community service badge and their parents.

District Governor Alvin remarked that this was his first official governor visit and was happy to hear about all the projects and activities in which the Midland Park Lions participate. He discussed some of his goals, including maintaining increased attendance at District Meetings, and reporting all service activities into MyLCI/MyLion. Immediate Past District Governor Ruth Molenaar also attended the BBQ.

Acting President PCC Jack Romano, filling in for President John Schrage who was unable to attend the meeting stated “DG Alvin, IPDG Ruth and the District 16 cabinet are always welcome at any club meeting/activity.”

Best wishes to DG Alvin for a successful year as District Governor of 16-N.
In her first “official” act as District Governor of Lions District 16-J, Linda Banks held her “reorg” meeting at Costa’s Restaurant in Roselle Park N.J. on Monday August 19, 2019. DG Linda called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cabinet Secretary Rhashonna Cosby. First Vice District Governor Kevin Kosobucki led everyone in one verse of America. The Lions Toast was led by Second Vice District Governor Varsha Naik. A total of 69 Lions attended this Reorg meeting.

Past District Governor Dawn Kosobucki introduced the head table and all the MD-16 dignitaries attending this meeting including PID Stan Grossman, IPDG Armando Guerra, District 16-J, IPDG Ruth Molenaar, 16-N, PDGs Carlos Alma, and Nancy Jakubczyk, PCC Winster Ceballos, PCC/ State Advisor Jack Romano, District Governor Dave Skrivanek, 16-L, and Council Chair Dayl Baile.

PID Stan Grossman and DG Linda presented the International President Leadership Medal to Subarna Sahni for her leadership contributions to District 16-J for the 2018-2019 Lionistic year.

The 2019-2020 budget was presented and passed by those attending this meeting.

PCC-SA Jack Romano issued the oath of office to the 16-J Zone Chairs: Zone 1 Stephanie Lopes, Zone 2 Evelio Salerno, Zone 4 John Everitt, Zone 6-Mark Alder, Zone 7 Rohit Gupta, Zone 8 Hansa Meta, Zone 9 Kamal Dangi, Zone 10 Cathy Vincent, Zone 11 Lysa Nasson, Zone 12 Joyce Mehta.

District Governor Linda Banks inducted GMT Peter Twill, GST Priscilla Garces, GLT Kash Delory and GAT Administrator Subarna Sahni. She also introduced a special guest Lion Karina Jiron from the Lions Club Loja in Ecuador, who wanted to attend a Lions meeting in the USA.

Introducing her committee chairs, DG Linda inducted: Elizabeth Cano - Hunger, Joel Bloom – Environment, Cathy Vincent-Childhood Cancer, Diabetes – Kash Delory, Leo Clubs – Subarna Sahni

PCC Winster Ceballos and PDG Dawn Kosobucki presented DG Linda and IPDG Armando Guerra with a banner Patch for supporting the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum.

DG Linda outlined her goals for her governor year which include our International President Jung Yul-Choi’s sub theme of We Serve through Diversity. She stated, “I want the district to work together because we can accomplish more together instead of apart.”

1VDG Kevin Kosobucki reported on LCIF campaign 100 and the efforts to raise $300 million in three years. He is willing to visit any club to discuss this important initiative.


2VDG Varsha Naik announced that the Menlo Park LC formed a new Leo Club. Kash Delory stated that West Winsor LC formed a Leo STEP Club, Step for a Better World. DG Linda will be selling Lions lawn signs to support JDRF.

For their closing remarks, 2VDG Varsha is looking forward to a great year working with DG Linda. 1VDG Kevin thanked everyone for coming out. The district cabinet is working as a great team. CC Dayl Baile was pleased to be at the 16-J reorg meeting and wished the cabinet a successful year. DG Dave Skrivanek, 16-L stated he got to know DG Linda over the past 3 years working with her on 2 projects: JDRF and Childhood Cancer. DG Linda stated that we “work together instead of going separate ways. I work for you.”

DG Linda reiterated her focus on teamwork. She expressed enthusiasm for working with everyone and applauded everyone for attending the 16-L Reorg meeting.
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DISTRICT 16-L

By
Cabinet Secretary Connie Coccioiene and State Advisor Jack Romano

District 16-L held its annual reorganization meeting on Thursday August 22, 2019 at Crestwood Village 3 Community Hall in Manchester N.J. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by First Vice District Governor Al Mottola and commenced with a short video about the Lions Global Service Journey. The Flag Salute was led by Second Vice District Governor Doug Both. IPDG Kara Schnure led everyone in one verse of America. The Lions Toast was conducted by PCC Jeff Gans. District Chaplain Tom Volpe gave the invocation.

1VDG Al introduced the head table, and all dignitaries present at the guest table including PID Mel Bray, State Advisor Jack Romano, PCC, IPDG Ruth Molenaar, 16-N and District Governor Linda Banks, 16-J. He also acknowledged all other Past District Governors, Zone Chars as well as any first-time attendees. The district budget for 2019-2020 was proposed by Cabinet Treasurer Art Orsi, and accepted by the membership.

PDG Bob Delambily revealed that the South Jersey Eye Center will cease operations as it can no longer continue to provide services, or see patients. This is due, in part, to funding and managerial difficulties. The Center is looking to merge with another organization to continue services.

DG Dave Skrivanek mentioned that the District 16-L Charitable Foundation purchased 3 of the 5 SPOT Cameras owned by South Jersey Eye Center and are available to any club for vision screenings.

JDRF Chair Donna Freidel spoke about the Strides Walk at the State Convention in May by stating that over $6,000 was raised, with $5,000 coming from District 16-L. Banner patches were awarded to any club raising over $300; any club making a donation of any amount received a certificate. The clubs receiving a patch and/or a certificate are: Absecon, Berlin, Brigantine, Cherry Hill Korean Pennsauken, Clayton/ Glassboro, Deptford, Gloucester City, Hammon-ton, Neptune, Stafford, Toms River, West Berlin and Westmont.

Lion Donna, who is also the GLT chair spoke about past and future training opportunities, indicated that the reporting in MyLion has changed.

PDG Karen Ressler, who is the GLT stated that the purpose of the GLT is to support clubs and improve service. There are 3 Goals for 2019-2020: 1. increase number of people served; 2. Increase and improve service activities; 3. Improve service activity reporting. Reporting is Key!

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PDG Clarence Brown, GLT indicated that there are 17 clubs with low membership, and that each club should have a recruiting plan to increase and retain members. PDG Clarence also spoke about the upcoming District 16-L Charitable Foundation western themed murder mystery gala to be held on Saturday November 16, 2019 at O’Connor’s in Easthampton N.J.

As all Lions are aware, LCIF is in their second year of Campaign 100, an effort to raise $300 million in 3 years. PCC Al Olizi the District 16-L LCIF chair stated that there is only one model club in the district, Toms River. More funds equal more service, and all donations to Campaign 100 are MJF eligible.

Peace Poster Chair Min Elders informed everyone that the Peace Poster Contest theme is Journey of Peace. The contest is open to all students ages 11 to 13, with birthdays inclusive of November 16, 2005 through November 16, 2008.

District Governor Dave Skrivanek awarded IPDG Kara Schnure with a Certificate of Recognition signed by Immediate Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir for her accomplishments as District Governor of 16-L for the 2018-019 Lionistic year.

For his closing comments, DG Dave thanked IPDG Mel for attending, and especially thanked DG Linda Banks, 16-J, IPDG Ruth Molenaar, 16-N and State Advisor Jack Romano, PCC, for traveling a long distance to attend the District 16-L Reorg Meeting. His personal theme for his governor year is “Lions Helping Lions.” Zone Chairs are to visit their assigned clubs to get membership up. Region Chairs and Vice District Governors are also mandated to assist in this effort. Clubs need to cooperate among themselves in sponsoring and performing service projects especially if one club needs assistance in staffing such an event. The onus is upon us to get out into the community and teach, and impart knowledge about Lionism.

In closing DG Dave quoted out founder, Melvin Jones: “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”

DG Dave thanked everyone for coming and wished all a safe journey home.
The District 16-N Reorganization meeting was held at the offices of Pathways to Independence, in Kearny N.J. on Saturday August 24, 2019. Pathways is a District 16-N project. Executive Director, Alvin Cox is the governor of District 16-N for the 2019-2020 Lionistic year.

DG Alvin called the meeting to order at 1030. To complete the circle of transferring leadership to this Lionistic year, IPDG Ruth Molenaar “pulled” the DG Elect ribbon from the name badge of “DGE” Alvin Cox. Our new DG, Alvin, in turn, placed the new “IPDG” name badge upon Ruth’s jacket lapel. In addition, IPDG Ruth presented DG Alvin with a binder containing all the induction ceremonies he will need for his governor year and beyond. The circle is now complete!

DG Alvin welcomed all attendees to this meeting including members from his club, the Kearny Lions Club, Lion Nick Coco and PDG Charles Landesman. He also thanked everyone for coming to the Headquarters of Pathways to Independence, a district project which advocates for adults with disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, teaching daily living skills, and skills needed for employment in their communities. The Pathways door is always open for tours and meetings to any Lion or Lions Club.

Cabinet Secretary Matt Povinelli’s minutes from the sub district meeting at the State Convention on May 18, 2019 were accepted; Cabinet Treasurer John Pinkus introduced the 2019-2020 budget, which is balanced, and will be voted on at the first District Cabinet meeting. DG Alvin commented that he had a great team. He also stated that he International President Jung-Yul Choi of the Republic of South Korea personal theme is “We Serve through Diversity.”

DG Alvin stated that his cabinet is “diverse and progressive. I am looking to mentor 1VDG Nalit Patel and 2VDG Marie Nieto to carry the torch forward.”

THE GOVERNOR’S GOALS FOR 2019-2020 ARE:
1. To visit each club
2. To participate in club activities
3. Improve club service activity reporting into My Lion so we get credit for the service we perform.
4. Membership growth and recruitment
5. Club and district officer training
6. Club commitments
   • President, Secretary and a Lion from each club to attend a District Meeting to gain and bring back knowledge to the individual club.
   • Each club to send a representative (1 or 2 members, or member and guest) to the Charity Ball.

The following cabinet officers received their induction from DG Alvin: Cabinet Treasurer John Pinkus; Cabinet Secretary Matt Povinelli; Second VDG Marie Nieto; First VDG Nalit Patel; Zone Chairs Dave Verducci, Lou Lambe, Lynn Mandon, Paula Tarantino Maione, Region Char Nick Landy. RC Nick pledged to assist the zone chairs with membership retention and growth and reporting inputs.

PDG Paula Tarantino Maione addressed the various training opportunities which exist within Lionism. Diabetes Chair Barbara Corsaro informed everyone that the Strides Walk in Atlantic City made $6530. The JDRF walk will be on Saturday October 19 at Liberty State Park. Registration is online at miraclematthew.com, or on the day of the event.

Leo Chair Dave Verducci gave an update on some upcoming Leo activities including ZOOM teleconferencing, updating all advisors and Leo club presidents, the Leo’s Fight Hunger project, and club twinning. He also suggested that the parents of Leos are a source of potential new Lions.

IT Chair Lou Lambe informed the attendees that as the District 16-N website administrator, to send information to post on the web site and Facebook to him. The MyLCI/My Lion transition is ongoing. Encourage everyone to use My Lion.

Before continuing with the remainder of the meeting, DG Alvin had the attendees break into 3 teams for a teamwork exercise, emphasizing how to accomplish a goal as a team. “Each member of the team is very important and all the members of the team when they work together accomplish their goal as a team.”

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PDG Mile Pacala gave a report on Camp Marcella which experienced a good year, especially with a new 18-35-year-old program for those individuals with disabilities who have “aged out” of many organized social programs. He also stated that the State Convention will be at Bally’s Atlantic City May 15-17, 2020.

IPDG Ruth Molenaar spoke briefly on the International Convention which will be in Singapore on June 25-29 2020. Early registration expires January 10, 2020. She also addressed the MD-16 Newsletter by asking all Lions for content. A publication schedule was distributed for the 5 issues: Oct. 5; Dec. 29; Mr. 29, 2020; June 5; Aug. 9. IPDG Ruth also invited all to the first District/Cabinet meeting where she will reveal the exact amount collect for JDRF/Miracle for Matthew during her governor year.

District 16-N has a new Peace Poster King, Bill Francis, who thanked our previous and always forever Peace Poster Queen, Rose Stigliano for her many years of coordinating the Peace Poster contest. The deadline to order kits is October 1. The posters will be judged at the November 14 District/Cabinet meeting. Contestants must be 13 years of age by November 15, 2019.

In his closing remarks, ID Bob Moore stated, “District Governor Alvin is the 6th district governor from 16-N. Each of his predecessor, DGs Hector Gonzales, Jack Romano, Brad Day, Nick Landy and Ruth Molenaar left an imprint on the district. DG Alvin continues that process.” We have tremendous leadership in District 16-N and MD-16. Last year the entire Council of Governors were all born outside of the United States.

District Governor 16-J, Linda Banks, a guest at this meeting, thanked DG Alvin for inviting her, and introducing her to a great set of Lions.

First Vice District Governor Nalit Patel posed the question that as Lions is our brand, how do we make our brand known? We need to utilize methods and tools to enhance the Lions Brand.

Second Vice District Governor Marie Nieto wants us to keep on serving. She hopes to learn from DG Alvin, 1V DG Nalit.

DG Alvin adjourned the meeting at 1223 at which time all were treated to lunch!
Spokane Washington, the most walkable city in the United States was the home of the 43rd USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Attended by almost 1600 Lions leaders, there were seminars on various subjects, including leadership lessons, embracing technology, service projects, advocacy, ethics, motivation, and courses eligible for credit at Lions University. Included in the seminars was “Zumba Is for Everyone, moderated by Lion Subarna Sahni and facilitated by 2VDG 16-J, Varsha Naik, and Lions and Leos Serving Through Diversity, facilitated by Leo Ojas Chitnis.

In addition to these great learning and leadership experiences, there was a diabetes symposium, giving an overview of the disease, the risk factors, complications and treatment options, and how Lions can assist in their communities. The 5th annual Strides Walk, with the largest turnout in its 5-year history, went through Riverside Park, the site of the 1974-75 World’s Fair. Lions participants enjoyed a box lunch at the park gazebo. Lion Coilin Ross of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, and Vice President of International Affairs for Eversight, an MD-16 state project, presented a seminar on Building A World Without Blindness, Lions Eye Banks and the future of Sight Restoration. Lion Michelle Ray, the keynote speaker at the Columbus Forum 2018, gave a seminar on inspiring motivating and keeping Lions in the Pride.

According to PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Forum Chair 2019 Spokane, “This Forum is designed to build your confidence, communication skills, and leadership know-how in getting others to join us in our mission of creating a better world together.”

Lions University graduates included Lion Radha Mallick receiving her Bachelors, Jyoti Sahni and Subarna Sahni both receiving their Masters, and IPDG Armando Guerra 16-J receiving a Masters and a Doctorate. As was stated in every Lions University course/seminar, Lions University is NOT an accredited institution of higher learning, but a program designed to increase knowledge and awareness of Lionism.

Unlike the 2018 Forum, the food selections were great and improved.

The Thursday night Sept. 19 opening dinner show featured a performance by the High Street Band taking the Lions on a musical journey from the 50’s through the 80’s of which I can relate. Dancing in the aisles was the order of the evening and dancing we did!

The Friday Sept. 20 luncheon featured guest speaker Sherre DeMao, founder, CEO and “Strategy Maestro” of BizGrowth, Inc., a national award-winning firm specializing in entrepreneurial enterprises.

The Guest Speaker at our Saturday Sept. 21 luncheon was our International President Dr. Jung Yul-Choi, of the Republic of South Korea, who gave a stirring speech on his outlook for our association.

At the Saturday night Sept. 21 closing dinner, the Forum attendees heard from the founder and Chief Ideator of ThinkCafe’, Joshua Allison, who spoke about workplace relationships and family values and how each interrelates with the other.
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For the Friday night dinner, the Lions of MD-16 always gather at a local restaurant for comradery and fellowship. Spokane was no exception as there were many restaurants offering local, vegan and vegetarian fare. Mezzua was our choice and all who attended had a great time especially in celebrating the birthday of Lion Kash Delory!

The land known as Riverside Park was formerly owned by the Burlington Northern and Union Pacific railroads. Both companies ceded this property to the city of Spokane in order to build the site of the 1974-75 World’s Fair. Spokane is the smallest city ever to host a World’s Fair. The park was developed as part of the pavilions for the fair and remains a vital part of Spokane tourism to this day. Included in the park is the world’s largest radio flyer red wagon, the Garbage Goat, the Loof Carousel, a restored original 1900 ride, an outdoor pavilion and performance venue which lights up at night with multiple colors and displays, a skating park and cable cars which give you an unencumbered view of the Spokane River, with its history of hydroelectric power.

For those who appreciate the fine arts, there was the North West Museum of Arts and Culture (the MAC), located about 1.5 miles from the center of Spokane with exhibits of abstract art by artist Sheila Grubb, and displays of textiles and hand made quilts, and the arts of indigenous cultures featuring the works of some of the local tribes native to the Spokane area from the late 1890’s into the early 1900’s.

For those who appreciate history there was a self-guided walking tour of the Davenport Hotel, first opened in 1914, the brainchild of Louis Davenport, its proprietor. This was the first hotel in the United States with air conditioning, a central vacuum system, a pipe organ, and dividing doors in each ballroom. Closed in 1985, the property was refurbished in 2000 by local entrepreneurs Walt and Kathy Worthy. The lobby, public areas, and ballrooms were restored to its original form and glory; all guest rooms floors and service areas are new. The hotel reopened in 2002. Whenever someone was in Spokane and uttered the phrase, “meet me by the fireplace,” it was the fireplace in the lobby of the Davenport Hotel. In fact, the Spokane Lions Club held its Charter Night affair at the Davenport Hotel in 1921. Luminaries staying at the Davenport included Mary Pickford, Tyrone Power, Amelia Earhart, Charkas Lindbergh, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Cher, Neil Diamond, Jerry Seinfeld and Elvis Presley.

Not only did the Spokane Forum help to create better leaders, it also provided Lions the opportunity to experience its art, culture and history of the most walkable city in the USA!
USA/CANADA FORUM
District Governor, 16-N, Alvin Cox welcomed over 75 Lions to his “Welcome Back” District/Cabinet Meeting on Thursday September 12, 2019 at Ravello’s, East Hanover N.J. The Flag Salute was conducted by IPDG 16-N Ruth Molenaar, with one Verse of America by 2VDG 16-N Marie Nieto. District Chaplain PRC Bill Francis gave the invocation. PDG Charles Landesman led all Lions in the Lions Toast.

Special guests included PID Mel Bray, Council Chair Dayl Baile, PDG Dawn Kosobucki, 16-J, 1VDG Kevin Kosobucki, 16-J, PDG Nancy Jakubczyk, 16-J, David, Lauren, Daniel and Matthew Corsaro, from Team Miracle for Matthew, and Stacey DiArchangel from the local Northern New Jersey Chapter of JDRF.

DG Alvin outlined his goals for his governor year: visiting all club and some club activities, attracting new members, having all clubs send their photos into the MD-16 Newsletter, officer training, increased input onto MyLCI, increase clubs participating in the Peace Poster Contest, and new for District 16-N, Club Incentive Awards. The Awards will be based on points for attending district meetings, input of Monthly Membership reports, New Members inducted and reported to LCI, Participating in Leadership Training, participating and reporting service activities, and participating in Peace Poster Contest, and other parameters. DG Alvin will send all criteria to Club officers.

In the back of each agenda DG Alvin placed a riddle for all Lions to solve. The answer to this puzzle was “Alvin Cox!”

As the Executive Director of Pathways to Independence, a District 16-N Project, DG Alvin spoke about the Walk-A-Thon taking place on Saturday September 28, 2019 at West Hudson Park. Pathways to Independence is dedicated to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live independently in the community. Support and sponsorship of the Walk-A-Thon will assist in maintaining current programs. Sponsorship opportunities were distributed by DG Alvin to all attendees. As the walk will take place before the Newsletter goes to press, it is my hope that all Lions will either make a contribution to Pathways, take a walk sponsorship, attend the walk or all three!

Lion Michael Zazzarino on behalf of the Montclair Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to club president Lion Walter J. Kilpatrick for his contributions to the Montclair Lions and surrounding community.

Aside from the usual reports, the other highlight of the evening was the revelation of the “BIG CHECK” to JDRF/Miracle for Matthew by IPDG Ruth Molenaar. As everyone knows, IPDG Ruth as her District Governor Project in her 2018-2019 governor year, pledged to raise $10,000 for Miracle for Matthew. She did this by passing around her “can” at district, state council meetings and club visits. After raising her goal of $10,000 she doubled down and decided to go for $20K. There was never a doubt in my mind that she would meet and possibly exceed this new stretch goal. In 8 months from October 2018 through May, 2019 then DG Ruth raised a total of $22,474 for this cause. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, IPDG Ruth awarded two Certificates of Love: one to Daniel Corsaro, the fraternal twin brother of Matthew for his understanding of his brother’s type 1 diabetes and being a good supportive sibling; the other to Matthew Corsaro for meeting the challenges related to his condition. She also gave her “can” to Matthew as a remembrance of this fundraising campaign.

Matthew asked to speak to the Lions and thanked Ruth for raising all this money for research and actually told her she was crazy for doing so! Remember this is crazy on a very good way.

Stacey DiArchangel from the local Northern New Jersey chapter of JDRF thanked the Lions of New Jersey and especially IPDG Ruth for taking on such a project and raising the $22,474, which has never been done at the local chapter level. These funds will be used for research to continue the progress of combating Type-1 diabetes. While Ms. DiArchangel did mention that there would be a matching funds program for the Lions donation, unfortunately no such program exists. This did not deter the enthusiasm of our fellow Lions in having supported this cause.

Before closing the meeting, DG Alvin led the assembled Lions in a “WE ARE LIONS” chant, ending with our motto “We Serve.”

By 2VDG 16-N Marie Nieto and PCC/SA Jack Romano

El 23 de Marzo del año 1979 de la Era Cristiana es el día más importante en la historia del West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson. ¡Este es el día que El Nuevo Club De Leones, West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson fue establecido con la Carta Constitutiva!

With a letter of congratulations to Club President Lion Reinerio V. Rodríguez from then International President Professor Joao Fernando Sobral dated April 6, 1979, stating that “You are now members of a select group of men who are dedicated to…help make our fellow man feel needed” (how times have changed), the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson was chartered with 84 members.

The club evolved from Cuban Lions Club in exile formed in 1963 with Lions from the former District C Cuba who fled the Castro regime.

Fast forward 40 years and this club is still a vital entity within District 16-N, MD-16 and Lions Clubs International with their humanitarian service projects, health fair, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food and Gift drives, Union City N.J. Leo Club and general support to the Hispanic community of West New York and surrounding towns in Hudson and Bergen Counties.

Three members of this club have been elected District Governor of the former District 16-A, Reinerio V. Rodríguez, Alberto Perez, and Jose Nieto. Current Club Secretary Marie Nieto, who is also Second Vice District Governor of District 16-N will become District Governor in Lionistic year 2021-2022.

The Awards Ceremony and 40th Anniversary dinner was held at The Graycliff in Moonachie N.J., on Saturday September 14, 2019. PDG Jose Nieto welcomed all as the Master of Ceremonies. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Nikki Mederos, with the salute to the Flag of Cuba by Past President Luis Garcia. A stirring rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner was performed by Lea Kassel, with all attendees singing the Cuban National Anthem. The Invocation was led by Third Vice President Diana Ortega, with the Lions Toast conducted by Past President Luisa Cardenas.

DG Jose Nieto introduced the Lions Guests including District Governor 16-N Alvin Cox, Immediate Past District Governor Ruth Molenaar, Past Council Chair and Current State Advisor, Jack Romano.

The 2019-2020 Club Administration Induction Ceremony commenced. PCS Felix Barrera issued the oath of office to Lion Tamer Heriberto Bello and Vice Lion Tamer Rodolfo Rodriguez, Tail Twister Luis Garcia and Vice Tail Twister Manny Reyes, both past presidents of the club. PDG Jose Nieto gave the oath of office to the Board of Directors and he also swore in Treasurer Carmen Beltra and Vice Treasurer Diana Ortega.

PCC/SA Jack Romano inducted Lions Marie Nieto and Sandra Paz as Secretary and Vice Secretary respectively. IPDG Ruth Molenaar inducted First Vice President Norma Costa, Second Vice President Minerva Gonzalez and Third Vice President Diana Ortega, who is also the Vice Treasurer.

Issuing the oath of Office to Club President Ruben De La Torre was our District Governor, Alvin Cox. This is the second time Lion Ruben has served as club president, in the 1997-1998 Lionistic year. In his remarks President/King Lion Ruben welcomed District Governor Alvin, our Lions guests and the new cabinet of the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson with a vision towards the future.

For the 2018-2019 Lionistic year, the West New York Leones Cubanos awarded three Melvin Jones Fellowships, with the recipients receiving their honor at this Induction and Awards Ceremony. Receiving Progressive MJFs were Lions Ruben De La Torre and Sandra Paz. Past President Nikki Mederos was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, receiving a plaque and pin from secretary Marie Nieto, alongside PDG Jose Nieto, club and IPDG Ruth Molenaar. This club over its history has had 99 Melvin Jones Fellowships with 9 Progressives including the progressives awarded at this ceremony.

Once the ceremonies, inductions and awards were completed, there was dinner, and dancing to the music of DJ Rafael.

Felicidades and best wishes for a successful Lionistic 2019-2020 to all officers, directors, award recipients and members of the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson.
WEST NEW YORK LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON
North Warren Regional High School LEO officer honored

North Warren Regional High School LEO outgoing President, Josh Colon, was honored with a Plaque by the North Warren and Knowlton Township Lions Clubs.

FOR SALE
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To all Clubs and Members for ONLY $4.00
Email your District Governor for your Singapore State Pin

16-N-DG Alvin Cox
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WANTED
“DEAD ON THE RANGE”

6:30PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019
DINNER AND MURDER MYSTERY
O’Connor’s American Bar & Grill
1383 Monmouth Road, Eastampton, NJ
$65 Per Person * Cash Bar
Proceeds Benefit the Lions District 16L Charitable Foundation
LONG ISLAND INDO AMERICAN LIONS CLUB

INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CLUB

DG Linda Banks received Roses from Lion Hands Mehta.

DG Linda Banks with PDG TJ.

Past International President Brandell and the new officers of the American Indo Lions Club of Long Island were honored to have DG Linda Banks.
DG Linda Banks, PDG Nancy Jakubczyk with the American Indo Lions Club’s President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer revealing the New Banner for charter night. DG Linda thank Lion Harish and Lion Hansa Mehta for the opportunity and honor to be part of this event. A special Thanks and appreciation to Lions Pablo Romano, all this was possible to him. Congratulations to the Indo American Long Island Lions Club and may you be very prosperous and keep on growing. Good Luck Serving!!!

A very proud night for all Lions of American Indo Lions Club.

PDG TJ and the wonderful ladies that made this fabulous night possibly.

Awards to members of the American Indo Lions Club Members when they were Inducted and Appreciation letter to Lion Harish Mehta from Chuck Schumer.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We Serve Through Diversity with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear District Governor,

A good leader sees what their team can help accomplish. But a great leader sees what they can help their team accomplish. That is my leadership philosophy. And it is the philosophy I ask you to consider as you work to achieve your goals this year.

Remember that achieving your goals is tied to the achievements of your members. When you ensure the success of every Lion, you ensure success in growing and serving your district. Find out what your clubs need to attract new members, and help them get it. Determine how your clubs can serve more effectively, and then work with your district team to support them.

You see, I am counting on you to not only strengthen our membership, but to strengthen our members. Let us not forget the heart of service that unites us. Let us never stop asking the question that makes us Lion leaders: How can I help you achieve your goal?

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President

MD-20 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2019

Dear Lions,

There is an awesome opportunity to develop your leadership skills coming up. Multiple District 20 Lions Leadership Institute is now accepting application for the 2019 Lions Leadership Institute to be held on October 24-26, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 225 Water St, Binghamton, NY 13901. If interested, please review the files attached. The cost for the institute for New Jersey Lions is $450.00. Please pass this on to all memebers of your Lions Club.

You can find more information about the Regional Lions Leadership Institutes at https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lli-curriculum

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact GLT MD Coordinator Winster Ceballos at glt@njlions.org

SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
For Lions Year 2019 - 2020

October 12: Rise Against Hunger Event, (Lions’ hands-on packing of meals) at Central Presbyterian Church—coordinated by Lion Janet Russell).

October 24: Dining in the Dark (Vision Loss Alliance), The Meadow Wood Manor, Randolph, NJ. Summit Lions in attendance representing Club: Lion Janet Russell and Lion Helper, Thad Russell.

November 14: Diabetes Awareness Day at Summit YMCA. Lions set up banner and table with Lions information while providing healthy snacks and discussion on diabetes awareness and prevention. (Lion Fred Cuozzo, Coordinator). Lions Fred Cuozzo, John Schweska and Janet Russel in attendance).

December 16: Inter-Club Holiday Luncheon hosted by Summit Lions Club, at Grand Summit Hotel. (Lion Peter L. Twill, Coordinator). Luncheon with Summit Lions Club and other Lion Clubs invited, (Springfield and New Providence), along with Summit Rotary Club. Summit High School Orchestra and Choral and Glee Club performs. (Important note: Lions support and promote talents and positive wellbeing and lifestyle for local youth). Summit Lions In attendance: Peter Twill, John Schweska,

December 17: Christmas Party for Union County Blind at Summit Community Center, Morris Avenue, Summit. (Lion John JD Schweska, Coordinator). Pizza and dessert provided by Club. Summit H.S. Glee Club performs Christmas Carols. Seniors of Westfield of “Creative Hands”, provide 45 knitted scarves and blankets as gifts.

2020

April 24: (Friday night): Theatre for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (Lion John JD Schwska, Coordinator). Dreamcatchers Repertory Theatre, Oaks Center, Summit, NJ. Production of Ways to be Happy. Union County Blind and all visually impaired persons from other Clubs and/or guests invited.
Beer, beer, glorious beer, food, music and dancing set the scene at the Chester Lions Club 21st annual Oktoberfest celebration held at Chubb Park in Chester N.J. on Saturday September 28 and Sunday September 29, 2019.

The Chester Lions Club celebrates Oktoberfest on the last weekend in September as their tribute to all things Germanic and to raise funds for their charitable works and giving throughout the year.

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.45 million members who perform community service in 240 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief in our motto, We Serve. When you join Lions, you join a global service network. So, at the same time you’re doing local community service, you can also contribute to Lions volunteer efforts around the world.

The Chester Lions Club Oktoberfest is a family event. Live music, entertainers, bounce houses and other inflatables, games, and activities are available for children to enjoy.

The food tent offers a variety of authentic German food including bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, smoked pork chops, apple strudel, delicious beehive cake and authentic plum cake, large pretzels, and more. Hot dogs, ice-cream, funnel cakes, and all sorts of Germanic delicacies are also available to be enjoyed by all attendees, young and old alike.

Music for listening and dancing pleasure is provided by Die Spitzbaum, a German-American dance orchestra. The name means “Trouble Makers” in the German-Bavarian dialect. Music selections range from traditional German and Austrian numbers, suitable for eating and drinking beer, of course, to country western and rock tunes.

In previous years the net proceeds from the Oktoberfest were donated to such organizations as Soldiers Angels, an organization that supports our service men and women, and the Lions Eye Research Foundations ophthalmic surgeons of the Rutgers University Medical Center. The club also supports local police, fire and rescue organizations, Morristown Memorial Hospital, and so many other worthy organizations.

In order to make this event the success year after year, the Chester Lions rely on their sister club, the Chester Lioness Cub, the only Lioness club in the State of New Jersey, who assist in all facets of Oktoberfest, including ticket taking, selling raffles and food coupons, and staffing the various booths throughout the event.

While it may be Auf Wiedersehen for 2019, The Chester Lions, Lioness and all of MD-16 New Jersey look forward to the 2020 Oktoberfest.
Midland Park Lions Club Fundraiser!
Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Rosario’s Trattoria
29 Central Avenue
Midland Park
201-445-3335

EAT IN  TAKE OUT

Help support the Midland Park Lions Club fundraising efforts. Enjoy time off from cooking. Order your lunch or dinner at Rosario’s and 20% of your bill will be donated to the Lions Club.
Please use the below voucher.

The Gloucester City Lions Club is celebrating their 75th year Anniversary on October 26, 2019. We thought it would be nice to reach out to Past Presidents, even though they are currently not members of the club, to join us for a fun night of fellowship. We hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing everyone.
WAYNE LIONS CLUB

PDG Lou Corsaro installing Lion Dave Belgard as President.

PDG Lou Corsaro installing Lion Joe Hallock as 3rd. Vice President, Lion John Taggert as 2nd. Vice President and Lion Ken Gorski as 1st. Vice President.

Night for Sight Masquerade Ball

Saturday • Oct 26, 2019
7 – 11 PM
Jumping Brook Country Club
Tickets in Advance $65 • At Door $75
Contact: Bob DeSanctis 732-804-6041

WESTMONT LIONS
72nd HALLOWEEN PARADE
Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Four Cash Prize Categories

Prizes for Comic, Fancy and Scary in each Category

Registration forms are available at
Franco's and Westmont ACE Hardware or
Register Online

Email your form and pick up your
Registration number in front of
Franco’s Place, 53 Haddon Avenue
Between 5:45 and 7:00 pm on the night of the parade
Visit our website to download the form:
www.WestmontLionsNJ.org
Warm weather, sunny skies and a great response from local merchants, vendors, organizations, churches, and businesses made for a fantastic Midland Park Community Day. Organized by the chair of the Midland Park Department of Recreation, Kathy LaMonte, this annual event occurs on the Saturday after Labor Day, in this case, Saturday September 7, 2019.

Local clubs/organizations participating included the Midland Park Volunteer Fire Department, who cooked over 400 hamburgers and who knows how many hot dogs, all for a donation into a fireman’s “boot,” the Midland Park Lions Club always located across from MPFD, with soda and water to quench the thirst from eating all those dogs and burgers, the Wyckoff-Midland Park Rotary Club, the borough of Midland Park town offices which presented a recycling table this year, The Midland Park Police Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and local Girl Scouts which sold homemade cookies, not your garden varies Girl Scout Cookies! (no thin mints or Samoa’s here)

In addition to the above organizations, many surrounding area and town businesses set up informational tables concerning their particular brand, including area banks and insurance agencies, wellness centers, and other services. Some local churches provided games for the children, as well as a face painter.

A special guest was Smokey the Bear, celebrating his 100th anniversary, provided through the courtesy of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. A special thanks goes to Ed Seifert, District Warden and Cindy Livesey, Firefighter (and Smokey) members of the Forest Fire Service.

The locally famous Ed O’Dell Band provided music throughout the day.

Midland Park Director of Recreation Kathy LaMonte stated, “This has been the best turnout since the inception of Community Day some years ago.”

With weather not conducive for an outdoor event over the past few years, the weather persons opted for a great day to have an outdoor party. With over 39 vendors and participating organizations, this was by far the best organized and attended community day in recent years. Congratulations to all participants and attendees in showing their support for the Midland Park community.
OCTOBER 2019

-Mon, Oct 7 – Wayne Lions hosting their 26th annual golf outing at Preakness Valley Golf Club - $130 per golfer which includes the golf, a cart, breakfast and a barbeque lunch, as well as prizes to be awarded. As always, we need golfers and tee sponsors. As usual we need golfers and tee sponsors. Contact Lion Chairman Hugh (973) 809-3433 and Lion Mario (973) 650-6999 for more information.

-Thur, Oct 10 – District 16N meeting at Ravello’s, 138 Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover, NJ 07936 – 6:30 p.m. - The price will be $35.00. Family style with wine and soda on the table. Dinner reservations should be called in to PDG Paula Tarantino Maione no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. Phone: 201-709-4944, email: pdgpaula@comcast.net

-Sat, Oct 12 – Mt Olive Lions Club will be hosting their second annual Casino Night at the American Legion Post 298, located at 119 Rte 183 Stanhope, NJ. Advance sales are $50, at the door $60. Food and baskets of prizes to be won. Starts at 5 pm. Questions contact Drew Van Dam at (201) 874-5930.

-Sat, Oct 12 – Wayne Lions doing Eye Screening at the Wayne Township Health Fair- Open to the public- 8:30-11 am. The event is held at the Wayne Valley H.S.

-Fri, Oct 18 – Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Annual Beefsteak Dinner -7:30 PM - Special Guest “UNCLE FLOYD” at the East Rutherford Civic Center Vreeland Ave (behind St Joseph’s Church) East Rutherford Beer included Tickets $45 Contact Mike Pacala 201-933-8550

-Sat, Oct 19 – JDRF WALK Liberty State Park - Registration online at www.miraclematthew.com or register that day at 9am. Walk begins at 10am ... light refreshments served. Done by noon. For more information contact Louis Corsaro LCorsaro@optonline.net (862) 377-3335

-Sun, Oct 27 – Bergenfield Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast –Conlon Hall, behind St. John’s RC Church. (18 N William St, Bergenfield, NJ 07621) – 8:30am-1pm - Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Crumb Cake, Coffee, Tea. “Colors the Clown”- Balloon Sculpting and Vision Screening. Adults $7, Children 6-11 $5, younger free. -Tickets at door, from any Lion or for more info Rick Chittum rchittum16n@aol.com or cell 201-966-5677.

NOVEMBER 2019

-Thur, Nov 14 – District 16N meeting at Ravello’s, 138 Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover, NJ 07936 – 6:30 p.m.- The price will be $35.00. Family style with wine and soda on the table. Dinner reservations should be called in to PDG Paula Tarantino Maione no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. Phone: 201-709-4944, email: pdgpaula@comcast.net

-Thur, Jan 9 – District 16N meeting at Ravello’s, 138 Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover, NJ 07936 – 6:30 p.m. - The price will be $35.00. Family style with wine and soda on the table. Dinner reservations should be called in to PDG Paula Tarantino Maione no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. Phone: 201-709-4944, email: pdgpaula@comcast.net
A message from Immediate Past District Governor Ruth Molenaar,

When I became a 16-N District Governor 2018-2019 I had a goal and promised to raise $10,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for the “Miracle for Matthew”. I knew it was a crazy challenge, but not impossible. I said, I WILL DO IT. In 8 months I raised $22,474.00. CRAZY!!!

I like to Thank all Clubs and Members of 16-N, all Lions at Council Meetings and all meetings that helped me reach my goal and made it a reality with their contributions allowing me to go to every Club with my Can. An additional Hug to those Clubs that went an extra mile with their donations/checks.

Thank you and Many Hugs for going an extra mile with your donation/check:

1- Belvidere Lions Club
2- Bergenfield Lions Club
3- Bloomfield Lions Club
4- Carlstadt E. Rutherford Lions Club
5- Cedar Grove Lions Club
6- Chester Lioness Club
7- Closter Lions Club
8- Council Meetings
9- District 16-N Charitable Foundation Meeting
10- District Meetings
11- Fair Lawn Lions Club
12- Franklin Lakes Lions Club
13- Franklin Township Club
14- Hackensack Lions Club
15- Harmony Lions Club
16- Harrington Park Lions Club
17- Harrison Lions Club,
18- Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club
19- Jersey City/Hudson City Lions Club
20- Kearny Lions Club
21- Knowlton Township Lions Club
22- Leonia Lions Club
23- Lincoln Park Lions Club
24- Livingston Lions Club
25- Midland Park Lions Club
26- Mt. Olive Lions Club
27- North Warren Lions Club
28- Nutley Lions Club
29- Oradell Lions Club,
30- Ridgefield Park Lions Club
31- River Edge Lions Club
32- Rutherford Lions Club
33- Saddle Brook Main Lions Club
34- South Orange Club
35- USA/Canada Forum, Ohio
36- Verona Lions Club
37- Waldwick Lions Club
38- Wallington Lions Club
39- Wayne Township Lions Club
40- West Milford Lions Club
41- West Orange Lions Club
42- Wood Ridge Lions Club
43- Wyckoff Lions Club
44- Zone Chair Training
45- 49th Grand Charity Ball & District Governor's Testimonial

1- Belvidere Lions Club
2- Bergen Hispanic American Lions Club
3- Bloomfield Lions Club
4- Carlstadt East Rutherford Lions Club
5- Chester Lions Club
6- Closter Lions Club
7- Hackensack Lions Club
8- Jersey City/ Hudson City Lions Club
9- DG Alvin Cox/Kearny Lions Club
10- Lincoln Park Lions Club
11- Livingston Lions Club
12- Midland Park Lions Club
13- Mount Olive Lions Club
14- Passaic - Clifton Lions Club
15- Paterson Simon Bolivar Lions Club
16- Ridgefield Lions Club
17- Verona Lions Club
18- Waldwick Lions Club
19- Wallington Lions Club
20- Wayne Township Lions Club
21- West Milford Lions Club
22- West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson
23- Wood Ridge Lions Club
24- Molenaar and Fernandez family
25- Lion Nancy Jakubczyk
26- Lion Dr. Andrew Petre- Memorial Fund - Belvidere Lions Club
27- PCC/SA Jack Romano
28- Eugene Dennis - Eversight Lab Manager-Cash
29- Lion Dr. Jeanine E. Labrada-Eye Dr. of Mount Olive Lions Club
30- Lion Dr. David Verducci

THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND MANY HUGS for helping me reach my GOAL!!!
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