

# New York State and Bermuda MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20 LION



JANUARY 2025



## PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER

*"Peace Without Walls"*

2024-2025 WINNER:

**GIANA DAVIES**, Age 13

District: 20-Y - DG Jill A. Skinner

Her remarks:

"People holding hands represents that we are all different. The olive branch represents Peace. The flag represents that we are from all over the world. The Lions represents the symbol of leadership, strength, power and courage."



## The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation

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The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation achieves its mission of helping children in need by partnering with Lions clubs, zones, and districts throughout Multiple District 20 through our Grant Program. The Foundation awards up to \$2,000 matching funds for Standard Humanitarian Grants and up to \$2,500 in non-matching Emergency Grants. With our new Major Grant program, we are now able to award \$10,000 to \$20,000 in matching funds for qualified projects.

**Since 2011, 191 grants have helped over 250,000 children with over \$330,000 in grants awarded.** As we begin a new calendar year we can reflect on the success of 2024, with 19 Standard Grants awarding nearly \$25,000 in funds that will help over 14,000 children in need throughout Multiple District 20.

Examples of some of these 2024 grants include:

- assisting two backpack programs in 20-O to provide after school meals.
- providing swag bags to help brighten the treatment experience of children with cancer in 20-K2 (seen at right).
- fresh food vouchers and "Dinners4kids" for children and families struggling with food insecurity in 20-O.
- four vision screening related grants in 20-R2, 20-W, 20-E2.
- providing shoes, sneakers and coats to children in need in 20-W and 20-K1.



### How To Receive Your Grant

Our Grant Committee looks forward to receiving many more grant applications in 2025 before our current Lions year concludes. **On our website you will find everything you need to apply for a BMYF Grant**, including your application and a simple submission process. Some helpful tips include:

- Your project should be designed to significantly help children in need.
- If you are applying for a Major Grant it must also benefit many children over a wide geographical area.
- When applying for a Standard or Major Grant, matching funds are required for grant approval.

Once your project has been approved at your board or cabinet meeting, you are ready to submit your application to the Foundation. Grants are awarded on a regular basis throughout the year.

### How You Can Support Our Grants

It is through our generous donors that these grants are made possible. When you visit our website you can find out the many ways in which you can help our mission. Thank you in advance for supporting our major fundraiser, **The Super Hero Raffle**. **Purchase tickets online by going to our website or by using the QR code to the right.** The drawing will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025. Good Luck to everyone!



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# MD-20 NEW YORK STATE and BERMUDA LIONS CLUBS 101st ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 16-18, 2025 :-: Niagara Falls, NY

## *Celebrate Over a Century of Service!*

Join us for the **101st Annual MD-20 Lions Clubs Convention** as we gather Lions from across New York State and Bermuda to honor our shared legacy and inspire future acts of kindness. This is more than a convention – it's a moment to reflect, connect, and empower each other to serve our communities with greater impact.

- \* **Collection of small Lego kits for Roswell Park Cancer Institute:** Each kit will be given to a child waiting for and during their treatments.
- \* **Workshops & Panels:** Tools and strategies to elevate your impact as a Lion.
- \* **Networking Opportunities:** Build meaningful connections with Lions who share your commitment.
- \* **Hands-on Service Project**
- \* **Explore Niagara Falls:** Be inspired by one of the world's natural wonders!

### **Register Today – Together, We Can Achieve Even More!**

- **Early Bird Registration Deadline:** April 15, 2025
- **Registration Fee:** \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door)
- **Secure Your Spot Now:** <https://md20lionsconvention.org/>



**We Serve**

### **Saturday Night Gala theme: Beach Party**

Your district or club can sponsor (and reserve) at the Gala.  
Please contact [sharonb20n@gmail.com](mailto:sharonb20n@gmail.com) for more information.

As you know 101st NY State and Bermuda Lions Clubs Convention will be held on May 16-18, 2025 in Niagara Falls.

This year we are trying something different for our Gala held on Saturday evening (May 17, 2025). We are looking for districts or clubs to sponsor tables at the gala. There will be approximately 40 tables available.

The cost of sponsoring a table will be \$50 with the option of having those tables reserved for your district or club. A sign will be placed on any sponsored table stating who the sponsor is and if reserved, a sign will state that the table is reserved for your district or club.

Districts and Clubs can sponsor as many tables as they would like.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

Sharon Battaglia, 2025 MD-20 Convention Chair, 716-474-4039, [Sharonb20n@gmail.com](mailto:Sharonb20n@gmail.com)

District or Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables to be sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like these tables reserved: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be placed on reserved tables: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please understand that if there is room at your reserved table others will be joining you if necessary)

*Please make checks payable to:  
MD20 Lions and forward to Sharon Battaglia, 6532 Wills Hollow, Lockport, NY 14094*

# MD-20 NEW YORK STATE and BERMUDA LIONS CLUBS 101st ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Lions working with LCI the MD 20 New York Bermuda delegation will be housed at the:  
**Hyatt Regency Orlando**  
9801 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819

The hotel is very large, and has a walkway directly connected to the Convention Center

I am working with the sales department to host our MD 20 breakfast caucus on Monday July 14 before the parade and will let you know when I finalize the details.

You must register before you can get a room. Please go to the LCI Website under Lions International convention register and book your room at the Hyatt Regency Orlando hotel.

Early Bird registration \$190 until March 1 :-: Regular until July 10 is \$265.00

~ Thanks Tim

PCC Tim Jachlewski, Secretary Treasurer  
MD-20 New York /Bermuda Lions



New York State & Bermuda Lions

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***Questions?? Call Lion Mike at 716-228-9386***

***Please submit your application before March 15th.***

## DISTRICT 20-N



*On December 15th, the Kensington Lions Club ran their annual Food Basket Giveaway at Kensington Bailey Neighborhood Housing services. 65 meal boxes (ham, vegetables, pie) were assembled and distributed to needy area families, as well as gifts for all the kids.*

*Santa was able to join us for the first time since 2019! Many thanks to Roseann Scibilia, Executive Director of the University District Community Development Association, and her staff for shopping, wrapping, and identifying recipients.*

*The Kensington Lions have been pleased to hold this annual event since 2006.*



# DISTRICT E1 NEWS

**ALBION LION CLUB** donated \$500 to their local library to support the purchase of three large computer monitors designed for patrons with visual impairments.

**ALFRED LIONS CLUB** awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two June graduates of Alfred-Almond High School.

**ANDOVER LIONS CLUB** The annual Grandparents' Thanksgiving Luncheon at Andover School District, had an impressive 236 grandparents. The club covered the cost of the grandparents' lunches for this occasion.

**ANGELICA LIONS CLUB** held their annual Ham and Turkey Raffle before Thanksgiving.

**ATTICA LIONS CLUB** participated in local trunk or treat and helped support a local hospice.

**AVON LIONS CLUB** celebrated their local Veterans and heard from Livingston County Director of Veterans Services David Terry who spoke of veteran services.

**BATAVIA LIONS CLUB** hosted a holiday high school basketball tournament featuring fifteen teams.

**BELFAST LIONS CLUB** held a tree giveaway. Donated to the American Legion toward the renovation of handicap accessibility for their community room.

**BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB** collaborated with two other community agencies and hosted a "Community Conversation" program for older adults.

**BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB** partnered with other community agencies to help feed over 200 households in need this holiday season.

**CALEDONIA MUMFORD LIONS** are very proud of the newly built extra-large food pantry.

**CANASERAGA LIONS CLUB** continues to conduct vision screening in area schools and donated to Lifeline.

**LIONS CLUB OF CHILI** was acknowledged by the Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce for 60 years of Community Service.

**CHURCHVILLE LIONS CLUB** with the help of the local community gathered 150 new, used and defective bicycles for the R Community Bikes program.

**CLAREDON LIONS CLUB** provided a night of Bingo fun for area veterans to help express our appreciation.

**CUBA LIONS CLUB** donated \$1,000 to Cuba Lion and Current MD20 E1 DG Al Merrill for Camp Badger.

**DANSVILLE LIONS CLUB** put Festival of Lights trees in place and brightened up the community.

**DANSVILLE LIONESSE LIONS CLUB** had their annual craft show and sold raffle tickets for a Buffalo Bills sign.

**FAIRPORT LIONS CLUB** hosted a successful district-wide dinner and fundraiser for childhood cancer.

**GATES GREECE LIONS CLUB** are hosting a snow-golf fundraiser.

**HAMLIN LIONS CLUB** completed another year of serving pancake breakfasts at Hamlin Beach State Park.

**HILTON LION CLUB** held a contest to see which homes in the Hilton area have the "Best Exterior Decorations."

**IRONDEQUOIT LIONS CLUB** participated in the town Trunk or Treat, handing out 1,000 pieces of candy.

**KENDALL LIONS CLUB** catered a delicious spaghetti dinner on Election Day, making all voters happy.

**LYNDONVILLE LIONS CLUB** celebrated their first Oktoberfest.

**MAPLE CITY LIONS CLUB** donated baskets to assist victims of flooding from hurricane Debby.

**MEDINA LIONS** had a record 222 scarecrows made at their annual Scarecrow Festival.

**OAKFIELD-ALABAMA LIONS CLUB** hosted Breakfast with Santa and delivered sunshine baskets.

**ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN HOST LIONS CLUB** were involved in the Toys for Tots program.

**RUSH LIONS CLUB** has an active medical loan closet and is looking to sponsor a little league baseball team.

**SCIO LIONS CLUB** organized a community Christmas Tree project and Santa popped in.

**SCOTTSVILLE LIONS CLUB** sponsored a dessert table at a fundraiser for a local hospice.

**VARYSBURG LIONS CLUB** donated to a local food pantry, hurricane relief, and held a gun raffle.

**WALWORTH LIONS CLUB** hosted breakfast with Santa and began their holiday light recycling program.

**WEBSTER LIONS CLUB** made a lot of kids smile at their annual pancake breakfast with Santa!

**WELLSVILLE LIONS CLUB** rang the bells for the Salvation Army. The Wellsville Lions Club provided Christmas trees on the library lawn to help make Main Street sparkle.



# FINGER LAKES DISTRICT 20-E2 NEWS

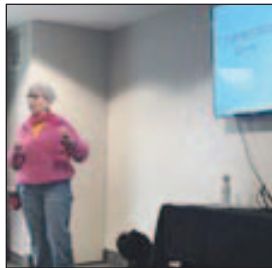
## 2024 District 20E2 Fall Conference

Lions District 20E2 District Governor Eric Rosenkrans and visiting guest International Director John Lawrence from Maryland welcomed everybody to the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. Past International Director Dr. Ed Cordes, 2nd Vice District Governor Lisa Barber, Past Council Chair Gary Boisseau and 1st Vice District Governor Tamre Waite spoke on various topics about the conference, the upcoming seminars, and District Lions Activities.



## Seminars

Past DG Kathy Spear conducted the First Timer's Seminar. Jamie Flerage, MD, presented about Childhood Cancer and PCC Gary Boisseau gave a talk about the Lion Portal. A presentation about Lions Camp Badger was done by PDG Rena Haigh and information about the Yellow Dot and Project Life-saver Programs was provided by Schuyler County Sheriff Kevin Rumsey. An afternoon seminar - Stand With Me (about Assistance Dog Team Training) was followed by a group discussion with ID John Lawrence. A good time was had by all who attended this year's conference as they enjoyed delicious food, companionship with other Lions, and learning helpful information on topics important to them in their activities as Lions.



## 2024 District 20E2 Fall Conference Award Winners!

**Club Excellence Award:** Sodus Pride Lions

**International President's Certificate of Appreciation:**

Craig Shields (North Rose) • Chad Holmberg (Union Springs) • Patti Paprocki (Sodus Pride)

PDG Kathy Spear presented Campbell Lion JoAnn Twist with a **key award for recruiting 5 new members**.

PDG Rena Haigh announced that the **maintenance building at Lions Camp Badger has been renamed the Noteboom Maintenance Building** to thank PDG Dave Noteboom for all his work at the camp.





# DISTRICT 20-W

## SPECULATOR LIONS CLUB

### New Member Inductions

By Lion Susan Beltran

On Wednesday, September 19th, District Governor Holly and her service partner, Lion Margo, as well as region/zone chair Lion Ed Balaban, visited the Speculator Lions Club at the Lemon Tree Brewery in Speculator. While there, District Governor Holly had plans to induct Wendy Newell as the newest member of the Speculator Club but after all the discussion held by the members during the evening, a possible new member, Evan Spisz, decided to join that evening also. KL Peter Newell sponsored both new members.

## REGION I/ZONE A

### Zone Project/Charlton School for Girls

By DG Holly McConchie

The five Lions Clubs of Region I Zone A (Ballston Spa, Galway, Scotia-Glenville, Saratoga Springs and Town of Greenfield) joined for a Zone Service Project at The Charlton School for Girls on Saturday 10/5/24.

The school is a non-profit therapeutic learning community for high school girls with various mental health issues. As part of their high school curriculum, they have a large "Pollinator Garden" used in science classes. Over the years portions of the garden have become overgrown and need of some "TLC". Fourteen Lions representing all five clubs of the Zone united to work on a portion of the garden removing weeds, rototilling, adding five yards of topsoil (purchased by the clubs), replanting perennial plants, adding mulch that the school had and rebuilding part of the gravel walkway dividing the beds. It took approximately five hours of hard work to complete the section we selected. A couple of Lions expressed interest in coming back next year to work on another section.

An interesting note is this is not the first time Lions have stepped up to help the school's needs. In the mid-60's a 20Y2 District project raised funds to help build a swimming pool. That pool is still being used.

## SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

### Peace Poster Winners

By Lion John Griffin

At our meeting on November 14, 2024, the Club hosted the Sauquoit Valley Middle School 2024-2025 Lions International Peace Poster contest winners and their families for dinner at Orchard Hall Restaurant in Sauquoit. Lion Club Vice-President Sue Hughes welcomed the students and their families for the recognition ceremony for the top three vote getters. Following

dinner, the winners were announced and the Club presented them with Barnes and Noble gift certificates.

At the outset of the meeting our Club Veterans were recognized for their service to our Country and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the meeting the Club voted to donate bags of apples and 55 bags of oranges to 55 families in need in our community. The fruit was distributed by the Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors(SVF&N) at their annual Thanksgiving food distribution event which took place on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Club also donated \$400 for gifts to be distributed to Sr. shut-ins by SVF&N at Christmas.

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For over 40 years, Lions Camp Badger has been a place where smiles, laughter, and lifelong memories are made. Each summer, we welcome campers to an inclusive environment that fosters self-esteem, confidence, and acceptance. This past summer, over 120 campers joined us, along with 15 families who participated in our special Family Camp. Together, we continue to create a community filled with joy, connection, and empowerment. Our mission is to improve lives by enhancing our programs and facilities every year. As we look ahead, your support makes all the difference. Whether through visiting, volunteering, or donating, you help keep the magic alive. Let's build the future together. Support "your" Lions Camp Badger and help keep our campers smiling!

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# DISTRICT 20-Y

**OXFORD LIONS DOING EYE EXAMS**



**JOHNSON CITY'S TRUNK OR TREAT**



**PULASKI'S BASKET GIFTS FOR 200**



**BAINBRIDGE'S TURKEY TROT & TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISERS**



**FULTON'S INDUCTION OF MEMBERS**



**MARTISCO'S VISITING THE SENIORS**



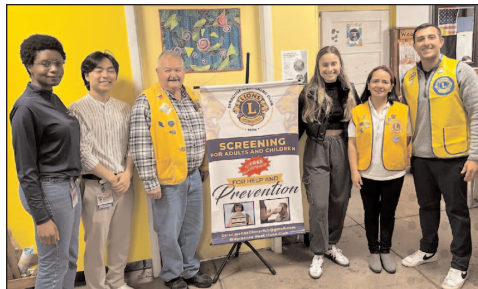
**CENTRAL SQUARE'S BUSY WEEKS FROM SEPTEMBER THRU DECEMBER**



**A BUSY MCGRAW LIONS CLUB**



**SYRACUSE HOST & CVR LIONS EYE SCREENING & SYRACUSE HOST AWARDING PROCLAMATION**



**SO. JEFFERSON HIGHWAY CLEANUP**



**CHITTENANGO'S HELPING AT FALL FESTIVAL**



**DEPOSIT LIONS CLEANING UP THE WAR CEMETERY**





# District 20 O Around our District



# DISTRICT 20-R2

## Lions Celebrate Youth and Service

### Present the ... Jack Coughlin Award and Other Community Service Recognitions



*Service award Winners (left to right):  
The Carver Centers Daniel Bonnet & Anne Bradner, Jason Summers,  
OCRA students & OCRA leader Joe Liberti, LM Lions President Lina Pasquale.*

The Larchmont Mamaroneck & Port Chester/Rye Brook Lions recognized and honored over 50 community service groups at their January 12th Points of Light Celebration of Service at the Orienta Beach Club in Mamaroneck.

Westchester County Legislator Catherine Parker was the keynote speaker. The event was attended by state, local, and Lions leaders and leaders of the many service groups being honored at the event.

The centerpiece was the presenting of the community service awards - the Lions Jack Coughlin Community Service Awards to Jason Summers of the Sandbox Theatre and Mamaroneck High School's OCRA civics program. This award, named in memory of long time Lion and founder of Coughlin Insurance, Jack Coughlin, recognizes a group and an individual for outstanding and dedicated service to the Larchmont Mamaroneck community.

The LM & PC/RB Lions Community Service Award, which recognizes outstanding and dedicated service to the Port Chester/Rye Brook community, was given to Port Chester's Carver Center.

The Lions also presented the Melvin Jones Fellow to LM Lions President Lina Pasquale. Named after the founder of Lions Clubs, the Lions International Foundation's Melvin Jones Fellow is given to an individual in acknowledgement of dedicated humanitarian services.

The event individually recognized the many groups and individuals who today serve the community including Alzheimer's Association, At Home on the Sound, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Cancer Support Team, Carver Center, Coalition for Community, Community Counseling Center, Community Resource Center, Council of Community Services, CURE, Don Bosco Community Center, Family Services of Westchester, Fields For Kids, Forever Families Through

Adoption, Friends of Karen, Friends of Larchmont Parks, Furniture Sharehouse, Girl Scouts, Grassroots Grocery, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Junior League of Westchester, KidsSight Vision Screenings, La Plaza de Paulo, Larchmont Chamber of Commerce, Larchmont Friends of the Family, Larchmont Library/Friends of Library, Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, Larchmont Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways, Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit, Larchmont Rotary, LMC Media, Mamaroneck Elks, Mamaroneck Historical Society, Mamaroneck Library, Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce, Meals on Main Street, Neighbors for Refugees, OCRA, Open Door, Pediatric Cancer Foundation, PEO(Philanthropic Education Org), Port Chester-Rye Brook Public Library, Port Chester Youth Bureau, Rye YMCA, Salvation Army, Sheldrake Environmental Center, Sustainable Port Chester Alliance, The Fuller Center, The Sharing Shelf, The STEM Alliance, VHP (Volunteer Health Program), Victory Farms, Visions VCB, Washingtonville Housing Alliance, Woman's Club of Larchmont.

The Points of Light celebration of community service is the primary fundraiser for the LM Lions Foundation - the 501c3 financial resource at the center LM Lions support of many of these service groups. Of importance is that the Foundation grows donated funds as seed money to attract matching grants and other partnerships to deliver more support for local and Lions service. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

The LM Lions would like to thank Gold sponsor The Coughlin Group, Silver Sponsors Orange Bank & Nancy Joselson and all the other sponsors and donors for their support.



# LIONS OF MD20 ALERT FOUNDATION

Why we exist – to aid areas that suffer disasters.

We are a new Foundation made possible through LCIF grants and we could use your support.

To volunteer to work with us please contact PCC Kelly Clark - kclarkmd20@gmail.com.

We had two workdays: October 25 and 26, 2024 in Spencer.

On Friday the 25th we had volunteers from E2 and Y. I want to thank the Lions ramp crew from Penn Yan, along with PDGs David Noteboom, Harold Bush, Dave Hubman, Tom Skinner and also Lion Roger Ditch from Windsor. We filled 50 cleaning buckets, labeled large equipment, took a complete inventory and recorded serial numbers on the generators. Many hands make light work so thank you all for coming out to help.

The warehouse looks great, we can find equipment and we know what we have because of the inventory. We are ready to aid the next disaster area.

This Fall when PDG Sue Piccolo in K2 gathered relief supplies, the Alert Foundation sent some equipment to North Carolina in her trucks. To replace that equipment, District 20 Y applied for an LCIF Disaster Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$14,740 which coupled with matching funds of \$4920, donated from around the MD will allow us to replace all the equipment that we sent to the flood ravaged areas in the south. Once again, MD20 showed that we are willing to help our Lions family anywhere a disaster strikes.

As we help others, it is so wonderful to witness the continued support from LCIF. We know that we don't need to worry about sending supplies where they are needed because LCIF is there to help us restock and be ready for the next disaster.

To donate to our Foundation, you can sponsor any number of cleaning buckets or just send a donation. We would appreciate your club making a budget line item for continued support of the Alert Foundation.

*Please make checks payable to:*

**Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation**  
clo PCC Kelly Clark  
7643 Park Ave.  
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# MD20 ALERT FOUNDATION

(Continued)



*Your club can sponsor  
a cleaning bucket  
or other equipment.*



*Your sponsorship  
aids others.*

The buckets are filled with cleaning supplies and are sent out to disaster areas as needed. Your club name will be on any buckets that you sponsor, letting others know that your club is supporting them in their time of need. We just need your club name and district along with your payment of \$40 per bucket.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to:  
Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation and mailed to:  
Kelly Clark  
7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367



# DISTRICT 20-K1

**Three Community Stakeholders Support Environmental Project (Lions, LEAD INT and Church):** Photos show Lions from Bedford Stuy, Transition and Crown Heights joined with a community organization Leaders Engaging in All-Round Development “LEAD’INT” and members of Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church” as they team to clean the neighborhood park.



**Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club and Brooklyn Stuy Park Lions Club Annual Partnership Service Project:** the clubs conducted their annual partnership service project. Thanksgiving food baskets (small tubs) were packed and delivered to less fortunate families of the Brooklyn community.

It was a special honor to have PIP Douglas X. Alexander, who helped to pack and deliver baskets. Each basket contained a turkey, a chicken and other food items for a family of at least five.

Lions Prince and Janet Felix graciously opened their home and provided space for this service project. Lion Janet, President of Stuy Park Lion also prepared a delicious meal for the Lions who participated. *“Embracing Service for Life”*



**DG Romeo Welcomes A New Club:** I had the distinct honor, as DG of our great District of Brooklyn and Queens, to officially charter the newest addition to our Lions family—the Your Life Matters Lions Club. Under the leadership of their President, Lion Kathyann Ngim-Kerr aka SAVI.



I want to also congratulate their sponsoring club, Firth Responders LC and President Dimple Willabus for helping and guiding them.

WELCOME, this club represents a fresh beacon of hope and service in our community.

**Richmond Hill South Ozone Lions Club Distributes Food Supplies in Preparation for Thanksgiving:**



**“HOPE TO WALK” (A Compelling Partnership between 20-K1 and The Dominican Republic) – A TOUCHING STORY:** “LCIcon 2022 was my first convention,” declared Lion Mildred Ramirez (Queens United). “My friend, Lion Jose Santiago (Queens Las Americas) insisted that I meet his friend, Lion Berenice from the Dominican Republic. We were drawn to a banner at a table that read HOPE TO WALK. Immediately, we were intrigued by the prosthetic legs on display!”



Lions Kristen and Phil shared a conversation about the wonders of a marvelous global humanitarian project that offers affordable prosthetic legs for \$250.00 to persons in indigent communities.

I engaged with other clubs as New Voices Chairperson and invited HOPE TO WALK to participate as a vendor at our Mid-Winter Convention, 2022.

After many months of planning, collecting medical histories, interviewing patients and securing resources, 20 patients were selected. With 90% of donations from clubs in 20-K1 and R2, the first group was ready and thrilled to receive their prosthetic legs.



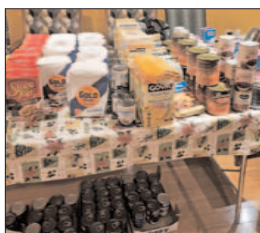
Special thanks to the enthusiastic teamwork of Lion Bernice Fernandez and Lion Fausto Esperanza on the ground in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. They organized the seamless intake and related procedures at Father Billini Hospital. Without their dedicated support and belief in the merits of this venture, “HOPE TO WALK” would not have achieved its goals.

For additional information or to donate, contact info@hopetowalk.org.

**Lions of District 20-K1 Celebrate Historic Diwali Lighting Ceremony:** for the first time in the history of 20-K1, a Diwali Lighting Ceremony was held to celebrate the **Festival of Lights**. This milestone event took place to symbolize the district’s commitment to embracing and honoring the diverse cultures within our community.



The ceremony highlighted the core message of Diwali—*“the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance—while fostering unity, hope, and goodwill”*.



**Queens United Models A Successful “Partnership”:** in collaboration with Betty’s Catering, the club hosted their heartwarming “Queens United Lions-Giving 2024!”

The atmosphere was charged with high excitement as Lions filled the beautifully decorated venue with infectious joy, and laughter. The radiant smiles on the faces of the attendees completed the picture of a roaring, resounding successful event. Delicious food, and lively music stimulated everyone to dance, adding an extra layer of festivity. A Bolivian cultural performance captivated our guests as the spirit of the holidays saturated the space. The afternoon culminated with a delightful surprise. Shrieks of immeasurable joy erupted from children and adults when Santa Claus himself (played by Lion President Vincent Laucella!) made his appearance.



Queens United is grateful to the participating District 20-K1 clubs, our sponsoring club, Queens Las Americas, Zone Chair Lilliana Ramirez (Queens Columbia), and PCC Deborah Harrison (Laurelton). Their collaboration was instrumental in making this event such a memorable occasion.

This event beautifully exemplified the spirit of community: neighbors supporting neighbors, and working together to create a positive and uplifting experience for all.

**Laurelton Lions Serves 100 at Signature Thanksgiving Project:** the Laurelton Lions hosted their Annual Thanksgiving luncheon with Innovative Resources for Independence. This heartwarming Thanksgiving feast is dedicated to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and has become a cherished tradition within the community. The objective is to showcase the commitment of Lions to support and uplift those in need.



This year’s event was a resounding success, 100 individuals were treated to a delicious home-cooked Thanksgiving meal featuring a diverse array of healthy menu items. The atmosphere was filled with joy and gratitude as participants gathered to enjoy a meal and also connect with one another in a spirit of community.

This effort from both the Laurelton Lions Club and “Innovative Resources for Independence” working together exemplified the true meaning of Thanksgiving—coming together to share kindness, love and compassion.

As this initiative continues to grow each year, it highlights the importance of community involvement in supporting individuals with special needs.





# DISTRICT 20-K2

## Bellmore Lions Club



Bellmore Lions Club, joined by other 20-K2 clubs and community groups, held their **Children's Holiday Polar Express** creating a "Winter Wonderland" for families in need. This annual event provides toys, clothing, and other items, as well as a chance to meet Santa. Seeing so many smiling faces, both from the families and the



volunteers, is really heartwarming. This holiday event brought Santa and Holiday Cheer to many struggling families.

## Floral Park Lions Club



The Floral Park Lions Club held a food drive with some help from the Brooklyn Midwood Lions Club. Over 770 pounds of food was donated to Our Lady of Victory food pantry!

Thanksgiving goodies were baked for the residents of Ronald McDonald House. Apple Sour Cream Cake, Pumpkin Spice cookies, Brookies (brownie-cookies) and chocolate covered Oreos were among the treats.



At the "SOCKTOBER" event with the Floral Park-Bellerose School socks, coloring books and crayons were donated.



## Rockville Centre Lions Club

The Rockville Centre Lions have been working with the Tommy Brull Foundation Inc. for seven years to build an inclusive playground in their village - "Mr. B's Playground". On October 6th it was time to celebrate!!! A grant from LCIF helped provide the funds for this wonderful project.



## Bermuda Lions

The Bermuda Lions have been busy raising funds for local charities and collecting food items for their annual "Share the Christmas Spirit". They also enjoyed a festive Christmas celebration with their Lion Cubs. A special visit from the Lion Elf arrived just in time to spread holiday magic and hand out gifts to all the Cubs! The parents and Lion members had lots of fun too!



Share The Christmas Spirit



Lion Cubs Christmas Party

## New Hyde Park Lions Club



New Hyde Parks Lions annual Christmas Tree sale features a Tree Lighting, magic show and a visit by Santa. Net proceeds from the tree sales benefit the Boy Scouts, the Lions Eye Bank, Veteran Service Dogs, the Gladiator Fund (scholarship) and other local charities.



## New Hyde Park North Lions Club



The New Hyde Park North Lions hosted a Homeland Security Emergency Services Citizens Emergency Preparedness Seminar presented by the NY National Guard. Each family attending received an emergency preparedness kit.

New Hyde Park Lion Marie Scandura, an Eye Bank Board Member, Dr. Susan Zarola-Cohen from the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island promoting Eye Donation Awareness at a table at North Shore University Hospital.



# HAPPENING AROUND DISTRICT 20-S





The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation presents

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### Jack Weber, Here!



A MEMOIR

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