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Monthly Newsletter of District 20-S, Suffolk County, NY February 2024



## **A Message from DG Peter Tamsen**

Greetings Lions of District 20-S!

As the District closes out the first month of 2024, we take stock of accomplishments and we look forward to what lies ahead.

For me, as the sitting District Governor, I am pleased that I have been able to visit so many clubs and look forward to visiting the ones that I have not yet had the ability to reach. Be forewarned, I will get there!

I am also pleased with the hard work of the Cabinet officers that make my duties as DG that much easier. Not a day goes by where I am not in contact with members of the cabinet. We are fortunate to have such resilient Lions.

I am also fortunate to have two phenomenal Vice District Governors working with me. While we each have our own unique styles of leadership, as a team, we are a well-rounded governing body. The future of the district will be in good hands.

One of my goals has been to seek candidates from the clubs in the district to rise to cabinet level positions. A District Governor, while

planning for their year, has the opportunity of filling multiple spots in the cabinet. It can be a daunting task.

When the District contains a limited number of Lions, the in-coming Governor will often recycle existing personnel. The parties know the job and have a depth of experience. The approach is effective, but may lead to burnout and lethargy if we are not careful.

We need to continually source and bring new leader to the forefront. Fresh faces, fresh ideas and enthusiasm will serve the district well. Please consider this request to step up and rise to the cabinet level in some capacity.

I am pleased that many clubs are now active on social media. A club's presence in social media platforms is the best method of free advertising a club can have.

Announcements of events and photos thereafter tell the story to a broad audience. I encourage all clubs to maximize their use of this medium to the fullest extent possible.

If a club has difficulty using these platforms, we can help at the district level. Every club is entitled to, and should have, a club website. The days of phoning a friend for information about a club, a lion or an event are long gone. Google or some other search engine is the source for this information now.

Have you looked up your own club? Are you happy with what you find? If you are...great! If you are not happy with your level of a virtual presence, help can be received from the district and multiple district.

If I have intrigued you in the slightest, you may want to consider stopping by the LCIF website to review the wonderful learning tools that are readily available for every position within the organization. These tools may help you make the decision to serve the district in a greater way. I would be happy 20 year chevron this year!

Recently, I received the infamous years of service chevrons from Lions International. For those that do not know, a chevron is a marker of time an individual has spent as a Lion. The chevrons are provided by LCI to the District Governor to distribute as club visits are made.

Chevrons are placed under the Lion lapel pin and is representative of the years of service of the member. They are issued in five year increments beginning at 10 years of service. I personally received my 20 year chevron this year!

Sadly, LCI is sometimes delayed in getting the chevron and corresponding letter out to the DG.

Of the many chevrons I received to bestow, one I recently presented comes to mind. I was very proud to present a 40-year chevron to a member of the Patchogue Lioness Lions club. This Lion was a charter member and has served her club and community for forty years. That means this individual became a

Lion in the 1983-1984 Lion's year. Congratulations Lion Lari Fiala on this wonderful accomplishment.

Please check in on the district's Facebook page as there are many announcements that are posted and also Lions are welcome to participate in these events.

Consider buying a Brandel-Murphy Foundation Super Hero raffle ticket. They are available on the Brandel-Murphy website. Also, please consider purchasing a New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation drawing ticket as they are available by contacting them at [nysblf@gmail.com](mailto:nysblf@gmail.com). And of course, don't forget to purchase your LCIF tickets and support our Foundation - contact PDG James B Conklin, Jr, PID Steve Tremaroli or MD20 LCIF Chair Lorri E Rieger.

I will close with my usual request, please work to help IP Patti Hill with Mission1.5. This mission is to increase global membership over the next few years. More members mean less work for all.

Please report your service on MyLion and make sure that your club treasurer pays all dues as you are billed. Most recent invoices from LCI and MD20 were sent out in January.

Share your inspiring Lions stories! Whether it's a heartwarming tale from a recent service project or an uplifting moment that touched your heart, we want to hear from you. Send in your stories to: [PDTSuffolkLions@gmail.com](mailto:PDTSuffolkLions@gmail.com) for a chance to be featured in our next edition.

As a district we can promote your events on social media platforms to help raise awareness and attendance. Remember, we are in this together!



## Passing of Past District Governor Paul Wernersbach

For those that knew, Paul we will always remember him as a man of dreams and compassion for those he encountered. He was a devoted spouse to his late wife Rochelle. He was a Lion in every aspect of his life, served as District Governor in 2011-2012 and fully embraced the motto "WE SERVE".

Arrangements are as follows:

Wake will be on Sunday, February 4th 3:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00  
Chapey & Sons Funeral Home  
1225 Montauk Hwy, West Islip, NY 11795

Funeral mass on Monday 11:00am  
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church  
9 Clinton Ave, Bay Shore, NY 11706

**A Lions service will be conducted at 7:30 on Sunday February 4th, 2024**



## TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Michael McElwee	Bay Shore Lions Club
Richard Elliott, Jr.	Hampton Bays Lions Club
Justin Blair	Mattituck Lions Club
Giacomo Mucaria	Mattituck Lions Club
Irinel Racos, Rev	Melville Lions Club
Stephen W Carman	Montauk Point Lions Club
Patrick Mullaly	Montauk Point Lions Club
John Papaleo	Montauk Point Lions Club
George Reichling	Montauk Point Lions Club
Richard Restripo	Montauk Point Lions Club
Penny Anastasiadis	North Babylon Lions Club
Jose Manuel Namias	North Babylon Lions Club

Michele Steele	North Babylon Lions Club
Marie Unay	North Babylon Lions Club
Eileen Powers	Patchogue Lioness Lions
Candace Cummings	Riverhead Lions Club
Patrice Stokley	Riverhead Lions Club
Kristy Verity	Riverhead Lions Club
Chris Tice	Sag Harbor Lions Club

## SPECIAL CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Northport-Centerport	6/20/44 - 80 years
Sayville	8/13/19 - 5 years
Melville	9/5/53 - 70 years
Patchogue Lioness Lions	9/14/83 - 40 years
Sag Harbor	1/26/54 - 70 years
Cold Spring Harbor	2/4/54 - 70 years



## **JULY**

28-29 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting – Corning  
30 Lions Day at Camp Badger

## **AUGUST**

12 Lions Camp Badger Golf  
Outing  
13 Sayville – 5 Year Anniversary  
14 First District Cabinet Meeting –  
Polish Hall

## **SEPTEMBER**

5 Melville - 70 Year Anniversary  
14 Patchogue Lioness Lions - 40  
Year Anniversary  
21-23 USA/Canada Lions Forum –  
Reno, NV

## **OCTOBER**

13-16 Int'l Board of Directors Mtg –  
Cairo, Egypt  
16 MD20 PDG Meeting  
26 2nd Vice District Governor  
Training – Binghamton  
26-28 Lions Leadership Institute –  
Binghamton  
27-28 Cpouncil Meeting – Binghamton

## **NOVEMBER**

4 District Convention – Raddison,  
Hauppauge  
13 2<sup>nd</sup> District Cabinet Mtg –  
Sonoma Grill, Holtsville

## **JANUARY**

26 Sag Harbor - 70 Year  
Anniversary

## **FEBRUARY**

TBD DGE Training from LCI –  
Oakbrook, IL  
4 Cold Spring Harbor - 70 Year  
Anniversary  
16-19 Int'l Board Mtg – Vancouver,  
Canada  
23-24 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting – Syracuse

## **MARCH**

1 Lions Day at the UN  
4 3<sup>rd</sup> District Cabinet Mtg –  
Hauppauge Palace Diner  
16 MD20 PDG Meeting

## **APRIL**

5-7 MD20 DGE School –  
Binghamton  
7 South Country – 75 Year  
Anniversary  
21 East Hampton - 75 Year  
Anniversary

## **MAY**

2 Council Meeting – Binghamton  
3-5 MD20 Convention  
21 East Hampton – 75 Years

## **JUNE**

18-20 Int'l Board Meeting –  
Melbourne, Australia  
20 Northport-Centerport - 80 Years  
21-25 Int'l Conv.Melbourne, Australia  
26 Int'l Board Meeting Melbourne

## **International & State Dues -**

Due no later than July 10, 2023 and  
January 10, 2024

## **1<sup>st</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting (ACM)**

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By September 27, 2023 (required to be  
held within 90 days after the close of the  
International Convention)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting (ACM)**

By December 27, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting (ACM)**

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By March 28, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)

## **Club Officer Nomination Committee –**

Meet during February or March

**Club Officer Elections** - Must be held by  
April 15, 2023

## **Club Officer Reporting**

Due no later than May 15, 2024

**\*After June 30, 2024 only the District  
Administrator can enter the officers for  
the clubs**

# CLUB REPORTING

## HOW IS YOUR CLUB DOING?

CLUB	MEMBERS	MYLCI months overdue	MYLion months overdue	DUES OWED
AMITYVILLE	11	1	21	LCIF, MD20
BABYLON	57	2	4	LCIF
BAY SHORE	77	CURRENT	1	LCIF
BAYPORT-BLUE POINT	13	18	24+	CURRENT
BLUE POINT-BAYPORT	5	1	24+	CURRENT
BRENTWOOD	15	20	1	LCIF
BRIDGEHAMPTON	16	2	3	LCIF, MD20
BGSB	31	CURRENT	2	CURRENT
CENTRAL BROOKHAVEN	UNK	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
CENTRAL ISLIP	10	1	6	LCIF
COLD SPRING HARBOR	14	7	20	LCIF
CUTCHOGUE	23	CURRENT	1	LCIF, MD20
DEER PARK	28	CURRENT	CURRENT	LCIF
EAST END	36	CURRENT	1	CURRENT
EAST HAMPTON	26	6	24+	LCIF
GREENLAWN	12	CURRENT	CURRENT	MD20
HAMPTON BAYS	25	CURRENT	24+	LCI, MD20
HUNTINGTON	20	CURRENT	15	LCIF, MD20
LAKE GROVE	26	1	6	MD20
LINDENHURST	10	12	24+	LCIF
MASTICS-SHIRLEY	8	1	2	LCIF
MATTITUCK	72	CURRENT	CURRENT	MD20
MEDFORD-N PATCHOGUE	12	9	19	CURRENT
MELVILLE	48	CURRENT	CURRENT	CURRENT
MONTAUK	28	16	24+	LCIF
NORTH BABYLON	86	CURRENT	2	CURRENT
NORTH SEA	14	CURRENT	10	LCIF
NORTHPORT-CENTERPORT	16	1	CURRENT	LCIF
PATCHOGUE	52	7	24+	LCIF
PATCHOGUE LIONESS LIONS	26	CURRENT	CURRENT	LCIF
PORT JEFFERSON	45	1	24+	LCIF
RIVERHEAD	25	3	12	LCIF, MD20
ROCKY POINT	26	CURRENT	1	LCIF
SAG HARBOR	26	CURRENT	2	CURRENT
SAYVILLE	32	1	11	LCIF, MD20
SHELTER ISLAND	107	CURRENT	24+	LCIF
SOUTH COUNTRY	17	CURRENT	24	MD20
SOUTHAMPTON	24	CURRENT	1	CURRENT
SOUTHOLD	14	CURRENT	24+	LCIF
STONY BROOK	1	1	23	LCIF, MD20
WEST BABYLON	21	CURRENT	CURRENT	CURRENT
WYANDANCH-WHEATLEY HGTS	14	3	6	MD20
<b>MD20 REPORT NOT AVAILABLE – 2<sup>ND</sup> ½ INVOICES SENT OUT IN JANUARY</b>				



# HAPPENING AROUND THE DISTRICT



**We Serve**

*The Lions Club of Bay Shore*

*Suffolk County's First - Since 1931*

~ Proudly Celebrating 93 Years of Service to Bay Shore ~

**Invites You to Our**

## **14th ANNUAL TASTE FOR SIGHT Charity - Wine, Beer & Food Expo**

*(with Chance Drawings for Great Prizes)*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

**At Captain Bill's Bayview House**

**122 Ocean Avenue • Bay Shore**

**from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

*Savor Bay Shore's Finest Delicacies*

*From Our Best Rated*

*Renowned Five Star Restaurants*

*Wineries - Breweries - Bakeries*

**\$50 per person**

**(Prepaid Tickets Recommended)**

**Must be 21 Years of Age or Older**

Contact Any Bay Shore Lions Club Member

or [www.bayshorelions.org](http://www.bayshorelions.org)

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**Patchogue Lioness Lions Sponsored Their First Blood  
Drive - 40 Individuals Donated and Two Children Had  
Their Vision Screened**





## WANT INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Please send your flyers or articles to [LionLorriRieger@gmail.com](mailto:LionLorriRieger@gmail.com) **NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month.** Late submissions may be held for the next month.



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