

Knights KRONICLES
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DG Message

Fellow Lions,

February has just flown by. We have been so busy. From the first day until this shortened month is over, our clubs have been making up for some lost Covid time.

Our 62nd Mid-Winter Conference went very well. Friday night was a lot of fun and some members won DD Gift Cards to enjoy using. International Director Dianne Pitts provided much inspiration and could not say enough good words about our GAT Team. She was very impressed about our membership status, our high percent of reporting and our line-up of training programs. ID Dianne will be back here in 2023 to take part in the Interational Convention here in Boston.

On Saturday we had our Youth Speech Contest, got to vote on the Environmental Photos and see the winning Peace Poster. Our IVDG Steve was nominated for DG for 2022-2023, 2VDG Ivette was nominated for 1VDG and RC Diana Faust was nominated for 2VDG. Looks like it's going to be a great year 2022-2023.

The MD33 districts have all finished their Mid-Winters as well. District Y, N and S decided to go virtual as we did. Only D33A as able to have an in-person convention. D33K was well represented by your DG, 1VDG Steve, 2VDG Ivette, CC Bill D., PDG Matthew, PDG Dawn Rice-Norton and PDG Jim Roth.

Next month we have our 3rd Advisory meeting. It will be held March 21st at the Franklin Elks Lodge. Many of our clubs have big fundraisers going on in March. Try to support some of these great events. Get your Advisory registrations in as soon as possible.

The State Convention applications have been sent to every club. Deadline is March 6th. It's going to be a great event. Thanks to PDG Andy Porter

and Lion Amy for making sure we have a great time. Lots of activities have been planned.

Watch the district calendar for all upcoming events. including a Polar Plunge in April, St. Patrick's Day parade and the return of many of our Spring activities.

The DG team will be back out there visiting as many clubs as possible. Please let us know if you have something special going on at your meetings. And, please let us know if you are meeting in person or by zoom. Either way, we'd love to see you.

We need your support to help out LCIF with the scary news that is happening in the Ukraine. Donations are desperately needed to help out with this humanitarian effort.

We thank you for all you do.

DG Peg
Service with Heart

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Unfortunately, in the last week we have lost valuable Lions from District 33K.

Lion Henry Szeto a founding member of the Boston Chinatown Lions Club who worked with the late Lion Ed Ciampa (Somerville) to create the strong Club that we are so proud of today. Lion Henry's service information may be found here: [Wing Fook Funeral Home](#)

Theresa So, was a member of the Boston Chinatown Lions Club from 2001-2018, and left due to health concerns. The Boston Chinatown Lions Club would like to acknowledge her loyal, very generous membership. More details may be found at the [Bell-O'Dea Funeral Parlor](#)

Lion Sy Shribnik from the Hyde Park Lions Club also passed away this week. At this time there is no further information available about services.

Lions State Convention COMING SOON!

It seems like it has been forever since we were able to celebrate a convention in person! Now is your chance! Join Lions from around Massachusetts in Falmouth just as the weather improves! **Register TODAY! Do NOT DELAY** as we are anticipating a large group! You can find the registration forms on the District website!

Global Membership Team Message

District 33K Lions,

The Membership Team would like to thank all of the clubs for the continued hard work and dedication you have exhibited throughout the year. Each one of us, in some way, have been affected in these last couple of years, with the challenges that the pandemic has left in our organization. But, regardless of these challenges, the Lions of District 33K have taken on this challenge and have overcome great obstacles by continuing to grow and serve in our communities. Why you ask, because that's what Lions do, as it is evident in our "Lions Acronym".....LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING NEEDED SERVICES.

To date, the District has added "107" new members and we have lost a total of "109" members which gives the District a negative "2". With only four months left in our Lionistic year, we are asking all the clubs to focus on adding new members so we can finish up the year in the positive. Please consider holding membership drives and please let the membership team know, so we can offer support and assistance.

We would like to acknowledge all of our new members and their sponsors, so we will hold a special presentation at our Third Advisory which is scheduled for March 21, 2022. Congratulations to our new members and their sponsors. We hope to see the new members and their sponsors at the advisory.

Club:	New Member	Sponsor
Ashland	Richard Briggs	Paul Ciccolo
	Roslynn Rubin	Tom Heguy
Belmont	Matthew Cox	John Murphy
	Phillip Frabetti	Robert Banks
	Jonathan Goodwin	Richard Hartley
	Michael McLaughlin	Robert Banks
	Stephen Rosales	Felix Firenze
	Jason Salgo	Ernest Ramey
Blackstone	Jamie Fowler	Denise Catalano
Boston Host	Clelia Camacho	Carmelo Calderon
	Adrienne Hart	Gerald Mcinerney
	Dilsa Lozano	Carlos Montoya
BU Eye	Alanna Tisdale	Stephen Christiansen
Canton	Jeff Klein	Alan Rapoport
Franklin	Andrew Bissanti	Kristine Shanahan
	Meghan Langevin	Kristine Shanahan
	Joann Sanford	Kristine Shanahan
Franklin Himalayan	Parmila Dhamala	Thaniratna Kandel
	Pramod Gautam	Nabin Upreti
	Bhim Padhya	Thaniratna Kandel
	Bhesh Sharma	Maheshwar Pant
	Sabina Subba	Anju Thapa
Holliston	Vinod Alwani	Steven Apesos
	Chris Christo	Debbie Kerrigan
	Donna Kustron	Doreen Martel
	Eric Loomis	Edward Daniels
	Linda McNabb	Edward Daniels
	Joseph Paru	Doreen Martel
	Brian Simons	Steven Apesos
Hopkinton	Arthur Massicott	Michael Tarsi
Hull	John Green	Paul Gratta
	Marilyn Green	Paul Gratta
	Susan Green	Paul Gratta
	Tony Green	Paul Gratta
Hyde Park	Leon Armand	Michael Branch
	Angelina Camacho	Fabian Depeiza
	Anantam Mohomed	Myrlene Burrowes
Marlborough	Steven Levy	Sharon Levy
	Patricia Pope	Randal Scott
Medfield	Eugene Garofalo	Alison Brown
	Mary Lucey	Brian Flynn
	Joseph Trudeau	Russell Hallisey
Millis	Robert Cyr Jr.	Katrina Campbell

	Michael Davies	J. Stephen Campbell
	Melanie Resler	Debbie Hayes
	Indu Saxena	Joseph Tarara
NECO	Clarice Bouvier	Jacqueline Kenney
	Carissa Fleming	Jacqueline Kenney
	Rachel Harmon	Jacqueline Kenney
	Wing Huang	Jacqueline Kenney
	Manuela Escobar	Jacqueline Kenney
	Sheena Kachru	Jacqueline Kenney
	Talia Lafleur	Jacqueline Kenney
	Monica Lomba	Jacqueline Kenney
	Sydney Lyncook	Jacqueline Kenney
	Julliette Mensah	Jacqueline Kenney
	Hannah Moyzes	Jacqueline Kenney
	Janine Murray	Jacqueline Kenney
	Mikhaila Necevski	Jacqueline Kenney
	Mariell Sabado	Jacqueline Kenney
	Erica Schimel	Jacqueline Kenney
	Chrysanthi Stevens	Jacqueline Kenney
	Elena Tilli	Jacqueline Kenney
	Miche-Love Tirone	Jacqueline Kenney
	Anna Walker	Jacqueline Kenney
	Toby Werberger	Jacqueline Kenney
NECO	Isabella Wong	Jacqueline Kenney
	Simon Wong	Jacqueline Kenney
	Shana Yun	Jacqueline Kenney
Norfolk	Jennifer Cote	Cindy Ladue
	Paul Cote	Cindy Ladue
	Lynne Covell	Anne Marie Smith
	Robert Garvey	Cindy Ladue
	Kelly Panepinto	William Hawkins
	Robert Sinclair	Kelly Panepinto
	Benjamin Sprague	Danielle Rochefort
Plainville	Donna Difiore	Stacey Powell
	Bernard Osborne	Stacey Powell
	Nanci Rando	Stacey Powell
	Jean Taylor	Stacey Powell
Quincy	Gayle Bellotti	Michelle Lydon
	Jane Carthas	Michelle Lydon
	Anne Hallisley	Gayle Bellotti
Randolph	Sandra McManus	Margaret Menard
Sharon	Zannati Rahman	Susan Saunders
Sherborn	Brett Guthrie	Barclay Morse
	Robin Resnek	John Mulhall

Stoughton	Tory Hirsh	Darlene Hayner
	Michael Powell	Darlene Hayner
Waltham	Yolanda Celluci	Maria Sheehan
	Nicole Fullop	James Masterson
	Cathyann Harris	M. Barrett Jr.
	Maria Sheehan	M. Barrett Jr.
Wellesley	Neal Shrier	Ivette Mesmar
	Byron Yuman	Ivette Mesmar
Westwood	Mark Nalbandian	Vickie Devoy
Wrentham	Kristen Andreozzi	Cheryl Hobbs
	Laurence Folsom	Cheryl Hobbs
	Melissa Folsom	Cheryl Hobbs
	Chandler Ross	Richard Ross

Thank you for all you do.
 PDG Margaret Menard, Chair
 VDG Steve Langley
 RC Chris Gaboriault
 PZC Paul Ciccolo

Global Service Team Message

FROM GST CHAIR, PDG DAWN

Service Opportunities:

Midwinter plans for service at midwinter have been adapted to fit the virtual nature of the event. We are coordinating a wish list collection for **Boston House**. Boston House serves as a home away from home for children undergoing cancer treatment in the Boston area. Their families can stay at Boston House to be as close by as possible during this horrific time. Additionally, the House has a former carriage house converted into sterile apartments for the children who have undergone marrow transplants and need to remain in a controlled environment prior to returning home. These items (or Amazon gift cards) can be purchased online and shipped to the House as they remain no/low contact due to the extremely fragile nature of those they assist. The link is below.

https://smile.amazon.com/registries/custom/2JQNA5IRNFL6B/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result

Eyeglasses Recycling Program: We continue to collect eyeglasses for our District project and IPDG Dr. Deb is the contact for donations.

For the 3rd Advisory We will be collecting children's pjs for foster children. All sizes and genders, including adult sizes for the older children they serve, who are often overlooked.

Thank you to all the dedicated secretaries reporting the amazing activities their Clubs are doing.

As always, please reach out with any questions/needs.

SERVICE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Planning for our "**Spring Into Service**" event (for the entire month of April 2022) continues. We will be creating a fun bingo-type board for Clubs to complete for prizes. Watch for more-out soon!

MD 33 Lions Charitable Foundation

As you may know, an ad hoc committee has been working for about two years creating the frameworks for a MD 33 Lions Charitable Foundation. This Foundation will support the service our Clubs and Districts provide by allowing corporate/tax friendly donations and other important perks and discounts afforded to a 501c3. There will NOT be any canvassing for donations from Clubs. Please be on the look out for more information and a brochure answering FAQs. The Foundation will be voted on at the upcoming state convention.

Global Leadership Team Message

The Global Leadership team would like to thank everyone who participated in the sessions we offered at the midwinter conference. Special thanks to Lion Jose Mesmar and Lion Shawn Hutson-Sherry for their presentation of a new member orientation session.

On March 4th we are ready to train new Lions leaders at ELLI which is being held as a hybrid event. It is pretty exciting to have six Lions from District 33K participating in this event. We would like to thank the Club Presidents across the District for their assistance in obtaining a list of candidates for this event.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be hard at work preparing for our Club Officers training with a lot of input from 1st VDG Steve since the new officers will be serving during his year. Please be on the lookout for the information for these sessions. Currently we are planning a two-pronged approach: We will have a live event but we will also make the event accessible via Zoom for those who prefer not to participate in person.

There will be some changes to how we conduct training this year as well. First, we will hold the in-person sessions in two locations, one in the Metrowest area and one out in the far end of the District, probably in Belmont. We're working on that right now. Additionally, we are going to present the Secretary REPORTING portion separately via Zoom on a separate day. We will cover the basics of reporting during the regular training but will also be conducting a "hands on" session separately so we can walk you through some easy ways to replicate LCI reporting to the District/MD reporting form. Please make sure you watch for this announcement. We also plan to ask those who will serve as Zone Chairperson's during the 2022 – 2023 Lions year to attend this training so they will be better equipped to help our Clubs with reporting issues.

We are also working hard to address some of the gaps in our training. We understand sometimes Clubs have repeat officers. None of us has an interest in learning something we have already learned so we have been working hard to come up with some additional training for repeat Presidents and Secretaries.

We will have another MD33 training coming up in April. This one is the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) but frankly, this is for more advanced Lions. If you have already served more than one term as Club President, if you have previously attended ELLI on the MD level, or if you have an interest in learning more, you should consider registering for this training. This will also be a hybrid event, with both in person and Zoom capabilities. **Please read the information CAREFULLY and register** if you are interested. Decisions on attendance will be made in conference with the DG and VDGs of District 33K.

Finally, as always please feel free to reach out to any member of the District 33K Leadership team for any assistance you may need. We are more than happy to provide specific training for a club who may request it. A list of available topics is available upon request from a member of the team.

Thank you for your continued commitment to making the Lions in District 33K not only some of the most dedicated, but best trained!

Yours in Lionism,
Doreen Martel – Chairperson
1st VDG Ivette Mesmar
PDG Paul Calnan
RC Holly Dono

Lions Youth Speech Contest

Quincy North High School junior Mollie Nelson emerged as the District 33K Youth Speech Champion for 2021-2022. Miss Nelson, sponsored by the Quincy Lions Club, bested the other three District finalists during the Mid-Winter Convention, as well as the other 146 students in the District who entered the competition this year. She will represent Special K at the State Youth Speech Finals on Saturday, April 30.

Thank you to all who helped the virtual competition go off without a hitch. Special thanks to Lions Russ Hallisey, Jennifer Menelly, Roxana Camporeale, CC Bill Donnellan, and PDG Dawn Rice-Norton, all of whom served as competition officials. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank PDG Doreen Martel, who kept all the Zoom technology running smoothly.

Make plans now to attend the State Convention and support Mollie Nelson as she seeks to win the title "Best in State".

Steve Small
District 33K Chair
Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Competition

Email Etiquette

We all get a lot of emails. Since we tend to ignore those which do not interest us, your IT Committee thought it might be a good idea to put together a few hints to make sure your emails are getting read by those who need them!

1. **Use Blind Copy (BC) not Carbon Copy (CC)** – did you know that when you use CC to send an email to multiple people that two things that can happen which cause problems. The first problem is

your email may likely wind up in spam! If you open your spam folder regularly this may work out ok but for those who do not, that means your message is not getting through to them. The second issue is that MOST of us have email responses set up to “reply to all”. Do you know that means that every person who responds to your email is responding to everyone who you put on the email list! Yikes – not only is that annoying for the recipient, but once again, that could diminish your message!

2. **Make your “Subject” relevant** — two things on this – first do not leave your subject blank! When you do, your email is as likely to be deleted as it is to be read. Secondly, make sure if you are sending out a “news update” or a “weekly update” that is what the subject says, it is also helpful to include a date. For calls to action, include them and the words “urgent” if they are urgent. Finally, avoid using all CAPS and putting in a lot of exclamation points – whether you realize it or not, this can also send your email straight to the spam folder of the recipient.
3. **Using titles** — if you are sending emails to a person who is/was a District Officer you may use their title. There are some instances where titles SHOULD be acknowledged — for example, if you are directing the email to a Past Council Chairperson and that person is the only one getting the email you may address them by their first name only (which is perfectly appropriate in some cases) or use their proper title PCC – not LION! This is only necessary if you are highlighting your own position — for example, Lions Jane Doe, President XYZ Lions Club. You do not want to make a habit of signing off “President Jane Doe” while addressing a current or past officer as “Lion” without recognizing their position.
4. **Images and Links** — please consider using images and links sparingly. If you do use a link consider putting it over the relevant content — for example Please see this webpage don’t write <http://www.pleaseseethiswebpage>, instead use [Please see this webpage](#). This is a cleaner format and decreases the chances your email will be sent to spam. To do this on a PC, highlight the title and then hit Control-K and past the hyperlink in. Use images sparingly because many Lions read their emails on their telephones and this slows them down considerably, not to mention we have several visually impaired Lions across 33K who see nothing but a blank page.

These helpful hints will help you increase the chances of your email being read and prevent the emails from being marked as spam.

EVENTS REMINDER

Please make sure you are adding your Club Events to the calendar. You can find information as follows:

Club Events - use the calendar or check out the flyers. There are a bunch there so get out and support clubs if you have time!

District Events - use the calendar or check out flyers. Don't forget about the MLERF FUNdraising event -- Family Feud on March 5th! Details found on that page!

MD33 Events - use the calendar or check out flyers! Right now you have ELLI coming up (we're still looking for people to attend!) and we also have a state convention coming up -- please register early!

LCI TO ARRIVE IN BOSTON

Boston is going to host the 2023 Lions International Convention and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please see the pleas for volunteers and assistance with fundraising! Volunteer by following **[THIS LINK](#)**

105TH LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL 2023 CONVENTION-BOSTON, MA

Picture this!!! Lions and friends from all over the world converging in Boston.

Boston is hosting the 2023 Lions Club International convention.

The last convention in America took place in Las Vegas and the next one is in Boston. What a great way to showcase our beautiful city. Opportunity for those Lions of MA who have never attended a convention to attend and participate and get to meet Lions from all over the world.

The anticipated attendance for an International Convention is between 35,000-45,000, because of Covid, attendance is expected to surpass this number.

A Steering Committee has been set up, Chair: PID Joyce Middleton, Vice Chair: PCC Joyce Hogan. Committees are being formed, so volunteers are needed.

Need plenty of volunteers from Lions of Massachusetts. Volunteer signup on the website.

Website: www.lcicon2023boston.com

Great opportunity for Lions to participate/volunteer as a club which would give them a service project.

Letters & Pledge forms have been mailed to all the clubs in the Massachusetts. Asking all clubs and Lions to consider donating and/or pledging funds over the next three years to help defray the expenses of this convention. To stage a first-class event, need to raise between \$150K-\$200K. Income will be generated from corporate sponsors, Host committee sales, Band deposits, fundraisers and the Lions of MD33.

It's not too early volunteer and make your donations. Checks should be made payable to LCICON2023 Boston. Complete the donation/pledge form and mail it to:

LCICON2023 Boston
P. O. Box 8343
Haverhill, MA 01835-9992

Please contact District Liaison: PDG Margaret Menard (mimbeau@yahoo.com) with any questions.

“If You Always Do What You've Always Done, You'll Always Get What You've Always Got.” ~ **Henry Ford.**
