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LIONS DISTRICT 33K

62nd MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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MID-WINTER REPORTS

DG Message

I would like to extend my great appreciation to each Lion, Leo and Guest for your attendance this year at our “Special K” Mid-Winter conference. I am so happy that you will all be here to help us celebrate the great things we have accomplished this Lions year.

All Lions in this District can be so proud of the work we have done. It hasn't been easy, but we have accomplished much and we have kept our members safe. We've inducted close to 100 new members. I need your help in keeping all our members. The more of us there are, the more we can accomplish.

Please join me in welcoming International Director Dianne Pitts and her husband Lion Joe Pitts from Chappells, South Carolina. ID Dianne was inducted at the 2021 International Convention. They will be with us for the Friday and Saturday. Please take the opportunity to meet them.

Thank you to our Mid-Winter Committee PCC Joyce Hogan, PDG's Jim Roth and Bill Donnellan. Thank you for all of the hard work you have done to make this event “Special” and a great success. And what would we do without Doreen. She makes it all happen.

A special thanks to PCC Charlie and PDG Margaret for helping me put this all together.

Thank you to 1VDG Steve, 2VDG Ivette, CS Lesley and CT Tom for of all of your hard work this year. A special thank you to my home club, the Randolph Lions Club. You have given support, encouragement and the faith I needed. I'm so proud to be a part of this club.

We're off and running when this is over. We have two more Advisories, 1 more cabinet meeting, a State Convention, an International Convention and so much more.

Thank you for celebrating the weekend with us in “Special K”.

District Governor Peg

“Service from the Heart”

Cabinet Secretary & Cabinet Treasurer Report

We were so pleased to be able to get off to a quick start this year, by making continual adjustments to the changing environment we have all found ourselves in over the past two years.

The challenges still continue to confront us, yet we have been fortunate in being able to hold one in-person Cabinet meeting last July, and two virtual Cabinet meetings in October and early January of this year. Two in-person Advisory meetings were held in September and November. These meetings were all well attended and informative. The District Governor shared her goals for the year and Committee Chairs provided updates on their various projects.

Clubs have been able to manage their fund-raising activities mindful of the constraints that the pandemic has enforced upon them. The annual Christmas tree selling efforts, Peace Poster contest and local and regional Speech contests have all been very successful. It is a credit to each and every Lions' club member that they have adapted to the new communication technology, which has allowed us to continue unabated with our mission to serve our communities and LCI.

One club has not paid its first half dues. The appropriate Zone and Region chairs have been asked to intervene. Two thirds of the clubs, representing two thirds of the money owed, have paid their second half dues to date.

We look forward to the upcoming virtual Mid-Winter and the next five months of this Lionistic year. Thank you to all the club presidents and secretaries for your commitment through these uncertain times.

Respectfully submitted:

CS Lesley Macdonald

CT Tom Heguy

Dear Lions of District 33K,

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you as your First Vice District Governor. I have enjoyed my visits with you whether in person or virtually. Regardless of the mechanism, I loved to hear all the things that you are accomplishing for your communities and the district. I am constantly amazed at what you have done, but I probably should not be due to your amazing resilience and your ability to adapt during this Covid era.

The first half of the year has seen an abundance of service projects and fundraisers, and I have been trying to get to as many as I can. It was a true pleasure to visit many of you at your meetings to hear about all the wonderful things you have been up to. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the tree sales at Medway, Medfield, Ashland, and Wrentham. I hope to be able to get to more of your projects and fundraisers once the latest variant calms down and burns itself out allowing things to open a little more.

Membership has been a strong point over this year, and I know that you will continue to do amazing work in this area. Many hands make lighter work, and as Lions we have a lot of work to do!! I am proud of being part of DG Peg's team, and we are committed to doing as much as we can to help you in all your endeavors. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this wonderful team, and I am proud of what you have all accomplished over the first half of this year, and I know you will continue to move mountains over the next half.

Yours in Lionism,

Steve Langley

First Vice District Governor

Dear Lions of District 33K,

What a pleasure it has been to be able to serve as your Second Vice District Governor. Since our year started we continued to adapt to the new normal of being Lions serving our communities, clubs, and district as the Pandemic continued to throw obstacles in our way.

Since our 1st Cabinet meeting I have had the pleasure and honor to spend time with you both virtually and in person.

I have been impressed on how much effort our Lions are putting into getting comfortable with technology for the sake of doing what we do best... Serve!

It has been a very busy 1st half of our Lionistic year. I am short of amaze of all the wonderful things we have accomplished.

This year started with my debut as a Lions mascot at a couple of parades... what fun that was! The Wellesley Veterans Parade and the Woburn Host parade to benefit MLERF were so much fun.

I had the pleasure of sharing time with the Waltham Lions during their Holiday Baskets packing service event, helped the mighty Stow Lions set up their tree stand and even found my Charlie Brown X-Mass tree. 1VDG Steve and I hit the road and shared the Holiday spirit as we visited our Lions tree stands.

During my visits I share with you IP Alexander's vision, DG Peg's goals and my passion for Lionism. Your clubs make my visits very easy. Listening on how you go above and beyond to service your communities takes my breath away.

Hearing about senior meals being delivered door to door or how the Hopkinton Lions go out of their way to provide a quiet meeting with Santa for children with special needs and sensory issues during the holidays.

During our 1st and 2nd Advisories we had the opportunity to celebrate being together and reconnect after a long year apart due to Covid.

Attending our District, Multiple District and MLERF meetings have given me the opportunity to get a deeper insight into the logistics of what makes our organization great and unique.

During this second half of our year I am looking forward visiting with some of you and participating in your service and fundraising events. I am here to help you in any way.

I am a proud Lion, a proud 33K Lion but I am most proud to serve along each and every one of you.

Yours in Service,

Ivette Mesmar
2ND Vice -District Governor

33K Region I Chair Mid-Winter Conference Report

Region I Chair: Ken Chia

Boston Chinatown Lions Club

This club has 32 members and has a club meeting (currently via Zoom) on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. The LCI dues are fully paid. Club activities include attending the Chinatown Street Cleaning community event, and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England New Officers event. Chinatown Lions Club participated in the 33K Youth Speech Contest, 33K Youth Peace Poster, Halloween Parade event, Luncheon for the Blind in Quincy, Holiday Dinner for the Seniors in Hull, and attended the 33K Region Chair Meeting in Weymouth. This year, they have one Youth Speech contestant to compete at the Mid Winter Conference. This club is selling raffle tickets for fundraising. Raffle ticket sales are the club's major fundraising. Their Annual Ball celebration event is postponed until further notice.

Boston Host Lions Club

This club has 26 members with 2 new members added this year. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12 pm (currently via Zoom). They have no LCI dues. Boston Lions attended the 33K Region Chair meeting in Weymouth.

Cambridge Lions Club

This club has 2 members. They meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:15 pm. They attended the 33K Region Chair Meeting in Weymouth. The Club President is also the 33K Zone Chair 4 in Region I. Club President Noreen is very active in Lion events. Noreen has been selling T-shirts to raise money for LCIF. She has also attended many Lion events, the advisory meeting, the cabinet meeting, the 33K Region Chair Meeting, as well as visited other clubs.

Franklin Himalayan NE Lions Club

This club has added 5 new members this year; they now have 30 total members. Monthly meeting is on the 1st Sunday at 6 pm. They were meeting in person but now on Zoom due to COVID restrictions. This club had a joint venture blood drive event with the Norwood Lions Club. They helped an ill person in need in Nepal by donating US \$200. The club also raised money amongst themselves to donate \$1000 to the National Invention Center in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Hingham Lions Club

This club has 9 members. Monthly meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm. A few of their big events, the annual fireworks, and the pancake sale, were canceled due to the current state of the pandemic. The members are not meeting in person but would keep in touch with each other by phone call. No outstanding LCI dues.

Hull Lions Club

This club has 37 members, with 5 new members added this year. Their monthly meeting is on the 4th Monday at 6:30 pm. Over the summer, the club had a joint venture with the Hingham Rotary Club for the Annual Car Show at Nantucket Beach, Hull. 33K

Eyemobile was there for publicity. Lions history/membership information pamphlets were handed out to the patrons that day. Over the winter, they served 75 senior residents at their Annual Holiday Senior Dinner with a turkey dinner, raffles, gifts and entertainment. They raised about \$800 from this event. They also participated in the Endless Sunday event organized by the Hull Chamber of Commerce to promote Lions. Current LCI dues are \$903. A statement and a friendly reminder were sent to the club.

Hyde Park Lions Club

This club has 26 members. Their monthly meeting is on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm. They were meeting in person but now over Zoom due to COVID restrictions. Their fundraising events included yard sales and selling raffle tickets. This club participated in the 33K Region Chair Meeting. The club donated Domestic Medical Equipment like gloves, masks, and gowns to Barbados. They sent 300 pairs of recycled eyeglasses to Haiti. Outstanding LCI dues of \$591.25. A friendly reminder was sent via email.

Newton Lions Club

This club has only 1 member. No activities to report from this club. LCI outstanding dues of \$21.50.

Quincy Lions Club

This is the largest club in Region I with 52 members. 1st VDG Steve Langley will be visiting this club and he will be inducting their 3rd new member. Another potential member may join in March or April. This will make 4 new members for Quincy Lions. This is the only club in Region I having meetings twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 12 pm. Quincy Lions were meeting in person but now over Zoom due to COVID restrictions. They are hoping to be back meeting in person by the 17th of March. For fundraising, they are planning on a virtual raffle fundraiser. For the Vision project, Quincy Lions have members that are working with the QATV station who read the scrolling news for the visually impaired and blind in Quincy. They have partnered with the Quincy Public School to screen their pre-k, kindergarteners, and 1st graders with the spot vision camera. They worked with St Mary's of the Hill's School in Milton to screen their pre-k, kindergarteners, and 1st graders with the spot vision camera. They will be sending letters to daycares and private preschools in Quincy to offer contact free sight screenings for children with the spot vision camera starting in April. For the Environment project, Quincy Lions are collecting gently used glasses for the Mission Maranatha Inc. They have several businesses in Quincy that have boxes for the recycled glasses. They are working with Central Middle School who contacted the Quincy Lions to do a glasses drive. For the Youth, Quincy Lions have a student participating in the 33K Mid-Winter Convention Lions Youth Speech Competition. Quincy Lions participated in the 33K Region Chair Meeting. They are working on doing a collection for Interfaith Social Services for much needed toiletries. They had their Annual Memorial Day Wreath laying at Sailors Home Cemetery and will be doing a spring clean up there for Earth Day/Lions week of service.

Since September, Quincy Lions have participated in many events at the General's Bridge dedication, the Quincy Food Truck Festival with a membership drive with the Eyemobile, and laid wreaths with Wreaths Across America to honor our fallen Veterans.

For the Hunger, the Diabetes, and the Pediatric Cancer projects, Quincy Lions helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army to raise funds. For disaster relief, Quincy Lions also sent donations to the tornado victims in Kentucky as well as participated in the Coats for Kids and Families.

Weymouth Lions Club

This club has 27 members, meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Members were meeting in person but now over Zoom due to COVID restrictions. They did fundraising events namely the Holiday Spider Plant sale and meat raffles. Currently the meat raffles fundraising has been postponed. They donated school backpacks to the high school students in Weymouth in August and December.

Zone 4 Chair Reporting---Noreen Begley

Clubs: Cambridge, Quincy, Hull, Weymouth, Hingham

Cambridge Lions Club is a small club with three members. The number may sound bleak, but the Club is being revitalized and has tripled in size in a year during a global pandemic. The Club currently volunteers time at a food bank that is sponsored by a church in Porter Square. The Cambridge Lions donated two family gift bags to the Cambridge Salvation Army during the Christmas season. The Club has been meeting at the Eastern Bank in Central Square and has a supportive banker there who is interested in supporting the club long term. The Club is working on forging relationships within the community but that has been hampered by the pandemic. The Club is viable but will likely take time to build as there are so many opportunities in the area that require less financial and time commitments.

Hull Lions Club continues to maintain a presence in its community by being part of the Nantasket Car Show. They were a visible presence as the Eyemobile was there, but no screenings were offered. They did an awesome job hosting a turkey dinner for senior citizens during the Christmas season. The Hull Lions recently inducted five members, with only one being previously involved in Lions. The Club continues their traditional bottle and can collection to support their traditional Hull High School scholarship. The Club is viable as many of the members have many years of service ahead of them and are clearly committed to their community.

Quincy Lions Club has continued to be a strong contributor to the community it serves. They have been active in the Wreaths Across America program and laid wreaths at the Mount Wollaston Cemetery and the Sailors Home Cemetery. The Club sponsored a speech contest student finalist, and they were a strong presence at the General's Bridge Dedication in Quincy. They also participated in Quincy's Food Truck Day which gave them great exposure in the open-air event. Past President Doreen Smith was honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow. The Club had returned to meeting in person until the Neighborhood Club, their traditional meeting place, temporarily closed and they are now meeting online. They were disappointed to not have their fantastic Journey to Sight dinner but were able to have an online fundraising event. Seasoned Lions in their ranks provide a wealth of experiences that benefits the Quincy Lions.

Weymouth Lions continue to find ways to benefit their community. They have been able to do some fundraising through raffles, plant sales, and meat raffles. They benefit from having a Lion own their meeting place and offer strong support for club events.

The Club also provided support to the Town of Weymouth to help support the Mayor's Christmas event that benefitted the town's children, and they donated the town Christmas Tree. Donated backpacks to students in the schools. Weymouth Lions appear to have come thru the pandemic and will look for further growth options. **Hingham Lions** are not an active club at this time. It appears a strong effort would be needed to revitalize the club.

Region O Report December 2021 Holly Dono

Bellingham: 40 members, no monies owed, have not heard from the club recently, I will reach out next week.

Canton: 25 members, still owes \$35.75 to LCI. I had asked the club about this last month. Bob Lash had trouble logging in and LCI website too busy to let him in to change password.

Foxboro: 59 members, no monies owed. Heard back from Tom Berry with nice words. I had drooped off a Shaw's gift card at Foxboro Lions were collecting gift cards for victims of the recent fire in Foxboro. I am scheduled to visit on January 18th but may postpone due to Covid numbers unless they have a virtual link.

Norwood: 15 members – down 3, no monies owed. I think that the drops were due to members who had not paid their dues. I know that Mahesh and Edith contacted those members numerous times. I did hear from one Norwood member who is looking to transfer to another club. I have put out some feelers based on what she is looking for. I will check in with her next week. Norwood is complicated because the newer membership and club's direction differs greatly from the past. I did visit the club in December and I did a Zoom link to include Treasurer Edith Weiner. Club gave \$200 to LCIF for KY Tornado victims. I have the Norwood eyeglasses collected as I met up with Mahesh to get them.

Randolph: 40 members, no monies owed. Of course, Margaret always files her reports. I have trouble accessing the reports if they are not emailed to me.

Sharon: 27 members, no monies owed. Sharon had a very successful fundraiser with Kendra Scott. The club contributed to MLERF (Millie Wayne) and to LCI for KY Tornado Victims. The club helped a Lion member with contributions for Dove, which helps domestic abuse victims. Margaret inducted a returning member to our club.

Stoughton: 42 members, still owe \$22.86 to LCI. I had a quick email from the President Darlene – we will talk soon. Bonnie Beiderman, the Zone chair, did attend the December MidWinter Planning meeting.

Walpole: 22 members, no monies owed. I have not heard from the club and will reach out.

Westwood: 29 members, no monies owed. I have not heard from the club since my visit and will reach out.

Region N – Chris Gaboriault

Region N consist of Zone 7 (Ashland, Greater Ashland, Framingham, Natick and Sherborn) and Zone 8 (Hopkinton, Marlboro, Stow and Sudbury). I am happy to say that the state of Region N is good! The Region N clubs have been meeting, many in person, until lately with the recent COVID spike. Those clubs who did revert back to holding virtual meetings plan to resume in-person meetings in March (Hopefully, if all goes well).

The Region added 7 new members, dropped 6 and sadly lost 6. Those members who are no longer with us will be missed.

Despite the restrictions and difficulties with COVID, the Region N clubs have still been able to assist the elderly and meals-on wheels, hold food, bottle & can and eyeglass collections. They were also able to hold meat raffles, Christmas tree and wreath sales and clean up highways within the various towns of the Region. Two clubs, Ashland and Sherborn, were able to team up and have a “murder-mystery” event.

Region N had the youth speech contest competition, in which there were 6 students, sponsored by Ashland, Greater Ashland, Framingham, Hopkinton, Marlboro and Sudbury. Originally, the contest was going to be held in person, but was quickly switched to virtual. I would like to thank Roxana Camporeale for setting up the in-person venue and 33K Youth Speech Chair Steve Small for setting up the virtual meeting and all of the emails and communications with the students and myself. I couldn't have done this without them.

I would like to thank Past Zone Chair Paul Ciccolo for coming out of “retirement” and helping with Zone 7 and Zone Chair Mark Gibbs for his help with Zone 8.

Due to COVID and my own schedule, I was only able to visit a few clubs both in-person and virtually. I look forward to visiting the rest of the clubs by the end of the year. I also plan to hold my second Region meeting, hopefully in-person.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Gaboriault

Region N Chair

Mid-Winter Report- February 2022

District 33K Zone 7-Region N

Ashland Lions Club: - Marcia Wiles, President

The Ashland Lions Club is one of the largest and successful clubs in our District (93) as of December 2021. This year as all clubs came out of the pandemic the Ashland Lions maintained their successful drive to get back on track with all their steady flow of fundraiser events and Community Service projects. Ashland Lions continue to focus on new memberships as we move into 2022. Several members in our club continue to attend District meetings, as well as Region and Zone meetings. This happens to be my home club. No Issues.

Framingham Lions Club: - Peter Friel, President

The Framingham Lions is a small club with (18) members as of December 2021. Framingham Lions Club started off this year with a bang with their Concession Stand Activities at Bowditch Field, Framingham as this is one of their key fundraisers. The club has met monthly with some in-person meetings and they have also utilized Zoom for keeping all club activities moving. Several members always attend District meetings as well as Region and Zone meetings. No Issues.

Greater Ashland Lions Club: - Ellie Torelli, President

The Greater Ashland Lions is a mid-size club with (46) members as of December 2021. Greater Ashland Club has maintained their drive as always in the Ashland Community. This club is always look at new opportunities to give back to the Community and to Lions in everything they touch. The club meets monthly at this time with Zoom meetings. Several members continue to attend all District meetings through Zoom as well. No Issues.

Sherborn Lions Club: - Jack Mulhall, President

The Sherborn Lions Club is a small club with (18) members as of December 2021. The Sherborn Lions will be inducting two new members into their club in January. This club has a committed drive to keeping the Lions message and support to their Sherborn Community in everything they do. Sherborn recently had a collaborative fundraising event with the Ashland Lions club which was quite successful. No Issues.

Natick Lions Club: - Susan Robinson, President

The Sherborn Lions Club is a very small club with (5) members as of December 2021. The Natick Lions Club continues to do their best under these pandemic times to holding on to their commitment to Lions and to the Natick Community. This club continues to struggle to increase membership and filling monthly reports, but our District Leadership team continues to reach out to help and all times.

Respectfully submitted
PZC Paul Ciccolo (Zone7)

Region S Report 21-22 – Diana Faust

I am pleased to report on Region S in District 33 K. Region S is an energetic group of 9 Lions clubs for the district. Region S includes the following clubs; Franklin, Millis, Medfield, Norfolk, Medway, Blackstone, Plainville, Wrentham and Holliston.

“My Clubs” each have their own personality but all have the passion for Lionism. As I have visited them at their meetings both physically and virtually or seen them at their events I have been motivated by their creativity especially during these challenging times. Most of my clubs have adapted to virtual meetings when needed and a few are doing hybrid visits, meeting in person but having a virtual option for their members.

Many of Region S clubs have continued with successful fundraising and service projects. The clubs have adapted well with some clubs delivering meals to veterans and the elderly versus having an in person event. Blackstone has continued a lot of in person fundraisers such as their craft fair, craft night and their upcoming Bingo night. Medway and Millis have continued with their bottle and can drives. Millis is also running a major raffle to help fund a new town sign.

This year several of my clubs, Wrentham, Norfolk, Medfield and Medway have run successful Christmas tree sales. The Holliston and Franklin Clubs have raised moneys by using the Savers program. Many clubs are finding ways to adapt to virtual fundraisers when needed. Medway, Blackstone and Franklin Clubs participated in their community trick or treat events. Norfolk’s Halloween Train ride has been adapted to a ride through event. Franklin collected candy after Halloween to send to our Troops. Plainville has tried new events such as a comedy night and has continued with their Thanksgiving baskets. Several of Region S’s clubs participated in our youth Peace Poster contest and the Millis, Medfield and Medway clubs sponsored contestants for the zone/region competition. I would be remiss not to mention the help that the Holliston Club provided for the competition.

This year as in some years past there are those clubs who are struggling with membership but like the “little engine that could” I believe they will produce further growth and energy. Many of my clubs have struggled to find new meeting locations due to increase in the cost of meals or needing to switch meeting days as some locations have reduced their days open. By the time of our Midwinter I should have visited every club or attended one of their activities at least once. I will continue to reach out to my clubs and provide what resources they might need. I have done my best to be available to everyone, to answer questions and to help or find them resources.

I thank each club for their hard work and dedication.

Yours In Lionism,

Region S Chair Diana Faust

Best Club 2021-2022 Mid-Winter Report

Thank you to all the clubs that have been filing district reports each month. That information is helpful to your district officers and also makes you eligible to be considered for the District Best Club award this year, in either the small, medium, large, or extra-large category. All the details about how the points work are in the district directory. Right now only about 21 clubs per month are filing, so I encourage more clubs to participate. It is great to see all the efforts and successes of your clubs. Congratulations and thank you again.

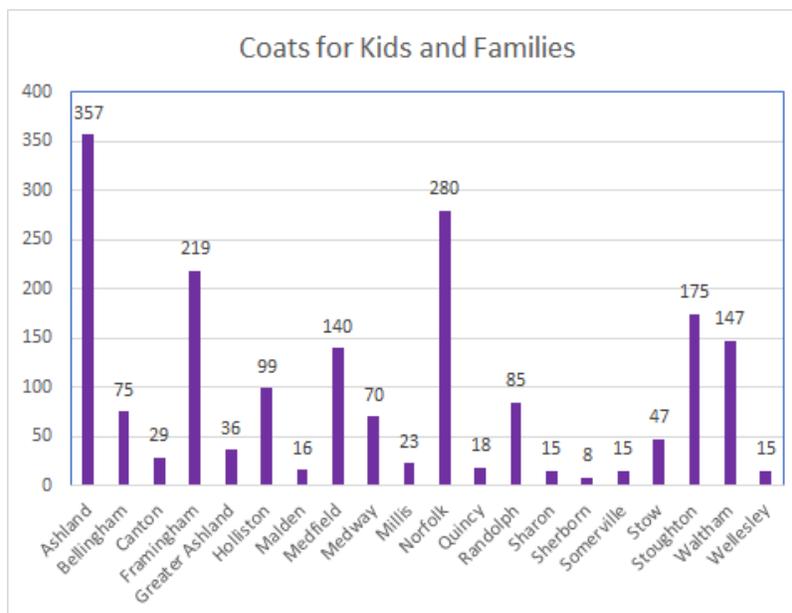
Lion Linda Reynolds

Best Club Contest Chair

Subject: Coats for Kids and Families Initiative Wrap Up

Here is the final tally for the Coats for Kids and Families campaign for 2021-22. The clubs did a tremendous job this year in spite of some obstacles they faced. The final tally was 1,869 coats donated to various agencies with the bulk being delivered to Anton's Cleaners for processing and distribution. Here is a list of the clubs that participated, and the number of coats collected. These counts were based on either direct reporting from clubs or the clubs' activity reports on the District K website. I sent these counts to all district secretaries and did receive some updates. So for all intents and purposes, please consider the totals below as final.

Richie Flynn



Communications & IT Report

District 33K MidWinter Conference

Fellow Lions,

Over the course of this year, we have made several important changes in how we communicate with you, the members of our Clubs.

One of the first things we did was reconfigure our website. The site is now fully secure, and we are facing far less damage from spoofing attacks as well as less communication on our forms which are considered spam. We've also redesigned the website to make sure it is easier for you to find the things you need to make your experience better. We know there are probably deficiencies in the site, and we welcome your input regarding any improvements.

We would like to shout out to Lion Jim Tremble of the Medway Lions Club – Thanks to Jim's input we have identified some challenges in our forms and we're hoping to get those corrected shortly after our mid-winter conference. In the interim, we want to thank those of you who have been so generous in sharing feedback.

We would like to remind every club that they should be using the calendar on the front page of the website and if you have a flyer, attach it to the calendar. We are looking for a new calendar because after all these years, Zoho is not being especially helpful since they have gone to a paid model, making it far more challenging for us to make dramatic changes to the format and hampering us when we try to add multi-day events. Watch for those changes

We also made some changes to our District newsletter. As you have probably noticed, we have been doing a 'retrospective' newsletter – when we send out the newsletter it is covering the PRIOR month's news, but we are including the current month's events. Our newsletter is generally sent by email during the first few days of the month – the catch is that one member of your club may receive the newsletter on one day, and another the next. This is because we are using a new method for sending them – they are being done directly through our website and we can only send out 100 items per hour without triggering a spam warning. So we ask you to keep that in mind.

Any Club who wishes to have items included in any bulletin is strongly encouraged to email doreenmartel@doreenmartel.com not later than the last day of the month. We can **ONLY ACCEPT TEXT FILES** – images will **NOT** be included in the bulletin to accommodate the growing number of users of screen readers (who get blank spaces for every image!) in our Clubs. If you do have a picture file of an event, please do send it, we will be more than happy to upload it to the Club Upcoming Events page on the website, but **PLEASE** do include a pure text file for use in the newsletter.

We have made great progress in reaching our goals for better communication and an improved website experience, but we know we can always do better. We more than appreciate your patience and we will always welcome your input.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Doreen Martel/IT/Sunshine/Bulletin Editor

From Al Bozza Diabetes District Chair

I want to help lions realize how bad diabetes is in the United States. I want to convince Lions that their health is their wealth. I want to educate Lions about the consequences of doing nothing and let them know it's never too late to start.

There are certain diseases that you can't have any control over, but there are some you can take preventive measures to lower your risk. Doesn't it make sense to do whatever you can do?

We are a people that love pleasure. It's so common to say, " OK, I'll eat this now and start my diet on Monday. "Or "I'll eat now and I'll work out later." Almost everyone knows what to do or where to find the information of what they should do, but very few people really do it. Common sense is not always common practice.

Over the next few months I will be visiting all of the clubs in our district. I'll be sharing with them a three-part series, that I have put together, where you will learn.

1. How to prevent or manage and control your diabetes
2. How diet, exercise and nutrition can impact diabetes and
3. How diabetes can affect your eyes, cardiac, kidneys and health.

We will learn "Why a healthy lifestyle is important for diabetes? We will learn how a healthy lifestyle will reduce your risk of diabetes. We will learn about how our foods are making us sick. How we are under attack every day by the foods we eat. We will learn the importance of exercise and how implementing a workout regimen into our daily routine is the first step to committing to a healthier lifestyle.

You can have all the ambition in the world but having someone to hold you accountable is what will make the biggest difference. I don't promise miracles, but I do promise you will feel better and that we will find healthy alternatives that you will like.

Health is a vehicle not a destination. Enjoy the ride!!

Lion Al

Environmental Photo Contest

Every Lions club was furnished the information through their President and Secretary as well as the District Bulletin. The deadline to submit pictures was December, 2021. I was asked to fill in for Greater Ashland Lion Ellie Torelli, as the chair, in early September.

Participants were asked to submit their picture digitally, and to be aware that the photo may be horizontal or vertical, but must be able to be printed, 8 inches x 10 inches (or 10 inches x 8 inches). The idea of having the pictures sent digitally was for in the event, that Covid did not allow the Midwinter to happen, Lions could vote virtually. It would allow ALL Lions in the district to participate/vote and free up hallway traffic.

There are thirteen entries, all beautiful. Participating clubs are: Ashland, Blackstone, Holliston, Hyde Park, Medway, Norfolk, Randolph, Sharon, Waltham, Wrentham. Congratulations to all the LIONS that participated. Every entry was wonderful and we hope you will continue to take photos and participate again next year. Hopefully they will submit these pictures to be considered in the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Calendar for 2023!

Submitted by: PDG Patricia Kalicki



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 33K

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

2021 - 2022

Greeting Lions of District 33K,

First and foremost, please allow me to introduce the members of the District 33K Global Membership Team, they are VDG Steve Langley, RC Chris Gaboriault and PZC Paul Ciccolo.

The Membership Team's goals and objectives are to support the District Governor's goals of increasing the membership in our District as well as retaining the great Lions we have in our District. The team has been focused on supporting all of our clubs and to promote membership, along with providing the tools and resources to all of our clubs so that each club can succeed and have a successful year. We have encouraged our clubs to consider holding Membership Drives/events and to please inform the Membership Team, so we can attend, provide membership material, and to support your efforts.

During the first half of our Lionistic year, our GMT has implemented the following:

- Membership Resource Folders were distributed to all of the clubs within our district.
- Membership Surveys were distributed at the first and second advisories.
- District Tri-Folds have been retrieved and the team has worked on updating these Tri-Folds so our clubs can utilize these for any membership events. There are 5 Tri-Folds available for our clubs to use.
- A Membership Roundtable was held which resulted on some good feedback from the clubs on membership and retention issues.
- Membership Challenge/Contest-Our District is sponsoring two membership challenges. The District will make a donation of \$200.00 to LCIF in the name of the club that increases its base membership the most during the 2021-2022 Lions year. The District will also make a donation of \$100.00 to LCIF in the name of the individual Lion who sponsors the most new Lions during the 2021-2022 Lions year.
- The Global Action Team has designed a special button to promote Membership, Leadership, and Service. These special buttons will be given to all new members and their sponsors. The membership team plans on making these presentations at the Third Advisory.

Now that we are in the second half of our Lionistic year, it is really important that we focus on helping our District Governor, achieve her goals for membership. **To date, we have added “103” new members to our District and have dropped a total of “102” which give the District a plus “1” in membership.** We still have a lot of work ahead of us, so we can finish the Lionistic year in the positive.

I want to thank all of the clubs in our District who have added new Lions to their clubs and who have held Membership Drives/events. Please continue the great work and thank you for all you do.

“REMEMBER”, MEMBERS ARE THE LIFE-LINE OF OUR ORGANIZATION....MEMBERSHIP IS “EVERYONE’S” RESPONSIBILITY.

I would like to thank the entire Membership Team for all of the hard work and dedication they have exhibited in helping to build our District Membership.

I would also like to thank District Governor Peg, for allowing me to chair this committee and to serve all the great Lions of District 33K.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Margaret Menard, GMT Chair

33K GST Chair Mid Winter Report

Chair: PDG Dawn Rice-Norton

Our 33K Clubs continue to step it up and show great resiliency in continuing to serve their communities and the world. Covid has dented and bruised us, including having taken some of our Lions from us, but it has not stopped us!

Reporting:

DG Peg has a goal of 90% of our Clubs reporting. After the first quarter, I wondered if this was reachable this year as we sat at barely 30%. The pandemic has disrupted our “norm” and is taking its toll in subtle ways. 33K has a long-standing, impressive reputation of reporting-our hard-working, dedicated secretaries take their jobs seriously. But-we continued to use a positive, proactive approach to the task. Several mini-sessions on reporting have been completed via Zoom, some with just 1 Club secretary. I continue to follow up with the missing Clubs and have enlisted the help of the ZCs and RCs in this matter. I am happy to say that, as of the end of February, we have 83% of Clubs reporting by LCI standards (inclusive of the LEOs Clubs). For our Lions Clubs-excluding the LEOs-we have attained the 90% goal of DG Peg. This is far above the World and CA1 averages and leads all MD33 Districts. We will continue to work on this and hope to surpass 90% for all Clubs-Lion and LEO. Sadly, some Clubs not yet on board are active, successful Clubs with multiple activities to report-they should roar a bit more. I do feel this will resolve.

A service reporting workshop will be held at the midwinter.

Service

Our resilient 33K Lions continue to take a “We Serve” attitude and impress in the area of service. The overwhelming majority of our Clubs are meeting and serving. Over 139,000 persons have been served in over 16,000 hours! The below graphic will display the numbers more succinctly, but it isn’t about just the numbers. It is about resiliency, dedication, empathy, and the determination of some hardy MA Lions. These “numbers” represent the persons in our communities and World for whom we change the world in some positive way. The visually impaired, the hungry, the cold and homeless, those with diabetes, sick children, our veterans, our elders, the differently abled, promising HS students...looking beyond just the numbers we find these stories and the connections our Clubs have to their communities, and it is amazing. Our Lions DO serve from their hearts, and we are proud to say so. Many of our Clubs have found new ways to complete annual favorites like putting new twists on Halloween and holiday visits, distanced pictures with costumes, bunnies, and the big guy in red. Lives have been saved by

regular blood and plasma donations organized by our Lions. The efforts of one of our Clubs supports students at a school halfway around the world. A Club delivers hot, home-cooked meals to their neighbors in need. Local pantries are kept stocked through collections and monetary donations.

We are continuing our Blanketing our Communities with Kindness and Diversity project. We are asking persons to knit or crochet 8 in squares of all manner of patterns and colors and are then assembling these squares into blankets. These have been donated to a variety of locations-for Alzheimer's patients, to warm the homeless and comfort children are some examples.

Service also continues to be a part of each District event. From collecting school supplies at the 1st Cabinet meeting to warm socks and personal care items to warm the homeless in Malden's Warming Place and clothing, bedding, and necessary items for Gilly's House for those recovering from addiction. At the 3rd Advisory we will be collecting pjs, socks and underwear for foster children in our area. We had to adjust our planned midwinter service project and will be fulfilling an online wish list to support the Lions' Pantry we have established at Boston House-a home away from home for families of children receiving cancer care in Boston.

We continue to build infrastructure to increase our school vision screening program and held another well-attended KidSight Vision Screener training. We also had one limited Dementia Friends training and plan to expand that training further.

Anthem Pilot Program Grant

One of our Clubs-Medway-submitted for and received a grant of \$1500 from Anthem Healthcare via LCIF. This was part of a pilot program in the focus area of Hunger. Since grants to Clubs is typically limited to Impact Funds earned by LCIF donations, this was a celebrated occurrence. The grant involved collaboration with Anthem employees, local Lions, students from Northeastern University and Fair Foods produce rescue. It addressed campus food insecurity, as well as hunger in the poorer neighborhoods surrounding Northeastern University in Boston. Over 800 persons were served, with 300 bags of produce and bread and Fair Foods volunteers were assisted in dividing 2000 "clumps" of rice noodles into bags to offer to those in need later. Through collaboration, that \$1500 was parlayed into a far greater impact than imagined possible.

33K Eyeglasses Recycling Project

Expanding on an idea posed by one of our Clubs-Hyde Park-and utilizing their connections to their native island communities in MD 60, we are organizing an eyeglasses recycling program to bring donated glasses to those in need. We were scheduled to complete a washing, sorting, packing event at midwinter, but will need to reschedule that to a later date. We hope to inspire even the smallest of our Clubs to help

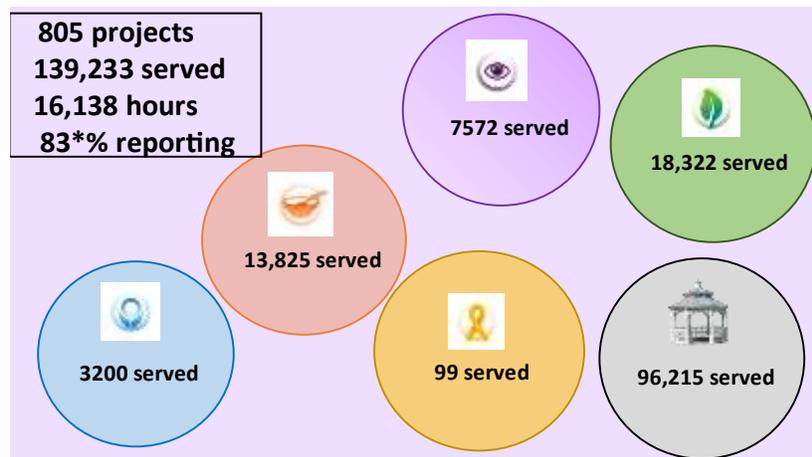
out and hold individual Club events, once the process is demonstrated. Several hundred pair of glasses were already taken to Haiti by a member traveling there.

Upcoming

In collaboration with the NAMI Service Engagement Committee, we will be having a Spring into Service month in April. All Clubs have been asked to plan a service activity during the month and report back. Additional ideas will also be placed on a bingo-style board for Clubs to complete for prizes. Collaboration with other community groups is being especially encouraged.

LCIF Diabetes Grant

The MD GST Committee has been diligently working on a Diabetes project for which we will seek LCIF support. The Council of Governors has given approval to explore this idea. The plan is to establish a diabetes teaching kitchen and resource center at the Barton Center/Camp Clara Barton. This will enhance the current teaching for Type 1 campers, expand to support of Type 2 diabetes and general healthy living and return the center to its mission of supporting youth in general. It is hoped that this will also provide a revenue stream for the Center to provide training to outside groups, and so help self-sustain. Highlights include rolling, powered cooking/teaching units and an herb greenhouse that harkens back to the days when nurse Clara Barton grew her own herbs and medicinals for those with diabetes.



Respectfully submitted
IPDG Dawn Rice-Norton
33K GST Chair
MD 33 GST Chair

District 33K Leadership Report

Fellow Lions,

It has been a while since we were able to hold training sessions in person, but nonetheless, we've plowed along and tried to offer you the best possible training despite the challenges we have faced.

Fortunately, this has also helped us increase training opportunities since we do not have to be concerned about accessibility in terms of geography! Regardless of where you are, you can attend any one of our sessions.

This year, at our Mid-Winter Conference we will be hosting three sessions:

- Orientation – Lion Jose Mesmar & ZC Shawn Sherry
- Roundtable Discussion – 2nd VDG Ivette Mesmar, PDG Paul Calnan and RC Holly Dono
- MyLion Service Reporting Workshop – PDG Dawn Rice-Norton

This is an exciting time to brush up on your skills, learn more about Lions and to have some input into what direction your Leadership team takes for the balance of this year, and moving into the 2022 – 2023 Lions year.

We'd also like to remind you that the Multiple District will be hosting a hybrid version of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) March 4 – 6. If you have any interest in attending this fun, engaging training weekend, you should speak with your Club President or reach out to any one of the members of the Leadership team. The cost for the weekend is only \$15 and that includes breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The MD33 Leadership team is working hard on this session and we hope that you will take advantage of the hybrid model. Friday is optional (part social and part learning but you can do the learning part on your own). Saturday is NOT optional but will be entirely virtual. Sunday you will have the opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned and meet with the DGs, VDGs, and your fellow attendees in a casual setting. Join us, you will definitely learn some transferrable skills and if you are not careful, you could even have some fun and make new friends!

Please keep an eye on our District bulletin as over the next few weeks we will be introducing information regarding our Club Officers training. We have been discussing breaking this training up into different sessions for those officers who have already served one or more terms in their role to offer more diverse training. Stay tuned for more information!

Please do feel free to reach out to any of us if you or your club is interested in any one-on-one training, we are more than happy to accommodate your needs.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Doreen Martel – Chairperson, 2nd VDG Ivette Mesmar – Leadership Liaison. PDG Paul Calnan. RC Holly Dono. PCS Beth Walsh

DISTRICT 33K LCIF MIDWINTER REPORT 2022

This year, LCIF will complete its 4 years of ambitious fundraising and awareness campaign entitled "Campaign 100".. This endeavor will sought to raise \$300 million in those years to help Lions and LCIF pursue their humanitarian missions which were recently amended to include the important causes of Diabetes and Childhood Cancer. The causes of Hunger relief, the Environment and Vision complete the 5 pronged efforts for Campaign 100. The addition of new goals and charitable needs will take our organization to new heights as we serve millions of people each year. LCIF is the humanitarian arm of our 1.4 million member organization.

Our target has to raise 70% of the amount assigned to us, or, \$195,000. To do so, we will need to raise \$37,000 this year

Over the coming years, LCIF will seek to Increase Lions Awareness and Support for LCIF, Expand Our World Impact, Increase Non-Lion, Corporate, and Foundation Awareness and Support and Promote Monthly and Electronic Giving.

From 2016-2022, district 33K raised and donated over \$170,000 to LCIF. Our funds were designated for all of Lions' causes with a particular focus on the local and International Natural disasters in the last 3 years.

This year, District 33K has raised over \$9000 to LCIF as of January 31, 2022, 16 of 46 clubs have donated so far and this represents 34% of our member clubs.

Although this is a terrific amount and is appreciated at all levels of LCIF, we can, however, do better. Although the District goal set for this year, hopes to raise \$33,000 annually, my goal is \$50,000, shooting for the stars to surpass the year by a mile.

I have offered to visit clubs to spread the message of Campaign 100. To date, I have been invited and spoke at only 2 clubs so far. I stand ready willing and able to visit all 46 clubs if invited to do so.

LCIF has a number of recognition pins available recognizing various levels of LCIF contribution. These pins are available today and will also be presented at upcoming Advisory Meetings. I can also present them at individual club events as well.

Let's finish strong and complete our multi - year journey to join our fellow members worldwide to raise \$300 Million for our causes around the globe.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Andy Porter

District 33K LCIF Chairperson

Report of the District Leo Chair

It is with pleasure that I report on the seven Leo Clubs that are an essential element of Lions International District 33K. Six of the clubs are named after their sponsoring Lions Clubs, namely Millis, Franklin, Ashland, Holliston, Medway, and Sherborn. The largest club in our District, King Philip, is made up of the towns of Norfolk, Plainville, and Wrentham and is sponsored by the Wrentham Club. The KP Leo Club just completed their 25th year of active service to the community. Congratulations to you for your many years of service.

The actual total number of Leos in the district is difficult to determine as not every club is reporting in MyLCI, but using the numbers reported, there are approximately 300 Leos in 33K. My thanks to the advisors Joanne Apesos, Mark Caulfield, Amanda Langley, Liana Morgens, Lisa Munn, Matt Putvinski, Marilyn Schiaroli, Kristine Shanahan, Tara Spellman and Carroll Walden for the effort they put forth in ensuring these Leo's can show their Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity, the slogan of the Leo organization. The pandemic has not slowed down some of the clubs as they continue to meet, usually one a month, and continue to serve their communities through food and clothes collection drives, school spirit activities, and aiding their sponsoring clubs as needed.

Other clubs should consider getting in on the action. It only takes \$100 a year to sponsor a club (no matter the size), finding the right person(s) to be advisors, and ensuring they have a place to meet. Reach out to me at weburt53@gmail.com with any questions about sponsoring a Leo Club.

Wayne Burt

District Leo Chair

33K Nominations Committee Report

Fellow Lions of District 33K

Please make sure to share this information with your Club members.

As per the requirements of the International Constitution and By-Laws for Districts, I am submitting this information to the Lions Clubs of District 33K regarding the appointment of three (3) members of the Nominations Committee for District 33K. Specifically the By-laws state that members must be members in good standing from different Lions Clubs that are in good standing in the district, and shall not at the time of appointment hold any District (Cabinet), State or International office. The members should be prepared to serve at the MD33 State Convention.

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Open position: If there is someone interested please contact the Nomination's chair.

Please feel free to contact any member of the nominations committee if you have questions or concerns. Lions who wish to be considered for elected office must submit a letter to the Chairman of the Nominations Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the MD33 State Convention, April 29, 2022.

Currently nomination requests have been received as follows:

- DG nomination from the Wrentham Lions for 1st VDG Stephen J. Langley
- 1st VDG nomination from the Wellesley Lions for 2nd Lion Ivette D. Mesmar
- 2nd VDG nomination from the Medway Lions for Region Chair S Diana Faust

Yours in Lionism,
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DISTRICT 33K PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2021-2022

Submitted by Victor Ng, Chairperson

District 33K once again successfully completed another Peace Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest was "**We are All Connected**"

Seven (7) Lions Clubs participated: Boston Chinatown, Hyde Park, Stoughton, Ashland, Wrentham, Medfield, Medway. The winning poster came from the mighty **Ashland Lions Clubs**, which was voted on during the Second Advisory Meeting at Coachman's Lodge in Bellingham on Monday, November 15, 2022.

The winner will be announced by District Governor Peg Needre during District 33K Mid Winter Conference zoom around 10am on Saturday, February 12.

Lions International guidelines for judging includes three criteria: Expression of the Theme, Artistic Merit, and Originality. Our 33K Poster had all these criteria and much more. It was awarded the BEST of the Multi District during the Council Meeting on Monday, Dec 10. Our District 33K : "WE WON".

The 2022-2023 Peace Poster kits are NOW available on the LionsClubs.org website for \$11.95. Next year's theme is "**Lead with Compassion**". Let's get a head start on this contest and continue to have great submissions to represent 33K !

Respectfully Submitted

2021-2022 Youth Speech Committee Report

To: DG Peg Needre, 33K Cabinet Officers, and other interested parties

It is an honor to be able to submit this report in my first year as District 33K Youth Speech Chair.

This year's topic is "**Why Is Accountability Important?**" Eleven (11) clubs sponsored a student beyond the Club level, up from 10 Clubs last year. This year's participating clubs are:

- **Region I** – Boston Chinatown, Quincy
- **Region N** – Ashland, Framingham, Great Ashland, Hopkinton, Marlboro, Sudbury
- **Region S** – Medfield, Medway, Millis

In addition, the clubs listed tried to participate but were unable find an interested student to sponsor for various reasons: Malden, Somerville, Hyde Park, Stoughton, Sherborn, and Blackstone. I hope to work with these clubs next year to start recruiting students earlier and increase their chances of success. Also, Holliston has named Youth Speech Co-Chairs for next year, and they expect to participate.

I have started trying to collect participation statistics across District 33K as a baseline for comparison going forward. In addition to Club level participation discussed above:

- Ten (10) schools had at least one student write a speech and participate in the competition. The schools are a mixture of public and private high schools. I don't have school participation statistics from prior years for comparison.
- One hundred forty-seven (147) students wrote a speech and delivered it at a competition at some level. I do not have an exact count for prior years, but Roxana Camporeale reported "less than 50" for last year and "over 100" for the year before.

Covid-19 has led to a mixture of in-person and online competitions so far. Also, due primarily to Covid, I made the decision to combine the Zone and Region competitions into a single competition for all participating Clubs in each Region. This cut down on the number of events (and the number of judges that needed to be recruited), as well as reducing the number of competitions with only two speakers. Winners of these combined competitions won prizes as if they had won both a Zone and a Region competition in previous years, while the runners-up won prizes as if they had won a Zone competition in previous years.

The Mid-Winter competition will be held virtually, but the State Youth Speech Committee hopes to hold the State Finals in-person.

Thank you to all the Club Speech Chairs as well the Zone and Region chairs for all their efforts to organize competitions in January for all the students sponsored by a Club. In particular, I need to point out the contributions of Region Chairs Ken Chia, Chris Gaboriault, Diana Faust, and Quincy Youth Speech Chair Jennifer Menelly for their efforts organizing those events. Due to some irregularities in the Region I competition, both the winner and the runner-up have been invited to the Mid-Winter competition. We will therefore have four students representing three Regions speaking during the Mid-Winter competition.

I also want to thank Immediate Past Youth Speech State and 33K Co-Chairpersons Roxana and Mike Camporeale for their support and guidance as I navigate my way through this first year of inexplicably being in charge. District 33K IT Chair PDG Doreen Martell has also been extremely helpful setting up Zoom session for virtual competitions as well as for meetings of the State Youth Speech Committee.

Finally, the topic for the 2022-2023 competition will be “**Climate Crisis: Fact or Fiction?**”

Oratorically Yours,

Steve Small

District 33K Chair

Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Competition

DISTRICT 33K STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

2022

The 2021/22 MD 33 State Convention committee is hard at work planning for our upcoming 92nd annual convention. This year's event will be held Friday April 29, 2022 through Sunday May 1, 2022 at the Seacrest in Falmouth, MA.

This year's theme is Reunion as we gather back as old friends for the first time in almost 3 years.

This year's guests are our old friends PID Mark Lyon and Lion Carolyn from district 23A, Brookfield, CT. Next year's convention is scheduled to be held at the former Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA. Due to the proximity of the State Convention to LCI Convention in Boston, it will only be 1 night.

This year, we were very fortunate to be able to call on an old friend of MD 33 and contract to have the 93rd convention return to the Seacrest in Falmouth for a cost of less than \$460 a couple. We are excited to return to the Seaside for our annual event/ This amount has been subsidized by the Council of Governors to make it more affordable. Had we booked this exact convention this year, the present-day cost would have been \$672 per couple.

Hotel rooms for this year are available at the cost of \$128 per night which includes tax.

Sales tables are also available at a cost of \$25 each

The weekend will include the Friday Night key Member / Melvin Jones Banquet, the Saturday District Governor's Banquet and the Sunday Candidate's Luncheon. Each meal has its own attendant costs.

The weekend will also feature traditional annual events such as the Youth Speech Contest, possibly, All State Band concert and our Sunday Memorial Service. There will also be the individual District annual elections on Sunday morning.

We are also introducing a Thursday night get together at the hotel for pizza party fun with Lion friends. The hotel will make rooms available at the same discounted price and the cost for dinner is \$25 per person

We are in our fifth year of our five-year commitment on the State Convention Committee, and we have been honored to represent Special K on this important committee.

We plan to go out with a bang! We hope to see you all in Falmouth this April.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Amy and PDG Andy Porter

District 33k State Convention Committee Chairs