



The Lions Share



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A Message from DG Bruce

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

First of all, I want to thank IPDG Lorri Kerzner for the outstanding year serving as our 2009-2010 District Governor. Our district can be extremely grateful for Lorri's vision and leadership. I have appreciated her guidance and advice in the past and consider IPDG Lorri a mentor. She had the courage to close a few clubs that could have closed several years ago. Her initiative in organizing a Statewide Food Drive, in May, brought Lions together in a great service project that will be continued.

I attended my first MD-20 Council of Governors meeting, in Corning, NY this past weekend. I will share this at our upcoming council meeting on August 9th. All Lions are welcome to attend this meeting. Look for an invitation in this issue of the Newsletter.

The MD-20 Redistricting Committee gave a presentation on their efforts to realign the State of NY and Bermuda Lions. The Multiple District presently has twelve sub districts, and the proposal reduces the number of districts to eight. PCC Steve Tremaroli, our representative on the committee, and I will give a presentation at the Cabinet Meeting.

Maureen and I were happy to attend the Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia. I had the opportunity to meet with Lions from all over the world, and made friends I am anxious to see again. The Lions Parade and the Keynote Speech by Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III, the Miracle on the Hudson pilot, were our favorite highlights of a busy week. We are finally beginning to adjust to Eastern Standard Time.

Our new International President, Sid L. Scruggs, III, from North Carolina wants to emphasize service during the 2010-11 Lions year. His theme reminds us why we became Lions. He said "I want Lions to realize they are the ones that people look to for a promise of a better tomorrow. They are the Beacon of Hope."

The 2011 MD-20 Convention will be held in Rochester on April 28 through May 1st. The Saturday night theme will be "*Hooray for Hollywood!*" Those attending are encouraged to dress up as your favorite actor or movie star. If you haven't attended a State Convention, this may be the one you want to start with. You will have lots of fun, learn more about Lionism, and meet some great people. Please plan to attend.

I am looking forward to a busy year, and am anxious to get started visiting clubs. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can help your club in any way. I would love to see all clubs have a website, some business cards, and a pamphlet that lets people know about your club. Our Global Membership Team (GMT) has model documents you can customize for your club.

Yours in Lionism,

Bruce M. D'Abramo, District Governor





Hello fellow Lions of 20s

A real life - realization ... If your club has a problem with participation and is in decline or stagnating ... YOU somehow contributed to its cause ...

Conversely YOU hold the solution to the problem. Every problem can be solved, it's in our God given genes.

What can one person do? LOTS - Just think of the many, whether Paul Revere, Mother Teresa, or David against Goliath ... one single individual can turn things around. We are the captains navigating a ship not a race car, to turn things around will take diligent persistence.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant"

.....Robert Louis Stevenson

For those that cry the excuse that all service organizations are in the decline, and we as Lions are not alone - BALONEY!

An 'excuse' is another word for a 'poor attitude'. You as 'Lion' have something very special to share, to help cure the needs of others, give smiles to those with holiday frowns, feed the needy, give 'sight' to the visully impeared, and have the personal satisfaction that YOU can make a positive difference in someone elses life.

Voodoo magic or waiting for the other guy, is not the ingredient needed to grow your club, like it or not, your action or inaction is either the contributing problem or THE SOLUTION. Ask someone to come to next club meeting, make it fun, tell jokes, play trivia, get an interesting local guest speaker on a timely topic.

Remember you are blessed to be here...on this earth in 2010...in the greatest country on earth...and in the greatest location - Long Island, New York.

When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this - you haven't."

..... Thomas Edison

Make it Happen! - Have a Great month.

Paul Wernersbach, 1st Vice District Governor 20s

DG Schedule

September	23-24	USA Canada Leadership Forum Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	20	District 20S Golf Outing Baiting Hollow Country Club
	30	MD 20 Leadership Institute Syracuse, New York
October	1	MD Leadership Institute Syracuse, New York
	1-4	International Board Meeting Edinburgh, Scotland
	4	Riverhead Lions
	5	Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions
	6	East Hampton Lions
	11	Cutchogue Lions
	14	Moriches-Mastics/Shirley Lions
	15-16	MD20 PDG Organization Meeting
	20	Mattituck Lions
	21	Montauk Lions (joint meeting)
	22-23	2 nd Council of Governors Meeting
	25	Cold Spring Harbor Lions
	26	Southampton Lions
	27	South Country Lions
November	1	Fall Conference Villa Lombardi's Holtsville, New York
	3	Amityville Lions
	4	Patchogue Lions
	8	Second Cabinet Meeting TBA
	10	Brentwood Lions
	11	North Sea Lions
	16	North Babylon Lions
	17	Port Jefferson Lions
	18	Melville Lions
	23	The Islips Lions
December	1	Farmingville/Holtsville Lions
	2	Patchogue Lioness Lions
	14	Greenlawn Lions
	15	West Babylon Lions
	16	Central Islip Lions Bayport/Blue Point Lions
January	3	Hauppauge/Smithtown Lions
	5	Central Brookhaven Lions
	12	Babylon Lions
	18	Lake Grove Lions
	19	Northport-Centerport Lions
	20	Blue Point/Bayport Lions
February	1	Hampton Lioness
	8	Rocky Point Lions
	17	Suffolk South Shore Lions
	23	Huntington Lions
	25-26	3 rd Council of Governors Meeting Syracuse, New York

March	2	Deer Park Lions
	3	Bridgehampton Lions
	7	3 rd Cabinet Meeting TBA
	10	Hampton Bays Lions Lions Day at the UN
	17	Shelter Island Lions
	18-19	MD20 PDG Organization Meeting
	23	Sag Harbor Lions
	24	Medford/North Patchogue Lions
	25-27	DG Elect School, Binghamton
April	5	Smithtown Lioness
	16-19	International Board of Directors
	19	East End Lions
	28	4 th Council of Governors Meeting
	29-30	MD20 Convention Rochester
May	9	4 th Cabinet Meeting Brian Scotts, Miller Place
June	10	District Governor Banquet Lombardi's on the Sound Port Jefferson
July	4-8	International Convention Seattle, Washington



Like to Share?

***Club pics, happenings, and just plain
old GOOD NEWS!!!!***

***Please email either PDG Pat Mitchell
or DG Bruce D'Abramo***

Thank you!!

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For Immediate Release

NEW SUFFOK LIONS DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLED

Sydney, Australia-- An installation ceremony was held on July 2nd at the Sydney Convention Center for the 743 worldwide incoming District Governors of Lions Club International. Bruce D'Abramo was elected as the District Governor for Suffolk County's 46 Lions Clubs for 2010-2011. D'Abramo has been an active member of the Port Jefferson Lions Club for the past 27 years.

Convention highlights included a spectacular Parade of Nations featuring 10,000 Lions from 100 countries, many in native dress, who marched along with floats and 25 marching bands. Attendees also heard a keynote address from airline pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III, who famously saved 155 passengers by landing a US Airways plane on the Hudson River in 2009. The association also honored Noble Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, an internationally known activist from Kenya and founder of the Green Belt Movement.

According to District Governor Bruce "I am looking forward to assisting clubs with various projects and continuing the Lion Club's commitment to serving the community. I want to continue the initiatives started by Immediate Past District Governor Lorri Kerzner" "It was exciting to meet so many people from countries all over the world. I am looking forward to future conventions so I can reconnect with my new international friends," said D'Abramo.

Since the 1940's, Suffolk Lions clubs have worked on a variety of projects in their local community, such as funding for local hospitals, the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown, and the Long Island Lions Eye Bank. Proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to feeding the poor in our community, and a Suffolk Diabetes Education Foundation. The clubs are currently planning participation in Stand up for the Homeless on August 4th at St. Josephs College in Patchogue where Lions will screen preschoolers for vision problems.

The 46 Lions Clubs from Melville to Montauk Point have 1400 members and meet once or twice per month. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with a Suffolk Lions Club, please contact District Governor Bruce M. D'Abramo at 631-331-4293 or visit our website at www.suffolkcountylions.org

Please return the enclosed golf
Registration Form along with
your payment made out to:

District 20-S
PO Box 202
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

For additional information
contact: Lion Mike Burner, Golf
Chairman 631-255-4040

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Dinner Sponsor \$400
Beverage Cart Sponsor \$300
Lunch Sponsor \$150
Cocktail Hour Sponsor \$150
Driving Range Sponsor \$150

Cocktails & Dinner Only \$75

Great Rock Golf Club



**Limited Field
Sign up Early!**

Registration Form

(Please return w your Check)

Name _____
Club _____
Address _____
Tele _____
Email _____

Players Names

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

**Bruce M. D'Abramo, 2010-11
District Governor**

The District 20 S Golf Tournament is the sole fundraiser to offset the expenses of operating the district. Ten of the twelve districts in New York and Bermuda charge dues to each club to offset the expenses of their Districts.



Great Rock Golf Club

The course is located at 141 Fairway Drive in Wading River, NY. Fairway Drive intersects with Sound Avenue east of the traffic light at Route 25A and Sound Avenue.

Great Rock Golf Club is one of the newest and finest semi-private golf clubs on Long Island. Situated in the mature woodland hills of Wading River, New York, Great Rock offers breathtaking elevation changes, sprawling vistas and unique boulder outcroppings. Golfers of all abilities will love the way the course meanders through the stunningly rugged terrain, creating a spectacular setting for their favorite pastime. Come and see why PGA touring professionals call Great Rock Golf Club "one of the best courses on Long Island."



Suffolk County Lions District 20S



October 4, 2010

Registration 11:30am

Lunch Noon

Tee Off 1:00pm

Cocktails & Dinner 6:00pm



BROOKHAVEN GREAT SOUTH BAY LIONS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

The Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions Club held its' Annual Installation Dinner on June 1 at the South Shore Restaurant in Patchogue. There was an excellent turnout for the event and all that attended had a wonderful time.

The Great South Bay Lions Club was chartered on June 24, 1996. It is the first all female Lions Club. This active Lions Club is committed to supporting youth within the Patchogue Community. Their members sponsor a Peace Poster Contest for middle school children annually and scholarships for high school students. Furthermore, this club sponsors a Leos Club which allows high school students to become involved in programs that benefit the Patchogue Community. This Leo Club operates under the guidance of Leo Chairpersons Madeline Grosso and Roseann Hansen.

This club sponsors many other annual fundraisers. These include A Night in Tuscany, Military Bridge nights, comedy nights, garage sales, food drives and many other functions. The funds raised from these events are donated to the Junior Diabetes Fund, the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind in Smithtown, the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic, Mercy Center, Toys for Tots, Diabetes Foundation, Cancer Foundation and many other worthy causes.

Anyone interested in joining the Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions Club should contact President Elaine Mannix at (631) 730-6693.

Pictured (L-R) PDG Patrick Mitchell; Lion Gloria McCullough; Lion Leah Jefferson; Lion Joanne Parker; Lion Antoinette Giordano; Lion Eileen Maida; Lion President Elaine Mannix; Lion Colleen Mannix; Lion Jean Gotimer; Lion Carmen Reichert; Lion Mary Lally and Lion Fran Tabone

On July 1 the Central Islip Lions Club installed Noel Genera Jr. as a new member of their active Lions Club. Noel was accompanied by his sponsor Lion Don Hartford.

Pictured (L-R) Patrick Mitchell, Past District Governor Suffolk Lions; Lion Don Hartford, Lion Sponsor; new member Lion Noel Genera Jr. and Lion President Charles Bedard



SUFFOLK LIONS PROMOTE AUDIBLE CROSSWALKS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

By Patrick Mitchell

On July 27 Lions Clubs servicing the Huntington Community and local officials gathered together to celebrate the recent installation of an audible crosswalk at the intersection of 25A and New York Avenue located in downtown Huntington.

In July of 2008, the Suffolk Lions instituted a program to increase awareness concerning the need for more Audible Crosswalks in Suffolk County. In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" therefore this effort is a natural extension of what Lions do to increase awareness of vision issues. Audible Crosswalks are installed at busy intersections to allow visually impaired people to proceed safely through crosswalks after they receive an audible prompt to do so, such as a beeping noise or words that signify it is now safe to cross the intersection. The goal of this program is to allow visually impaired men and women to travel more safely thereby assuring greater independence, dignity and opportunity.

The Suffolk Lions are currently working with Helen Keller Services for the Blind (HKSBS) and Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO) to address the above mentioned concerns regarding the visually challenged. HKSBS has a training program for the visually impaired which includes going out into the field and providing Orientation and Mobility instruction to help their clients develop the skills necessary to safely negotiate complex intersections. SILO assists individuals with disabilities in developing essential life skills while also providing them with the necessary information and referrals so they can make informed decisions toward reaching their goals of living independently in the community. These organizations have contacted the Lions and asked them to advocate for their clients and request Audible Crosswalks at intersections where Orientation and Mobility Instructors have noticed potentially dangerous crossing conditions.

If interested in learning more about this program please contact District Governor Bruce D'Abramo at 331-4293 or PDG Patrick Mitchell at 631-363-6412 or e-mail at pfm225@optonline.net.

(Bottom L-R) Patrick Mitchell Past District Governor Suffolk Lions; James Early President Huntington Lions Club; NYS Senator Marcellino; Bruce D'Abramo District Governor Suffolk Lions; Marilyn Tucci with her Guide Dog Anna and Lion Ann Pavlak SILO Board Member;

(Top L-R) Debbie Costa Helen Keller Services for the Blind; Frank Pearson NYS Department of Transportation; Marianne Tremaroli President Melville Lions Club and Eric Alexander Visions Long Island



On July 1 the Central Islip Lions held their Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Night at the New Grand Buffett in Islandia. At this meeting the club honors club members that have provided extra ordinary effort to those in need in the Central Islip Community. Furthermore, the club installed their new club officers and the board of directors for the 2010-2011 year and installed Noel Genera Jr. as a new member.

The Central Islip Lions Club started their Pasta Night/Chinese Auction in 2002 with Barbara Goldstein as Chairperson. The event grew and became an annual event. The place mat ads for this function were comprised of ads from local merchants and club members. Leos from Central Islip High School helped serve pasta dinners to hundreds of people. The event also includes a Chinese Auction with hundreds of baskets and items up for bid. The Central Islip Lions will hold their next Pasta Night/Chinese Auction on November 11, 2010 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Carleton Avenue.

The money raised at this event goes into the Club Welfare Fund that helps to provide Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Gifts to needy families in the Central Islip Community. This active Lions Club also sponsored a guide dog from the Smithtown Guide Dog Foundation. The guide dog's name is Noel in memory of a deceased member of their club.

Since 1969 this active Lions Club has held a dance in June for the blind and visually impaired. They have a DJ who runs a name that tune contest and different dance contests. Those that attend always have a great time. If interested in joining the Central Islip Lions Club please call Lion Secretary GaryFeuer at 736-4541.

Pictured (L-R) Patrick Mitchell, Past District Governor Suffolk Lions; Lion Yvette Camacho; Lion Don Hartford; Lion Anne Pavlak; Lion Paula Morrongiello; Lion President Ann Bedard; Lion Garry Feuer; Lion Charles Bedard and Lion Nick Nicholas

LONGWOOD VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONY HELD AT BARTLETT POND PARK

BY PATRICK MITCHELL
COMMANDER
SONS OF AMVETS POST 48

On June 19 members of the Longwood community and their neighbors gathered to celebrate the Monuments Dedication Ceremony honoring Longwood's World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans at Bartlett Pond Park. The combined efforts of the Longwood Central School District, Brookhaven Town, and The Longwood Alliance helped create the park's new Veterans Memorial

Walk. Many interested community groups, including Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6249 of Rocky Point, were among the crowd of more than 300 attending this memorable event on Middle Country Road in Middle Island.

Five granite monuments were unveiled in the ceremony that concluded with a moving medal presentation to local veterans. The new stones, crafted by Fricke Memorials, contain the names of all who were local residents at the time of their service during the American Revolution, Civil War, World War I, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Boy Scout Troop 433 and US Navy Officers served as color guards, and the Longwood Junior High School Select String Ensemble performed *Patriotic Bits & Pieces*, *America the Beautiful*, *God Bless America* and *This Is My Country* for the appreciative guests.

Members of area Fire Departments from Coram, Middle Island, Gordon Heights, Ridge and Yaphank were given the honor of laying the first wreaths at the new monuments. The existing WWII monument, installed on Memorial Day 2007, was decorated by the Chiefs of the five fire departments at the same time.

The genesis of the Memorial Project occurred in 1998 when Longwood Social Studies Teacher Paul Infranco asked World War II Veteran James Eagle of Coram to speak to his students about his experiences at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Eagle passed away shortly after he gave the interview. Many of the students were saddened by his death and felt that something needed to be done to honor the men and women who fought for America's right to remain free.

Mr. Infranco and his students proceeded to seek out and interview Longwood residents who had served during World War II. These residents not only spoke of their war service but of their experiences growing up in the Longwood Community. They referenced how they attended one-room schoolhouses, lived through the Great Depression, started Little Leagues, and became Scout Leaders and School Board Members. They spoke with pride about the many positive changes that occurred in their neighborhoods due to their commitment to bettering the lives of their families and neighbors.

The students then decided to further honor these men and women by publishing journals containing the biographies of Veterans from the Longwood area starting with the Revolutionary War to the veterans serving today. This led to a twelve-year odyssey to gather information to be published in the existing journals. The relevant information was garnered from the National Archives, Suffolk County Historical Society, Longwood Public Library and the Brookhaven Town Historian's Office.

Longwood students, families and teachers raised the funds for the World War II monument. The five new monuments were made possible by the Caithness Community Development Fund, through the auspices of LIPA and the Town of Brookhaven. A Buy-a-Brick program is underway for future monuments honoring veterans of Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. Local community organizations or individuals interested in supporting this wonderful effort to help recognize our local veterans may contact Gail Bailey at 732-4529, Tom Talbot at 924-5793, or Paul Infranco at 924-8839. Information about the project and the rich history of the 53-square miles known as Longwood can be found at www.longwoodsjourney.com and at www.longwood.k12.ny.us/history/

Pictured at the Korean War Monument (L-R) Mark Lesko Brookhaven Town Supervisor; Hank Sipila Historian VFW Post 6249; Tom Talbot President Middle Island Civic Association; Gail Bailey President Longwood Alliance; Joe Cognitore Commander VFW Post 6249; Pat Biglin Chaplain VFW Post 6249 and Steve Levy Suffolk County Executive



Upcoming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>
August 29	Northport / Centerport	Car Show	Crane Taylor	470-3211
August 30	Riverhead	Golf Tourney	Even Tepper	870-6830
August 30	Huntington	Golf Tourney	Vicki Sweet	486-6275
September 8	South Shore	Scrapbooking	Carol Byrne	581-5708
September 8	Babylon	Cookout & Golf Outing		admin@babylonlions.com
September 11	Cold Spring Harbor	Fishing Derby	John Messina	516-241-0761
September 18	Medford / North Patchogue	Yard Sale	Eloy Gonzales	elovejg@aol.com
October 4	20S	Golf Outing	Mike Burner	255-4040
October 10	The Islips	Walk for A Guide Dog	Bernie Ferricane	277-3675
October 24	Farmingville / Holtsville	Monster Mash Car Show	Mike Dickson	447-2869
October 31	Brandel / Murphy	Welcome Home Al	Lorri Kerzner	516-445-4144
November 1	20S	Fall Conference	Ellie & Colleen Mannix	730-6693