



# The Lions Share



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## A Message from DG Bruce

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I just returned from the USA Canada Leadership Forum in Milwaukee where 5000 Lions from all over North America attended. I made some new lion friends and met some old friends from the Memphis Forum, and Sydney. We heard from some great speakers and there were many informative seminars. The best part about these meetings is the ability to speak with Lions from all over and trade stories and techniques for fund raising and making club meetings more interesting and entertaining. Next year's forum will be in Anchorage Alaska, and I suggest that you give this conference a try. It's so gratifying to see what Lions do all over North America and the difference we make in our communities.

Our Fall Conference is less than a month away. In Milwaukee I had a chance to meet with our guest speaker, International Director Gene Spiess. Gene is from South Carolina and is a retired college administrator. He and his wife Rita are anxious to come to Long Island and looking forward to meeting with Suffolk's Lions. I'm sure his talk will be well received.

We will also vote at the Fall Conference to determine if the Redistricting Proposal will appear on the statewide ballot at the Rochester Convention in April. To me this proposal will keep our statewide dues from increasing and put Suffolk and Nassau Counties together as the largest group of Lions in the State. I'm looking forward to the Conference and meeting with the entire district.

International President Scruggs also spoke in Milwaukee and reminded us that During October, your club can plan activities in connection with our own Lions World Sight Day (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/vision-events/lions-world-sight-day.php>) on October 7-8, 2010. Organize projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community by helping those who live with blindness and visual impairment. The Melville Club has a Health Fair planned and the District will screen preschoolers at Head Start in Port Jefferson. It's not too late for your club to conduct or continue your vision activities during October. Go the LCI website and download a press release you can customize for your own club. Let your local paper and community know what Lions do!

I have enjoyed my visits to Suffolk's Lions Clubs and organizations. Good work is being done all over the county. This is community service in keeping with our core beliefs. Our gift of Sight Committee was contacted to help a severely disabled youth whose had broken more than 13 pairs of glasses, his insurance company would no longer pay for them. Lion Dr. Gary Feuer contacted the Manufacturer of Flexon Frames. These frames are expensive but virtually indestructible. Marchon, the manufacturer donated 2 of these frames. The severely disabled youngster will get his vision returned without cost. I couldn't be happier.

Our Diabetes Foundation is making great progress bringing services throughout the district. In addition to the fine work they do with Brookhaven Hospital, they are working with SUNY Stony Brook and we may have a new Lions Club among the ophthalmology residents and interns at the Medical School. We will be better able to provide diagnostic vision services to the less fortunate.

Yours in Lionism,

Bruce M. D'Abramo, District Governor

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[www.suffolkcountylions.org](http://www.suffolkcountylions.org)



Hi Fellow Lions of 20s,

It's now officially Fall, time to get our clubs back on track ... But as Will Rogers said:

***"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."***

and ...

***"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."***

... as the old Chinese Proverb states.

Understanding these short quotes can be the difference between growing your club and being able to perform more needed services to your community; between greatness or mediocrity. It captures the essence of discipline ... It Will Change your club for the greater good of all.

Best-selling author, Brian Tracy once said ...

***"To get what you've never had, you must do what you've never done."***

We hear about these Lion clubs that are more successful than others that are able to grow and generate huge sums of money for their charitable causes in the their towns and wonder why. They accomplish much more in the same time than the great majority... The answer to this question can change your club for the greater.

Thomas Huxley said, ... ***'Do what you should do, when you should do it, whether you feel like it or not.'*** ... ***'Procrastination is your attitude's natural assassin, there's nothing so fatiguing as an uncompleted task.'*** ... William James

Self-discipline (getting your butt in gear) is the key to greatness, without self-discipline, a person with every blessing of background, education and opportunity will seldom help raise their club above mediocrity.

Ask that acquaintance from: little League, the PTA, the counter person at the shop where you buy; your neighbor; the couple you met at a friends recent barbecue; an associate from work; at your church or synagogue, to join you at your clubs next meeting, but when they forget and don't show - ASK THEM AGAIN, & AGAIN ! You have a very special unique "Feel Good" opportunity to share. You have the power within you, to change your club to the level of greatness it deserves. So many of us, have many times, had great intentions. YOU CAN DO IT ! - DO IT NOW !

Have a great month and see you all at the Fall Conference, be sure to bring your new members with you.

Vice District Governor, Paul K.Wernersbach

## DG Schedule

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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting Syracuse, New York
March	2	Deer Park Lions
	3	Bridgehampton Lions
	7	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Council of Governors Meeting
	29-30	MD20 Convention Rochester
May	9	4 <sup>th</sup> 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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**SEPTEMBER 2010**  
***The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program***

The MJF Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. The MJF is a recognition of unrestricted donations of \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation. New MJF's receive a pin, a commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donation credit to recognize another individual with an MJF.

For those who are already an MJF, the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides the opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of \$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a new level of recognition, signified by a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. The PMJF program has 100 levels, representing gifts between \$2,000 - \$100,000. Like MJFs, donors can honor another individual with PMJF donations.

Individuals can make MJF contributions for themselves or to recognize another individual. Clubs can donate to the MJF program and name an individual as an MJF or PMJF.

Did you know:

- Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF, but only an individual can receive the recognition.
- MJF's can be named in honor or in memory of an individual.
- Only unrestricted donations are eligible for MJF's unless otherwise approved by the LCIF Executive Committee.
- An MJF does not need to be paid in full at one time. Minimum installments of \$100 can be paid over a five year period to total \$1,000 at which time the MJF application is completed.

Hope all this info helps you understand the MJF Program.

**Sincerely yours in Lionism,**

**PDG Marie Petraitis**  
**LCIF District Coordinator 2009-2012**

## *Upcoming Events*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>The Islips</b>	<b>Walk for A Guide Dog</b>	<b>Bernie Ferricane</b>	<b>277-3675</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Farmingville / Holtsville</b>	<b>Monster Mash Car Show</b>	<b>Mike Dickson</b>	<b>447-2869</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Suffolk South Shore</b>	<b>Comedy Night</b>	<b>Maryann</b>	<b>355-2261</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Brandel / Murphy</b>	<b>Welcome Home Al</b>	<b>Lorri Kerzner</b>	<b>516-445-4144</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Melville</b>	<b>Halloween Costume Photo Fun Contest</b>		<b>www.melvilleions.org</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>20S</b>	<b>Fall Conference</b>	<b>Ellie &amp; Colleen Mannix</b>	<b>730-6693</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Babylon</b>	<b>Food Expo</b>		<b>321-4758 / 875-5339</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Brookhaven Great South Bay</b>	<b>Night In Tuscany</b>	<b>Leah Jefferson</b>	<b>317-0309</b>

" The Lake Grove Lions and helpers were on hand at the Brookhaven Country Fair at the Longwood Estate on September 11th and 12th, 2010 to serve hot dogs and sodas to a large, happy crowd of residents. This is the 30th year that The Lake Grove Lions have served at the fair. All proceeds raised are used to assist community members in need."

Named in the photo from left to right are: Richard Kick, Steve Chmela, Don Hallock, John Peterson, William Berg, Steve Spadanuta, Twoey Brayson, Joe Paterno, Kevin Kristoff, John MacGregor, John Minto, Wes Franchi, Kelly MacGregor.



Canine Companions for Independence invited Suffolk Lions District Governor Bruce D'Abramo to tour their facility to observe their program which places exceptional dogs with exceptional people.

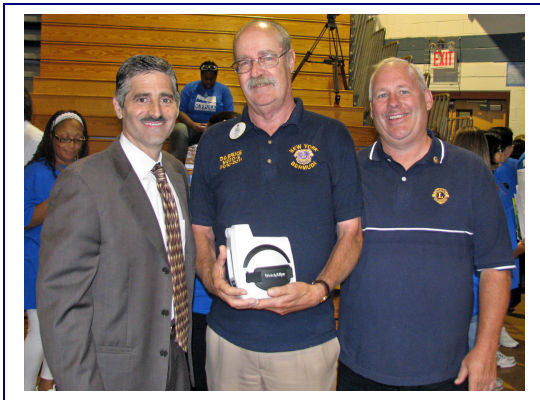
Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is an organization that promotes the concept of training specially bred dogs to help people with disabilities other than blindness. All CCI Dogs go through an intensive training process where they learn to master more than forty commands. Dogs and individuals with disabilities are matched to form a team, and together they attend a two-week training program at a CCI Campus where they learn to work together. On Saturday August 14 the CCI Medford Campus celebrated the graduation of 11 new assistance dog teams.

CCI trains four different types of dogs to address different types of disabilities. Service Dogs assist adults with physical disabilities; Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and hard of hearing to environmental sounds and their sources; Skilled companions enhance independence for adults with cognitive disabilities and Facility Dogs work with a professional in a therapeutic visitation setting.

CCI nationally has a dedicated volunteer workforce of over 3000 individuals. Volunteer Puppy Raisers teach the dogs basic commands and socialize them in public settings for the first 14-16 months of their lives. Volunteer Puppy raisers are needed further develop CCI Puppies in social settings.

Anyone interested in learning more about this exceptional program can contact CCI NYS Area Director Mike Dickson at 631-804-5451 or PDG Patrick Mitchell at 631-363-6412.

Pictured (L-R) PDG Patrick Mitchell; Bruce D'Abramo, District Governor Suffolk Lions; Lion Brian O'Keefe, Farmingville Holtsville Lions Club; Lion Mike Dickson, CCI NYS Area Director and Debra MacKenzie, CCI Development Director.



On August 4 Suffolk County held their Annual Event to assist the Homeless at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. The District 20-S Lions Vision Screening Team was asked to provide screenings as a community service to those in need that attended the event on that day.

The District 20-S Vision Screening Team utilizes a Vision Screener to test for refractive errors i.e., Myopia (near sightedness) Hyperopia, (far sightedness) and astigmatism. The Vision Screener prints out the results of the exam immediately and the results are given to the person that was examined, to the parent or guardian depending on the age of the individual being screened. If the results indicate a need for further testing the team suggests that the client contact their eye care professional for a follow up and make an appointment for a comprehensive eye examination.

If your group or organization is interested in a visit by the Lions Vision Screening team please contact Lion Dr. Gary Feuer our Vision Screening Chairperson at 631-428-4604

Pictured (L-R) Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive; Bruce D'Abramo, District Governor Suffolk Lions and Patrick Mitchell, Past District Governor Suffolk Lions