



District Governor's Newsletter
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The **membership statistics** for this fiscal year: **MD 33 Training Opportunities**

July 1 st membership	912
New members	14
Members lost	(72)
February 21 st membership	854

Training opportunities

Lions of District 33-Y. I would ask you to consider supporting two opportunities to prepare you for club and district leadership. We have outstanding people in charge of these workshops. The **ELLI** is ideal for the Lions who want to advance to leadership opportunities in their club.

After you have been president of your club there are opportunities for positions on the district level. The **RLLI** is where you want to go to get the skills for leadership on the district level. These positions allow you to network with Lions from other clubs in our district and in the multi-district. We need Lions to step forward for the training opportunities, especially since you can get the training in the comfort of your own home.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

When: Friday March 12th - Sunday March 14th

Cost: Less than \$100

Lions interested in stepping up for Club Leadership Opportunities

If interested please email the following:

MD 33 GLT John Babb
bsfbsd@comcast.net

The three day **ELLI** is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Understand the significance of assessing community needs
- Recognize the reasons people resist change
- Identify strategies for supporting a team as a team leader
- Understand the strengths and limitation of your own communication style
- Identify the components of effective meeting facilitation
- Recognize the dimensions of diversity
- Understand and support the mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Utilize Club Quality Initiative to achieve club success
- Meet your fellow Lions, and share in their experiences

Please RSVP no later than 28 February 2021

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

When: Friday April 9th – Sunday April 11th

Cost: Less than \$100

Lions who have completed Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

If interested please email the following:

MD 33 GLT John Babb

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The three day **RLLI** is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Encourage club members to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities.
- Familiarize club leaders with the operations, issues, and opportunities of their clubs.
- Fr- Promote leadership skills critical to the success of their position.
- Foster a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs. Meet your fellow Lions, and share in their experiences

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Spring is coming, COVID cases seem to be dropping, as well as COVID deaths. Vaccines are available, but there are problems of distribution and organization on the local level. Hopefully we are on the path back to normalcy. It is time to think about engaging our Lions in community service. **Think outside the box.** If your club fundraises by serving food, then doing take-out meals might be an option. Around the multi-district I have seen clubs and districts convert activities to virtual activities and in some cases the

virtual activities have raised more money than they did in prior years.

TALES OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL *UPDATE February 2021*

Have you received your vaccine yet? Neither have Karol nor I but we remain eternally optimistic. On the call list at the local hospital, but no call yet. We all pray that the vaccines can let us return to Lions somewhat the way we used to be. In the meantime, the campaign continues to be conducted from home! Zoom is the new buzz-word in Lions, as it is in our lives.

Most clubs that are still meeting are meeting virtually, but probably with fewer meetings each month. We do continue To Serve our communities, albeit safely - and fully masked! As I read the various District newsletters, I am always amazed at the variety of new ways that Lions have found to continue serving. Not to repeat myself, the big advantage in the Zoom world is that I can see more of you more often - even if it is in a 2 x 2 square on the computer screen, and on multiple pages.

This month has been, and will continue to be the time of the virtual mid-winter conferences most weekends. And I get to not skip your district in favor of a second district as when we were all live together. I can go to Western Massachusetts and New Hampshire on the same day. The weekend before was a trip to the Cape. Then the weekend following the double date, I toured Northeast Massachusetts. The next couple of weekends are Greater Boston and western suburbs, followed by Central Massachusetts. At MD 33S,

visiting the Cape with Lion DG Sandy's clubs, we enjoyed lots of old friends, watched a shark attack Sandy, and were inspired by their LCI guest, Lion Dr. Jose Marrero, ID from Arecibo, PR, and his story of Lions serving in the aftermath of hurricanes. We also had the first report of MLERF of Lion Roland Grenier, PDG and president of MERLF, as he makes the rounds of the MD 33 mid-winters as well. As is often the case in this Super district, the donations that day totaled over \$62,000! Way to go Lions! In MD 33S.

I shared a few moments with the Lions of western Massachusetts and their LCI guest, our current ID from Connecticut, Lion Mark Lyon and Lion Lyn. DG Lion Jack (complete with the Dr. Suess's striped hat), and CST Jim ran an orderly and fun event. It was great to see so much fun. And the reports were good - some clubs are at a standstill in meeting, but 100% of first half dues had been paid and 75% of the second half dues already received. There is clearly strength in MD 33Y despite COVID.

Then I scooted back to NH for the 61st MD 44 State Mid-Winter Conference and their LCI guest, Lion Justin Faber, ID, from the "Thumb" of Lower Michigan. Having been introduced with Lion Karol before we ran to Massachusetts, we returned in time for various reports for CC Lion Steve, as well as the words of Lion Justin as he discussed LCI events and plans, as well as the USA/Canada Forum on which planning committee he is the US LCI representative. The discussion of the NH charity foundation was enlightening. The MD 33N 61st Mid-

Winter featured Lion Allan Hunt, ID. from Chilliwack, BC. The reports and the camaraderie were just amazing, as well as the sheer fun. There were five "horse" races that raised money for MLERF, and a "KAHOOT" live and interactive game which kept DG Lion Marcel's conference from even hinting at boredom! I can hardly wait for the next few weekends after all this sharing and fun. But I also enjoy your cabinet and advisory meetings. The latest was Lion DG Denise's MD 33A meeting January 28. As usual, I gain so much from being your guest there. I learned of a unique virtual district fundraiser for MLERF.

MD33 GMT chair Lion Andy Porter, PDG, reported on an MD program that has saved 73 MD Lions as Lions by subsidizing dues discreetly. It is in meeting with you in your districts that I learn more clearly what is working for you, and what has failed. This will help to know what I can promote as an International Director to make sure that LCI has the tools that you need TO SERVE your communities even after we control this virus.

I appreciate reading your newsletters and being with you in the ethersphere. I stand ready to go anywhere on the campaign trail - just invite me! Districts, clubs, events are welcome. So Karol and I will see you again on the trail at some point - virtually if not in person. I know we will be able to socialize in person with each other once again. I miss that social contact.

Lion John W. Youney, PDG Endorsed Candidate for ID



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Greetings Fellow Lions,

These are exciting times!!

Picture this!..Lions and Friends from all over the world converging in Boston for the 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention. Imagine, if you will, being able to attend a LCI Convention just a short drive away! Imagine further being a part of the planning and hosting of this event!!! Look no further!!

Boston, Massachusetts has been selected to host the 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention. This means that the Lions of Massachusetts will have a huge undertaking. We have taken on the challenge and we are up to the task.

To stage a first-class event, we will need to raise approximately \$150,000. Income will be generated from Corporate Sponsors, Host Committee Sales, and the Lions of Massachusetts.

We know that we can count on your support. We are asking the clubs and individual Lions to donate and/or pledge funds over the next three years to help defray the expenses.

The suggested donation for each club is \$200.00 per club, per year. Checks are to be made payable to **LCICON 2023 BOSTON**. If you would please, fill out the attached donation/pledge form and mail it to:

LCICON 2023 BOSTON
PO Box 8343
Haverhill, MA 01835-9992

Information regarding the Convention and Volunteer Opportunities will be coming soon. Please join us!!! www.lcicon2023boston.com

In Lionism,

Your LCI BOSTON 2023 Host Committee

LCICON 2023 BOSTON Donation Pledge



Donor Information (please print or type)

Individual's Name _____

Club Name: _____

District Name: _____

Billing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

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Donation/Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid over 3 Lions Years:

2020-2021: \$ _____

2021-2022: \$ _____

2022-2023: \$ _____

I (we) will make this contribution in the form of: cash check

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

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