

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 33A  
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

FEB 7<sup>TH</sup>—9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



**MID-WINTER  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLLEEN ONCAY

1ST VDG DENISE ANDREWS

2ND VDG CINDY MAININI

CABINET SECRETARY/ TREASURER

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“GROWING TOGETHER AS LIONS”



# Lions District 33A Business Meeting

Feb 8, 2020

Brahms/Beethoven DoubleTree by Hilton Leominster

Guest: International Director Justin Faber

## Call to Order

Introduce DG Colleen Oncay

MW Chair PDG Lisa Nelson

## 5 Point Opening

Pledge to Flag, Verse of America, Invocation, Lions' Toast, Thought for the Day

Leos, Former Leo, and Leo-Lions of District 33A

## Introductions

DG Colleen Oncay

## Leos Club Presidents' Presentations

Club Presidents or Representatives

### Reports:

Leos

Advisor/Co-Chair Bob Wilby

LCI Leos Advisory Panel

Bob Wilby

Leos Cabinet Members

Brandon Kee and Cameron LaRoche

District Governor

DG Colleen Oncay

Cabinet Secretary Treasurer

CST Ed Lambert

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise Andrews

2<sup>nd</sup> District Governor

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cindy Mainini

Global Leadership Team

PCST Marianna Riemer

Global Membership Team

IPDG Tim DeVault

Global Service Team

ZC Curt Jameson

LCIF

PCC Richard Braks

Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

MLERFI President Jeanne Farrow, PDG 33N

Sight and Hearing Fund, Inc.

President John Riemer, ZC

Sightmobile

President Tim DeVault, IPDG GMT

State Convention

PCST Phil Robo

International Convention

PDG Dick Ferrucci

ROAR/Eyeglass Recycling

PRC Don Fortin and Grafton Lions

## Memorial Service

DG Colleen Oncay and CST Ed Lambert

## Lions Club Presidents' Presentations

Club Presidents or Representatives

## Remarks

International Director Justin Faber

## Remarks and Announcements

DG Colleen Oncay

Adjournment

DG Colleen Oncay

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International)



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## Mid-Winter Conference Report February 8, 2020

Trying to sum up the past 7 months in a few paragraphs serving as District Governor seems an impossible task, as I, like Alice can say, "Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six *impossible things before breakfast.*" Some of these seemingly impossible things include eradicating Blindness, Diabetes, and Cancer (especially Pediatric Cancer). Others include solving Hunger and protecting our Environment. Do those goals sound familiar? That's why I'm a Lion. This organization, above all others, lets us live our dream of making a difference in the world, starting right here in the communities of Central Massachusetts.

It is my honor and a joy to serve as a District Governor. Whether visiting clubs on formal visits or pitching in at service projects or events, I have found our Lions all working towards the same goal: to leave the world better than they found it. CST Ed Lambert and I have visited all but 13 of our 46 clubs, 3 of which do not meet regularly right now. Be sure that seeds are being sown in those towns to renew these clubs, as well as others. We have led 3 Advisory and 3 Cabinet meetings. We have also thoroughly enjoyed 3 Mid-Winters in the Multiple with our MD33 cohorts. These special friends lift each other up so that we can bear the critiques and "should haves" with grace, as we spur each other on to do even more to serve.

Leadership training is a hidden benefit of being a Lion. Many Lions from MA traveled to Spokane, WA in September to attend the USA Canada Forum in Spokane. This forum offers an array of inspirational and educational sessions. The NELC conferences continue to improve in adding programming and value. 7 of our 33A members completed Guiding Lion training in November, and we look forward to upcoming Emerging and Regional Lions Leadership Institutes in the spring.

Some highlights so far this year include; great participation in our Perkins Initiative and increasing involvement in Walk-Fit, finding a new "home" for our Eyeglass recycling project, switching to new software for District email and newsletters, launching an online calendar of events, holding our monthly Global Action Team via teleconference, and nearly 2/3 of attendees of this conference using the first electronic registration in the state. If our organization does not keep up with the times, who will care to join us in the future?

As I wrote in our directory to my Mendon Lions, my family for 22 ½ years: "You taught me, guided me, let me try new ideas and picked me up if they failed, talked and listened to me, comforted me in my grief and celebrated my successes. Thank you, you are family. And, to all my fellow Lions and friends, thank you. We are all family when we serve and grow together.

Yours in service,

*Colleen*



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## **1<sup>st</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MID-WINTER REPORT**

Hello Lions, Leos, and friends of District 33-A,

Where have the months gone? It seems like only yesterday that I was announcing my run for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, and here I am as 1<sup>st</sup> VDG with only months to go to becoming your District Governor. It has been an incredible journey to date, and I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. It has been a pleasure serving as your First Vice District Governor this year.

It has been a busy year with the start of preparations for becoming District Governor. I have attended training workshops, Council of Governors and Mass. Lions Eye Research Meetings and hospital visitations. I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane where I met some great Lions and went to some great seminars. Immediately following our Mid-Winter I will be leaving for Chicago along with my fellow 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for three days of extensive training with the other 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs from around the world.

At the District level, I have attended cabinet and advisory meetings which have helped me gain perspective on what and how our clubs are doing. Although I have not had the opportunity to visit many clubs or attend many service projects to date, I do look at the monthly reports, which are so important. I had the pleasure of attending the performance of “A Christmas Carol” at the Hanover Theater sponsored by the Barre Lions, and also accompanied the Gardner Lions on their Christmas trip to Maine. It is my plan to be out more in the District during the next half of my year, as I really want to get to know all of you and I want you to get to know me. Please invite me to one of your meetings, and let’s get to know one another and how we can continue to make this the Awesome District that it is.

I want to thank all of you for the confidence that you have placed in me by electing me to this position; it truly means a lot. My thanks to Colleen, Cindy, Eddie and all the members of Colleen’s cabinet. My thanks to all our past Lion leaders and my Lions mentors, of which there are many. A special thanks to my club for their support and friendship. My thanks to my fellow 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors – I look forward to taking this journey in Lionism with all of you. The best is yet to come for all of us! Singapore here we come! And last, but not least, a special thanks to my family; I couldn’t do this without you by my side.

I am honored and proud to serve you, and I thank you for being a part of my Lions’ journey. However, this is not only my journey, it is ours – for it’s not about ME, it’s about WE. I certainly am fortunate to have such an Awesome Team working with me. Remember to always be proud to say that you are a Lion, especially a Lion of District 33-A, the “Awesome” District. I look forward to working with you as we continue to “Make a Difference with Love, Smiles and Hugs”. Thank you for all that you do!!

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise*

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January 27, 2020

*To all the Lions and Leos of District 33 A,*

*I am honored and humbled to be serving as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the past six months. It has been a pleasure to be working side by side with District Governor Colleen and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Denise.*

*It has been a very busy and rewarding experience for me. In August I had the chance to attend Clara Barton Lions Day and I delivered 28 stuffed animals to the girls. It was so rewarding to see how happy the girls were when they could choose a stuffed animal. I again volunteered to help the Bolton Lions in making doughnuts which was a very fun day in October.*

*For my visitations in September, October & November I average 9 visit per month. December it slowed down with all the holiday parties. I have enjoyed visiting the clubs throughout the District and will continue to visit the clubs in the next months. I am excited and looking forward to attend some of the club's fundraisers. You all work so hard in you communities so that we can help the less unfortunate individuals.*

*During the past 6 months I have attended a lot of training. Some of which were refresher training for President & Secretary reporting. In November I had the awesome opportunity to attend Advanced Lions Leadership Institute training in Chicago. The instructors were very knowledgeable and I totally enjoyed myself with all the other 98 lions who were in attendance. We all received a tremendous amount of information in order to prepare us for the next step in Lions. This really helped prepare me for next year as I serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.*

*I have been attending all the Council of Governors meetings. To include all Cabinet, Advisory, Teleconferences and Guiding Lions training. I was able to run the Youth Speech competition for Region 1. The students are so amazing and will make great leaders in the future.*

*I can't say it enough of how thankful I am that I was elected as your 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. It has been an remarkable first half of the year working with my fellow 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors.*

*I especially have to thank DG Colleen, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise and CST Eddie for their leadership in my journey. I can't forget to thank my home club, Milford for their support and none of this wouldn't have been possible without my family's continued support.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cynthia A. Mainini*

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## **Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Mid-Winter Report**

This year has been very rewarding for me working alongside DG Colleen, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cynthia whose enthusiasm and dedication for all of our district and our organization. I'm so thankful for their friendship and support.

I would like to thank DG Colleen and Bill for their support & friendship this year. I am now glad that that she asked me and "talked" me into the position of CST with a headlock. It has been an exciting journey that I will remember forever and look forward to many years of friendships with them and the countless individuals in the district and multi district.

Our District is in good administrative and financial condition. All first half District, Multiple District and International dues have been paid. We have received 45% of second half dues as of February 4, 2020. Thanks so much to the clubs for fulfilling their duties of payments in a timely fashion.

Visiting our districts club's with District Governor Colleen has truly been a joy for me. We have currently visited 31 clubs. From the plush restaurants, to the back rooms of pub's, to the library's, to the back rooms of pizza establishments, to the Chinese restaurant, to the home of lions members, our district has made us fill welcome. Allowing us to be part of new member inductions into Lions has been an honor.

We have held three cabinet meeting and three advisories meetings to date. I would like to thank the Leicester Lions for preparing and serving the first and third advisories meals, I would like to thank the Mendon Lions for stepping up to prepare and serve the second advisory meeting at short notice when our planned venue idea didn't work out. We had meals served to 100 guests at the first advisory, 67 at the second advisory and 87 at the third advisory. I would like to thank our zone chair for doing the first three advisories raffles and club that brought raffle items to help keep our District budget healthy.

I am looking forward to hearing the donations that the clubs have donated and are presenting this morning. I know how hard we work for the ability to help touch other's lives and am proud of everything we do to try to make a positive impact for the individuals we touch in our communities and across the world.

Respectfully submitted,

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District 33A



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## **Zone 1 update compiled February 2, for Mid Winter Conference 2020**

**BVT Leo's Club** - The Club has 38 members. They are still meeting Thursdays before class. The Leo's continue to be busy! They recently participated in WalkFit at St. Vincent's Atrium with the Bay State VIP club and several Lions from all around the District. They will be attending the Mid Winter Conference.

**Grafton Lions Club** - Grafton has 34 members. They meet twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. They will be taking over eyeglass collection and sorting from Don Fortin. They have formed a Committee with Lion Melanie Perez as Chair and will begin the process of informing all the clubs in the District of the change over, and all other changes as they happen. Grafton Visited the Mendon Club on January 8, 2020 for a combined Club dinner meeting. The club has several popular fundraising events every year, with great community support. They actively participate in Youth Speech, Young ambassador, Peace poster and other district wide events for the youngsters in their community.

**Hopedale Lions Club** - Hopedale has one member, it's President. The club shows a meeting schedule of once a month on the second Wednesday. The Club with help from several Lions in the District continues its efforts to recruit new members.

**Mendon Lions Club** - Mendon has 47 members, up from 45 as they inducted two new members in January. They meet once a month on the second Wednesday. The Giving Tree, one of their very successful service projects in Mendon gets gifts to many Senior residents of the community who otherwise may have none. Their Fall Festival also continues to be a big fundraiser for them. They actively participate in Youth Speech, Young ambassador, Peace poster and other district wide events for the youngsters in their community.

**Milford Lions Club** - Milford has 57 members and meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. One of the clubs most recognized events and fundraisers continues to be their Car Show, but they have several very well recognized fundraisers throughout the year. They have many very active members, and continue to be a favorite in their community. They have a Father Daughter dance coming up on February 9. They also actively participate in Youth Speech, Young ambassador, Peace poster and other district wide events for the youngsters in their community.

**Shrewsbury Lions Club** - Shrewsbury has 37 members and meets on the first and third Wednesday. Marianna Riemer and I are also in the process of trying to schedule a visit to Shrewsbury. It seems it may have to be after the holidays. DG Colleen, myself and Marianna Riemer have all pledged to help the club get their “mojo” back. They seem to need some new ideas, and clear communication.

**Sutton Lions Club** - Sutton has 27 members, and meets on the first and third Wednesday. They were very active throughout the summer and through the Holiday Season. They actively participate in Youth Speech, Young ambassador, Peace poster and other district wide events for the youngsters in their community. Their members are active and they have several well recognized events that raise money throughout the year.

**Uxbridge Lions Club** - Uxbridge has 13 members. They kept very busy throughout the Holiday Season, and are an active club. They continue their efforts to recruit new members with the help of Lions from other clubs lending a hand. They will be having an Auction Fundraiser soon. They actively participate in Youth Speech, Young ambassador, Peace poster and other district wide events for the youngsters in their community.

**SUMMARY** - All my clubs will be participating in the Mid-Winter Conference!

I respectfully submit this report for your approval

Zone 1 Chair - Tina Smith



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January 27, 2020

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To all the Lions and Leos of District 33 A,

I would like to submit the following Zone 2 Mid-Winter report for the first half of the year.

*Berlin with 12 Members.*

*Bolton with 13 Members*

*Clinton with 7 Members. I still have to visit this club.*

*Harvard with 65 Members*

*Northborough with 28 Members*

*Westborough with 11 Members*

*In September, I started visiting my Zone 2 clubs. When visiting all of these clubs at a meeting I have been informing the Lions all about District 33 A trainings, special fundraisers our new Sight & Hearing information and asking all of the lions to sign up for our on line newsletter.*

*When attending any fundraising or service events with the clubs, I have enjoyed helping out the club members in any way that I can. All of the clubs do so much in their local communities in order to help the individuals that need our help so much.*

*As a representative of the Sight & Hearing for Zone 1 clubs, I have visited all five of my clubs and gave them the new Sight & Hearing handouts and told them all about the Sight & Hearing fund and what we can do for them in the District.*

*I lastly have to thank DG Colleen and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise and CST Eddie Lambert for their continued support and confidence in me as I serve as your Zone 2 Chairperson in this awesome District.*

Sincerely,

*Cynthia A. Mainini*

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## **Zone Chair Report – Zone 4 – Submitted by John Riemer**

MA Lions District 33A – Mid-Winter Conference Report – February 7-9, 2020

Dear fellow Lions, Region and Zone Chairs and Cabinet members of District 33A:  
Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Zone 4 Chairperson this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting and growing my friendships with our clubs and members and actively working with them to provide support, experience and practical ideas for strengthening their current positions. All clubs have been warm, welcoming and open minded. For that I am truly grateful. The following are my club reports for my visits through December:

☑ Oxford – visited on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Lively meeting attended by 14 members. Meeting started with 5-point opening which was followed by considerable discussion on their Fall Festival that was scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and their planned ‘Shredding Day’ scheduled in early October. Club was engaged with active participation by all. I focused my presentation on MLERF, Sight & Hearing and LOVRNET which generated many questions. It was clear that most were interested in learning more about these service-driven initiatives. This was a good night.

☑ Leicester – visited on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting attended by 12 members. Meeting started with a 5-point opening. I learned that the club is active and very visible around town. Their role in the Fall Festival is significant, they were active in sponsoring Halloween activities for children and were planning to provide Christmas gifts for local families in need. I focused my presentation on MLERF, its history and the incredible things that have been accomplished and thanked them for their donations over 68 years. I also brought them up to date on LOVRNET, some of the cases that have helped improve quality of life and agreed to work with Sharon Brooks to schedule a LOVRNET presentation at the Leicester Senior Center in the coming months.

☑ Webster – I’ve talked a couple of times with Secretary Larry Leboeuff about making a club visitation and expect to do so in the coming weeks.

☑ Millbury – I’ve talked with Secretary Lee Ayotte about making a club visitation and expect to do so in the coming weeks.

### **Other**

☐ Participated in and spoke at the Youth Speech Zone 4 competition (hosted by the Millbury club and chaired by Webster Lion Dr. John Kalinowksi) at Leicester on December 3<sup>rd</sup>; attended the Region 2 Youth Speech competition on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Anna Maria College (hosted by the Paxton club and chaired by Paxton Lion Emerson Wheeler)

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riemer



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## Zone 5 2020 Midwinter Report

Zone 5 clubs have served its communities over this holiday season with the passion only Lions have. With the holidays behind us, the clubs are discussing new events, and yearly fundraisers that are proven successful over the years. Both Ware and West Brookfield have summer concerts in the works. Brookfield will be holding its super raffle [ \$10,000 ] that has a waiting list to be included in. Monson will be holding its annual Kids Free Fishing Derby which is always fun for children young and old. Palmer will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt which is always a big hit.

With the zone being down 3 members, I am confident that the busy clubs will attract more members in the near future.

I would like to thank all the Lions in Zone 5 for all the support they given me, and it was an honor to serve as your Zone 5 Chairperson.

Working on Shared Visions

Zone Chair Curt Jameson



## Global Leadership District 33A Mid-Winter Report 2020

I'm privileged to serve as District 33A's Global Leadership Team Chair under the guidance of PDG Doreen Martel as our MD 33 Chair. Other Chairs from other Districts are: Lion Jim Allen (Y); Lion Joy Bartlett (N); Lion Chris Gaboriault (K) and Lion Deb Horner (S). Our goal is to provide quality training seminars for our future Lions leaders.

We hit the ground running in August, identifying what the District's needs and then set a schedule for the rest of the year on how often we should meet either through conference calls or in face to face meetings.

I'm very fortunate to be working with a group of experienced and hard-working individuals and I personally learned a lot from them.

We provided a Guiding Lions training session in November which was attended by 50. We are very excited about the upcoming seminars and a diabetes symposium that we've worked hard to bring together. They include:

- 1). Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) 3/6/2020 - 3/8/2020
- 2). Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) 4/17/2020 - 4/19/2020
- 3). Diabetes Symposium 5/16/2020

All the seminars are listed in the MD 33 and individual District's web sites. We encourage all Lions to participate, take the opportunity to learn something new and cross pollinate what's working well in your club/District with others and enjoy the fellowship.

Thank you for the opportunity to be working with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marianna Riemer*

District 33A Global Leadership Team Chair





## **33A Global Service Team**

### **2020 Midwinter Report**

The Lion's Clubs of District 33A have been very active in meeting the needs of their communities and in the goals of LCI. Service activities from sorting out glasses for distribution in Third World Countries to screening the vision of Elementary school students. The length clubs go in the service to others is so extensive that it is difficult to mention them all in this report. Over the Holiday season all clubs made that extra fundraising project that made it possible people in need enjoy the holidays a little more.

The GST is asking all clubs to share with the district a service project they have. These will be put in the district newsletter for all the see, and maybe add to their projects.

With more and more clubs starting to report service activities on the MY LION site we are able to keep tract of all the good Lions are doing. This reporting is also valuable to us in judging club awards. If any club needs help with the MY LION site please contact me at;

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I would like to thank all for their support and how I was welcomed while visiting their clubs. It is an honor to serve as your GST Chair.

**Working on Shared Visions**

**GST Chairperson Curt Jameson**



## MD33 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM CHAIR

### MID-WINTER REPORT

January 13, 2020

Each sub District has actively participated in GST activities over the first half of the Lionistic year. The GST team consist of: District Y – DG Art McConnell, District A – Lion Curt Jameson, District N –Lion Brenda Macpherson, District K - DG Dawn Rice Norton, and District S- PDG Deb Grassi. Overall 320,864 people have reported having been served. The number is actually very much higher than this. Each month our reporting statistics are improving. We currently stand at: District Y 25%, District A 36%, District N 31%, District K 45%, and District S 32%. Please keep sharing reporting success stories with your District. Success breeds success.

It is very nice to see Districts working together. One example is the District 33A and 33K project raising funds for Perkins School for the Blind to purchase adaptive equipment. The other three districts have been invited to join as well. They are well on their way to reaching their goal.

District Y is very active doing community service for the Diabetes Initiative. District S is very involved in working to bring the Lions Quest program to school systems in the District. All Districts are utilizing their SPOT screeners to help the school Nurses screen their student eyes.

A special thank you to DG Dawn and PDG Deb for sending me their very comprehensive reports. I'm sure as Mid-Winters get closer for the other Districts I will hear from them as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Bev Dillon, MD33 GST



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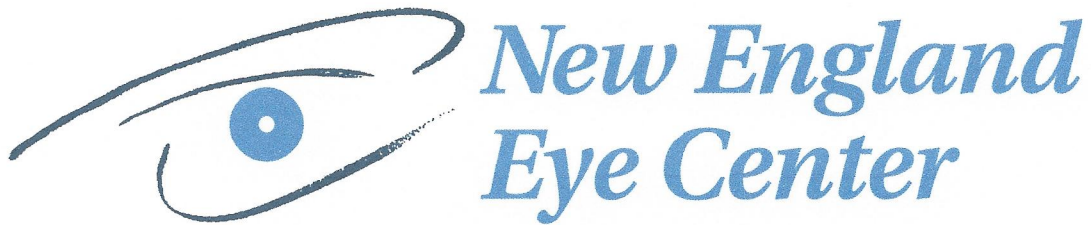
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## LCI LEO Advisory Panel

Last spring I had the pleasure of being named a LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL LEO ADVISORY PANEL member. This Panel is there to advise LCI on Leo policies and procedures.

The panel is made up of sixteen Lions and sixteen Leos from all over the world. There are sixteen Constitutional Areas. I am one of two USA Members along with two current Leos. The other US Lion panel member is from District 16N/MD16, and the Leos come from District 16J and District 43k/Md 43. The panel meets once a month using the "Go to Meeting" process. Each panel member is appointed for a two-year term.

We have been given the responsibility of revising procedures and policies which will be presented to the Lions Club International Board.

Topics this year are Recruitment, Retention and Transition.

I serve on the Recruitment sub-committee. My chair is in Melbourne, Australia. So far I have been responsible for writing eight policies and procedures for LEO Advisor.

My topics were: 1- Communication, 2-Promoting your Club, 3- Issues for Leo Advisors (Personal Conduct And Liability), 4-Ideas for low cost projects, 5-Expansion of Leo Clubs, 6-Recruitment of Leo Officers and training, 7- Leo Advisor Duties and Responsibilities, 8- Why join Leos.

Under Retention, there has been a major discussion of the LEO-LION program. This is an extension of Leos to Lions Membership. The program is open to young adults from 18 to 35 years old. It is different from Omega (Campus Clubs) and it can be a branch club of a Lions Club. LCI found out through surveying Leos around the World that a majority of Leos want to be involved in Lions to perform community service through Lions as they go off to higher education and life. Presently there are 3,200 Leo-Lions internationally. In the US there are 356 Leo-Lions reported to LCI. District 33a has a Leo-Lion: Adam Cavanaugh who was a Leo in the Blackstone Vocational High School Club. Adam is now a freshman at Roger Williams College in RI. LCI is working on a list of benefits to these young Leo-Lions, such as.

Discount on International Dues,

International Service and Cultural exchange,

LinkedIn professional networking,

Leadership training opportunities

For Information about LEO-LIONS, visit the LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL web page.

In closing, it is an honor and pleasure to serve with the Lions and Leos around the world to promote and expand Leos.

Lion Robert Wilby

LCI LEO ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER CA1

District 33a Co-Chair District Leos



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

## District 33a Leo Mid -Winter Report

The Leo program is healthy and well. Presently the district has 9 Leo Club Charters with a total membership of 210 Leos. Does the District need more Clubs and build up the clubs that we have; it is a resounding "YES"

District Leo Clubs are doing some amazing projects and service in their communities. Many of the Clubs work alongside their sponsoring Lions Club. Some of these projects are:

Raising funds for MLERF

Serving Dinners to seniors

Taking part in Walk Fit- Opportunity to visit the world of the Visually Impaired

Giving assistance to Community events such as book sales at a local Library. selling Christmas trees,

Serving lunch on Christmas Day at the Senior Center

Performing Fall Cleanup at Camp Joslin

Volunteering at Friendly House

District Governor Colleen added two Leos to her District Cabinet- Brandon Kee from BVT Leo Club and Cameron LaRoche from Gardner Leo Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for these outstanding Leos.

We hope that this opportunity will be given to future Leos by future District Governors. Due to the efforts of District Governor Colleen, the district has our first LEO-LION member, Adam Cavanaugh, a Leo from BVT Leo Club. Leo-Lion Adam is a freshman at Roger Williams University in RI.

In conclusion, I would ask each Lions Club to establish a Leo Club. Leos are not only the future of our organization, but they can be an extension of your Club. Some of the Clubs in attendance have a Leo Club in your community, we ask you to support your club.

District Leo Co-Chair Lion Elaine Hall and I are willing to come to your Lions Club to speak about chartering a Leo club. If you are not sure if you are ready for a Leo Club, perhaps you would like to try working with one of the current Leo Club in our district,

We also hope that some Lions attending the conference will take the opportunity to meet and talk with these wonderful young Leos. Many Leos will be at the Conference Saturday through Lunch.

We appreciate the opportunity we have been to work with such ambitious and thoughtful Students. They brighten each event they take part in.

Respectfully

Lion Elaine Hall

Lion Robert ( Bob) Wilby

District 33a Leo Co- Chairs





## **The International Association of Lions Clubs**

Sightmobile Report

IPDG Tim DeVault

To all Lions,

The sightmobile committee is working to gather information now in order to obtain our new sightmobile. I'm not going into specific details but just know we are looking at a vehicle that is 24ft in length, a high ceiling to be able to walk upright. With the capacity to be able to take the equipment to a location, set up and continue to do the work the Lions are so good at.

We have been looking at our counterparts in the multiple district with the new wagons they have procured and are making our best judgement in getting the right vehicle for the job.

If anyone has any questions about the process, get in touch with myself or even come to our next meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Rutland MA library at approximately 10:30 AM. The sightmobile follows the sight and hearing meeting so depends on the length of that meeting.

Thank You

IPDG Tim DeVault



# **The International Association of Lions Clubs**

## **2019-2020 EYE GLASSES REPORT**

This past Lion's year has been very successful again. We have sent out several thousand pairs of glasses.

Vision International does 10 to 12 missions every year has taken many glasses this year.

We have also donated medical supplies and medical testing equipment and operating room supplies to this group.

The Munson Lions club worked with New England Low Vision who has donated eye testing equipment with a value of six thousand dollars.

This equipment will be sent to the Indian reservation in south Dakota.

Artist For World Peace will bring these supplies in June.

Many clubs have gathered together to sort out glasses which has been a big help.

We had a pizza party for the students of Milford High who have worked to get glasses ready for shipment.

They were also presented with a certificate of appreciation and a pin from International.

I want to thank all clubs and Lion;s that have made this program what it is today

Chair

Don Fortin





# **The International Association of Lions Clubs**

## **R.O.A.R. Program Report 2019-2020**

Again this year the R.O.A.R. program has been successful. This is a program that all clubs should encourage new members to get involved in.

Over the years I have seen members who have participated in the program have gotten involved in Lion's activities and have taken on leadership roles in the District.

This is a great way for our clubs to retain members.

**LETS GIVE IT A**

**BIG R.O.A.R.**

**Chair Don Fortin**



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

**District 33A Sight & Hearing Conservation & Treatment Fund – Submitted by John Riemer**

Mid-Winter Conference Report – February 7-9, 2020

Dear fellow Lions, Region and Zone Chairs and Cabinet members of District 33A:

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Sight & Hearing's President this year. This Fund is one of several things that makes our District unique and allows us to stand out from all the other Districts in the state. It was founded in 1971 to help our clubs fund sight & hearing related cases when a request for financial assistance is beyond the club's resources.

The committee that manages this are all District A Lions, the funds that we work with are 100% donated by District A Lions clubs. THIS IS YOUR FUND! The committee receives and reviews requests for financial assistance related to vision and hearing treatment and related assistance products.

So...immediately you think glasses and hearing aids. In fact, it's so much more than that.

Specifically, just in the last year:

☑ Service dog for a 53-year-old woman suffering from macular degeneration and multiple sclerosis; her previous dog died suddenly after a bad reaction to medication

☑ A procedure called corneal cross-linking for a 24-year-old woman to correct a condition called Keratoconus which is the bulging of your cornea into a cone shape severely limiting vision

☑ Hand-held and desk-top magnifiers for a 90-year old woman as a result participation in our Low Vision Rehabilitation Network

☑ 30 weeks of full vision therapy for a 13-year old boy who suffers from Strabismus

☑ Device called the Da Vinci Pro for a legally blind woman, a high-performance desktop, video CCTV, featuring a Full Sony HD camera and full-page text-to-speech optimal character OCR. You can magnify print up to 77x of what's on the page or convert text to speech allowing her to hear the reading bills, newspapers, magazines or books.

We'll discuss the process for submitting a case and how your designated Zone reps can help you at the Mid-winter business meeting on Saturday. You'll find it logical, easy and such a wonderful way to help improve the quality of life for people in your community.

Please remember that this committee is in place and exists to work for you. Remember...its YOUR FUND!

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riemer





## **The International Association of Lions Clubs**

**Lion Diane Seely**  
**District 33A 2019-20 Peace Poster Chairperson**  
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The clubs in District 33-A rallied around the Peace Poster campaign again this year by providing hundreds of students the opportunity to show their artistic creativity in a poster depicting the theme "*Journey of Peace.*" Each young artist did a wonderful job and the judging was difficult, as always. When all the votes were counted, JanetLou Guan created the winning poster. JanetLou is from the Robert E. Melican School in Northborough. Her colorful poster depicted an arc filled with animals from all countries, circling the globe to spread peace.

Fifteen clubs and nineteen schools participated this year. Hundreds of entries were submitted district wide from which the nineteen finalist posters were chosen. We called upon the district leadership to judge the finalist posters to determine our district winner. As in past years the judging was close, as many wonderful posters were on hand.

I would like to thank all who participated in this year's Peace Poster contest and send a special thanks to the Northborough Lions for sponsoring JanetLou. Also, many thanks to District Governor Colleen and CST Eddie for supporting this wonderful youth project.

The posters will be on display during MidWinter weekend. Please be sure you take a moment to view the wonderful works of art from our District 33-A students!

Thank you again to everyone for all your support!



**MASSACHUSETTS LIONS  
EYE RESEARCH FUND, INC.**  
[WWW.MASSLIONSEYERESearch.ORG](http://WWW.MASSLIONSEYERESearch.ORG)

Mass. Lions Eye Research is heading into 2020 with the hopes of providing the necessary support to our research institutions so they can continue their research to provide everyone with 20/20 vision. We received the good news recently that our Presidential Grant through Lions Clubs International Foundation has been approved. The recipient of this year's grant is Tufts Medical Center and will be awarded at our annual meeting in July.

Last year and in the first four months of this year, our fundraising efforts included Texas Roadhouse Dining for Dollars initiative as a statewide project that not only brought in some extra funds but also got clubs involved in MLERF and brought increased awareness to the public about our program.

It was one of my goals to see the website updated and fully functional again. MLERF Secretary John Reimer has been diligently working on this with the committee and it is almost ready to go live. This is very important because we have not been able to publicize MLERF without our website being up and running properly. Once the website is up and running, we can create a QR code that can be scanned and will bring people directly to the website.

We are very excited to be introducing a Pennies for Sight Campaign. For every \$100 donated in pennies, the club will receive an entry in a drawing. We will be collecting prizes throughout the rest of this year and the contest will run through the end of the year when the books close. Prizes will be awarded at the Awards & Installation of Officers in August. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

Although I don't have an updated financial report as of this writing, with two mid-winters behind us, donations are currently equal to about \$250,000.00 which is about average for this time of year. I know that many clubs make their donations at the end of the year and I'm looking forward to great things from all the clubs in the multiple district.

The Lions of District 33K have been doing a "Polar Plunge" for the past few years and this year the founder of this event has extended an invitation to all Lions in MD33 to take part. Each "plunger" will have the money they raised credited to their club. This event will take place at Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Costumes are optional but make things more fun. I'm working on mine now! Please look at the website and start getting your sponsors signed up [lionspolarplunge.org](http://lionspolarplunge.org) District K has set a goal of raising \$50,000 this year, I'm issuing a challenge to all districts to join in the fun and raise money for everyone to have 20/20 vision.

If any club or zone is looking for a guest speaker, please feel free to contact me or any member of the MLERF Board of Directors. I hope that you have all been visited by one by now and that you have all received your certificates of appreciation.

It is my pleasure to serve as President of Mass. Lions Eye Research representing District 33N this year and I'm looking for 100% support from the clubs. Thank you for your support and all your hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,  
PDG Jeanne Farrow  
Mass. Lions Eye Research President  
2019-2020





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1. Your 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention will be held **Friday, April 24 - Sunday April 26, 2020 at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield**
2. Your 2020 92<sup>nd</sup> annual MD33 state convention theme is that of our international president..... **“We serve through diversity”**
3. This year’s guest will be LCI’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President **Dr Patti Hill and Lion Gregg Holmes from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to MD 33.**
4. **ROOM ACCOMODATIONS MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH HOTEL:**  
Call the Holiday Inn at 508-339-2200 (group name: Mass Lions State Convention)  
Room are only **\$120.67** per night inclusive.
5. **To secure your convention meals and registrations:**  
Simply fill out the registration form found on the MD 33 and all the individual district’s web sites.
6. **The deadline for both hotel reservations and banquet meals is April 11, 2020**
7. Please do not forget that the **finals of the Youth Speech Contest will take place on Saturday afternoon and the Mass Lions All State Band will perform on both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.**
8. If you are interested in a **sales or display table**, please fill out the form enclosed with your registration. Tables are on a first come, first serve basis. **The hotel has limited space available for sales table.**

**The 2020 state convention committee has met on 3 occasions on-site and has 3 more meetings scheduled.**

Your committee has discussed and accomplished quite a bit.  
We have met with the host club (from Dighton in 33S) to discuss their duties.  
We will be meeting with the All State band at our next meeting.  
To date we have spent very little of the state convention budget in preparation and expect to keep costs well below previous years.

Respectfully submitted,  
PCST Phil Robo and Jane Robo 33A  
State Convention Chairs



# **The International Association of Lions Clubs**

***103 International Convention Singapore Report***

***MD 33 A Lions***

***February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

***Fellow Lions:***

***The International Convention Committee has had to date four meetings to begin pre-planning Singapore Convention. We have had 100% attendance at all meetings. All duties from our first year to our fifth year members were covered. Each are doing a great job. There are a total of ten members from MD 33 serving on the International Convention Committee.***

***The 103<sup>rd</sup> International Convention Singapore will be held from June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. The International parade of nations will be held on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Massachusetts Delegation Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express Clark Quay.***

***The committee is currently offering International pins. There is a State pin as well as a Prestige pin offered. This year we are again offering a money raffle \$300 in scratch tickets as prize to help offset expenses. Revenue will help with expenses associated with reception as well as caucus for all attending from MD 33.***

***We have not yet finalized location plans for proposed caucus and possible reception.***

***Yours,***

***PDG Dick Ferru***





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Lions of MD33 and Guests,

Your 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention will be held Friday, April 24 - Sunday April 26, 2020 at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. This is a great time to celebrate the successes we, as a Multiple District, have had this Lionistic year and to show your support to those Lions who are seeking the elected offices of Council Secretary, District Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors.

Your 2020 92<sup>nd</sup> annual MD33 state convention theme is that of our international president.  
“We serve through diversity”

We Lions will also have a chance to welcome this year's guest LCI 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Dr Patti Hill and Lion Gregg Holmes from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to MD 33. You will also be witness to the inspirational speeches given by the 5 young students who have made it to the State Convention Youth Speech Contest. Come and enjoy either of the two concerts that will be presented by the great talents of the Mass Lions All State Band. I am sure you will be amazed by their performances.

**ROOM ACCOMODATIONS MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH HOTEL:**

Registration is easy. Call the Holiday Inn at **508-339-2200** (group name: Mass Lions State Convention) by April 11, 2020 and reserve your room for only **\$120.67** per night inclusive. Please be sure to mention if you have any **special room needs** when registering with the hotel. If you'd like to speak with a representative from the hotel, please call the hotel between 9 AM – 4:30 PM and ask for Rene LeBlanc.

**To secure your convention meals and registrations:**

Simply fill out the registration form found on the MD 33 and all the individual district's web sites.

**Please mail your registration form and payment to:**

**PDG Ray Hebert  
56 Page Road  
North Attleboro 02760**

**Please mention you're special meal needs.**

**Make checks payable to MD33 State Convention.**

**The deadline for hotel reservations and banquet meals is April 11, 2020**

**If you or your Club is interested in a sales or display table**, please fill out the form enclosed with your registration. Tables are on a first come, first serve basis. **The hotel has limited space available for sales table.**

If you have any questions regarding the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention, please contact PCST Phil Robo at [probo50@charter.net](mailto:probo50@charter.net).....Subject – 2020 State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
PCST Phil Robo and Jane Robo 33A  
State Convention Chairs



**92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS** – Call the Holiday Inn Mansfield / Foxborough directly at 508-339-2200 – ask for Rene LeBlanc  
 Group name.....**Mass Lions** - Group rate of \$110.00 plus taxes of 9.7% = **\$120.67** per night  
 Please alert Hotel Staff of any **SPECIAL ROOM NEEDS**

The MD 33 website and each district's sites will update you soon with a link to reserve rooms with specific needs.

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION – APRIL 11, 2020**

**DEADLINE FOR MEALS AND REGISTRATION – APRIL 11, 2020**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name desired on badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title / Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name desired on badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title / Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact's Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying at the hotel? .....Y    N  
 Special Meal needs \_\_\_\_\_

**1. FRIDAY NIGHT MELVIN JONES AWARDS BANQUET – Meal choices have different prices - Meal choice example 2**

- Roast Sliced Turkey @ \$37.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetarian - Penne Primavera @ \$32.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SATURDAY NIGHT DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET – Meal choices have different prices**

- Slow Roasted Prime Rib @ \$48.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- North Atlantic Scrod @ \$39.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Roasted Veggie Stuffed Peppers @ \$32.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SUNDAY CANDIDATES LUNCHEON – Meal choices have different prices**

- Chicken Francaise @ \$30.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Veggie – Eggplant Parm @ \$27.00 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW - The Holiday Inn has offered the Lions on MD 33**

***Their morning breakfast buffet for only \$10.50 (regularly \$12.00+) you must order and pay MD 33 in advance***

- Saturday Breakfast Buffet @ \$10.50 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet @ \$10.50 each  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Everyone attending Convention must register @ \$5.00 per person  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable for MEALS & REGISTRATION to:**

MD 33 Lions state convention  
 Please mail to:  
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**Questions: 508-223-6416 or [judyrayh@gmail.com](mailto:judyrayh@gmail.com)**

**A \$35.00 fee for any check returned.**

**No refunds after April 11, 2020 Deadline**





**2020 MD 33 State Convention**

**SALES TABLES REGISTRATION FORM**

**\$25 charge if you are selling any items or holding a raffle  
There is no charge for informational display tables**

**Tables are on a first come first serve basis  
There are a limited number available**

Club/Org _____	Contact Person _____
Telephone # _____	Electricity Needed..... Y N
Email: _____	Number of tables _____ @ \$20.00 per table.... \$ _____
<b>ALL LIONS AND GUESTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO WORK A SALES/DISPLAY TABLE</b>	
Convention Registration - if not previously registered @ \$5.00 per person.....\$ _____	
TOTAL..... \$ _____	

<b>IMPORTANT</b>	
Will the height of your display plus the 30" table be more than 48"?	Y N

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