

WELCOME TO ... SYRACUSE, NY

for the

*102nd Annual
MD20 Convention*

APRIL 17-19, 2026



**THE LIONS CLUBS OF
NEW YORK STATE and BERMUDA, INC.**



The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation (BMYF)

"To provide assistance to children in need, throughout the state of New York and the country of Bermuda, through partnerships with Lions and other organizations, by supporting programs that will improve the lives of those served."

BMYF is able to achieve its mission through our grant programs. These grants give the districts, zones, and clubs of MD20 the ability to successfully complete projects that help children in need. Since its inception in 2011, **BMYF has awarded 217 Humanitarian and Emergency grants totaling nearly \$402,000 that have helped over 266,000 children in need throughout New York State and Bermuda.**

BMYF could never achieve its mission without your continued support. These grants are only made possible due to your participation in our "Super Hero" Raffle, "Everyday Hero" recognition, the BMYF Cruise, as well as the generosity of monthly and annual direct donors. In addition, to insure our future, the members of the "BMYF Legacy Society" have pledged a portion of their estate to the Foundation.

However, raising funds that support our grants is only part of the **BMYF** story.

Giving out Humanitarian Grants is what BMYF is really all about!

During the current Lions year, **BMYF has awarded 18 Humanitarian grants to six districts in MD20.** These grants totaled nearly **\$38,750 and will help over 9,400 children in need.** They include:

- "Cakes for Kids", "Lions Read" and a sports program in 20-N.
- Vision Screener and a backpack program in 20-W.
- Vision screeners and a pediatric multisensory room in 20-Y.
- Backpack program, Food Pantry, playground and skating equipment, a reading program, and winter clothing in 20-O.
- "Windreach" facility cabin repair in 20-K2.
- HeadStart Sensory Room in 20-S.



Pediatric Sensory Room

How your Club, Zone, or District can receive a BMYF Humanitarian Grant:

- The process begins with discovering a way in which you can **help children in need in your community.**
- If your club can raise the matching funds, then you can apply for a **BMYF "Standard" grant for up to \$2,000.**
- If a project will benefit significantly more children over a larger geographical area, then perhaps your club, zone or district can work together to raise the matching funds for a **BMYF "Major" grant of up to \$20,000.**



Lions Skating Equipment Program

While you are in Syracuse for the MD20 Convention, please visit the **BMYF** booth to learn more about our Grant Program, the grant application process, and ways in which you can support the mission of the Foundation. Or you can always visit us at:

www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org



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CONVENTION RULES

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The rules set forth herein are promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in the MD20 Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual.

REGISTRATION

All participants, Lions and guests alike, must be registered in advance of the Multiple District 20 Convention to participate in convention activities. A registration fee, the amount of which is set by the Council of Governors, shall be collected from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the convention. Those wishing to attend the convention must register online. The link can be found by navigating to the state convention tab on the MD-20 Lions website. **MD-20 Convention registration badges must be worn at all times and are required to attend all sessions, seminars and workshops.**

CERTIFICATION/DUES

All delegates and alternates must be certified at this Multiple District 20 Convention. Photo ID must be presented for certification. In order to certify its delegates and alternates, a club must be in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 20 and its sub-district. **To acquire good standing, all club fiscal responsibilities, which includes outstanding dues, entrance fees and other overdue balances acquired prior to March 1st of this year, must be paid in full to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 20, and the sub-district, no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. This includes pro-rated dues and entrance fees for any new members added to the club roster prior to MARCH 1st.** To exercise voting privileges at this convention, all dues, entrance fees and other overdue balances owed to LCI, MD20 and the sub-district must be received and paid no later than **April 4, 2026**. Absolutely no exception will be made to this rule.

CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, its district, and this multiple district shall be entitled in each convention of this multiple district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to above shall be five (5) or more members. Notwithstanding the above, each chartered club in good standing shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate at each such convention. It is further provided that the district governor in each district, by virtue of the office, and each past district governor (including any past or present international officer or director) who is an active member of a chartered Lions Club in good standing, shall be a certified delegate to each such convention, but shall not be included in the delegate quota of his/her club for any such convention.

Delegate forms have been distributed to club secretaries by the District Governor in each district and must be returned to the **Multiple District Office no later than April 3, 2026**. The delegate form indicates the number of delegates and alternates to which a club is presumptively entitled based on the club's most recent membership report to Lions Clubs International and reflects the number of members enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day when the form was generated. **The final number of delegates and alternates that a club may certify at convention is subject to change by the Certification Committee based on the final membership report generated by Lions Club International as of MARCH 1, 2026 which shall be binding.**

A Lion who has been enrolled in the club for less than a year and a day may serve as a delegate. Each club may determine delegate eligibility.

REPLACEMENT OF A CERTIFIED DELEGATE BY AN ALTERNATE

The District Governor of each sub-district within Multiple District 20 shall be solely responsible for permitting the replacement of a delegate listed on the official Delegate Form, whether certified or not, by a certified alternate at the Multiple District Convention. The District Governor shall require verification of the replacement by the club's president or secretary. Such verification may be made in person, in writing, or may be received electronically (text or email) or telephonically. Only those alternates listed on the club Delegate Form furnished by Multiple District 20, and on file with the Multiple District Office at the Multiple District Convention, shall be eligible to replace a previously certified delegate. All delegate changes must be accomplished prior to the beginning of the Convention Memorial Service on the Sunday morning of the Multiple District Convention.

CONVENTION SESSIONS AND SCHEDULED EVENTS

The members of the Council of Governors shall be the officers of the Multiple District 20 Convention. The Council Chair shall serve as the presiding officer of the convention. The Council of Governors shall arrange the order of business for the convention, and same shall be the

order of the day for all sessions. Except for registration and certification hours, which may not be changed, deviation from the announced order of business shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present. A majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

It shall be the duty of both the presiding officer and the delegates in attendance to begin, carry on, and close each session of the convention, as well as scheduled seminars, workshops, forums, luncheons, and dinners on time. Lions in attendance are expected to attend all sessions of the convention until recess or adjournment is ordered. No Lions or guests shall congregate or loiter in the lobbies or outer rooms so as to disrupt any convention proceeding. Lions are expected to attend and participate in scheduled workshops and seminars and support the social functions organized by the convention committee.

Hospitality rooms shall not be open during the times of any official business session or any scheduled seminar, workshop, forum, luncheon, or dinner. When open, they shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and standards of common courtesy.

FUNDRAISING

No individual committee, club or district may conduct any fundraising activities at the Multiple District 20 Convention. This includes raffles, selling souvenirs, pins, or material regardless of the worthiness of the project. The following organizations shall be exempt from this rule to the extent provided below: Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. at Lions Camp Badger; New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc.; Lions SEE Inc.; Lions Clubs International Foundation; MD20 Alert Foundation Inc. and the Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation Inc. (collectively "exempt organizations").

1. The exempt organizations are granted permission to sell raffle tickets at the MD20 Convention.
2. The exempt organizations are granted permission to hold their raffle drawings on the Sunday of the convention as scheduled by the MD 20 Secretary/Treasurer.
3. The exempt organizations are granted the opportunity to have free booth space at the MD20 Convention to promote their programs and mission.
4. If requested, the Pin Traders Club of New York and Bermuda will be provided with free booth space to promote scholarships and provide membership information. The MD20 Secretary/Treasurer shall determine the availability of same. No selling or trading of pins shall be permitted in this space.

Any other fundraising activities must be authorized by the Council of Governors.

PIN TRADING

Pin trading space will be made available to the Pin Traders Club of New York and Bermuda if requested, and if so requested shall be arranged for by the MD20 Secretary/Treasurer. No pin trading shall be permitted during convention business sessions.

The Rules of the LCI Constitution and the policy of the Lions International Pin Traders Club shall be observed and enforced by the Board of Directors of the PTCNY&B.

NOMINATIONS

Notice of intention to run for the office of district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor must be filed with the council secretary in the multiple district office **no later than April 3, 2026**. Said notice must provide evidence of the candidate's compliance with the qualifications set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the office sought. The council secretary will forward said notice to the Nominating Committee, which will review the qualifications of the candidate prior to the opening of the multiple district convention and rule on the eligibility of such individual to stand for election. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the multiple district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If no noticed candidate for an office is deemed qualified, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee may entertain the nomination of a qualified candidate from the floor, subject to verification of said individual's qualifications.

The order of nominations will be as follows: second vice district governor candidates, first vice district governor candidates, then district governor candidates. In the event of a contest, the candidates from the district hosting the contest will be nominated **after** the candidates from the districts hosting uncontested elections. There shall be one seconding speech **not to exceed sixty (60) seconds** for each second vice district governor candidate. In the event of a contest, the supporters of each second vice district governor candidate may engage in a floor demonstration **not to exceed ninety (90) seconds** immediately following the second speech. The Council Chair, as presiding officer of the convention, shall recognize one Lion in good standing for the purpose of seconding the nomination of all candidates for first vice district governor. In the event that a candidate for first vice district governor has not previously been nominated for the position of



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second vice district governor, then, and only then, will a seconding speech not to exceed **sixty (60) seconds** be permitted for the first vice district governor candidate. There shall be a seconding speech **not to exceed ninety (90) seconds** for each district governor candidate.

District Governor candidates are required to send 2 photos and a brief bio to the MD20 office no later than sixty (60) days before the convention which will be included in the convention issue of the MD20 magazine. Notice of intention to run for the office of international director or international third vice president shall be filed with the council secretary in the multiple district office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of the multiple district convention. Said notice must provide evidence of the candidate's compliance with the qualifications set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the office sought. The council secretary will forward said notice to the Nominating Committee, which will review the qualifications of the candidate prior to the opening of the multiple district convention and rule on the eligibility of such individual to stand for election. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the multiple district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes in duration. A floor demonstration not to exceed five (5) minutes may follow.

The MD-20 office will forward proof of each candidate's election to LCI after the multiple district convention.

CAMPAIGNING

Candidates for any office voted on at this convention are prohibited from participating in any official capacity at any function open to all attendees at this MD-20 Annual Convention. It shall be prohibited to campaign for any candidate for office, or exhibit, display or possess any campaign material within the voting area, as well as within 100 feet of the voting area. The term "campaign material" shall include, but not limited to, the display, exhibition or possession of any sign, placard, paraphernalia, literature, document or other similar or like item, which directly or indirectly refers to any candidate for office. This rule shall be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

All posters and other campaign material advertising candidates for district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, international director or international officer shall be posted only in approved locations and only within the hotels or convention halls being used specifically for convention purposes. It is expected that all due care and consideration will be exercised with regard to private property. Any liability resulting from the posting of said campaign material is the responsibility of the person or organization for which it was erected. No campaign material is to be posted on any public thoroughfare. The Convention Committee and the Council of Governors specifically request that all such material be removed at the close of the convention.

CONVENTION VOTING

Photo ID must be presented for voting and certification.

You must be registered to be certified.

You must be certified to vote.

You must be listed on your club's delegate form.

Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Each vote shall be by secret written ballot. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district.

Each vote can be cast only by a duly certified delegate whose credentials to serve as such have been passed upon and recognized as valid by the Credentials Committee of the convention. A certified alternate may be permitted to replace a certified delegate only with the permission of the District Governor in accordance with the policy set forth above.

VOTING PROCEDURE

In an election involving **only one candidate**, the ballot shall take the following form:

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box indicating a yes or a no vote for the candidate.

POSITION	NAME	YES	NO
District Governor	Candidate A		

To be elected, the candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. A tie between yes and no votes would indicate that a majority has not been received. If a majority vote is not received in the election for district governor, first vice district

governor, or second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-laws shall apply. The same ballot form shall be used when a question is submitted to the convention for consideration.

In an election involving **two candidates**, the ballot shall take the following form:

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an "X" or "✓" in the box next to the name of the candidate you are casting your vote for.

POSITION	NAME	VOTE
First Vice District Governor	Candidate A	
	Candidate B	

To be elected, the winning candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. In the event of a tie, or if a majority vote is not otherwise achieved, the balloting shall continue until one of the nominees receives a majority of the valid votes cast.

In an election involving **three or more candidates**, a preferential voting ballot shall be used and shall take the following form:

Instructions. Indicate your preference by clearly marking next to each candidate's name a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) indicating your preference in the order in which you would elect the candidate (i.e., 1-representing highest preference, 2-next preference, etc.).

POSITION	NAME	PREFERENCE/RANK
Second Vice District Governor	Candidate A	4
	Candidate B	2
	Candidate C	1
	Candidate D	3

To be elected, the winning candidate is required to secure a majority of all votes cast. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. In counting the votes, the ballots are arranged in piles according to indicated first preferences. If any one candidate receives a majority of first preference votes he/she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives the majority of first preference votes, then the candidate receiving the fewest first preference votes is eliminated and his/her votes are redistributed according to the second preference listed on each such ballot. The votes for the remaining candidates are then recounted. If any one candidate receives a majority of first and second preference votes, then he/she is declared the winner. If no remaining candidate receives a majority vote, then the process is repeated by redistributing the votes of the candidate receiving the least number of first or second preference votes. His/her votes will be distributed to the remaining candidates in the preferred order indicated. This process shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

If a ballot having one or more names not marked with a preference ranking comes up for placement at any stage of the counting and all its marked names have been eliminated, it shall not be placed in any pile but shall be set aside and treated as a blank for that round of counting. If at any point two or more candidates are tied for the least popular position, the ballots in their piles are redistributed in a single step, all the tied names being treated as eliminated. In the event of a tie in the winning position - which would imply that the elimination process is continued until the ballots are reduced to two or more equal piles - the election should be resolved in favor of the candidate that was strongest in terms of first choice (by referring to the record of the first distribution).

Challenges to the results of any vote must be made to the Chair before the close of the session or within 15 minutes of the final Report of the Elections Committee Chair, whichever comes first. In the event of a tie or a challenge necessitating a re-vote, the polls will be reopened for 30 minutes, or until the last delegate in line at that time has voted.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where otherwise herein provided, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised latest edition, shall govern the Parliamentary Procedure. **THE MD-20 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO SERVE AS THE CONVENTION CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS RULINGS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, SHALL BE FINAL."**



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CONVENTION CALL

Official Notice: This is the official call for the Annual Convention for the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Inc. Multiple District 20, Lions Clubs International Inc. to be held the dates of April 17-19, 2026, in the OnCenter & Marriott Downtown, Syracuse, NY.

The Council of Governors has directed that the hours for certification of delegates and voting shall be as follows:

WELCOME PARTY: *Persian Terrace*

Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:00 to 11:00 PM
1st Night Party ... Sponsored by the Syracuse Convention Bureau
ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET FELLOW LIONS FROM ACROSS THE MULTIPLE FREE LIGHT SNACKS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Delegate Certification: *Canandaigua & Hemlock*

Friday, April 17, 2026 Noon to 3:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 9: 00 AM to 11:30 AM
Sunday, April 19, 2026 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Convention Registration: *Marriott Lobby*

Thursday, April 16, 2026 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Friday, April 17, 2026 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 8:30 AM to Noon
Sunday, April 19, 2026 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Delegate Voting: *Canandaigua Room*

Sunday, April 19, 2026 **ONLY** 7:00 to 10:15 AM ONLY

MD20 Office Hours: *Seneca Room*

Friday, April 17, 2026 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 8:00 AM to Noon
Sunday, April 19, 2026 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Lions Goods Store: *Keuka*

Friday, April 17, 2026 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 8:00 am to 4:00 PM

Lions Exhibit Booths: *Lobby Hall*

Friday, April 17, 2026 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SYRACUSE SERVICE PROJECT: *Marriott Lobby*

Socks for the Homeless
Friday, April 17, 2026 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

Good Morning Breakfast with the Council of Governors: *Persian*

Friday, April 17, 2026 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
All are invited
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION

Friday Committee Meetings:

10:30 AM Credentials: PCC Bill Williams, 20-E2, Chair *Canandaigua Room*
11:00 AM Sergeant-at-Arms: PDG Milledge Smith, 20-Y, Chair *Conesus Room*
1:30 PM Voting & Elections: PCC Bill Shembeda 20-O, Chair *Conesus Room*
2:00 PM Nominations: PCC Kenneth Butkowski 20-N, Chair *Conesus Room*
12:00 PM Flag Ceremony: PDG Tim Bush, 20-Y, Chair *OnCenter*

Lions Clubs International Foundation Lunch: *Persian Terrace*

Friday, April 17, 2026 Noon to 1:30 PM
PID Dr. Ed Cordes – MD20 Chair
Speaker: International Second Vice-President Dr. Manoj Shah
NO TICKETS WILL SOLD AT THE CONVENTION

Welcome Lions Luncheon: *Empire Room*

Friday, April 17, 2026 Noon to 1:30 PM
Lion Cindy Jennison Chair and Partners of the Council of Governors
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First Time Attendees: *Otisco*

Friday, April 17, 2026 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Presented by: PID Robert Libin and PCC Barry Scott
All Lions who are attending the MO20 convention for the first time will learn the ins and outs of the convention, how to get the most out of it and have fun while learning.

Friday Session Program: *OnCenter*

Video Presentations 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Opening Convention Session: *OnCenter* 4:00 PM

Call To Order: PDG Stephen Jennison, Council Chair MD-20
Memorial for PCC Tim Jachlewski
Introduction of Council of Governors and Lion Dignitaries: PDG Stephen Jennison
Flag Ceremony Chair: PDG Tim Bush, 20-Y
Video Presentations
Presiding: PDG Stephen Jennison, Council Chair, MD-20
Welcome: DG Jill Skinner, 20- Y
Preliminary Report of Credentials: PCC Bill Williams, 20-E2 Credentials Chair
Adoption of Rules: PCC Ed Lieberman, 20-K2,
MD-20 Constitution & By-Laws Chair
MD-20 Constitution & By-laws Report: PCC Ed Lieberman, 20-K2
MD-20 Financial Report: PCC Kelly Clark, MD-20 Interim Secretary/Treasurer
Announce MD-20 PDG Organization Leadership Awards:
PDG Mathai Chacko, President
Announce Brandel Murphy Foundation Miracle in Service Award Winners:
President John Wargo with Lion Michelle, PIP AI and Lion Maureen
Introduction of Featured Speaker:
Past International President Douglas X. Alexander
Convention Speaker: International 2nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah,
Lions Club International
Response and Appreciation: PDG Stephen Jennison, Council Chair MD-20
International Presidential Awards:
Past International President Douglas X. Alexander
Past International President AI Brandel
International 2nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah
Report and Nominations of District Governors and Vice District Governors:
PCC Ken Butkowski, 20-N, Chair Nominations Committee

7:30 PM – Close First Convention Session

**DURING ALL CONVENTION SESSIONS PLEASE TURN OFF
CELL PHONES OR PUT ON VIBRATE, THANK YOU**

SATURDAY, April 18, 2026 (No Business Session)

PDG Organization Meeting: *Persian*

Saturday, April 18, 2026 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
PDG Mathai Chacko President, PDG Organization
Speaker: International 2nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah

Good Morning Breakfast: *Canandaigua*

Saturday April 18, 2026 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Conversations with your Vice District Governors, All are invited
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SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday Morning Session One Workshops 9:30 AM until 10:20 AM

Cayuga - LCIF: We will focus on donations at all levels, including the Legacy society. Grants recognitions and donor benefits will also be discussed.
Presenter: PID Dr Ed Cordes, Moderator: Lion Gail Cordes

Skaneateles - MD20 GAT Team Roundup: Open to GAT team members at all levels.
Presenter: PCC/Area 1F Group Leader Hilary Kumnick,
Moderator: PDG Bette Stonebraker

Otisco - The Great Lions Debate: Tradition vs. Innovation - A lively, audience-driven debate where participants switch sides and perspectives to explore how Lions can honor our past while embracing change.
Presenter: Lion Joshua Smith, Moderator: VDG Diane DeLuca

Conesus - Diabetes: Come learn how you, too, can make a difference as a Lion by getting more Diabetes awareness, education, resources and support out into your community.
Presenters: Lion Karen Kemmis and DG Barbara Bentley with PID Gary Brown,
Moderator: PDG Tom Skinner

Session Two Workshops 10:40 to 11:30 AM

Cayuga - Click, Connect, Strut Your Stuff: Using Social Media for Lions. Learn about platforms like Facebook, Discord and Instagram. Benefits include ways to drive growth and assist in fundraising. This session will spark some creative ideas for your local clubs and communities.
Presenters: Lion Samantha Vaez, Lion Kim Davis, Lion Dayton LeBlanc,
Moderator: VDG Douglas Stage

Skaneateles - Shark Tank: See if your new project can get help from one of these grant programs.
Presenters: Lion Tom Witkowski - BMYF, PDG Lorri Rieger - LCIF and PDG Kerry Brown - NYSBLF, Moderator: PDG CJ Bulnes

Otisco - Law & Insurance: EIN, reporting, filing the 990N, what happens when you lose your status.
Presenter: PCC Ed Lieberman & PDG Jackie Williams, Moderator: Lion Kevin Mulry

Conesus - Service Round Table of unique and successful Large projects. Panel discussion with representatives from large events: Apple Festival- Hastings, Strawberry Festival- Mattituck, Polar Express- Bellmore
Moderator: VDG Mike Robinson

LIONS LUNCH: Persian Terrace All are invited ... Noon to 1:30 PM
Guest Speaker: Lion Claudia Gregory from Leader Dogs
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION

Session Three Workshops 1:30 - 2:20 PM

Cayuga - Quest Program: What is new? How can your club get involved?
Presenter: PDG David Hubman, Moderator: Lion Timothy Bersani

Skaneateles - Shark Tank: See if your new project can get help from one of these grant programs.
Presenters: Lion Tom Witkowski - BMYF/PDG Lorri Rieger and LCIF/ PDG Kerry Brown - NYSBLF, Moderator: PDG CJ Bulnes

Otisco - Promoting Mental Wellness - Discover strategies to promote mental wellness within your club and our communities, helping everyone stay healthy and engaged in service.
Presenter: PCC/ Area 1F Group Leader Hilary Kumnick, Moderator: PDG James Poulin

Conesus - Club Officer Training: Get an abbreviated training on each officer position and how they work as a team.
Presenter: PCC Mark Whitney, Moderator: PDG Barbara Moody

Session Four Workshops 2:40 - 3:30 PM

Cayuga - USA / Canada Forum: Have you ever wondered - What is it and why should I attend? If so, then this seminar is for you! We will share information on all the opportunities and great experiences that are a part of "The Forum".
Presenter: PCC Barry Scott, Moderator: PDG Eric Rosenkrans

Canandaigua - Unmasking Leadership: Leading without Pretending - a creative, reflective session using simple materials to explore authenticity in leadership and how being real strengthens connection and trust.
Presenter: Lion Joshua Smith, Moderator: VDG Phyllis O'Leary

Otisco - Service Round Table of unique and successful small projects. Panel discussion with representatives from small events: Garage Sale - Lowville, Touch a Truck - Pulaski
Moderator: PDG Paul Forestiere

Conesus - PIS Session: - Why is the Partner in Service important at all levels?
Presenters: Lion Maureen Murphy, Lion Jayna Shah

Lions See Annual Meeting: Canadice All are welcome to attend 2-3 PM
MD20 Alert Foundation Annual Meeting: Canadice

All are welcome to attend 3-4 PM
Lions Camp Badger Annual Meeting: Owasco All are welcome to attend . . . 3-4 PM

NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation Annual Meeting: Empire
All are welcome to attend 4-5 PM

Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Awards Presentations: Conesus 4-5 PM
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CONVENTION GALA --- Marriott Finger Lakes Ballroom
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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Delegate Voting	7:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Canandaigua
Convention Certification	7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Hemlock
Convention Registration	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Main Lobby

Sunday Session ... Finger Lakes Ballroom

Memorial Service: Reverend William Wright, Deposit, NY 9:00 AM
Convene Business Session 10:10 AM
PDG Stephen Jennison, MD-20 Council Chair, Presiding
Report of District Governors: Council of Governors, MD-20 CC PDG Stephen Jennison
Brandel Murphy Foundation Annual Report: PCC John Wargo, President
Brandel Murphy Foundation Super Raffle Incentive Checks: PDG Terri Oster, Treasurer
Brandel Murphy Foundation Grant Presentations: Lion Tom Witkowski, VP
MD-20 Alert Foundation Annual Report: PDG David Hubman, President
Lions Camp Badger Annual Report: PDG Rena Haigh, President
Lions SEE Annual Report: Lion Jay Brown, President
New York State Bermuda Foundation Annual Report: PDG Kerry Brown, President
MD-20 Foundation Raffle Drawing: PDG Kerry Brown, President
Presentation of MD-20 Past Presidents Trophy: PIP Douglas X. Alexander
Presentation of MD 20 Past Directors Award: PID Anthony Paradiso
Final Report of Credentials: PCC Bill Williams, 20-E2, Chair, Credentials Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee: PCC Ed Lieberman, 20-K2, Resolutions
Presentation of President for 2026-2027, MD-20 PDG Organization:
Mathai Chacko, 20-R1, 2025-26 President
Report of Elections & Voting: PCC Bill Shembeda 20-O, Chair, Voting & Elections Committee
Presentation of: MD-20 VDGs Elect and DGs Elect, 2026-2027: CC PDG Stephen Jennison
Benediction 12:15 AM

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CONVENTION SPEAKER

DR. MANOJ SHAH SECOND INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Manoj Shah of Nairobi, Kenya was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions International at the association's 107th international convention held in Orlando, Florida in July 2025.

Vice President Shah is a successful businessman with interests in the automobile, property, hospitality and finance sectors.

A charter member of the Nairobi Greater Lions Club since 1988, Vice President Shah has held many offices within the association at club, district and international levels. He has served as a constitutional area leader of the Global Action Team – Africa and was chairman of the Africa Lions Steering Committee, which led to Africa being recognized as a separate constitutional area. He also served as a trustee of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and is a Campaign 100 Lead Gift Donor and LCIF Humanitarian Partner.

A passionate advocate for leadership development, Vice President Shah has served as faculty at several International Lions Leadership Institutes and facilitated leadership workshops across Africa and Asia. He is a certified LCIP trainer for Lions International and has led the District Governors-Elect Seminar as a group leader multiple times.

Vice President Shah's philanthropic endeavors have left an indelible mark on the community. He played a pivotal role in establishing Lions Service Centers in Kenya, including the Lions Renal Unit, Lions Dental Center and Lions Hearing Center. Notably, he spearheaded the establishment of the first Lions Eye Bank in Kenya and serves as vice chairman of the Board of Management of the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in Nairobi. Additionally, he has been instrumental in establishing the first two Lions Comprehensive Diabetic Care Centers in Kenya.

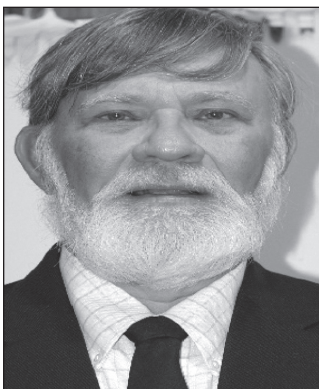
Vice President Shah has received numerous accolades, including the Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS) Award by the president of the Republic of Kenya for his role in Nation Building, Ambassador of Good Will Award by Lions International and the prestigious Commander to the Venerable of St. John Medal (CStJ) from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for Community Engagement and conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Humanity. His achievements have been highlighted in his published biography titled *One in A Million*.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Shah is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chairman of the M.P. Shah Hospital, chairman of the Automobile Association of Kenya Road Safety Council, member of the Priory Council of St. John, trustee of the Kilimanjaro Blind Trust, board member of Special Olympics Kenya and an active member of the Visa Oshwal Community. At the national level, he has also served as the chairperson of The National Transport and Road Safety Authority of Kenya (NTSA).

Vice President Shah is married to Jayna, an equally dedicated member of Lions Club Nairobi Greater and are both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. They are proud parents to two daughters — Dr. Priyum and Lion Dr. Soyum, a resolute leader and Progressive 7 Diamond Melvin Jones Fellow — and proud grandparents to two granddaughters.



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20-Y

MD-20 Convention Co-Chair



PDG Rosemarie Bush

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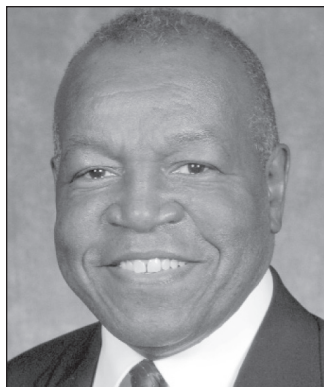
PCC Kelly Clark

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Interim MD-20 Secretary / Treasurer

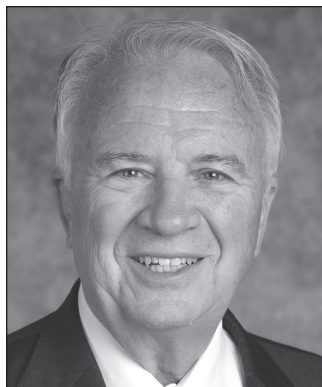


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20-N Lion Aimee Jarvis
 20-E1 PDG Rick Whitney
 Lion Lois Whitney
 20-E2 PDG Tom Bailey
 PDG Deb Bush
 20-W PDG Holly McConchie
 Lion Margo Walrath
 20-Y PDG Kerry Brown
 Lion Nicki Brown
 20-O PDG Judy Sheppard
 Lion Roy Sheppard
 20-R1 Lion Melissa McEnvoy
 20-R2
 20-K1 Lion Myrtle Wedderburn
 Lion Maria Del Pilar Fabregas
 Lion Jennifer Parsons
 Lion Julia Brathwaite
 20-K2 Lion Kevin Mulry
 Lion Rob Webb
 20-S PDG James Conklin
 Lion Michele Steele

FLAG CEREMONY: *PDG Tim Bush 20-Y* *11:30 a.m Ballroom OnCenter*

20-N Lion Dana Phillips
 20-E1 Lion Yvonne Morris
 20-E2 Lion Jo Ann Twist
 20-W Lion Logan Beringer
 20-Y PDG Tim Bush
 20-O Lion Denise Bulnes
 20-R1 Lion Diane Conklin
 20-R2
 20-K1 Lion Debbie Griffith-Joyner
 20-K2 Lion Terri Resca
 20-S Lion Eileen Austin

NOMINATIONS - Conesus: *PCC Ken Butkowski 20-N*

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 20-E1 PDG Bob Infantino
 20-E2 PDG Jake Brown
 20-W PDG Michele O'Hare
 20-Y Lion Julia Waldby
 20-O PDG Stuart Wizwer
 20-R1 PDG Dennis Hardy
 20-R2
 20-K1 Lion Merle Warren
 20-K2 Lion Joshua Smith
 20-S Lion Linda Berger

RESOLUTIONS: *Chair: PCC Ed Lieberman 20-K2*

PDG Barry Haywood 20-E1
 PDG Jacqueline Williams Esq. 20-K1
 PID John Rabideau, Chair MD-20 Policy Manual
 PCC Paula Umreiko, Chair MD-20
 Long Range Planning Committee

SGT. AT ARMS - Conesus: *PDG Milledge Smith 20-Y*

20-N PDG Jeff Jarvis
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 PDG Spencer Vail
 20-E1 PDG Albert Merrill
 Lion Charles Stancampiano
 Lion Sherry Vitale
 20-E2 Lion Dawn Young
 PDG Jake Brown
 VDG Nancy Bragg
 20-W
 20-Y Lion Grace Alexander
 Lion Sharon Bauer-Aldrich
 Lion Susan Henderson
 20-O PDG Stuart Wizwer
 Lion Ed Bozydaj
 20-R1 Lion Melissa McEvoy
 PDG Ronald Delo
 PDG Michael Bryceland
 20-R2
 20-K1 Lion Joscelyn Ralph
 Lion Mirle Gillard
 Lion Russell Stuart
 20-K2 Lion Glenn Kearney
 Lion Ken Resca
 Lion Robin Webb
 20-S PDG Manuel Vidal
 Lion Peter O'Leary

CREDENTIALS: *PCC Bill Williams 20-E2*

20-N Lion Ann Akin
 Lion Theresa White
 20-E1 PDG Greg Lund
 Lion Aren Schank
 20-E2 PDG Lynn Williams
 Lion Steve Chermak
 20-W PDG Ed Stano
 Lion Elizabeth Stano
 20-Y PDG Linda Mott
 PDG David Hubman
 20-O PDG Melanie Wargo
 PDG Ilene Wizwer
 20-R1 PDG Jack Ciaramella
 PDG Dina Ciaramella
 20-R2
 20-K1 Lion Lottie Shannon
 Lion Kelly Coston
 Lion Paula Ross-Brandt
 Lion Imogene Alleyne
 20-K2 Lion Anju Sharma
 Lion Sanju Sharma
 20-S Lion Kelly Berwick
 Lion Debra Heinlein



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

PAUL SMITH - District 20-N

Lion Paul Smith has been a member of the Sheridan Drive Lions club for 13 years. In that time, he has served as: Club President for two years, Zone Chair for three years and District GST for three years. He is a 2016 graduate of the MD 20 Lions Leadership Institute and a 2024 graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). He also completed Certified Guiding Lions Training in 2019 and 2023. He is a progressive recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Award and a PDG Leadership Award recipient. Lion Paul is passionate about providing service to his community. He is the chairperson when his club provides meals to guests at Kevin Guest House in Buffalo, NY. He also serves on club committees for scholarships and collecting clothing and toiletry items for various local charities. He supports WNY Lions district initiatives such as membership drives and he spearheaded a districtwide food drive in 2025. He enjoys the time that he spends visiting the clubs in his district and supporting them in their various endeavors. He has been happily married to PDG Donna Smith for 7 years. They share their home with two cats in Tonawanda, NY. He is the Senior Tester at Niagara Power Transformer, where he performs factory tests on electrical transformers that get shipped around the world. In his spare time, he enjoys bowling, traveling, and being an avid fan of the Buffalo: Bills, Sabres, Bisons and Bandits. He is also a member of Kenmore Presbyterian Church and has enjoyed being a member of the church's choir and has served on their Board of Deacons.



JANICE INFANTINO - District 20-E1

Lion Janice Infantino embarked on her service journey over 30 years ago with the Dansville Lioness Club. In 2014, she transferred to the Dansville Lions club and has held various positions, including club President, treasurer, and director. Additionally, she served as District treasurer on the district cabinet for six terms. Throughout her service, Lion Jan has received numerous accolades, including the Brandel Murphy Miracles in Service, Career Lion, Lion of the Year, Robert J. Uplinger, and Melvin Jones Fellowship awards.



In her professional career, Lion Jan worked for NYSEG for 25 years. After retiring from NYSEG, she became an SAP consultant specializing in utility billing, working with various utilities worldwide.

Lion Jan and her partner in service, PDG Bob, have one daughter, Alyssa. They are also grandparents to Gabe and Vivi. Being "Gigi" to her grandchildren is one of the greatest joys of her life.

In her free time, Lion Jan is a seamstress who manages alterations for wedding gowns and other items. Her creative nature led her to create a project called Pieces of Hope within the Dansville Lions club. Members of the club come together to make quilts, port pillows, bags, and other projects for those in need.

Lion Jan's commitment to helping others, whether through leadership, professional expertise, or heartfelt service projects, has left a lasting impact on her club, community, and all those fortunate enough to work alongside her.

LISA BARBER - District 20-E2

I have been serving as a Lion for 10 years with the Spencer-Candor Lions Club. We are a very active club, creating a Lions Community Garden, serving at the Spencer Van Etten Food Cupboard, holding an annual Free Fishing Derby, are just a few of our service projects completed.

I have served as Club President, Vice President, and Secretary. I am very proud to have served the MD20-E2 District as District Secretary, Zone Chair, 2VDG, and 1VDG. I am retired, however, I manage to keep my calendar full serving for the Lions, S-VE Food Cupboard, and the Spencer Farmers Market.

I have been happily married to my husband Brian for 40 years and have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

While serving as a Lion, I have been awarded the PDG Leadership Achievement Award, Club Lion of the Year, Robert J. Uplinger Award and few others.

I am looking forward to serving as MD20-E2 District Governor 2026-2027.



ED BALABAN - District 20-W

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Ed is a candidate for DG of District 20W/MD20 New York and Bermuda. Balaban brings more than 50 years of experience serving the communities in which he has lived and worked. He and his wife, Lion Mary, are members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and live in the Town of Broadalbin.

Balaban began his life of service when he and a handful of classmates founded the 1st volunteer ambulance corps on a college campus that was student funded, operated, trained, and staffed. That organization continues to flourish today.

Following more than 11 years of active Navy duty as an officer, Balaban transitioned to the Naval Reserve and became a Lion in 1994 as a member of the Olean, NY Lions Club. While with the Olean Lions, he served as vice president, president, zone chair, and Lions Quest district chairman (District 20N/MD20). He also coordinated a twinning with a club in Puerto Rico and helped establish a Leo Club in conjunction with the Depew Lions Club at Depew High School, where he was principal. When he relocated to Arizona, he affiliated with the Scottsdale Pride of Scottsdale Lions Club (MD21) where he again served as vice president, president, secretary, and zone chair.

Upon retirement from the military and federal civil service in 2013 and his return to New York in 2014, Balaban transferred to the Saratoga Springs Lions Club and following the construction of his home ultimately transferred to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club in 2021.

He has been recognized several times as Club Lion of the Year, received the International President, the Leadership Award, the PDG Association of Arizona Outstanding Service Award, is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and a Knight of the Blind.

In addition to his Lions activities, Balaban is a life member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also is an active member of various Alumni Associations. He has two sons and seven grandchildren. He and Lion Mary enjoy photography, travel, and cooking.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

TINA FITZGERALD - District 20-Y

Tina Fitzgerald has been a member of the Syracuse Host Lions Club for 5 years stepping up to leadership roles quickly she has been a board member club president and zone chair and is currently FVDG. She is interested in helping families overcome food insecurity and increasing equity for people with disabilities. She has degrees in Special Education and Social Work. Making her home in Syracuse NY with her 2 dogs and 4 Guinea pigs.



DOUGLAS STAGE - District 20-O

Douglas R. Stage became a member of the Warwick, NY Lions club in February, 1993. His grandfather Lawrence Stage had been a charter member in 1948. His father Douglas Stage had been a long-time member, including being Treasurer for over 12 years. His wife, Christine Stage joined the Lions once Lions International allowed women to join. His nephew Graig Craver also is a member.



Doug and Chris have two children, James Stage and Catherine Reyes and four grandchildren, Timothy, Mason, Hunter (Stage) and Mila Reyes.

Doug had been a lawyer for over 40 years prior to his retirement in 2025. He had continued a tradition of having a Stage family lawyer in the Warwick community for over 135 years.

Doug has held most of the local club positions over his 33 years in Lionism and served as Zone Chairperson, Second VDG and First VDG. He also is the Chair of Kids Sight First for his club since the club started screening 15 years ago. Doug has been active in his Lions Club Holiday Shopping for children in need project as well as scholarships for local deserving students. He has sponsored many new Lions. Doug's passion is helping children and with eye screening he has helped screen over 1,500 children. He is also a member of Lions District 20-O Childhood Cancer Committee. Doug is looking forward to working with the District 20-O Lions and the New York State Lions to bring services to our communities! *SERVE HUMANITY will be his theme for the upcoming 2026-2027 Lions year.*

JAY SINGER - District 20-R1

After growing up in a home that had his father, the late Lion Sidney Singer, as a Charter member of the Orangeburg Lions Club, Lion Jay as well joined the Orangeburg Lions Club in June of 1980, at the age of 21, his father was his sponsor.

Lion Jay immediately became active in all the club activities, and he served as Chair of many of the club committees. He went on to serve as a Director, Secretary, Vice President and President of the Orangeburg Lions Club.

Lion Jay has since transferred to the Blauvelt Lions Club where he has served as a Committee Chair, Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President.

On the district level, Lion Jay has been Committee Chair of many district committees, i.e., Journey for Sight, LCIF, Youth Exchange, etc. He also served several terms as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Region Chair at Large, Deputy District Governor, Deputy District Governor at Large, Cabinet Treasurer, four terms as Cabinet Secretary, 2nd & 1st Vice District Governor.

On the Multiple District level, Lion Jay served a five-year term on the MD20 Youth Band Committee and as its chair for the last two years of his term. In his two years as Chair Lion Jay initiated the start of the Youth Band Raffle to help off set the cost of the band. Lion Jay was a District Trustee on the founding board of the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, served on the Vacation Camp for the Blind Steering Committee and a graduate of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

Lion Jay is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Founding Fellow of the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, Organization of Past District Governors Leadership Award, PDG Marie Grasso Cornerstone Recognition Award, International Presidents Letter of Commendation, International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, and the International Presidents Leadership Award.

Lion Jay has attended numerous District, Multiple District, and International Conventions.

Lion Jay truly belongs to the Lion family. Not only his father was a Lion but Lion Jay's wife Sandra, and mother Edna are members of the Lions Club as well. Lion Jay is an architect by profession, and Lion Jay and Lion Sandra live in Old Tappan, New Jersey.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

NENA SMITH - District 20-R2

Nena Lozada Smith is a visionary leader whose service is rooted to compassion, unity, and legacy. Her journey in Lionism has been marked by unwavering dedication to district growth and humanitarian service, including the organizing of large scale medical, surgical missions and uplifting of communities through mobility aid and outreach. Lion Nena's commitment to growing her home club started years before Mission 1.5.



She has sponsored 50 new Lions (earning her a Grand Master Key in June 2025), co-created 12 branch clubs, chartered 2 clubs, and played a pivotal role in the incredible growth of NY PHIL-AM from 21 to over 280 members at present, making it the largest club not only in District 20-R2 but the entire multiple. As founder of several charitable organizations and chair of cultural and pageantry events that celebrate diversity, Lion Nena's leadership style blends diplomacy with deep emotional intelligence. Whether orchestrating elegant ceremonies or making strategic decisions, she leads with grace, gratitude, and a steadfast belief in the power of collective action. Guided by the belief that when we bind hearts, we achieve together. Lion Nena seeks to lead District 20-R2 into a new era of collaboration, innovation and impact. Her aspiration to be District governor is a continuation of her lifelong devotion to building bridges, honoring every voice, and leaving a legacy of love and action. Lion Nena Lozada Smith is happily married to PDG Raymond Smith, has 4 children and 3 grandchildren of her own and 2 stepchildren and 1 step-grandchild. In what little spare time she has, she enjoys playing the guitar and ukulele.

man corneas for the Lions Eye Bank. Dr. Lloyd is a graduate of the MD 20 Regional Lions Leadership Institute and Lions Clubs International's Advanced Leadership Institute. Presently Dr. Lion Lloyd is First Vice District Governor of District 20-K1, Brooklyn and Queens Lions, and serves as a member of the District GMT Team. She has conducted several district and in-club training sessions and served as a Mentor for MD 20 Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

MICHAEL ROBINSON - District 20-K2

Lion Michael joined the Long Beach Lions Club in 1997 and has been deeply committed to its mission ever since. Over the years, he has had the privilege of serving in various leadership roles and being part of many impactful service initiatives. From organizing fairs and sponsoring races to selling raffle tickets and running pancake breakfasts. One of his favorite projects has always been sponsoring guide dogs; something the club has accomplished almost every year. In terms of leadership, Lion Michael served as President from 2002 to 2003. Following that, he took on the role of Zone Chair in 2003-2004 and then again, in 2024-2025. In 2025, Lion Michael stepped up to fill the vacant 2VDG position.



DIANE DeLUCA - District 20-S

Diane is a retired educator after 34 years. I began my teaching career as an English teacher at North Babylon High School. When I was excused in 1987, I went to work for Nutri-System as a Behavioral Therapist and then promoted to an Area Manager. As teaching was my first love, I returned as a Language teacher in the Sewanhaka Central HS District. After 10 years, I was promoted to the position of the ENL (English as a New Language, formerly ESL) District Coordinator and Building Chairperson. I facilitated the program in all 5 high schools which served beginner ENL students to advanced. My duties included: hiring of staff (teachers and teaching assistants), intake interviews and testing of all new students entering the country, state testing, grant writing, and observing and evaluating the ENL teachers in the district. I attended SUNY at Stony Brook for my undergraduate and graduate degrees and Long Island University at C.W. Post for my administrative degree. I retired in June of 2020.



I reside in North Babylon and have lived in my home for over 40 years. I have one daughter, Emily who is following her footsteps in education as a School Counselor and just recently got married. In 2014, I was approached by the North Babylon Lions to join the club. I quickly got involved and became the Secretary and held several different positions as a Tail Twister, Vice President and Club President for 4 years. I was the facilitator for the Fall Festivals and co-facilitator for the Spring Fairs. I served as a SVDG and Zone Chairperson for District 20s from 2024-2025 and I am currently the FVDG of District 20s. I also volunteered at the North Babylon Food Pantry, Bay Shore Soup Kitchen at St. Pat's Church and now at the Huntington Center for the Visually Impaired. I am also a member and officer in the North Babylon and West Babylon Chamber of Commerce for 11 years. I enjoy traveling, going to plays, dinner with friends and playing darts.

DENISE LLOYD - District 20-K1

Lion Dr. Denise C. Lloyd is a graduate of Christ The King Regional High School. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Art degree with Honors in Psychology from Richmond College, a Master of Science degree in Guidance and an Advanced Certificate in Educational Supervision and Administration from Brooklyn College. post-masters education in Psychology from the New School for Social Research and her doctorate degree from St. John's University in Educational Leadership and Supervision.



Lion Dr. Lloyd is a retired School Counselor from Freeport Schools where she worked for thirty-three years. She had many roles in Freeport Schools while she was there. Her earlier employment includes: a GED Instructor at Riker's Island, a New York State claims examiner, a day treatment facility counselor, an ESL Instructor at College of Old Westbury and a guidance counselor in Brooklyn, New York.

Lion Dr. Lloyd is a charter member of Mid-Bedford Heights Lions Club, Inc. Over thirty-eight years of active service and has held several Club and District level positions, such as: Club President, Club Secretary, Leo Advisor, Sight First Chair, Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Good and Welfare Chair, Editor of Kings & Queens Newsletter, Chair of Women and Families In Lionism, and Chair of New Visions. Lion Dr. Lloyd is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island and an authorized transporter of hu-



MD-20 Secretary/Treasurer Position Announcement

The **Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20 (MD-20)** is seeking qualified applicants for the position of part time **Secretary/Treasurer**. This is a key leadership and administrative role responsible for the financial management and operational oversight of MD-20.

Anticipated Start Date: May 1, 2026

APPLICATION PROCESS

All resumes and cover letters must be submitted to:

Council Chairperson Stephen E. Jennison & cc: PID Anthony Paradiso

No later than **March 26, 2026**. *Applications received after this date will not be considered.*

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Secretary/Treasurer serves as the chief administrative and financial officer of MD-20 and works in close collaboration with the Council Chair, Council of Governors, and MD-20 committees. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for the proper administration of MD-20 operations, financial integrity, compliance with MD-20 policies, and fulfillment of all contractual obligations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated experience in financial management and accounting practices consistent with GAAP
- Strong organizational and administrative skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with volunteer leadership
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Familiarity with nonprofit governance and financial oversight preferred
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and exercise sound judgment

MD-20 is committed to strong fiscal stewardship, transparent governance, and effective service to our Lions and communities. We encourage qualified candidates to apply and be part of the leadership team guiding Multiple District 20 forward.

**For questions regarding the position, please contact
Council Chairperson Stephen E. Jennison or PID Anthony Paradiso.**

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MD-20 MAGAZINE BIDS: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING A BID FOR THE 2026-2027 MD-20 MAGZINE, YOU WILL NEED TO REQUEST A BID PROPOSAL FROM THE MD-20 OFFICE. COMPLETED PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15th TO BE CONSIDERED.



Resolution

Whereas, the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda, Multiple District 20, Lions Clubs International Inc., have assembled in Convention in Syracuse, New York, April 17-19, 2026 and

Whereas, the Lions of Multiple District 20 have been inspired to new heights of service by the address of International 2nd Vice President Dr. Manoj Shah, of Nairobi, Kenya and

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express their deepest appreciation to 2nd Vice President Dr Manoj Shah, for his outstanding record of humanitarian service, and for his future efforts on behalf of the International Association of Lions Clubs and those we serve.

We appreciate the support Lion Jayna Shah has given to our International 2nd Vice President and her dedication to the Lions of the world.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting that those who have contributed to the success of said convention be recognized by the delegates assembled, and

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 pay special tribute to the outstanding leadership of our District Governors, who have performed above and beyond the call of duty, who have spoken out in the cause of Lionism, and labored long and hard to achieve our shared goal of service to humanity, we hereby commend and salute:

District Governor Vice Council Chair Jeanne Mulry, 20-K2
District Governor Jeremy M. Schnurr, 20-N
District Governor Thomas P Flaherty, 20-E1
District Governor Tamre S. Waite, 20-E2
District Governor Barbara A Bentley, 20-W
District Governor Jennifer A Seymour-Wright, 20 K1

District Governor Asef Bari, 20-R2
District Governor Everett M Conklin, 20-R1
District Governor Jill A Skinner, 20-Y
District Governor Thomas E Roberts, 20-O
District Governor Fran Beringer, 20-S

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 extend a special acknowledgement to the Spouses/Partners in Service of our District Governors. They have for the past twelve months, put up with tired and irritable companions, and have endured unannounced absences from meals, late arrivals from meetings, and missed family events by said Governors. They have made extra effort as district hosts to help our Governors succeed. In appreciation of their unselfish contributions, we say "well done," and honor these outstanding people of Multiple District 20 for their service to Lionism:

Partner-In-Service, Lion Kevin Mulry, 20-K2
Partner-In-Service, Lion Betsy Roberts 20-O
Partner-In-Service, Lion Douglas Waite, 20-E2
Partner-In-Service, PDG John McDonald 20-W

Partner-In-Service, PDG Tom Skinner, 20-Y
Partner-In-Service, Lion Diane Conklin, 20-R1
Partner-In-Service, Lion Munnum Bari, 20-R2
Partner-In-Service, Lion Phil Wright, 20-K1

Be it resolved, that we recognize with grateful appreciation the leadership and wise counsel of the Council Chair of Multiple District 20, Stephen Jennison and his partner in service Lion Cindy Jennison, and

Be it resolved, that we recognize the continued counsel of our Past International Officers and their Partners-in-Service, and express our appreciation and affection to:

Past International President Douglas X. Alexander
Past International President Albert F. Brandel and Lion Dr. Maureen T. Murphy
Past International Director Anthony Paradiso
Past International Director Gary Brown and Lion Barbara
Past International Director Robert M. Libin and Lion Michelle

Past International Director Dr. Steven Tremaroli and PDG Marianne
Past International Director John E. Rabideau and Lion Bernie
Past International Director Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail
Past International Director Dr. Jack Weber

Be it resolved, that we wish to express our appreciation to the President of the MD-20 Organization of Past District Governors, PDG Mathai Chacko, and to the other officers and members of the MD-20 PDG Organization for their continuing support and involvement in our Multiple District, and,

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 extend recognition and sincere thanks to PDG Kermit Mott and PDG Rosemarie Bush, Co-Chairs of this Convention, and to the Lions of the host committee, who have worked long and diligently to make this a most successful convention. Job well done!

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express their sincere appreciation to the staff of the Syracuse OnCenter, Syracuse Downtown Marriott and the Syracuse Visitors Bureau and to the hotels that are officially participating in this convention. We acknowledge their warm hospitality and efforts to ensure our comfort. They have allowed us to ROAR!

Be it resolved, that the Lions Clubs of New York and Bermuda and the Lions of Multiple District 20 express sincere appreciation to the presenters and speakers at our convention seminars, functions, and information booths. Your efforts have served to enlighten and inform all in attendance.

Be it resolved, that to all the members of the various committees, and the clergy, we express our heartfelt thanks, and

Be it resolved, that to Multiple District 20 Interim Secretary/Treasurer, Past Council Chair Kelly Clark and to Maria Poulsen, Office Administrator, we say thank you for your hard work and constant efforts on behalf of this multiple. They continue to make it possible for the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20 to operate in a highly efficient manner, and

Be it resolved, that as this 102nd Annual Convention draws to a close and fades into history, we ask all Lions and all other attendees to return to their homes, rededicated to the goals of Lionism. We wish all a safe return home and extend to all best wishes for a healthy and happy 2026-2027 Lionistic year, until we meet again in convention assembled at Resort World in the Catskills, New York.





VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE NEW YORK STATE **AND** **BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION**

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation (NYSBLF) is an official State project of Multiple District 20. As such, it is, in essence, the responsibility of every Lion in the Multiple District. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation's financial growth has been nominal, limiting its long-term potential and the breadth of its impact. This proposal is intended to change that reality.

For many years, the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation has served as a trusted and meaningful vehicle for Lions to support charitable causes across New York State and Bermuda. Built on volunteerism, compassion, and service, the Foundation reflects the very heart of Lionism. While this model has served us well, the needs of our communities have grown significantly, and so too must our ability to respond in a meaningful, sustainable, and impactful way.

Across the country, other state Lions foundations have evolved into large, professionally governed philanthropic organizations with assets in the millions. These foundations have demonstrated that when a foundation is structured for long-term growth, strong governance, and strategic fundraising, it can dramatically expand its reach and effectiveness. Remaining a small, club-style operation limits our capacity to raise significant funds, attract major donors, and award grants that can truly transform lives. New York State and Bermuda Lions now have both the opportunity – and the responsibility – to build a foundation of equal strength and credibility.

To attain this goal requires that we rewrite and adjust our By-Laws, and that the Lions of Multiple District 20 formally accept and adopt them at the MD-20 Convention in Syracuse this spring. This evolution has been a deliberate, two-year process and is now coming to fruition.

The proposed By-Law revisions provide the governance structure, financial oversight, and strategic framework necessary to support sustainable growth while remaining firmly grounded in Lion values and service.

The next phase brings together a diverse board of professionals with expertise in finance, law, fundraising, marketing, and nonprofit governance to focus on long-term sustainability and expansion. At the same time, this model intentionally preserves and strengthens Lion involvement. Lions will continue to lead the mission through committees focused on fundraising, marketing, grants, community engagement, and storytelling. This structure does not exclude Lions; rather, it elevates their service by providing the tools, support, and infrastructure needed to succeed.

By taking this next step, we honor the legacy of those who built the Foundation while responsibly preparing it for the future. A stronger foundation means more grants, broader reach, increased credibility, and a lasting impact across New York State and Bermuda. This transformation ensures that the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation will remain a powerful force for service – not just today, but for generations to come.

A complete copy of the rewritten By-Laws has been e-mailed to all MD-20 Lions in good standing with a valid e-mail address on file with the MD-20 office. The By-Laws are also posted on the MD-20 website and on the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation website at www.nysblf.org.

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