

THE POWER OF SERVICE



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District Governor's Report

Membership

Through the end of the second quarter our membership numbers have improved. As mentioned in my previous report, our multiple district applied for, and received an LCIF Public Relationship grant this year. The impact of this effort has allowed us to go from being -22 to -1 as of the end of December.

Leadership

Currently, there are two PDG candidates (PDG Deb Grassi and PDG John Babb) to become officers on the New England Lions Council (NELC) board. Nominations are open through the end of January. Elections are planned for later in the year.

Service

Service has been a highlight of the first half of the year. Our GST Chair, PDG Sandy Fife continues to do a tremendous job both in coming up with new projects and in spearheading them. As of this writing, 56% of the clubs in the district are reporting their service (up from 37%) via MyLion. We have planned a service project for each of the cause areas at our midwinter.

Childhood Cancer

We are planning a Blankets for Pediatric Cancer project during our midwinter conference.

Hunger

The opening event at our midwinter conference will be a 2-hour service project where we will package 10,000 meals to be distributed to food pantries and shelters within the district.

Vision

We continue to do our bi-monthly district eyeglass washing events and recently purchased replacement lensometers for the facilities that are performing the eyeglass "reading". A number of Lions in our district have become Kid Sight certified screeners. We are planning a service project with the National Braille Press to package 10,000 braille cards at our midwinter.

Diabetes

We are planning a diabetes screening project for our Lions at the midwinter conference.

Environment

We have a recycled items collection project planned for our midwinter, collecting aluminum can tops, corks, and plastic bottle tops.

LCIF

As of this writing, 41% of the clubs have donated at least \$100 to LCIF. Last quarter we doubled the number of model clubs from 2 to 4 so far this year, reaching my goal. The LCIF chair and I are in discussions to find additional clubs to become model clubs. Additionally, we are running the "Mustache Challenge" where both the DG and the LCIF chair have vowed to shave our mustaches if we reach our LCIF goal of \$50,000.

Final Thoughts

Having completed the vast majority of club visitations during the first half of the year, my focus for the second half of the year is on creating the 4-5 branch clubs and strengthening existing membership which is part of my membership action plan.

Respectfully,
Martin Middleton
District Governor

1st Vice District Governor's Report

I hope everybody is doing well and staying safe. It looks like COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon. We have to adapt to the new normal and do the best we can. I appreciate all your support.

I am here if you have questions for me and will get answers for you if I can't answer them. Please invite me if you have events coming up after the new year and I will try to make them. I want to hear from you on what you would like the district to do differently or better. Please think outside the box for new ideas for your clubs. Joint venture with other clubs and other organizations. The goal has always been to keep clubs strong, get new members and start new clubs. Specialty clubs seem the way to go. At the same time, we will do training and orientation of our lions. Please keep all your members involved. Make your meetings interesting and fun. Please work with your zone chairs. DG Martin is pushing reporting on myLion so please do your best with this so we all know what you are doing.

My focus this year is to learn everything I can to be a District Governor, build my team with great leaders and help District Governor Martin reach his goals. 2VDG Deb Horner is working closely with me and I am trying to mentor her and keep her informed. I am looking for leaders of clubs to step up and work with the district. I cannot not do a good job unless I have a strong cabinet team. Communication and collaboration is key.

I was in charge of organizing and running the walk along at Scusset beach park at end of September to raise money with the district for mass lions eye research fund. I thought the event turned out quite well with many clubs participating. I had lots of help and many donations. This event brought us all together working for the same end. Considering our times, I thought we raised a decent amount of money. Thanks to everybody on this!!!!

I have visited some clubs, talked to many lions and worked on service projects. The service journey with all our causes is extremely important to me and I will be pushing this next year. This will attract new members and keep clubs strong and excited about what they do.

As you know I am district and state youth speech chair this year which takes a lot of my time. I plan on having a successful speech competition at the midwinter and state convention. Everybody enjoys this program and listening to the speeches. Hope you all attend. I hope someone takes this over next year so we can keep going with the program. We need to be working with our youth more.

LCICon 2023 in Boston is huge and we should all be pushing this. It is important to support this with donations or volunteering to help. We also need to continue to donate to LCIF.

Public awareness of Lions is very important and I really want to push this. If you ask someone on the street who lions are most won't know what we do and who we help. Social media is extremely beneficial in this area.

The second part of the year I have multiple training sessions, midwinters with the other districts and the international convention in Montreal.

I hope all the club officers attend training in June. Hopefully it will be in person.

I can ramble on for a while but nobody wants to read all of this stuff just the highlights. I probably missed some things but I hit on most of what I wanted to say. Good luck lions and I hope you meet your goals this year! Have fun as “we serve”

Respectfully submitted,

2VDG Bob Coluci

2nd Vice District Governor’s Report

[**This report will be provided in person during the business meeting.**]

Cabinet Secretary's Report

Welcome Lions, LEOs, and friends to the 2021-2022 Midwinter Conference, celebrating the *Power of Service*. I'm so excited to see you all ~~in-person together for a large gathering like this!~~ **online and safe as we continue to do our best to prevent the spread of COVID-19!**

Both Cabinet Treasurer Nathan and I have joined the Governor as he completed over 90% of his club visitations. Many clubs are hard at work and are working diligently and tirelessly on service projects and fundraisers. I noted in my page in the directory about how excited I was to see how Lionism looks across our vast district and you all delivered that view and then some! Keep up the good work!

The last few months have seen a return to distancing and extra caution after this past summer and fall of hopeful trending. I know that between us all doing our part and the many health projects your clubs have sponsored across the district, we'll beat this thing soon! (Besides, in terms of Zoom company during a pandemic – you just can't beat spending it with fellow Lions!)

As always, I'm excited to see what projects your clubs are putting together in the future. Please do send me an invite or ask me for help. Nothing teaches one more about the district they are a part of than helping clubs other than their home club. I've already met so many great Lions and I can't wait to meet more of you.

You'll be hearing from me regarding our remaining cabinet advisories, awards night, and maybe one other district-wide event (Shhhh! It's Top-Secret for now.). Please continue to send your questions my way and if I don't know the answer, I'll make sure to bring you to someone who does.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Middleton
Cabinet Secretary

Cabinet Treasurer's Report

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Global Action Team Reports

Service

This year has been a challenge for Clubs to safely get out into their communities and serve their residents. Although a challenge we found Lions are needed more than even.

As GST my role consists of helping Clubs promote Lions and do service projects that impact their communities. These projects give us a sense of belonging in our communities and show our passion for Lions. Reporting these projects helps measure the direct service hours and accurately measures our global impact. And most important it also gives our Lions the visibility and the recognition they deserve.

So how are we doing? DG Martin has a goal of 70% reporting by our Secretaries and Club Service Chairs. Here are the current District 33 S statistics.

STATISTICS REPORTED: July- December

| GST MONTHLY REPORTING | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | PEOPLE SERVED | SERVICE ACTIVITIES | LION HOURS | PERCENTAGE REPORTING |
| DISTRICT | 57563 | 445 | 12569 | 56% |
| MULTIPLE DISTRICT | 219125 | 1560 | 40661 | 43% |

We are getting there!! Please visit the **SERVICE REPORTING HELP DESK** on Saturday to help with login and reporting issues. We can help you report participation at the Mid-Winter service projects!! I am also available to do a zoom or a site visit to help with reporting.

This year our Clubs have made service a priority. Here are just some of the projects we have been working on:

- By making service part of every meeting we collected School Supplies at the August Cabinet Advisory Meeting and Operation Shoebox Items (for our Veterans) at the November Cabinet Advisory.
- In September many celebrated World Peace Day and in October Lions from our District attended the Kids Sight First Certification Training. Working with our Eye Mobile Foundation we also promoted Eye Screenings in our School and Pre-Schools.
- In November we held a very successful Electronic Recycling Event with 12 clubs participating and 225 electronic items, such as TV's, printers, Dehumidifiers etc, being recycled.
- We held an online auction of beanie babies to fund a Blankets and Bears for Pediatric Cancer project at our Mid Winter.
- We are working on a Blue Bird House Project for the Spring with 10 houses already made.
- Many clubs knitted 8 inch squares for blankets and recycled plastic bags to create a bench from recycled plastic.

- Clubs have worked with their local food pantries and school back pack programs to help with hunger in their communities.

This is just a small portion of the activities our Clubs have been working on. Our desire to serve continues at this Mid-Winter.

- **Hunger** ~ With a Community Impact Grant from LCIF we are able to do a Food Packaging project on Friday 3-5 pm. We are packing 28 cases of mac & cheese and 18 cases of oatmeal. 10,000 meals to address hunger in our communities.
- **Recycling** ~ We will have a recycle station in the lobby to recycle plastic bags, plastic caps, corks, pull tabs for Veterans and Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids.
- **Childhood Cancer** ~ Bears and Blankets!! On Saturday 1 – 3 PM ~ we will be tying and packaging blankets for kids and families with Cancer.
- **Vision** ~ the Braille Press will be there on Saturday 1 – 3 PM to do a service Project.
- **Diabetes** ~ Diabetes Testing on Saturday. 1-3 PM.

Our International President Douglas X. Alexander’s theme is “Service from the Heart” and to quote him tells our story ~ “Lions are a family like no other. And with our hearts united in service, we will lift up our communities all over the world. Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people.”

Together we have lifted our community’s spirits and served from the heart. Thank you for all your do and for allowing me to serve as your Global Service Coordinantor.

Respectfully submitted,

IPDG Sandy Fife
Global Service Coordinator

Membership

The Global Membership Approach is the re-named North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) renamed to reflect its work across all LCI membership areas and not just Constitutional Areas 1 and 2 who piloted the approach for the prior two years.

We continue to have four focus areas: new clubs, new members, motivation with service, and supporting and training leaders. We continue to have unfinished goals from last year and we need YOU to help us achieve those goals. All teams need members and some need leaders. If you are interested, please contact me at kathrynsalem@gmail.com.

Focus Area 1: New Clubs

1. No new cubs have been started at this time.
2. We have identified some potential members for a new club in Taunton. This needs to be finalized.
3. We would like to formally establish teams to work on recruiting using our PDGs and other interested Lions.
4. The Vice District Governors have begun to establish their vision for continuing new club development in future years.

Focus Area 2: Revitalize with New Members

1. We need to develop the ideas generated earlier to focus on Business-Affiliated Members.
2. Items have been added to a district Membership Kit. We have a new tabletop banner, tablecloth and acrylic holders along with lots of membership materials that can be loaned out to any cub who would like to have a display at an event. Contact GMT chair Jane Puccio if your club would like to borrow some or all of the items!
3. We continue to work closely with the Nauset Club in helping them to develop into a full club. They have added members, held one fundraiser, and have been working on service projects in their area.
4. Any other clubs that would like help from the district to help to revitalize their club should reach out to DG Martin, GMT Jane Puccio or me and we would be glad to help!

Focus Area 3: Re-motivate Members

1. We have ideas for additional recognition strategies at the club level that need to be developed.
2. We could use help on creating a Business-to-Business Directory for Lion Members.
3. There have been a number of service projects developed by GST Sandy Fife to help engage members. These can, and should, be used to bring in potential members as well.

Focus Area 4: Support District and Club Leaders

1. Training plans are in process. If you feel you have a specific need, reach out to DG Martin Middleton, GLT Nancy Sullivan, MD GLT John Babb, or myself and we will work with you to help fulfill your need.
2. At midwinter, there will be a “help desk” for anyone who is still struggling with MyLion or just wants some additional pointers or a walk-through.
3. We are still hoping to host a public relations symposium sometime in the future. Our efforts have been stymied by the restrictions of COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Kathryn Salem
District Membership Chairperson

Leadership

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Committee Reports

Eyemobile Foundation

The Eyemobile Committee has been meeting in person the second Monday of each month.

The attendance has been very good. The Committee is in the process of determining what to do about the future of the Eyemobile Vehicle. A survey has been sent out to the clubs looking for input. The Committee will be compiling the results and conferring with District Officers as to the future of the vehicle. The Spot Camera has been used much more than the Eyemobile.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Ben Ellis
Eyemobile Foundation President

Hearing Foundation

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Diabetes Awareness

[**This report will be provided in person during the business meeting.**]

Blink of an Eye

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Eyeglasses Recycling

The Eyeglass Recycling Committee has certainly experienced another unusual 8 months in midst of the ongoing COVID crisis. Beginning on January 1, we have scheduled eyeglass washing/sorting workshops at the Raynham Lions Hall every 2 weeks, with the exception of a few weeks in July, preparing glasses for the Barnstable Prison to do their part of the process to read the prescriptions. We also have replaced the prescription reading machines at the prison due to constant use and age of the machines reading 49,000 pair glasses a year. Thank you Lions for the continuous supply of glasses to process.

The Eyeglass Recycling Committee relies heavily on the District 33-S clubs to collect used eyeglasses, to promote and remind their communities the mission of the project to make available glasses for those in need throughout the world. The committee wants to remind all clubs that there are plenty of glasses available to be sent to those in need. The network of all Lions within District 33-S is a great resource of opportunity to make the need known. We have been contacted by several community groups in search of eyeglasses to bring on their mission trips. So please continue to spread the word, it works!!

I would like to again extend special thanks to the Raynham Lions Club for their continued support allowing the use of their hall and storage of the eyeglass container at their site. Also thanks to Ed and Gretchen Olney for the emails reminding all Lions of the upcoming workshops. Special thanks to all who have continued to participate with the eyeglass workshops.

Let's continue our Eyeglass Recycling Committee's work. Please contact me if you have any questions at 508-336-3637 or via email at nate@natehelge.com. We look forward to seeing you at the eyeglass washing/sorting meetings soon. They are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except on Holiday months which are noted in the district newsletter or the reminder to you about upcoming washing. On September 3rd

Now the best part of what we have accomplished, thanks to all of you and our past District Governor, Sandy Fife who spoke with the Past District Governor of District N, Marcel Plouffe and their Eye Glass Committee Chair, we have shipped to date a total 95,375 pairs of glasses since January 1, 2021.108550 Total for the year 2021!

Respectively submitted,

Nate Helgerson
Eyeglass Recycling Committee Chair

Lions Club International Foundation

As of today, for the 2021-2022 Lions year, District 33S has donated \$ 17,111.42 to LCIF. District Governor Martin Middleton has a goal for \$ 50,000 for the year, so additional work is required to accelerate donations. Our Midwinter Convention is next weekend, and traditionally, this results in significant donations representing the 1st half of the Lions year. It is anticipated that D33S will be over \$ 25,000 following our Midwinter.

24 of our 48 Lions clubs have donated so far this year. DG Martin Middleton's goal is for 100% participation and encouraging individual donations. The goal is for each Club to donate at least \$ 100.

There are currently 3 model Lions Clubs in District 33S (West Bridgewater (150% working for 200%, Bridgewater Community Lions Club (150%) and Rochester Lions Club (100%). Two additional Lions Clubs have expressed interest in being a Model Club (Raynham and Abington). Of the remaining, it will take a concerted effort to get to the Model Club status, as they have large numbers of members, and often preferentially donate to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF).

As District LCIF Coordinator, I will work with the remaining 24 Lions Clubs to inform them of the work that LCIF performs, the LCIF Grants that District 33S has received and their application to Community projects, and the prospects of Model Club, 100% Club, and 100/100 designation. Certainly, legacy gifts are an option that will be

presented. Of the 24 Clubs that have already donated this year, I will work with them to continue to focus on additional donations, and education of the impact of LCIF in their Community, State, and Internationally.

I will additionally work to hold a District fund-raiser in the 2nd half of the Lions year to benefit LCIF, with a goal of raising at least \$ 5000 from the event. Credit for donations will be assigned to individual Lions, or Lions Clubs, per their designation.

Many District 33S Lions Clubs have a healthy balance in their donations to LCIF, enabling them to present Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to Lions or Community members.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG John Babb
District LCIF Chairperson

Hellen Keller Award

As Chair of the Helen Keller Award I would like to tell you a little bit about its history and purpose. The award was established in 2014 in honor of Helen Keller, who inspired Lions to be her “knights of the blind”. She asked that they work to help find a cure for preventable blindness. The award is for an individual who has accomplished outstanding humanitarian service to the community. The individual can only be recommended by a club or individual lion other than themselves. The recipient receives a letter, plaque, and drape ribbon in recognition of their dedicated humanitarian service from the District 33-S Governor and the Helen Keller Service Award Committee/LCIF Chairperson. The Lions club or individuals are asked to donate \$250.00 to the District 33-S Helen Keller Service Award Program. The money, other than the cost of the award, is put into the District 33-S account. Once there is \$1000.00 the money is sent to LCIF for a Melvin Jones. Each District Governor then has the ability to give a Melvin Jones to an individual that they believe is deserving of a Melvin but in a club that does not have the means to give out an award themselves. Recommendations for deserving individuals are given to the District Governor by the Helen Keller Committee. In the end it is ultimately up to the Governor when making the award.

Please help us recognizing deserving individuals by presenting a Helen Keller Award.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Bev Dillon
Hellen Keller Award District Chairperson

Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network

The Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network (previously the MD33 Low Vision Rehabilitation Network (LOVRNET) remain an LCIF Grant, which has benefitted from several years of extension, but is likely in its last year as a LCIF Grant. The concept of assisting citizens with low vision, accessing screening and diagnosis resources specialists was crafted following a Maryland LOVRNET presentation at least 5 years ago. Since then D33S has been an active member, and have been able to assist individuals with obtaining magnifiers and specialty eyewear. Recently, as a result of an outreach from a D33S club, the MLLVN and MLERF groups were able to assist a person with a severe eye condition, obtaining examination at Boston.

The MLLVN has established a website, in the past year (<https://lowvisionnetwork.com/>) that can be used for initial contact, arranging screenings, etc. Resources, and partnerships are presented. MLLVN and the MD33 Council of Governors are working to fully transition the MLLVN to a fully supported MD33 project.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG John Babb
MLLVN Committee Representative

International Convention Committee

Lion Ben and I are on the International Convention Committee representing District 33-S. The Convention is being held in Montreal, June 24-28, 2022. The Committee has met numerous times to plan for the Massachusetts Delegation's activities at the Convention. As Ben and I are the Chairs of the Committee we have been overseeing meetings and helping to plan events. The pins have been distributed to each District for sale. They are the same price as previous years, \$4.00 for State, \$5.00 for prestige, and \$8.00 per set. The committee is also raffling off a lottery ticket display. Tickets for this will be available at the sales table. The winning ticket will be drawn at the last Mid-Winter. The committee is still working on planning a get together and Caucus meeting in Montreal. As always we will be marching as a delegation in the International Parade. More details to follow. Please consider attending. It is an experience of a lifetime.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Bev Dillon
District International Convention Chairperson

LCICon 2023 – Boston

It has been well advertised that MD33 and Boston will be hosting the 105th Lions Club International (LCI) Convention for 2023. The 5-7 July 2023 International Convention is 1.5 years away, and planning has been ongoing over the past year. Volunteers are already being identified for the events that will occur over many weeks (not just the 3 days of the Convention). The volunteer website can be found at (<https://lcicon2023boston.com>). Volunteers will be needed for LCI Board member arrival and departure prior to and following the event, the 2023-2024 District Governor-elects (arriving for their last training and induction), and the 20,000 plus Lions from around the world that will be joining us for a “taste of Boston”. From airport greeters, hotel hospitality stations, parade marshalls, and sargents of arms for LCI events, there will be plenty for everyone.

8 of our 48 D33S Lions Clubs have committed to monetary donations to support the LCICON23 Boston committee work. It is likely that at least \$ 100,000 will be required for host support (banners, hospitality tables, welcome bags), advertisement, logistics support (water for the parade, etc.). We are close to 25% to that goal, but will need additional support from our D33S Lions Clubs as we get closer.

LCICON23 Boston is coming sooner than you think. It will be fun! You will have fun! And when complete, Massachusetts Lions can be proud of supporting Lions from around the world, and showing them what a great “town” Boston is. Please join us by volunteering and donating.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG John Babb
LCICon 2023 Boston Committee Representative

Peace Poster Contest

The Peace Poster contest was held at the Cabinet Advisory Meeting on November 30, 2021 in Raynham. There were 10 entries to the contest. Each person at the meeting was given the chance to vote.

The winner of the contest was the entry from the Abington Lions Club.

The posters will be displayed at the Midwinter conference in Hyannis.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Sharon Audette
Peace Poster Contest District Chairperson

LEOs

I am honored to serve as the District 33S Leo Club Advisor. Many years ago, I served as the Oliver Ames High School Leo Club faculty advisor when I was teaching there and enjoyed working with our youth to show them how one person CAN make a difference in the lives of others.

Multiple District 33 goals for our Leo Clubs include rebuilding and recruiting after the disruption of the Covid-19 Pandemic, getting Club Leo Advisors to report Leo Club activities & membership to LCI & the district, establishing a meaningful & fun program for a district Leo function in the spring, encouraging Leo Clubs to work with their sponsoring Lions Club on projects, promoting Leo to Lion expansion, and organizing more Leo clubs. Lofty goals for sure, given we are still experiencing Pandemic related issues.

In the fall, I contacted each sponsoring Lions Club in the district to ascertain the status of their Leo Club. The goal is to have EVERY Lion Liaison/advisor report Leo Club activities and Leo Club membership to LCI and the district. Not all Clubs are doing this reporting. If your club is, thank you.

There are currently 6 Leo Clubs functioning in District 33S:

- Barnstable High School *sponsored by Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club*
- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional HS *sponsored by Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club*
- Dighton-Rehoboth Regional HS *sponsored by Dighton Lions Club*
- Greater Attleboro *sponsored by Attleboro-South Attleboro Lions Club*
- Oliver Ames High School *sponsored by Easton Lions Club*
- West Bridgewater HS *sponsored by West Bridgewater Lions Club*

The Leos in District S have been busy:

- Dennis-Yarmouth Leos participated in the Youth Speech Contest in November.
- Greater Attleboro Leos participated in stuffing 40 Christmas stockings for needy children, collected and shopped for food to create 6 gift baskets for needy families, created holiday cards for nursing home residents.
- Oliver Ames Leos participated in the Youth Speech Contest in November, washed & sorted over 400 pairs of eyeglasses, sold chocolate to provide meals & donate to Haiti relief, donated to the Easton Food Pantry by collecting nonperishable food by participating in an event called “Trick or Treat So All Can Eat”. I attended this fun and well organized event which was a huge success.

Lions Club Liaisons, please report the information about your sponsored Leo Club to LCI. Contact the faculty advisor to get the relevant information and let me know about upcoming events. I would love to attend other Leo Club activities, just ask!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Linda Schleicher
District 33S Leo Club Advisor

All-State Band

The All-State Band Committee has been hard at work as we navigate some logistical issues that have stemmed from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the obtaining of percussion instruments for the weekend. As of the writing of this report, we have yet to finalize everything that we need in order to publish the applications for this year. Rest assured, the members of this Committee are doing everything we can to bring the Band back to our State Convention for 2022! We hope to have everything finalized by our Convention and a more detailed report will likely be given at our business meeting.

Being an alumnus of the All-State Band, I would be glad to share with the clubs my first-hand experience as a student and what this experience means to these young musicians. I would also be glad to help any club that would like to form a relationship with their local high school to sponsor a student (or two, or three!) Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like me to speak at one of your club meetings.

Thank you all for your continued support of the All-State Band!

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Garran
All-State Band District Chairperson

Youth Camp & Exchange

Have spoken with the chair of this year's program, Katie Sirois. "This year's program is currently in limbo with the worldwide spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. At present, one application has been submitted, whereas several are usually in by the first of the year. Other countries continue to experience the spread of variants which may prohibit our holding the Camp program. We are not able to book the hotel for the program, as a deposit paid with not be returned if the program is not held. It would only be returned if the Governor were to mandate a shutdown. We may not be able to take the chance at expending funds which are at risk. This very much saddens the YCE committee, but further meetings will be held in the next month to make decisions regarding the program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Armell
Youth Camp & Exchange District Chairperson

Region Chairpersons' Reports

Region I

The Lions in District 33S are a wonderful caring group of people. Watching and assisting them in their quest to combat vision issues and hunger in addition to addiction and abuse. I had the pleasure of assisting in an "Essentials Drive". Collecting items, toiletries, baby products for New Hope and also North Cottage. One being a safe haven for abused families and the other a place to get treatment for addiction. These were just 2 of the collections I took part in, another was a collection for Thanksgiving Dinners for Senior Citizens. We collected items to make the perfect Thanksgiving Dinners for these seniors, who are often left alone during the holidays and do not have the funds to purchase meals.

Hunger is a cause that is prevalent in many communities. Lions across the district can hold small quarterly food drives in their communities to assist the food banks, churches, senior centers and schools. It only takes a few hours and a little organization to help stock pantries. We can make a difference. Keep up the good work District 33S!

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Morrissey
Region Chairperson

Region II

[This report will be provided in person during the business meeting.]

Region III

[This report will be provided in person during the business meeting.]

Zone Chairpersons' Reports

Zone I

I have visited each of the Clubs in my Zone at least once. I am pleased to present this mid-winter report on the status of the clubs in my Zone.

Clubs in Zone 1:

- Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club
- Cape Cod Paws of Comfort Lions Club
- Chatham-Nauset Lions Club
- Dennis-Harwich Lions Club
- Falmouth Lions Club
- Provincetown Lions Club
- Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club

Service Projects Performed by Clubs

- Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club
 - The Club has provided a Vitrectomy Chair on loan to two individuals.
 - The Club has collected 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses and 75 hearing aids and has forwarded them to the District.
 - The Club did eye screening at an elementary school in Yarmouth.
 - The Club collected toys for Toys for Tots and distributed them to and through the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.
- Cape Cod Paws of Comfort Lions Club

They visit local elementary schools on Mondays and Thursdays with two comfort dogs and their handlers along with one or two spotters. They usually are there for 1-1.5 hours
- Chatham-Nauset Lions Club

No service projects reported.
- Dennis-Harwich Lions Club
 - Vision - Eye Screening- The DH Lions did eye screening in local schools.
 - Hunger - Food Pantry- The DH Lions donated funds to the family pantry and to the backpack programs in the schools.
 - Environment - The DH Lions collected eyeglasses and hearing aids and participated in the District Electronic Recycling event.
 - Operation Shoe Box – The DH Lions participated in Operation Shoe Box.
- Falmouth Lions Club
 - 2,360 pairs of eyeglasses given to District 33S chairperson of Eyeglass Recycling.
 - Volunteers at the Falmouth Endurance Triathlon serving the swimmer, bikers and runners refreshments after the race
 - Placement of Flags on graves for Veterans Day at National Cemetery, Bourne, MA
 - Removal of flags from graves at National Cemetery, Bourne, MA

- Provincetown Lions Club
No service projects reported.

- Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club
 - Vision Screening – The Club screened all the Kindergarteners in the Sandwich Public School District in September, 2021.
 - The Club held a Yard Sale, also in September, and donated the money to MLERF
 - The Club participated in the Scusset Beach Walk-Along - we sold coffee and donuts and donated the money to the District.
 - In October, the Club had a booth at the Sandwich Town Fest. They distributed literature about the Lions Club. They engaged with the public and even had someone interested in joining their Club. This gentleman was recently inducted by ZC Matt Rueter.
 - In November, the Club had a Fun & Games night for our Club members and their spouses/friends. They had a potluck supper and played games afterwards.
 - 4 members of their Club attended the Cabinet Advisory Mtg. in November. They brought up \$200.00 worth of items for the "District's Operation Shoebox."
 - In December, the Club held an "Eyeglass washing party". They washed, dried, and bagged up 800 pairs of glasses.
 - The Club was involved in the District's "Coats for Kids" program, collecting approx. 350 coats. They were taken to Anton's for cleaning and distribution.

Membership

- Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club +2
- Cape Cod Paws of Comfort Lions Club -4
- Chatham-Nauset Lions Club +/- 0
- Dennis-Harwich Lions Club +/- 0
- Falmouth Lions Club +/- 0
- Provincetown Lions Club +/- 0
- Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club +/- 0

Peace Poster & Youth Speech Contest:

- Barnstable-Yarmouth Lions Club - Youth Speech Contest
- Dennis-Harwich Lions Club - Youth Speech Contest

LEOS's:

- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School LEO Club (Barnstable-Yarmouth)
The Club had a food drive the week leading up to Thanksgiving. They donated approximately 200 items to the family pantry in Harwich. They are also currently fundraising for a baby center in Hyannis. They will be able to give their donation before Christmas.

- Barnstable High School LEO Club (Barnstable-Yarmouth)
The Club collected over 300 pairs of glasses which were sent to the District.

Membership:

All clubs are completing reporting on a monthly basis and all have paid their dues completely.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Matthew Rueter
Zone Chairperson

Zone II

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Zone III

Clubs:

- Halifax/Pembroke:
Spoke with Ken at Hot Dog Stand in August and 2 Cabinet Advisory Meetings. Betty was not available at the last one. They will be headed to Florida on January 9 until June so it will not be possible to meet again.
- Rockland:
I have been in touch with Jay Bassman and he was speaking to his club about an all Zone Meeting.
- Hanover:
Bob Coluci and I have been brainstorming about a Zone Service event.
- Duxbury:
We have been meeting once a month with Covid. After the Oktoberfest everyone was exhausted. We have plans to build a short walkway at the Historic Winslow House in Marshfield where we held the event.

Peace Poster & Youth Speech:

Hanover is the only town that participated in the Peace Poster Contest. Duxbury reached out to guidance but there was no interest.

LEOs:

We have no Leo clubs in this Zone.

Membership:

The membership has not changed. I do have a couple of clubs that have not reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kusins
Zone Chairperson

Zone IV

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Zone V

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Zone VI

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Zone VII

The clubs I am responsible for are:

- Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort
- South Attleboro Village
- Attleboro South Attleboro
- Rehoboth Anawan
- Greater Attleboro Leo's Club

Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort

Service projects:

1. Pet Food Project

The club began a project to collect pet food and pet supplies for needy pets. Several dedicated members participated throughout the project. Over a period of 14 months we collected 1,000's of pounds of pet food both wet and dry as well as other supplies for a variety of pets from dogs and cats to ferrets and fish. The food and supplies helped hundreds of animals and their families during these challenging times.

2. Kindness for Kentucky:

We collected food, household goods and clothes for tornado victims in Kentucky. Several of our members took the items we collected to a Gentleman in Grafton who was a former Lion that was sending tractor trailers down full of supplies. One of our members got donations of pet food to her jeep club which sent donations down via a relay throughout many states by fellow jeep owners.

3. 31 Nights of Light:
The event in Boston for MLERF with Mathew Richardson president of MLERF. Two of our members along with Canine Lion's Finnegan and Luna participated. Our members were honored to be able to flip the switch to light up the Prudential Center with Lion's colors for 31 days.
4. Christmas Is For Kids
Three of our club members participated in this long running tradition. 1 of our members shopped for 2 teenaged kids in the Attleboro, another member shopped for a toddler that we helped with corrective lenses and got him toys and pj's he was also from the Attleboro area. area to make A member from Mansfield with her own funds purchased a coat, hat, scarf and gloves for a young boy in her community. All of the club members made Christmas brighter for these kids in need of Christmas cheer.
5. Corrective Lenses:
Our club assisted a local family that had fallen on financial hard times due to their toddler needing corrective lenses. The lenses are \$485 every 3 months. Through a collective effort with the 2 other Attleboro clubs and the Seekonk club we were able to raise \$3,500 to assist this family.
6. Operation Shoebox:
Our club was very instrumental in the packing and mailing of 25 boxes to Soldiers overseas. We also delivered supplies to area veterans hospitals, Veterans shelters, and homeless Veterans.
7. Christmas Cards
We sent Christmas cards to a child fighting cancer in Children's Hospital. That's all he wanted for Christmas.
8. Our Main Mission is Visitations:
We have made 25 + visits to area Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities as well as Attleboro Academy the program we visited there is a special program for children that suffer from mental health issues. We were told they don't speak much but, at our visit they wouldn't stop talking. We have also visited a camp in RI for visually impaired children. We unfortunately have also been called upon to lend comfort during a tragedy in Winthrop as well as a visit to The Seekonk Fire and Police and Seekonk Senior Center. SEMPOC had both fundraising and visitations scheduled that had to be postponed due to the pandemic.
9. Scusset Beach Walk along:
Proceeds to support MLERF
10. Carnations:
The club members purchased carnations and some were given to sick members and family member who were I'll. We also delivered arrangements to Sturdy Memorial and the Nursing homes we visit.
11. School Supplies:
We collected school supplies for Attleboro area schools for needy kids.

12. Trunk or Treat:
We gave out candy and school supplies at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro.
13. Mum's:
Sold Mum's and the proceeds went to Lion's Charities.
14. Baskets of Activities:
We donated baskets at Christmas to the Nursing Homes we visit to share with the residents.
15. February Love and Appreciation:
Took Valentine's pictures of the dogs and Pawcasso's to the local Hospital and nursing homes we visit. This lifted the workers spirits.
16. Paws and Claus:
We walked in the parade with a few of our canine members and took the dogs to entertain the kid's while they waited for Santa.
17. Yard Sale
Proceeds went to MLERF

Membership Status:

This club's Membership status has remained steady at 36 members with 13 associate members with no loss of members. Total number of members including associate members is currently 49.

Peace Poster and Youth Speech Contest:

Did not participate this year.

LEOs:

This club does not currently have a Leo's Club

South Attleboro Village

Service Projects:

1. Scusset Beach Walk Along
2. Pennies Project to benefit MLERF
3. Annual Mum's sale – Proceeds to benefit Lion's Charities
4. Luck of The Draw Auction – Proceeds to benefit Lion's Charities
5. Halloween Dance – Proceeds to Dana Farber for research into childhood cancer and The Jimmy Fund. All of the donations were matched dollar for dollar.
6. District 33s carnations project – Proceeds to benefit MLERF
7. Sock Drive for the homeless – 762 pairs of socks, 5 pairs of slippers, 10 T-Shirts and assorted toiletries were collected by club members for homeless shelters, Veterans and tornado victims.
8. Operation Shoebox – Items collected and donated to support District 33s project.
9. Children with Special Needs – To support child in community in need of special corrective lenses.
10. Kindness for Kentucky – Items collected and donated for tornado victims
11. Assisted Leo's Club with their food drive and food baskets

12. Christmas is For Kids – Gifts and clothes for 5 children
13. Eyeglass washing
14. Eyeglass/Hearing Aid referrals exams and glasses
15. Tab project – Collect and sell tabs to buy foot warmers for homeless
16. MLERF donations made
17. The Caring Connection – Aid given to several individuals in our community
18. The cash Calendar – Proceeds to benefit Lion’s Charities

Membership:

Membership in the SAVL is currently up by 1 member added in July

Peace Poster & Youth Speech:

No participant this year

Attleboro South Attleboro

Service Projects:

1. Food Pantry Pick Up – weekly for 26 weeks
2. Handicap Ramps built for individuals in the community to assist with access to their homes – 5 ramps were completed
3. Annual Golf Tournament – Fundraiser
4. Charity Pig Roast – Fundraiser
5. Pennies for Sight – Proceeds to MLERF
6. Christmas is For Kids
7. Meat Raffles Weekly for 8 weeks

Membership:

They are up 1 member!

Peace Poster & Youth Speech:

No participation this year

Rehoboth Anawan

Service Projects

1. Pennies for Sight – Proceeds to MLERF
2. White Cane Day – Proceeds to MLERF
3. Food Truck – Fundraiser
4. Pasta Dinner – Fundraiser
5. We do a monthly breakfast with the Rehoboth Veterans Post every second Sunday of the month.

Membership:

Our membership is at 34 and has not changed all our members have renewed and we have not added any members.

Peace Poster & Youth Speech:

We did participate in the Peace Poster contest but, did not participate in the Youth Speech.

Greater Attleboro Area Leo's Club

This Club is sponsored by both The South Attleboro Village and The Attleboro South Attleboro Club.

Service Projects:

1. Food Drive and food baskets
2. Halloween candy bags for nursing homes
3. Stuffed 40 stockings with toys, socks, gloves. (The stockings were delivered to Christmas is For Kid's and distributed to children in need.)
4. 36 Christmas cards were hand made and delivered from The Leo's to a local nursing home to cheer the residents.
5. Purchased non perusable food and Stop and Shop gift cards to make baskets for 6 Attleboro High School students' families.

Membership:

This club has 27 active members. Membership remains steady.

There are currently 6 Leo advisors all from both the South Attleboro Village and The Attleboro South Attleboro club's.

Zone Project

The following clubs participated in this project:

- Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort
- South Attleboro Village
- Attleboro South Attleboro
- Greater Attleboro Leo's collaborated with SAVL

I had each of my club's collect dry goods to give to a food pantry. The club that collected the most items won a \$50 donation from me to go to MLERF. The items were split evenly and then given to the clubs to distribute to the food pantry of their clubs choice.

- The winning club was South Attleboro Village with 132 items.
- Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort collected 111 items
- Attleboro South Attleboro collected 25 items

Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort donated to the North Attleboro Veterans agent to distribute to needy Veterans.

South Attleboro Village donated to St. Teresa's church food pantry

Attleboro South Attleboro donated to Bethany community village church

Club visits

- Southeastern MA Paws of Comfort on September 20th

- I visited Attleboro South Attleboro on November 3rd
- Visit set up with the South Attleboro Village on January 1
- Visit set up for April to the Rehoboth Anawan club
- I will set up a visit with The Greater Attleboro Leo's Club after first of the year

Events Attended

- SEMPOC – All but, 4 visits and all other events
- SAVL - Halloween Dance
- Attleboro South Attleboro – Will be attending their next meat raffle
- Rehoboth Anawan – Breakfast on January 9th.

Zone VIII

I have the following clubs in my in my zone:

- Rehoboth Lions
I am a member of this club and we have stayed at status quo through December 2021. We did add a new member but did loose a member . We did participate in the peace poster contest and had a winner to to the District Cabinet meeting in November. We did not have a speech contest participant this year. We do have a Leo's Club that is shared with the Town of Dighton. They are active but have not done a lot of projects this year so far.
- Dighton Lions
Dighton did loose eight members as of December 31 2021. They were participating in the peace poster, but did not have a student from the Regional High School with Rehoboth participate in the speech contest. The Leo club is shared with Rehoboth. I met with this club in November of 2021
- Fall River Carousel
FRC did have a gain of one member by the end of December 2021. They did not have any participants for the peace poster or speech contest. I met with this club in October of 2021.
- Seekonk
Seekonk did have a new member night but did not report adding or losing any members through the end of the year. I have not been able to meet with this club as of yet but will do year in the next month.

As a zone wide service project I decided to take eyeglass washing to the clubs in my zone on their meeting night. I was able to meet with Fall River Carousel, Rehoboth, and Dighton clubs. I also attended a meeting night with the Rehoboth Anawan Lions club that my wife is a member of. Between Dighton, Fall River Carousel, Rehoboth, and Rehoboth Anawan we washed 2331 pairs of eyeglasses.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Salois
Zone Chairperson

Zone IX

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