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# Governor's Gazette

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## LCI Float in 2016 Rose Parade



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District 16L had two personal representatives helping to decorate the LCI float at this annual New Year's Pasadena event. ID Mel Bray and wife, Ginny, were there in person. Per Mel, "The California Lions have had a float in the parade for 22 years. The past few years they have setup packages for Lions to come work on the float and also obtain seats for the parade. We are glad they do this. We signed up right away. The photo above far right shows the special tee shirt every volunteer Lions worker receives who actually works in some way toward the completion of the float. The LCI float is 35 feet long this year. Next year it is scheduled to be 50 feet long. The middle photo is of Ginny & I standing in front of the very incomplete LCI float with its theme "Camps around the world for all abilities". Our little crew of four cleaned, cut and placed in vials several thousand roses on our work shift. The flower room is about 250 feet long and about 60/70 feet wide, with no heat to keep the flowers from opening too fast before Parade Day."



(The blurry photo just above is a shot of a TV screen showing the actual live float.)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

These are the names recorded in MyLCI on the Lions Club International Website for the time period of November 1 through December 31, 2015. Congratulations to all! If your name should be on this list, UbX is not, contact your club secretary!

#### Bellmawr

- ◆ Barbara Defeo

#### Deptford Township

- ◆ Glendon Bell

#### Marlton

- ◆ Ryan Carey

#### Oceanport

- ◆ Christina Grimley

#### Stone Harbor

- ◆ Grace Dipompeo

#### Wenonah

- ◆ William Helmbrecht
- ◆ Giovanni Postorivo

#### West Deptford

- ◆ Jerry Domeradzki

#### Westville

- ◆ Michelle Coccione
- ◆ Katelyn Lynch



## Vice District Governor's Corner



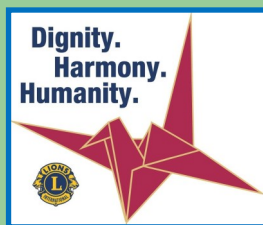
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[lionsdistrict16l.org](http://lionsdistrict16l.org)

E-District House:  
[E-district.org/sites/16L](http://E-district.org/sites/16L)

*Fellow Lions,*

*As we head into the New Year, I want to thank everyone for all the help and support I received over the last two months as we transitioned from DG Bob Burlew to new DG Al Olizi. Once again, we experienced Lions pitching in to make sure our District ran smoothly during a time of change. We were fortunate to have two capable and experienced Lions step forward to fill the void. Thank you, DG Al, and PDG Karen Ressler.*

*I look forward to working with DG Al to continue the progress we have achieved this year. I also look forward to working with PDG Karen to develop the knowledge and skills I will need next year to lead our District.*

*Recently, DG Al, myself and PDG Dayl Baile met with the Runnemede Lions. We had invited some potential Lions that evening. Lions Sarah DiGiorgio and Salina Singleton joined that night. Their enthusiasm recharged our batteries. They talked about friends of theirs they thought would join, what items needed action and discussed what the Runnemede Lions had done over the years.*

*At one point, they asked how did the Lions become focused on blindness. I told them the story of Helen Keller coming to our Convention in 1925 and asking the Lions to become knights of the blind in the battle against blindness. Lion Salina said that is a story that must be told. We all agreed.*

*Let's all tell the Lions' story. It is a story of service and success. The more we let people know who we are and what we do, the more people will want to join us in having fun through service. So tell a friend what the Lions do and I am sure, just like Lion Sarah and Lion Salina, they will ask "How can I help?"*

*Yours in Lionism,  
VDG1 Robert Freidel*





**NJ Lions District 16L  
Mid-Winter Weekend  
Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> -  
Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**



Come join us for a fellowship and fun-filled weekend at the Atlantic City Tropicana Casino and Resort including The Quarter where you will find shops, restaurants, IMAX theatre, cafes, bars, and spa.



Check out <http://tropicana.net/quarter/>

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Check in Time 3 pm Havana Tower – direct access to the parking garage, The Quarter and Casino.

**Welcome Party** – Hospitality Suite – 68<sup>th</sup> Floor Including food, drinks, games and a good time! Bring your own bottle if you want something special!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Take in a movie at the IMAX theatre; lunch at Carmine's or any of the numerous restaurants in The Quarter, schedule a massage at Blue Mercury Spa, gamble, walk the boardwalk or just relax in one of the lounges.

**Dinner:** Chickie and Pete's from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm  
Includes: World Famous Crabfries, signature salad, Chickie's buffalo wings, Chickie's cutlets, traditional pizza, and Philly style hot roast beef and pork on a seeded roll. Private room with big screen TV's, WI games, and private bar. Miss America contestants partied in the same room!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Breakfast Buffet at 9 am in the Tropicana. Complete buffet of hot and cold breakfast foods, beverages, coffee. Private group seating. Check out by 11 am.

Please contact PDG MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily at 609-923-4503 or e-mail [mardelambily@yahoo.com](mailto:mardelambily@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns.

**Room charge for Friday and Saturday night is \$359.72.** This is a substantial discount from the regular hotel charge. This includes 14% tax, occupancy fee and resort fee. Reservations are made directly on the following site:  
<http://tropac3.net/offercode/HLCNJ>

OR call **1-800-247-8767** and state Lions Club International NJ discounted room rate – use code **HLCNJ**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>. SITE WILL CLOSE DOWN AFTER THIS DATE AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE REGULAR ROOM RATE.**

**Meal plan charge for weekend is \$65.00/person.** Includes Friday night food and beverages in the hospitality suite; Saturday night buffet dinner at Chickie and Pete's and Sunday morning breakfast buffet at Tropicana.

**PAYMENT FOR MEAL PLAN MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>. ALL RESERVATIONS WILL CLOSE AS OF THIS DATE.**

**More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer. Please be on look-out through e-mails and blasts!**

# LIONS ACTIVITIES

**From the Editor:** If you want your club's activities to be highlighted in the Governor's Gazette, submit photos, with the people identified (unless a large group), and with some text explaining what is happening in the pictures. Email to: [lkelly9678@comcast.net](mailto:lkelly9678@comcast.net) for submission to the Governor's Gazette. (District Newsletter) For submission to the NJ LION state digital newsletter, email the same type of info to [new16l@njlions.org](mailto:new16l@njlions.org). If you see the same clubs being featured over and over, it's because they are repeatedly sending in their information. The editor reserves the right to modify the info, such as shortening or changing the text, etc. The deadline for the next edition is **February 22nd**.

**One particular Zone Chair**, thus far this year, has been very, very active doing what Zone Chairs are asked to do: visit clubs. In her case, she also puts articles about the clubs and their activities into a local newspaper. In October, Zone 10 Chair, **Mm Elders** also joined with Zone 7 Chair, Nancy Sapper, to have a joint zone meeting (highlighted in last edition).

Top photo shows her visiting Maple Shade & in the lower picture, she visits Westmont.



**The Maple Shade Club** has been serving the residents of the township since 1949. The club has given vision screening and glasses to children in need as well as adults. It has also provided scholarships for the seniors in high school. Over the past 65 years the club has collected over 100,000 pairs of glasses. They have supported programs from Lions International such as Sight First II to cure river blindness in Africa. Two club members -- Harry Pray and Don McClure -- have contributed 95 years in Lions combined and do most of the work in collecting eye glasses for distribution.



**The Westmont Club and Foundation** have been blessed with the help of several local businesses in recent activities. Dunkin' Donuts Westmont & 1st Colonial Community Bank have given substantial cash donations to help sponsor the Westmont Lions Club 68th Annual Halloween Parade. The Tap Room, Wawa store of Westmont, and The Westmont Diner have supplied food and drink to supplement the food supplied by the Westmont Lions to serve 70 low income senior citizens at Rohrer Towers I a Thanksgiving Dinner. These businesses supply enough drink, stuffing and potatoes for the residents to take seconds back to their apartments for another meal at a later time.

**The West Berlin Club**, during the fall, inducted three new members, with their unique candlelight ceremony. Shown left to right are new members: Sharon Ammann, Ivan Menjivar and Terry Rosiak. Long-time member, Jean Poper, is shown on the right, inducting them. This ceremony took place during a joint meeting with the Deptford Township Club.



**The North Pole** moved a bit south this holiday season. More than a hundred members of **the Avalon Club**, their spouses and friends, made Santa's workshop look calm by comparison. Only a few days before Christmas the Avalon Yacht Club hosted a gala evening for Toys for Tots on Thursday night, December 17th. Since the annual holiday dinner began more than a decade ago, the event has been paid for by club members so that charitable funds would not be used. Following dinner, a dessert of generosity and giving was on the menu, accompanied by background holiday music, caroling and dozens of toys spread under the tree. Each guest was encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for children in Cape May County. In addition to a boatload of toys the Lions presented a check for \$2,000.00 to the United States Marine Reserves for use in its annual fund drive. The Club supports 16 charities in Cape May County.



Photo taken by Moorestown Lion Rudy C. Jones of the 55th annual holiday parade.

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## Director's Corner January 2016 Mel Bray, ID 2015-2017



Fellow Lions:

*In November we visited in Upstate New York with the Lions of 20W, near the Canadian Border. They said we were lucky because most previous years there had been snow on the Mid-Winter Conference that first week. We were way too late to see the foliage changing colors. The town of Old Forge doesn't have many traffic lights and very few Stop signs either. The greatest number of signs we saw read Snowmobile Crossing and a few said Deer Crossing. The town survives on its water park in the summer months and the snowmobiles later in the winter. Most of the shops and even many of the restaurants were closed for the season. We never did see the WalMart they said was down the road a piece (which was a 357 mile drive one way). What we did have was a group of very dedicated Lions who were brainstorming the question of increasing membership and entertaining the thoughts of redistricting.*

*Over the first weekend in December Ginny & I visited the lower portion of Delaware in 22D. Each Subdistrict Social (so there are 5 of them) includes all of the District Governors attending. They have a welcome dinner for the International Guests (which happened to be at Jake's Seafood Restaurant where we ate during our own Mid-Winter Weekend last year). On Saturday there was a large banquet and an opportunity to speak to the 150+ Lions in attendance and make a few presentations with the District Governor. The dancing went on to the wee hours along with some singing by the DG's daughter. The most important thing I noticed was what ever this group did, they had way too much fun doing it. Incidentally, I believe I have received one of my most unusual gifts from that DG that I can talk about for a long time. It was a 9+ lb sweet potato about the size of a calf's head. It was guaranteed to be very sweet and totally without the strings found in the usual sweet potato variety we purchase. The DG gives one of these very huge sweet potatoes to each Club President when making his official visit. I guess I will see a lot more unusual things on this journey.*

*In the middle of next month we will be visiting Massachusetts in Woburn with the Lions of Boston and in February we travel to Boise, Idaho. I think the thermals will have to come out of the closet for this one. Who knows, maybe they will hit a high of 72 degrees in the middle of winter for our visit?*

*I do have to tell you that LCI is very good at pre planning and organizing our meetings and work load. Our next Board meeting begins at the end of February into March. We had to make flight arrangements in October/November. Two weeks ago, we got our initial packets from LCI to set up our trip to the Board Meeting for June in Fukuoka, Japan prior to the international Convention. Since our last Board Meeting in October, I continue to receive monthly investment reports for review and several other reports and documents for the Finance and Headquarters Operations Committee. The investment reports are over 400 pages each month alone.*

*In addition, I volunteered to work on an ad hoc committee discussing membership issues specific to North America. This committee has met via teleconference 5 times and developed specific tools for our North American Directors to use on their visits. We will be having our next teleconference on January 3rd (yes it is a Sunday) when the 5 committee members will be presenting our program to all of the sitting Directors and Executive Officers. I think all of the PJDs would agree that while you are on the Board, your time is dictated by the work that is needed to be done and scheduled around the various Executive Officers' schedules and other special meetings or visits.*

*Yours in Lionism,  
JD Melvyn K. "Mel" Bray*

## November District Cabinet & Sight Meeting

At the time of our November 23rd District Meeting, due to the resignation of our previous District Governor, Robert Freidel was our Acting District Governor, and he very capably presided over this well attended meeting. Our District Cabinet Secretary, PDG Joyce Palmer, was unexpectedly unable to attend. So, it was a unique set of circumstances which we, as Lions, always come together to overcome. And it was an outstanding evening!

PDG Sal Velardi (middle in photo below) received a chevron for 30 years membership in the Lions organization. And PDG Bob DeLambily (on right) received one for 35 years. (ADG Robert Freidel on left in photo) Applause for both men, who have remained very passionate Lions & represent our District well!



PDG Karen Ressler presented Centennial Service Awards to many representatives whose clubs had completed, during the 2014-2015 Lion year, varying amounts & categories of participation.

The Delaware Valley Eye Bank distributed many awards to those clubs who had, in the past Lion year, donated various amounts of funds. Many club representatives were present to receive the acknowledgements from PDG Bill Sauser, Second Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, and ID Melvyn Bray, now a Trustee of that Organization.

In the photo to the right, ADG Bob Freidel (left in picture) presented an award to MaryAnn Ragone DeLambily (on right) from Lions International for her past outstanding District GLT Chair leadership. Congratulations for a job well done!



Resolutions were read by Ken Ressler for upcoming positions in next year's District Cabinet: Robert Freidel, of the Deptford Club to become DG; and Clarence Brown, of the Neptune Club to become VDG1. An appeal was made by Parliamentarian Jeff Gans for a qualified person(s) to submit their resolution(s) for the position of VDG2.

The featured speaker of the evening was Lion Michael Benson, of the Visual Experience Foundation, who was very well received with a standing ovation after his presentation. His organization helps those folks who are transitioning to certain irreversible blindness. Additional info can be seen by visiting his website: <http://www.visualexperiencefoundation.org>.

## LIONS ACTIVITIES

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**The Neptune Club is a very very active club, home of VDG2 Clarence Brown. They had a very successful "Night for Sight" on Halloween evening which was a costume party. From the club picture at the very right, it appears that most of the members cooperated by donning costumes - some very elaborate at that. The Club is shown preparing gift giving and later caroling at the Medi-Center Rehabilitation Facility in the picture to the right, below.**



**The Deptford Club, home of VDG1 Bob Freidel, is also always very active. White Cane solicitation was done in the fall outside WalMart. (Pictured left.) The Club donated many toys to the Marines for Toys for Tots, and money to Family Promise, among other donations.**



December 2015

Fellow Lions:

As you are aware, I have obtained permission from the Council of Governors to solicit funds for an International Assistance Grant which will be matched by LCIF. The pledges have been coming in slowly, partly due to the Holidays and many clubs not having meetings during the latter part of December. With that in mind, it is necessary to extend the prior deadline for pledges into January 2016. That will necessitate holding up submission of the International Grant Application as well.

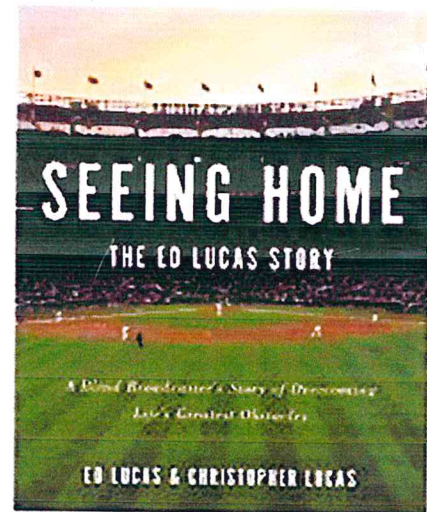
As of this writing, pledges totaling \$7,400 have been received from the following clubs: Toms River Lions Club, Lakehurst-Manchester Lions Club, Warren Township Lions Club, Toms River Township Visionary Lions Club, Lions District 16L Charitable Foundation and Passaic-Clifton Lions Club. \$900.00 of the pledged funds have already been received with the pledge form. Our goal is to raise \$17,250.00 for our portion of the grant. Currently, we are at 42.28% of our goal. I am asking that if your club is not listed above, please ask your officers and members to consider making a pledge and completing the pledge form that was mailed to every club in Multiple District 16 along with an explanation of what the funds are being used to purchase. Timing for grant submission is becoming a major factor as we do not want to hold up providing eye care for these Kenyan people.

Should doubts remain or questions arise about this project request, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 732-239-8968. I will do my best to answer any questions. Kindly direct the pledge form to: Mel Bray, ID, Attn: Tenwek Project, 33 Woodview Dr., Whiting, NJ 08759.

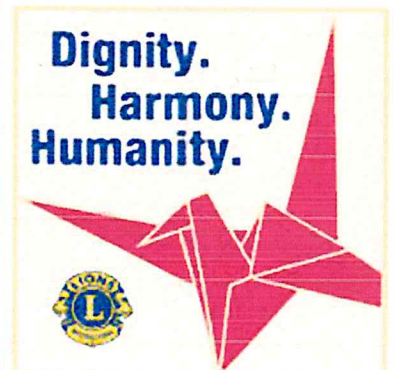
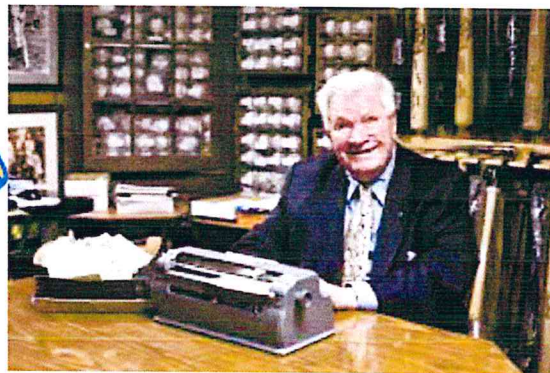
Thank you to those who have already pledged their funds in support of this grant. Thanks in advance to those who will be supporting this project in this second wave of pledges. I hope you can make this a priority so we can move forward to provide vital eye care and meet our submission deadline as well.

Yours in Lions Service,

Melvyn K. Bray, ID  
IAG Coordinator,  
Tenwek Mission Hospital



**SPECIAL GUEST LION ED LUCAS**  
**EMMY WINNING BROADCASTER, AUTHOR AND NEW JERSEY LION**  
**WILL SPEAK AT**  
**LIONS DISTRICT 16 L CABINET MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016**  
**MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM ~ FELLOWSHIP 6:30 PM**  
**SHERATON EATONTOWN HOTEL**  
**6 INDUSTRIAL WAY EAST, EATONTOWN, NEW JERSEY 07724**  
**732-542-6500**  
**DINNER COST WILL BE \$25.00 PER PERSON**  
**BRING YOUR COPY OF "SEEING HOME" AND**  
**LION ED WILL SIGN IT**



**SEATING IS LIMITED**  
**YOUR CLUB SECRETARY MUST RSVP TO LION SUE McHUGH BY JANUARY 11, 2016**  
**EMAIL: LIONSUEMCH@COMCAST.NET OR MAIL 88 WESTPORT DR., WHITING, NJ 08759**  
**HEAD COUNT AND MEAL CHOICE (CHICKEN OR VEGETARIAN)**  
**NO WALK-INS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED**





# Cabinet Meeting

## LIONS DISTRICT 16 L

### Monday, January 25, 2016



Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM ~ Fellowship 6:30 PM

Sheraton Eatontown Hotel - 6 Industrial Way East, Eatontown, NJ 07724  
 (732) 542-6500 [click here for online directions](#)

#### DINNER MENU

##### Garden Salad

*Romaine and Green leaf lettuces,  
Cucumbers and Tomatoes*

##### Chicken Marsala

*Boneless Chicken breast sautéed with  
Mushrooms and Marsala sauce*



##### Chef's Selection of Side and Vegetable

**Fresh Baked Rolls and Sweet Butter**

##### NY Style Cheesecake with Strawberry topping

*Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee,  
and Assorted Soft Drinks*



Cash Bar



Cost per person: \$25.00 payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Lions District 16 L

Vegetarian Entree Available upon request. Please provide the name of the individual ordering vegetarian when you RSVP.

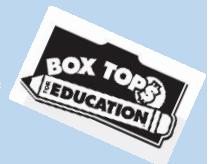


Please bring the following items to the meeting:

- Old Eye Glasses
- Old Hearing Aides
- Old Cell Phones
- Box Top for Education points for Blind Center
- Coke Rewards points for 16L Charitable Foundation
- Used postage stamps for veterans hospitals



*Please do not make the boxes of glasses too heavy. Thank you.*



Your club Secretary must RSVP by **January 11, 2016**

*We cannot accommodate walk-ins - No Exceptions*

Each Club Secretary is responsible for directly communicating their club's HEAD COUNT and MEAL CHOICE (Chicken or Vegetarian) to:

Sue McHugh, District 16 L's Administrative Assistant via

Email: [lionsuemch@comcast.net](mailto:lionsuemch@comcast.net) or mail: 88 Westport Drive, Whiting, NJ 08759

*Please note that your club will be charged for no-shows.*