

MD 33 State Convention  
Leos 2020-21  
Report

I wish to thank the Council of Governors for allowing me to serve as MD33 Leo Chair. Even though COVID-19 has dampened the many services that our Leos could perform in their communities, they have endeavored to serve.

I have the pleasure to serve with four dedicated Lions and leaders in each sub district: Gretchen Olney in 33S, Paul McElheny in 33N, Wayne Burt, in 33K and Elaine Hall in 33A. Unfortunately there was no advisor in 33Y, but I kept Governor Jack in the loop.

If I may, each district had outstanding Leo Clubs who performed under trying times. There were other clubs who could not function as Leo Clubs. School closing was the primary factor. No Meetings, no service. Some Leo Clubs tried Zoom meetings which became difficult. Some of notable clubs are 33N Royce Middle School, Woburn; 33K King Philip Regional High School, Wrentham; 33A Blackstone Valley Tech; & 33S Greater Attleboro Leo Club, Attleboro.

As we look to the coming school year, our goal will be to rebuild. All District and Club advisors must be committed to rebuilding their Clubs. In my own club, at Wachusett, the wheels of progress are beginning to turn. I am working with the future Club president and her remaining Leos to form a leadership team for the coming year. New leadership, new members and many service and fundraising events. Put fun and service back into our Leos.

When I assumed the role as MD33 Leo Chair, I had 4 goals:

1. Better communication between District Advisors- We had three Zoom meetings, and I also attended four of the five Mid Winter Conferences. Most of them had special Leo events.
2. Better reporting about your Leo Clubs to LCI. Many Clubs are inactive due to COVID-19. According to LCI, the Leo Club advisors are up-to-date. Clubs need to report their activities through "My LION".  
In July 2020- We had 36 Leo Clubs with 810 Leos reported to LCI.  
As 3-30-2021 -We now have 35 Leo Clubs with 819 Leos reported to LCI – a gain of 9 members.
3. Promote Leo-Lion program- Two of our Mid Winters had a video from LCI about the program. Prior to that at one of the Zoom meeting I introduced Roxanne Stec from LCI

to our Adviors and District Governors in attendance. We have a long way to go to increase the number of Leo-Lions in the State.

4. Last goal is rebuilding Clubs. I just recently sent out an email from LCI about cleaning out the Districts dead clubs before July 1; otherwise their sponsoring Lions Club will be assessed their annual dues. Not a fan of turning in Charters? Hard to get them back! Then we should go to work and rebuild.

Presently I have three possible leads on new clubs in the fall- 33a Combining Dudley & Charlton Leo Clubs at Shepard Hill HS, a new club at Monson High and in 33Y a new club in Agawam.

As many of you know, I am completing my two year term on The LCI Leo Club Advisory Panel as a member representing the United States, along with another Lion and two Leos. This panel works with other Lions and Leos around the world to help establish policies and procedures. I truly understand the world of Lions and Leoism around the world. It has been a great honor to serve in this role.

Thank you District Governors and District Leo Advisors for your support. We look forward to a better year ahead.

Lion Bob Wilby  
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