



Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

District 33Y

2020-2021

MD33 Lions State Convention Report

Dear Lions, Leos, and friends of Multiple District 33:

District 33Y started the year with the unexpected closing of the Chicopee Centennial Lions Club in June of 2020. We sadly lost 25 members of our organization. We currently have 35 clubs in our district.

On July 1st, 2020, Membership was at 912 Lions, the district has added 18 and dropped 80 Lions and currently stands at 850.

During the summer of 2020, I worked to get DG Jack Walsh's directory organized and printed. Nearly 450 copies were printed by the middle of September. I spent about 2 months mailing and hand delivering over 300 directory books to clubs throughout 33Y. Many more were mailed to Lions in other parts of Massachusetts and several other states.

All 35 clubs have paid their 1st half dues. Of those 35; 33 have currently paid their 2nd half dues.

33Y has held the following meetings over the past 10 months.

CABINET MEETINGS:

1st, Sunday, July 12th 1pm at the Hatfield Lions Pavilion in Hatfield, MA. This meeting was a combined event with IPDG Art McConnell's cabinet. A total of 25 Lions and 1 guest were in attendance.

2nd, Monday, October 12th 7pm via Zoom. This was our district's 1st attempt at holding an on-line meeting. I look back and see that we didn't have a major topic of discussion arranged for this meeting, and that may have been why our attendance was only 11 Lions.

3rd, Monday, March 1st 6:30pm via Zoom. This meeting was established to hear from the Zone Chairs. Of our nine zones and eleven zone chairs; only three (3) ZC were able to be present. I am happy to announce that we had a special guest at this meeting. ID candidate, John Youney from MD44 was able to join us and offered inspiring words of encouragement. We had 15 Lions from 33Y and one guest Lion in attendance.

4th, May 14th (tentatively scheduled, most likely by Zoom)

ADVISORY MEETINGS:

1st, Monday, August 31st 5pm at the Summit View Restaurant & Pavilion on Rt10 in Holyoke, MA. We all met outside under the pavilion, enjoyed a wonderful meal followed by energetic discussion about our upcoming year. There were 28 Lions representing 16 clubs from our district.

2nd, Monday, November 23rd 6:30pm via Zoom.

3rd, Saturday, March 27th 10am via Zoom. MLERF President, PDG Roland Grenier(33S) was our guest speaker.

4th, June 14th (tentatively scheduled for a possible in-person meeting with awards)

33Y MIDWINTER:

Saturday, January 30th 9am via Zoom. This years' theme was Dr Suess. We had Fun videos to watch as well as a speech from a talented young student. International Director Mark Lyon(MD23) was our guest speaker. We had 31 Lions from 33Y and another 50+ Lions from the other four districts in MD33, and from Connecticut, Maine, and Ohio.

LCIF EMERGENCY MATCHING GRANT:

\$10,000 was given to the Berkshire Medical Ctr. to purchase Covid-19 PPE. This grant was opened by IPDG Arthur McConnell and his cabinet in the Spring of 2020, distribution of funds was made in September 2020, and the grant was closed in April 2021. Thank you, Lion Art for all your hard work in accomplishing this extraordinary feat.

DISTRICT GOVENOR'S CLUB VISITATIONS:

DG Jack Walsh was able to visit only 6 clubs in September and October before stricter restrictions were placed on in-person meetings. Over the winter months DG Jack was able to meet with a few clubs via Zoom. Within the last month, He has met in-person with four (4) more clubs and has more visitations scheduled for May and June.

In Closing:

This year has definitely been like no other. The word "tough" can best describe the past year. With the pandemic shutting most everything down, making it difficult to fundraise and even meet in person. We've had to rely on technology and Zoom to stay in touch and communicate. It has worked well for some Lions clubs, but not at all for many others. The year has been full of ups and downs, highs and lows, and much uncertainty. As we start to overcome this pandemic; I feel we have weathered the storm. We can look back at what we have lost and take a pause to reflect, but we should now all look forward to the future. We, as Lions, will regroup, build, and grow stronger, as one of the leading community service organizations in the world.

Yours in Lionism.

Respectfully submitted,

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