



Good Morning Lions, Leos, and Guests,

I cannot believe that the year is almost over, yet we still have two more months to go, let's finish strong. We had many challenges confronting us this year due to COVID-19, but many clubs have found ways to do service and learn new challenges. Zoom meetings were a big part of my year and new to all of us, but we adapted. Many clubs did not meet during Covid, but now the clubs are coming back to life. I believe that next year will be a great year for membership and growth in our district.

Some of our service projects have been unbelievable. Projects like collecting food for our local food bank, blood drive, bone marrow drive, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Chad radio flyer wagon with Ivy poll donated to local hospitals, veteran's breakfast with meals to go, "Flush out Childhood Cancer" fundraiser, raising \$1,500 donated to Boston Children's Hospital.

Our District food drive, with the help of the LCIF Community Impact Grant for \$5000, and the District, was able to supply the Merrimack Valley Food Bank with 300 turkeys and fixings totaling nearly 7,600 pounds, as well as additional checks and gift cards. The contributions translated into more than 3,600 meals for residents for Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank John Lucente, our District Eye Recycling person, and the Lexington Lions Club for organizing two shipments totaling 80,000 pairs of eyeglasses to ship to Africa.

A special thank you to my GST (Global Service Team) Laura Ward for thinking outside the box.

Thank you to my entire cabinet this year. They have worked harder than ever.

Let us continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new opportunities to make a difference every day in people's lives. Together, we can build a better future for our families, communities and the world we share.

This has been a challenging year for the world, but **"We are Stronger Together."**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcel Plouffe

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