

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT STATE CONVENTION

GOOD MORNING LIONS, LEOS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING YOUR TIME TO TUNE INTO THE STATE CONVENTION ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY.

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE ALREADY AT THE STATE CONVENTION. THE YEAR HAS GONE BY SO FAST. THIS YEAR HAS BEEN LIKE NO OTHER.

MY CST AND I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT EITHER IN PERSON OR BY ZOOM 30 CLUBS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT 2 MONTHS TO GET OUT TO SUPPORT CLUBS EVENTS.

OUR DISTRICT AND CLUBS HAVE ADAPTED WELL TO THE CHANGES BROUGHT ON BY THE PANDEMIC. WE STARTED OUR YEAR WITH A HYBRID VOTING CABINET MEETING, HELD 3 WELL ATTENDED CABINET ADVISORY ZOOM MEETINGS AND A WELL ATTENDED VIRTUAL MID-WINTER. IN OCTOBER MY CST AND I TURNED OUR ANNUAL WALK FOR MLERF INTO A 12 HR MARATHON DRIVE AROUND OUR DISTRICT WITH OVER 25 CLUBS PARTICIPATING. WE HAVE HELD ALL REQUIRED TRAINING AND ALSO HAVE HELD 2 DISTRICT ORIENTATION SESSIONS, 2 VIRTUAL CLUB OFFICER RALLY'S, AND 2 VIRTUAL PLATFORM TRAININGS.

WE STARTED THE YEAR OFF WITH A 10,000 GRANT FROM LCI FOR COVID RELIEF. FOR SERVICE PROJECTS WE RECEIVED A COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FROM LCIF AND DID A SUCCESSFUL FOOD PACKING EVENT IN OCTOBER. IN NOVEMBER WE HELD OUR ANNUAL OPERATION SHOEBOX PROJECT, DISTRIBUTING ITEMS TO OUR VETERANS BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS. WE ALSO DID A FUN BLANKET PROJECT FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER MAKING OVER 600 BLANKETS AND DISTRIBUTING THEM TO VARIOUS CANCER CAMPS. 35 CLUBS TOOK PART IN THIS PROJECT.

ENOUGH ABOVE OUR DISTRICT ACTIVITIES LET ME SAY I AM SO PROUD OF MY CLUBS. THEY HAVE ADAPTED TO ZOOM MEETINGS, DONE FACEBOOK AUCTIONS, ONLINE TRIVIA, AND CONTINUED TO OFFER SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH FOOD DRIVES, PAJAMA DRIVES, MAKING MASKS, AND BLANKETS. THEIR IDEAS WERE CREATIVE AND THEY CONTINUED TO HAVE FUN.

EACH YEAR AS GOVERNORS WE SET GOALS. I AM HAPPY TO SAY EVEN WITH THE PANDEMIC MY CABINET AND CLUBS HAVE HELPED ME REACH THOSE GOALS:

- MEMBERSHIP ~ WE ARE UP 5 MEMBERS AND HAVE ADDED 2 CLUBS IN OUR DISTRICT ~ SE PAWS OF COMFORT AND THE CAPE CODE PAWS OF COMFORT. THESE SPECIALTY CLUBS HAVE BEEN ON LOCAL RADIO AND BOSTON TELEVISION.
- LCIF ~ WE HAVE 100 PERCENT CLUB PARTICIPATION IN DONATIONS.
- REPORTING ~ WE HAVE INCREASED REPORTING BY 20% TO 54 % OF CLUBS NOW USING MY LION

ALTHOUGH FUNDRAISING IS DOWN THESE STATISTICS MEAN SO MUCH MORE TO ME AND OUR DISTRICT.

THIS YEAR I HAVE FELT THE SUPPORT OF MY FELLOW GOVERNORS, MY DISTRICT BUT MOST OF ALL MY CLUBS. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE HERE. WE HAVE SUPPORTED EACH OTHER DURING THIS DIFFICULT YEAR. LET'S KEEP IT UP OVER THE NEXT 2 MONTHS AND LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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