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The pandemic year has not been kind to District 33 Y. We have been shut down a good part of the year. We started off with an “in person” cabinet meeting, in July, at the outdoor Lions pavilion in Hatfield. Our Advisory meeting, was held in the outdoor pavilion at the Summit View Restaurant, In Holyoke, at the end of August.. We had about 30 people at our Advisory meeting; when we would normally have about 80 people. Our 2nd Cabinet and Advisory meetings were held in November; our 3rd Cabinet and Advisory meetings were held in March. The November and March meetings were held on Zoom.

In September we had 2 club visitations and 4 in October. There were no further club visitations, until February, when we had a Zoom visitation and one more in March. Things look like they are opening up a bit in April, and I have scheduled 5 club visitations.

I have had quite a few Zoom meetings, on the multi-district level, which has been beneficial. Normally I would have to travel 1 to 2 hours to attend these meetings and another 1 to 2 hours to return home. The meetings also have been a little shorter than the “in person” meetings.

In October I started a monthly newsletter to keep in contact with the Lions of my district.

We have taken a hit on membership. I started in July with 912 members. At this point, in April, we have 850 members, a net loss of 62 members.

One of our bright spots is that we started a branch of the Agawam Lions Club. It is known as Pioneer Valley Virtual Lions Club Branch and has 15 members; of which 11 members transferred from the parent club and 4 new Lions joined the branch.

We look forward to the new year, when hopefully we return to normal.

Respectfully submitted,

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