



LIONS ROAR

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“Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one getting burned.”

Buddha.

“We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.”

John F. Kennedy

In the spirit of the season for giving, some of our members have turned into **Santas** and most of other members have become their elves.



Chief Santa Marianne thinks it is the most wonderful time of the year and has been busy coordinating all the club's activities.
Do We See What She Sees?

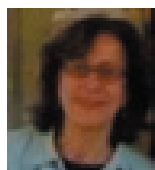
Santa Richie (NY Yankee) kicked off the season with the Halloween Fund Raiser at the Walt Whitman Mall; even the Christmas tree was up for this event. Though we struck out on Sunday, it was a home run on Monday evening (the halloween evening). A successful fund-raiser and lots of fun for the kids and our members.



On Saturday Nov. 12, **Santa Brian** coordinated a successful food drive in front of Waldbaums in Melville. The second year of this drive, it was better than last year; it enabled us to add more items in the Thanksgiving baskets.



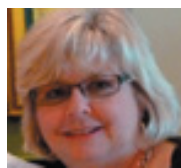
Santa Barbara coordinated the club's donation of a bike rack to Walt Whitman High School. The students at the school will enjoy the safety and security of the new rack. It was installed by **Santa Richie** on November 19.



With the coordination of **Santa Karen**, the club was able to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to twenty needy families in our community. Many member elves helped out. Thanks to the hospitality of Ruggieros, all the drivers enjoyed a sumptuous brunch at their house before driving to distribute the baskets. It was a nice occasion for members to meet informally.



Santa Meg coordinated our donation to purchase a brick for the Vietnam Memorial Garden Pathway at the Northport VA Medical Center. The brick reads: *The Melville Lions Honor all our Veterans.* Located behind the chapel at the VA, it is a peaceful and beautiful memorial to honor our nation's Vietnam Veterans.



From up above the club's *godmother* was watching and blessing all of our activities.



The club honored the late **Lion Alice** with this leaf at the Tree of Life at St. Elizabeth Church on Sunday November 20. Her services



were mentioned at the church's morning service before the dedication of the leaf. **Santa Al** Coordinated this event

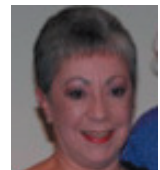


Our Club was represented by about 20 members and guests at the 25th anniversary of Lions Long Island Eye Bank in Great Neck. **Santa Steve**, who had previously served as the Eye Banks Board Chairman did an impressive job as the MC. He has been an active board member of this Bank for many years along with **PDG Lion Neal**, who was honored at this event for starting the Knights of the Blind Award, which has resulted in raising more than \$100,000 for the Eye Bank. **PIP Lion Al Brandel** introduced International President **Dr. Wing-Kun Tam**, who complimented the Eye bank for their services and gave a President's recognition award. He also gave us an overview of the many Lions International projects in improving vision and fighting blindness.

December Schedule

Thursday December 1 7:00PM: Regular & Board Meeting at Mac's Steakhouse in Huntington.

Sunday December 4 Noon: **Santa Pat** and her elves will be bringing Holiday Cheers to Senior Citizens at the Senior Center in Huntington. The club has been holding this event for more than twenty years.



Sunday December 11 2:00PM: Convention Campaign Planning Dinner at the Tremaroli's residence. **Lion Steve** will need all the support at the NYS Convention in May in his campaign to be an International Director. Please *RSVP* by *December 5* and bring your ideas.

Saturday December 17 7:00PM: Clubs Annual Holiday Party at Nocello's in Northport. Cost \$50 per person. Includes a full course meal, beer, wine and soda. It has been a great year for our club and it will be nice to have all members attend this event.

Watch next newsletter for pictures of many of the events mentioned in this newsletter.