

# Spring – Summer 2023 Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Celebrating 100 Years of Service in 2023



# It's a Great Time to be a Lion Service opportunities to fit members' "give-back" interests & time limitations

#### 2023-24 LM Lions Officers



2023-24 LM Lions Board at a Board retreat (not pictured John Lyons)

The 2023-24 LM Lions officers were inducted at the Club's May meeting. The new officers include President, Lina Pasquale; Secretary, Diane Oldham; Treasurer, John Lyons; Service Chair, Phil Oldham; Membership Chair, Jason Summers; Director & Recording Secretary, Carolyn Gallaher and Director, Marie Moreno.

The Board met for a strategic planning session and to set near-term priorities. The first three months on the new Lion's year will focus on vision, cancer support, and youth. A significant portion of our collective work includes LM Lions 100th year anniversary and planning for a strong fundraising year, including a Points of Light in-person celebration. The LM Lions Board is excited to welcome in the start of the new Lion's year and to work alongside club members in service of our local community.

#### LM Lions Add 4 New Members

The LM Lions welcomed 4 new members: Joe Liberti, a teacher at MHS and founder of OCRA(Original Civic Research & Action); Gwen Salmo, Special Events Coordinator for Friends of Karen; Nicole Tuck, Director of Development for the Community Resource Center and Dan Zauderer, founder of Grassroots Grocery, an anti-hunger nonprofit. The inductions took place at the Clubs May member meeting.



New LM Dan Zauderer, Nicole Tuck, Joe Liberti, Gwen Salmo

# Peace Poster Display at One River School



The LM Lions Club local Peace Poster winners were on display at One River School as part of Larchmont's "Arts on the Avenues". Congratulations to Elsa Thorez from The French-American School, Emma Sapperstein from Hommocks Middle School, Nina Heery from Rye Neck Middle School and Estelle Puong from Saints John & Paul School. The LM Lions will once again partner with our local middle schools for the 2023 Peace Poster Contest, with the theme "Dare to Dream".

# LM Lions Present Scholarships to MHS & Rye Neck Seniors

The LM Lions Club awarded two scholarships as part of its high school community service essay contest. Mamaroneck High School senior Shannon Gallaher and Rye Neck High School senior Kimichika Irie were the winners of the 2023 essay contest and were presented with a \$1,000 award towards college expenses. LM Lion President Lina Pasquale and board members Carolyn Gallaher and John Lyons presented them with the award and scholarships over dinner at Sedona Taphouse in Mamaroneck. Essays were rated based on the applicant's breadth and depth of service and how that service embodied the Lions' motto "We Serve."



MHS Senior Shannon Gallaher, LM Lions President Lina Pasquale and Rye Neck senior Kimichika Irie

#### An Afternoon of Audio Theater



On April 1 a number of groups came together to present an afternoon of audio theater at the Larchmont Village Center. The event, co-sponsored by LM Lions, Larchmont Library, LMC Media, Sandbox Theatre and SPERDVAC (Society for the Preservation of Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy) had the dual purpose of providing a history of audio theater, with a live production... and demonstrating opportunities for the blind to be participants in its creation.

The event included a live re-creation from the Sandbox Theatre of the 1949 "Ozzie & Harriet Easter" radio episode, and the playing of a recording of a new audio drama "Burning Gotham". Connected via ZOOM from Los Angeles, Walden Hughes, a blind member of SPERDVAC and SoCal Lions President, talked about the opportunities for the blind in Audio Theater. In attendance were many of our area blind who are members of The Westchester Council of the Blind and New York's VISIONS.

#### Access to Care Health Fair



LM Lions Michael Reichgott & Carolyn Gallaher man the table at the fair

Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions, joined by New Rochelle Lions, participated in the Healthier Mamaroneck Access to Care Health Fair, conducting free vision screenings and increasing awareness of Lions services. The LM Lions were also one of the event sponsors.



LM Lions Carolyn Gallaher& New Rochelle Lions President & Zone Chair Mary Mc Donnell

### LM Lions Continue Sedona "Dine Out for Charity" Partnership



LM Lions 2022-23 Prez Jim Killoran ,STEM President and LM Lion Meg Kaufer, Sedona's Bill Jablonski

The LM Lions continued its partnership with Mamaroneck's Sedona Taphouse's Mondays *Dine Out for Charity* promotion, teaming up in support of the STEM Summer Enrichment Program in June and The Fuller Center in July. Every month on every Monday, Sedona donates \$2 of each steak dinner (or lunch) ordered to a local service group or project. The LM Lions team up with Sedona on Lions supported causes.



Sedona's Bill Jablonski, LM Lion & Fuller Center President Jim Killoran, LM Lion Secretary Diane Oldham

# **LM Lions Support Visions**

The LM Lions and other District Lions Clubs, attended Vision/VCB's annual Lions Appreciation Day, which included a re-dedication of the newly refurbished and fully accessible swimming pool. The LM Lions also donated \$1000 to the operation of the camp.



LM Lion & PDG Jag Rao, New Rochelle Lion Judith Goldman, LM Lion Peggy Rao & New Rochelle Lions President & Zone Chair Mary McDonnell

# **Music in the Park**



The LM Lions were one of the sponsors of the Larchmont Committee on the Art's "Music in the Park "series. The 5 concert series ran from June 29th to August 3<sup>rd</sup>.