

Convention Next Month Includes Melvin Jones Fellowship

One month to go! Have you turned in your registration form for the March 25-26 32nd annual convention District 14-K at the Holiday Inn in Breinigsville? Don't procrastinate do it now!

Much has been planned by the committee to make the convention enjoyable and informative for all who attend. It's an excellent event in your path of Lionism.

Early Saturday morning the LCI speaker for the weekend, PID Brian weekend, PID Brian Sheehan of Minnesota will be introduced and the candidates for the top district offices nominated by representatives of their home clubs.

Then comes the learning part of the seminars. Each is designed to provide information to the attendees. The seminars are divided into two sessions, 9-10 and 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. You should be able to attend a seminar in each session. Just check those that most interest you on the registration form you

received in the mail in early January.

At noon, the convention luncheon will have good food and lots of fund. The Peace Posters will be displayed and the teen artists on-hand with their poster. The Tail Twister will work on your funny bone. Tickets that PDG Dennis Butz sent out will be drawn and prizes awarded. You can't win if you don't play, so buy your share of tickets at the convention.

Leos will be at the luncheon after a busy morning, when they'll be turning 2,000 meat packs into 12,000 meals and various personal items. The Leo of the Year will be announced and he or she will receive a scholarship.

At the Saturday night banquet, after PID Sheehan delivers his speech on what LCI is doing, a major highlight of the night will be the awarding of plaques and pins to the Melvin Jones Fellowship members who have given much to advance the work of LCIF

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Emmaus Leo Club stands with new club charter.

Emmaus H.S. Leo Club Dedicated January 17th

newly formed Erin Lavelle. Emmaus High School Leo Club sponsored jointly by Lower Lehigh Lions Club and Emmaus Lions Club was dedicated and its mem bers each signed the charter on January 17.

Charter Leo members from the new club are: Ashley Day, Eric Grazio, Natalie Grazio, Nicole Grazio, Carley Hoch, Kendall Hoch, Erin Lavelle, David McCallum, Kristin Ortiz, and Brian Simons.

These will be the clubs charter officers: president -Nicole Grazio, vice president - Natalie Grazio, secretary Kristin Ortiz, treasurer -

The meeting was called to order and "America" was sung by Natalie Grazio, Erin Lavelle and Kristin Ortiz. The pledge of allegiance was led by Eric Grazio.

Lion Heather Day, club advisor, welcomed Lions and other guests. District Governor Marsha Johnston installed the officers.

Presentation of certificate of organization was led by Lion Heather Day and presented to Dave Piperato.

Special thanks were given to the following: Lower Lehigh Lions Club, Emmaus Lions Club, Lions

International, High School, David Piperato, DG Marsha Johnston, parents and community members.

Aďvisor Mrs. Day said, "It has been many years in the making, with hard work and effort put forth by many Lions that, his Leo Club has come to fruition.

It pleases me to be affiliated with such a wellknown organization; one that is easily recognized worldwide. It is my hope that this club grows in size and serves the community sponsoring clubs. and Thank you for your sup-



"Pile It On" Project A Huge Success for Saucon Valley Leos

ago, the Saucon Valley Leo Club kicked off a project to supply warm clothing for homeless individuals. They partnered up with the Warming Station, a shelter run by the Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown. The project was called "Pile It On" which involved the students and teachers of the Saucon Valley School District. Teachers and students collected clothing and the winning class will be served breakfast by the Leo Club.

The contest ended on January 13th and the winning class, based on a points system, was Ms. Friday's class. They will receive a

Less than one month breakfast. The real winners in the contest are the recipients of the clothing.

This project collected over 1,000 pieces of clothing. This clothing will not only be given to the Warming Station, but many children's items were collected and they will be given to the Boys & Girls Club.

The community should be very proud of this group of high school students for this accomplishment. The Leo Club also assists the Saucon Valley Lions Club with their monthly break-fast. Keep an eye out for additional projects from this group, they deserve your support.

District Governor's Message

Convention Offers Opportunities for Ideas



After nearly 10 years, on January 17, 2017, it was my pleasure to install the officers of our 10th LEO club. The Emmaus LEO club is sponsored by the Emmaus Lions club as well as the Lower Lehigh Lions club. Many members from both clubs were present to offer support for the new club and its adviser, Ms. Heather Day. Heather is a teacher at Emmaus High School and a member of the Lower Lehigh Lions club.

You should have received the flier announcing our District Convention, March 25th and 26th at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville. Several seminars will be offered. There will be training sessions for officers of clubs as well as some new seminars. PDG Glen Santee will lead two sessions entitled "Club Success Stories," and "Centennial Challenge." Past International Director Cindy Gregg will present "Meet The Taters." This session, while being somewhat humorous, will assist with the health of your club as well as involving

This year's Saturday evening banquet will include the presentation of Melvin Jones Awards. If you wish to honor a Melvin Jones recipient at this banquet, please contact PDG Joe Chunko. Our Keynote for the evening will be Past International Director Brian Sheehan from

The LEOs will be listening to Stephen Cunic who paints pictures that can be touched by the visually impaired. Afterward, the LEOs will pack meals which will be distributed to local food pantries.

The Convention will conclude Sunday after our Necrology Service. Try to attend all of our convention events. It's a great opportunity to visit with fellow Lions and exchange ideas.

If you haven't registered for the International Convention, please do it soon. If you check the inside of the back cover of The Pride Magazine, you will find the names of three Lions who are organizing buses that will travel to Chicago.

We have so many opportunities as Lions – Let's enjoy them. DG Marsha Johnston

Convention

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in helping people in their communities and the world. PDG Joe Chunko wants to know the recipients' names and info about them. Clubs are urged to turn in their material as soon as possible.

A truck will be parked outside from 10 a.m. to noon and only then be open for your club collections of used eyeglasses. Clubs were asked to provide a

basket of goods worth \$50, for door prizes. From those received their will be many winners.

The convention will wind down at a necrology breakfast Sunday morning when those Lions and Lionesses from the district who passed away in calendar year 2016 will be remembered. This is a most meaningful event for the families of the deceased. Pastor Lunett Hillaid of Friedens UCC Church will bring the message and the

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Dates to Remember

Feb. 3-5 State Council Meeting, Erie. Pa..

> PDG Advisory Committee 14 Executive Committee

Cabinet Breakfast 18

Meeting - Region 2 Host

Charitable Enterprises Meeting Mar. 20

25-26 District 14-K Convention

26 Necrology Breakfast * * * * *

always popular soloist, John Bauer, will sing songs that stir your faith.

Then, after two fun days by the Lions and Lioness, convention chairman PDG Tom Dieter will declare the weekend convention over.

Now once again, have you sent in your convention form? If not, do it now! Send the form to PDG Lin and Gail Gehris at the address listed.

PDG Advisory Meeting Follows State Council

The Past District Governors Advisorv Committee will meet on February 13 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Christ UCC Church.

As usual they will gather a day before the Executive Committee to discuss important issues that they might be concerned with. If there is anything major that needs to be addressed that involves the Lions and Lioness, it will be aired and vote taken at the Cabinet meeting on Feb. 18.

The honorary PDG's are by PĎG Howard Bowers this year and the chairman next year will be PDG Larry Snyder.

DG Marsha Johnston and 1st VDG Don Kaufman and 2nd VDG Karlene Laub will report their recent activities and what they learned at the Feb. 3-5 State Council meeting at Erie.

Thank You

To the Lions and Lionesses of District 14-K:

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have sent get well cards, prayers, called or visited me during my hospitaliza-tion after a fall resulted in breaking my hip.

Walking will be diffi-cult, but I hope to continue my work in Lions after I leave the hospital.

I sincerely appreciate all your kindness. Special thanks to the PDG's for the Special beautiful flowers.

> Yours in Lionism, PDG Bill Halbfoerster

1st Vice District Governor's Message



Membership is Growing -**Engage New Members in Activities**

It's a Great time to be a Lion!

Membership in District 14-K is showing signs of growth. Many Clubs are adding one or two spirited new members each quarter. They are eager to fearn about Lionism and they are full of ideas. We need to welcome our new members and from day one engage them in Lion activities to keep them interested. We also need to encourage our new Lions to seek other members and continue growing our Clubs.

During the first week of March, District 14-K will be visited by a very special Lion from Texas, Lion Ronnie Martin. Lion Ronnie is provided by LCI to help us add new clubs and train members on the techniques he has perfected over the years. We need volunteers to assist Lion Ronnie in achieving our goal of adding one new club in center city Allentown and one in center city Bethlehem. We also need Guiding Lions to help these new clubs develop their mission and purpose in Lionism. You can become a certified Guiding Lion by completing the 30 minute on-line training on the LCI website and submitting your form to District Governor Lion Marsha Johnston.

Volunteers and Guiding Lions interested in canvassing Allentown and Bethlehem during the first week of March, can email me at drkcasper@gmail.com or call me at

We also need to acknowledge that clubs with fewer than twenty members often find it difficult to add new members. Don't be afraid to ask for help from your District Lions - all you need to do is ask! Adding new Clubs is great, but maintaining and growing existing Clubs is a

In Lionism,

1st VDG Don Kaufman

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

District Meetings Help You See All That's Done



January was a pretty quiet month for Lions. We stuffed envelopes with the registration forms for the 14-K Convention and Melvin Jones dinner. Had a bit of a snafu but, as usual, with the help of the Mountainville Club and Lions Dave and Cheryl Fatzinger, we could overcome the issue and get the reservations out in time. Saying that, the reservations have been mailed and are due back March 14, 2017, so don't procrastinate, get those reservations in. The rooms are going fast, so make your call ASAP. Don't forget the Melvin Jones Awards will be given out at the Saturday evening dinner. The Necrology Service is on Sunday, March 26th. Letters have been sent to your club secretary concerning those Lions who have passed on in 2016. If you did not receive your letter, please give me a call immediately. As I mentioned in last month's letter, we have some new things planned for this convention, so join us for the fun and fellowship.

Charitable Enterprises met on January 16, 2017. Every Lion is a member of Charitable Enterprises. I hear questions from Lions asking, "Where does the money go?" and "How do you decide who gets eye surgery or a hearing aid?". These meetings are interesting and very informative. I've learned a lot about our District and Charitable Enterprises and the behind-the-scenes work that takes place for these things to happen. Our next meeting is March 20, 2017 at the UCC Church in Schoenersville. Why not drop in for a meeting and check out the work being

February will be a busy month. We start out with the State Council meeting on February 3-5 in Erie. Wish us luck. We all know what Erie can be like in the winter. We have the Executive Board meeting and the Cabinet Meeting, also. Again, everyone is invited to the Cabinet meeting. Come to one of the meetings and check it out.

Until next month, stay warm and keep on serving those who need us the most.

2nd VDG Karlene Laub

IONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

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REGION I

ALBURTIS: Donated 140 lbs of food to the Second Harvest at St. Paul's UCC church Trexlertown. . . Held hoagie sale.

ALTON PARK: 150 children received candy and oranges from Santa with our club assisting. We supported a child through ChildFund. Collected food for the food bank and paid for two needy families to have a holiday dinner.

EMMAUS LIONESS LIONS: Christmas shopping for four needy families with nine children. .including wrapping giffs . . . Christmas gifts and food delivered to Lincoln Elementary School. On Dec. 12 - 240 lbs of food were collected at the Nov. meeting and donated to the Bethel Bible Food Bank, Emmaus and twelve scarves were donated to the Jefferson School in Emmaus. . . Members volunteered at the Emmaus Weston Village bingo event providing baked good

EMMAUS: Santa and his Emmaus Lions elves delivered gifts and food to 21 disadvantaged children from eight families. . . Sponsored a blind bowler in the Allentown Blind Bowler Association. . . On Dec. 26th the club donated 45 qts of clam chowder to the "Daybreak" soup kitchen in Allentown. New member Michael Bailey.

KUHNSVILLE AREA: Held a Christmas party for over 30 Sight & Hearing impaired guests on Dec. 10 with Santa giving gifts to all at St. John's UCC Church in Fogelsville. . . Donated \$200 to Habitat for Humanity.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: Made and delivered 225 Christmas fruit baskets to the needy and shut-ins in Lehigh Twp. . . Held Adopt-a-Highway pick up, collected four bags of trash. . . Donated \$100 to Lehigh Twp. Historical Society for sign. LEHIGH VALLEY SATURDAY A.M.: New honorary member Dr. Richard P. Solga has supported our Lions Club in a large monetary way for all the years we have been formed and the Board of Directors honored him with an honorary membership in the club. . . Held Christmas party for visually impaired children and families at Center for Vision Loss on Dec. 10. Club gave \$25 gifts cards to and ramilies at Center for vision Loss on Dec. 10. Club gave \$25 girts cards to every child and Christmas stockings filled with candy, orange and other items were given to all children in attendance by Santa. . . Donated 12 boxes of Christmas candy to adolescent patients at LVH Muhlenburg Behavior Science Unit. . Donated \$75 to the Allentown Rescue Mission . . . Our Peace Poster entry from Roberto Clemente Charter School Christopher Garcia won 1st place. We also sponsor students at Raub Middle School and Trexler Middle School. Gave \$25 check to each winning student.

LOWER LEHIGH: Helping Hands Committee distributed \$3,000 in Weis gift cards to deserving families in the area. As co-sponsor of the new Emmaus High School Leo Club we are purchasing a banner for the Leos and pins for the two advisors, to be presented at the dedication on Feb. 14. Collections of eyeglasses, aluminum cans and food for the Zionsville Food Bank continue.

MOUNTAINVILLE: Collecting empty ink cartridges, used eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries. . . . Collecting winter coats, hats, etc. for elementary school.

ONTELAUNEE: No activities reported.

SLATEDALE-EMERALD AREA: Continuing to guide and support Northwestern and Northern Lehigh Leo clubs. . . Purchased 20 - \$50 Weis gift cards for those who need them in local area, donated profits from cheesecake sales for white cane to Leader Dog.

SLATINGTON: Had 40 members work total of 497.25 hours in sales & cleanup for month of Dec. tree sales. . . Donated \$275 donation to Blind Bowling Association, \$200 to Vision Loss Center, \$500 donation to BSA Minsi -Trails Council, \$1000 donation to Food Bank.

UPPER LEHIGH: No activities reported.

REGION II

BATH: \$335 raised from jewelry party. CATASAUQUA AREA: No activities reported. COOPERSBURG: No December report.

COPLAY: No December report.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP: Held Christmas party on Dec. 20 at the Prime

Steakhouse

HELLERTOWN: No December report.

SAUCON VALLEY: No December report, but have monthly public breakfasts. UPPER SAUCON: No December report.

WHITEHALL: Held formal presentation of CCTV, electronic reader for visually impaired people with township commissioners, library board and general public present at Whitehall Township Library on Dec. 10. . . Purchased eyeglasses and eye exam for township resident. . . Presented Christmas presents to an elderly couple who would not have received any other presents.

REGION III

BANGOR: Donated \$200 to the church food pantry, donated 5 Main Street Market gift certificates to local families.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP: Donated \$200 and food collected at our Christmas Party to Back Pack Pals program to help feed children. Donated \$250 to Calvary Baptist Church food pantry.

EASTON: Helped the Salvation Army raise funds by manning the red kettle at Boscov's in the Palmer Park Mall.. . Ćollected food donated by Wegman's and delivered it the food bank. Donated eye exam and glasses for Easton resident. Held a fundraiser at Carrabba's on Dec. 12.

HECKTOWN - LOWER NAZARETH: No December report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Have recycling bin at township building. No December

NAZARETH: Held annual Christmas dinner with high school students playing Christmas songs.

PALMER TOWNSHIP: Displayed many messages on our electronic sign at the corner of 25th and Northampton Streets, Easton . . . Planning for Second White Cane collection at Ace Hardware - Forks Township in April . . . Valentine's Day Party being planned for February 14th at Casa Italia. Spouses and guests to be invited with live music to be enjoyed.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP: A Christmas party for children was held at the Salvation Army . . . Donated \$300 to Salvation Army toward their Christmas food baskets . . . Helped our two Leo Clubs with luncheon on Dec. 15 at Chandler. Gifts and food were given to residents and games were played.

RICHMOND: Donated Christmas food baskets and poinsettias. . . Planning Father, Son, Daughter Banquet on Wednesday, February 15.

TATAMY-STOCKERTOWN: Installed new member Robert Skrapits.

WILSON BOROUGH: Held annual Christmas Party at Wilson Boro Republican Club. . . Donated to District Governor's gift and projects. . . Silver Centennial Lion Award was presented to Lion Paul Corriere.

Whitehall Lions Donate Electronic Reader for The Visually Impaired

By ROBERT HAUCK

Secretary of Whitehall Lions Club

The Whitehall Lions of District 14-K of Pennsylvania has been busy this first half of our Lions Year which began July 1, 2016. The service we are most proud of is that we purchased a CCTV for the Whitehall Township Public Library. This is an electronic reader for the visually impaired; we had help from many organizations and businesses in Whitehall Township who were invaluable in raising funds for this donation.



This began with a wonderful idea from Whitehall Lion Joseph Ebner. He read the article in the September, 2015 Lion Magazine: "I'm Not Blind." The writer from North Texas State University told how a gift from Lions made all the difference in her life. She was told of a CCTV and how Lions donated this to the school library. To paraphrase her statement she said "For the first time since I was eight I could see to read. This was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen."

About this same time, Whitehall Township Public Librarian Patty Vaĥay, who is also the President of the Whitehall Lions, was seeking ideas to raise funds for the library. She came upon an idea for a "Duck Râce" which is selling tickets for a number which is placed on a rubber duck. Then that numbered duck with other "floaters" would be raced down a stream to a designated finish line. Lions Patty and Joe, who is also a member of the library's Board of Directors, spoke of this and decided to present the idea of a "Duck Race" to raise funds for the CCTV to the Lions Club. Our club approved immediately. A committee was formed. The Mayor of Whitehall Township, Township Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, and several other businesses and some other local organizations were contacted and agreed to give support and even sell some numbers for the ducks. Nearby Parkland High School Léo Club held a successful duck race to raise funds. Their club and advisor were contacted by Patty, Joe and committee. They agreed to give advice and were very helpful.

By the time the race was ready to be held, the stream set to be the racing venue had not one but two sinkholes and so the stream was dry. Ever resourceful, the committee held a dry duck race: the numbered rubber ducks were scattered in a field. A small child who could not read and did not recognize different numbers picked the ducks randomly for prize winners.

I am very proud of my club for this and other recent activities have had since the 2016-2017 Lion Year began in July. The first I would like to mention is we sponsor two active Leo Clubs. The Whitehall High School club has been sponsored by us for many years.

This very active Leo Club was the eleventh chartered by Lions International

and has been continuously active since. The Whitehall Middle School Leo Club has been sponsored by the Whitehall Lions for a shorter period of time and is active as well. Some other services we have done since July are: we supplied 101 signs to advertise where local churches would supply dinners for the Whitehall Hunger Initiative; sponsored a banner to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of MacArthur Road (named for General Douglas MacArthur) in Whitehall; and purchased a memorial to honor was veterans of Whitehall at the Township Whitehall Municipal Building. We also sponsored a division in the township's Halloween Parade; purchased several large-print books for the public library; purchased some eyeglasses and exams for needy; donated to local food bank to buy many Thanksgiving turkeys; donated to a retirement community to aid elderly residents; and donated to Center for Vision Loss here in the Lehigh Valley. I am, along with the other members, very proud of Whitehall Lions' busy half year.

LIONESS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

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FORKS TOWNSHIP: No December report.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP: Planning our Basket Social on April 30 at the Democratic

LOWER LEHIGH: No December report.

MOORE TOWNSHIP: Donated \$500 to Community Services for children for the purchase of Christmas gifts. Along with the Lions, held our Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. Santa handed out our candy canes and oranges to the children. Cookies were provided for those attending by the Lioness members. Held our Christmas Cookie and nut roll sale.

NORTHAMPTON AREA: Several club members went to the Easton Childrens' Home to help wrap gifts for Christmas.

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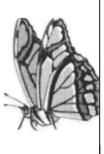
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New Member

4 * TATTLE TAILER * February 2017 LCIF Supports Initiatives That Impact Communities and Change Lives

By PDG JOE CHUNKO

Lions and the world are united by a great spirit of giving and dedication to helping others. As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, a leading humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports Lions' compassionate works by providing grant funding for their local and global humanitarian efforts.

WE HELP LIONS SERVE – LCIF helps Lions improve people's lives around the world, from combating vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through our grant programs, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.

OUR FUNDS COME FROM INDIVIDUALS -LCIF grants, on average, US \$30 million annually. Donations from 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF, making the Foundation a leading humanitarian organization. Lions know their donations matter and

that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.

WE FORM LASTING AND **SUCCESSFUL** PARTNERSHIPS - LCIF leverages the donations we receive through effective partnerships with other fundations, corporations and governments on the local, national and international level. We are proud that LCIF was named #1 non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner, according to a 2007 Financial Times independent survey.

ŴΕ HAVE **KEY AREAS OF SERVICE** – To support Lions' mission of serving communities and meeting humanitarian LCIF provides grants in these focus areas:

- Saving Sight
- Serving Youth
- Providing Disaster Relief
- Meeting Humanitarian Needs

MAKE IMPACT - LCIF and Lions reach millions of people and accomplish visible results. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Preventing serious vision loss for more than 30 million people
- Providing close to 153-3 million treatments for river blindness

• Engaging more than 13 million students and 600,000 educators in 90 countries in the youth development program (Lions Quest).

- · Building or expanding 615 eye hospital / clinics / wards
- Conducting more than 19 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids
- Providing vision screening for more than 350,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through Opening Eyes.

OUR IMPACT LAST YEAR – In fiscal year 2014-2015, we had a great impact in lives around the world through 530 grants totaling US \$43 million. This includ-

- 14,000 people helped through 141 Emergency Grants
- More than 7 million people helped through 178 Standard Grants
- More than 166,000 students reached through 37 Lions Quest Grants
- More than 91,000 people were helped through 26 Înternational Assistance Grants that provided clean water and access to health care through medical missions.
- 31 million people with improved vision 35 SightFirst through
- 15 countries expanded Lions Quest through 35 Core 4 grants
- \$6,638,272 in grants supported the vaccination of millions of children against measles and rubella
- 44 SightFirst grants provided eye care services to more than 9 million people; improving 5 eye care facilities and/or trained 25,000 eye care profession-

I hope that after having read the above report and seeing what LCIF is accomplishing, you and your club will make every effort possible to increase your contributions to LCIF.

I have the 2016-2017 \$20

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DG Marsha Johnston and 1st VDG Donald Kaufman installed a new member at Emmaus Lioness Club meeting on Monday, January 9. Our new member's name is Elizabeth Moessner and her sponsor to her left is Lion Vicki Gehman.

Contributing Member Pins (New Design – looks great.) Also, have \$10 Measles Pins for sale. Let me know if you or your club would like to purchase them.

Yours in Lionism. PDG Joe Chunko - LCIF Phone # 610-838-9373 Email:

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