

BROOKLYN METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB, INC.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

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TERRACE ON THE PARK | QUEENS, NY

# HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY

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CONGRATULATIONS  
to our very own  
Nicole Jones!



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**Welcome to**

**Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc.**

**15th Anniversary Gala**

**January 27, 2024**

**Terrace on the Park  
Queens, New York**





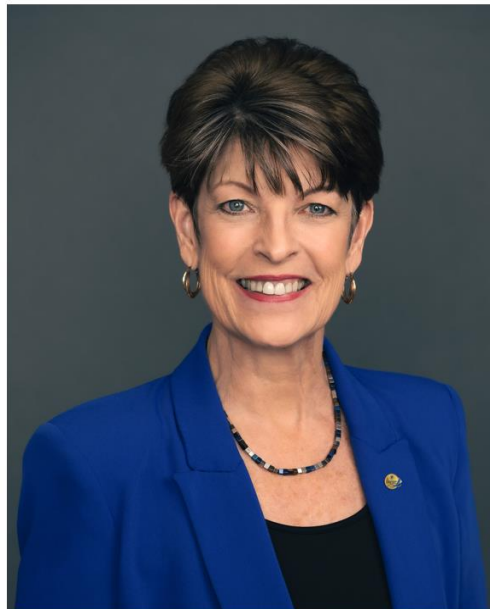
# Lions Clubs International

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Dr. Patti Hill  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

December 11, 2023

Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club  
District 20 K1  
United States of America



Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

Your dedication and commitment make you outstanding examples of what it means to be Lions—to your family, your friends, your community and to Lions around the world. Your incredible accomplishments honor our association's motto, "We Serve," and show the people around you that Changing the World is possible.

Your contributions make a real difference throughout your community every day. Your kindness is not only changing lives—it is inspiring others to do the same. It is through your commitment to service that you are ensuring that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come.

As we look to the future, I know you will continue to work together to deliver the life-changing service for which your club is known in your community. Thanks to you, we will continue to make the world a better place for all people—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Yours in service,

*Dr. Patti Hill*

Dr. Patti Hill  
International President





# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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District 20-W  
Ricky Laurin

District 20-Y  
Rosemary Bush  
Kermit Mott Jr.

District 20-O  
Judy Sheppard

District 20-R1  
Krista Hoversten

District 20-R2  
Lois Campbell  
Mari Morimoto

District 20-K1  
Arlene Punnett

District 20-K2  
Helen Farley

District 20-S  
James Conklin  
Steve Tremaroli

Congratulations to the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club on their 15<sup>th</sup> Charter night and to the seventeen (17) Melvin Jones & Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows being honored at this event.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (named in honor of the founder of Lions International) is a recognition of a Lion making humanitarian service possible. To receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) pin an individual makes donations that eventually add up to \$1,000. To go on to receive Progressive MJF (PMJF) pin(s), they continue to donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

All MJF and PMJFs should wear their pins proudly as it shows your support of changing the world. When disaster strikes, LCIF responds immediately. For example, when an earthquake struck Turkey and Syria, \$200,000 was sent to Turkey the day it happened. Most people would think that this money was used to provide the residents with food, water, shelter, etc. However, the immediate need was to help the people who were found alive who had been buried for days. Their organs were shutting down as they had no food or water. They needed portable dialysis machines, which is what they were able to get because Lions donated to LCIF. We saved lives. The power of LCIF!

Sadly, the disasters keep occurring, but LCIF will keep supporting the efforts of the Lions wherever they occur. Our donations also provide grant opportunities for Lions to complete projects that might otherwise be out of their reach. There are ten (10) different types of grants available. An explanation of each and how to apply can be found at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org). Your LCIF District Coordinators can help you through the process.

So, let's make this year the time when every Lions Club and every individual Lion makes a donation to our Foundation, so we can continue to provide service from the heart as we change the world.

Sincerely Yours in Service,

*Lorri E. Rieger*

PDG Lorri E. Rieger

MD20 LCIF Coordinator

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

**District 20-K1**

**2023-2024**



## CONGRATULATIONS

TO

**BROOKLYN METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB,  
INC.**

ON YOUR

**15<sup>th</sup> CHARTER CELEBRATION**

Congratulations on your 15<sup>TH</sup> year of service  
to the community and the world.

Your commitment to excellence in service is very  
inspiring.

I wish you a happy anniversary and many more  
years of success as you strive to *"Change the World"*  
one service at a time.

I trust the officers and members will continue your hard  
work and commitment to our motto, **"We Serve"**

I wish you inspiration and determination as you continue  
your great journey of service.

**PASSIONS:**

**VISION:**

**UNITY  
COLLABORATION  
EDUCATION**

**TO SERVE  
THE  
COMMUNITY**



# REGINALD DANIELS

Dear Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Lions of District 20-Kl,  
Honorees, and Guests,

With immense honor and respect, I extend warm congratulations to the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club on your 15th Anniversary. As we celebrate this milestone at Terrace on the Park, it's a moment to appreciate your remarkable journey and impactful service.

Over fifteen years, your club has consistently demonstrated a commitment to service, enriching District 20-Kl and beyond. Your diverse service projects have touched many lives in Brooklyn, Queens, the nation, and the Caribbean, bringing aid and hope where it's most needed.

Your growth into a beacon of service and hope is a testament to your enduring dedication. Every District Governor, myself included, is grateful for your unrelenting spirit of service.

Your projects, from the annual coat drive in Brooklyn to international medical aid in Guyana and response to disasters like Hurricane Sandy, embody the humanitarian spirit. By embracing initiatives like 'Share Our Secret' and 'Miracles Through Service,' you've significantly widened your Club's impact.

As we reflect on these 15 years, your journey inspires us all. Your legacy continues to thrive and impact lives. Thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do.

May your future be filled with more remarkable achievements and impactful service.

With deepest appreciation and best wishes,

*Reginald Daniels*

Reginald Daniels, PMJF

Past District Governor, 2008-2009



# *Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Charter Members*

Chartered November 24, 2008





## *Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club - Charter Members*

Adams, Guillermo  
Bayobeni, Sylvia (Charter President)  
Beckford, Marcia  
Brizz-Walker, Monique  
Calendar, Eleanor  
Campbell, Carol  
Campbell, Mac Emerson  
Cohen-Spencer, Darnett  
Draghine, Patricia  
Fenton-Haughton, Donarie  
Joyeau, Sharon  
Lester-Drayton, Yolanda  
Maloney, Donna  
Martinez, Carmen  
Parkinson, Mark  
Playfair, Karone  
Simmonds, Steve  
Trenwick, Geneva  
Ward, Jacqueline D.  
Williams, Anne B.  
Wozencroft, Brenda  
Wright-Morrison, Annette

### **Our Leaders & Guides**

PDG Reginald Daniels Mentor/Advisor - PDG Alvin Brereton Guiding Lion  
PDG Narcissus Frette-Moses Guiding Lion - Jeannette Ford Curwen

### **Sponsoring Club**

Central Brooklyn Lions Club, Inc.





## *Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club Membership*

Abraham-Narine, Luna  
Alman, Cynthia Rebecca  
Anderson, Vinnette  
Austin, Tiffani  
Backus, Bradley  
Bailey-Joseph, Enol  
Barnes-Francis, Judith  
Bayobeni, Sylvia  
Belgrave-Hamilton, Susan  
Benjamin-Campbell, Astrid  
Brathwaite, Annette  
Brant, Walter  
Brizz-Walker, Monique  
Brown, Merlan  
Broomes, Fontaine O.  
Cadogan, Michelle  
Campbell, Mac Emerson  
Christmas, Diane  
Church, Carol Ann  
Clarke, Lucina  
Colter, Abegale  
Cort-Blackson, Maureen  
D'Anjou, Abigail  
Dill, Billy R.  
Draghine, Patricia  
Du Busette-Nicome, Asha  
Ellis, Cynthia  
Farfan, Rosemarie

Frederick, Louis  
Gibson, Gale  
Grappie, Pauline Marcia  
Harrell, Shanice  
Horsford, Ingrid  
Jerome-Nelson, Susan  
Joefield, Christine  
Jones-Follins, Nicole  
King, Aleijuan  
King-Clarke, Valcia  
Lashley-Gray, Julianne A.R.  
Luces, Terriecithal  
Millette, Patricia  
Morrison, Kristoffer S.  
Nurse, Aloma  
Rivera, Rachel  
Rosendary, Michael  
Simon, Jesma  
Smith, Annette  
Smith, Eleanor  
Spann, Paula  
Theophille, Joan  
Theophille, Maxine  
Tribuce, Claire  
Wallace, Pauline  
Williams-Constantine, Brenda





## *Greetings from the Charter President Lion Sylvia Diane Bayobeni*

Sylvia Diane Bayobeni, is a passionate and caring individual with a heart for service.

She personifies the philosophy “We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keeper”, through personal, social, and civic activities with her family, church and community.

Sylvia is a 20-year board member of the Selective Service Board Region II, State of New York. When the draft is reinstated her work will begin. While on Sabbatical from the Lions, Sylvia served six years on the Executive Board of Community Board 17, as Chairperson of its Housing Committee and for two of those six years, simultaneously, served as its Treasurer. As Treasurer, she conducts Public Hearing on Community budgetary needs and that data is submitted to City government. Sylvia’s life to date is replete with humanitarian service concerns.

Sylvia family is from Brazzaville, Congo, Africa. She is formerly, Mrs. Wallace (Jamaica); a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and valued friend to those she calls “family”.

Sylvia is an active member of First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NY; a choir member and Bible Study student. Rev. Dr. Darryl G. Bloodsaw is her Pastor. Sylvia is a 2006 Brooklyn College Special Baccalaureate Degree Program graduate with a B.A., in the disciplines of Philosophy/Psychology.

In 2003, Sylvia was invited to join the Lions Club organization by Lion Eleanor Callendar, (Panama) a charter member of Central Brooklyn Lions Club, Inc. It was there that “Yin met Yang”, they married and had a child (Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club).

As a member of Central Brooklyn, the first service project Lion Sylvia steered with the assistance of the late Lion Myrtle Peele was the donation of a Video-Eye Magnification System to the Grand Army Plaza Library.

*Greetings from the Charter President*  
*Lion Sylvia Diane Bayobeni*

It was presented to the library in honor of Lion Myrtle Peele. While a member of Central Brooklyn, she held the positions of: Chaplain, Treasurer and 3rd Vice President.

Lion Sylvia calls Central Brooklyn her home club. She is and will be eternally grateful to this Club, as Metropolis is a direct outgrowth of the knowledge acquired and enriched experiences she was exposed to during her five-year membership.

On the District Level, Lion Sylvia served as the Club Point Chair under District Governors (DG): Reginald Daniels and Joyce Cochran. Also, she served as a Certified Guiding Lion during DG Daniels' administration. Lion Sylvia served as Co-PR Chair for DG Pauline Francis. Presently, she is the PR Chair for DG Audrey Doorn.

In 2008 Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club was chartered. The formation of Metropolis was inspired by Lion Sylvia's desire to assist in the growth of this organization by an insurgence of individuals in the 40-50 age range interested in serving humanity through the Lions' organization.

Lion Sylvia is a business owner, A CutAbove Support & Consultant Services, LLC, whose motto is "Helping You Help Yourself."





*Greetings from the Immediate Past President  
& Gala Co-Chair  
Lion Annette Brathwaite*

It is my Pleasure to serve with a group of Vivacious Women and a Few Good Men. As a Charter member, the Immediate Past President (IPP) and Co-Chair of this event, I take great pride in the Services we provide for our fellow citizens.

Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club is one of the hardest working and busiest Clubs in District 20-K1.

We exemplify the Lions Motto: WE SERVE.

It is also an honor to welcome my fellow brother and sister Lions from Visiting Clubs. A warm welcome to all Family Members and Guests.

Tonight we celebrate:

Fifteen (15) years of Service to Humanity

Fifteen (15) years of Changing Lives in our community and beyond.

Congratulations to all Honorees! Thank you for all you do for our society.

To my Metropolitans thank you for giving Unselfishly! Your dedication and hard work goes without saying and your contributions help make this world a better place.

To our Guests and Supporters, thanks for standing with us over the years. Our work would not be possible without the services you provide.

Please enjoy tonight's event.

Yours In Lionism,

Annette Brathwaite, MJF, RJU, ATW, CS  
Gala Co-Chair





*Greetings from the President  
& Gala Co-Chair  
Lion Susan Belgrave-Hamilton*

On behalf of Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc., welcome to our Gala and Celebration of 15 years of dedicated community service.

Since its inception in 1917 by Melvin Jones, Lions Club International has championed the spirit of service and active community involvement. Our ethos, "We Serve," is more than a motto-it's a call to action. As President, I have embraced and enhanced this motto to reflect "Service Is A Verb," because as Lions, we always step up where we are needed.

Our club's journey over the past 15 years embodies the Lions Club Code of Ethics, extending sympathy, aid, and support to those in need. We've made a significant impact, both locally and globally, and we are just getting started. For those of you who are new to our mission, we hope tonight inspires you to join our legacy of service.

We aren't here just to celebrate ourselves. Tonight, we will present awards to several amazing honorees: Ms. Wendy Southwell, Owner of Tory Hammond Salon, Ms. Marcy Kornegay, a retired New York City Corrections Officer, Dr. Sandra Scott, Interim CEO of One Brooklyn Health Medical System, Honorable J. Andre Laveau, Consul General of Trinidad and Tobago, and the Honorable Wavny Toussaint, a Justice on the New York Supreme Court 2nd Judicial District.

Also, our amazing Metro Omega Leo's Club will present their first awards to their community partners: Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson, an amazing Dr. and philanthropist to the Club and Mr. Preston James Nelson, businessman and the longstanding community partner.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to honor our past Presidents:

- Immediate Past President and Gala Co-Chair, Lion Annette Brathwaite
- Lion Carol-Ann Church
- Lion Eleanor Smith
- Lion Abegale Kelly-Colter
- Lion Anthony Betaudier
- Lion Astrid Benjamin-Campbell
- Lion Mac Emerson Campbell
- Lion Sharon Joyeau
- Lion Monique Brizz-Walker
- Lion Donarie Fenton
- Charter President Lion Sylvia Bayobeni

## *To An Exceptional Gala Committee*

Dear Members of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club  
15th Anniversary Gala Committee,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your extraordinary efforts in bringing our dream event to life. Your dedication and tireless work have been the driving force behind the success of this gala. Each of you has shown that your commitment knows no bounds, and the support you have extended to me has surpassed anything I could have ever imagined.

Special recognition is due to our exceptional co-chairs, Lion Susan Belgrave-Hamilton, President, and Lion Annette Brathwaite, Immediate Past President. Your leadership and guidance have been invaluable and inspirational.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each committee member:

- Lion Luna Abraham
- Lion Astrid Benjamin-Campbell
- Lion Abegale Colter
- Lion Maureen Cort-Blackson
- Lion Patricia Draghine
- Lion Aloma Nurse
- Lion Jesma Simon
- Lion Paula Spann

Your hard work, creativity, and unwavering commitment have not gone unnoticed. The success of our 15th Anniversary Gala is a testament to the incredible team we have. Thank you for your dedication and for making this event not just a success, but a memorable occasion for all.

With warm regards and immense appreciation,

*Monique Brizz-Walker*



*Greetings from the Gala Chair*  
*Lion Monique Brizz-Walker*

On behalf of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club Gala Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our grand celebration. Galas are occasions of splendor, and our Club relishes hosting such special events in the company of our District 20-K1 Lions, leadership team members, community partners, families, and friends.

Celebrating 15 years is a significant achievement. During this time, the increasing need for hands-on service to assist some of the most vulnerable members of society has stretched our capabilities. It has compelled us to think creatively, often beyond the resources readily available to us. Yet, we persevere, understanding that our true reward - our blessing - lies in our continued dedication and effort.

As we have steadfastly worked to build a club that upholds the standards of Lions Clubs International, we recognize the immense support we have received over the past 15 years.

This event marks one of the many highlights of our journey. Tonight's celebration extends beyond the "Brooklyn Metropolis," as we honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our community. We will present awards to Ms. Wendy Southwell, Owner of Tory Hammond Salon; Ms. Marcy Kornegay, a retired New York City Corrections Officer; Dr. Sandra Scott, Interim CEO of One Brooklyn Health Medical System; the Honorable J. Andre Laveau, Consul General of Trinidad and Tobago; and the Honorable Wavny Toussaint, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial District.

Additionally, our remarkable Metro Omega Leo's Club will present their inaugural awards to their community partners: Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson, an esteemed doctor and philanthropist to the Club; and Mr. Preston James Nelson, a respected businessman and long-standing community partner. Equally important, I extend heartfelt thanks to the officers, members, and directors of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, and our 15 Year Anniversary Committee.

Your steadfast support and commitment to this event have been overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Monique Brizz-Walker*



## *The Lions Prayer*

Where Lions meet, be present Lord  
To weld our hearts in one- accord  
To do thy will  
Lord, make-us strong:  
To aid the weak  
And right the wrong.

## *The Lions Toast*

Not above You, not beneath You, but with You.

## *The Lions Song*

I've ,got that Lions spirit up in my head, up in my head, up in my head .  
I've got that Lions spirit up in my head, up in my head today.  
I've got that Lions spirit here in my heart, here in my heart, here in my heart  
I've- got that Lions spirit here in my heart,  
Here in my heart today.  
I've got that Lions spirit down in my feet, down in my feet, down in my feet.  
I've got that Lions spirit down in my feet, down in my feet today.  
  
I've got that Lions spirit all over me, all over me, all over me.  
I've got that Lions spirit all over me, all over me today.  
I've go that Lions spirit up in my head, here in my heart, down in my feet.  
I've go that Lions spirit all over me, all over me to stay.

## *The Pledge of Allegiance*

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation,  
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## *The American National Anthem*

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave  
proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

## *The Barbados National Anthem*

In plenty and in time of need  
When this fair land was young  
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed  
From which our pride is sprung,  
A pride that makes no wanton boast  
Of what it has withstood  
That binds our hearts from coast to coast -  
The pride of nationhood

### **Chorus:**

We loyal sons and daughters all  
Do hereby make it known  
These fields and hills beyond recall  
Are now our very own.  
We write our names on history's page  
With expectations great,  
Strict guardians of our heritage,  
Firm craftsmen of our fate

The Lord has been the people's guide  
For past three hundred years.  
With him still on the people's side  
We have no doubts or fears.  
Upward and onward we shall go,  
Inspired, exulting, free,  
And greater will our nation grow  
In strength and unity.

THROUGH THE  
years OF a DISTINGUISHED  
HISTORY OF service



# Photos of members performing service projects





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BROOKLYN METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB, INC.



HONOREES

## **Marcy Kornegay ..... aka Marcy Smiles**



A St. John's University Graduate who received a full basketball scholarship. A Retired NYC Corrections Officer who worked 20 years on Rikers Island. I have always enjoyed making people laugh. That's how I got through working in jail for 20 years.

Let me take you back just a little, I first met Marcy in the 1980's, we were eager teenagers ready to take on the world while navigating high school. Her love for the game of basketball amongst her desire to make you laugh were always her trademarks.

Fast forward to 2020, and the world takes a tailspin and a nose dive, and pandemonium sets in. We were all at a place where laughter was truly needed as part of our healing. This charismatic individual brought laughter into our homes, workplace, and lives across social media. If ever there was a time we needed each other, those were the days.

Although covid is here to stay, her willingness to continue and grow has expanded her stage existence. Seeing how laughter is truly healing for the soul, it's my honor to pay homages and give Marcy her accolades while she can marvel in them and continue to place smiles on everyone's faces she comes in contact with. You can now experience laughter at one of her many stages as she continues to perform all over NY as a stand-up comedian.

# Wendy Southwell



Wendy Southwell, a trailblazer and innovator in her own right, has been dominating the hair industry since the age of 16 years old. Over the last 27 years, her contribution to her profession has always been her unique eye for detail, her fearlessness to think outside the box and her tenacity to stay sharp, current and creative. As a licensed cosmetologist, her commitment to provide stellar hair-care has remained one of the main qualities that has set her apart from others in her field.

In 2017, Wendy took a leap of faith and ventured out on her own and became the proud owner of Tory Hammond Unisex Salon Inc., affectionately named after her beloved daughter Tory Hammond. Since the commencing of the salon, Wendy has also started her own hairline, available both on site and online, suitable for all textures of hair. She is a visionary with a strong mission to teach others who are passionate about hair, to lead those who desire to leave their mark in the hair industry, and to build a team of like-minded professionals ready to use their skills to change the hair world, one style at a time.

Wendy is devoted to ensuring every individual who enters her salon is provided with phenomenal hair care service and leaves with an increase of confidence and more in love with their hair after every visit. She is also adamant about teaching clients it is just as important to learn how to appropriately care for their hair, as it is to fiercely rock the latest hair trend. A creative artist, a hair and beauty influencer and a pioneer in her career, Wendy continues to strive for excellence and will stop at nothing to make certain all her gifts and talents are used to bless all those she is fortunate to call her clients.



## J. André Laveau, Consul General of Trinidad and Tobago



The Honorable J. Andre Laveau serves as the esteemed Consul General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in New York, a role he has held since November 27th, 2018. With a distinguished career in the Foreign Service since April 1993, Mr. Laveau has contributed significantly to the international relations of Trinidad and Tobago. He is married with three adult children.

Educated in both the Caribbean and Europe, Mr. Laveau holds a Master of International Politics with honors from Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Law from the University of the West Indies, Barbados. He is also fluent in French, reflecting his global perspective.

His career in the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs has been marked by several key positions, including Director of the Consular Division, Chief of Protocol, and Director of European Affairs Division. Notably, he played a pivotal role in establishing the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in Kampala, Uganda.

Additionally, Mr. Laveau has held the position of Deputy Permanent Secretary in various ministries, overseeing critical areas such as Labor Legislation, International Migration Policy, and Renewable Energy Matters.

An advocate for attitudinal change in Postcolonial societies, Mr. Laveau is also passionate about sports psychology and its role in social transformation. His personal interests include cycling, music, songwriting, and sports journalism. He is dedicated to training individuals in writing and communication, reflecting his commitment to empowering others through skill development.

## **Dr. Sandra Scott Interim CEO of One Brooklyn Health**



Dr. Sandra Scott was appointed Interim CEO of the One Brooklyn Health System by the Board of Trustees, encompassing Brookdale, Interfaith, and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Centers. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Brookdale Hospital Campus, making her the first woman and African American to hold this position.

Dr. Scott is an esteemed physician, leader, and educator who graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center and has previously held the positions of Chief of Service for Emergency Medicine at Rutgers's New Jersey Medical School and Chair of Emergency Medicine at Lincoln Medical Center in the South Bronx.

Her appointment as the Executive Director in May 2021 follows her previous role as Chair of Emergency Medicine at Brookdale since 2018. In September 2020, she was promoted to the Chair of Emergency Medicine for One Brooklyn Health. Throughout her five-year tenure, Dr. Scott has significantly contributed to expanding access, fostering exceptional talent, and advancing programs of excellence to enhance healthcare outcomes, financial performance, and operational efficiency.

With her extensive experience, compassion, and fresh perspective, Dr. Scott is poised to drive improvements in healthcare services for the East and Central Brooklyn communities.



## Justice Wavny Toussaint

Justice Wavny Toussaint stands as a distinguished figure in the legal community, known for her unwavering commitment to fairness, integrity, and justice. In January 2023, she made history when she was appointed as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term of the New York State Supreme Court, 2nd, 11th, and 13th Judicial Districts. The appointment marked her as the first woman, first person of color and first Trinbagonian-American to hold this prestigious position.

In January 2020, Justice Toussaint began service as an Appellate Term Associate Justice, hearing appeals, from New York City Criminal Court, Civil Court and its Housing and Small Claims Parts; for the counties of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. Her judicial journey initially began in 2002 with her election to the New York City Civil Court in Kings County; with interspersed assignments to New York City Criminal Court and New York State Family Court. She was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2010 and elected to the State Supreme Court, Kings County, in 2014. Currently, in addition to her role as Presiding Justice she continues to manage a case inventory and serves as a trial judge of the Kings County Supreme Court.

Justice Toussaint's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts from City College of New York and a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Howard University School of Law. Admitted to practice in New York State, the Southern and Eastern Federal District Courts of New York, and the United States Supreme Court, her legal career spans over 40 years. This includes roles as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, an associate at a private law firm, and managing her own private law practice. She also served with distinction in the New York State Unified Court System as a Principal Court Attorney/Law Clerk to four judges.

Her involvement extends beyond the courtroom. Justice Toussaint serves on the Board of Directors of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, is the Nominations Committee Chair of The Judicial Friends, Inc., and is a past president of the Association of Black Women Attorneys. Her community engagement is equally notable, including her role as a board member of Reimagine Church of the Nazarene, Inc., a member of the global General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, Inc., as well as past board chairperson of both Hope City Empowerment, Inc., and Protestant Board of Guardians, Inc.

Justice Toussaint's career is adorned with numerous professional and community awards, each recognizing her profound impact on the legal field and her dedicated service to the community. Her service is a testament to her high standards and dedication to the pursuit of justice. In all she does, she never forgets to give God thanks for her blessings seen and unseen, which equip and empower her with strength and courage to render justice with mercy.





## *Metro Omega Leos Club Honors Outstanding Benefactors*

Metro Omega Leos Club is delighted to honor two ardent supporters whose contributions have been pivotal to our success: Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson and Mr. Preston James Nelson.

Since Metro Omega's inception, Dr. Johnson and Mr. Nelson have been instrumental in advancing our service projects. Their generous contributions, both financial and in-kind, have been crucial in establishing the foundation of our club during its crucial start-up phase.

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation, Metro Omega Leos Club proudly presents the inaugural Philanthropist of the Year Award to Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson, in recognition of her unwavering support and generous spirit.

In parallel, we are thrilled to bestow the Visionary Leadership Award to Mr. Preston James Nelson, celebrating his foresight, guidance, and dedicated leadership.

These awards are a small token of our immense appreciation for their significant impact on our club and community.

Their dedication to service and leadership continues to inspire us all.



## **Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson**

Dr. Nicoya D. Johnson, known fondly as Dr. J, is a 2023 graduate with honors from Wilmington University's Doctor of Business Administration program. She maintained a 4.0 GPA while working full-time as a Human Resources practitioner, leading the diversity and retention strategies within the Engineering and Sciences organization of Northrop Grumman. Dr. J has committed to creating a skilled, diverse, and inclusive workforce where critical technical talent across the sector has an increased sense of belonging.

Dr. J serves her community by supporting FOZA, Inc. in New Carrollton, MD — an organization dedicated to helping women and families who have experienced maternal suicide due to postpartum depression and maternal mental illness. In addition, Nicoya volunteers as a scholarship committee member, determined to help Maryland students build better lives and fulfilling careers.

In her spare time, she runs a successful hospitality business and a small business named Nicari Nutrition with her husband, Shomari Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is certified by the University of South Florida in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace. She is also certified by the National Council for Behavioral Health in Mental Health First Aid at Work. In addition, she mentors junior HR professionals seeking the opportunity to be transformational trailblazers within the industry.





## **Mr. Preston James Nelson**

### **A Lifetime of Service and Commitment**

Mr. Preston James Nelson, originally from Carriacou, Grenada, West Indies, has led a life marked by dedication, hard work, and generosity. Beginning his journey of responsibility at just 16, he successfully sold livestock to not only support his family but also extend aid to friends and neighbors in his community.

A proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Nelson is deeply motivated to enhance the quality of life for his loved ones and those around him. His journey to the United States began in 1974, leading to a transformative decision in 1976 to register as a Carpenter's Apprentice at Local Union 157. Completing this program was just the start of a distinguished career spanning over 35 years with Local 157. Mr. Nelson's versatility extended beyond carpentry, as he became a Licensed Locksmith and a Certified Welder, always striving to provide for his family both locally and abroad.

Mr. Nelson's heart for service shines brightly in his efforts for the community of Carriacou. Partnering with The Metro Omega Leos Club, he played a pivotal role in supporting the elderly and disabled at a Senior Living Facility in his native island. His initiative to charter a private plane for the monthly transport of essential goods from Grenada to Carriacou exemplifies his commitment to humanitarian service. This generous act not only facilitated the Leos Club in extending their outreach but also supported the local pharmacy in Hillsborough, Carriacou, with the distribution of recycled medicine bottles.

Now retired, Mr. Nelson enjoys tending to his garden, growing fruits and vegetables, and indulging in leisurely activities such as playing dominoes, all fours, and reveling in the sounds of Steel Drum Music.



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**Lion Luna Abraham-Narine**

Luna Abraham has been a lion for the past 10 years, joined in 2014, and served in the capacity of Treasurer for three years. Also had many adverse experiences working with the Lions Club and providing ongoing humanitarian services to the local community.

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give – Winston Churchill*



## **Lion Sylvia Diane Bayobeni**

Sylvia Diane Bayobeni is a dedicated servant of her community, embodying the philosophy “We are our brothers ’and sisters ’keepers.” She holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology and an M.A. in Christian Theology. Sylvia’s commitment to service is recognized through awards like the Robert J. Uplinger and Alexander T. Wells.

"In 2003, Sylvia joined the Lions organization, invited by Lion Eleanor Callendar of Central Brooklyn Lions Club, Inc. Her alignment with the organization’s principles sparked a deep passion for the cause."

"During her five-year tenure at Central Brooklyn, Sylvia served as Chaplain, Treasurer, and 3rd Vice President, gaining extensive knowledge and experience in Lionism."

"On the District Level, Sylvia contributed as Club Point Chair for Past District Governors and became a Certified Guiding Lion. Her dedication to publicizing Lionism was further exemplified in her roles as Co-Chair and then Chair of Public Relations under different administrations."

Sylvia played a significant role in the formation and chartering of the Metropolis Club on November 22, 2008, contributing meaningfully to its growth. Her diverse background, being born and raised in the United States with African and southern cultural influences, enriches her perspective. She is a proud mother and grandmother and a member of the Christian Culture Center under Dr. A. R. Bernard.

As the owner of A Cut Above Support & Consultant Services, LLC, Sylvia channels her belief that "we are our brothers and sisters ’keepers" into her business, striving to help others help themselves.





## Lion Susan Belgrave-Hamilton

Susan Belgrave-Hamilton may be a mouthful to say, but it's a name synonymous with resourcefulness. As the current president of the unique Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club in Brooklyn, NY, I bring a rich tapestry of experiences and values to this role. Let me guide you down memory lane to the roots that anchor my belief that **"Service Is A Verb."**

Born in the prestigious island of Barbados, I am a Bajan by birth and a Bajan Yankee through growth. My upbringing was steeped in a time when culture, respect, and good citizenship were paramount. My parents' actions taught me a vital lesson: you cannot profess love for God, whom you cannot see, and neglect to love or help those you can. In the 70s, long before the era of social media and cellphones, my family, unaware of the Lions Club, lived by the principle that blessings are meant to be shared.

From childhood into adulthood, I've learned that true leadership and service are not just spoken words but actions demonstrated. Currently, I am celebrating 27 years as a postal service employee, a journey that has culminated in my role as a maintenance manager at an international service center. This path, filled with its own challenges, mirrors the experience of leading our club. Grounded in faith, I understand that not every outcome will be to my liking, but as long as I invest my heart fully in every act of service, the results are always meaningful.

A phrase I often find myself saying is "make it make sense," especially when faced with challenges. This mantra helps me gain perspective and navigate life's hurdles. My introduction to Lionism was an eye-opener; I realized I embodied the spirit of a lion even before I understood what Lionism entailed. Today, I stand proudly among the past presidents and members of this esteemed organization, committed to the ethos that the good we do in life is the legacy we leave behind.

So, serve without hesitation, regardless of the audience. Serve until it feels like you can give no more. In the end, you'll find that embodying **"Service Is A Verb"** is indeed rewarding.



## Lion Astrid Benjamin-Campbell

Astrid Benjamin-Campbell is a well-respected businesswoman in the Brooklyn Community. An Insurance Broker by profession, she is the Founder/President/CEO of F.I.T Agency, Inc/FCF Services Inc. in the Brownsville – East New York & East Flatbush areas.

A caring woman with a nurturing giving spirit, she is the twelfth of thirteen siblings. Her parents died when she was very young, so she was forced to grow up quickly. Given the responsibilities that were ahead of her, she successfully completed her education.

She graduated from St. Joseph's Convent in Tobago in 1987. From there, she then attended the College of Insurance in Trinidad & Tobago and graduated in 1991. Astrid Benjamin-Campbell migrated from The Twin Island Republic of Trinidad & Tobago to the United States in October of 1998. She continued to excel in her profession due to one very real fact – she loves what she does, provides people with the ability and options to transfer the worry of protecting their investments, possessions, and legacy. Service, service, service ...that's her message to anyone who asks. This inner drive certainly propels her forward. The innate satisfaction that she receives from helping others – professionally and through her volunteer efforts – for her is priceless.

Astrid Benjamin-Campbell answered the call to further be of service in April 2010; when she was sworn into Lionism. Her passion for the organization was heightened after attending the USA/Canada convention in Tampa Florida in September of 2011. Astrid Benjamin-Campbell has been a dynamic member of Brooklyn Metropolis and has served in the following capacity: Membership Chair & Third, second and first Vice Presidents; Secretary. During her tenure as Membership Chair, she single-handedly recruited 10 new members into Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc . She has served on various committees at the District, Multiple and International Levels, Zone Chair and Cabinet Secretary. She is a graduate of MD20 Leadership Institute (2014–2015); Advance Leadership Institute; (2015- 2016); and Lions University bachelor's 2018. "Knowledge is not power. What you do with the knowledge is what matters" one of her favorite lines.

Presently she serves as the CEO of a non-for-profit organization in East New York called "MyLah Organization" which fights against gun violence in the area. She also serves as the President of the "Tobago Empowerment Alliance Mission".

These days her focus and attention are on her daughter 12-year-old Serenity Campbell who she sees as her GREATEST blessing.





## **Lion Annette Brathwaite**

Annette Andrea Brathwaite was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

In November of 1980, Annette joined the Montego Bay Leo Club family as an Omega Leo.

On migrating to the United States of America, Annette continued her service and subsequently, along with other members, chartered Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club in 2008. This significant occasion took place fifteen (15) years ago.

Throughout the course of time, Lion Annette exemplifies her passion for service.

On the club level, she served as President, Tail-Twister, Tamer, Secretary, First, Second, and Third Vice President and is now the Immediate Past President (IPP)/LCIF Chair.

On the district level, she served as Marathon Chair and Co-Chair, Environmental Chair, Grandparent Day Chair, and Tail-Twister. She also served on Friends and Family Day, Holiday Party, Cancer Committee, Labor Day Parade, and Mid-Winter Convention. She also served on Past International President Douglas X. Alexander's fundraising committee.

Lion Annette believes in leading by example.

In recognition of her accomplishment, Lion Annette is the recipient of several distinguished leadership and service awards, including Past International President Douglas X. Alexander Leadership Award, MD20 Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, District 20-K1 Foundation Alexander T. Wells Distinguished Service Award and Cornerstone Leadership Awards. In addition, she is the recipient of several district and club appreciation awards.

Lion Annette is also a proud Melvin Jones Fellow.



## Lion Monique Brizz-Walker

Monique Brizz-Walker's lifelong dedication to service and community empowerment, originating from her middle school days, has become the cornerstone of her ethos. As the founder of Event Strategies For Success, she extends this commitment to elevating nonprofits and empowering communities on both national and global stages.

With a career spanning nearly three decades in the nonprofit sector, Monique has been pivotal in raising millions of dollars for several respected organizations, including the American Folk Art Museum, American Foundation for The University of the West Indies, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Her impact extends beyond fundraising; she has been instrumental in driving significant community development initiatives, notably through her work with the Bed-Stuy Gateway Business Improvement District. Here, Monique successfully secured and managed two critical grants from the Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund, addressing the challenges faced by minority-owned businesses amidst rapid gentrification and the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a charter member of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Monique has actively engaged in various capacities both at the Club and District levels, including roles as Club President, Vice Chair of the District 20-K1 Mid Winter Convention and Chair of the Convention's Memorial Service, Co-Chair for the Humanitarian Awards Virtual Recognition Event, and Keynote Speaker for Women in Lionism. Her dedication and leadership have been honored with several prestigious awards, including the Robert J. Uplinger Award, the Everyday Heroes Award, and a Citation from former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. Each role Monique has undertaken and every accolade she has received are testaments to her unwavering commitment to grassroots initiatives and community leadership.

Additionally, she is a former Vice Chair of the Community Leadership Council Board of Kingsbrook Medical Center, which is now a member of the One Brooklyn Health System. Her support for the Crown Heights Service Center and recent induction into the Brooklyn Community Foundation's Brooklyn Elders Fund further underscore her dedication to addressing critical community issues.

Monique's personal life mirrors her professional values, sharing a 36-year marriage with Stan E. Walker, a distinguished educator and mentor. Their life in Brooklyn, New York, is a testament to a shared dedication to service, education, and community enrichment.



# Our Distinguished Charter Member

**Lion Mac Emerson Campbell, MJF**  
**Past President, Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club**



Mac Emerson Campbell was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica. He is the first of six kids to Mary Elaine Eulett. Mac Emerson grew up in Granville and attended the Granville All Age School. Mac is a graduate of the University of Villa Clara, in Santa Clara, Cuba with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. Mac is a founding member of Comets Sports Club International which has been in operation for the last forty-two years. Mac is a founding member and vice president of Granville Retirement Erwin Tucker Alliance (G.R.I.T.A.). Mac Emerson coached both the Granville Police Youth Club and the Granville Division One football team for several years.

Also, during that time, he became a member of the Montego Bay Leo Club and served as one of its leaders before migrating to the USA. Mac is an ardent reader, he loves poetry, loves traveling and sports. He is a loving father, brother, uncle grandfather, and devoted husband to his wife, Astrid, his Partner in Service.

Mac is a Charter Member of Brooklyn Metropolis Lions. He has served the club in many different positions; Third Vice President, Treasurer, Leo Advisor, Lion Advisor, and was instrumental in organizing two clubs which were sponsored by Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club — they were Brooklyn Leaders and Brooklyn Jefferson Lions Clubs. His input was invaluable in founding the Brooklyn Metropolis Leos Club. Mac has served District 20-K1 in many ways as Leo Liaison, Committee Chair, Cabinet Treasurer and Zone Chair. He has also spearheaded projects on the local, national, and international level. Mac had the pleasure of accompanying his club to Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana, Antigua, and Barbuda for unique hands-on service projects following a period of natural disasters.

Mac is a graduate of Lions University with a Bachelor's and Master's degree. During his time as a Lion, he has received coveted awards: Alexander T. Wells award, Robert J. Uplinger award, Knights of the Blind, an International President's Certificate, and Brooklyn Borough President Cornerstone award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a graduate of MD20 Lions Institute, and most recently the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). He has also been honored by several District Governors with numerous certificates of appreciation. Lion Mac Emerson Campbell is a hard-working and dedicated charter member of Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club who served as a trustee of the district 20-K1 foundation.



**Lion Dianne Christmas**

In 2018, I joined the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. It is always a pleasure engaging in different service projects. I'm also in the cancer and diabetes community. Outside of the club, I volunteer twice a month with Island Harvest Food Bank and Campaign Against Hunger, delivering food to the people in the communities. As a Lion, I know that kindness matters and is my obligation. To make a difference in the communities and the lives of the people I serve.

***"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love." – Mother Teresa***





## Lion Carol-Ann Church

Born on the vibrant twin island nation of Trinidad & Tobago, I emerged as the first of my generation, earning the role of leader of the pack. My insatiable curiosity fuels a love for reading, travel, and adventure. While I appreciate the grand journeys, I find equal joy in exploring local sites and monuments and discovering the magic just a few miles away.

Early on, the seeds of compassion were planted in me. As a child, I delivered meals to older adults, visited facilities supporting individuals with disabilities, helped with laundry for a local sports club and thanks to the influence of my household, all active members of an international community service organization; service is not just a choice for me; it's an integral part of my identity.

Within Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, I've worn multiple hats, from Secretary to President in the challenging year of 2020-21, navigating the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic. Proudly, we adapted our service projects, providing meals to essential workers, distributing over 1200 books to sheltered children, and maintaining our commitment to park clean-ups. My involvement included chairing backpack giveaways and by-laws committee, but my proudest work has been the two years with the Leos, witnessing their young selves flourish as they grew increasingly confident.

My home and office are lush landscapes, symbolizing my connection to the environment and an innate desire to be close to nature. The presence of water and the feel of earth between my fingers are an essential part of my life. In warmer weather you will find me exploring water bodies around New York City, or at my community garden where I plant herbs and vegetables or compost. These spaces remind me to live sustainably and are the havens that rejuvenate and inspire me.

My dedication to service seamlessly integrates with my professional life. For three decades, I've worked to engage Brooklynites in civic life, managing outreach at Prospect Park Alliance, serving a decade at Brooklyn Community Board 2, and currently directing Brooklyn's 18 community boards. In this role, I champion grassroots democracy, aspiring to make each board a true reflection of its residents—I often humorously refer to myself as Brooklyn's Chief Diversity Officer.

Every day, I strive to build a legacy of love and kindness, guided by the principle of treating others as I would like to be treated. In a world where peace seems elusive, I hold onto the belief that by following the golden rule, we can collectively make a difference. As Jana Stanfield wisely puts it, "I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do."



## Lion Abigail D'Anjou

Lion Abigail D'Anjou became a Lion on October 27, 2013. Abigail has held the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President in Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. and was on the Mental Health Committee, and is currently a District 20-K1 Leo Liaison at the District Level.

*"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."*  
– Albert Schweitzer





## Lion Patricia Draghine

Lion Patricia Draghine is a Charter Member of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club and has been an integral part of its journey since its early days. With a professional background as a social worker, she brings a deep commitment to serving those in need, both in her local community and globally.

During the Club's formative pre-charter stages, Patricia was instrumental in hosting meetings, showcasing her dedication and leadership. Her role extends beyond organizational responsibilities, reflecting her genuine concern for humanity and her drive to make a significant impact through service.

Patricia's passion for nurturing the next generation is evident in her personal life and volunteerism. As a sister, devoted mother, and grandmother, she places great emphasis on the well-being and development of young people. Committed to ensuring their success, she believes in the importance of guiding and supporting them as they grow.

In December 2021, Patricia took a pivotal step in her mission by chartering the Metro Omega Leos Club. This initiative welcomes young adults, aged 18-35, into the realm of humanitarian service and leadership. Under her guidance, the Omega's mission is to deliver meaningful, sustainable, and impactful services, thereby making a tangible difference in people's lives.

Patricia's philosophy is rooted in the power of mentorship and community support. She advocates for the idea that if one can reach out and teach someone, together they can rise to greater heights. This belief not only fuels her actions but also serves as an inspiration to others in the Lions Club community.

Patricia Draghine's unwavering commitment to service and her dedication to the future leaders exemplify the spirit of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club.

*Presented July 2023*



## **Lion Nicole Jones-Follins**

Nicole Jones-Follins hails from Brooklyn, NY. She has worked at Koeppel Nissan for over 21 years. Due to her love for serving others, she became a Chartered Member of the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club in 2014. She served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and was awarded the Lion of the Year Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Public Service.

As a Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club member, she co-chaired impactful fundraisers and service events such as “The Literacy Fiesta” and many more. Lion Nicole’s passion for service continued as she served on the Board of Directors for three (3) years.

Lion Nicole joined the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club in 2018 and continued to serve her community as Membership Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, and Public Relations (PR) efforts. Nicole continues to be an active member of the Metropolis Lions Club, which is the Sponsoring Club for the Brooklyn Leaders Lions Club.

Lion Nicole’s dedication to serving others has now earned her the Prestigious Melvin Jones Award — an honor she deserves.

Nicole has one daughter, Nicoya, and is being watched over by her late husband Jeffrey. Lion Nicole enjoys singing and shopping during her free time.



# Lion Dr. Gale Gibson Gayle



Dr. Gale Gibson Gayle is a thought leader and a visionary who is driven by her conviction that education is the most effective tool for individual actualization. She has been a transformative force and a systems-oriented change agent in the higher education arena for more than 25 years. She earned a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University, a Master of Arts in Social Sciences and Counseling, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Binghamton University of the State University of New York. Dr. Gayle is also a United States Army War College graduate, a National Security Seminar, a certified American Cancer Society Community Health Worker/Health Equity Ambassador, and has earned a Research Certificate from the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Gayle serves as the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Dean of Graduate Education, and the Accreditation Liaison Officer at St. Francis College. As an integral part of SFC's strategic agenda, she implements new online, bachelor's, and master's degree programs, enrollment, and partnerships targeting post-traditional students. Dr. Gayle has held executive-level positions at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York, Essex County College, and Bethune Cookman University.

As a Charter Member of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Dr. Gayle exemplifies lionism through her work in the many local, national, and international community activities. As a Lion, she has donated to numerous charities, fed the hungry and homeless, fundraised, donated eyeglasses and coats, gathered medicine bottles, contributed school supplies for children, established a hydroponics urban garden, and funded full-tuition college scholarships to the many in need.

Dr. Gayle's display of Lionism is also evident in other service organizations she belongs to. Her participation and tireless work have significantly improved the quality of myriad lives as she quietly serves from behind the scenes. Community service and mentorship are part of her DNA, as demonstrated in her extraordinary commitment to supporting and guiding the youth through her involvement in workshops for Leos to help empower them as future service leaders.

Dr. Gayle consistently participates in service projects that advance the Lions International global causes of vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, and youth. The Lion's "We Serve" motto epitomizes her way of life, expressing a belief that the responsibility for helping a neighbor starts with oneself. No matter the size of the effort we give, whether we help hundreds of people or only one, Dr. Gayle believes that the return on the investment of service lies in the fulfillment that comes from knowing that the world is a bit better off owing to what we've done. The greatest reward of service is simply doing what Lions do; we live what it means to be of service.

Dr. Gayle is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, the Brooklyn Chapter of The Links Incorporated, the Brooklyn Prospect Park Alliance, the Brooklyn Museum, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Chi Alpha Epsilon Academic Honor Society, and the Addisleigh Park Association.

Beyond her passion for community service and higher education, Dr. Gayle enjoys spending time with her husband and their two sons, traveling internationally, and playing tennis.




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*Whatever it may be  
go for it, and never  
ever stop fighting  
till you get it, the  
strength that you  
need is already  
within you...and  
don't forget to enjoy  
the journey.*

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## LION'S BIOGRAPHY

# CHRISTINE JOEFIELD

**L**ion Christine comes to us from the vibrant twin island of Trinidad & Tobago. Growing up, family was an integral part of her upbringing, thus sparking her love and respect for community and fellowship.

Born and raised on the cosmopolitan island, she quickly developed a love of fitness. Lion Christine started this journey in the field of Martial Arts. As her curiosity grew, she then expanded into sports. Many of you may not know this about Lion Christine, but she played field hockey nationally and internationally for many years, travelling island to island and even to the UK with her team. It was here that Lion Christine recognized and started developing her love of community and teamwork. She understood the strength in working together and throughout her life strived to maintain a strong bond within her village. Lion Christine attended the Tobago Institute of Education school where she earned her High School Diploma.

Lion Christine would then move to the United States many years later to pursue her career in Social Work. Lion Christine holds a Bachelors degree from Medgar Evers College in Psychology. She then promptly began her work in this field, joining many organizations; as well as learning

and mastering new skills along the way. Lion Christine worked in homeless services, mental health and housing throughout Brooklyn. She has been known as a trailblazer, advocating tirelessly for the rights of her clients to have access to basic needs and services needed to improve their quality of life. Through her work within the community, she became affiliated with the Brooklyn Metropolis Lion's Club where she joined in 2016. Lion Christine chaired various committees including humanitarian, hunger, vision, cancer, closeout and more. She held the role of secretary briefly from 2019-2020. Lion Christine then faithfully served as the Treasurer from 2021 - 2022, Third Vice President from 2022 -2023; and is most currently serving as the Second Vice President with Brooklyn Metropolis Lion's Club.

Through these efforts and work with club she was awarded the Lion of Year in 2021. She was also honored to be presented the Alexander T.Wells distinguished service award in the same year. She was also recognized with the President's appreciation award (2019-2020) Lion Christine is Married with 2 children and 2 grandchildren, she attributes her vivacious personality to her culture, upbringing and personal growth over the years.





## Lion Valcia King Clarke

Valcia King-Clarke is from the native island of Barbados. It was there where her passion for service and serving others originated. In 2017, the United Nations Universal Peace Federation and the government of Barbados sanctioned Valcia as Peace Ambassador for her country, which she readily accepted.

Valcia joined the Bridgetown Lions club in Barbados in February 2011. She was actively involved in her club and served in the offices of Fundraising Chair, Director, Service Chair and Public Relations (PR) before migrating to the USA. Valcia continued her service to humanity in the USA and assisted many community organizations with their feeding and outreach projects to the less fortunate. She held the offices of 3rd Vice President and Membership Chair in her club for the period 2020-2021.

Valcia also served as Leo Liaison for clubs in the Brooklyn and Queens districts for the period 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, respectively. Valcia has recently been recognized in Honor of Award for "Leo Liaison Of The Year " from the past District Governor and a certified Guiding Lion from Lions International Training Institute.

Valcia believes that learning is a journey. In 2021, she graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from Lion's University, and she completed her Master's and hopes to graduate in 2023.

Valcia believe that where there is a need, there is a Lion. In July 2022, her dedication and commitment to her club and service to others awarded her the prestigious Alexander T. Wells Distinguished Service Award, Lion of The Year 2021-2022 from her club President, and New Voices Fireside Choice Award winner in the category of **"Service Projects."** She represented District 20-K1 in Brooklyn and Queens, New York.

Valcia is a wife and a proud mother of one beautiful daughter.

Valcia's philosophy is "Do unto Others As You Would Have Them Do unto You".

*Presented July 2023*



## Lion Aloma Nurse

Aloma was born in Trinidad and Tobago and migrated to the United States to work to help her family and others in need. She currently works for the NYS Office of Mental Health and is responsible for managing the administrative functions of her department. She has been an Executive Assistant for 25+ years. She enjoys singing in her church choir and even singing with friends in her spare time. Aloma always dedicates time to exercising at least four times weekly at her favorite gym. She loves to party and hang out with her friends.

At a very young age, Aloma had a passion for helping others in need as her family came from very poor beginnings, and she saw them struggle and vowed to do whatever she could to help her parents and siblings have a better life. She worked hard to assist her family and friends in need throughout the years. She joined the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club in 2018, where she held positions as a Board Member, and Assistant Secretary, and now currently holds the position of Club Secretary from 2023-2024. She was also a part of the Mental Health Committee for District 20K-1 in 2019. Aloma does other charitable duties privately, most times without mention, as some things just need to be kept private.

A favorite song that resonated with her was a song her father often sang before he passed away, and it will always live in her heart; it is, "If I could help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."





## Lion Jesma Simon

My **career** in “Volunteerism/ Serviceism” began as a child back in the Twin Island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago when my mother fed everyone that came across her path, and as her child, I was her “Uber” foot-running delivery service. As I migrated to the United States of America and began my College life, apart from earning my first degree on campus, I got involved in different club organizations. However, when I got engrossed in the National Association of Black Accountants (“NABA”) student chapter, where I sat on the Board of Directors, there were philanthropical services of some kind. Services involved feeding the needy a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day, buying warm clothing for the homeless, and other forms such as helping fellow students on campus with their academic challenges or assisting with building out professional resumes for job opportunities.

After graduating from College, I began my professional career as an Auditor with Deloitte & Touche is the #1 Assurance & Advisory Services firm on the globe. Their pivotal function was giving back to the communities through services such as tax preparation, bringing your kids to work day, cleaning parks, etc. Being me as I am, I would sign up each year religiously to assist in these many services in the communities; this led to me being Co-Captain to many of the projects undertaken by Deloitte. On many occasions, I was given the Service Employee of the Year Award.

With an earning desire to make a difference in someone’s life unknown to me, on a personal note, I embarked on giving back to the community every year for my birthday. So, instead of celebrating me in January of every year, I would go out to various shelters and provide warm food for the less fortunate funded by me. Then, I got others involved, such as one of my neighbors, his wife, and my brother.

Fast forward to Lionism. A friend one day who knew of my feeding feats asked why I didn’t come along and join me as a “Lion,” whereby the same alignment I had with serving mankind was done. I took the opportunity and got involved and became a “LION” approximately 6 years ago. Personally, no accolade is needed for me to be a giving person. As it said so many times in so many ways, all I need is, “If I can help somebody as I move along, then my living shall not be in vain.” THANK YOU, BROOKLYN METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB, for having me obsequiously serve alongside you as I continue unleashing the Lion in me.

*“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## Lion Paula Spann

Paula Spann has always been driven by an insurmountable passion for giving back to her community, whether by mentoring young girls or organizing family and friends to volunteer for various charitable organizations. Most notable of these charitable organizations are Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Walk MS, T.E.A.L, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and AIDS Walk, to name a few. After years of volunteering her time and effort, her thirst and appetite for more charitable work was never being fulfilled.

She always had that empty feeling that she could still do more after each event. Paula was invited to a Lion's meeting, and after one meeting, she became a Lion in 2010. In November 2012, she found her home club with Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. As soon as she became a member, she knew this was the club that would feed her passion and fulfill her appetite to serve. Being a Lion has opened her eyes to the disparities that face our communities, and by volunteering, she feels that Lions can bridge the gap by helping others and impacting people's well-being. Doing the different service projects such as Backpack Drive, Coat Drive, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Toy Drive continues to bring so much joy to her and the recipients. Paula is so passionate about her community and their well-being that she is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Health.

She is also a go-getter! If you want the job done...Paula is the go-to person! She got 1000 backpacks from Nick Cannon of "Wild 'N Out" fame, who collaborated with Office Depot. These backpacks were distributed to children in shelters and in the Crown Heights and Brownsville/East New York communities. Paula was also instrumental in putting together a recruitment brochure to attract prospective members, an orientation booklet to help new Lion members in the club get acquainted with the meaning of LIONS, got NEWS12 to cover one of the club's Thanksgiving Dinners and produces all of the clubs public relations brochures and flyers.

On a club level, Paula has received three of the most distinguished service awards: the Alexander T. Wells, Robert J. Uplinger, Cornerstone Awards, and numerous club awards. She has held the positions of 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Secretary, and Public Relations Officer. She is currently the Tail Twister for the lionistic year 2023-2024. On a district level, she was the District Leo Co-Chair for 2 years, District Leo Liaison for 2 years, District Environment Co-Chair, and is currently the Graphic Designer for the Kings & Queens Enewsletter and designed PDG Melissa Torres's District pin (2015-2016). Paula looks forward to many fulfilling and productive years with Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Lion's University.

One of her favorite quotes is, *"If you can't feed 100 people, just feed one."* - Mother Theresa





## **Lion Pauline Jennifer Wallace**

### **A Dedicated Nurse and Community Leader**

Pauline Jennifer Wallace, a cherished member of the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Inc. has been a beacon of care and dedication in her professional and volunteer endeavors. With over 25 years of service as a registered nurse, Pauline's career is marked by compassion and excellence in healthcare.

Born in Jamaica, WI., and a proud mother of two, Pauline's journey in nursing has led her to her current role as Head Nurse and Breastfeeding Coordinator at Kings County Hospital. Her commitment extends beyond her nursing duties, as she actively enhances workplace conditions and rights for nurses. As President of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) Local Bargaining Unit at Kings County, she has been instrumental in advocating for nurses' welfare.

Pauline's leadership shone brightly as a member of the NYSNA bargaining committee, where she played a key role in securing a historic citywide contract for public sector nurses in New York City. This achievement highlights her dedication to ensuring fair and equitable work environments for her colleagues.

Within the Brooklyn Metropolis Lions Club, Pauline's focus on maternal health and breast cancer reflects her deep-rooted passion for these critical healthcare issues. Her leadership skills are further exemplified in her role as the Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, overseeing various committees and bringing attention to vital community health concerns.

Pauline Jennifer Wallace's life and work embody the essence of service and leadership, significantly impacting both her professional field and community service endeavors.

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for her work as Founding Chairperson of the  
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Ms. Bayobeni distinguished herself in her work at NSBT and  
continued her passion for serving her community  
as she found a great interest through her master's degree work in  
public chaplaincy—i.e., serving others in the context of their  
need as she embraced loving her neighbors!

Ms. Bayobeni is not only a graduate of NSBT, she and I have become  
friends in both the academic process, but also in the subsequent  
time.

It is my honor to honor her in her support for significant, caring and  
community-focus work within  
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Blessings and peace,  
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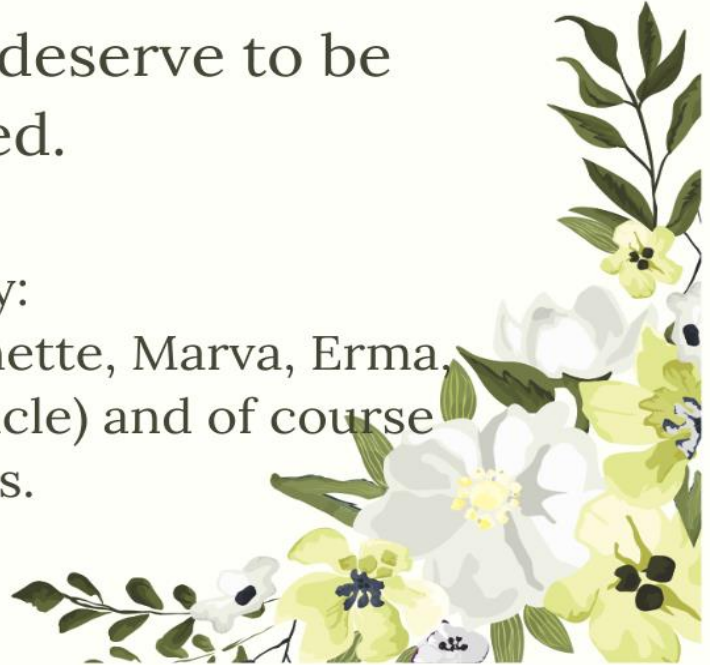
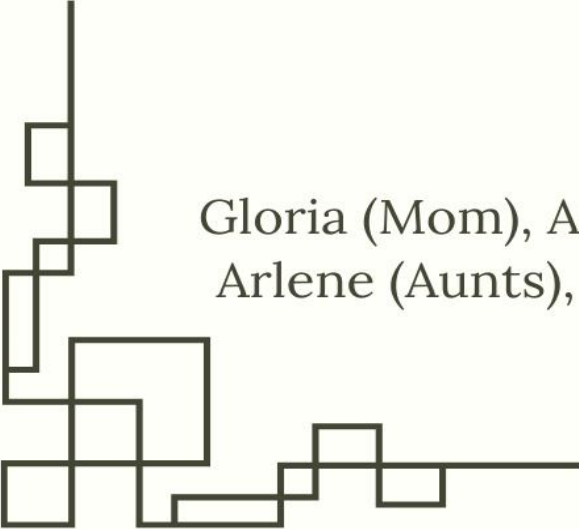
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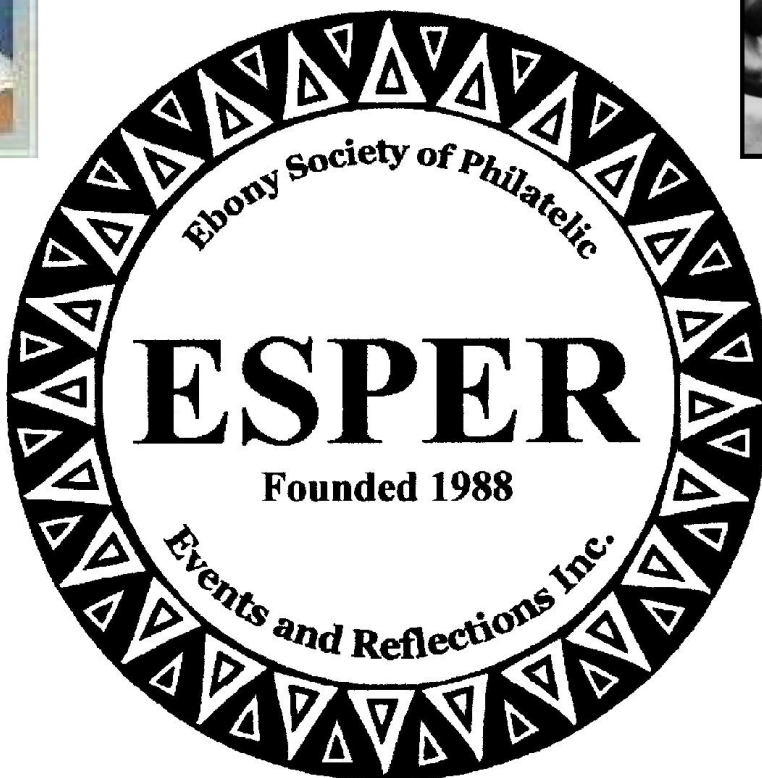
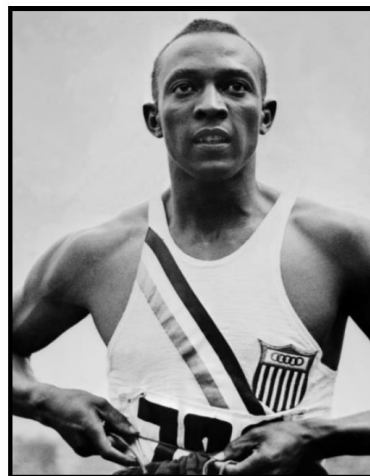
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Looking forward to 15 more!





Lion Dr. Vinnette Anderson (Member)  
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So sorry I could not be present.  
Much love!



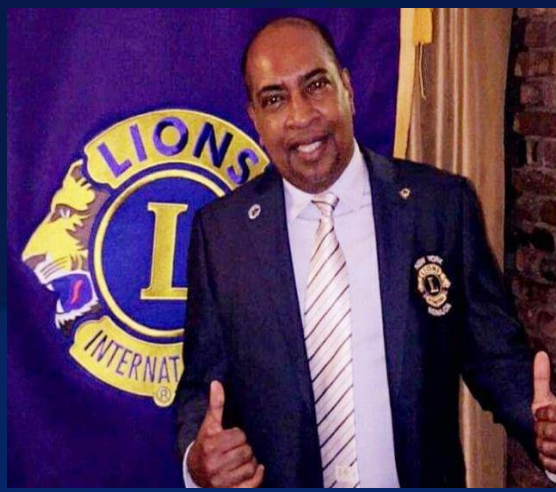
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