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Lions Club for LGBT People and Friends Forms in Jackson Heights

Jackson Heights, NY, May 2, 2011 -- Last Thursday, over 50 people gathered at the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights to discuss the possibility of forming New York State's first Lions Club for LGBT people and their friends and supporters. The meeting was led by Corona Lions President Joe DeGaetano, Corona Lions 2nd Vice President Patty Terranova and hosted by NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm.

At the meeting, the growing need to increase services to the gay & lesbian community was discussed as well as the importance of increasing the number of members who can best understand those needs.

Lions International is the world's largest service organization with over 1.3 million volunteers who service their own communities with service projects that affect children, senior citizens, hospitals, charities, churches and those who are needy. The Corona Lion's Club is the largest Lion's Club in New York State with 120 members.

By the end of the evening more than 19 people had signed up for the club, one shy of the 20 needed for Lions International to charter the club. The group expects to exceed that number at the next meeting. For further information contact 347-433-7683.

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