

LC USA Half Year Report for 2018-19

NEW YORK, USA

16 Members / 2 Circles
AGM: May 11 – 12, 2019

Members of the board 2018/19

Sandra Erickson: President
Ling Marquardt: Vice President
Andreea Bordeianu: Secretary
Tienneke Petit: Treasurer
Alexandra Charpentier: Public Relations / Web Lady

It's been a year of changes here in LC USA, but we are still going strong and view 2019 as our year to "re-build". LC USA is still an associate member country of LCI since LC NY2 had to be closed due to an increase in the attrition rate of our members in NY. Some highlights of past months have been:

April 2018

April 26-29 was our AGM. It was a "side-by-side" AGM along with RT USA's 35th Anniversary. A few of the LC NY1 ladies helped to host the home parties which included both tablers and circlers from all over the world.



The LC USA AGM was on April 28th, 2018, and we were very pleased to announce our new board members at that meeting. Also present at the AGM were several visitors from other LCI countries (i.e. France, Belgium), and LC USA used the opportunity to seek some collective guidance in attracting new members since we knew this would be an issue for LC

USA going into 2018/2019. It was also decided at our AGM that LC Detroit (LC 3) would host the 2018/2019 USA AGM in May 2019!



The culmination of the joint RT USA/LC USA was the gala cruise around the island of Manhattan followed by an afterparty in the East Village. So much fun with friends old and new!



May, June & July 2018

During these months LC USA focused on the coordination between the old board and the new board of LC USA. We were very pleased to have Andreea represent LC3 Detroit – she is our first USA board member not from LC NY1 or NY2.

Along with the arrival of summer in NYC, LC USA also typically sees an influx of tablers and circlers visiting this great city – so we try and meet/host as many as we can. And during the summer, our organized social meetings usually try to be an outdoor activity to take advantage of the warm weather.



August 2018

Princess, Sandy and Ling all were able to attend the LCI AGM in Haugesund, Norway. What a great experience for everyone. It was Sandy and Ling's first LCI meeting, and we so very much enjoyed touring this beautiful country. One of the highlights was the hike Sandy and Ling did up to Preikestolen (604 meters!) with a group of circlers before the conference began. It was unforgettable.



September 2018

If you know LC USA and/or RT USA, then you know Princess and Rob (now Mr. and Mrs. Kerins!). These two finally tied the knot in September of 2018, and many tablers and circlers from all over the world were in attendance! Several RT USA and LC USA were even in the wedding party. Wishing this lovely couple a lifetime of love and happiness!



October 2018

In October, LC USA had its first board meeting to go over important business. Our IPP, Princess, provided everyone with much direction and guidance as she informed us all she and Rob would be moving to London in the near-term! Look out GB&I, here she comes! ☺

We are so happy for the Kerins, but it is bittersweet since Princess has really been the driving force behind LC USA since it's charter, and we are losing a very special friend.



October also saw our first social meeting in LC NY where we had quite a few prospects in attendance which was our main goal. We all met at a local pub and then a few more of us walked over to the Whitney Museum to take in some art.



November 2018

We had another social meeting in November which was a complimentary group fitness ride with cycling company, Peloton, at their NYC studio. We had three prospects join us for that, and we were very pleased to have them.



There was also some international circling that happened! Ling, our Vice President, traveled to the Netherlands (Amsterdam) and met the VP of LC Netherlands, Carolien van Dijk!



December 2018

December had several significant events. We had our first business meeting with 2 board members (Tienneke and Ling) and 4 prospects! In fact, it was during this business meeting that LC NY1's local board was decided upon. Other important business for the next several months was discussed with emphasis on service projects.



One annual service project which was almost completely organized by our LC USA Treasurer, Tienneke Petit, was our Operation Santa fundraiser. This year, we were able to raise over \$600 and fulfilled 5 letters to Santa for children in need. Thank you to everyone who donated and came to the event!



It was also during our Operation Santa event, that we officially welcomed a newcomer (but not really) – Alexandra Claveau, who recently moved to the US and came from LC France!

Also, Princess Kerins, our IPP, officially tendered her resignation from the board of LC USA. We will miss her but we know that GB&I is getting an amazing lady.

We close our 2018 very optimistic about our growth in 2019! It's going to be a great year.

In Friendship and Service, and on behalf of the national board of LC USA

Ling Marquardt, Vice President