



THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER: January 2026 ISSUE

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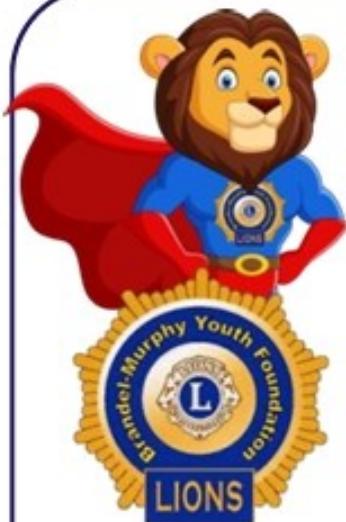
Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday season I did and I enjoyed going to some of the club Christmas parties.

Well, the first half of my district governor year is over. I'm looking forward to the second half. We had a successful fall conference. I enjoyed everyone coming and the International Director that came was very good and gave us a lot of information him. I now have become friends on Facebook we text back-and-forth all of the time.

I enjoyed visiting the club so far this year we've got quite a few clubs done. I enjoy going to the small towns. The small towns really do a lot in their communities.

My testimonial this year will be on May 3 at Tavern 19 at 1549 Lake Rd. in Hamlin, New York. It will be a buffet dinner at 2 PM more information to follow.

DG Tom's District Governor project is funding the Batavia School of the Blind Playground Project. If any club would like to donate, please write a check to District 20 E1 and write in the memo "School of the Blind Playground Project." Send it to **District Treasurer Charles Stancampiano.** That way, all the money raised will go towards a matching grant for school's playground.



Super Hero Raffle

Be A Super Hero For Children In Need

Drawing will be held Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026

Grand Prize - \$5,000



2nd Prize:	\$ 2,000
3rd Prize:	\$ 1,000
4th & 5th Prizes:	\$ 500
6th thru 9th Prizes:	\$ 250

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For \$100**

\$20 Per Ticket

To Purchase Tickets Scan here 
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Or...make your check payable and send, with ticket stubs to:

**Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation
P.O. Box 913
Rockville Centre, NY 11571**

For Tickets & Information Contact:

PDG Judy Macknight
585-281-1790
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**All proceeds benefit children in need through the
Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation**

For further information visit us at www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org

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LIONS CAMP BADGER

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

Lions Camp Badger is a project of New York State and Bermuda Lions Clubs.

Golisano Foundation Grant Strengthens Care and Culinary Training at Lions Camp Badger

Last summer, Lions Camp Badger received a generous grant from the Golisano Foundation that funded the salary of an additional on-site nurse and a brand-new 10-burner gas range for our kitchen. The extra nurse lowered our nurse-to-camper ratio, expanded medical management, improved emergency response, and allowed more preventative health programming—helping campers and families feel more secure.

The commercial-grade range transformed food service: Staff can prepare fresh, balanced meals for larger groups, accommodate special diets, and follow stronger food-safety practices. It also boosted our vocational food service program—trainees now learn on industry-standard equipment, gaining practical skills and confidence for their futures.

Together, these upgrades increased efficiency, strengthened health and safety, and enabled us to provide a higher level of care for more campers than ever before. Lions Camp Badger is deeply grateful to the Golisano Foundation for their generous support.



Campers enjoying a meal that was cooked on our new gas range, July 2025.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR PROGRAMS AND LOVE TO EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP?

Summer Camp registration opens on January 15th, 2026.
Information and a link to our application can be found on our website: www.LionsCB.org.
Sessions are designed to fit age and need.

Don't delay, spread the word, spots fill quickly!



Now “Hear” This

As Lions, we are members of the *Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation*. The mission of the foundation is “*To help people with low income and hearing impairments by providing low cost or free hearing aids and quality audiology services and help*”.

Hearing is precious. Hearing loss is not just inconvenient. Helen Keller said the lack of vision cut her off from things; the lack of hearing cut her off from people. Hearing needs to be optimized so people can maintain contact with the world around them, can function well in everyday life, and can stay in touch with their surroundings and their loved ones.

Anyone, child or adult, living within the Central and Southern Tier areas of New York State (Districts E1, E2 and Y) can apply for services through the Foundation. Approval is based on financial need determined by the detailed financial information required on the application. Applications can be obtained from - FLRLHF, Inc. Application Processing Center, PO Box 200, Union Springs, N.Y. 13160. 315-704-4962

The Foundation operates on monetary contributions from local Lions and Leo Clubs. Annual contributions are particularly welcome, so they can anticipate the resources available for serving the needs of clients. Consider putting this in your budget. Send contributions to FLRLHF, Inc. PO Box 200, Union Springs, NY 13160

Bill Boyd from the Walworth Lions Club, John Wolf from the Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club and PCC Jim Schiebel from the Hilton Lions Club are all trustees of the Foundation and can support your Club.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Helen Keller Collectible Barbie Doll – Part of the "Inspiring Women" Series



Tickets are 1 for \$10 each or 6 for \$50 (buy 5, get 1 free!!). All funds will go to LCIF.

Each ticket buyer (individual or club) will have the amount they spend on tickets credited to their personal LCIF account, which will count towards their Melvin Jones Fellow or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow credits.

Drawing to be held at DG Tom Flaherty's Testimonial on May 3, 2026.

Many thanks to PDG Lorri Rieger, who donated one doll to each district in MD-20!!

Raffle tickets will be sent out to the clubs as soon as they are available.

We want to hear about your club!!!

Next District newsletter deadline is March 10.

E-mail articles to :

lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com

District 20-E1 Cabinet Meeting
Brockport, NY March 7, 2026

MD20 Convention
Syracuse, NY April 17-19, 2026

DG Tom Flaherty's Testimonial
Tavern 19, Hamlin NY May 3, 2026

International Convention
Hong Kong, China July 3-7, 2026

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Memphis, TN September 3-5, 2026



PDG Marv Hankinson Jr. is interested in forming a Lions specialty club for motorcyclists and their supporters in our district. If you are interested or know someone who might enjoy the camaraderie, please contact him at: mhankin1@rochester.rr.com



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**MD-20 LIONS
CONVENTION 2026**

<https://md20lionsconvention.org>

New York and Bermuda Lions 102nd Convention Registration & Meals

The 102nd MD-20 Lions Convention will be held in Syracuse, NY, April 17-19, 2026.

Meals and meetings will be taking place at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown Hotel.

Registration is \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Meal costs increase after March 15, 2026.

Book your registration and meals here. You will create a username and password. Once your registration is complete you will receive a confirmation email with the link to book your hotel. Every person purchasing a meal has to be registered. You can register multiple people.

NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION - Last day to order meals and make any cancellations or changes is March 28, 2026. Meal tickets cannot be changed or refunded at or after convention.

(If you attended last year, you may have to sign-in with your password from last year or you will need to reset your password. It is an easy process so don't be put off by this small fix.)

If you have any questions, you can contact PCC Kelly Clark at
kclarkmd20@gmail.com.

LOST LION

PDG MARV HANKINSON SR.



Hamlin: November 20, 2025. Marv is predeceased by his parents, Harold & Lena Hankinson; daughter, Pamela Hankinson; & sister Lois Corbit. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Leona Hankinson children, Marvin (Diane) Hankinson, Jr., Holley Hankinson, NovaLee (Roy) Ladue, Garth (Gwyn) Hankinson, Chad (Farida Jalalzai) Hankinson; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; nephew Brian Corbit; several nieces, nephews, cousins, & dear friends.

Marv was a District Governor from 1999 to 2000. He was the Y2K DG! He was involved in so many projects, like Camp Badger and Project New Hope. He enjoyed being a member of the Hamlin and Rochester Downtown Host Lions Clubs. He was always willing to help other Lions clubs..

He was buried at the Western NY National Cemetery in Corfu, NY. Donations may be sent to Hamlin Lions PO Box 91, Hamlin, NY 14464 or Rhett Syndrome Foundation 4500 Cooper Rd, Suite 204, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 in Marv's memory.

This years Lions Club Chicken BBQ will be benefiting Caitlin Burchfield's daughter, Savvy Ritzel. Savvy suffered a metabolic stoke from a rare genetic metabolic disorder called HIBCH. All Lions Club Members will ha tickets for sale by this Thursday! You can reach out anytime. Checks can be made out to Kendall Lions Club

Kendall Lions Club Chicken Bar B Que



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February 7, 2026

Pick-up from Noon - 2 p.m. at
Kendall Methodist Church

Donation \$15.00 take-outs only

"proceeds benefit Savvy Ritzel"

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of Camp Abilities Brockport, as this year comes to an end I wanted to thank you and your fellow volunteers for a successful 30th anniversary!

We are so appreciative of the generosity and support that makes camp possible every year.

Your continued dedication helps Camp Abilities conduct research on issues pertaining to the visually impaired, teach students and future teachers, and help an impressive number of children with visual impairments develop self-advocacy, have fun, and make life-long friends.

Your generosity, involvement, and enthusiasm makes our meals and camp even more meaningful. We hope to see you again this year.

Camp Abilities Brockport 2026 will take place from Saturday June 28th to Saturday July 4th. Please contact me for additional information and to know your preferred date and meal.

We wish you a joyful and prosperous new year!



Gwen Parks
Meal Coordinator
Camp Abilities Brockport
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Group by Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club History

Lions District 20E1

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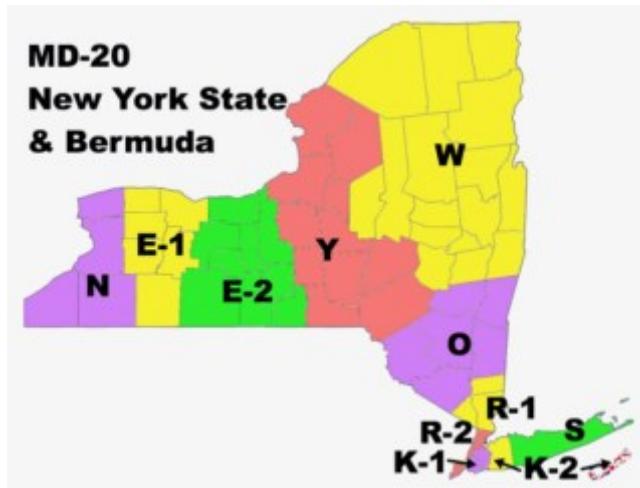
About

Lions Clubs of New York
Visit our website at <http://www.e-district.org/sites/20e1>

 **Private**
Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

The Lions District 20E1 Facebook page is a great way to keep up to date with Lion news. You can share news from your club or projects. This is the URL address to the please encourage more club members to like and follow the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/627756130720722>





Annual Winter Chicken BBQ

February 1, 2026

**Pick up at Avon Driving Park
12:00—2:00PM**

For tickets, see any Avon Lions Member or get them from
All Seasons Liquor, Avon Feed and Supply or
The Village Restaurant

We Serve

LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

In June 2026, the Lions International Trading Pin Club will be awarding EIGHT \$4,000 Youth Scholarships to graduating Seniors, who are a child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, Lioness, or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help young people pursue their education and follow their dreams. dreams.

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be mailed to the pin trading club Scholarship Chairman by March 1, 2026. All application from New York State must be first sent to State Chairman PCC James Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, New York, 14468 and not to the International Chairman DG Steve Staudinger. New York State is only allowed to forward four applicants for final consideration.

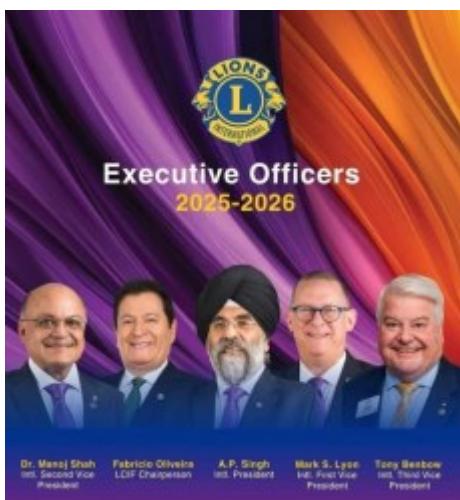
LITPC website : www.LITPC.org

Click on LITPC Scholarship Form on the left column to obtain the dropdown menu. Click on Scholarship Information from the dropdown menu, this will take you to the Scholarship Information page.

Click on Scholarship Information Form. This will take you to a six page document with Guidelines and Application.

Mail the completed application with all required information by March 1, 2026. All completed applications must be **Mailed** to PCC James Schiebel. No completed applications nor parts will be accepted electronically. Preparation questions may be asked 585-964-3619 or jschiebel@rochester.rr.com. Applicants must have:

1. Completed current 2025-2026 application with all **five essay questions** answered. Each essay should be more than 350 words in length.
2. **Three Recommendations** - One of the three must be from a Lion member.
3. A certified, signed and stamped **High School Transcript** with all grades.
4. A list of extra curricular activities.



Andover Lions Club



On November 7, Andover Lions Club President Tom Hanbach presented a check for \$1,200.00 to ACS Principal Molly Turner. The Andover Lions Club sponsors the annual Grandparents Day luncheon at ACS with this year's event happening November 20th. Bearing silent witness to this auspicious event is the Andover Panther.

Attica Lions Club

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great holiday season ! The year 2026 brings a major milestone. On Monday, April 13th 2026 the Attica Lions Club marks 75 years of service. A Celebration Dinner is scheduled on that day at the QWL building. With a total of more than 75 current members we should be able come close to filling the space while enjoying the evening and reminiscing about accomplishments and the work it took to get there. Please save the date and join us! The year 2025 proved to be successful as a club! Let's make 2026 even better!



Meet our new members:

Christian & Andrea Archilla!

Board Meeting, November 3, 2025: Discussions included the schedule for upgrades at the park Pool House, Replacing the worn-out Flower Planters throughout the community and Flag program additions. Dues collection is underway for 2025-2026. Gateway Home received a donation to coincide with their annual donation campaign.

Dinner Meeting, November 17, 2025: After several years hiatus we were back at the Pine Lounge in Cowlesville and were very happy with the food, service, and very reasonable cost. **Livy Peters**, daughter of **Lion Jeff Peters**, spoke on her trip to the Blackfeet Tribe Reservation in Montana. She described her stay in the Indian Schools, visit to Glacier National Park, observing a Healing Sundance Ceremony, sorting and organizing text books in the school and serving meals to elderly community members.

Board Meeting, December 1, 2025: Salvation Army Bell Ringing is underway. Guests **Terry Bennett** and **Laurie Warwick** representing the Attica Elementary Snack Pack Program thanked us for our support. A successful season is now over for annual Flag program. **Lion Chris Van Son** discussed the potential expansion for next year. Watch for a Super Bowl Pool! **Lion Christian Archilla** agreed to take over Calling List #4! Thanks Christian!!!



While the Attica Community celebrated Veterans Day with a parade on November 8. Attica Lions celebrated the community they serve by giving away **free food and drink!** This event began several years ago and is held in front of the entrance to Attica Ace Hardware. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and drinks were available for anyone who came forward. **Lions Gordon Biehl, Bailey Burdett, Bradley Burdett Dick Carney, Nate Eck, Ted Harding, Carl Kocsis, Peter Mark, Jeff Peters, Dan Snyder and Chris Van Son** were on hand to serve the public. And in return.....the public had the opportunity if they chose, to contribute to a tip jar.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the annual affair held at the QWL Bldg on Saturday December 6th. Jen Holt of JH Sweets catered a great appetizer, dinner, and dessert for which there were many compliments. Becky, our DJ, was back to keep everyone moving! Once again, members did a nice job on setup and decorations. Big thanks to **Lion Nate Eck and Sandy!**



Kind of like Square Dancing

Blow in my ear & I'll follow you anywhere!

Ladies on one side and Guys in the other!

SALVATION ARMY BELLS

Lions Carl Kocsis & Richard Carney teamed up to coordinate this important annual program!

“Lost 6 hours this year due to weather. Raised \$2,903.00, a little lower than the 13-year average of \$3,260.00. 13-year total \$42,363.00. **Big Roar to all who helped this year. THANK YOU!!!**”

CURRENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 13, 2026

Attica Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 29, 2026

GERMANFEST #15

Avon Lions Club

The club was busy supporting the Avon Lions Santa's Sleigh gift drive. All gifts went to local families.

We hope to see some of you at our Chicken Barbeque on February 1, 2026. (See Page 11)

Belfast Lions Club

The 300 Club Drawings continue until the Final Draw Party on 2/14 @ 2pm.

The trees were spectacular this year. Thanks for everyone who decorated and sponsored trees. It makes our community special.



Bolivar Lions Club

Congratulations to our local winners of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Evangeline Combs First Place, Bailey Garrey Second Place and Zoey Galayda Third Place. Thanks to Middle School Art Teacher Ms. Stopha for her help with the Project, and Thanks to all the students who participated.



We delivered 72 Holiday Fruit Baskets in November. "We Serve"



On December 8, we hosted our District Governor Tom Flaherty. Tom has been blind since birth and is a graduate of the Batavia School for the Blind. We presented him with a \$500 check for the school. Thank you Tom for visiting and thank you PDG Mel Adams for being Tom's driver. It was also our Christmas meeting.



Brockport Lions Club

What a dinner meeting it was...11/05/2025. Lion John Alexander presented a check of \$1000 on behalf of Northside Service Center to the Brockport Lions Club to distribute to the community to help with food insecurities. The Lions board voted unanimously to match their generous donation and make it \$2000! We will be supporting the following in this distribution.

*Brockport Food Shelf

*Jubilee Christian Church & 58 Main BBQ: Brew: Community Thanksgiving Dinner

*Hamlin Life Solutions

We also were joined by Genna Smith-President of the Brockport School Orchestra Boosters; the school orchestra is in need of more basses to fulfill the interest of the students wanting to play this instrument. If you can help fulfill this need, please reach out to the Brockport Central School District!



During the holiday season, the bells were ringing! You may have seen many of our Brockport Lions during the season of giving!



It was a winter wonderland for Brockport Holiday Light Spectacular & Parade! Thank you to our hosts: The Brockport Stetson Club and to our amazing community for braving the cold and snow, lining every street with smiles and cheers!



The Brockport Lions packed 60 Holiday Food Bags at around 40-50 lbs. each for a total of almost 3000 lbs. of food for many in need in our community. Each bag also included an Aldi's gift card for \$25, generously donated by our friends at Northside Service Center. We also delivered Holiday Goodie Bags to all the residents at Evergreen and Elderwood!



Lions Club of Chili



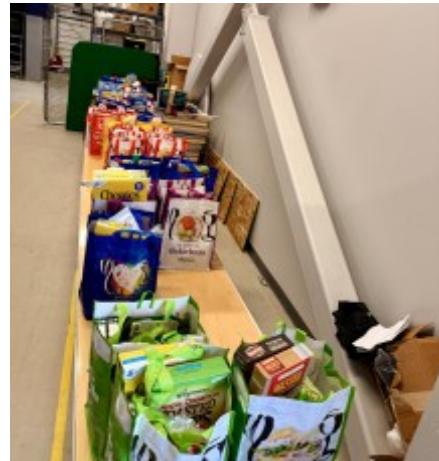
In November, we lined up at the Chili Community Center to Honor Our Veterans. L-R: Larry Lazenby, Keri Neathawk, Dorinda Foos, Cristina Candelaria, Sherry Vitale, Mike Donner. Not pictured: Jennifer Lowden.

The Lions Club of Chili & Lions SEE Grant donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of Wonderbooks, braille and sensory/tactile books for The Chili Library Director Jenn Lowden & Jill accepted the donation from Lion Debbie Mancini and Lion Cristina Candelaria





Salvation Army Bell Ringing had some good, some bad, and some ugly conditions. Dogs are a magnet when ringing, and bad weather brings the sympathy donations.



We met and had a big group breakfast, before the big job. Then, we packed the holiday bags for Chili families. Great job Lions.

Churchville Lions Club

Churchville Lions 75th Anniversary Party

On Saturday October 18th, the Churchville Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a party at Jack's Place in Chili. The featured speaker was Churchville Lion John Rabideau, a Life Member of the club (52 years) who shared many memories of Lions' activities and service to the Churchville-Riga community. Current District Governor Tom Flaherty also spoke of the Lion's motto of "We Serve." Guests included several past District Governors, many members of neighboring Lions Clubs, the Riga Town Supervisor and the Churchville Village Mayor.

The evening celebrated the rich history and achievements of the Churchville Lions and its members. A video display featuring hundreds of photos showcased past and present members, as well as the numerous activities the club has been actively involved in over these decades. A memorabilia table highlighted past District Governors as well as photos and programs from the annual Country Fair, the Community Music Festival, the annual Luminaria Ceremony, and the Churchville-Chili LEO Club. Also included were maps of the Town of Riga's South Sanford Park, featuring trees planted in memory of deceased Lion Members, and the memorial bricks at the Village Memorial Park.

The Churchville Lions Club continues to serve the Churchville-Riga community and looks forward to another quarter century of service to all neighbors in need.



Lion President Joe DeLeo opened the event with a welcome to Lions and their guests.



District Governor Tom Flaherty addressed the Lions motto: "We Serve."



John Rabideau shared many memories of Lions activities and service to the Churchville-Riga community.



Past District Governor Melanie Adams was impressed by the Churchville Lions picture board and photo show.

Dinner with the District Governor

District Governor Lion Tom Flaherty was the honored guest at the dinner meeting on October 28th at Chili Country Club. Members of Churchville Lions and the clubs at Scottsville and Chili were in attendance. Other participants at the dinner were PDG Lions Mike Donner and Melanie Adams.

A buffet table of hearty foods and carved beef was sure to please, followed later by a frozen dessert served at every table.



Churchville Lions Participate in Wreath Contest

Churchville's annual holiday Wreath Decorating Contest is a featured part of its "Winter WalkAbout," where businesses and residents display festive wreaths for the public to view and vote on. The contest runs alongside the separate, solemn Wreaths Across America effort to honor veterans in local cemeteries. This year's event was held at Churchville Creekside Cemetery. Our Lions gathered to construct their wreath in a Loan Closet theme and won First Prize of the Wreath Contest.



Clarendon Lions Club

We were at the Holley "Hallow" Fest selling our famous sausages, hots, and burgers...



COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY!! The Clarendon Lions invited the Community to join them for a Community Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, November 15th at the Clarendon Historical Society. It was a beautiful Fall day and the rain held off long enough for many to enjoy free hot dogs and spend some time with the Lions.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! – The Clarendon Lions once again sponsored their annual Breakfast With Santa at the Community Center in Holley. Many thanks as always to Deb Rothmund and her amazing team at Community Action for helping to make this possible. We had another amazing turnout this year, with children and family members enjoying a great meal and a visit with Santa, and gifts for all the kids.



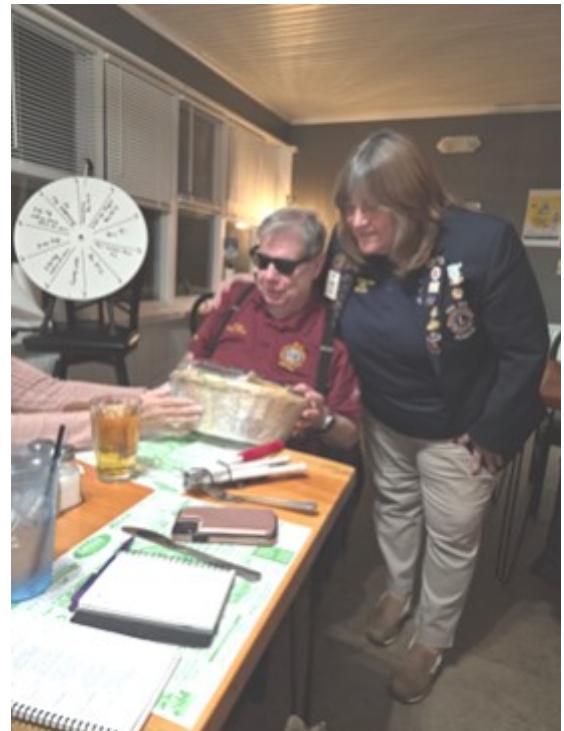
Cuba Lions Club

The Special Christmas Project

200 Stockings and collection of over 500 toys were distributed to special needs children within a 40 mile radius of Cuba.



The club had their District Governor Visitation in January. DG Tom gave an uplifting address to the club and PDG Melanie talked about all the good LCIF does for our communities and the world. The club presented DG Tom with a basket of Cuba Cheese.



Dansville Lions Club



At our Nov. 6 meeting, we got to hear from Rebekah Schrier about her work with the Dansville Ambulance's Explorer program and getting young individuals started within the EMS world!

A special thank you to the Finger Lakes MWB Foundation and Conesus Golf Club for hosting us and a huge thank-you to everyone who participated in our November BINGO in support of the Dansville Lions Club! Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$511.



We proudly recognized the selflessness and dedication of our members at our 84th Annual Charter Night at Jack's Gaslight Grill.

- Lion of the Year: Dr. Emma Johnson
- Career Lion: Lou Colella
- Rookie of the Year: Tammy Duffy
- Clara Barton Award: Barry Haywood
- Melvin Jones Fellowship: Janice Infantino — one of only 12 Dansville Lions and the first woman to receive this honor!



The Dansville Lions Club Fantasy of lights project was kicked off for the 2025 Christmas Season! 50 trees were installed in Church Park. We could not have done this without the community help. They say it takes a village!

Thank you Frank Alexander for the great trees. The trees were decorated by individuals and groups and lit up on Saturday December 6 at Winter in the Village. Also, thank you to our sponsors who adopted a tree in memory of their loved ones. All 50 trees were sold.



At our Christmas dinner meeting, Lion Jay Gregorius brought Pete Bacon to speak about our hometown baseball team, The Gliders, and all it entails for these two men to keep it running!

In addition to the program we had a great prime rib meal, provided by the Dansville American Legion! We can't thank them enough for hosting our bi-monthly meetings and providing us with a great meal!

Dansville Lioness Lions Club

The Dansville Lioness had a busy November! We had a successful craft show - thank you to our vendors, volunteers, and patrons! This week we had our Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Jacks Gaslight Grill. We inducted a new member- Shelly Sick! Ellen Beiswenger was recognized for serving Lions International for 25 years and our club was also awarded with a membership achievement certificate. We were thankful to have our 20-E1 District Governor Tom Flaherty, Past District Governor Melanie Adams, and Zone 8 Chair Emma Johnson attend our dinner!



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Buffalo Bills LED sign and Bills Fan, the fan was made and donated by Kim Derrenbacher! We pulled the winner at Winter in the Village and the winner was...Rodney Johnson!!



Thank you to Rodney Johnson for attending our lioness dinner and for creating and donating a beautiful creation!! Congratulations to Debbie Holbrook for winning the piece!



Fairport Lions Club

The District held a Peace Poster conference this year for middle schools. The winning poster is on the left. Fairport Lions sponsored one poster entry, which is from the Barker Road Middle school. If the District holds another conference, we will work to have more entries next year.



Our service project in November was to do eye screening at three local schools. Led by Lions Bruce and Karen McDermott, with the assistance of Lions Dave and June Milliman and Sherry Hostetter, almost 600 children were screened. Lions Charlie Stancampiano and Joe Anania were on deck to help. Most of our Lions offered to help.

This is the summary report of our eye screening: Of the 598 students screened, there were 54 referrals, which was 9.1% of students needing glasses.



Lions Bruce and Karen with nurse Claudette Crowley from St. Joesph's school showing the camera that is used for the screening. Under their suggestion, we simplified the process this year and only printed out referrals for those children needing further evaluation and we are working with the nurses' offices at the 3 schools to assist with eyeglasses for those children whose families cannot afford to get them.

Our Lions Club met again at Flaherty's for a meal together on November 4th. Also, we met to share our updates and ensure we could continue to connect for service and fellowship.

On November 18th our Lions met for our Thanksgiving meal at Spinelli's with our guests, Donna and Shawn Ritchie from the local Rochester NY chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, providing beds for the needy.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



From sorting the pies, to delivering them, all of this takes planning, and Dick Livoti can be seen concentrating ensuring that everything is in proper order.

Lions Dick Livoti, Dave Zimmer, Dave Farwell, and Frank Stein

The Fairport Lions Club began our busy holiday season with a delightful social hour at Flaherty's in Macedon. Flaherty's has provided a nice atmosphere for us to gather and share our experiences, needs and aspirations, along of course with some good food. Our emphasis for this month was to support the Open Door Mission and to provide service to the Salvation Army by participating in the ringing of the bells at the local Tops market at Panorama Plaza, Penfield.



Anna Valeria with Lions Sherry Hostetter and Dick Livoti



Lions June Milliman and Mary Jo Wallace

With Dick Livoti and Mary Jo Wallace taking the lead, we worked with Anna Valeria, Executive Director for Open Door Mission to put together a financial donation, as well as buying the daily supplies so badly needed by those with housing and emotional support needs. We purchased a wide variety of items such as toothbrushes, underwear, socks, razors and other toiletries, in addition to personal hygiene items. We delivered our donations at our Christmas Holiday meal held at Spinelli's where a delightful and delicious choice of dinners was provided. Thanks go to the dinner committee: Mary Jo Wallace, Karen McDermott and Janice Stancampiano.



Lions June and Dave Milliman and Kim Smith



Lions Frank Stein, Dave Loughborough and wife Jane, Bruce McDermott and Dave Markham



Lion Frank Stein's wife JoAnn, Jane and Dave Loughborough



Lion Dave Farwell and wife Mary Ann and Lion Pat Rice

We ended our month by providing services to the Salvation Army and ringing the bells for donations. This originally was led by Lion Jim Rice. Dick Livoti took over shepherding this for us this year. Lions Pat Rice, Dick Livoti and his wife Cherie and Frank DeMarzo made our team for bell ringing.



Lions Dick Livoti, Frank DeMarzo and Cherie Livoti

The annual Lions Region 3 Dinner on January 6 was hosted by the Fairport Lions Club at Red Fedele's Brook House. It was a huge success. Bringing Lions from all over the district together. We had Tom Gallagher, a local educator of visually impaired students. He spoke about Cortical Vision Impairment which is now the leading cause of blindness among children. Someone from every club in the district gave a summary of their club's activities.



Hamlin Lions Club

The club's loan closet was featured in a story aired on Spectrum News. Here are some of the highlights:

The Hamlin Lions Club community medical closet offers free access to medical equipment. "We have walkers, crutches, knee walkers," said Tim Crawford, volunteer at the Hamlin Lions Club Medical Loan Closet. "We have a lot of people getting knee and hip replacements and this is what they need." Most everything was donated by the community and all of it is available to borrow for free. Crawford says Brockport no longer had the space or volunteers to operate its loan closet, so they were more than happy to accept Brockport's medical gear. Hamlin Lions Club member volunteers sort, fix and loan out the gear.



"Whenever you can help somebody, it feels good. When you get to help people sometimes, they need it in a hurry and I will usually come right over when they need it in a hurry and that makes me feel good, that I can help them," said Brian Rath, a Loan Closet volunteer. Every item is a reminder that help is available for anyone who needs it. If you'd like to borrow a piece of medical equipment, you are asked to call (585) 270-0713. It is all free, but officials say donations are always accepted and appreciated.

Hilton Lions Club

Hilton Lions Club partnered with the Town of Parma senior recreation department on November 19th, serving Thanksgiving dinner to 85 seniors, with entertainment provided after dinner.



Hilton Lions Club members, left to right: Allen Weaver, Joe Lee, standing Eileen Sengillo, Michael Sengillo, Ken Robertson, and Kay Robertson.

After purchasing fresh apples, oranges, and grapefruit, members of the Hilton Lions Club gathered at the Community Center last evening to make one hundred and thirty-six fruit bags to be distributed by the Food Pantry for Christmas.

The Hilton Lions wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.



Irondequoit Lions Club

The Irondequoit Lions Club had a busy end to their 2025 Lions year with the culmination of all their service projects.



At the last meeting in November two new members were inducted as Lions. Lions Philip and Susan Rockwell were inducted by PDG Melanie Adams along with DG Lion Tom Flaherty and PDG Lion Judy MacKnight. Lions Philip and Susan were introduced to our club at the Irondequoit Senior Expo which was held at the Rec Center in August. They have attended meetings and participated in our projects. Lion Philip also helped out as a vision screening. We welcome them to our club and wish them many years of continued service to the residents of Irondequoit.

Members were very busy with filling Christmas stockings for seniors from the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. Lion Kay Rhinebeck and her knitting group contributed hats and scarves for the stockings. Christmas cards were written out and delivered to the residents of the Shire at Culverton an assisted living facility and a fruit basket was presented to the residents of the Long Acre Group Home. These are on going projects which members have been participating in for many years. Our goal is to reach as many residents as we can.



Our Lions club meeting day has changed from the 4th Monday of the month to the 2nd Monday of the month. We will continue to meet at the library beginning at 6pm. It was changed at Lions International.

At our upcoming meeting which will be January 12th 2026 we will be discussing fund raising including our placemat and rose sale, our scholarship and our Easter Egg Hunt. Plus at the meeting we will be welcoming Ann Marie Rogers from Seniors Helping Seniors- SHS. She met Lion president Bill Davis at the Senior Expo in August and expressed an interest in our group.

We want to wish everyone a very Happy and healthy New Year.

Kendall Lions Club



If you aren't getting a spaghetti dinner after voting in Kendall, you aren't doing it right!

The Kendall Lions prepared the gazebo for Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was brutally cold, but those brave enough to venture out met the big guy from the North Pole.



In December, the Kendall Lions were Honored to have the 2025 Sectional Track and Field Champion for the Long Jump, Brandon Barrett as well as the 2025 Sectional Champions- Kendall Varsity Baseball Team!



Lyndonville Lions Club

Our LEO Club completed its food drive & donated more than 1,200 food items to the LYMA food pantry! Many thanks to Lyndonville students & community for their generous donations; & Steve Grabowski, Shawn Townsend, Beth Hill, & Martha Mitchell for their help!



The Lyndonville Lions continued their efforts assisting the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign by ringing the bell at the Tops grocery Store in Medina on Dec. 12. Pictured from left include Julie Godfrey, Bruce Schmidt, Jeff Johnson, Lynne Johnson and Dave Godfrey.

On Dec. 6, the Lions supplied hot dogs and much needed hot chocolate to the attendees of the annual Community Tree Lighting Event. Over 80 trees came to full illumination as Santa himself pulled the switch to start a four-week run of Christmas trees welcoming all to the streets of Lyndonville.

The Lyndonville Lions started a new project to decorate all municipal buildings in the village for the holiday season by supplying lights and manpower to decorate the Yates Community Library and Village Hall, just to mention a few. The Club hopes that this project grows over the years and that private and public buildings on Main Street will be fully decorated for the future holiday seasons.



John Belson hangs Christmas lights on Yates Community Library.

December 10th saw the Lions hold their Annual Christmas Dinner at the White Birch Golf Course. During this celebration the Club continued its charitable efforts by having all attendees donate unwrapped presents to Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, and the Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern for their annual toy drive.

Mr. Kevin Clark did not disappoint as he delivered his Christmas Show which included piano Christmas songs, various holiday games of Christmas trivia, and ended with the entire group singing Christmas carols.



On December 11th, Lyndonville Lions Club the continued its tradition of distributing poinsettia plants to shut-ins, local churches and health care agencies was carried out. The club delivered individual plants to local residents in the Lyndonville area as well as donating dozens of plants to needy organizations like the North Wing Nursing Facility at Orleans Community Health in Medina and Orchard Manor Nursing Facility on Bates Road. Several local churches received plants and will deliver them for the Lions to their needy parishioners.



Adrienne Belson, Activities Director at North Wing, is shown with Laura Belson and Dave Godfrey.



The Lyndonville Lions continued a recognition of the Holiday Spirit shown by the Village of Lyndonville and Town of Yates residents. We thank those for helping to bring some extra joy to those who enjoy seeing the Holiday Lights.

The club would like to announce that their Second Annual Snow Flake Bowling Tournament will be held on February 28th at 3 p.m. at the Medina Lanes. The Club wishes to invite anybody wanting to participate. Contact the club for information by emailing gwendolynlarge002@gmail.com.

Medina Lions Club

The Medina Lions along with the Albion Lions continues to volunteer at the Koinonia Kitchen in Albion on the first Thursday of the month. Below are two of our members at work:



Tom Robinson sorting donations.



Julie Keller is serving the meal.

We began the Christmas season with our yearly decoration of the Medina State Street Park. It is a beautiful sight.



We held our Poinsettia Sale in December. Our annual Christmas Party was held at the Shelridge Country Club on December 10. It was a wonderful celebration with entertainment provided by the Acapella Choir.



Happy Holidays to all

Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club

The club participated in the Toys for Tots program. The club is looking into doing a new member event. We are meeting at the Hampton Inn by the Strong Museum of Play.

Rush Lions Club

On December 18th, we welcomed District Governor Tom Flaherty along with the Caledonia-Mumford Lions and the Scottsville Lions at Rush Creekside Inn for dinner and collection of gifts for two families in need in our community.



Scio Lions Club

The Scio Lions, Scio Library and Scio Fire Department held their annual Town Christmas Celebration on Friday with special visitors Santa and Mrs. Claus. Scio celebrated their tree lighting ceremony with Santa's help and then everyone went in the Library for cookies, Cocoa, toys and a one on one with the Clauses. The Scio Sr Class were the winners of the Tree Decorating contest and will receive \$600 for their class. The Scio Lions sold breakfast sandwiches and full pancake breakfast at the Scio school during their annual craft show, helping to raise money for the Sr Class. The attendance was great and a lot of fun was had by all.



Scottsville Lions Club

The Scottsville Lions hosted their annual Election Day Chicken Barbeque, The food was awesome, they have a mac salad that is incredible.

Club President Marshall Gronemeyer always dresses for the conditions ringing the bells for the red kettle. Marshall's generosity showed up when he brought hot chocolates to the bell ringers before his shift.



The Scottsville Lions hosted a Christmas party that included the Chili and Churchville Lions that included a crazy white elephant gift exchange



Varysburg Lions Club



The club got a very thoughtful thank you.

“So grateful for the unexpected gifts from the Varysburg Lions Club. They are a great asset to our community.”

Another community project installing a ramp for a local resident to assist in home access. This is the third resident we've helped by purchasing and installing these structures. Snow doesn't slow us down!



Walworth Lions Club



Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year from the Walworth
Lions Club.



Webster Lions Club

The 2025 Lions Breakfast w Santa is in the books! Thanks to our community for coming out to enjoy a hot breakfast and take home some presents! Santa Serves.



Wellsville Lions Club

At the Lions meeting on November 20th, Lion President Mike Raptis welcomed a new member, Miriam Chalom into the Wellsville Lions Club.

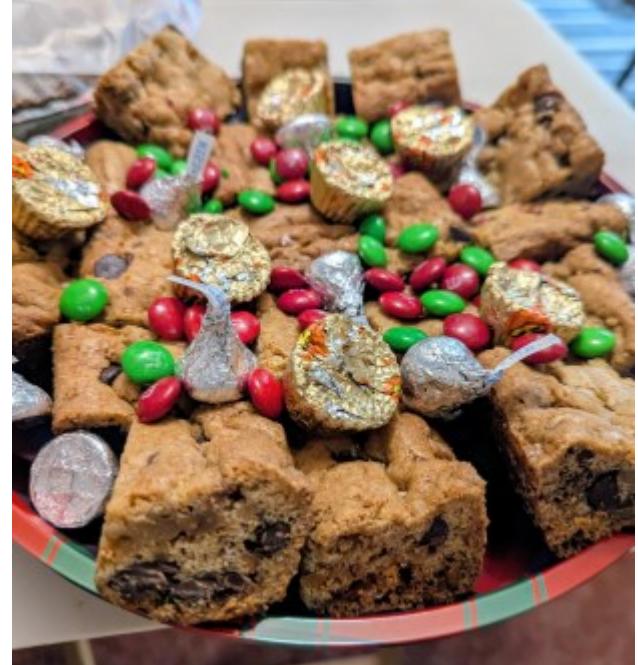


At the same meeting, Lion Bruce Hand presented a check for \$18,000 to Mike Raptis derived from the 35th Annual Trout Derby. This money will enable the Lions Club to continue to provide support to the community.

The Wellsville Lions Club held their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 18. We were fortunate enough to have Jeff Joslyn and his son, Noah, present to perform several traditional Christmas songs during dinner. They are both extremely talented and we thank them for their time. We were honored to present Jeff with a check for \$200 for the Wellsville Music Boosters.

Pictured (from left to right): Jeff Joslyn, Nancy Mosher (Wellsville Lions Club past-president), and Noah Joslyn.





On December 24th, the club delivered over 500 cookies to our three local nursing homes. Lion Tom Farmer and Lion Keith Loines delivered 4 trays each to The Wellsville Manor, Manor Hills, and Highland Healthcare.

