



# THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER: March 2026 ISSUE

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## CLUB NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Albion, Alfred, Andover, Angelica, Attica. Avon, Batavia, Belfast, Bolivar, Brockport, Cal-Mum, Canaseraga, Chili, Churchville, Clarendon, Cuba, Dansville, Fairport, Gates Greece, Hamlin, Hilton, Irondequoit, Kendall, Lyndonville, Maple City, Medina, Rochester Downtown Host, Rochester Flaum Eye Institute, Rush, Scio, Scottsville, Varysburg, Walworth, Webster, Wellsville

Well, my term as District Governor is winding down, but we have a lot of good things happening between now and then. I have met so many great people so far.

My testimonial this year will be on May 3 at Tavern 19 at 1549 Lake Rd. in Hamlin, New York. It will have a buffet dinner at 2 PM more information to follow. The cost will be \$50.

There will be an invite from District Treasurer Charlie Stancampiano coming soon.

*DG Tom*

**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.**

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

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tflah@aol.com

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**2nd Vice DG** Pete Kaiser

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**Cabinet Treasurer** Charles Stancampiano

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**Zone 2 Chair** Bill Robinson

#### Region 2

**Zone 3 Chair** Brad Helmner

**Zone 4 Chair** PDG Greg Lund

#### Region 3

**Zone 5 Chair** PDG Judy MacKnight

**Zone 6 Chair** Helen Kaprano

#### Region 4

**Zone 7 Chair** Gary Necaster

**Zone 8 Chair** Emma Johnson

#### Region 5

**Zone 9 Chair** Kimberly George

**Zone 10 Chair** Yvonne Morris



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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](mailto:kclarkmd20@gmail.com).

# CAMP ABILITIES BROCKPORT

**JUNE 28- JULY 4TH**



## **MEAL DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

*Help us fuel this week of providing children with visual impairments the opportunity to have fun, make life-long friends, learn new skills, and increase their self-advocacy.*



### **Our Mission**

- *Empower blind and visually impaired children to improve their independence and overall wellness by providing them with the confidence to engage in sports and physical education.*

**TO RESERVE A MEAL  
OR FOR MORE INFO**

**PLEASE CONTACT:** Gwen Parks  
Meal Coordinator  
gaparks3@gmail.com  
(315)753-1362



<https://www.campabilities.org/donate.html>



# GERANIUM SALE

SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF CHILI



May 8 & 9, 2026

## Available Colors

Red • White • Pink • Salmon  
Purple • Variegated Red  
Martha Washington  
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## Plants



\$2.35 each  
or  
\$44 per flat (20 plants)



## Hanging Baskets



12" Garden Geranium Baskets  
Colors; Red • Pink • Salmon • Purple  
\$27 each

## 10" New Guinea Impatiens



Colors; Red • Pink • Purple • White  
\$26 each

 Order Today!

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 704-7265

 Pre-order deadline: May 4, 2026

Pick-up: May 8: 1 PM - 5 PM

Pick-up: May 9: 8:30 - Noon

 Behind Chili Community Center, 3237 Chili Ave.

# District 20-E1 Picnic



Date/Time: Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11AM -  
we will start eating at noon

Location: Stony Brook Park - Clara Barton Shelter

RSVP by Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to Aren Schank  
(585) 610 - 3282

[sunstarmocha@gmail.com](mailto:sunstarmocha@gmail.com)

New York State Open House and Swap  
748 Wiler Road, Hilton, New York

Saturday, July 18, 2026 we will hold a one day Historical Lions Museum tour and pin swap. The museum holds thousands of pins representing clubs, districts, states, nations and individuals, banners, vests, neck ties, plaques, street banners and paraphernalia from around the world.

The first fifty advanced registered attendees will receive a free bag of fifty Lions friendship pins to keep or trade. Each LITPC member can select an additional fifteen pins.

New collectors are not only welcome but encouraged to attend. It will be more fun if you choose a theme such as an animal, sport, or state that you might want to collect before you come. At the day's end, any pins you don't want can be donated back.

Most trading will be held outside under a tent next to the museum. Table space will be available but you are welcome to bring additional tables.

We will open at 8:00 am and hold a swap "pin search" starting at 1:00 pm . Five pins will be the "entry fee" and each attendee will start with a list of pins to find. Swapping will be encouraged.

No organized meal function is planned but snacks will be available. Donations will be accepted for the LITPC Scholarships and the Empire State Special Needs Experience at Lions Camp Badger.

There are a number of hotel rooms available plus camp grounds in the area if you want to stay before or after the swap.

To register, send a \$10 check to PDG Jim Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, N.Y. 14468. Contact [jschiebel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jschiebel@rochester.rr.com) or call 585-964-3619 with questions.



**Scio Lions Club**  
**Stawberry Festival 2026**



**June 20th 2026**  
**Scio Central School**  
**9AM - 4PM**



# *Save The Date*

**The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Dansville Dogwood Festival**



*Sponsored by The Dansville Lions Club*

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Follow The Dansville Lions Club Facebook page for  
more information to be posted at a later date.



## **Kendall Lions Club**

As everyone starts thinking about Graduation and summer parties- don't forget the Kendall Lions Rent Tents as one of our main fundraisers!

### **Tent Rentals**

20 X 30 foot White Tents - \$200.00 in Kendall School District and \$225.00 outside Kendall School District

For info: Tel 585-880-6813  
Lion Zina

Join Lions and Leos around the world to protect the earth during our Environment Week of Service in April. Plan your service project today!



**Lead to Serve,  
Serve to Lead with  
International President  
A.P. Singh**

From the very beginning, Lions have welcomed everyone with a heart to serve — and that spirit shines especially bright when we engage younger generations. Young people bring fresh ideas, new energy and a passion for service that help keep our organization strong, relevant and growing.

To carry our mission into the next 100 years and beyond, we must continue inviting dynamic, service-minded people to stand alongside us.

Lions have a unique opportunity to grow alongside Leos through meaningful mentoring — including *reverse mentoring*, where young people inspire us with fresh ideas, new technologies like AI and service that speaks to their generation. By strengthening the journey from Alpha Leo to Omega Leo to Leo-Lion, and by building more family-friendly clubs, we open the door for younger neighbors, friends and families to join us in a lifetime of service.

The future of Lions is not ahead of us — it is already here, in the hands of the young. Together, across generations, we can continue to serve our communities — and the world — with purpose, compassion and love.

Together in service,

A.P. Singh  
International President



# 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.

## Lions Camp Badger is hiring for summer



Please share!

Do you enjoy fun in the sun? Lions Camp Badger is now hiring for Summer 2026! We have paid positions available for summer **camp counselors and licensed practical nurse(s)** (NY State licensure required). Our season runs from June 20-August 8, and room and board are provided. The LPN will have a private living area with a bathroom.

Camp counselors must be at least 17, and experience is not necessary because we train you! What's most important is an open mind, willing hands, and a desire to help others.

Interested? You can apply from our website, [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org). Please contact [patgillule@gmail.com](mailto:patgillule@gmail.com) for additional information.



## Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration opened January 12 for all regular sessions. Spots are filling quickly.

If you know someone with special needs who would benefit from a week at camp with their peers, send them to our website, [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org) to learn about us and register for camp.

- Young Adult Badgers (18-26) 6/28-7/3
- Buddy Badgers 1:1 (all ages) 7/5-7/10
- Vocational Food Service (18+) 7/5-7/10
- Senior Badgers I (26-40) 7/12-7/17
- Junior Badgers (6-17) 7/26-7/31
- Senior Badgers II (41-60+) 8/2-8/7

We're also offering a 3 day/2 night Family Camp session 7/19-7/21 that is fully inclusive and open to person(s) with a disability, siblings, and parents/caregivers. Each family has their own cabin and we provide staff support for activities. Enjoy networking with other families and opportunities for caregiver respite. Spots are limited. Registration opens March 16.

## Lions Camp Badger Super Raffle

Please be on the lookout for our annual Super Raffle tickets in the mail to your P O Box or Club Secretary. Raffle tickets are \$50 each with 10 grand prizes of \$1,000. Raffle drawing is the week after Labor Day. Winners' names will be posted on our website and social media once the winners have been notified.



Please be as generous as you can.

All proceeds help us maintain our wonderful camp and quality summer programs.

## 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 May 10.**  
**E-mail articles to :**  
**[lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com)**

## **MD20 Convention**

Syracuse, NY                      April 17-19, 2026

## **DG Tom Flaherty's Testimonial**

Tavern 19, Hamlin NY                      May 3, 2026

## **Final Cabinet Meeting of The Year**

Dansville, NY                      June 6, 2026

## **International Convention**

Hong Kong, China                      July 3-7, 2026

## **District 20E1 Rochester Red Wings baseball game**

ESL Ballpark                      August 16

## **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

Memphis, TN                      September 3-5, 2026

## **District 20E1 Picnic**

Stony Brook State Park                      September 19

## **20E1 Fall Conference**

Big Tree Inn in Geneseo                      November 7, 2026

**DG Jan Infantino's theme will be "The Power of Lions:**

**Real People, Real Impact**

Her speakers will emphasize the impact on them as individuals by  
specific areas supported by Lions.



# LOST LION

## PDG CHUCK SWITZER



Charles “Chuck” Neal Switzer, 1952-2026 was born in Geneva, NY to Eleanor and Robert (Bob) Switzer. He passed away peacefully on March 7, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Chuck was a proud graduate of St. John Fisher College. Following graduation, he began what would become a distinguished 34-year career in transportation with the Rochester Regional Transit Service (RTS). Serving the greater Rochester community with dedication and vision, Chuck spent the majority of his career as Vice President of Transportation Services.

Chuck was especially proud of his work with The Brockport Lions Club and Lions Club International. He was elected District Governor for 20-E1 New York State and Bermuda Lions for 2017–2018, a role he cherished deeply. In recognition of his unwavering dedication, Chuck received the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was a strong advocate of keeping meetings to one hour.

He is survived by his loving wife, Agnes (“Aggie”) Switzer; his three children, Kristin Norman, Thomas Switzer, and Casey Gearing (Judianne); and his cherished granddaughters, Melanie Pfluke, Charli Gearing, and Madilynn Gearing.

Please join us for a memorial service in honor of Chuck on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 2 PM at the Brockport First Baptist Church. Immediately following the service will be a dessert reception. We will gather to share stories, laughter, and honor Chuck, the amazing life he lived, and how he positively impacted all of us. In lieu of flowers, Chuck requested that donations be made to the Brockport Lions Club and/or Aurora House of Western New York. Chuck’s legacy of leadership, laughter, and service will live on in the countless lives he touched.

## District 20-E1 Vision Committee

The Lion Year of July 2025 through February 2026 has been a huge success for our district vision screening. Eleven clubs scheduled 56 screening events, and screened 5,264 children, referring 983 for follow-up. The numbers were all reported to KidsSight USA database for our district. All the screenings depended on lions, school nurses, daycare managers, and parents to follow up with a vision professional for the children referred, and although we don't know how well the follow-up works we do know that most of the screening locations are repeat locations, some for many years. So it is being taken seriously.

Doctor Rajeev Ramchandran and PDG Greg Lund are your representatives for our district to Lions See and the MD 20 Committee. We have an annual meeting at the Henrietta library in April. Any lion is welcome to attend.

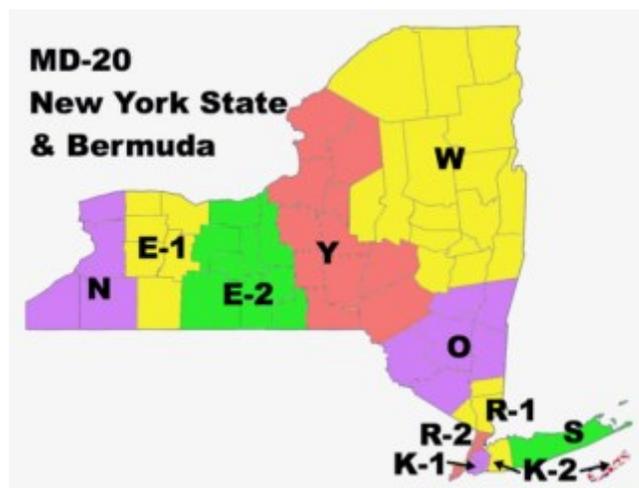
We have filled 4 containers of used eye glasses and should be ready to ship them out by the end of April.





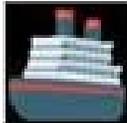
The Lions District 20E1 Facebook page is a great way to keep up to date with Lion news. You can share news from your club or projects. This is the URL address to the please encourage more club members to like and follow the page.

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



Dear Friends and Family,

**COME SAIL WITH US** aboard our 2026 BMYF cruise on the beautiful Royal Caribbean Ship...



***"Oasis of the Seas"***



***This ship is a "sailing resort"!***

***Invite your family and friends to join us on what will be an amazing getaway.***

Sailing will be on **October 4, 2026** departing from Cape Liberty for 7 nights combining great ports with days at sea. This cruise is as much about what this incredible SHIP has to offer as it is about the PORTS where it docks!

BOOK SOON! Available staterooms and suites are limited.

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Additional information and the **REGISTRATION FORM** can be found on the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation website:

<http://brandelmurphyfoundation.org>

Please print the registration form and mail it with your check to:

PDG Terri Oster  
139 Broadway  
West Hempstead, NY 11552

Any questions, contact Melanie at:

845-235-3729

[MrsWargo@yahoo.com](mailto:MrsWargo@yahoo.com)

***We look forward to your joining us on board the  
"Oasis of the Seas"***

**BMYF LEADERSHIP TEAM**



"We Help Kids"

## BMFY Cruise Getaway + October 4-11, 2026

Metro NYC/Cape Liberty to: Cape Canaveral – Bahamas – Coco Cay

## + Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas +



### Please join us for this special sailing of Royal Caribbean's fabulous *Oasis of the Seas!*

Prime space is being held for friends and supporters of the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, sailing seven nights for a fun-filled adventure. Enjoy Royal Caribbean's renowned "Perfect Day at Coco Cay" private beach resort, their brand-new *Royal Beach Club* on Paradise Island, and Port Canaveral. The entertainment options on board are vast, including *CATS*, from Broadway, and other musical shows, along with nightclub acts, a *Comedy Club*, and lounge entertainers you are sure to enjoy. The Ice-Skating Rink dazzles, with shows reminiscent of the famed *Ice Capades* and the iconic Outdoor Amphitheater hosts water shows featuring world class divers, high wire acts, and more. The Casino will be open until the wee hours of the morning. The food is great, diverse, and plentiful. Restaurants range from New York Elegant to the Playmaker's Sports Bar. The options seem endless. The Gym is state of the art, and the Spa is luxurious.

*Royal Caribbean has created a resort destination that floats!*



*"Thank you for your support in our efforts to help children in need. Together, we make a difference! Please join us on this cruise for fun, fellowship, and in the spirit of Lionism."*

*- Al Brandel & Maureen Murphy, John & Melanie Wargo*



**\$500 for each cabin booked benefits programs funded by the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation.**

**To Book Passage or for More Information, please visit [BrandelMurphyFoundation.org](http://BrandelMurphyFoundation.org) or Contact Foundation Secretary Melanie Wargo + [MrsWargo@yahoo.com](mailto:MrsWargo@yahoo.com) + (845) 235-3729.**

## Albion Lions Club



Albion Lions have their annual John A. Keding Scholarship to support a Albion High School senior scholarship for a career in the trades coming up. John was a member of the Albion Lions Club for 52 years.

The club have started preparations for their participation in the annual Albion Strawberry Festival and Albion Summer Festival.

## Alfred Lions Club

The Alfred Lions Club has had some interesting guest speakers at their meetings with good attendance from club members. In November, District Attorney Ian Jones, shared what he could about the case known as the Headless/Handless Torso of Andover – an unsolved mystery dating back to the 1970s. The investigation continues to this day.

In February, Christopher Secondo, spoke about his years in the CIA, serving under four of the last five presidents. At their next meeting on March 19, the guest speaker will be a local woman who is now retired after working 30 years in our nation's Defense Intelligence. Community members have been invited to these meetings in hopes of sparking an interest in joining the club.

In December the club had a Honey Pot Chocolate fundraiser which brought in nearly \$1000. They will sell these chocolates again March 16 – April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Bank – in time to fill the Easter Baskets!

April 25<sup>th</sup> is HOTDOG DAY in Alfred and the Lions will be selling Chicken BBQ at the event.

The traveling lion is still in Alfred, but there is a plan to visit the Belfast Lions in the near future!

## Andover Lions Club



The Andover Lions Club was quite busy during the holidays. They helped sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for all students and their grandparents. The club also distributed Thanksgiving meal baskets and Christmas meal baskets to families in need. The Toys for Tots Campaign was a success again this year and 23 children in the community received numerous gifts.

Next up for the club is the Maple Festival, which is slated for March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup> and on May 2<sup>nd</sup> they will do the 400 club party.

## Angelica Lions Club

Meet on the first Thursday of the month. Held two successful Ham and Turkey Raffles. Started an on line food shopping service for those suffering from the Government shutdown. Club members shopped and delivered the groceries to the families. They held their 200 club drawing on March 7th. They are raffling a # 17 Josh Allen Jersey.



## **Attica Lions Club**

Nov. FLAGS DISPLAYED for Veterans Day & Election Day, also ordered new replacement flags and more as they expand the flag program.

Dec. Made a large donation to the Gateway Convalescent Home in Attica. Supported the Attica Elementary School "Snack Pack" program. Salvation Army Bell Ringing raised.

Jan. Donations: local Family for son's eye treatment, Attica Ambulance Fund, Freedom Guide Dogs.

Feb. Donations: WNY Heros (Prison inmates train dogs for U.S. Veterans), YMCA of Batavia and Warsaw

April The Attica Lions will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary since being chartered into Lions International. The Batavia Lions sponsored the Club in April of 1951. A Dinner will be held on April 13, 2026 to honor the occasion.

### **CURRENT CLUB CALENDAR**

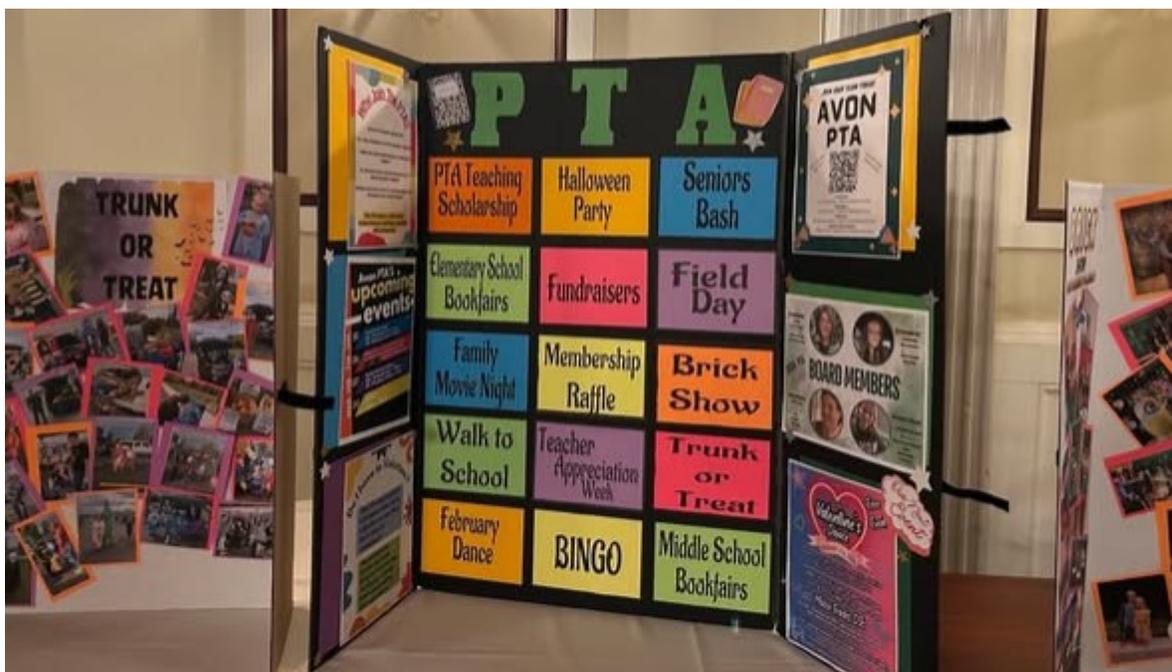
**Monday, April 13, 2026**

**Attica Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Saturday, August 29, 2026**

**GERMANFEST #15**

## Avon Lions Club



The Avon Lions had a great presentation by the Avon PTA and heard all about the hard work they do for the children of Avon CSD and the support they provide to the teachers at Avon CSD.

STEAM teacher Ian Smith brought his incredible enthusiasm from the classroom to our Lion/Child night. Ian's love for the program and for teaching was so evident as he shared some of the tools and technology that is used to teach the Avon students the STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum. The Avon community is lucky to have Ian and we were fortunate to have him share it with us.

We presented a check to them to support their efforts.



**Annual Winter  
Chicken BBQ**  
Sunday, February 1, 2026  
Pick up at Avon Driving Park  
12:00-2:00PM  
**\$15.00**

**We Serve**

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It was a busy February, the club had a Winter Chicken BBQ, Lions Family Night, and hosted a Trivia Night at the Theater.

In March club has a local Fire Department Meeting and Easter Egg Hunt. The club's Queen of Hearts Raffle is above \$4,300 and is growing.

## Batavia Lions Club

Batavia's biggest event of the year was the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Pete Arras Memorial Basketball Tournament, featuring four area high school teams playing Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> . which had 16 Lions working about 6 hours each night for the club. Batavia was the tournament winner.



## Belfast Lions Club

Chartered 9/30/1985 Fun is always in the air at Belfast Lions club meetings. Meetings are at the Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday.



The club organized Jan 1, hike, and everyone received a 2026 bandana. Had a very successful 300 club. Gave out a scholarship. They will hold their 40 year Charter Night at Moonwinks in Cuba on March 14th. They have 2 potential new members.



## Bolivar Lions Club

The Bolivar Lions Club collaborated with other community organizations during the Christmas tree lighting and caroling. The club gave out treat bags to the children who attended the event. In February, the club held its annual Super Sunday Tailgate Party for those who purchased a raffle ticket from the Club.

On Earth Day, the Bolivar Lions Club will collaborate with the YMCA and the Bolivar-Richburg Elementary School. Students will receive a sapling that they can take home and plant.

June will be a busy month as the club starts the month with a Chicken BBQ and ends the month with the annual week-long Pioneer Oil Days celebration June 21 – June 28.

## Brockport Lions Club

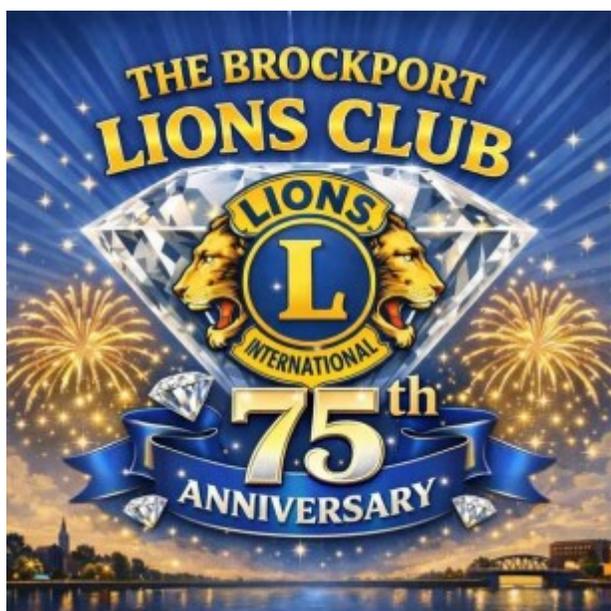


The Brockport Lions Club, and The Brockport Community Connection collected and delivered 1080 lbs. of non-perishable food and collected \$130 in donations for the Brockport Food Shelf with our Stuff The Trailer event in February. Additionally, everyone enjoyed some great music and awesome chili.

Our dinner meetings never disappoint with delicious food, event planning and special guests! On 2/18, we welcomed SU Basketball legend Roosevelt Bouie who spoke about his initiatives for the Bouie Foundation, "50 Winks" and "Anglers with Aspiration"! Thank you Roosevelt and retired shop teacher George Lonnen for joining us and sharing your inspiration!



Come check us out at The Seymour Library as we are gearing up for our 75th Anniversary Celebration! Jam packed display cases of memories, memorabilia and awards of our 75 years of service to our community and beyond!



## Caledonia Mumford Lions Club

The club was proud to donate to District Governor Tom Flaherty's Project, a playground at the Batavia School of the Blind. The pavilion in the Park has been completed. The club has a monthly Lottery ticket fundraiser, Working with the Fire Department on a Membership Drive. Two perspective members came to the last meeting.

## Canaseraga Lions Club

The club's annual Chicken & Biscuit Dinner is April 13th. The spring Gun Raffle will end on the April 13th, as well. The Canaseraga Lions has continued to perform eye screenings with Dansville and Maple City Lions.

We are proud to partner with Every1camp again this year. Every1camp is a free day camp for kids with disabilities and their families. We are very happy to be able to help give these families a chance to smile and laugh.



On 2/28, we held our annual boot drive for our ambulance replacement fund on Main Street in Swain. Huge thank you to all of the skiers and to all the locals running errands as well. You folks are why we're here, the more we each can help, the more we all can help.



## Lions Club of Chili



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of long-time member Bonnie Cohick Platt. Bonnie dedicated so many years of service to the Lions Club Of Chili and her community, truly embodying the spirit of Lionism through commitment, compassion, and selfless service.



The club added 3 members in the first 3 months. First, Ashlyn Neathawk joined in January. Ash makes it 3 generations of Lions in her family, as her mom and grandfather are active members. Chelse and Ben Moffatt were inducted on March 10. Chelse's sponsor was Debbie Beckens from E2; Debbie is the President of the So-dus Pride Lions Club. They are great additions to our club.



Our volunteers conducted vision screenings at Pearce 4 kids school on February 9th & 10th. Lions Club of Chili provided eye screenings and other cognitive tests along with Drs. to Special Olympic Athletes.

The club held an open house in March and we have a potential new Lion. The club is planning to help at the United Way Day of Caring in May, We also continue to sponsor environmental speakers at the library.

# Companion Gardening

Tuesday, March 17 @ 7:00 PM  
Barbara Ireland Community Room  
Chili Public Library



As you think ahead to the Spring and Summer months, learn how different types of plants grown together or in close proximity can provide beneficial improvement on the growth of each other. Topics discussed will include space required, soil health, insect management and promotion of pollination.

Presented in cooperation with the  
Lions Club of Chili.  
Registration is required and begins March 3.

## Churchville Lions Club

### Churchville Lions at Tree Lighting

The Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in the Village Hall on December 6th complete with storytelling, sing-alongs of favorite holiday carols and tasty treats. Santa arrived in his Fire Truck Sleigh, chatted with the children about their Christmas wishes and then assisted in lighting the Holiday Tree in the Village Gazebo guaranteeing a fun event. The Lions Club handed out candy canes, goody bags and coloring books before Santa headed back to the North Pole.



The Joint Lions Christmas Party was hosted by the Scottsville Lions Club on December 11th. Fourteen Lions from the Churchville club took part in the festivities along with over 30 members from multiple Lions Clubs. The evening started with a hearty buffet followed by a 50-50 drawing and the White Elephant Gift Grab until the last gift was opened. It was a fun night for everyone!



Lions Bob, Joe, Al, and Jim are joining in for refreshments.



Members had a hearty meal from the mastery of Jack's Place cuisine.



Lion Gary's Craft Art Kit was stolen several times.



It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Churchville Lion Gloria Morris, wife of Lion Mike Morris. Gloria was a parishioner at St. Martin de Porres at St. Vincent's for more than 40 years, a regular visitor to the Newman Riga Library. She loved reading (especially with children), collecting glass, Jeopardy!, parties, and keeping in touch with friends and family.

## **Clarendon Lions Club**

The club has kept their Little Free Pantry well stocked through the holidays. The Clarendon Lions are busy preparing for the upcoming year, with recent meetings devoted to planning the geranium sale, their senior scholarships, and for their community Easter Egg Hunt. In a joint effort with the Community Center, they are planning for another bingo night at the VA in Batavia, and also another community appreciation day in spring.

They will be again serving their famous sausages hot dogs, and burgers at the Holley Junefest, the first Saturday in June and at the weekly Tuesday night concerts throughout the summer at Point Breeze.

Don't forget to purchase a 911 Sign, a blue metal sign, with white reflective numbers, indicating your house number, which can be installed at the entrance to your driveway, making it easy for emergency service to locate your residence. An order form from can be obtained from any Lions member or the Clarendon Town Hall. The signs make great birthday and Father's Day gifts.

## Cuba Lions Club

Chartered 1/25/1985 Gave out 2 Scholarships. Donated money to the Hart House, a end of life care facility. Donated to the Special Christmas Project which provided stuffed Christmas stockings to 202 children, 136 were special needs children. Supported the Holliday Assistance Food drive. Supported and volunteered during the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. Brought 25 Seniors Christmas Food Baskets from the Cuba Cheese Shop. They participated in a community event held on March 12 at the Cuba -Rushford Central School.

## Dansville Lions Club

One of the coldest days in years did not deter the annual Freeze Your Buns Steak Roast from being held at Stony Brook State Park. Past District Governor Barry Hayward's 90th birthday was marked with a celebration next to a roaring fire with his Lions friends. A treasured event and always a great time.



The Robert J. Uplinger award was presented to Bridget Hoag this evening in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. Her dedication has made a profound difference in Dansville. Congratulations Bridget!



Pictured: Lion Tammy Duffy, Bridget Hoag, Kellee Hoag and Lion President Stephanie Johnson.

Dansville Lions Club  
Chicken BBQ  
April 26, 2026

Dansville Lions Club Stearns Chicken BBQ  
Dansville Moose Club  
Drive Through Service Available  
Eat In or Take Out  
Sunday, April 26, 2026  
12 Noon – 2:00 PM  
\$13.00 Donation  
Proceeds to Support Lions Club Projects

Norm Adkins, a retiree from American Rock Salt, led tonight's virtual tour of the mine, leveraging his extensive experience in mining to provide an insightful presentation. No word on whether he gave out free samples.



## Fairport Lions Club

On Tuesday, January 20, our Club met at Flaherty's in Macedon for a social evening and some moderate planning for service projects. While we don't hold a formal meeting, we share ideas and concerns as well as support each other at these meetings.



*Back row: Lions Wayne Loomis, June and Dave Milliman, Karen and Bruce McDermott, Charlie Stancampiano, Dave Markham, Frank DeMarzo, Dave Zimmer, Dick Livoti, Joe Anania  
Front row: Pat Rice, Debbie Crasti, Mary Jo and Maurie Wallace, Sherry Hostetter, Cherie Livoti*



Dr. Paul Harvey (in the black shirt) is describing how the afternoon and evening event will work for the Special Olympic athletes convening at the Rochester Convention Center. The athletes had spent the day at various track, field and swimming events and were now going to go through a variety of health screenings.

Fairport Lions Club members, Bruce and Karen McDermott and Sherry Hostetter, were there for the eye screening portion of the evening. About 12 other area Lions also joined in to help. Using the SPOT camera, the Fairport Lions screened 32 Olympians, 28% of which needed glasses. The other Lions helped with Object Recognition Screening, Visual Acuity Screening, Depth Perception Screening and directing traffic. Medical professionals did full eye screening and on-site eye glass fitting for the athletes.



On February 17<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly meeting at Spinelli's Restaurant, where we heard from our guests Kate Hurley and Marci Frutoff, from Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Our special guest for the evening was a delightful black lab puppy named Oliver. They explained that training begins when the puppies are first born by making them comfortable with touch, and different human contact. The puppies are placed with families who spend the following months focusing on socializing them with other dogs, exposing them to different environments, and helping them get accustomed to everyday sounds until they reach about 18 months of age.

At 18 months the puppies are tested to see if they meet the necessary qualifications to be further trained as a seeing eye dog. Not all puppies pass this test. If they test well, they then stay with a professional trainer for between 3-6 months before being match with their "person".



About 90% of seeing eye dogs are of the Labrador breed and 10% being of German Shepherd breed. Oliver, the puppy in the picture, is doing well with his initial training. The cost to sponsor a puppy and have it named is \$5,000. For puppies that don't make the grade, they are then offered first to their initial family or then offered to a family on a waiting list. Fairport Lions presented Guiding Eyes with a donation of \$500.

*Lions Charlie Stancampiano and Dick Livoti with Kate Hurley, Oliver and Marci Frutoff*

## Gates Greece Lions Club

The club gave holiday gift cards to 20 families. In April, the club will be picking up the parks as part of Earth Day. In May, the club will be having their 75th anniversary celebration and geranium sale.



**GATES GREECE LIONS CLUB**  
**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**  
**LOAN CLOSET**  
1299 Long Pond Road  
(585) 746-1179



**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**  
**DONATION DRIVE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
**9 am – 12 pm**  
**1299 LONG POND ROAD**  
**(BEHIND FIRE HOUSE)**

Donate Walkers, Rollators,  
Wheelchairs, Canes, Crutches, Bath  
Benches, Commodes, Knee Walkers,  
Bed Rails – All equipment will serve  
others in our community!

**Thank you!**

## Hamlin Lions Club

Hamlin Morton Waker Fire District recently received a generous donation of a Defibtech automated CPR device from Partyka Farm and the Hamlin Lions Club. When used, this device provides chest compressions to a patient whose heart has stopped. Chest compressions artificially keep the blood pumping through the body when the heart is no longer working. On a CPR call these chest compressions will need to be done until the patient is in the hospital and that can take a physical toll on the providers. This machine automates the process. The device has been used several times and this wonderful gift from Partyka's and the Lions Club that will be serving the community for years to come. HSO Joseph took the lead on this part of the training.

On Tuesday, January 27, Health and Safety Officer Joseph and Captain Wilson led members through our annual CPR training. All active firefighters in the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District must have a valid certification in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, CPR. On calls when the patient has no pulse and isn't breathing, firefighters must blend seamlessly with the EMT's and Paramedics from the ambulance crew. Being trained to the same standards allows that close cooperation to occur when people's lives are literally on the line. Capt. Wilson led this portion of the training.



## Hilton Lions Club



L-R: Lion Brad Helmer, Lion Kim Fay, Kyle Mullen, and Lion George Smith.

Kyle Mullen, Adjutant of American Legion Post 788, gave a presentation to the Hilton Lions Club on February 19, 2026, about the Legion's history. Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion is the largest veterans service organization in the United States, with over 1.6 million members. It was founded by World War I veterans in Paris, France, and is currently headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Courtesy of Westside News)

## Irondequoit Lions Club

The Irondequoit Lions Club has been busy doing vision screenings and collecting eye glasses and hearing aids along with fund raising ideas and Annual Easter Egg Hunt plans.

To date the club has completed vision screenings at 5 locations totaling 110 children screened with 10 referrals. We are working on obtaining additional locations within the town to conduct screenings.

We have collected 350 pairs of eye glasses, 17 pairs of sun glasses and 77 cases plus 5 hearing aids. Glasses go to Inter Vol, cases go to Goodwill and the hearing aids go the hearing foundation. The club has 4 drop off boxes within the town plus 1 at ROG eye doctor office.

Our 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am sharp with free breakfast items at 8:15 am. The Egg hunt is free and will be held at Camp Eastman on Lake Shore Blvd. The Easter bunny will be making a special appearance.

Applications have been sent to the local high school for our Dr Robert Santo Memorial Irondequoit Lions club scholarship. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are residents of the town and attend one of the 4 high schools. Deadline is end of March to get the application in to Lion Sharon Gass.

Ads are being collected for our place mat to be used the week of Easter at Uncle Danny's Restaurant in Irondequoit. Ads are \$50 for a business card size ad and it is our largest fund raiser.

We will also be having our Annual Mothers Day Rose Sale on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Pre-orders will be taken by Lions and will be advertised on Facebook, Instagram and Lions pages.

March is National Kidney month and it is especially important for one of our club members-Lion Scott Davis. Lion Scott has recently been put on the Kidney transplant list and has to follow up monthly for tests through Strong Hospital. If there is anyone who is interested in more information on how they can help Lion Scott out please feel free to contact him. He can be reached at [scottdavis12@rochester.rr.com](mailto:scottdavis12@rochester.rr.com) or cell number 585 309 0774 after 1pm daily.

## Kendall Lions Club

On January 8, the club inducted 4 new members! Congratulations and welcome to the club! The Kendall Lions made a sizable donation to the Kendall Food Cupboard from our annual Christmas Auction.

On February 5, Deputy Cole, Chief Deputy Tooley and Odin came and gave the Lions and Leos a demonstration. We were given updates about Otto, and got to meet Orleans County's new Police dog Odin! Deputy Cole showed us how he can find narcotics as well as articles. We were so happy to have our Kendall Leo's join us!



What an amazing job our community did coming together for a child whom is medically complex. We had our Kendall Lions, both current and old, Leo's, Kendall baseball team and community members helping out at the Chicken Barbeque! It was brutally cold and windy. We appreciate all the help and everyone who came out and supported Savvy!



## Lyndonville Lions Club

The Lyndonville Lions Club held an Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, January 15, welcoming an impressive total of 20 members. During the ceremony, 12 new members of the Lyndonville Central School Leo's Club were officially inducted for the 2026 calendar year.

The Leo's Club is a youth branch of Lions Clubs International, where Lions Club members serve as mentors to future community leaders. Through this program, Lions encourage America's youth to become actively involved in civic engagement, leadership development, and voluntary community service.



Photos courtesy of Lyndonville Lions Club: Lyndonville Leo Club: Bailie Atwater (new), Aurora Avery (new), Robin Botsford (new), Isabella Bresett (President), Sarah Corser (Treasurer), Cylie DeLee (new), Austin Fonda (new), Hannah Fox, Grace Fox, Sierra Frasier (new), James Giarla, Isabella Groves (new), Thalia Heinsler (new), Molly Ingersoll, Emily Knoll (new), Emily Miner (Vice President), Brooke Robinson (new), Savannah Spoth (Secretary), Rylan Townsend (new), Haylee Wright (new) and staff advisor Jennifer Neroni-Trupo.

The Lyndonville Central School chapter, under the leadership of its staff advisor, Jennifer Neroni-Trupo, has been very active in recent months through several meaningful service projects.

These efforts included a school-wide peanut butter and jelly collection to support a local food pantry, a holiday Christmas card-writing project to spread cheer to members of the local shut-in community, and a hat, mitten, and scarf donation tree at the school. Items collected through the donation tree were distributed to those in need throughout the Lyndonville community.

The Lyndonville Lions Club hosted the event, which included a buffet dinner, to honor and recognize the Leo Club members for their service and commitment. Looking ahead, the Leo's will assist the Lyndonville Lions with several upcoming community events, including the annual Community Free Eyeglass Clinic, the Mother's Day Rose Sale, and the 52nd Annual Fourth of July Celebration.



Harold Suhr (left) is presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Eric Johnson, president of Lyndonville Lions Club.

The club proudly honored long-time member Harold Suhr for his numerous years of service on various boards, his generosity and dedication to the youth of the Town of Yates, and his unwavering support of the Lyndonville Lions Club. (Courtesy Orleans Hub)

Another great time at this years Mardi Gras themed Bowling Tournament! Thank you to everyone who came out to bowl, cheer, and join the fun.



## Maple City Lions Club

Continued eye screening with Canaseraga and Dansville

Christmas baskets for the elderly

Christmas dinner with performance from the Hornell Jazz Choir

Donations made to Our Lady of the Valley Memorial, Turing Point Food Pantry, Hornell High School Jazz Choir, Faith in Action, YMCA Soccer Team, Dansville Lions Annual Show Ad, Women's Shelter, Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen

## Medina Lions Club



Our initial meeting this January was a great success. We celebrated our peace poster winners along with their parents. The Medina Lions contest winner was Kolton Miller, while Abigail Barrett was the contest runner-up. Both posters are outstanding! Medina Lions thanks Jen Scott, Art Teacher for the MSC for her assistance with the peace posters and scarecrow heads.

February dinner meeting was informative and fun! Kari Conte, co-artistic director, and Federico Rosario, community engagement and programs coordinator, spoke to the group about the Medina Triennial. The Triennial is a free public art exhibition held throughout the entire village of Medina. It is held once every three years. This year's exhibition will be held from June 6 to September 7.

The March Dinner meeting featured a tour of the Medina YMCA, located in the former National Guard Armory. Director Andrew Houseman led eleven members through the facility, sharing updates, plans, and insights about the various programs offered. The building is filled with energy and activity.





At the dinner meeting Randy Reese was inducted into the Club by Pete Kaiser. His sponsor is Andrea Walton.



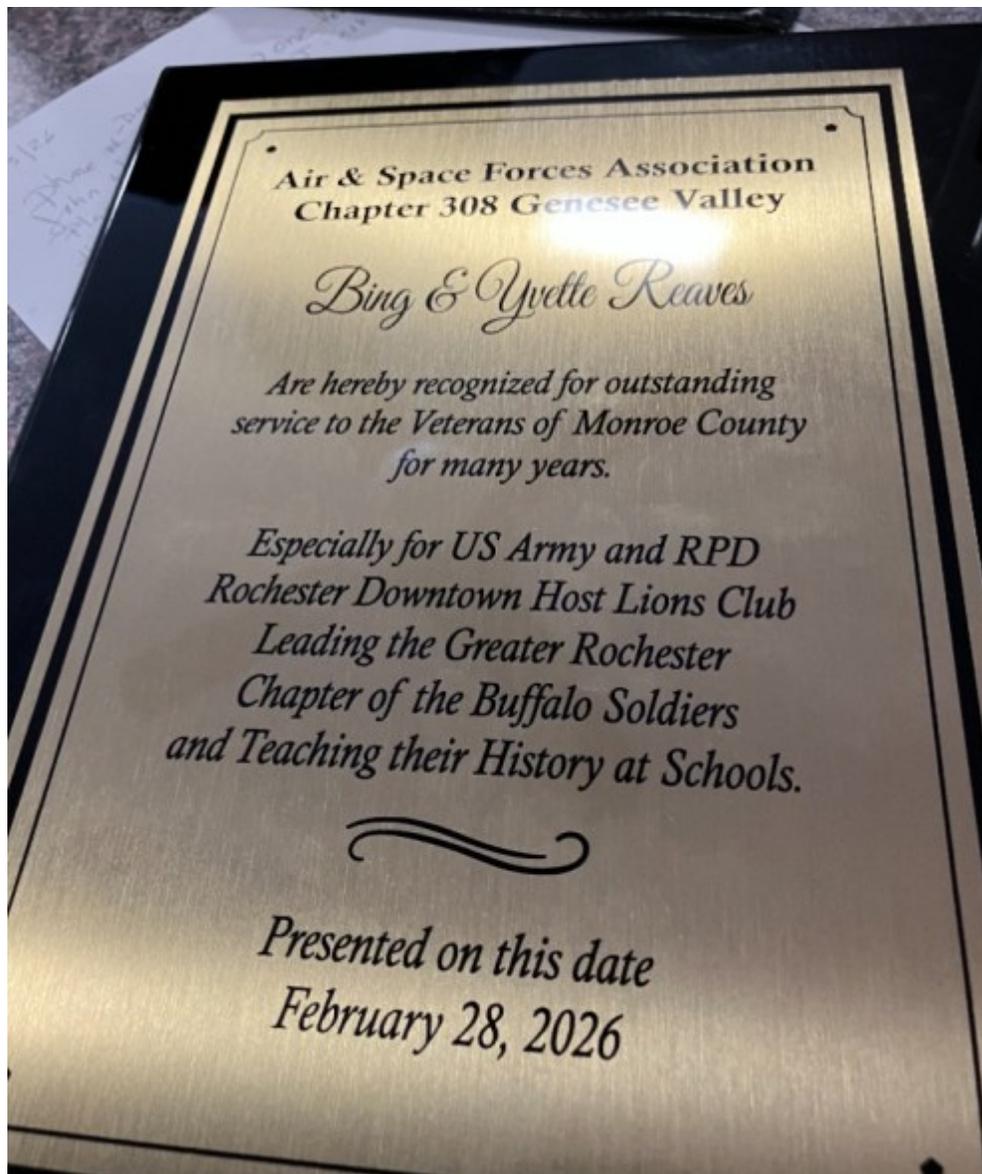
On March 7th, Chris and Julie Keller hosted an Euchre Tournament for our Lions in their home. Sixteen people enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie and euchre.



## Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club

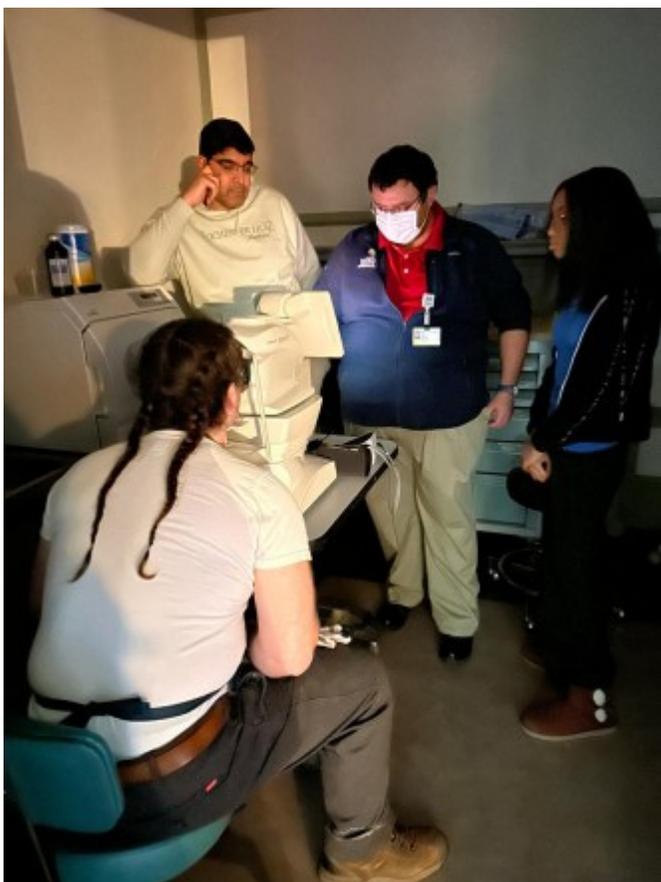
The club participated in the District 20E1 vision screening at the Special Olympics. The loan closet continues to be busy, The club is working on a placemat project.

Lions Bing and Yvette Reaves were recognized for outstanding service to the Veterans of Monroe County. They are very active in the community and Bing gave a wonderful presentation at the district's Fall Convention.



## Rochester Flaum Eye Institute

The club was heavily involved in the District 20E1 vision screening at the Special Olympics. The club is making an amazing number of visits to schools in the area for eye screening.



The team provides on-site comprehensive eye exams to kids who failed their state mandated school vision screening but can't easily get to an eye doctor's office. Many of these kids will receive glasses at no cost to their families, removing one of the barriers to learning. The Van is supported in part by the Platt Vision Access Fund. Please consider a donation.



## Rush Lions Club

The club's Board of Director's met each month through the winter. The club has some new ideas for increasing membership. The club is willing to work with the Avon Lions Club when needed on big projects.

## Scio Lions Club

On December 6th they participated in Wreaths Across America placing wreaths at the Fairlawn cemetery.



**Scio Lions Club Memorial Day Chicken BBQ**

Date: May 25, 2026 ... Pickup Location: Main Street, Scio

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Meal Includes:  
Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Mac Salad and Roll/Butter .... Cost: \$15 each ... Tickets available from Club Members or purchase available at pick-up tent

Join us for a delicious meal and support your local Lions Club!



We Serve

# Scottsville Lions Club

Tickets are now on sale. PM us, contact a local Lion, or email us at [ScottsvilleLions2023@gmail.com](mailto:ScottsvilleLions2023@gmail.com) to purchase. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Scottsville Lions Club**

**April Lottery Raffle**

**\$5.00 per Ticket**



**NYS Mid-Day Daily Lottery Number**

**Will determine winners.**

**Drawings April 1st—April 30th, 2026**

**Daily Winners will receive \$50.**

**Winners can repeat.**

**Tickets available thru any Lions Club Member or call**

**609-335-4250 to purchase. Thank you for your**

**Support!**

## Varysburg Lions Club

In January, Annual Fran Kehl Memorial Dice Run at Byrncliff Resort. Satellite locations at Bennington Lanes, Farmcraft Brewery, The Flipside, Smokeys, Strykersville Legion, and Windy Brew. Thank you to all who braved the wintery weather today to help support the Varysburg Lions Club and Folsom Trailblazers. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be used for the Fran Kehl Memorial Scholarship Fund.



# Walworth Lions Club

Come out and support the Walworth Lions club. We would love to see you there!!!

Have a fun morning with your children, have breakfast and visit the Easter Bunny. Bring your cameras and take some fun spring photos with the Easter Bunny.

## Walworth Lions Club EASTER BUNNY

## BREAKFAST

**KIDS CRAFT TABLE | PHOTOS WITH BUNNY\***

Menu includes | Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, and  
Juice

Adults \$10 | Kids 5 -12 \$5 |

Under 5 free



Saturday  
March 21st 2026



8AM - 11AM



**Wayne Central High School Cafeteria**  
6200 Ontario Center Rd, Ontario  
Center NY 14520



**Free bag of goodies**  
When visiting the easter bunny



**Pre-Sale**  
[walworthlionsclub.square.site](http://walworthlionsclub.square.site)



\*Bring your own camera for pictures with Bunny, no breakfast purchase required

\*\*Cards accepted

## Webster Lions Club

The club sponsored an ice team at the Webster Ice Arena. An upcoming event is the Mother's Day Rose Sale.

## Wellsville Lions Club



In January, we welcomed to the newest member of The Wellsville Lions Club, Sam Burnell. We are very excited to welcome Sam, and know we expect great things from him.

L-R, Lion Stephanie Burnell (Sam's sponsor and wife, Sam Burnell, 1st Vice President Lion Adam Sorochin (acting President at the meeting.)

During our regular meeting on 1/22, we had Anita Mattison, Director of the Allegany County Office for the Aging give a presentation on the services that her agency provides.

To say it was eye-opening is an understatement. One of the services they provide is a hygiene closet. They stock essentials such as laundry detergent, toiletries, and other items that help our older adults, persons with disabilities, and/or caregivers to stay healthy and clean.

