



# THE ROARING District 20-E1 NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2025 ISSUE

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### Region 4

**Zone 7 Chair** Gary Necaster

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### Region 5

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## CLUB NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Andover, Angelica, Attica. Avon, Batavia, Belfast, Bolivar, Brockport, Chili, Churchville, Dansville, Dansville Lioness, Fairport, Gates-Greece, Hamlin, Hilton, Irondequoit, Kendall, Lyndonville, Medina, Scio, Scottsville, Walworth

Congratulations District 20E1!!!

We are plus 7 members so we are starting to go in the right direction. Please remember that growing your club is the responsibility of everyone who wears the Lion Member Pin, not just the Membership Chair. If you love being a Lion tell someone!

The District Leadership Team is here to serve the Club Leadership Team. We can help you to achieve your goals. Let your Zone or Region Chairperson know about concerns you may have about your club or district.

I am concerned that many of the Clubs are reporting their service activities in the Portal but it is not being sent to LCI. Please check that you always click the report completed tab at the top of the page.

Please encourage your new club members to attend the MD20 New York State & Bermuda 101st Convention May 16-18.

Your 2024-2025 District Governor,



# **DG Albert's Testimonial**

## **May 4, 2025**

**JACKS PLACE at the CHILI COUNTRY CLUB**  
**760 Chili/Scottsville Rd Scottsville, Ny.**

**Meet and Greet: 11AM.**

**Lunch: 12PM**

**Price \$35.00**

**Please RSVP by text to Aren 585-610-3282 or email  
sunstarmocha@gmail.com no later than April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Your 2024-2025 DG,  
Albert Merrill**

May 16-18, 2025 Niagara Falls, NY



### **Celebrate Over a Century of Service!**

Join us for the **101st Annual MD-20 Lions Clubs Convention** as we gather Lions from across New York State and Bermuda to honor our shared legacy and inspire future acts of kindness. This is more than a convention – it's a moment to reflect, connect, and empower each other to serve our communities with greater impact.

- Collecting small Lego kits for Roswell Park Cancer Institute: Each kit will be given to a child waiting for and during their treatments.
- Workshops & Panels: Tools and strategies to elevate your impact as a Lion.
- Networking Opportunities: Build meaningful connections with Lions who share your commitment.
- Hands-on Service Project
- Explore Niagara Falls: Be inspired by one of the world's natural wonders!

### **Register Today – Together, We Can Achieve Even More!**

**Early Bird Registration Deadline:** April 15, 2025

**Registration Fee:** \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door)

**Secure Your Spot Now:** <https://md20lionsconvention.org/>

**Saturday Night Gala theme: Beach Party**

Learn more by visiting our sites or  
click on the Lions'  
Convention 2025 QR code.



## **SAVE THE DATES**

MD20 CONVENTION: Niagara Falls, New York May 15-18, 2025

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Orlando, Florida July 13-17, 2025



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Atlantic City, New Jersey September 18-20, 2025

**We want to hear about your club!!!**

**Next District newsletter deadline is June 8.**

**E-mail articles to :**

**[lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com)**



# POP-UP EYEGLASS CLINIC



**April 26, 2025**

**Sponsored by the  
Lyndonville Lions Club**

**Registration starts 9:00am**

**White Birch Golf Course  
1515 North Lyndonville Rd  
Lyndonville, NY 14098**



**Yes, this is real!  
NO Gimmicks  
NO strings attached**

- Staffed by NYS Licensed Doctors of Ophthalmology & Optometry
  - **NO** appointment necessary - **NO** ID required
  - Prescription lenses **AND** frames at **NO COST**
  - **FREE** eyeglasses **AND** fitting of eyeglasses
  - Wide selection of frames to choose from
    - **ALL** welcome-Children **AND** adults
    - First Come-First Served
    - Registration limited



Corporate Sponsors  
Essilor of America  
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**Join Lions Clubs and the New York Yankees**  
for a fun-filled day & Fundraiser at the  
**Yankee Stadium!**  
One East 161st Street Bronx, NY 10451  
**APRIL 27, 2025**  
**Blue Jays vs. New York Yankees**  
**1:35 PM EDT**



**Each Ticket includes: A New York Yankees Lions Clubs Hat**



## Contact Info:

District 20-K1 Governor Romeo Hitlall 917.749.7700  
District 20-0 Governor Stephen Jennis 845.489.8350  
District 16-J Lion Alan Bowne 732-754-4727

**BUY TICKETS HERE:** <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lionsclubs820250102-16154701>



# Geranium Sale

**May 9 & 10, 2025**



Red  
White  
Pink  
Salmon  
Purple  
Variegated Red

**\$2.30 Per Plant**

or

**\$43.60 Flat (20)**

**Hanging Baskets**

**12 inch. Garden Geranium**

Red. Pink. Salmon, Purple

**\$27.00 each**

**Deadline to pre-order May 4, 2025**

Pre-order Pick-up May 9 After 1PM

3237 Chili Ave.

Call: 732-4757 / 414-2400 / 704-7265

***Sponsored by The Lions Club of Chili***



*11th Annual*

# EASTER EGG HUNT



*Saturday, April 19th  
Starts @ 11am sharp.  
GET HERE EARLY !!!*

*The Easter Bunny is coming to Stony Brook and hiding his eggs.  
Could you please come help us find them?*

- o Hunt starts promptly at 11am. *Come early, don't be late!*
- o Ages 10 and under.
- o Event located at Baseball field.
- o Parking in main lot.
- o Bring your own baskets or bags.
- o Don't forget to bring your camera so you can take a picture with the Easter Bunny

**MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE PARK OFFICE AT (585) 335-8111  
Registration Cutoff Date: April 16th. 2025**



New York State  
Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation







## **LIONS CAMP BADGER**

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

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### **Lions Camp Badger will host the first annual "Celebrate Abilities" event on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 11am-4pm!**

This special day is being held in the middle of our camp season to enable people to come together to celebrate the unique talents and abilities of everyone. It will also serve to say "thanks" to those who have supported our efforts at Lions Camp Badger through the years. This event was made possible thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers.

\*Camp tours   \*Paddleboating   \*Fishing   \*Sports   \*Carnival Games  
\*Hikes   \*Arts and Crafts   \*Music   \*International Cooking  
\*Carnival Foods   \*Camp Store (t-shirts, mugs, etc.)   \*Dance   \*Superheroes  
\*Cultural Activities from Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, Ireland, Spain and Bolivia\*  
-Lunch and Camp Memorabilia available for purchase-

This event is open to current and prospective campers and their families, former staff, alumni, Lions members, volunteers, agency representatives, granters, and supporters of our programs.

LIONS-We need volunteers to make this event a success. Please email Pat at [patgillule@gmail.com](mailto:patgillule@gmail.com) to help! We need helpers to assist with cooking, running the camp store, providing carnival games, and cleanup. Donations of small prizes, bottled water, and trays of store-bought cookies are also welcome.

### **SPRING WORK DAY AT LIONS CAMP BADGER**

*Help us get the camp ready for summer at our annual  
Clean-up/Work-day on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
Coffee and donuts served at 9:00 and lunch at 1:00 p.m.*

*We'll have a list of projects ranging from easy to more difficult including: Yard work, cleaning, painting, organizing, moving furniture, cabin/ramp/stair repair, etc. Let Cynthia know how many are coming.*

*If your club can't make it that day, we can possibly work out another option!*



POINTS OF LIGHT

## **7 BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING**

- 1. Reduces Stress**
- 2. Combats Depression**
- 3. Prevents Feelings of Isolation**
- 4. Increases Confidence**
- 5. Gives a Sense of Purpose**
- 6. Ignites Passion**
- 7. Makes You Happy**

GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

***Irondequoit Lions Club  
23rd Annual  
Mother's Day Rose Sale  
Saturday May 10th, 2025  
9AM-1PM***

***\$20.00 a Dozen or \$15.00 a 1/2 Dozen  
We will be collecting non-perishable food items to  
benefit the Irondequoit Community Cupboard***



***We Serve***



***Boxed Long Stem Red Roses***

***Uncle Danny's Restaurant  
555 E. Ridge Rd. located between Seneca/Hudson  
For pre-orders call 544-1853***



# **EASTER EGG HUNT!!**

**April 19, 2025 10 am - 12 Noon**

**Holley Community Center  
75 Public Square, Holley, NY**

The Clarendon Lions are once again sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center in Holley. Children in three age groups will hunt for eggs, with a prize for the winner from each group who finds the Golden Egg! The Easter Bunny and the Lions hope to see you there!

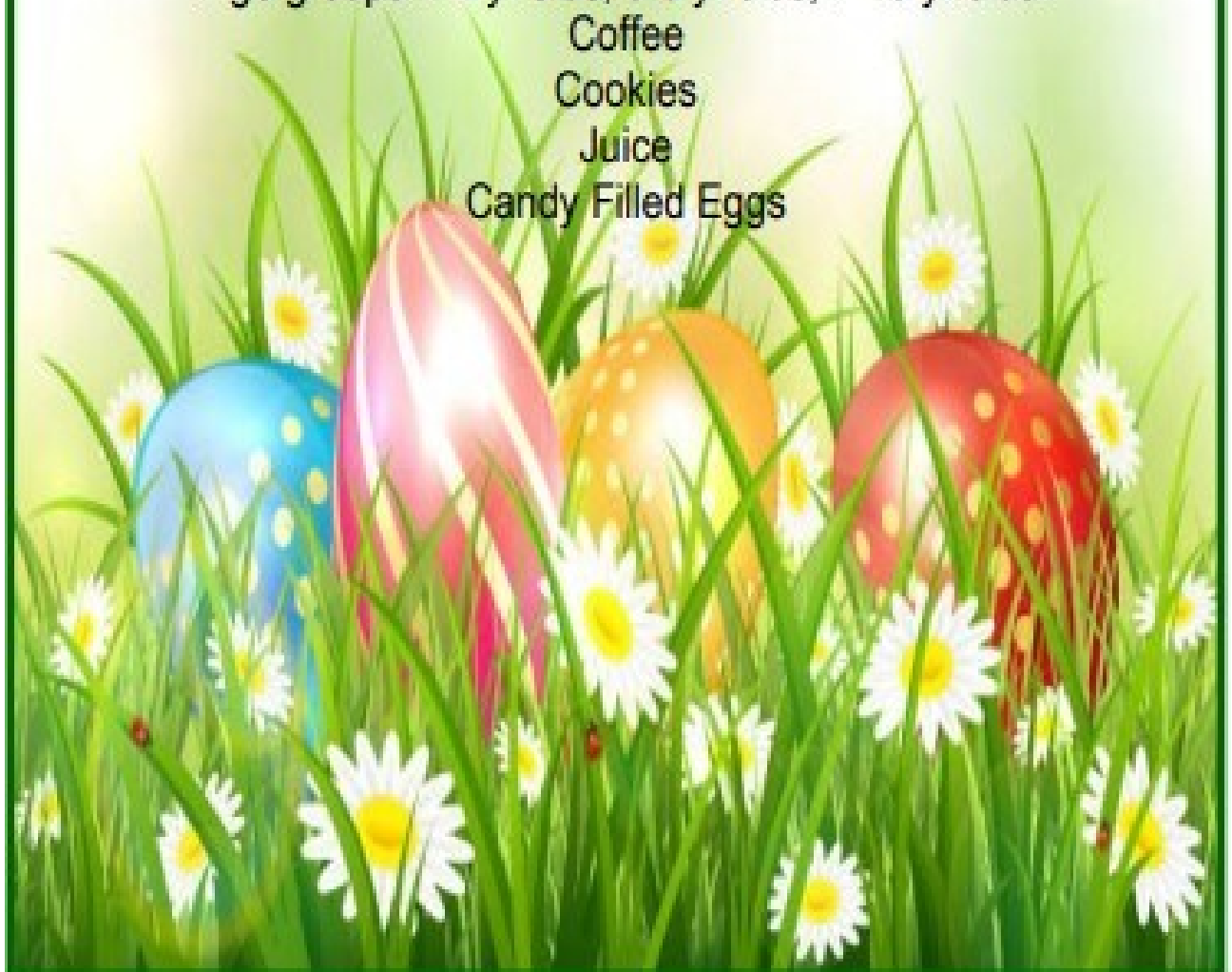
Age groups 1-2 yr olds; 3-6 yr olds; 7-10 yr olds.

Coffee

Cookies

Juice

Candy Filled Eggs



35th Annual Greater Wellsville



# Trout Derby

April 26th & 27th, 2025

450 TAGGED FISH

OVER \$25,000

in PRIZE MONEY!

CAMPING ON-SITE, FOOD,

CHICKEN BARBECUE,

GUN RAFFLE



REGISTER ONLINE AND JOIN THE FUN!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

[WWW.WELLSVILLELIONSCLUB.COM](http://WWW.WELLSVILLELIONSCLUB.COM) FOR ALL THE  
DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

No camping allowed until after 6am, Friday, April 25th



## **LIONS CAMP BADGER**

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### **CAMP CORNER: Reflections from Lions Camp Badger**

by Pat Gillule, Camp Director

Lions Camp Badger is a project of New York State and Bermuda Lions Clubs. Our mission is to provide services and create experiences that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of individuals with diverse abilities.

### **REGISTRATION FOR OUR CAMP SESSIONS IS NOW OPEN!**

Campers ages 6-60+ can register right from our website, [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org).



#### **Family Camp Registration Opens March 1:**

Family Camp will be held from **July 20-22, 2025** and is open to any family who has one or more members with a disability. Enjoy supported activities with trained staff with plenty of time available for rest and relaxation. Meet other families, stay in a cabin, have fun!

Register from our website, [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org).



### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR CELEBRATE ABILITIES DAY on Saturday, July 26:**

Celebrate Abilities Day is a special event that brings together our campers and their families, Lions members, volunteers and staff, alumni, and stakeholders to simply have fun together! Enjoy games, tours, food, and a wide array of camp activities. **We need assistance with cooking, registration table, camp store, carnival games, and cleanup.** To sign up, please contact Camp Director Pat Gillule at [patgillule@gmail.com](mailto:patgillule@gmail.com) or by calling/texting 607-768-2386.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Be on the lookout for **Lions Camp Badger SUPER RAFFLE** tickets! Purchase them as a club or sell them to your friends and neighbors. As always, there will be ten prize winners of \$1,000 each. All of the proceeds support Lions Camp Badger. We rely heavily on your generosity to keep our camp beautiful and maintain our quality summer camp for individuals with diverse abilities. (call or email if you'd like more tickets!)

The Board of Directors recently voted to revise our **MISSION STATEMENT**:

**The mission of the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. is to provide services and create experiences that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of individuals with diverse abilities.**





# **ANDOVER LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 19TH  
10:00AM**

**ANDOVER CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**Outside by big playground  
If inclement weather, will be moved inside school**

**Any questions, contact  
Samantha Gavin at 607-382-7248**





## **BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB**

### **18 HOLE "GOLF OUTING"**

**WHEN:** Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025- Shotgun Start @ 1PM

**WHERE:** Salmon Creek Country Club, 355 Washington St Spencerport, NY

**BENEFIT:** To Help Fund Our Local Community Projects

**FORMAT:** Four Person Scramble

**ENTRY:** \$260 per team (\$65 per player) 4 Lunch tickets and 4 Raffle tickets included per team

**PRIZES:** Various Gift Cards, Gift Baskets and Misc. Prizes- Additional Raffle Tickets Available \$5 Each

**Become a Tee Sponser- Have a sign with your name and or business at a Tee box only \$25**

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**SPACE IS LIMITED, SIGN UP EARLY AND RESERVE YOUR TEAM'S SPOT**

#### **Brockport Lions – Summer 2025 GOLF OUTING Registration Form**

PLAYER'S NAME

PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS

1. Captain \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Please make checks payable to "The Brockport Lions Club" and Mail Payments to

Lion Greg Lund- Phone- 585-281-8309, Address- 3020 Redman Rd Bkpt, NY 14420 or

Lion Tammy Deacon-Phone- 585-734-1013, Address- 7157 Fourth Section Rd Bkpt, NY 14420



**Lions KidSight USA is awarded the “Champion for Vision Award” by the Children’s Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS)**

**This recognition is a tribute to the great work each of you has done to advance the mission of children’s vision screening. Over the years Lions have averaged about 2 million children screened per year with an average of 15% referral rate. Your efforts have made a huge difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.**

**As Chairman of Lions KidSight USA, I thank you for the support you have shown for this program and our mission. It is my honor to be the chair of this great team and accept this recognition.**

**Dr. Edward V. Cordes  
Past International Director, Lions International  
Chair, Lions KidSight USA**



## Andover Lions Club

### The 50th 2025 Maple Festival was held on April 5 & 6 at Andover Central School.

To mark the milestone, the Lions held a raffle for a maple leaf necklace from Walker Metalsmiths.

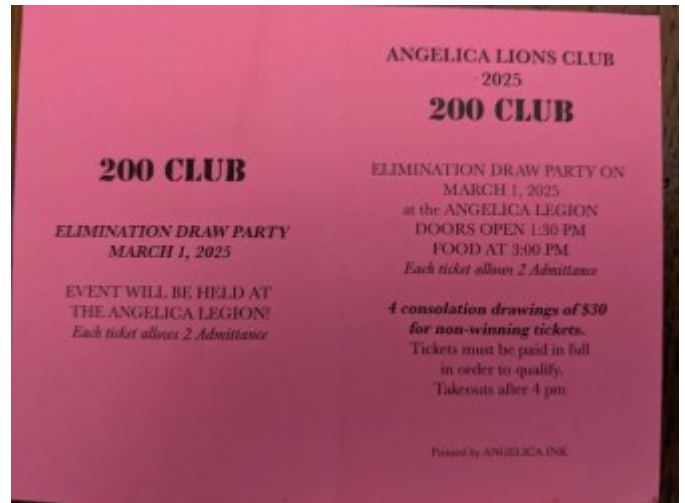


More than 100 craft and food vendors were at the event. World-famous Ellie the therapy dog visited the festival both days, she entertained with trick shows and up close contact with children and adults.



## Angelica Lions Club

The Angelica Lions had their biggest fundraiser of the year, the 200 Club on March 1. There was lots of food, drawings, and fun.



## Attica Lions Club



Guest Speaker **Mike Bellamy** presented a program on Tourism Opportunities and Challenges in Wyoming County. Mike operates a “Glamping” facility along Silver Lake called “Silverlaken”. The meeting, held at the Attica Legion on a Tuesday rather than the usual Monday, was a catered event. Guests included **Lions Ron Metz & Steve Watson** of the Batavia Lions.

**Dinner Meeting, Tuesday March 18, 2025:** Attica Lions gathered for a night of camaraderie and socializing for a belated Saint Patrick’s Day dinner. Luke Harding cooked up some corned beef with some homemade thousand island and many other Lions brought sides and desserts to add to the spread

Which included Peanut Butter Rice Krispies from Lion Mark Dadd, Cookie Cake from Lion Liz Meacham, Lion Dan Snyder with salt potatoes, Ted Harding with a large pot of vegetables and Lion David Ciurzynski supplied the silverware. (Luke says “ If I forgot you, my apologies....my memory is bad!) Low key meeting but a nice night had by all. Harding’s Furniture donated the food at no charge. We passed a hat around at the end of the meeting and those funds will go towards the next Christmas party in December.

## GERMANFEST #15

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025



## Avon Lions Club

The Avon Lions Club provides a wonderful service to the Avon community. They put up flags to light up the yards of neighbors and friends. Although it requires considerable effort, the result is stunning.

### RENEWAL NOTICE

Avon Lions Club

Paint the Village

RED, WHITE  
& BLUE.



The Avon Lions Club presents our Patriot Project "Paint the Village Red, White & Blue," a patriotic way to show your love of country, support of service members and at the same time, support the Avon Lions Club.

For **\$40 per flag, per year**, the Avon Lions Club will place an American flag(s) in your front yard, curbside on the following days:

### MEMORIAL DAY • FLAG DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY • PATRIOT DAY (9/11)

The flag will be placed first thing in the morning and removed by sundown. These are high quality, 3' x 5' stitched flags with embroidered stars on a 10' pole. Imagine the beautiful sight of the streets and roadways of Avon with every house displaying Old Glory in front.

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## Batavia Lions Club



David Burdelak, a member of the Batavia Lions Club stands next to a donation box for used eyeglasses and hearing aids in-front of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, 106 W. Wilson Street, Batavia. (Photo provided by the Batavia Chamber of Commerce)

The Batavia Lions Club collects donated eyeglasses and hearing aids, which can be recycled and refurbished to help those with visual and hearing impairments.

The Lions recently held an eyeglass sorting event, where they processed 1,066 pairs of eyeglasses and 22 sets of hearing aids, according to a news release.



In March, the club hosted a speaker from Leadership Genessee. Each year, **Leadership Genessee** selects 25 individuals from the business, non-profit and public sectors to participate in a unique form of citizenship education. The year-long curriculum is designed to raise awareness of the needs and challenges that affect Genessee County while enhancing individual leadership skills with a focus on civic responsibility and community stewardship.

## Belfast Lions Club

On March 31, the Belfast Lions awarded Pastor Craig Buelow "Citizen of the Year".



It was so nice to see so many families turn out for our Easter event. The kids looked for treats, decorated cookies, and had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny.





## Bolivar Lions Club

**THE BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB TURNED 50!**



*(in 2020)*

*We invite you to celebrate the  
Bolivar Lions Club's 55th Anniversary*

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

COCKTAIL HOUR AT 5:00 P.M. / DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.

**WELLSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB**

3006 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, WELLSVILLE NY 14895

*Please join us to celebrate 55 years of Lionism in Bolivar!*

**COST PER PERSON: \$55.00**

INCLUDES APPETIZERS, DINNER, DESSERT, COFFEE/TEA SERVICE

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR AVAILABLE

*APPETIZER DISPLAY INCLUDES MEAT AND CHEESE CHARCUTERIE BOARD, ASSORTED  
CRACKERS WITH AN ARRANGEMENT OF VEGETABLES AND DIPS.*

*DINNER BUFFET INCLUDES CAESAR SALAD, HAND CARVED ROAST BEEF,  
MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN, WILD RICE, ROASTED POTATOES, ROASTED VEGETABLES.  
DESSERT WILL BE A BERRY COBBLER.*

Please RSVP no later than April 19, 2025    Cost: \$55.00 per person

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: ☐ Enclosed    ☐ Pay at Door

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment in advance is appreciated. Checks are payable to the Bolivar Lions Club.

**Please mail RSVP and payment to:**

Bolivar Lions Club, PO Box 402, Bolivar, NY 14715



## Brockport Lions Club

The annual "Stuff The Trailer" was a huge success. Collected over 650 pounds of food and over \$900 in monetary donations on March 9, all to benefit The Brockport Food Shelf! Thanks to everyone who volunteered, stopped in with donations, made chili, treats and The Brockport Buskers for the amazing entertainment!



The Brockport Lions, Batavia Lions and, District N Lions went to the Batavia School for the Blind. We took a tour with Vice District Governor Tom Flaherty. We saw all of the things that we helped purchase by donating to the blind school fund.





The Brockport Lions Club purchased the food, assembled the food bags and delivered 64 bags of food to needy folks in the Brockport Area on Wednesday April 10th. Pictured are some of the Lions and friends who put the gift bags together.



## Lions Club of Chili

The club knows how to celebrate in green. Tail Twister Dorinda Foos had some St. Patrick's Day Bingo Cards and some cool prizes.



Lion Janine Wheeler received the Lions Club of Chili's Melvin Jones Fellow Award 2025. Wheeler joined the club in 2019 and was elected as a director for the 2019–2020 Lions' year. She stepped up and took over as secretary after club secretary Pat Bradt unexpectedly passed away. She continued to serve as secretary for three more years, ending June 30, 2023. Wheeler wrote grants for the Wonder Books that the club donated to the Chili Library and for the Build A Bed project. She also chaired the Magic Yarn Project to make wigs for children with cancer and made it a community event. Janine Wheeler is pictured with committee members, Lions Dorinda, Bonnie, and Tom.



The Lions Club of Chili presented its Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award to the Loyal Order of the Churchville Moose Lodge. President Licia Dickson Colbert received the award on behalf of the Churchville Moose. They received this recognition for their contributions to the community and support to their fellow Lions in partnering for special Build A Bed project and the use of their club for Lions Club meetings. Churchville Moose President Licia Dickson Colbert and Board Member Carolyn Vanlare, are pictured with the Lions Club's Uplinger Awards Committee, Lions Janine, Keri, Dorinda, Bonnie, Tom, and Bert. Both organizations look forward to partnering on projects in the future.



The Lions Club of Chili and community members got up early on April 12 to clean up Black Creek Park for Monroe County's Annual Pick Up the Parks Day



## Churchville Lions Club

The annual LEO Club March Mayhem benefit basketball game was held on Saturday March 1st in Gym C at the Churchville-Chili Middle School. The LEOs and the Unified basketball teams put on a fun show and raised \$1084 for Zoey's Light, a 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to helping kids with terminal or lifelong illnesses in the Western New York area to achieve moments of happiness with the help of donations, events, fundraisers, and help from the community.

For the past two-plus decades, the Leo Club has participated in the annual charity basketball game that brings students, family, friends, and the community together for great causes.



### Churchville Lions Club presents Uplinger Award

On behalf of the Churchville Lions Club, President **Joe DeLeo** (left) recognized **Ray and Judy Russell** from Whittier Road Fruit Farm with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding support of the local community food pantry. The award honors outstanding individuals or organizations that provide a significant service to their club, district, or community. Provided information.

*Photo by Doug Elsele*



## Dansville Lions Club

At tonight's dinner meeting we were pleased to welcome Tracy Sciotti, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Foundation for Noyes Health. She shared the status of a few current projects, along with their upcoming projects for the exciting future of our local health care provider!



Pictured: Tracy Sciotti, President Dr. Emma Johnson, Lion Rachel Bugman

Lot of fun at our inaugural Mardi Gras dance. Broadband provided great music, at Dansville Moose Club.





What else can you say about “The Show” in Dansville? Every year the club comes up with a new theme. The talent, the costumes, and the those jokes!!!! Everyone in the audience left with a smile.





At our April 10th meeting, we heard from Erica Schuster about the amazing work the Finger Lakes MWB Foundation (Make The World A Better Place) is doing for not only our immediate community, but all those surroundings us too! We also welcomed two more new members to our club! We are pleased to welcome Lion Cybil Brock and Lion Jay Gregorius.



## Dansville Lioness Lions Club

"Nuns on the Run" had the best time performing at the Lions Annual Show!



# Fairport Lions Club



## Fairport Lions Club

### February 2025 Newsletter

As members of District 20-E1, we were fortunate to have our District Governor Al Merrill as our guest for our February meeting. The following members received the chevron recognition for their years of Lions service:

Frank DeMarzo – 10 years  
Bruce McDermott (In absentia) - 15 years  
Dave Farwell, Charles (Todd) Bostian ( in absentia), and Wayne Loomis – 25 years  
Maury Wallace (in absentia) – 40 years

Al spoke of his priorities for the years which are to increase membership, encourage LCIF funding, and Camp Badger.



DG Al Merrill is flanked by Dave Farwell, who was instrumental in getting him here, and our President, Clark Gaehring.

During the meeting, Clark mentioned that our budget for eyeglass support for school is maxed out. In addition to having Al as a guest, Dave Markham brought Mark DeRitis as a newcomer.

Dave Farwell, Sherry Hostetter and Charlie Stancampiano all attended the zoom Lions membership meeting, and each one discussed the new things they had learned. When Dave gets a copy of the presentation, he will let the club know so members can review it at their leisure.

Dick Livoti discussed the fact that there will be a small increase in international and state dues coming soon. He will send out individual dues sheets. Dick also told us to let him know if we were planning on renewing our individual memberships to BJ's through the Lions Club so we can get the group discount.





## Fairport Lions Club

### March 2025 Newsletter

Our guests for the March 4 meeting included our program speaker, John Baynes, Monroe County Legislator-District 11, his wife Patricia, and Lion Dick Livoti's wife Cheri Livoti. President Clark Gachring opened the meeting and asked for announcements.

Todd Bostian reminded us that our Mother's Day Rose sale is coming up. Orders need to be placed with Todd by April 15<sup>th</sup>. He will have order forms at our next meeting. Dave Zimmer stated that the Scrap Metal sale will take place this year on June 14<sup>th</sup>. He has already gotten permission from the property manager for the site and Alpcos Recycling. Dick Livoti handed out a listing of places/organizations to which we donate, so we can answer any questions people may ask about where the money goes. Charlie Stancampiano and Dave Markham represented our club at the recent district cabinet meeting. Dave was pleased to announce that there is a slight upturn in overall new membership. Mary Jo Wallace gave a brief synopsis on the status of her husband Maurie, who is now in rehab and recuperating from his fall, and is doing well. Dave Farwell reminded members that we need a person to step up and become 1st vice president.



Lion Clark Gachring presented awards recognizing Bruce McDermott for 15 years of service, and Todd Bostian for 25 years of service.

Our presenter for the evening was John Baynes, Monroe County Legislator and representative for Fairport and East Rochester. He talked about his background and explained the workings of our government. John talked about budgets and the fact that the county has a yearly budget of \$1.5 billion. This money comes from 4 buckets: state aid, federal aid, property taxes, and sales taxes. A good portion of that money goes to health and human services. He also discussed the value of our county sheriffs and the fact that they were getting a much-needed raise to keep them

competitive with other areas. He talked about the savings from having our volunteer Perinton Fire Department firefighters versus a paid fire fighting staff. John recognized the service that all of them provide to us. He also expressed appreciation for the work the Lions continue to do for the area.



Lion Dick and Cheri Livoti with representative John Baynes and his wife Patricia.

## **Gates-Greece Lions Club**

Mary Ann Uhrenholdt was inducted into Gates Greece Lions club on March 5 by PDG Melanie Adams with sponsor Doug Black. She was negotiating a real estate deal at the same time. The club members were very understanding and my Buyer's offer was accepted! Welcome to Lions!





## GATES GREECE LIONS CLUB GERANIUM SALE

**MAY 10, 2025, 9AM - NOON**

**PRE-ORDER ONLY BY MAY 4 AT 737-2291**

**Plants are from cuttings and not seeds**

**\$2.50/ plant or \$45 for a flat of 20 (red, white, purple, pink, or variegated red)**

**Also hanging plants baskets, New Guinea Impatiens or Geraniums -\$28 (red, purple, pink)**

**PICK UP PRE-ORDERS AT GATES TOWN HALL  
1605 BUFFALO RD**

**ALL MONEY RAISED TO SERVE THE GATES AND GREECE COMMUNITY**



### Hamlin Lions Club

Our club had the privilege of welcoming Paul Kimball, the Board President of The Morgan Manning House at our meeting on Tuesday, March 4th. In recognition of their continuous efforts to restore the property following the tragic fire in January, Hamlin Lions President Randy Paap presented Paul with a gift for the Morgan Manning House.





Several of our club members organized and delivered chocolate bunnies to Life Solutions of Hamlin, Inc this weekend to be shared with families over the Easter Holiday.



Let's take a quick hop and a skip back to the Hamlin Easter Egg Hunt on April 5.... All the kiddos in attendance had an eggs-cellent time! Thank you Town of Hamlin Recreation for hosting this stellar event once again this year and inviting our club to join in the fun!



## Hilton Lions Club

Hilton Lions Club members recognize one of their own for 15 years of service to our community. Zone Chair Brad Helmer was honored and shown here with Lion President Kim Fay.



Brian Potvin, from the Episcopal Community Center, (center), is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Hilton Lions Club President Kim D Fay and Vice President George Smith at Thursday's dinner meeting. The community center is the renovated St. Leo's Church on Lake Avenue, which is now open to the Hilton community.





## Irondequoit Lions Club

Members of the Irondequoit Lions Club welcomed a new member at their meeting in February. Bob Hamilton was inducted into the club by PDG Judy MacKnight. Lion Bob was a Lion in Wichita, Kansas and wanted to get back involved with Lions. We welcome Lion Bob and wish him many years of service to our community.



Several Lions received chevrons for their service to the club from PDG Judy; Lion president Bill Davis received one for 45 years, Lion Barbara Genier for 30 years and Lion Bill Bastuk for 15 years. We thank them for their dedication to the club and the residents of Irondequoit.

Another fund raiser will be our upcoming Annual Mother's Day Rose sale which will be Saturday May 10th beginning at 9am at Uncle Danny's. Pre-orders are being taken and encouraged. Price is \$20.00 a dozen and \$15.00 ½ dozen. Contact Lion president Bill Davis to place an order at [bdavis12@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bdavis12@rochester.rr.com). Non perishable foods items are also being collected for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard.

The Irondequoit Lions Club will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June and plans are in works for a dinner on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> to be held at I Square in Irondequoit. Invitations will be sent out electronically to Lions clubs in the region, PDG's, council members, region chairmen, etc.

Irondequoit Lions club members would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.



## Kendall Lions Club

Kendall Lions welcomed 4 members of the Barker Lions Club to our meeting to-night. Lions Jim and Margo Bittner, Kalena Britt and Harvey Randall shared club pins from their 75th Lions Anniversary. Lions Margo and Jim shared the history of their winery Marjim Winery.



Lion Secretary Steve Giverson was recognized for sponsoring two new members into our club this year. Well done Lion Steve!

Zone Chair Lion Bill Robinson was present at our meeting last evening and recognized several Lions for their years of service. Congratulations to:

Dan Peckham, 40 years  
Larry Rowles, 40 years  
Craig Faulks, 10 years  
Cary Wright, 20 years  
Ed Haight, 10 years  
Tony Cammarata, 15 years  
Pat Bolton, 15 years  
Becky Charland, 15 years,  
Butch Christ, 20 years



Lion President Zina Cappotelli welcomed The Kendall Trap Club advisor, Rich Esposito and two members of the team to our meeting on Thursday for presentation to our members.



Kendall Lions welcomes to our club Phyllis Winters. Phyllis recently transferred from the Medina Lions Club.





## Lyndonville Lions Club

The Lyndonville Lions Club also will be recognized by GO Art! as the "Supporter of the Year." The Lyndonville Lions have organized the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> community celebration for 50 years, bringing thousands of people into the village for entertainment capped by one of the biggest fireworks shows in Western New York.

Last summer on Aug. 23, the Lyndonville Lions Club teamed with the Village of Lyndonville and Town of Yates for the third annual Street Dance on a closed off section of Main Street. The Lions for several years also have organized a July concert at the Yates Town Park, usually featuring the band Crash Cadillac.

The Lions last year also started a new Oktoberfest at the White Birch Golf Resort.



The 2025 Lyndonville Easter Egg Hunt was a success!! 🐰 The Lyndonville Lions Club and the Lyndonville School District hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the High School April 12. A great time was had by all as the children found hidden eggs full of surprises, then enjoyed refreshments provided by the Lyndonville Lions Club. Dr. Johnson from the Lions club said, "I didn't count the kids, but we handed out 125 hotdogs"



# Medina Lions Club

## MEDINA LIONS DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024-25

The last four months have been eventful and fun for us here in Medina.

We continue our work with Albion Lions to the Koinonia Kitchen at the Harvest Christian Fellowship located at 560 East Avenue. The kitchen serves 500+ meals on Thursdays. Medina Lion Bernie Forman Ross Thompson has joined in the kitchen.



Our December fundraising was a success. The Medina Lions sold and delivered 512 Poinsettias, a beautiful addition to Christmas. We celebrated the year in December with a fun Christmas Party at the Shelridge Country Club. Besides the marvelous friends and food, the Medina Acapella Choir treated us to a concert.

The January Dinner meeting was not just terrific, it was truly inspiring. We had forty-eight diners in attendance. It was a night full of fun and awards. Our speaker for the evening was Mike Vanderjagt. His talk about the importance of decisions in his life and the philosophy of "never giving up and keep trying" left us all with a renewed sense of determination. He is now a special teams coach for the Medina Mustangs, a role he takes on with the same passion and commitment.



At the meeting, Char Smith honored two Medina students for their participation in the Peace Poster Contest. Evan Stanton was the winner, and Juliana West was the runner-up. Congratulations to both.



In addition, two members were honored for their service. Pete Kaiser was honored by the Parade of Lights Committee for his dedicated work with the float entered by the Lions. He is the leading force for the float.

Pete also recognized the Lions who assisted at the Christmas Festival in Oakfield. They are Vicki Hutchinson, Billy Roman, and Pete.



Tim Moriarty was presented with the Lion Key for bringing new members to our club. Thank you, Tim.

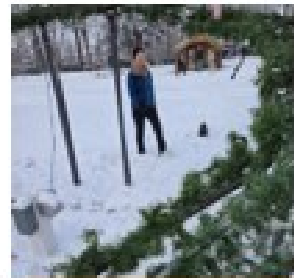


The final task for January was removing the Christmas decorations from State Street Park. 10-15 Lions assisted with this task. Many hands make fast work.



Our speaker for our February meeting was Brittany Dix from Hospice of Orleans. She gave us an update on Hospice in Orleans

County. The Hospice House is on "Pause" but Hospice of Orleans is providing expert comfort care in home. Brittany shared that any Orleans County resident who has a prognosis of six months or less or is no longer seeking care is eligible. Hospice treats the patient, not the disease. The Care Team works with families and caregivers with the physical, the emotional, psychosocial, spiritual and bereavement care.



DG Al Merrill attended our March meeting to share with the group all that is happening in our district.



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President Tom Robinson recognized Judy Holbrock, Christine Thompson, and Jim Hancock for years of service. Mary Herbert and Bernie Froman were also honored.



Jason Cogovan, left, discusses The Medical Loan Closet in Medina with Randy LeBaron for the Orleans Hub.



The Medical Loan Closet which is located at 711 Park Ave. in Medina inside The Olde Pickle Factory. The Loan Closet is run by the Medina Lions Club and I had a chance to sit down and have coffee with Jason Cogovan who co-chairs The Loan Closet with fellow member Dave Bellucci.

Jason, who has only been a member since 2023 after retiring from his work in Corrections, said that he was interested in joining the Lions Club because it was something his grandfather had been very involved with and he really connected with their motto, "We Serve."

Jason describes the Lions Club as a non-political service organization that helps local communities and the world. Just this past year the organization helped with the Medina Yard Sale, helped people in need of glasses and hearing aids, had over 400 calls to The Medical Loan Closet, and even sent surplus inventory to Ukraine to help people in need in that war-torn country. In addition to the many other events that the Lions Club assists with each year the members are encouraged to take turns being on call with The Loan Closet two weeks at a time to oversee pick-ups and drop-offs.

When borrowing something from The Loan Closet there is a contract signed by the community member which includes an estimation of how long the item will be used for before being returned. Jason said that people are very appreciative of having access to these items and seem happy to return them for the next person to use.

Currently, The Loan Closet has an inventory of hospital beds, lift chairs, wheel chairs, walkers, canes, scooters, commodes, shower safety equipment, etc. along with other supplies such as bed sheets, adult diapers, and more.



# Scio Lions Club



On March 13th the Scio Lions put on a pancake dinner to help raise money for the Scio Community Fund.

Our 2nd annual "Home Town" concert on March 30th was at the Scio school. Five of the areas top musicians played three songs each to help us raise money for local charities.

Planning has begun for the famous Scio Strawberry Festival.



## Scio Lions Club Craft Show Community Outreach Program Sign Up



Strawberry Festival

Where: Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 10AM to 4PM. Set up at 8AM

Vendor Cost: \$20 per day for a 10' x 10' space

Nonprofit: free 10' x 10' space

Location: Vendor will be in the gym and outside on the front lawn

- There are no refunds for cancellations.
- All vendors are responsible for providing their own tables/chairs/tables/canopy.
- Vendors must be set up by 10 AM (NO EARLY TEAR DOWNS)
- Registration is on a first received basis. We will try to avoid duplicate vendors.
- We reserve the right to refuse any exhibitor.
- All applications must be received by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- Scio Lions Organization is not responsible for any items, property loss or damage, vendor releases the committee from all responsibility for installing, protecting, selling, storing and removing any exhibit and merchandise.
- No Yard Sale items
- NO WEAPONS OR ALCOHOL

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Contact information (Please print CLEARLY & return application to address below)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS YOU WILL BE SELLING: \_\_\_\_\_

How many spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ 10' x 10' Vendor Space: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside \_\_\_\_\_ Outside

Method of payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check. Make checks payable to: Scio Lions Club

Do you need electric: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \*(We have a limited number of outlets, so 1" come 1" serve)

Please send applications and money to: Karl Mancuso 5386 Pigeon Road, Friendship, NY 14738

Application and Payment Deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

For questions, contact Karl Mancuso at 585-973-1810.

The Scio Lions Club had an exciting night! We had a joint meeting with the Wellsville Lions Charities, Inc. as our guests. A keynote speaker Eric Jones who shared his insight on his career as an artist. He also highlighted his efforts to support local communities as well as communities nationwide. Three new members were inducted into our Club. We welcome Stacey Erdmann, Jon Winchell and Ethen Marble. Lastly Chelsea's Catering & Confections put on a great meal for all who attended!



## Scottsville Lions Club

The Club had a Fish Fry at Jack's Place on April 11. It was a bit hit, and members from Churchville and Chili Lions were there.



Lions Donna and Patty warmly greeted all customers wearing their new club shirts.





# Walworth Lions Club



## TENT RENTALS

The Walworth Lions Club offers tents for rent from May through September.

### The Basics

Tents are 20' x 30' and come with one 20' and one 30' curtain.  
Cost is \$275 per day.

### The Details

A minimum of 3 feet on all sides of the tent will be required ( 26 x 36 feet ) for tent stabilizing ropes.

The stakes require 18 inches ground depth. Let us know if there is any underground infrastructure near the tent location (water, electrical, sewer, etc).

We will need an outside electrical outlet within 100 feet of the installation.

We will call you by Wednesday of the week the tent is to be erected to make final arrangements (install and takedown times).

Full payment is due with the rental application.

Reservations must be made a minimum of two weeks before the rental date.

We very often have multiple rentals for a given tent on a weekend. This means that sometimes ***we may need to take down the tent early the day after the rental.*** Also please understand ***it may be difficult for us to have a tent installed before 10 in the morning.***

We do our best to accommodate your needs within the constraints of other rentals.

If there are any questions please email [walworthlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:walworthlionsclub@gmail.com).