



THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2024 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, Dansville Lioness, Fairport, Hamlin, Hilton, Irondequoit, Kendall, Lyndonville, Lyndonville, Maple City, Medina, Oakfield Alabama, Rochester Downtown Host, Rush, Scio, Scottsville, Varysburg, Walworth, Webster, and Wellsville

Hello to District 20 E1,

Aren and I have been trying to visit most of your clubs before the roads are icy. I am excited that many clubs may qualify for the Club Excellence Award. Presidents, please submit your application so you can receive it next year.

My first 6 months have been very enlightening. I am hoping that I will be able to use this information to ensure that all clubs will continue to serve their communities in all the wonderful ways that they do. The Fall Conference was well attended, and the International Director and his wife were pleased with our hospitality.

Thank You to all who helped this year. I am looking forward to 2025. We are wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your 2024-2025 District Governor,
Albert Merrill



Happy Holidays
from Lions Clubs 



DG Albert having fun at the Bolivar Christmas party.

PDG CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Past District Governors held their annual Christmas party, which was graciously hosted by Diane and PDG Marv Hankinson Jr. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends during the holiday season.



SAVE THE DATES

MD20 CONVENTION:

Niagara Falls, New York May 15-18, 2025

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Atlantic City, New Jersey September 18-20, 2025

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Orlando, Florida July 13-17, 2025



ORLANDO



107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

We want to hear about your club!!!

Next District newsletter deadline is February 8.

E-mail articles to :

lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com

District 20 E1 Fall Conference

A day of discovery, fellowship, and fun.



PDG Melanie Adams spoke about the importance of Lions Clubs International Foundation and their mission.



PDG Judy MacKnight speaking about the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation



L-R Carol Hollander, International Director Guy Hollander, MD 20 E1 District Governor Al Merrill, Partner-In-Service Aren Schank



Riveting speakers!

Award Recipients



Cabinet Secretary Barry Haywood, Region Chair Pete Kaiser, and Global Service Team District Chair Bob Infantino all receiving the prestigious International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award.

REGION 3 MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

**Red Fedele's Brook House
920 Elmridge Center Drive
West Ridge Rd in Walmart Plaza**

**6:00 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
\$40 per person**



Speaker:
We're Working On It!

Each club appoint one person to pay Charlie Stancampiano.
Please RSVP to Charlie Stancampiano by Dec 30, 2024.
cvstan@gmail.com, 585-738-9112 (cell)

All Lions in the District are invited!

Cuba Lions Club

Sweetheart Steak Bake

Sat. Feb. 8th 5pm-9pm



Moonwinks Restaurant

Tickets \$30 Includes:

NY Strip Steak

Salad, Baked Potato, and Dessert

Music Provided for Your Enjoyment

Tickets available from: Cuba Cheese Shoppe,
White Imprints, Moonwinks, by calling 716-307-3225,
or any Cuba Lion Member.



Celebrate 101 Years of Lions Service

Lions stories continue into our next century as we celebrate NY & Bermuda Lions Clubs' (aka MD-20) at our 101st Annual Convention. It happens Friday May 16 through the 18th, 2025. And by popular demand we're heading back in Niagara Falls, NY to a place full of natural and man made wonders poised to help with our celebration of you; Lions Club members, along with those that support your efforts that make a difference in hundreds of local communities across New York State and the country of Bermuda.

Come celebrate with us and register by simply going to any of our State or Bermuda Lions websites at NYLIONSCLUBS.ORG, BERMUDALIONS.ORG, or MD20LIONSCONVENTION.ORG.

Our friends at Niagara Falls USA have made it easy to register for the convention. Just click and follow the on the websites.

Please note - you must register yourself and whoever is joining you before getting access to book you room(s) in our partner hotels.

Registering also gives you access to purchase your meals for the convention. Like each year, meals cannot be ordered at the convention.

The last day to order meals and make any cancellations or changes is April 28, 2025.

Remember the email you registered with and keep your receipts! When you register, you will use your account to purchase or change any meals including Saturday's huge themed Gala.

Our convention partners and friend at Niagara Falls USA are the official Visitor & Tourism representatives for Niagara Falls and their team is there to assist you.

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





Lions of MD 20 Alert Foundation

**7643 Park Ave.
Lowville, NY 13367**



SPONSOR A CLEANING BUCKET

Your club can sponsor a cleaning bucket.

These buckets are filled with cleaning supplies and will be sent out to disaster areas as needed. Your club can have their name on a bucket or two or ten and then anywhere that we send it, people there will know that your club is supporting them in their time of need.

We just need your club name and district as you want them on the label along with your payment of \$40 per bucket.

Club Name: _____

District: ____

Paid: _____

Check payable to: Lions of MD20 Alert
Foundation

Mail check and this form to:
Kelly Clark 7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367

LIONS CLUB

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



Monday, January 13, 2025

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Register using QR Code

Questions: Contact Your

District Coordinator or

Lorri E Rieger

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Lions Camp Badger... ...Building A Brighter Future



Lions Camp Badger is operated by Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. which is a project of the NYS & Bermuda Lions and a 501c3 Corporation.

Lions Camp Badger brings smiles, laughter and a sense of self-esteem, confidence and acceptance to our campers each year. This summer, over 120 campers joined the thousands of campers that for over 40 years have experienced the magic that is Lions Camp Badger. Fifteen families (22 kids and 23 parents) also registered for our Family Camp. Each year our goal is to improve the program, the Camp and the experience enjoyed by our campers. *You all can be proud of your camp!* As we plan improvements and building for the future, please visit, volunteer and support "your" Lions Camp Badger and keep our campers smiling!!

Participate
In Work Days



Adopt A Cabin



Support
The Camp
Financially



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Our YouTube channell - <http://www.youtube.com/@lionscampbadger4251>
On FaceBook @ Lions Camp Badger

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LITPC Youth Scholarship

For the past eleven years, members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club have been individually contributing to our own youth scholarship foundation. With one recipient in the first year, we have grown to four scholarships awarded in 2024 and six available in 2025. New York State seniors have received three of these in the past. All applicants must be the child or grandchild of a Lion or Lioness or be a Leo Club member themselves.

The members of the LITPC do not do fund raising and take great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "We Serve". During the Sight First II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our scholarship program is a continuation of our service.

Selection of the scholarship recipients is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. **Applications and supporting documentation** are to be completed and submitted to PCC James Schiebel by **March 1, 2025**. They will then be judged locally and the top two will be forwarded for international consideration. Do not send it directly to Staudinger.

To obtain the LITPC Scholarship information:

1. Go to the LITPC website - LITPC.org
2. Click on LITPC Scholarship information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Send completed application with all required information by March 1, 2025, to PCC James Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, New York 14468. Feel free to ask questions - jschiebel@rochester.rr.com 585-964-3619

APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE:

- A, Completed the current 2024-2025 application with all five essay questions answered. Each essay response should not be more than 350 words.
- B. Three recommendations. One of the three must be from a Lion member.
- C. A certified, signed, and stamped High School Transcript with all grades.
- D. A list of extracurricular activities.



New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation Football Pool

In addition to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, we have the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, the Brandel Murphy Lions Youth Foundation, and the Empire State Special Needs Experience at the state level, plus the State School for the Blind in Batavia and the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation on the regional level that all are dependent on Lions members individual personal financial support.

This year as part of their fund raising effort, the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation held a football pool to raise funds. Each week the players were required to pick a winning team using a different team each week. Two losses and they were out. Donna Schiebel received a letter and check proclaiming her as the "last man standing" for the 2024 season.

Each Lion should make a personal commitment to support **our** programs by participating in their fund raising program or making a monthly donation in any amount to one of **our** programs.

PCC Jim Schiebel, NYSBLF Trustee

Albion Lions Club

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L-R Albion Lions Club member Kevin Howard, Albion's Hoag Library Director Betty Sue Miller, and Albion Lions Club member Lloyd Wright.

The Albion Lions Club generously donated \$500 to Hoag Library to support the purchase of three large computer monitors designed for patrons with visual impairments.

This donation, inspired by the overwhelming success of a large curved monitor purchased in 2023, will expand the library's accessible technology offerings and improve access to digital content for individuals with limited vision, enhancing their overall experience with library resources. With this contribution, Albion's Hoag Library continues its commitment to offering equitable access to technology for all patrons.

The donation aligns with the mission of the MD20 Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early) program, which focuses on vision screening and eye health awareness. The Lions SEE program works to ensure early detection of vision issues, and the Albion Lions Club's contribution to Hoag Library continues their commitment to supporting local efforts that promote vision care and accessibility.

"We are deeply grateful to the Albion Lions Club for this thoughtful donation," said Betty Sue Miller, director of Hoag Library. "The success of the first large monitor showed us just how important this kind of technology is for our patrons with vision challenges, and these new monitors will help even more people stay connected and continue learning."

Alfred Lions Club

In October, the Alfred Lions Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two June graduates of Alfred-Almond High School graduates. One student is attending SUNY Alfred, and the other attends Alfred University.

Andover Lions Club



District Governor Al Merrill, awarded Andover Lion Paul Whitehouse for 50 years membership in Lions Club International.



The 26th Annual Grandparents' Thanksgiving Luncheon at Andover Central School District was a grand slam hit, with an impressive 236 grandparents served on November 21st, 2024! The Andover Lions Club covered the cost of the grandparents' lunches for this occasion.

Angelica Lions Club



**Angelica Lions Club
Ham and Turkey
Raffle**

**November 16
7:00**

Angelica Hose Company
85 West Main Street
Angelica, NY 14709

**Many chances to win! Extra Raffles
and FREE refreshments!**



The Angelica Lions are all about supporting their Community. The Ham and Turkey Raffle was held before Thanksgiving with some of the prizes shown above.

The Angelica Lions Club is hosted their annual senior citizen's luncheon at the Methodist Church in October for those over 55. The menu was Chicken and Biscuits and dessert.

The Angelica Lions Club held their annual kid's Halloween Party at the Grange October 31. Free pizza and drinks were served, glow sticks and candy bags were handed out!.

The Club was involved in tree planting. The club is excited about Christmas trees in the park.

Attica Lions Club



Another great local trunk or treat and helping support the Gateway Home! The club finished in 3rd place.



Attica Lion's Club annual Christmas party was held at the QWL Building.

Thanks to Lion Patrick Secretan for a special German Fest commemorative bat which we'll have displayed at 2025 German Fest (August 23rd if you are curious, mark your calendars!) Patrick has been helping out with the Micah Hyde charity softball tournament making 70 Bats for the Buffalo Bills players and wanted the club to have their own as well. Very cool gesture to the club and we look forward to the opportunities to help out with this charity softball Tournament in the future.

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, and cheers to what's to come in 2025 with this great club! Always an honor to help serve with the fellow Lions.

Avon Lions Club



Avon Lions Club had a great meeting celebrating our local Veterans and heard from Livingston County Director of Veterans Services David Terry who spoke of veteran services as well as Operation Green Light that started here in Livingston County and now is a national program.

Thank You Veterans!

Batavia Lions Club

The Club did an amazing job on the fund raising for the State School of the Blind with Roger Bohn as the point person. The club acts as guides for alumni functions.



BATAVIA — The Pete Arras Memorial Basketball Tournament is back for its 43rd season, with the Batavia Lions Club once again hosting the two-bracket tourney during the holiday season. Eight varsity and seven JV teams will participate in this year's event, including Attica, Batavia, Le Roy and Roy-Hart in the large-school bracket and Alexander, Elba, Eugenio Maria de Hostos and Notre Dame in the small-school bracket. Eugenio Maria de Hostos is without a JV team this year.

The tournament will begin with first-round matchups on Friday, Dec. 27, while the championship and consolation games are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 30. The varsity tournament will be played at Genesee Community College, while the JV tournament will be played between Notre Dame and Batavia High School.

Belfast Lions Club

The club held a tree giveaway! Had their first trash pickup. Have posted sight and hearing posters around the town. Donated to the American Legion toward the renovation of handicap accessibility for their community room.

Another successful tree lighting in Belfast. Please walk through the park this Christmas season and see the lights that all of our local businesses and groups provided. Thanks for all that helped to make this possible and big shout out to Lion Cindy Struckman for all of her hard work organizing it. Merry Christmas!



Bolivar Lions Club

The club collaborated with two other community agencies and hosted a “Community Conversation” program for older adults in the community. The topic was *Loneliness and Social Isolation*. Bolivar Lions Club provided the venue and a light meal for those who attended.

The club participated in this year’s Peace Poster Contest. Students who participated will be recognized.

Passed out our Holiday Fruit Baskets to those typically alone during the Holidays! Thank you to Bolivar Shop-N-Save for helping put them together.



Brockport Lions Club

The club was on display during the months of October & November at the Seymour Library! The cases were jam packed with information and Brockport Lions Club memorabilia!



Another great service project in the books, with a wheelchair ramp installation in October. Way to go Brockport Lions Club and our hands on Lions...Lion Dave, Lion Sam, Lion Dave, Lion Jeff & Lion Greg!



The Brockport Lions partnered with other community agencies to help feed over 200 households of our neighbors in need this holiday season.



Brockport is jingling with wintery fundraising! Salvation Army bell ringing at Brockport Walmart is going strong!



Cal-Mum Lions Club

The club had a very successful golf tournament. The Lions are very proud of the newly built extra large food pantry. The club continues to support scholarship programs. Planning a membership drive and enjoyed a DG visitation in November.

Canaseraga Lions Club



The club made a recent donation to Operation Build Up from the golf tournament. It has a well-stocked medical loan closet. Canaseraga Lions made a donation to Life Line. The club participated in the Canaseraga Fall Harvest Festival to try and recruit new members and selling raffle tickets for a gun raffle. The club continues to conduct vision screening in area schools in conjunction with the Dansville Lions Club.

Lions Club of Chili



The Lions of Chili were acknowledged by The Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce for 60 years of Community Service 2024 in our beautiful town of Chili NY. We are thankful for the recognition and the wonderful Lion Jenn Lowden for giving us the award and all of your hard work.



Chili Community Center Halloween celebration 2024.

One of the most powerful moments of Veteran's Day in Chili was the Line of Honor. Veterans were met with cheers, applause, and heartfelt thanks from members of the community—including the Lions Club of Chili and families holding signs and waving flags. This tribute was a beautiful show of respect and gratitude, celebrating the dedication and sacrifice of our veterans.



President Joe Korn presented the 2023-2024 Club Excellence Award to Immediate Past President Karen McCloskey. We also inducted a new member into the club, Lion Patty Sharkey!



Lions Club of Chili was out doing What they do Best Volunteering in Our Community today supporting The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.



Had a great time with Scottsville Lions and ZC Greg Lund at our Christmas Dinner 2024 at Jack's Place. Tons of fun with the white elephant gift exchange and amazing conversations. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Churchville Lions Club

A substantial load of non-perishable food donations collected by the students from the Churchville Elementary School were delivered by the Churchville Lions at Union Congregational Church on November 21st, the balance of which came from UCC's network of neighboring churches, markets and dairies. 48 cars using a drive-thru system were able to feed 65 families, a record!



Lions Linda Mantegna and Debbie Landers are piling up food boxes from the Elementary School students and heading to UCC Church.



Food boxes are moved into the Church with the help of Lion Buzz Mantegna and Debbie Janes.

The annual October 31st Churchville Halloween Parade was the big hit of the night. Beginning with help from the Lions setup crew stringing lights on the Village Gazebo just before the event, everything was ready for a spook-tacular evening. The well-attended parade goes consisting of parents, children and friends decked out in their costumes gathered at the Churchville Commons parking lot for a 6pm start through the Village. Escorted by Fire Rescue 428 with lights and sirens, Lion Verna acted as Parade Marshall in her Fairy Godmother outfit, leading the parade through the village streets until arrival at the Village Gazebo where treat bags of sweets, apples and gift certificates were handed out. Thanks went out to the Riga Town Board, Village of Churchville, Churchville Lions Club, and the Churchville Fire Department and Fire Police who hosted the event, as well as the many parade-goers,



Lions Nancy and Diane test the ghoulish music.



Lions Jackie and Diane are ready to hand out the treat bags.



Lion "Fairy Godmother" Verna leads the parade across the Churchville Four Corners.



District Governor Al Merrill was the honored guest at the dinner meeting on October 24th at Jack's Place.



After the delicious dinner, Lions Jim Ehrmentraut, Gary and Jackie Easton, Nancy Steedman, Nancy Neidrauer, Mel Sand and George Beldue wait for the District Governor's talk.

On October 19th the Churchville Lions Club with the help of the local community gathered 150 new, used and defective bicycles for the R Community Bikes program. One truck was needed to take two trips to Rochester where a bicycle repair shop serves as a holding area for bikes from individual donations or through community organizations such as this day's Recycle Your Bicycle event.



Lion Mel hands a bike to Brent Williams from R Community Bikes.



A full load of bikes is in the first truck to be heading to Rochester.



Lion Barry helps remove a bike from a couple donators.



Lion Al helps load up a second truck full for Rochester.

Clarendon Lions Club

The Clarendon Lions welcomed Holley High School Principal, Matthew Feldman, as a guest speaker at their October 9th meeting. Principal Feldman discussed school activities and encouraged student community service and activities with the Lions.

The Lions' meeting on October 23rd featured a presentation from and plenty of enjoyable interaction with representatives from The NY State School for the Blind in Batavia. School Superintendent Jackie Simpson described their programs and the student activities and thanked the Clarendon Lions for their contribution to the Library Fund, as well as their many donations to the school over the years. Department Head Chris Wolske shared many examples of their learning materials and yearbooks.

Children's Halloween Party!! The Clarendon Lions sponsored their annual Halloween Party for the children in partnership with the Eastern Orleans Community Action Center in Holley. The children enjoyed delicious snacks, painted pumpkins, had their faces painted, and we had a costume contest. Lions Tom and Sue Persia and Mel Adams were there to award the winners and reported that great fun was had by all.



We also provided a night of Bingo fun for the veterans at the Batavia VA Center, where around twenty of our wonderful veterans enjoyed an exciting night with the Lions, with cash prizes and tasty treats to help express our appreciation for their service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Breakfast with Santa – December 21, 2024 – 9AM to 11AM

DON'T MISS our annual holiday celebration in partnership with the Eastern Orleans Community Action at the Community Center in Holley.

Cuba Lions Club

The Lobster Steak Roast held at Cuba Yacht Club was very successful. The club donated \$1,000 to fellow Cuba Lion and Current MD20 E1 DG Al Merrill's for Camp Badger. The club received a matching grant from the Brandel Murphy Foundation. Lion Kim George gave a presentation on Past International Director and centenarian Jack Webber.

Dansville Lions Club

Congratulations to Cassandra Suydam and Jacob Smith! Dansville Lions Clubs newest members was sworn in tonight. Looking forward to working with you both. Pictured left to right Elizabeth Jackson Zone 8 chair, Rachel Bugman (Cassandra's Sponsor), Cassandra Suydam, Jacob Smith, Erica Snyder (Jacobs Sponsor) and Robert Infantino Membership Chair. At the same meeting, we honored our club members who are veterans.



Festival of Lights trees are in place and ready to be decorated, there are few left for purchase at the Town Hall. Many thanks to Justin Walker and his wrestling team for their help.

We celebrated our 83rd charter night, honoring and acknowledging our own, while bestowing a special recognition upon Tom Wamp for his extensive community service in Dansville. The Robert J Uplinger award was presented to Tom Wamp and we also recognized the support he receives from his wife Joan. Zone chair Liz Jackson was presented with the Lion of the Year award. 2nd VDG Janice Infantino received the Career Lion. We were blessed to have lion Frank Alexander and many PDG's from our district join us in our celebration Many thanks to Lou Collela and president Emma Johnson for organizing the nights festivities, Dave Mapes for his humor and emcee skills and a special thank you to Marleen Mark for her decorations.



We celebrated with Santa this morning at our breakfast in his honor.



Dansville Lioness Lions Club

The club had their annual craft show and this is the primary fundraiser of the year. Also sold raffle tickets for a Buffalo Bills sign.

Fairport Lions Club

In September, the club brought in Giancarlo Tapenes, the new director for the area Diabetes Association. Covid, has changed this organization and no longer has a special Rochester office but rather a central organization for upstate NY. Its goals to educate, inform and support persons with diabetes remains the same. We hosted Traci Dovi, Director for the Fairport Perinton Senior Connections. She discussed the wide variety of programs that they have including the SOFI driving program which many of our Lions members support by being a driver for persons needing rides to medical appointments.

In October the Eastern Service Workers Association joined us led by Ryan Conlin and discussed the issue with people being able to afford their utility bills and the fact that this is a totally volunteer organization. ESA recruits members to help promote this cause and goes door to door to inform people of their mission to grow their membership of low-income workers and their families to build solutions to the economic problems. ESWA also advocates for assistance for these families for their utility bills.



L-R President Clark Gaehring, Ryan Conlin of ESWA and Sherry Hostetter

Jordan Betts Sahr of Miss Julie's School of Beauty, presented the club with information about human trafficking and the role hair stylists can play in recognizing and helping to give women freed from this an opportunity to succeed by learning the trade of hair dressing. Since this is a license that is recognized in most states, the women now have a chance to become self-supporting. Also, since keeping the women looking well is part of the process in the trafficking, she educates hair stylists about what signs to look for to see if the woman needs help. Jordan stressed that the hairdresser does not call attention to it but rather has a number to call if she suspects the woman is involved with human trafficking. Rochester does have some issues with this, and it was good to learn that there are ways to help break the cycle.

Hamlin Lions Club

The Hamlin Lions completed another year of serving pancake breakfasts at Hamlin Beach. The club held a lunch for veterans at the marina. The club hosted another Casino Night at the Hamlin VFW. We don't have any pictures, because what happens at casino night stays with Casino Night. There was lots of food, and great prizes donated by nearby merchants, including a very unique giraffe lamp won by a PDG. On December 7th, the Hamlin Lions participated in The Town of Hamlin's First Annual Christmas Market! Pictured below is Lion Diane Hankins showcasing the Hamlin Lions' Adopt-a-Tree.



Hilton Lions Club



Sandy Franz was inducted into the Hilton Lions Club last evening. She is looking forward to helping with the club's many service projects. Pictured are Sandy with District Governor Albert Merrill on the right and Lions Club President Kim Fay on the left.



Elizabeth Moreland from Donate Life Registry, gave an informative presentation for the Lions Club. Shown here is Elizabeth and First Vice President George Smith.

Several Hilton Lions members have rung the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle at Foster's Restaurant. We will be at Tops Members shown are Joe Lee, Mary Weis, & Sandy Franz.



The Village of Hilton's "Christmas on Main Street" was another success. The weather cooperated and the village residents turned out for a fun afternoon. Many enjoyed the Christmas tree lighting at the Community Center gazebo at the conclusion of the evening. Our Lions Club gave away free candy canes and got to wish Merry Christmas to many friends.



Irondequoit Lions Club

On Friday, Oct 25, 2024 our club participated in the Town of Irondequoit 2nd annual community trunk or treat event. We had a continuous line of trick or treaters for over 2 hours and handed out over 1000 pieces of candy.



Kendall Lions Club

The Kendall Fire Hall was the place to get a delicious spaghetti dinner on Election Day! The Kendall Lions know how to make all voters happy.



Several Kendall Lions braved the cold to decorate the Gazebo at the Town Park in preparation for the Annual Tree Lighting. Proud to serve our community as we begin our Christmas season with song and merriment.



The Kendall Lions were pleased to recognize and celebrate with Kendall's Section V Boys Soccer Champs. Well done team!



Lyndonville Lions Club

Lyndonville Lions celebrated their first Oktoberfest



Lyndonville Lions Club newest member Justin Widrig, left, takes the Lions Club oath while joined by long-time member Jeff Johnson, center, and President Eric Johnson.



This year's our club's Christmas Tree theme is The "Spectacle" of Christmas.



Maple City Lions Club

The club continues to conduct vision screenings in the area schools and day care centers. We have purchased eyeglasses for a student in need. The club donated baskets to assist victims of flooding from hurricane Debby. The club has donated to the area food pantry and is preparing for a December gun raffle.

Medina Lions Club

Our vision screens have been very busy these last 2 months. We completed screenings at five sites, reaching 129 students with twenty-eight referrals. We are striving for two new sites in the Spring.

October Dinner



We were honored at our dinner meeting with a visit from DG Al Merrill. The DG shared that Lions Club International would like to attain a goal of 1.5 million members. Presently, there are 1.36 million members. He suggests that each club recruits three new members yearly for the next three years.

LCIF is suggesting that everyone donate to the Lions disaster fund. DG noted that 100 % of these funds will go to Florida and North Carolina to assist the communities after the Hurricanes. The suggested donation is \$10 per individual.

Scarecrow Festival

It was a record-breaking day. There were 222 scarecrows made—the most ever. The food booth also did amazingly well. Thanks to all who helped. We had almost 50% of our membership work on this project. Special appreciation goes to Ed Neal and the Dunham Farms for supplying all the straw, the Iroquois Job Corps for their two students, Barden Homes for the wood for the T posts, MAAC Clothing Depot for the clothes, and Jen Scott's art class students for the Scarecrow Heads. Your contributions were invaluable. Also, thanks to planning committee members Pres. Tom Robinson, Jim Hancock, and Tom McGrane. It certainly was a team effort!



Medina Lions and Community Members decorated the State Street Park for Christmas. Preparing the trees.



The Creche or Nativity Scene



The Shepherds



**Hanakah
The Tree**



We participated in the Parade of Lights with float highlighting the Medina Lions Medical Loan Closet. Pete Kaiser was the designer.

We also continued this year with our Hot Dog, Hamburger Food Booth. Randy Reese was the project manager for the booth.

Happy Holidays!!

Oakfield-Alabama Lions Club

Thank you Santa for visiting with our Lions Club for breakfast on 11/30. We are so grateful that the people at Caryville will host us all there each year. Sunshine baskets were distributed in the afternoon.



The Oakfield-Alabama Lion is back in the park. Please come visit and enjoy all the beautiful trees in the park.



Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club

When the Lions organization stated in 1917 the members individually and collectively did various activities to help people in their local area without any central focus. If you search the web for "Helen Keller and Lions" you can watch her actual presentation before the Lions Clubs International convention ninety nine years ago when she challenged the members to work in the areas of sight and hearing. The Lions immediately accepted the area of sight as a world-wide focus. In 1931 "white canes with red tips" became a tool for the blind. In 1939 "Leader Dogs for the Blind" was established leading the way for a number of other dog guide programs. Eye screening and the funding of glasses and eye surgery followed.

The second part of Helen's request "help for the hearing impaired" was not addressed until the third Lions Clubs International President, Robert Uplinger from New York addressed this at his Board meeting in 1971 in Lake Placid. Screenings and accommodations for the hearing impaired were promoted. In 1986 the Lions members in Districts E1, E2 and Y jointly formed the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation. The members collect used hearing aides that are refurbished and provided to children and adults in need. With the recent improvement in technology several aides are now new. **Unfortunately** most people, including Lions Club members, do not know that the Foundation can provide help for those individuals at the poverty level. Let's not keep this a secret. The District Hearing Chairman, Brian Fox, from the Hilton Lions Club and the Foundation Directors from our District Bill Boyd from the Walworth Lions Club, John Wolf, from the Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club and Jim Schiebel, from the Hilton Lions Club are available to help.

Rush Lions Club

The club welcomed 3 new members with 2 more coming soon. Rush Lions are supporting DG Al's Camp Badger project; and looking to sponsor a youth baseball team. The loan closet is very active.

Scio Lions Club

Laura Kintner and PDG Curt Burdick represented the Scio Lions giving nine \$50 gas cards to Belinda Knight with the Accord Access Center in Belmont to be given to help families reach medical appointments and travel to school and work. These were purchased with money the Scio Lions raised from the "Home Town Concert" held back in April at Scio School. Special thanks to the musicians that played in the concert: Ryan Burdick, Louie Norton, Cort Dunham, Adam stack and Anton Flint.



The Scio Lions Club participated in the Trunk or Treat at the Scio School. They provided candy and glow sticks for the kids! On December 7, the club hosted a Pancake Breakfast during Scio Central junior and senior classes craft show. The proceeds benefited those classes. The Lions filled them up and sent the guests to shop till they dropped.

The Scio Lions community Christmas Tree project is up on Main Street, by the library. Lots of people came to the Scio Community Christmas event to get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy themselves! Mr. and Mrs. Claus were at the gazebo and refreshments were served in the library.



Scottsville Lions Club

The club sold out in record time at the annual Election Day Chicken BBQ.

At Jack's Place for fundraiser for Patrick Place, a Comfort Care Home. Great turnout for a worthy cause. Lions Club sponsoring dessert table. Dueling Pianos providing entertainment!



The club has been active ringing the bell for Salvation Army with Churchville and Chili Lions. The Lions Club of Scottsville and Lions Club of Chili had the annual Xmas Party at Jack's Place was a blast as usual. Good food, good people and good fun!



Varysburg Lions Club



The Varysburg Lions Club gave a \$500 donation to the Warsaw Food Pantry's Stuff the Truck fundraiser!

Varysburg Lions donated \$1000 to aid in the hurricane relief efforts in North Carolina through the West Seneca Lions club.



Club members helping to clean and store Hometown Hero Banners for next year. Thank you to all of our Veterans in the community for your service!



The members of the Varysburg Lion's Club and North Java Fire Company would like to thank everyone who supported our recent gun raffle in any way to include the sponsors, those that came to the event and donated, and those that bought tickets.



The Varysburg Lions Club making 120 fruit baskets for our community.



Walworth Lions Club

The club hosted a Breakfast with Santa in December with the proceeds going to the American Legion Riders Post 394 Food Box Program

It's that time of year again. We started our holiday light recycling program. Do you have light strands that don't work? Don't throw them away!! Toss them in the blue totter at our barn in Ginegaw Park. We will recycle them for you!

Recycling lights (and extension cords, power strips, power cords, broken phone cords, etc) keeps these items out of the landfill. Any recycling proceeds are returned to Walworth and other nearby communities through charitable donations.



Webster Lions Club

A special shout out and thank you to Kathy Costello from the Christopher's Challenge Organization. We serve!! Christopher's Challenge is named in honor of Christopher Costello, a young man from Webster, New York, who was suffering from leukemia, in need of a bone marrow transplant, and found a match, Ed Suslovic.

The club had the annual Breakfast with Santa.



Wellsville Lions Club

The club will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army this year. The Wellsville Lions Club will again be providing Christmas trees on the library lawn to be sponsored and decorated. The trees add some color to the town, so come and visit them.

