



# THE ROARING District 20-E1

**NEWSLETTER** | JANUARY 2021 ISSUE



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Greetings Lions and Leos of 20 E1,

Let's hope 2021 isn't 5 years long like 2020... although it is off to a "hold my beer" type of start. Seriously, let's look forward to 2021 with hopefulness. We are not through with this pandemic yet, but the vaccines now being administering give signs of better things to come. It might take a while till it gets put in your arm, but until then stay safe.



We should appreciate all that has happened in the past 6 months. We have learned to Zoom. We have changed Lions (insert food item) dinners to Lions drive-thru dinners, and they have sold out. We have kept service projects going especially through the holidays, while sometimes relaxing club meeting frequency.

While it incredible how society has changed since COVID, but it is time to look ahead to life's simple pleasures. Dinners with family and friends that include greetings that include hugs instead of elbow bumps. Outdoor concerts and indoor dining without masks are things I want!

I have completed some in-person DG visits in January. I have Club visitations scheduled from February to April but expect some of them to be held via Zoom, and that is a perfectly acceptable alternative. For those Clubs who postponed earlier visitations, please make sure to reschedule.

I want to give a standing ovation to every Lion for your perseverance and commitment to Lionism. The sacrifices and efforts by our organization in fundraising and service projects to help others the past nine months has shown resiliency and character.

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For our clubs, reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Reporting service can be a point of pride that can be celebrated and creates a database of the great projects done in each community. Plus, clubs that report service become eligible for service awards and other forms of recognition.

## **REPORTING SERVICE HELPS:**

- ACCURATELY MEASURE OUR GLOBAL IMPACT.
- IDENTIFY THE BEST WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER.
- BRING ATTENTION TO THE GREAT WORK OF LIONS.
- ENSURE CLUBS' SERVICE IS SUPPORTED IN THE BEST WAYS POSSIBLE.

# The Benefits of Being a Lion

When you become a Lion, you become part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference.

Here are just a few of the great benefits you can expect...

# 20-E1 Supports the Presidency of Doug Alexander

*IVP Douglas X.  
Alexander  
for  
International  
President  
In Montréal  
June 25-29, 2021*



<https://www.douglasxalexander.org>



## **Join a Community of Good**

There are over 48,000 Lions clubs around the world. Each is filled with people like you who've decided to take action and serve others. Lions form unique friendships and meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.



## **Experience the Feeling of Service**

At the heart of Lions clubs there is one constant: service. Giving your time and energy to others is a fantastic way to help your community. Yet, it also provides a great feeling for you that can spread and have a positive impact in your life and how you approach the world.

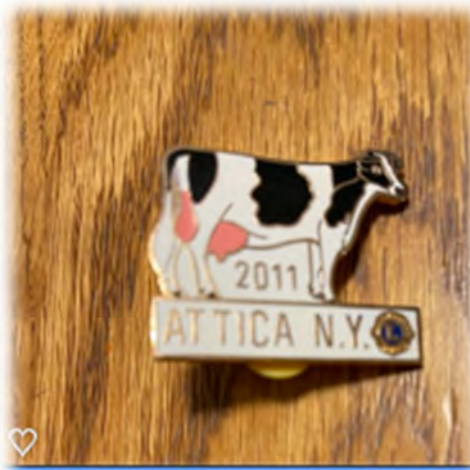


## **Put Leadership Skills into Action**

A Lions club is a great place to develop your leadership skills and put them into action. Each club offers opportunities to lead, along with first-class training from our global association.



## Attica Lions Club



DG Mike had a wonderful visitation with The Attica Lions Board and left the meeting overwhelmed at their generosity. He presented a Citizen of the Year Award to a local businessman Lynn Camp. He also presented the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Bill Colvenbach.

Wyoming County Sheriff and Lion Greg Rudolph explained the great need for food in the county during the COVID-19 pandemic and explained the connections and differences in the two groups serving Attica and the county: Wyoming County Food Bank and the Food bank at St. Vincent's. The board agreed to donate \$1,000 to each of them.

## Belfast Lions Club

The Community  
enjoyed the  
Christmas Tree Program.

**2020 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
IN THE PARK**

**DECEMBER 6 @ 6:30 PM**

**INCLUDING CAROLING, HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES  
SERVED BY THE LIONS, AND  
SANTA CLAUS IN THE TOWN PARK AS WELL**



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

# Calendar of Events - Page 16

If you would like your fundraiser / event to appear on the Calendar Page, please list separately at the end your article submission.

When listing these, include only:

**Day, Date, Name of Fundraiser / Event**

## Brockport Lions Club

The Brockport Lions Club contacted 31 needy families and donated bags of food, 38 lbs in each bag, and a \$40 gift card to Aldi's ( anonymous donor) on Wed. 12/16. Each bag contained spaghetti, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, chicken soup, 2 canned hams, mac&cheese, brownie mix, instant coffee, cereal, can corn, green beans, apricots, instant potatoes, cookies, apples, bread, tissues, hand sanitizer, masks, and Aldi's gift card.



The Brockport Lions Club donated Holiday gift bags to seniors at the Evergreen Place in Brockport and at the Elderwood facility. Pictured are some of the Brockport Lions delivering bags of gifts to both facilities with the help of our own Santa and Lion.

## Caledonia-Mumford Lions Club

Caledonia Mumford Lions Club, along with the Rush and Scottsville Clubs, hosted a meeting with DG Mike Donner. He was impressed by talking to the members about their service to the community.



ZC Gary Necaster opening remarks



DG Mike talking about his projects



Cal Mum President Harry Wolanske presented an engraved clock to DG Mike

## Lions Club of Chili

the Club had a blast at the Town's "reimagined" Christmas parade. Lions Marci, Carole, Joy, and Karen made lots of new friends and entertained the long line of vehicles. Both Chili's Town Supervisor and Recreation Director stopped by and expressed their sincere appreciation that the Lions Club of Chili participated.



Lion Joy and Carole



Lions Karen, Joy, and Carole, and a very tall Gingerbread Man.



Lots of Helpers



DG Mike



Food, Toys, and extras

Chili spent lots and lots of quality/socially distanced time together as they collected, sorted, filled boxes and bags, loaded vehicles, and delivered 30+ holiday/food baskets to families in Chili.

## Churchville Lions Club



Christmas Trees to be Given Out



The Churchville Lions



Boy Scouts Bag a Chicken & Fruit



Boy Scout Troup 133 warming up



Lion Buzz's Van Packed w Food Boxes



Santa Doug on traffic control

## The Christmas Holiday Food Basket Project

The Christmas Holiday Food Basket Project took place on Saturday, December 19. A total of 46 boxes were distributed - 14 to residents at Ehr-Dale, and 32 from the Riga Town Hall. Thanks to Lion Marty, we even had some artificial Christmas trees (donated by Target) to give away.

Santa Doug Eisele assisted with directing cars to the pick-up point, and even worked as the photographer. Lions George, Bob and Dyan gave Lions Deb, Charmaine, Linda and Buzz support with their presence.

Thanks to the wonderful response from the community for Troop 133's food drive in November, we had a wide variety of food items for each recipient: soup, assorted canned vegetables and fruit, applesauce, potato mixes, rice, pasta, sauce, gravy mixes and dessert. Each basket also received a two-pound bag of Clementines (purchased with the \$200.00 gift card Wegmans donated) and a frozen roasting chicken.

Thank you to Troop 133 for helping the Club that day. They loaded Lion Buzz's van and Lion Charmaine's car with the boxes of food. Lion Charmaine along with Lion Jed and his son Troop 133 Scout Robert, delivered to Ehr-dale. They also loaded the boxes, fruit and chicken into each vehicle as participants drove in at the Town Hall.

The Town of Riga purchased and distributed toys to families who registered for gift assistance. The Lions Club received a donation from SCOR (Senior Citizens of Riga) which was used for the purchase of Amazon gift cards for older children in those families.



### CHURCHVILLE RIGA CHICKEN BBQ



Tickets \$10  
Available at  
Town & Village Office  
and from  
Any Lions Member

**January 31, 2021**

Serving 12:00 p.m. Till 2:00 p.m.

Location  
Riga Highway Garage  
Sponsored by  
Churchville Lions Club

Two local businesses contacted the Food Committee with requests to each be "Santa" for a family on our list. Churchville Fire Equipment provided Christmas for one family. Body Harmony Therapeutic Massage supplemented the Lions Club food basket with additional gifts for another family. We also received monetary donations from St. Vincent's.

The Food Committee thanks the following Club members - Lion Bob for the use of his garage/home for storing, sorting and packing boxes for the Holiday Food Baskets; Lions Gary and Jackie Easton, Jim Ehrmentraut, George Beldue, and Buzz Mantegna.

Thank you, Churchville Lions, for your support of this important community project!



Lions Charmaine, Deb and Linda



The Gates Lions club delivered gift card bags to families around the town of Gates. They delivered around 35 bags. Many people enjoyed the holiday cheer and the surprise they got at their door.



# FYI

## 2021 Lions International Convention will be virtual

Montréal Quebec | June 25-29, 2021

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual International convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCIcon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

## Dansville Lions Club

The Dansville Lions had some brave members walking the streets and filling the air with Christmas carols.

It was the second year and planned both times by Lion Ashley Standish. She provides the food/beverages, provides the song sheets, plans the route through the streets, etc. The carolers stop at many homes plus a group home.



## Fairport Lions Club

### Fairport Lions Christmas Shoe Boxes

At the last meeting of the Fairport Lions Club before Christmas, the members and their partners are asked to bring a gift wrapped shoe box to the meeting.

The boxes usually contain socks, underwear, and toilet articles.

The boxes are labeled for a man, woman, boy or girl with a card from Fairport Lions Club and delivered to Open Door Mission.

The Club will also donate \$400.00 to the Mission.

This is a yearly tradition of the Fairport Lions Club, and with COVID, the members chose not to break the tradition.





Our club also has available our latest pin honoring our annual winter BBQ. Pins can be purchased for \$3.00 each. This pin will complete the set for the Kendall Club.



Planning is in full swing for our annual **Winter Chicken BBQ.**  
Please Save the Date  
Saturday February 6, 2021  
Donation is \$10.00 for take outs only.

- Advance ticket sales only from a Kendall Lion.
- Pick-up dinners from Noon – 2 p.m. at the Kendall United Methodist church.
- This year proceeds will benefit community member Stacy Lynaugh (Weisenberg) as she undergoes cancer treatments.

Due to Covid19 we were not able to celebrate with our scholarship winners from the Class of 2020 at our first meeting in January. Checks were mailed to each recipient and we look forward to hearing of their future successes.

While we are not meeting at this time, we continue to be active in the community in our support of families through food deliveries, loaning medical equipment and financially assisting those with an emergency. Our light shone during the holiday times through our holiday decorations at the town gazebo.

# District 20 E1 Hunger Challenge



Has your club met the challenge?

Many families and individuals in our area are struggling with food insecurity.

We can make the difference!

St. Peter's Kitchen is a 503c nonprofit organization working to meet the needs of those people in the city of Rochester experiencing hunger. For over 30 years they have been providing nutritious, balanced lunches to the needy in Rochester. With the advent of Covid-19 they have had to switch from serving inside to take out only. This has created an additional financial burden to the kitchen. They currently provide an average of 150 to 170 lunches daily as well as take home bags for the weekend. **If each club in our district would pledge to donate at least \$100 we could fund the purchase of take out containers needed to provide lunches for a year!**

Please consider joining in this local fight against hunger. If you have questions, feel free to contact: Kendall Lion Helen Unterborn at [hunterborn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hunterborn@rochester.rr.com) or 585-734-8727.

Checks can be made payable to: **MD20-E1** Please write on your check **MD20-E1 Hunger project**

Please send all donations to:

CT Jan Infantino  
9730 Highland Avenue  
Dansville NY 14437

# Thank You

to the clubs who have already generously donated, and we encourage those who have not, to donate as soon as possible.

## New LCIF Officer Gets a Diamond Membership Pin

President Lion Billy Roman and board members agreed to Lion Don Colquhoun's gracious offer to become our new Lions Club International Officer (LCIF). We wish Colquhoun the best in this position. Colquhoun also received a diamond membership pin. An explanation of this pin will be in a later edition.



## Poinsettia Fund Raiser

In December 2020, Medina's annual Poinsettia sale successfully sold 616 plants, the same number as 2019. Lion Treasurer Ken Dunham thought the club members sold more Jungle Bell Poinsettias. Perhaps, people needed more jungle bell cheer because of continued COVID-19 issues (2020 Dec. 15, Board Meeting, 2020 Poinsettia Sale, line 6 & 15).



## Medical Supply Closet

Lion Dave Bellucci reported that people frequently want to tell members that the Medical Supply Closet is a great program and how they appreciate the service. The volunteers continue to be busy in December 2020 and the first week in January 2021 with answering questions, loaning equipment, and accepting donations, especially medical beds. For Example, volunteers scheduled the collection of a new hospital bed from Batavia (2021 Jan. 7, phone call).



## Parade of Lights 2020 - Winner

Lion Vice President Tim Moriarty updated the board that the club won a plaque and \$300 for the float entry in the Parade of Lights (2020 Dec. 15, Board Meeting, para. 7).

Congratulations to Lion Pete Kaiser and fellow Lion helpers.

## Membership Updates

Five membership changes have occurred. First, the board members received and unanimously accepted a membership application from Lion Danette Oakes' husband, John Oakes. Four members dropped-out. Two of them moved out of the area and two others resigned. (2020 Dec. 15, Board Meeting, para. 5). The club will miss these people.

Because of COVID, volunteers wear masks and gloves during exchanges of supplies only from outside buildings (2020 Dec. 15, Board Meeting, para. 9). President Billy Roman and Lion Dave Bellucci shared that the only equipment the club is currently accepting is beds due to high needs. The Medical Supply Closet has a surplus of other health care equipment (2020 Dec. 15, Board Meeting, para. 9).



**NEW Service Project - Hearing-Aid Donation Program**

In November’s ACM (Area Council Meeting), Lion Dawn Counter-mine, a member of the Finger Lakes Region Hearing Foundation, asked for club and local funeral homes support for a hearing-aids donation program. Lion President Billy Roman reported that Lion Kevin Bogan, a funeral home owner, agreed to chair our club’s hearing-aids collection (2020

**2021-2022 Officer Voting in March**

Watch for an announcement, in March, on the 2021-2022 list of proposed officers. This early notice will allow all members to vote in April. A 3-year Board Member position is open since the member resigned. The board members agreed to offer the position via email to any interested Lion member (2020, Dec. 15, Board Meeting, para. 13).



**Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club**

Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club and Toys for Tots planning and delivery of 2000 toys to the children of School 22, Community Lutheran on Hudson Ave., and another center.

The Lions start by raising funds (4 months) to support the Marine Toys for Tots. School 22 starts the planning on how to handle the delivery (trucks) and distribution at the school. Finally, Marine toys for tots starts to set aside toys for age and gender appropriate which is completed they receive the printout from the school.



200 toys

## Scio Lions Club



Scio Lions decorated for the Holidays! To get the Scio community in the "Spirit" of Christmas they set up 12 Christmas trees and sold them to individuals or businesses in the community to decorate them. On December the 20th they had a special program outside at the school with special guest "Santa" on hand to give out gifts and get pictures.

## Scottsville Lions Club

The club distributed gift cards this year instead of the usual holiday baskets to those in need.



## Webster Lions Club



Lions Dave Lazzar (far left) and Raphael Monti (far right)

Webster Lions Club delivered snacks to Rochester General Hospital's for ICU frontline healthcare workers

Our health care workers are going through a very stressful period due to the ongoing pandemic. Frontline workers are buried in cases with a great many sick patients coming into the Intensive Care Units. The providers are working long hours and extra shifts while wearing full PPE. And every day they treat very sick individuals that face difficult situations.

The Webster Club decided to thank and recognize these dedicated workers by donating snacks directly to their ICU area.

The Club purchased granola bars, nutigrain bars, cheese and cracker packs, chips, cookies and candy bars that cost over \$500. Forty three boxes of snacks totaling 1828 wrapped pieces were delivered to Rochester General Hospital on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MORE

For details (location/times, etc.) refer to page referenced article that appears in this newsletter ,  
visit **Club website / Facebook** or contact direct.

Jan. 31	Churchville Lions Club / Chicken BBQ	Pg. 8
Feb. 6	Kendall Lions Club / Annual Winter Chicken BBQ	Pg. 11
March 7	District Cabinet Meeting 10 AM	Scio, NY
April 10	Spring Conference via Zoom (More details forthcoming)	
May 8	District Leadership Meeting 10 Am	Avon, NY
May 14-16	MD 20 Stata Convention	Syracuse, NY
May 22	DG Mike Donner's Testimonial	
June 13	District Cabinet Meeting 10 AM	Location TBA
June 25-29	International Convention	Montreal, Quebec

### MD-20 Convention

Syracuse, NY  
**May 14-16, 2021**

**2021 Lions International Convention will be virtual (see page 9)**

Montréal Quebec  
**June 25-29, 2021**

### USA/Canada Forum

Des Moines, Iowa  
**September 9-11, 2021**

Deadline for newsletter articles by the 8th of each month.

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