



# THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER | JULY 2020 ISSUE

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### DISTRICT OFFICERS

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**2nd Vice District Governor** Open

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**Zone 2 Chair** Melanie Adams

#### Region 2

**Zone 3 Chair** Kathy Soper

**Zone 4 Chair** Joy Koziol

#### Region 3

**Zone 5 Chair** Charles Stacampiano

**Zone 6 Chair** David Markham

#### Region 4

**Zone 7 Chair** Gary Nacaster

**Zone 8 Chair** Gary Nacaster

#### Region 5

**Zone 9 Chair** Albert Merrill

**Zone 10 Chair** Tracie Edwards

Greetings Lions and Leos of 20 E1,

I am extremely excited and proud to be serving as your District Governor this year. Our district is filled with lots of great people, many I am hoping to meet for the first time. In this surreal year, our motto is still the same, "WE SERVE." The ways we serve, might be adjusted to meet the new needs of our communities. I have been preparing for this year by observing Immediate Past District Governors Rick and Dawn and their stellar leadership.



"Challenge Yourself" is my motto, and I hope all the Lions of 20 E1 will buy in to this. This is something to think about in your everyday life, whether at Lions, work, and most importantly with your family. Be willing to do a little more in life. Do not let uncertainty slow you down. Google a question, look on Pinterest or YouTube, or even ask a family member or Lion on how to complete your challenge. The main thing is to keep active and help make the world a better place.

Let us embrace the time with our fellow club and district members. Because when we work together there is power. Where there is power, we can make more of a change. I think our time together brings a sense of friendship, which is powerful stuff too. Let others know what your club is doing, whether in our District newsletter, Facebook, or some other source. We have Lions that are just looking for other club events to drop in on.

You voted me in as your Governor, PUT ME TO WORK!!! Let me know how I can help your club. I will try to respond to emails and texts in a timely manner. It is my job to help you succeed, but that is a two-way street, I may contact you for ideas or your help. We are always looking for new leaders to help our district remain vibrant and to maintain a line of succession.

Please consider attending our Fall Conference. This is OUR event, not an event for PDG's. We have over 1,300 members in the district. We will have dynamic speakers, old friends, new friends, and a chance for everyone to be reenergized with Lionism.

I look forward to a special year ahead! We have the best Lions. We have a great cabinet. Go out there and challenge yourself!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Mike Donner | Mikedonner75@icloud.com

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## President's Message

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER



Dear Lion,

This year has truly been unlike any other in our history. Your incredible innovation and commitment to serving safely in our world's greatest time of need has helped your community to stay strong. We have faced great challenges, but we have also achieved great things together.

I'm so proud to announce that this year we've accomplished our LCI Forward goal of serving more than 200 million people per year around the world. From preventing diabetes to preserving sight, each person we served is a life we've changed. So let us celebrate this very special moment.

And let us remember that the world needs Lions now more than ever. Your community needs you more than ever. I am so proud of you, and what we've achieved this year. I look forward to the incredible things we will accomplish together as Lions in the years to come.

Regards,

*Jung-Yul Choi*

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**  
International President, Lions Clubs International



## Annual District 20-E1

### Family Picnic

**Saturday, September 12**

Stony Brook State Park

Dansville, NY

Food, games, activities,  
playground area, hiking,  
socializing

Great afternoon of fun

Additional information to come as  
we near the date

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

# Calendar of Events - Page 18

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**

## DG's District News



Lions MD20 E1 obtained an emergency grant from LCIF to benefit front line workers during the pandemic. Over 650 lunches were served to transportation workers in the district.



PDG Chuck Switzer with RTS CEO Bill Carpenter. They had big smiles due the successful lunch that Chuck worked so hard to make happen.



Rick Whitney holding the press conference. We had excellent coverage, with 4 television stations on hand.



The Lions District Banner was posted promptly to display who supplied the lunches. L-R PDG Greg Lund, PDG Bob Infantino, PCT Charlie Deacon, CS Barry Haywood, 1VDG Curt Burdick, DG Mike Donner, PDG Chuck Switzer, IPDG Rick Whitney, PDG Jim Schiebel

On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> the Lions of District 20-E1 provided 25 lunches for the employees of the Allegany County Transit Service.



The District presented a check for \$2,500.00 on June 17 to FoodLink for their backpack program. Children in our area receive free or reduced-price lunch at school. But when school is closed during weekends and holidays, many of those children go hungry. FoodLink's Backpack Program provides children in need with bags of nutritious food they can discreetly take home and easily prepare on their own. The bags typically weigh about five pounds and contain items from all the food groups. A big thank you to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation for this grant.

In case you do not recognize the Lions behind the masks. L-R IPDG Rick Whitney, 1VDG Curt Burdick, DG Mike Donner, and a FoodLink Rep.

# DG's District News

On June 3, a contingent of Lions of Chili members went to Lion Jim Keenan's home and presented him with a Melvin Jones award. Jim has been a Lion since 1975.

L-R Tom Platt, Dorinda Foos, Bonnie Platt, and Lion



The Lions of Chili held their final meeting before the summer break on July 7. It was 90 degrees but we held the meeting in a town cabin.

The exciting night provided us with the first chance to see each other in quite a while. The night included a picnic dinner, a new member induction, a Lion of the Year award, and a Melvin Jones award.



Lion Gwen Clifton was sworn in as a member in a traditional Lions induction ceremony

President Ron Tucker presented Larry Lazenby with a well-deserved Lion of the Year plaque.



DG Mike Donner (with wife Ann) was awarded a Melvin Jones Award.



## SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2020 Wellsville Country Club

Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, along the beautiful Genesee River

3006 Riverside Drive  
Wellsville, NY  
[www.wellsvilleCC.com](http://www.wellsvilleCC.com)

All are invited!! Join the Lions  
in helping Lions Camp Badger  
build a brighter future!

The Lions Camp Badger Golf Classic day includes:

- 1:30 PM Shotgun start
- Lunch on the course—frank, burger, chips, soda or water
- Golf Cart
- Practice area, range & putting green
- Steak dinner
- Cocktails (cash bar)
- Awards, raffles & door prizes



Registration will be open 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Golfer \$105**

**Foursome \$420**

\*Wellsville CC members can use their membership towards golf only.



**For Registration Form and  
Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Go To:**

[www.LionsCB.org](http://www.LionsCB.org)  
or contact

**Event Chair: Lion William Emrick (716-498-4847)  
williamemrick@yahoo.com**

**Co-Chair: PCC Andy Umreiko (516-902-4881)  
aumreiko@gmail.com**

**Sponsor Chair: PDG Michele O'Hare (518-694-6872)  
mohare@naba-vision.org**

Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.  
is a 501(C)3 Non-Profit Corporation

**Overnight Accommodations Available**

at Microtel Inn By Wyndham in Wellsville

for Friday 8/14 thru 8/16 Use Code LIONS GOLF



**Thank You For Your Past Generosity...**

**And We Ask For Your Continued Support In  
Helping Build A Brighter Future For Those  
With Special Needs**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the decision was made to cancel the upcoming 2020 summer camp season. In addition, we will be unable to host "Lions Appreciation Day". If circumstances change, we will advise the new time and date.

Although our nearly 100 enrolled campers cannot be together physically, we will be bringing Lions Camp Badger to them with our "Camp at Home" program! Campers will receive a box containing all the supplies and directions for great activities and exciting online resources. Online group meetings will add to their fun and enjoyment at home.

Once again we thank the Lions who have not forgotten Lions Camp Badger during these difficult times. Your good wishes and generosity are most appreciated. While we do not have the cost of having a camp session, insurance, maintenance of the grounds and our 26 buildings, salaries, etc., all remain on-going expenses. We understand that these are challenging times but to date we have received less than 25% of our annual donations from Clubs and individual Lions. Please do not forget Lions Camp Badger. Be as generous as you can. Contributions can be mailed or made on-line at [www.LionsCB.org](http://www.LionsCB.org).

We hope that you and your family stay healthy and safe and look forward to seeing you at Lions Camp Badger soon!

**DRAWING DATE EXTENDED**

**ON SUPER RAFFLE**

The new date for the  
Super Raffle drawing is  
Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Raffle tickets are available on  
our website through PayPal  
[www.LionsCB.org](http://www.LionsCB.org) or  
by calling the Camp direct -  
607-589-4800

# Churchville Lions Club

The Lions held a Drive-up Vote to determine if the Churchville Lions Country Fair was feasible for this August. After the Drive-in Vote along with results electronically mailed-in it was decided that there will be NO County Fair this year.



Zoom Board meetings have been held and a slate of 2020-2021 Board of Directors

were voted on by e-mail. On June 23, Lion George Beldue “Zoom Installed” the new 2020-2021 Board.

PID Lion John Rabideau from his home in Florida Zoom installed Lion George Beldue as 1st Vice-President.

### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

President	Lion Jim Ehrmentraut
Past President	Lion Al Arilotta
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Lion George Beldue
2nd Vice President	Lion Valerie Potocki
Secretary	Lion Debby Landers
Treasurer	Lion Randy Kehl
Tail Twister	Lion Marty Molinari
Financial Secretary	Lion Mel Sand
Membership Chair	Lion Jill Kohler
1 Year Director	Lion Charmaine Fallon
1 Year Director	Lion Joe Deleo
2 Year Director	Lion Bob Weitz
2 Year Director	Lion Mark Kohler
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President.	

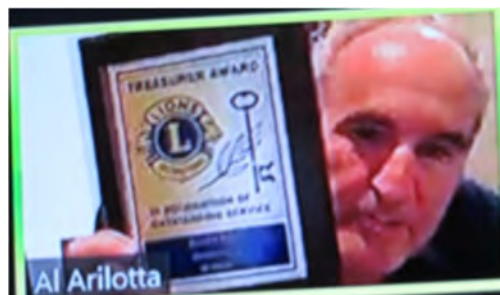
**OUR FIRST Lion Board & Business Meeting** was held at Lion President Jim Ehrmentraut’s backyard July 7, 2020.



New Lion Members Jim Pressey & Jed Wilkinson will be later installed by Lion George Beldue at the next Board & Business (B&B) Meeting August 11, 2020 at Lion President Jim’s home.

### **Churchville Lion’s Awards**

. . . were Announced by President Al Arilotta on Zoom but actually presented at our Outdoor Meeting...





# Lion of the Year

Lion Dyan Monte Verde



Lion Dyan was presented her award at the Drive-up Vote gathering.

Lions Debby & Randy received their awards at the Loan Closet Cleanout get-together.

## Treasurer Award



Lion Randy Kehl

## Secretary Award



Lion Debby Landers

# Northeast Pin Swap

## August 19 - 22, 2020

### Brockport, New York

Come and share the fellowship, view one of the largest Lions' displays in the country, experience some great western New York food, hear a couple speakers and perhaps find a few pins to add to your collection.

- Aug 18 pre swap dinner 6:30 Ho Ho Hibachi Sushi, 6465 Brockport Spencerport Rd, Brockport
- Aug 19 visit Schiebel's Barn 8 am to 6 pm 748 Wiler Rd, Hilton 14468  
2:30 wine tasting by Lion Janet Walker from the Winery at Marjim Manor, Appleton, NY
- Aug 19 dinner 6:30 pm at Blue Barn Cidery 928 Manitou Rd, Hilton
- Aug 20 swap 8 am to 6 pm Brockport Elks Lodge, 4400 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport 14420
- Aug 20 steak dinner 6 pm Kendall Lions Club, Kendall Fire Hall, 1879 Kendall Rd, Kendall 14476
- Aug 21 swap 8 am to 6 pm Brockport Elks Lodge , 4400 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport  
3 pm special speaker Lion Bing Reaves program on Buffalo Soldiers
- Aug 21 7 pm clam bake dinner by Walker Fire Department, 1420 Walker Lk Ontario Rd, Hilton
- Aug 22 7:30 breakfast at 58 Main Street, Brockport order from their menu  
breakfast speaker will be ID Gary Brown - MD20 "Our relationship with LCI"

Lunch will be available at the Elks Lodge daily during the swap.

Hotels to consider:

- Holiday Inn Express, 1635 W Ridge Rd, Rochester 585-663-8400 (includes breakfast) \$109
- Hampton Inn, 4873 Lake Rd S, Brockport 585-391-6747 (includes breakfast) \$129
- Fairfield by Marriott, 400 Paddy Creek Circle, Rochester 585-621-6050 (includes breakfast) \$129
- Dollinger's Inn & Suite, 4908 Lake Rd, Brockport 585-395-1000 (includes breakfast)

Registration will include entrance to the barn and Elks Lodge and commemorative pins. All Lions from New York State that register, will receive a bag of 25 pins free. Come join the fellowship. The "Barn" features over 180 vests, 140 shirts, 750 banners, 50 neck ties, and 48,000 friendship pins.

Registration \$20 each # \_\_\_ x \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tables - 1st table \$10 - additional tables \$15 each (max 4) # \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday - Schiebel's "Barn" number for planning # \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday - Blue Barn Cidery (Western New York food) \$25 # \_\_\_ x \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday - Kendall Lions Club steak roast \$15 # \_\_\_ x \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday - Walker Fire Department clam bake \$25 # \_\_\_ x \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sat - 58 Main Street breakfast number for planning - individual order # \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
 "Jim Schiebel - Pin Swap"  
 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, NY 14468

Questions contact Jim Schiebel 585-964-3619 jschiebel@rochester.rr.com  
 Don Ager 603-464-5379 meganddon@tds.net  
 Paul Viano 508-734-6300 pvianojr@gmail.com



## 2020 Award Winners

Churchville Lions Club Memorial Award

Isabelle Bennett

Churchville-Chili LEO Club Scholarship Award

Mikayla Tolliver and Jadyn Moore

The Town Board of Riga has voted to have their Summer Concert Series

4th Annual Luminaria Ceremony for Relay For Life

Churchville Village Gazebo ...

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Lions Club Food Booth  
(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Italian sausage, Chips & Beverages)  
7:00 pm Concert with '8 Days A Week'  
9:00 - 9:30 pm Relay for Life "Luminaria Celebration"



The LEO Club will decorate the luminaria bags and light the candles.

This ceremony is an impressive and emotional experience for all attending.

Purchase a luminaria candle in someone's name for \$5.00 either to

Honor a cancer survivor or in Memory of a loved one lost to cancer.

Make checks payable to the American Cancer Society and drop this off with the

Check at the Churchville Village Office, 23 E Buffalo Street or the Town of Riga, 6460 E Buffalo Street

# Luminaria Lighting Ceremony

## 2020 Relay for Life

**Churchville Village Gazebo**

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Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society

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In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the American Cancer Society and drop this off with the check at  
the Churchville Village Office, 23 E Buffalo Street or the Town of Riga, 6460 E Buffalo Street.

# RTS food project



# Greece Ridge Lions Club

## Donuts for Hospital Workers

At one of the club's June meetings, Lion David Richardson suggested and later organized a service project for July for the Greece Ridge Lions. Eight Lions plus several family members participated in delivering donuts, coffee, and thank you cards to doctors and nurses at both Rochester General Hospital and Unity Hospital. David talked to the owner of a Dunkin Donuts restaurant and got a great price on the donuts and coffee. Members met outside the emergency departments on both the evening of Friday, July 3, and the morning of Saturday, July 4. Not only was the essential work of the hospital staff recognized, but so was the fact that they were working on a holiday.





One of the Kendall Lions Club's favorite spring events is the Annual Breakfast we put on for the Senior Class of Kendall Central School the morning of their Senior Ball. With the complications from Covid-19, we needed to cancel our regular celebration but wanted to honor our graduates in a safe way. Working with the school, we arranged to meet each Senior on Tuesday, June 23rd as they came to the high school for graduation photos and videos being prepared for their outdoor graduation that Friday.

Each student was presented with a gift certificate to Partyka's Farm Market and a pin designed by our club in honor of the graduating seniors. Lion Mike Cusimano chair of the event led our lions present in sharing our pride and wishes for continued success, as well as our hopes that they will include many opportunities of service in their futures.



**Lions Mike Cusimano, David Strassenburgh and Frank Panczynszyn present a gift certificate, Lion pin and Club brochure to a member of the Kendall Central School Class of 2020.**

# Medina Lions Club

## Medina Lions Reach Out to Feed the Hungary



On June 19, 2020, the Medina Lions Club donated \$500 to Christ Episcopal Church's Community Kitchen in Albion on Main Street. Director Faith Smith (left) accepted the check from Lion President Billy Roman and Lion Mary Hare. The money is to lighten the financial burden of providing weekly dinners stressed by COVID-19. After all, Roman said, "Hunger has no boundaries."

The kitchen has served 200+ hot meals from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Fridays for over 20 years. Their mission is to provide anyone who comes a healthy meal. Staff is volunteers from various organizations and churches, but they have lost some because of the pandemic.

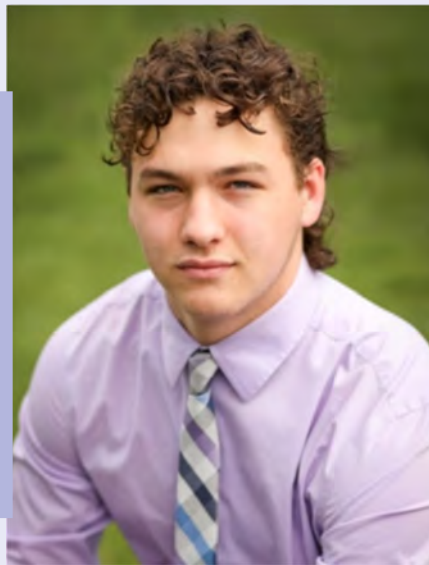
Later on July 3, Lions members Mary Hare, Ann McElwee, and Billy and Julie Roman worked since the kitchen lost volunteers because of the COVID-19. The Romans did food prep, while Hare and McElwee served. The club plans to gather volunteers to assist on August 7, the first Friday of the month. (Photo by Tom Rivers)

## Board Meeting Goes to the Park

June 30, Medina Lions board members had an evening in the park, that's Medina Lions Park by the Erie Canal. With chairs-in-hand, members welcomed the social function of meeting in person. At the same time, they complied with COVID-19 mask/social distancing by sitting six feet apart. Lion President Billy Roman relayed the new rule that as long as they gathered outside and separated by six feet, masks were unnecessary. Members looked for ways to be active in the community,

### Medina Lions Club Scholarship Winner

Nathan Sherman, son of Jonathan and Marguerite Sherman of Medina Class of 2020 Valedictorian, received the Medina Lions Club Scholarship.



"Nathan plans to attend Canisius College to pursue a degree in Biochemistry, while playing baseball for the Golden Griffins. He anticipates earning a Doctorate Degree and using his education to become a genetic engineer. Nate took advantage of the many activities while in high school. He took part in the school musical, was a section leader in the A'Cappella Choir, and joined the Master Minds team. Nate took part in Destination Imagination where his team won two state championships. He was the Student Association Treasurer and a member of the National Honor Society. While in high school, Nate played four sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. He earned first team honors for baseball, soccer, and basketball. Nathan received the James Perry Craft designation for excellence in math and science" (Medina Central School District. *Medina High School - Senior spotlight: Top ten*. Courtesy of Marguerite Sherman, mother).



# 2020 - 2021 "Challenge Yourself"



## 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.

**Check with Club to find out if these calendar events are cancelled, postponed or still on.**

- August 8** Drive thru pulled pork BBQ dinner 4-6 pm / Caledonia-Mumford Lions  
(contact club for location)
- August 15** Camp Badger Golf Tournament @ Wellsville Country Club / Pg. 6
- August 20** Annual Steak Road / Kendall Lions Club **CANCELLED**
- August 29** Germanfest /Attica Lions Club **CANCELLED**

### Lions Calendar of Events:

#### 20 E1 Picnic

Dansville, NY

September 12, 2020

#### 20 E1 Fall Convention

Batavia, NY

October 30, 31, 2020

#### MD-20 Convention

Syracuse, NY

May 14-16, 2021

#### 2021 Lions International Convention

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.

Send to Lion Karen Guarino @  
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