



THE ROARING District 20-E1

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Challenge yourself 2021

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

My last day of being your District Governor is June 30. People have said "What a horrible year to be a DG." I beg to differ. To be part of what the excellent Lions of E1 accomplished in an extreme year makes me proud and will go in my permanent memory bank.



The District Governor club visitations were the most fun part of the job. It was so enjoyable to meet so many interesting Lions. I often walked in a club not knowing a soul. I listened to their proud stories, as they told me about their service projects. The hospitality of every club was incredible, and I would usually leave a visitation thinking these are good people and I would love to go back and enjoy another event with them. Which I hope to do!

Due to some special Lions, especially IPDG Rick Whitney and Dansville Membership Chair Rodney Johnson, District E1 grew this year. Thanks to all who invite potential Lions and please keep it up. In a team effort, our district, E1 had the best net growth in our multi-district of New York and Bermuda this year.

Another big thank you from me to you is that our district was the only district out of the 11 in the multi-district in which every club paid their dues to LCI and MD20 in time for the state and international convention.

There were so many donations of food, in a year where so many needed extra help. Lions donated masks, mittens, and most importantly their time. They say 90 percent of volunteering is just showing up. The drive-thru fundraiser was an exciting new, and necessary, trend in fundraising.

My theme has been "Challenge Yourself." I challenge you all to stay active, be kind to others, and keep it fun. DG Elect Curt Burdick has been working extremely hard to prepare for his year ahead. He is an excellent speaker and a man of action.

It has been an honor to be your District Governor and I will always remember the wonderful year I had and the good friends I made.

YOURS IN LIONISM

District Governor Mike Donner

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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



Mike Donner's Testimonial

A great time was had by all. The food and company were outstanding, and there were some great awards handed out.



7 District Governors agreeing on something



Charles V. Stancampiano with his International President's Certificate of Appreciation



Brockport Lion Dave Moore received the PDG Leadership award.



Clarendon's Mel Adams Leadership Award



Bolivar Lions Club President Deanna Hackett received the Lions New Voices Award for Marketing.



Dansville Lion Rodney Johnson received a Lions New Voices Award for Membership.



International Director **Gary Brown** presenting Avon Lion Gary Necaster with a prestigious leadership award!



Rochester Downtown Host Bing Reaves Sr. received his Brandel-Murphy “Miracles Through Service” Award” Medallion.

Committee CHAIRMEN

It is that time again when the incoming District Governor is looking for Lions to serve on his cabinet as committee chairmen. What is a committee? A group of people appointed for a specific function, typically consisting of members of a larger group. What then is the committee chairman and how do they prepare for that role? A chairman usually sets the purpose or action the committee hopes to accomplish.

In Lionism, how do we develop committee chairmen? Does your club president appoint committee chairmen and committee members for your various activities or does the same single person in your club run the same activity your club did last year? The role of the vice presidents is to mentor and assist the various committees within your club. They should have had committee experience already. The role of the club directors is to come up with new ideas and programs that will help your community but just because they had an idea should not mean that they alone are expected to coordinate it.

Many clubs fall short in service activity because club presidents fail to appoint Lions to committees and let them develop that skill. After they have success on the club level, the Lion will be more likely to get involved on the District or state level.

I have been asked again to serve the District as the Conventions and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Chairman and would welcome Lions that may want to serve on this District committee to promote these.

PCC Jim Schiebel



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

“Save the Date”

20E1 Lions District Picnic

Sept 11th from 11-4

Please bring a dish to pass and your own drinks

Hamburgers and hot dogs and paper products will be furnished

Send reservations to jmmacknight@yahoo.com

or call 585-281-1790

(let us know what you are bringing)

District 20E1 Picnic

Stoney Brook Park
10820 NY 36
Dansville, NY 14437



SHOWING UP

Greetings Lions,

The two years that I have had the great honor of serving as your international president have been some of the most memorable and meaningful of my life. It's inevitable that one goes into this role with a set of expectations about how it will be, but I can surely say that my tenure in this role was nothing like I expected and far exceeded all my expectations.

While I never anticipated I would serve two full terms as your international president, the past sixteen months have been different than we all imagined.

This year has changed me. And I know it's changed you, too. We head into the 2021-2022 Lion year as new Lions, ready to take on anything. Because we have shown that we *can* take on anything. I have been amazed every day by the ingenuity and dedication I see from Lions. But even more, I've been astonished at how your kindness has always shone so brightly.

My experiences as your president have shown me that I, too, have so much still to learn about life. And I learned those lessons from you. From you, I learned what perseverance really looks like. From you, I learned what kindness really means. And from you I learned what service truly is – it's giving even when you have nothing. It's finding something in yourself to be of service to another no matter how hard your own life is. Because no matter how hard our circumstances, Lions know there is always someone whose circumstances are more dire. There is always someone who needs us. And you, Lions, have shown me what it means to show up, truly, when everything is at stake.

I am humbled, as ever, to have served as your president. I thank you profusely for the honor.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.

AVON Lions Club

DG Visitation to a very active club on May 19. They have a huge flag program for the town on patriotic holidays.

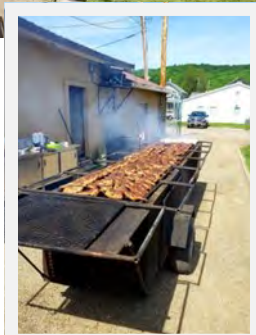
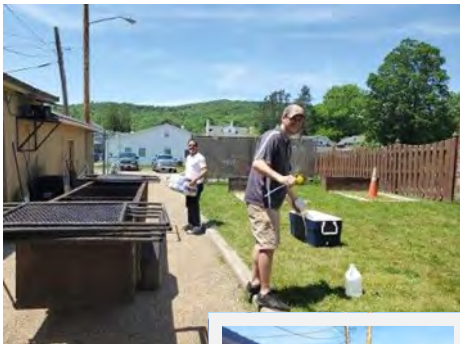
Treasurer John Gerenski received an award for his outstanding and dedicated service.



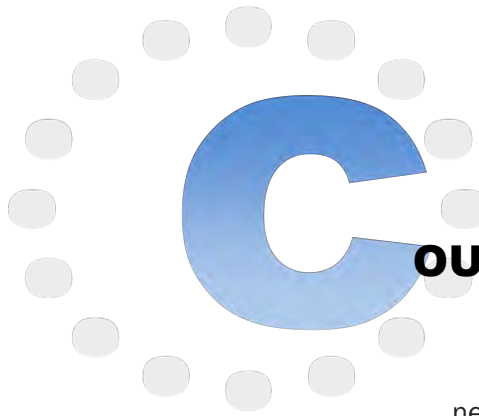
Avon President Tom Bartolini received the Chairperson's Medal for exceptional dedication to LCIF.



BOLIVAR Lions Club



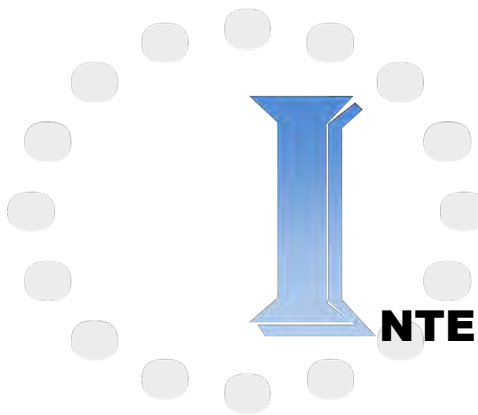
The Bolivar Lions Club held its annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday June 5. This fund raiser was co-chaired by 1st Vice President Lion Steve Otto and Lion Jason Isaman. The Bolivar Lions Club has hosted this annual event for nearly 50 years. If you believe that you can't teach old dogs new tricks, the Bolivar Lions submit you are wrong. This fundraiser was an exercise in how to do a chicken Bar-B-Q as a science. There were no procedural hiccups, shortages or unanticipated problems. It was simply the best organized and executed Bar-B-Q in the history of the club. 1st VP Steve remarked in the early afternoon that "I've been here since 6:30 this morning and my white tee shirt isn't even dirty". Lion Jason assigned himself as a floater. He made sure that from start to finish everyone involved from cookers to servers to sales had everything they needed. The club sold 379 dinners and netted the almost \$2300.00 in profits. Six workers were volunteers who were not Lions Club members and also one student from Bolivar Richburg Central School.



COULD THIS BE A STORY ABOUT YOU?

I went to the funeral parlor last night to pay my respect to my neighbor, Mary. While I was there, a group of Lions Club members came in and had a brief service for her. I didn't know Mary was a Lion. She had no yard signs, decals or bumper stickers on her car and never wore anything like a hat, shirt, jacket or vest that indicated she was in the service club. The Lions were all wearing a Lions pin but I never saw one on Mary. Perhaps these are only to be worn to meetings. Her club never put her picture in the paper or on the internet. I never knew. Perhaps there are rules about keeping your membership a secret. I would be interested in doing some community service. Too bad Mary never mentioned the opportunity to me.

Do your neighbors know you are a Lion and do community service?



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Have you registered for the virtual convention in Montreal yet? That was the city where I attended my first international convention. I am not sure what you may see of the city, but a telephone conversation yesterday suggested that because of the health problems now in India, the 2022 convention may be relocated to Montreal. It is about as close to MD20 as any international convention will ever be. I wish all Lions Clubs members could experience this kind of activity with our fellow Lions from around the world.

Register for the international convention now to show our support for International First Vice President, Douglas X. Alexander as he becomes the fifth Lion from New York to serve as International President.

PCC Jim Schiebel - District Convention Chairman

PIN barn



Pin Barn Open house was held on May 22. Jim and Donna Schiebel shared their hospitality and knowledge of Lions memorabilia in this special place we have in our district.

BROCKPORT Lions Club



The Brockport Lions inducted 2 new members at the June 16th meeting. Pictured are sponsor, Lion Pres. Norman Knapp, new member David Miller, PDG Chuck Switzer performing the induction, new member, Melanie Perreault and sponsor Lion Pam Beach.

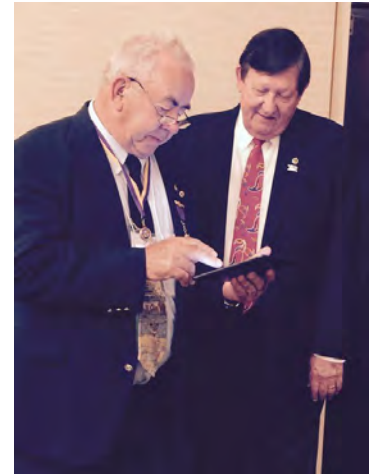
FAIRPORT Lions Club

May 18, the Fairport Lions had their regular meeting. Our guest speaker was Fairport Police Chief. The topic was scams whether by e-mail or phone. If you do not recognize the call, do not answer. If the e-mail looks suspicious, do not open. It was a very interesting program. The Chief was Guest of Lion Dave Farwell.

June 1, the Fairport Lions held its annual Steak Roast and Auction at a park in Fairport. We were unable to have the Steak Roast last year due to the pandemic. We had it this year because of the vaccine. It was great being with Fellow Lions and Friends in person. A great time was had by all.

just bragging...

The Lions International Trading Pin Club holds an annual meeting, usually at the international convention. This year with the convention just on zoom, a live meeting was held in Kentucky. Past International President Frank Moore now serves the association as the Executive Administrator of Lions Clubs International. He attended the breakfast meeting to recognize supporters of LCIF and presented a “Lion of Commitment” plaque to me for the \$3000 that I personally donated to LCIF for the Campaign of 100 this year.



The LITPC started in 1973. In 2011 I was the seventh member to be recognized as a “Hall of Fame” member. This year the LITPC president, PCC Kent Clovis presented me a “Lifetime Achievement Award” plaque. The fourth time such honor was given in the club’s history. Both are available for viewing in the “barn” and all are welcome. Call ahead to be sure we will be home.

PCC Jim Schiebel

KENDALL Lions Club

Congratulations to Kendall Lion treasurer Julie Bunn. She was awarded the Lions New Voices Award for Service by DG Mike. She has been instrumental in our hunger initiative during the pandemic, coordinating pickup and delivery of food boxes to over 40 families in the Kendall Community. Bravo Lion Julie and thank you for all you have done.



In celebration of their accomplishments and upcoming graduation the Kendall Lions honored the Kendall Central High School Class of 2021 with a breakfast on May 7th at the Village Inn Restaurant. Lion Tom Minigiello shared a message with the seniors about the importance of service to your community. Lion Tony Cammarata was the breakfast MC and 11 Lions joined students at their tables to share our Lion spirit and wish them well in their future endeavors.



Save the Date!
Kendall Lions Annual Steak Roast
Thursday August 19th.

The Maple City Lions had a 52nd Charter Night on June 2. The club has an impressive history of service.



Where were you April 23, 1669?



Community Kitchen

Lion Ann McElwee reported that Lion Kelly Uderitz helped the Community Kitchen at Albion's Christ Episcopal Church on Friday, June 6. Lion Uderitz has also facilitated a few meals in the past. Ask her or McElwee any questions about the event.

Help Lion McElwee plan and keep our club's promise to serve. There are only six more dinners for 2021. Plan to volunteer on any of the first Fridays of every month. These dates are July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3. with Albion Lions from 1 pm – 4 pm and 4 pm – 7 pm. Watch your emails for information and requests.

Successful Community Yard Sale

The warm sunny weather, on June 5, drew large crowds throughout Medina. Downtown Lions Club (LC) members handed out maps showing yard sales, vendors, and sponsors (Medina LC). Lion Jim Punch reported LC members handed out hundreds of maps. Lion Sherry Wheatly stated 59 vendors participated.





LC's food venues were busy feeding the crowd. The hot dog/hamburger stand sold out their food supply. Lion Jim Hancock reported all 552 Chicken BBQs sold with 30 deliveries completed, as noted by Lion Carol Bellack. Lion Pete Kaiser said the Weiner Mobile also did well.

This event was a necessary fund-raiser and last activity for the LC's fiscal year. The LC members are grateful for the community's involvement in generated monies for numerous charitable foundations.

Last General Members Dinner Meeting

Medina's LC second in-person and last General Members Dinner Meeting is on Tuesday, June 8, at the White Birch Golf Course. Many members are looking forward to seeing everyone. It should be a delightful evening to see the induction of new members, incoming board members, and officers for 2021-2022.

Did YOU Hear What's Happening

Did you hear the sounds of the Community Yard Sale? People were bustling about, crinkling a paper map, talking with a vendor, asking questions at yard sales, feet shuffling through shops, murmuring about the yummy food, and so much more.

Hearing aids are too expensive for some people, but you can help. Spread the word to donate hearing aids to Medina LC's members or Lion Kevin Bogan, chairperson and director of the Bogan Funeral Home in Medina. Lion Bogan said collecting for the Hearing Aid Project is a slow process. It would be a delight to report the first donation.

Booming Action at the Medical Supply Closet

LC members' activity at the Medical Supply Closet continues to thrive. Lion Jim Hancock reported that the Medical Supply Closet is busier than ever. Several members knew Medina needed this service though they never imagined it would be as dynamic as it has been over the past few months

ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN HOST Lions Club

At District Governor's Testimonial dinner, Lion Bing Reaves from the Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club received the "Every Day Hero" Award sponsored by the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation. Pictured presenting the award is District Governor Terri Oster from District 20K2. DG Terri is serving as treasurer for the statewide foundation. Looking on are a proud District Governor, our own Mike Donner and the District Governor Elect Curtis Burdick. Congratulations Lion Bing



Six members of the club were able to take part in the 2021 Roc Juneteenth 5K Run/Walk this year. Pictured left to right are members - PDG Jim Schiebel, Judy Kamykowski, Yvette Reaves, Lisa Goff, Joe Gorman and Bing Reaves. Lions Joe and Judy actually sounded the horn to start the race at 1pm. Bing manned a water station at mid race and Joe, Judy and Jim worked on Lions' promotion. A big thank you to Lisa for finding this opportunity to serve the community



VARYSBURG Lions Club



Charter member Ray Luce 50 years of service

Varysburg Lions enjoying a June picnic/DG Visitation. Club is preparing for a golf tournament. They also awarded scholarship money and raised money with a community garage sale



Is that a barefoot Lion?



Treasurer's Report

2nd Quarter, 2021 Report



Donations Have Included:

Family Promise of Wayne County
WXXI Reach-Out Radio
LCIF – Texas Relief
Camp Badger
Eastern Service Workers
Cornell Co-operative Extension 4-H Campership
Finger Lakes Regional Lions Hearing Foundation
Lions SEE

Current Events:

March 16: Virtual Dinner Meeting; picked up meals at Lodge; Speaker was by Zoom.

April 6: Resumed in person meetings. Tried to Zoom also; this failed.

April 20: Sheriff Barry Virts

April 24: Environmental Clean-Up. Partnered with Ecology Club at Wayne Central. Picked up 650# of Trash.

April 27: Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. 6 stops; collected can goods; passed out pre-packaged candy.

May 4: Dr. Teon Kawalyk, Chiropractor.

May 15: Re-Mulch the Lions Memory Garden (see picture above).

May 18: DG Visitation and Charter Night. Awards included a Robert J. Uplinger and a membership award.

May 25: Mask wearing at dinner meetings made optional, singing

Scheduled Events:

June 15: Steak Roast. Some additional Awards. 2 – Robert J. Uplinger and 2 – Melvin Jones Fellow.

July 6: Trash Plates at Walworth Farmer's Market.

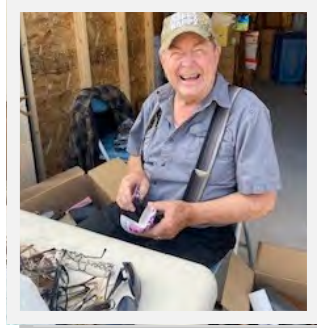
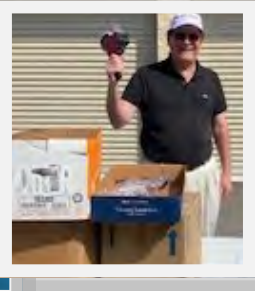
July 23-24: Festival In The Park.

August 3: Trash Plates at Walworth Farmer's Market.

WEBSTER Lions Club



Webster Lions packaged up 50 boxes of its inventory of used eyeglasses and cases that will be shipped to Guatemala through Bethel Ministries International. This opportunity was made possible through Lion Carl Priest and his wife, Kathy, who knew of the mission work done by the group and asked about the need for eyeglasses. L to R (below) Lions Mike DiCesare, Tim Hill, Raphael Monti, Lee Williams and Carl Priest.



WELLSVILLE Lions Club



Gary Barnes – 45 yrs.



Jim Moreland – 55 yrs.



Jim Raptis – 65 yrs.

The Wellsville Lions are always busy. They had a DG visitation with some big -time chevrons! (165 years of service with just these 3 Lions) They will be hosting the Lions Camp Badger Golf Tournament in August.

Great listners!



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.

- June 25-29 International Convention Montreal, Quebec
- August 19 Kendall Lions Club / Annual Steak Roast
- August 28 Attica Lions Club / German Festival
- Oct. 21-23 MD20 Leadership Institute / Binghamton, NY
- Sept. 9-11 USA / Canada Forum / Des Moines, Iowa



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

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