



THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2024 ISSUE

LIONS
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CLUB NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Avon, Batavia, Belfast, Bolivar, Brockport, Chili, Clarendon, Dansville, Fairport, Gates-Greece, Hamlin, Hilton, Irondequoit, Kendall, Lyndonville, Medina, Oakfield-Alabama, Rochester Downtown Host, Walworth, Webster, and Wellsville



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Region 3

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Region 4

Zone 7 Chair Gary Necaster

Zone 8 Chair Liz Jackson

Region 5

Zone 9 Chair Aren Schank

Zone 10 Chair Yvonne Morris

Hello Lion friends,

I can't believe this is my last month as your District Governor. The year really flew by! I had such a great time getting to know all of you, thank you so much, and I look forward to seeing you at Lions events in the years to come. I will be leaving you in great hands, as we welcome our new District Governor, Al Merrill, in July. I wish DGE Al and RC Aren all the best for an amazing trip to the International Convention, where DGE Al will be sworn into office in Melbourne, Australia!

Our new First Vice District Governor, Tom Flaherty, has been busy arranging parade events for the Lions and getting ready for next year, and incoming Second Vice DG Jan Infantino is more than ready for the great fun that is ahead. We are also thrilled to let you know that Region Chair Pete Kaiser from the Medina Lions has stepped up to be next in line for District Governor after Lion Jan, followed by Lion Helen Jones from Webster!! We are always looking for Lion Leaders, so if you are thinking about getting in line, it's not too early!

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Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Testimonial Dinner at Jack's Place in Scottsville in May. The food was delicious, and with all the good company, and PDG/CS Barry's jokes, it couldn't have been better. I had such a good time!

The Lilac Festival Parade was great fun, and we even enjoyed the Memorial Day Parade, although the rain kept the crowds down for that one. If you would like to march with us in future parades, please contact either Tom Flaherty or me for details.

My apologies for anyone who was looking for the Secretary training that was scheduled for May. I am really struggling with this new Lions Portal, and far from ready to do any training on it. I need to get a lot more training myself before I can try to teach anyone. It is much more challenging than anticipated.

I know all our clubs are busy preparing for summer events, and I look forward to attending as many as I can. Once again, thank you so much for a great year!!!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Mel





District MD20E1 was well represented at the convention. There was pageantry, learning, parties, and fellowship of Lions from throughout our district.



Hilton Lion Jim Schiebel had an extensive pin trading display. Medina Lion Pete Kaiser ready to march in the flag ceremony. Hospitality Rooms galore and the Gala dinner.



FESTIVAL IN THE PARK



34th Annual

Hosted by the Walworth Lions Club
Lorraine Drive, Ginegaw Park,
Walworth

Parade, Bingo, Food, Kids Activities,
Cruise in, Cornhole, Craft and Vendor
Booths, Music, and more!

**JULY
26 & 27**

District Fundraiser



District E1 will be raising money for the New York School of the Blind in Batavia. We will be having a picnic at Innovative Field with the Rochester Red Wings on July 28.

There is a \$35 per person cost which includes a ticket to the game, admission to a picnic, and a generous donation to the NYS School of the Blind. The picnic will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, macaroni, salad chips, water, and soda. There will be a cash bar for alcoholic drinks.

To participate please call 1st DG Elect Tom Flaherty @585-750-7192.



BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB

Chicken BBQ

This Saturday, June 1ST

Noon until sold out

Main Street Between the Chef Grill

and Bolivar Manor

\$12.00



**Chicken
BBQ**

**THANK YOU FOR
your SUPPORT !**



Camp Abilities Brockport 2024

June 30th - July 6th, 2024

For Coaches: June 29th - July 6th, 2024



A week-long educational summer sports camp for children who are blind, visually impaired, and deafblind!



**Stand Up Paddle
Boarding**



Tandem Biking



Track & Field

**Plus: Blind Soccer, Blind Tennis, Swimming,
Roller Blading, Kayaking, and more!**



HAMLIN LIONS CLUB
27th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday June 15, 2024
AT TIMBER RIDGE GOLF COURSE
\$200 A FOURSOME (DUE BY 6-5)

SHOTGUN START @ 1:00 P.M.

(All tournaments must now be at 1p.m. or later.)

Please arrive and register by 12:30

HOT DOGS, SAUSAGE AND BURGERS SERVED ALL DAY

CHECKS PAYABLE TO
HAMLIN LIONS CLUB
SEND TO: Greg Speer
2761 Ridgeway Ave.
Rochester, NY 14626
QUESTIONS 585-208-8763 (BRIAN)

**FOURSOME NAMES (include email if you are not
on our contact list)**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



Pioneer Oil Days

The Bolivar Lions Club again presents our annual “Pioneer Oil Days” from June 23rd – June 29th . Pioneer Oil Days is a week-long series of events ending with a car show on Saturday. With good weather we usually expect about 100 cars from across the southern tier plus tractors, trucks and motorcycles. This is one of our biggest fund raisers. We invite all to come and enjoy any of the week’s activities. There are vendors, live music and much more. We hope to see you there !!

Full details can be found on the Pioneer Oil Days website:

[Pioneer Oil Days](#)

District Governor Testimonial Dinner

Everyone had a great time at District Governor's Melanie Adams testimonial at Jack's Pace in Scottsville. There were guests from throughout the district and multiple district. DG Mel had such a remarkable year. Brockport Lion Tammy Deacon, was this years recipient of the Past District Governors Leadership Award. Lion Mel passed the gavel to District Governor Elect Al Merrill from the Cuba Lions Club.



5 Reasons to Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest:

- 🧑🏻 Encourage children to express their feelings through art.
- 💡 Boost kids' self-esteem and let them know that their ideas
- 🌱 Give your club the opportunity to promote peace in a world
- 👤 Increase your club's visibility in the community.
- 🕊 Give children and adults hope for a peaceful future.



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#peaceposter

The New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation



501(C)(3) Non-Profit Organization
MD-20 Lions Clubs Endorsed Project

We provide matching funds for projects that are beyond the financial reach of individual Lions Clubs or Lions sub-districts for the benefit their Community from the collective fundraising efforts from Lions Clubs, their community, and the NYSBLF.

We want to hear about your club!!!

Next District newsletter deadline is August 8.

E-mail articles to :

lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com

Avon Lions Club

SAVE THE DATE June 22nd for Avon Lions Club 70th Anniversary. All Lions Clubs invited. A night of celebration with dinner, dancing with the live band Trilogy at Willow Creek. More details to follow.

Avon Lions Club

Paint the Village RED, WHITE & BLUE.



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

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

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

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

Avon Lions Club Paint the Village RED, WHITE & BLUE.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you would like multiple flags erected on each of the 4 flag days, please indicate in the box.

Return to: **Avon Lions Club, PO Box 293, Avon, NY 14414**
Return by May 15, 2023 for Memorial Day inclusion.

Questions? Call Kathy Wiard 585-330-3748 or Connie Ryan 585-764-3592, or email avonlionsclub@gmail.com

New Customer or Account

Renewal Account

Refer Friends and Neighbors



Batavia Lions Club



Batavia Lions and students from GCBOCES repairing bikes for Day Of Caring 2024.

Jo Coburn was the recent speaker at the Batavia Lions Meeting. The talk was 'Functional Wellness - Holistic Medicine', a Natural Health and Wellness Option.

She noted that Holistic medicine takes a broader approach than traditional medical care by considering the individual as a whole and doesn't treat, diagnose, or cure, but works on the foundations of a healthy lifestyle and works to restore proper functions in the body.



Alumni Weekend at the Batavia School for the Blind

Volunteers are needed on June 6th-8th for this event . If you are interested, please contact Roger Bohn 585-344-1790 or 1st District Governor-Elect Tom Flaherty at 585-957-0341.

Belfast Lions Club



Club clean up efforts were very successful on Earth Day weekend. Thanks again to all lions involved. We picked up a lot of trash between Belfast and Oramel. Cans, floor mats, empty liquor bottles, all gone!

Bolivar Lions Club

The Bolivar Lions Club recently presented four Robert Uplinger Distinguished Service Awards, including our first award to a non-member of our club.



The recipients are President Jason Isaman, Past President Deanna Worth and ZC Yvonne Morris for their service and dedication to our club.



Linda Nobles was honored for her many years of help with our Super Sunday Tailgate Raffle.

Brockport Lions Club



On April 24, a Clean Sweep of the canal area in Brockport was done by members of the Brockport Lions Club, SUNY Students and other community members pictured. Trash was gathered from the canal bank and the canal itself from Redman Rd to Park St., bagged and later picked up by the Canal Authority. Great community project



The Brockport Lions Club inducted its newest member on May 1st, Michele Meyers. Pictured are her sponsor, Dr. Lauren Lieberman, Michele Meyers and our member performing the induction PDG Chuck Switzer.

At the meeting on April 17, the Brockport Lions Club presented a check for \$2000 to the Brockport Hamlin Jr. Blue Devils. The money was from the pancake breakfast held earlier and was promoted and staffed by both groups.





On May 1st, 15 members of the Webster Lions Club rented a bus and traveled to Brockport to meet with the Brockport Lions Club. Great time was had by all, and many ideas were exchanged. Pictured are the 40+ members at the meeting. More clubs should do club visits as it gives you more ideas in running your club, events and service projects.

BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB

Classic Car Cruisin'

All Vehicles Welcome- Motorcycles, Trucks, Cars & Customs
For More Information Contact The Brockport Lions Club (585) 281-8309

FOOD, FUN & MUSIC

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH, 2024- 4PM-8PM

Brockport Vet's Club- 222 West Avenue Brockport

 **WE SERVE**

Lions Club of Chili

The Lions Club of Chili held a successful geranium sale. We sold both more flowers and hanging baskets than ever before. Thanks to all that helped us out! Lions Tom and Bonnie Platt did a great job rallying the troops.



The club cleaned up Black Creek on Earth Day. It was organized by our very active Environmental Committee, especially Bert Maggio.



President Karen McCloskey awarded 1.5 pins to members who joined this year and their sponsors. L-R Tom Platt, Joe Korn, Jennifer Lowden, Mike Donner, and Karen McCloskey

Lions Club of Chili proudly participated in the United Way Day of Caring, fostering growth and beauty at a Lifetime Assistance group home by weeding, nurturing plants, and refreshing the porch with paint, uniting for a brighter tomorrow in our community! Lion Bonnie Cohoon was the big organizer.



Clarendon Lions Club

Spring roars in! Hello town's people! The Clarendon Lions bounced back into spring with a sausage sale at the Town Park at the West end of Church St on Friday, April 26th.

We've been planning ahead for summer events and hope to be seeing you at the Holley June Fest, where we'll be selling Italian sausages, hot dogs and burgers as usual.

Lions Club Medical Loan Closet The Medical Loan Closet is sponsored by the Hamlin Lions Club. There is no charge to borrow equipment. However, we ask that the equipment be returned in good condition as soon as possible after use. All equipment goes out clean, sanitized and in good repair. You can arrange to pick it up at the Loan closet building on Lake Road. Equipment available for loan include: hospital beds, wheel chairs, over-bed tables, commodes, shower chairs (various styles), crutches, canes, walkers. Lion Tim Crawford is the coordinator for the Loan Closet. He can be reached at 585 -270-0713. If you know of anyone who would like to donate any equipment, please contact Tim Crawford.

Coming in July we'll be at the Oak Orchard Neighborhood Associations' 'Concerts in the Park' at the Albion marina on Tuesday nights. More to come on that, too!!



Dansville Lions Club



For over three decades, Lions Clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a Peace Poster art contest. The theme this year was “Dare to Dream” Dansville student Silvia Folts’s entry was chosen by not only the Dansville Lions Club but also the 20 E-1 District as the winner. Silvia, her mom Noel Folts and art teacher Suzanne Hartke were our guests at our dinner meeting, where we present her with her framed entry and the winning check. Congratulations Silvia, your entry was incredible!

The Dansville Lions had a great time marching in the annual Dogwood Parade on May 18.





Gene and Diana Moffat were our guests to tell us about their involvement with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Amazing Aven's Quest for Amoeba Awareness. Their family has been impacted greatly yet they continue to bring awareness and resources to both of these causes. The Moffat's are a very inspiring couple we are fortunate to have in our community. Pictured with Gene and Diana are 1st Vice President Emma Johnson and Treasurer Karen Schleyer.

Fairport Lions Club

Kim Smith, a representative from the YWCA , spoke about the organization, which has been in Rochester for over 100 years. The YWCA has 110 units for women and kids. The YWCA has a strong safety policy and no one is allowed to tell anyone and give out names. The YWCA is in the process of renovating an old building which will give the YWCA more units for women and kids.



Lion Dave presenting \$500 check to Kim

Lion Sherry talked about Bakashana and the small huts **the** families live in. The schools now have both girls and boys and they study on a bench. Lion Dave presenting a \$1000 check to Sherry.



Gates Greece Lions Club

Thanks to everyone who supported us at our geranium sale.



We visited members of the Hilton Lions Club to their dinner meeting. It was fun talking with them and hearing what is happening in their club. We had a good turnout of members and the evening was full of laughs and good conversation.

Hamlin Lions Club

Big project for the Hamlin Lions Club. Taking pride in our community on Earth Day weekend and cleaning up our roads



The Hamlin Lions have made many friends over the years at Hamlin Beach State Park serving breakfasts.



Hilton Lions Club

We welcomed some members of the Gates/Greece Lions Club to our dinner meeting Thursday night at Foster's. It was fun talking with them and hearing what is happening in their club. We had a good turn out of members and the evening was full of laughs and good conversation.



Hiltons Lions assisting the Red Cross by signing in each person that donates blood at St. Leo's.

Irondequoit Lions Club

Irondequoit Lions Club recently concluded a project of collecting personal hygiene products for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard, (ICC). A bin was located in the main lobby of the town library and over a period of several weeks items were collected, along with socks and diapers. According to Debbie Evan Director of ICC these items are always in demand and every little bit helps. The Lions club would like to thank all those who donated items and also the library staff for their support.



Irondequoit Lions Club was awarded the Lions SEE grant for \$500 and the Irondequoit Library purchased large print and braille books for children, teens and young adults.

Pictured are Lions Scott and Judy Davis with books from the children's section. A sign is being displayed by the books stating they were from our Lions club and each book has a sticker inside stating book is a gift from our club.

The braille books are in canvas bags to protect them and again in this section the library has displayed a sign stating the books are a gift from our Lions club. We are thrilled that we can help the library with purchases of much needed materials.



Kendall Lions Club

In celebration of Earth Day, the Kendall Lions pay a visit to Kendall Schools annually to distribute trees to the 4th Grade Foresters. The students have just completed a unit on deforestation and are eager to plant their Douglas Firs, generously donated by Flower City Tree



Lions Helen Unterborn and Doug Urquhart were presented 15 year membership chevrons at tonight's meeting by Lion President Eric Maxon.

The Kendall Lions Annual Roadside Cleanup was on April 20. Big shout out to Kendall Cub scouts and Kendall Boy Scouts lead by Ken Spohr to clean up the roads in Kendall



Several members of the Kendall Lions Club travelled to the Batavia VA Hospital to host a bingo night for the vets. Always a privilege.



The Kendall Lions have been taking the Senior class to breakfast on the morning of the Senior Ball for over 30 years. The Hamlin VFW graciously allowed us the use of their facility for the third straight year for the event. 58 seniors and 10 Lions attended. Kendall Town Supervisor, Tony Cammarata, who is also a Lion, emceed the program. A delicious breakfast was catered by The Farmer's Table of Hamlin. Chet Fery, The Bread Man, was the key note speaker. He not only delivered an inspirational message to the class but also gave everyone in attendance a loaf of home made bread.

Lyndonville Lions Club

Lyndonville, NY's 4th of July Celebration

The Lyndonville Lions Club invites you to participate in their Independence Day celebration! The event, one of the largest 4th of July events in Western New York, includes Arts & Crafts from 10 AM to 5 PM, parade at noon, the Lions Club Chicken Bar-B-Que (1 - 3:30 PM); live music until the fireworks start at 10:00 PM.



Medina Lions Club

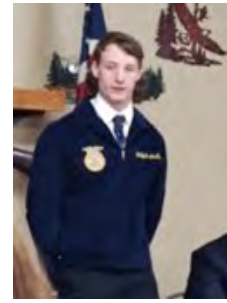
The Medina Boy Scout Troop 28 and Pack 29 from the Medina Methodist Church and the Medina Lions gathered at the Lions Park for a community beautification event. The aim was to enhance the park's aesthetics by mulching around the trees and bushes. There were approximately 15-18 volunteers. Many hands make light work.

Special thanks go to the Village of Medina and Eric Washak for donating and delivering the mulch to the park. It was interesting to learn that the village obtained this mulch from trees cut earlier this year. A Lion GRRRR is sent to Lion Tim Winters for bringing his tractor and moving the mulch for spreading. Other Lions who participated were Chris Leavitt, Dean Bellack, Matt Krutz, Chris Keller, and Ann McElwee. We ended the morning by enjoying grilled hot dogs and a drink



Annual Community Garage Sale and Chicken Barbecue June 1st. Chicken Dinner Sales start at 11:00am. Presale tickets \$14 and \$15 on the day of the event. Presale tickets are available by calling 716-341-1743





The April dinner meeting was a delightful gathering, filled with smiles and camaraderie. Our Vice-President, Julie Keller, shared exciting updates on upcoming community events. We were honored to have Todd Eick (FFA advisor and agriculture teacher) from Medina High School, his son Nathan, and Austin Seefelt, the student president of the FFA, as our guest speakers. Together, we celebrated Arbor Day on April 25 by planting a tree on the school property, a symbol of our shared commitment to the environment.

The May Dinner was a lot of fun. After the business meeting and yearly election. Lion Jim presented the 2024-2025 slate of officers. They are as follows. President: Tom Robinson, 1st Vice President: Julie Keller, 2nd Vice President: Mark Irwin, immediate Past President: Jim Hancock, Treasurer: Ken Dunham, Secretary: Carol Bellack, Tail Twister: Chris Keller, Lion Tamer: Ann McElwee, 1-Year Board Members: Tom McGrane, Judy Holbrook, Vickie Hutchinson; 2 Year Board Members: Billy Roman, Tom Beach, Cat Holland; 3 Year Board Members: Bobbie Guzik, Tim Moriarty, Jim Punch, Membership: Dave Bellucci, LCIF Liaison: Don Colquhoun.



Julie and Phil Barry were the speakers for the evening. Born and raised in Medina, Julie shared her journey back to Medina and owns the Author's Note. Both she and her husband are authors. Julie has written thirty books. Soon, she will be writing a book about Lockport. Her husband is working on a screenplay. Together, they do Swing Dancing at the Bent Opera House. Lessons are given, and dances are held. They have significant events planned. They treated the group to a Swing Dance Demonstration.

The Oakfield-Alabama Lions Club is Organizing the Oakfield Community Yard Sale.

Saturday, June 8

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club

The director of the puppy raising program at Guiding Eyes for the Blind spoke to the Rochester Downtown Host Club. She brought along a puppy raiser with the puppy she is raising. The director, Marci, informed us as to how the raisers prepare the puppies to be a potential guide dog for someone who is blind. Sue Lederer, secretary of the RDHLC, is on the right.



Webster Lions Club



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Wellsville Lions Club

Wellsville Lions Club inducts three new members



Longtime Lion Al Mosher did the honors of swearing in the new members.

Front- Brad Loucks, Dean Arnold, Sheila Kalkbrenner, Tom Hand
Back: Al Mosher, Jody Torrey, Bruce Hand

The Lions met recently at the Wellsville Country Club to welcome some new members to the pride. New members are Brad Loucks sponsored by Dean Arnold, Sheila Kalkbrenner sponsored by Jody Tory and Tom Hand sponsored by Bruce Hand. Longtime Lion Al Mosher did the honors of swearing in the new members.