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Greetings Fellow Lions,

We have made it through winter, and we are still going strong. I think that we have been cooped up just about long enough, thank you! Let nature show us by example that it is possible to have a rebirth in our lives. So, my Lion friends as we begin the Spring season – let us all begin to feed off the energy of new beginnings all around us.

I am happy that clubs are getting more comfortable with in-person meetings. I think everyone benefits from the “togetherness.” Club officers keep your members safe. There were some DG visitations postponed during the winter but let us see if I can speak to any clubs I missed.

Please contact me: mikedonner75@icloud.com.

I am pleased to announce PDG Judy MacKnight has stepped up to fill the empty 2VDG position. That means when I leave office on June 30, we will have a strong line of succession for the District Governor position. We have 1st VDG Curt Burdick of Scio, 2nd VDG Judy MacKnight of Gates, to carry the torch for the District.

As the district fills its officers, it is time to start thinking about club officers. It is best practice to choose officers around April 15, and the new officers must be reported using MYLCI by May 15. Alternatively, the club officers can be reported by using PU101 form.

I am very happy about the recent news that all American adults in the U.S. will be eligible for vaccination no later than May 1. Let us hope we all can attend the hybrid MD20 Convention on May 14-16, and my testimonial on Saturday, May 22 at Batavia Downs.

April 10th will be our Virtual Spring Conference from 10 A.M. till about Noon. This will be sent out in email and I will ask the Region and Zone chairs to call calling clubs.

Last item, you can feel that you helped those caught in the recent Texas tragedy. The Cabinet voted to send \$500 to The Texas Lions for disaster relief.

District Governor Mike Donner

20-E1 The Genesee River Region

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Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation

"Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people" -- attributed to Helen Keller.

In existence since the mid-1980s, the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation (FLRLHF) provides used hearing aids for those who fall between the cracks: they are not eligible for one through Medicaid, but also cannot afford to pay the thousands of dollars a professional new one costs. The Foundation has provided close to 4,000 hearing aids in the decades it has been providing this service.

In just the last 15 months, since contracting our geographic coverage to remove District N and even with the pandemic closing our hearing center partner locations for several months, we have handled 102 requests for hearing aids from people in the following locations throughout the 29 counties included in the Lions MD-20 Districts E-1, E-2, and Y we serve:

<i>Addison</i>	<i>Earlville</i>	<i>Lockport</i>	<i>Prattsburgh</i>
<i>Albion</i>	<i>East Rochester</i>	<i>Macedon</i>	<i>Pultney</i>
<i>Altmar</i>	<i>Elmira</i>	<i>McDonough</i>	<i>Rochester</i>
<i>Apalachin</i>	<i>Erieville</i>	<i>Naples</i>	<i>Silver Springs</i>
<i>Attica</i>	<i>Fairport</i>	<i>Newark Valley</i>	<i>Sodus</i>
<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Fulton</i>	<i>North Syracuse</i>	<i>Syracuse</i>
<i>Bath</i>	<i>Geneva</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Trumansburg</i>
<i>Bloomfield</i>	<i>Hannibal</i>	<i>Brookfield</i>	<i>Van Etten</i>
<i>Burdett</i>	<i>Hilton</i>	<i>Odessa</i>	<i>Vernon Center</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hornell</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>Victor</i>
<i>Canandaigua</i>	<i>Horseheads</i>	<i>Oriskany</i>	<i>Warsaw</i>
<i>Canastota</i>	<i>Irondequoit</i>	<i>Oswego</i>	<i>Watertown</i>
<i>Clinton</i>	<i>Kenmore</i>	<i>Painted Post</i>	<i>Waverly</i>
<i>Corning</i>	<i>Lansing</i>	<i>Palmyra</i>	<i>Wayland</i>
<i>Dresden</i>	<i>Little Genesee</i>	<i>Penn Yan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Dryden</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>	<i>Phelps</i>	<i>Wellsville</i>
<i>East Syracuse</i>	<i>Livonia</i>	<i>Pine City</i>	<i>West Monroe</i>
			<i>Wyoming</i>

Our primary expense is the up to \$300 per client/hearing aid we reimburse our hearing center partners to cover both material and labor expenses in testing and fitting our hearing aids. We rely mostly on donations to cover those expenses, although we ask clients to contribute as well if their income is between 139% and 200% (our max. served) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

To keep our expenses low, volunteers do much of the work of the Foundation. Lions members handle the applications process. The Foundation Audiologist and his staff stock and send out the hearing aids ordered by our hearing center partners. Hearing center partners also contribute as we are clearly not reimbursing their full costs, and some do not ask for our full reimbursement amount. You help by finding and sending in used hearing aids for us to reuse with our clients.

We see that the *number* of Lions Clubs donating to the Foundation has been declining, even before the pandemic hit. Once it did, we know you have had limited fundraising options, so we understand why we are receiving fewer and smaller donations, because your primary focus needs to be on basic needs in local communities. ***We do thank those clubs which have been able to send us any donation.***

However, if your club has not been donating to the FLRLHF, please consider putting us into your annual donation list, even if for only a relatively small amount for now. With over 125 clubs within the 3 Lions districts we serve, *any* donation from *each* club can help us continue to provide hearing aids to those in need.

If you know of other organizations (seniors' clubs, other service organizations, churches, etc.) that might be willing to donate to help us provide hearing aids to those in need, please ask them to do so, particularly if they are in areas not currently served by a Lions Club. Please also encourage them to let their constituents know of our service regardless of whether they donate to us. Our current application form is always available online at <https://tinyurl.com/FLRLHF-Apply>. You or they can print a sheet of promo cards for distribution on how to get a hearing aid from us at <https://tinyurl.com/flrlhf-rack-card>. Find us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/flrlhf> .

Finally, *and as importantly*, we ask that you continue to collect and send us used hearing aids, however old and in whatever condition. Please add "and hearing aids" to your Lions eyeglasses donation boxes if you have not already done so. Please let senior centers, funeral homes, churches, and other organizations know we need used hearing aids. We clean and/or refurbish the newest ones to give to our clients. We send the rest to an organization that will give us salvage credit, which we in turn use to defray expenses.

***Please send all monetary and hearing aid donations to:
FLRLHF, PO BOX 200, UNION SPRINGS, NY 13160***

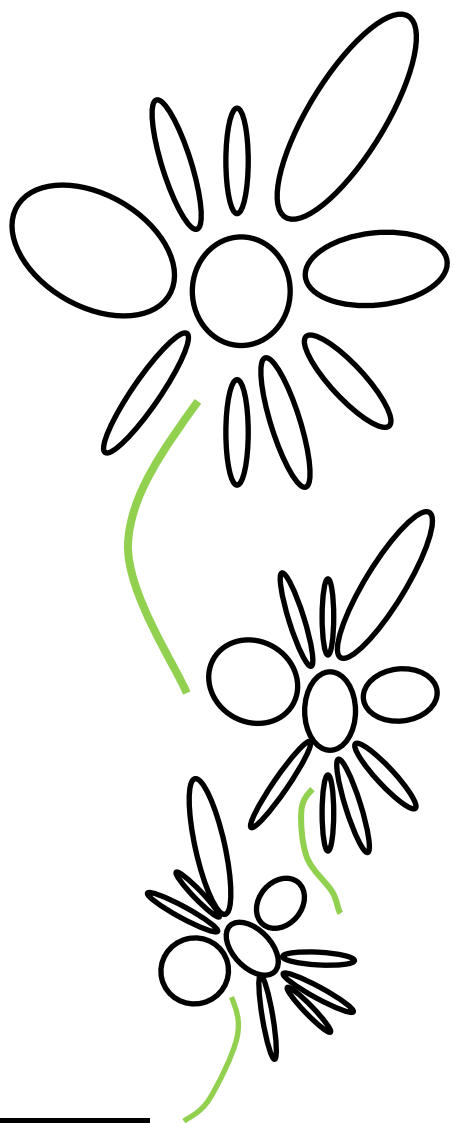
Please, let us together bring hearing back for these people. If you have any questions, please contact me at FLXLionsHelpYouHear@gmail.com

Regards, Lion Deb Lewis (USLC), Executive Director

Spring Fling Conference

You're invited

To attend the MD20



The Fall Conference was canceled due to COVID. Please save the date for a Zoom Conference/Party with headliner International Director Allan Hunt. There will be good info, and prizes. More details coming!

WHERE :	On Line
WHEN :	April 10, 2021
TIME :	10am - Noon



Calendar of Events - Page 22

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

Allan J. Hunt, from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Hunt is retired after 34 years working with NAV CANADA. He was part of the team that saw NAV CANADA through a transition from government entity to not-for-profit corporation in 1996. During his career he was a manager at various levels of the Canadian air navigation system, at one point managing two air traffic control towers—one of them being the tallest in the world.

A member of the Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions Club since 1988, he first became a Lion in 1979 as part of the Sandspit Lions Club. He has held several offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson, GLT constitutional area leader, LCIF Constitutional Area Co-Chairperson and every club level office except for Tail Twister. Director Hunt has also presented and moderated at several USA/Canada Lions Leadership forums.

In recognition of his service, Director Hunt has received several International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award and the Life Membership Award.

Always one to prioritize fellowship and community service, Director Hunt has held offices in several community organizations including president and chairperson of the board for his local YMCA as well as president and board chairperson of the Chilliwack & District Seniors Resources Society.

Director Hunt is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and his wife, Sonja M. Hunt, is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Their daughter, Kristen, and son-in-law, Chad, are also Lions and proud parents to the Hunt's granddaughter, Ella.

ALLAN J. HUNT INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR





LCI Virtual Convention

If you've never been to a Lions International Convention, now's your chance! Since the convention is virtual, you can attend from anywhere, be it Webster to Bolivar or Medina to Walworth.

The pandemic has forced LCI to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, LCI is optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities, and continue our mission of service.

Touring virtual exhibit halls
Connecting and networking with fellow Lions
Enjoying world-class entertainment
Hearing from our leaders and keynote speakers

Registration should be completed online at <https://lcon.lionsclubs.org>

Below is a breakdown of registration pricing, including special early bird pricing.

- The registration fee is **\$50.00** through March 31.
- The registration fee goes up to **\$75.00** after April 1 through the start day.

Disaster Relief | TEXAS

Lions of 20E1,

There have been inquiries from some very unselfish Lions in District 20E1 to help the people affected by tragedy in Texas. Our district has donated, but if you are contemplating a more personal gift. You can see the response below with an address to help.

The checks need to have "Disaster Relief" in the memo. This will alert the Foundation's officers of the intention. In turn, they will work with their Council Chair and Governors to direct the aid. Without this notation, the money may simply be treated as a donation.

Thanks for considering a donation,

DG Mike Donner

The Texas Lions Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3, can and does accept designated pass-through donations. Donors just need to show their intent in the memo of the check or donation. If the funds are designated for a particular District or area, we can pass the donation on to the Governor or Governors for use in that District or Districts in that area. If the donation is designated to MD 2, we can pass that on to the Council of Governors to decide on the best use of those funds. And lastly, if the donation is sent to our Texas Lions Foundation, designated for this disaster relief, we will apply it towards Emergency Disaster Relief grants that we issue to Lions Clubs around MD 2.

This is the approach we used during Hurricane Harvey and it seemed to work for everyone. Again, please pass on our thanks to the Lions of MD 20 for their generous offer of assistance.

Lion Bernie

PCC Bernie Gradel, Jr.

Chief Operations Officer

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Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- Flexible payments – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.
- Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

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1.42M	
Total Membership	
4.33%	
Membership Growth in FY	
49,972	
Total Clubs	
\$33,037,294	
Total Donations in FY	
603,253	
Total Activities in FY	
158.23M	
Total People Served LCI	
27.92M	
Total People Served LCIF	
273,258	
Participants in Learning Events	

Brockport Lions Club



Feb 27 the Brockport Lions Club installed a handicap ramp for one of their members, Neil Newman. No job too big, no Lions hands too small. It was a great day for a ramp build project and Neil (pictured in the wheel chair) and his wife, Sugar , showed their appreciation to the Brockport Lions for this service project.

Fairport Lions Club

The Fairport Lions met on March 2 with a nice corn beef dinner to celebrate St Patrick's Day a little early.

President Frank was busy passing out the Bunnies.

Lion Dave Zimmer gave a slide and video presentation on the trip that he and son did to Columbia and Ecuador to hike and mountain bike. They even zip lined from one mountain to another, over a gorge. Very interesting to see and hear of their adventures.

Lion Frank Stein has reserved Fellows Rd Park for steak roast for June 1 meeting.

The Fairport Lions Board of Directors approved the following donations: Perinton Food Shelf; Penfield Food Bank; East Rochester Food Bank; Rochester Foodlink; Rochester YWCA for homeless women; and BAKASHANA

Greece Ridge Lions Club

Scholarships

The Greece Ridge Lions are once again offering a scholarship to a senior in a Greece high school. The deadline for applications is April 16th, and the winner can apply the scholarship towards either trade school or college studies. The application is posted on the club's Twitter and Facebook pages.

Military Care Packages

The Greece Ridge Lions, as a club and as individuals, bought toiletries and food items that were sent to the following military bases: Army/Fort Carson, Marines/Camp Lejeune, Navy/Great Lakes, and Air Force/Wright-Patterson. This was done through coordination with a local youth group. Lions wrote 30 notes of encouragement that were sent to the service members along with notes from the youth and others, and the donated items.



Members met for the first time in person on February 22nd at Uncle Danny's Restaurant. It has been several months and it was good to be together and see everyone.

First line of business was the Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt. After much discussion those in attendance decided to do an Easter Egg Hunt/drive thru. Organizing this took work to get approval from the towns parks and recreation and Irondequoit Police Dept. but after approval the two school districts were notified, gave their thumbs up and agreed to distribute the Egg Hunt/drive thru flyer electronically to the K-3rd grade families.

So we are happy to report that the 62nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt/drive thru will take place on Saturday April 3rd at Camp Eastman at 1301 Lake Shore Blvd. beginning at 9am sharp. Lions and helpers will hand out bagged Easter candy and other items, some of which were donated by Reliant Bank, which is one of the Club's proud supporters. There will be a special guest appearance by the Easter bunny. All Lions will wear masks and gloves and families will remain in their cars.



Also at the meeting Lion Secretary Bev Bloss shared the award our Club received from the Association for the Blind. Called Partners in Leadership it represents the many years of financial support that we have given the Agency. We recently did a zoom meeting with a virtual tour conducted by Tracy Schleyer, VP of Community Engagement, Jennifer Lake new President and CEO and other staff on the work that the Agency is doing. The tour consisted of their sensory playground, the kitchen located in the rehab. department and one of the manufacturing departments. Because of Covid, departments had to make adjustments financially and physically. Many staff worked from home and the Goodwill stores were closed for many months. The stores are back open and staff is coming back. Financially they took a large hit like many other agencies but they continue to serve the community. One example that was given was the Call Center 211 phone line that received over 100,000 calls for help in getting assistance which was at least 3 times more than normal.

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Our Little Free Library has been decorated for St. Patrick's Day. Use has slowed down a bit because of the weather but books are rotated for a better selection. The Club also continues to make financial donations to the Irondequoit Community Cupboard which helps families in need within the town.

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Finally our tail twister Lion Karl Bloss has reported that even though our Club is small we have 396 years of accumulative service to our town. Through our existing members we have continued to reach out to the residents and helped where it is needed .

Medina Lions Club

Congratulations

Congratulations to the elected Medina Lions Club officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 term. The members appreciate the continuation of 2019-2020 officers that continued through the unusual current 2020-2021 term.

LCIF Awards Two Medina Members

Cheers to Lion Ann McElwee and Lion Dean Bellack for their LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation) awards. Lion McElwee received a Membership Drive Patch for Medina Lions Club's banner. Lion Bellack received a Gold Centennial Award pin.

Community Kitchen

On March 5, Lion Ann McElwee and Kelly Uderitz volunteered to provide a nutritious meal at Albion's Community Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church.

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



Needs Continue for Medical Supply Closet

On February 10 general members' Zoom meeting, Lion Jim Hancock reported on the Medical Supply Loan Closet status for Lion Jim Punch. Tremendous demands for medical equipment stimulated the need to accept donations, especially because of depleted wheelchairs and a low bed supply. Lion Hancock reminded volunteers to continue to adhere to the COVID-19 rules using masks and gloves to receive and sanitize equipment.



On February 23, board members Lions Ann McElwee, Jim Hancock, and Jim Punch stressed the on-going need for medical equipment, especially wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds.

A newly added service recently developed. President Billy Roman suggested having one set of bed sheets available, for only those in need, when someone borrows a hospital bed. The sheet sets are now available.

Our special guest speaker for the general meeting was District Attorney Joe Cardone. He spoke about criminal justice as it relates to three topics. He spoke about the discovery of evidence to defenders, bail reform, and the legalization of marijuana.



COVID Vaccine and Vision Screening

Lion Christine Thompson shared information from a January 27, 2021 email from Joe Gorman District 20E SEE vision screening program. Joe wrote the following.

" All vision screening in MD 20 is basically on hold due to Covid school restrictions until the fall since public schools are closed to visitors until then" (January 27, 2021. Update for 20E1 SEE Vision Screening Committee. para. 1). " It is suggested by SEE and Kidsight USA that all screeners that will be Vision Screening in the future get a covid flu shot because it will be a requirement by school systems that all visitors have proof of receiving a Covid flu shot. There should only have at the most 3 Lions on sight [cite] for the Screening"

Lions Ann McElwee or Christine Thompson ask all Medina Lions members to inform them of their completed COVID vaccinations if planning to participate in future public school vision screenings. Remember to keep your COVID vaccine card accessible to present when the school allows a scheduled screening.



Lions Donna Bushover, Sherry Wheatly, and Judy Holbrook from the Scholarship Committee are beginning "the process of accepting and reviewing scholarship nominees"

Future In-Person Lions Meetings

Board members decided that once the outdoor climate improves, face-to-face meetings will be outside as weather permits. In the meantime, upcoming meetings will be via Zoom. If you don't have Zoom capabilities on your computer or cellphone, find a fellow member and gather using COVID guidelines.

Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club

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New York State's oldest Lions Club, the Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club, will be 100 years young in September this year! We have been honored to welcome five new members this year and we asked them to share a brief biography with you. Garth joined earlier in the year but all the others were enrolled in December, 2020!

Our newest Lions in order of official membership date:



GARTH HANKINSON (re-joined Lions Clubs, July 2020): Garth began his Lions membership by joining the Hamlin Lions Club when he was a 20 year old college student attending a local college. After graduating, he moved to St. Louis to continue his education, where he received an MBA in business administration. While in St. Louis he was unable to be active his home town Lions Club and dropped his membership. Sometime after returning to Rochester, he joined the Greece Ridge Lions Club as a Charter Member and he, along with his wife Gwyn, maintained that membership several years. Garth is presently employed as the Executive Vice President and CFO of Constellation Brands



DAWN LOVEJOY (December 2020): I am an experienced Customer Service/ Manager. I have been in the Customer Service field for over 20 years. I've worked in several call centers, retail stores, and also in higher education. I was drawn into the Lions Club from a conversation that started with Bing Reaves, the content being diabetes. I myself was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes 10 years ago. Through many ups and downs I have learned a lot about diabetes and I want to use the club as a platform for educating and assisting others who are struggling with this disease. I look forward to helping the community with prevention and finding ways to control diabetes.



LISA GOFF (December 2020): Lisa L Goff, a retired Registered Nurse and US Army Veteran, grew up in Detroit, Michigan. In 2010, she and her husband Eric moved from Detroit to Rochester, NY (Eric's hometown). Lisa has over twenty years' experience working with grassroots, nonprofit and other community-based organizations on health programs and initiatives. Recently, she joined the Lions Club International because of an interest in the LCI Global (Diabetes) Cause. Lisa currently serves on the Downtown Rochester Lions Club Diabetes Test Study Team.



SUE LEDERER (December 2020): I have worked for the NY State Commission For The Blind for 40 years. I teach Orientation and Mobility to legally blind adults, preparing them to travel independently wherever they need to travel. I have enjoyed both teaching and working with wonderful colleagues. I joined the LIONS because of their mission to serve individuals who are blind.



ROGER DENNIS (December 2020): I have lived all of my 73 years in the Rochester NY area. I graduated from Greece Olympia in 1966 and served a NY tool and die apprenticeship, mostly at Alliance Tool and Die and after a few years I ended up at Kodak Park. In 1976 I lost much of my sight from an illness. After nearly 3 years Kodak rehired me as an administrative assistant where I investigated suggestions and did any other issues that came my way. I got involved in computer tracking of manufacturing equipment and became proficient in computer usage. As Kodak downsized, I felt I should look for another position and transferred to Kodak Office where I supported their e-mail system and worked on their hot line. While there I moved the Kodak directory from the Mainframe to the internet and became the project manager. I retired from Kodak after 34 years. I spent 7 years on the board of the Association for the Blind/Goodwill, where I headed up their consumer advisory board. After retirement I was involved in the Lions Club in North Greece but because I was spending most of each year in Florida, I dropped out. Because of my sight problem I have always had an interest in Lions and after my wife's passing, I felt I had time to join.



\$8,000 check presented to Foodlink from Rochester Downtown Host Lions 2/19/21

Julie Burke- Foodlink, Jime Schiebel,
Al Smith, Bing Reaves



Rochester Downtown Host Lions present a check to Marine Toys for Tots on 2/12/21

Al Smith, Bing Reaves Sr., Jason Tiefel of Toys for Tots, Jim Schiebel, Kathy Williams of Toys for Tots.

Yvette Reaves



New Medical Loan Closet

The Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club has now established a medical loan closet in the city of Rochester.

Under the Chairmanship of Lion Bing Reaves, a location was found and local Lions Loan Closet Chairmen were contacted. Hamlin Lions Club Loan Closet Co-Chairmen PDG Tim Crawford and Lion Dan Hicks had recently received many donations and were willing to share. Early on a Saturday morning, Lions Tim Crawford and Dan Hicks started sorting what would be shared and what they wanted to keep.

Helped by Hamlin Lions PDG Marvin Hankinson and Lion Diane Hankinson several loads were selected and sent to West Avenue in Rochester where Lion Bing Reaves is organizing a new loan facility. Much work cleaning and identifying items is now needed but we anticipate equipment to be ready soon.

Senior Scholarship

Since 2013 members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club have offered a scholarship to a graduating senior. Starting originally with two per year, we now offer three. All applicants must be from the "Lions family" meaning they must be a Leo, or one of their parents must be a Lions member or one of their grandparents must be a Lions member. If they meet that criteria, they may apply whether they enjoy the fellowship of pin trading or not.

I want to thank the Lions that took time to score all the applicants this year: PDG Judy MacKnight - Gates Lions Club, — Zone Chairman, Albert Merrill - Cuba Lions Club, — District Trading Pin Chairman - Kevin Monaghan - Greece Ridge Lions Club, — Club President, Tom Bartolini - Avon Lions Club, — Club Vice President Aren Schank, Cuba Lions Club, — Club Secretary, Diane Monaghan, Greece Ridge Lions Club, — and Club Treasurer, Steve Nicot, Hilton Lions Club.

The two who were selected to represent New York State at the international level were: Jericho High School senior, Ariel Kim and Somers High School senior, Julia Caico. The results will be announced at LITPC annual breakfast meeting, June 5th in Hebron, Kentucky. This is an annual contest and any Junior should consider applying next year. The rules can be found on the website - www.LITPC.org.

Past LITPC President, Jim Schiebel PCC

SEPTEMBER
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CELEBRATE

December Food Drive - Picture of food collected in conjunction with the Wayne Central High School. Food was distributed to Legion Riders for the local veterans, the Come-Unity Center in Wayne County, the Food Pantry in Ontario and other local recipients. Also to the Eastern Service Workers Association. Thank you to Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department for the use of storage space.



January 26 – Board of Directors by Zoom.

February 16 Dinner Meeting - We contracted with our caterer and pre-ordered individually packaged meals. They could be picked up at our regular meeting place and taken home to eat. And to join a dinner meeting by Zoom at 6:30. Worked out well; it was good to get back together again. We had discussions about future meetings, events and slate of officers. This worked out very well.

March 16 – Dinner meeting with meals and Zoom as done above for February 16. But this time with a speaker: Mike Kopicki, Apiary. This is our first Zoom meeting with a speaker.

Easter Egg Hunt – This will be a drive through event held on March 27. We will hand out pre-packaged bags with color books, chalk and some candy. Also we will be collecting canned goods for food distribution.

Environmental Clean-Up – April 24. Road side clean up as in the past. Team up with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Ecology Club at Wayne Central. Drive through lunch for participants at noon.

Festival In The Park – July 23 and 24. Planning meeting March 9. May be limited to a one day event, but will still include food, movie and fireworks.

April 6 – Start in person dinner meetings at the Lodge. Speaker will be Joe Siracuse, Wayne Central Superintendent.

April 20 – Dinner Meeting in person at the Lodge. Speaker will be Wayne County Sheriff Barry Virts speaking on Bail Reform. Also election of Officers.

May 18 – Visit by DG Mike Donner, installation of officers and awards distributed.

Pasta Dinner for 2021 – Cancelled due to Covid.

Donations – Family Promise of Wayne County, WXXI Reach-Out Radio, LCIF for Texas Relief.

Tent Rentals – Currently taking reservations.

Trash Plates at the Walworth Farmer's Market – This is a new venture for Walworth; started last summer and will again be held July 6 and August 3. Very successful.

Walworth Lions Club 50th Anniversary – May 2022. We have formed a committee to begin planning for this event.

We now have 8 active members with 30 or more years of lions Service.



Lions Dave Lazzar and Raphael Monti delivering snacks to Unity Hospital

In December the Webster Lions Club donated snacks to frontline workers at Rochester General Hospital to thank and recognize their work during the pandemic. That recognition was so well received that the Club decided to donate another round of snacks to Unity and to UPMC hospitals. . In February, the Club purchased \$600 worth of granola bars, nutrigrain bars, cheese and cracker packs, chips, cookies and candy bars. Those fifty two boxes of snacks totaling 3100 wrapped pieces were delivered to the 2 hospitals for their ICU staff.

Our health care workers continue to be very busy caring for the many sick patients in their Intensive Care Units. They are working long hours and extra shifts while wearing full PPE. Every day they treat very sick individuals that face difficult situations. These donated snacks help to recognize and thank them for their work.

- On February 22 DG Mike Donner attended—via ZOOM—the clubs membership meeting .
- The Club supported, through Camp Smile, the following organizations: Foodlink, House of Mercy, Santa's Workshop as well as efforts in Texas relief.



HAS FUNDRAISING BEEN A CHALLENGE THIS YEAR?

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CLUB TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN \$15,000?

Tickets can be purchased by contacting NYS&BLF Secretary Lorri E. Rieger at:

NYS & BLF, PO Box 445, Glen Head, NY 11545

or

Call: 516-445-4144

Tickets are \$100 each. Three tickets purchased by a club earns the right to name a Robert J Uplinger Awardee within three years. Individuals can pool together to purchase ticket(s) - for example 4 individuals each contribute \$25 for one ticket.

Every District that cumulatively purchases 75 tickets will earn a \$500 incentive.

Every District that cumulatively purchases 100 tickets will earn a \$1,000 incentive.

Thank you for supporting ***your*** Foundation.



LIONS CLUBS OF NEW YORK STATE & BERMUDA, INC.

Multiple District 20 Convention

May 14 – 15, 2021

Dear Lions:

The Lions Clubs of New York State & Bermuda, Inc. will be holding their 97th Annual Multiple District 20 State Convention in Syracuse, New York Friday and Saturday May 14 & 15, 2021.

This annual convention will attract approximately 1200 Lions, spouses, family, friends and children from all over New York State & Bermuda. Each year, a program book is provided to all registered Lions and guests attending in person or virtually. This book contains vital information regarding the convention and is also a wonderful opportunity for Lions projects, districts or clubs to advertise and inform attendees of what they have to offer.

The convention program book is also a great way for you to:

- Encourage fellow Lions to vote if you are running for a position of District Governor, 1VDG or 2VDG
- Congratulate a fellow Lion or Lions Club on a particular accomplishment
- Send a message from your Lions Club or a personal message from you

The MD-20 Convention Host Committee would like to give you the opportunity to advertise in this important virtual publication. We have included an advertising contract with this letter for your use. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting our convention. If you know of any businesses that would like to advertise with us please contact me for more information and the commercial rate.

Yours in Service,

PCC Kelly Clark

Program Book Chairperson

Kclarkmd20@gmail.com 315 771 1817



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Advertising Contract Sizes & Prices

_____	Full Page	8½" x 11"	\$100.00
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In addition to appearing in the virtual program that each registered participant will receive, these ads will be on a loop that appears during breaks in the convention activities. Each submission will appear in color so have fun with your designs. We are sure that your district or club would be excited to congratulate or thank those who have served you this year or in the years to come.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____, along with my camera ready artwork.

*** You MUST also e-mail the ad by sending a .pdf file to: kclarkmd20@gmail.com***

Please make checks payable to:

District 20-Y Lions
c/o PCC Lion Kelly Clark
7643 Park Ave.
Lowville, NY 13367

Name (Please print)

Company/Organization/Club

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Fax

email

Any questions can be directed to: PCC Kelly Clark 315 771 1817 kclarkmd20@gmail.com

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.**

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.

Send to Lion Karen Guarino | district20e1newsletter@gmail.com