

# THE ROARING District 20-E1

#### **NEWSLETTER**

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

The times are changing, flowers are popping up. You what else is popping up? In-person Lions meetings are now a thing. How cool is that? Just about all E1 clubs are meeting inperson and the members are happy to get back together. The service of Lions is so im-



portant, but that goes hand in hand with the friendships we encounter in our clubs, district, and beyond. You can meet a Lion across the country, or the world and you have met a friend.

I am so proud of my clubs in E1. Our district was the first in New York State to have every club pay off their MD20 dues and their LCI dues. This is an example how hard our team works together to get things done. As of this writing District E1 has a growth of 9 members this year; who would have thought we could pull that off?

It is a busy time in the term of the District Governor. The hybrid State Convention is coming soon. My District Governor Testimonial is May 22 at Batavia Downs. We will get together and celebrate the year, pass out some awards and have some laughs. I will also have some more visits to clubs, which is my favorite part of being a District Governor. The final cabinet meeting will be June 13.

A big thanks to the Brockport Lions in helping in making E1'S video for the virtual International Convention 2021 to honor soon to be LCI President Doug Alexander. The virtual convention will be held June 25-29<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure your club officers get entered into LCI's site.

#### **District Governor Mike Donner**

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# There's still time to attend

# District 20-E1 Social Hour at the WORLD-FAMOUS Pin Barn



Everyone in the district is invited to have some free pizza at PCC Jim Schiebel's Pin Barn.

Come and be amazed and socialize with fellow Lions.

BYOB, adult, or soft drinks.

May 22, 2021 Noon – 3 PM

Jim and Donna Schiebel 748 Wiler Road Hilton, NY 14468

RSVP PCC Jim: jschiebel@rochester.rr.com

or

DG Mike: mikedonner75@icloud.com

# From LCI: DUES

Dear Lion Leader,

We reached out to you in March to share an updated dues adjustment model that was scheduled to be voted on at our 2021 international convention. Although this resolution was designed to strengthen the future of Lions, the pandemic has continued to take its toll on our Lions, our communities, and our world today.

After careful consideration, the International Board of Directors has taken action to remove the resolution from the ballot this year and to move the vote on the dues adjustment resolution to our 2022 international convention, with the increase to be effective in July 2023 if passed.

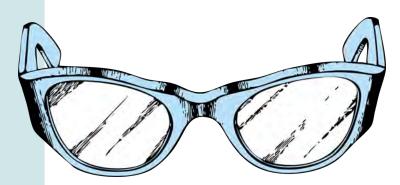
We believe that the dues adjustment resolution is the right investment in the future of Lions, but we also realize that our greatest priority is helping our clubs and members make it through one of the greatest challenges of our time. I want to personally thank you all for your tremendous support, and for everything you're doing to protect the health and well-being of our Lions and our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President

Used eyeglass collection update.

We have an agreement on the placement of a tractor trailer in Hamlin NY on Hamlin Fire Dept grounds behind the Ambulance building on Rt. 19 just north of the fire hall.



Tom Cole of Hilton Spencerport Xpress is working to get us a trailer, pallets, plastic wrap, and a pallet jack for our use. As soon as a trailer is available, we will send out the note to contact PDG Greg Lund for a time to bring glasses to the trailer, for those of you that are used to bring glasses yourself. Once we have accumulated enough pallets of glasses, we will contact ReSpecs again to ship them out.



# Calendar of Events - Page 14

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



Last month Donna and I spent a few days at "Camp Dogwood", the camp of the North Carolina Lions. We were attending a pin swap organized by the pin traders in that state. The camp is situated on a lake and was designed to serve blind and visually impaired adults with a full variety of activities including water skiing. The majority of the Lions in North Carolina make an annual personal donation to support their camp.

Over the years I have been to the Lions' camps in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Texas and North Carolina. All of these are heavily dependent on their Lions support. Lions Camp Badger in Spencer is our Lions state camp. This was adopted as a state project in 1980 and has had summer programs for youth ever since. I have personally spent many days and a few nights at our camp working. I have also served on the administrative board that runs the programs. If you are not familiar with our camp, speakers are available within our District or you can look at the information on the internet. It is our program for special needs youth and I would challenge everyone to consider making an annual personal donation to support the program. Mail your donation to Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Road, Spencer, New York 14883.

Thank you for your consideration.

PCC Jim Schiebel, Past President of Lions Camp Badger

# **BROCKPORT Lions Club**

The Brockport Lions Club inducted 4 new members at the April 21st meeting.

Pictured are new member Jack Tangen, Sponsor(son-in-law) Kevin Smith and Jackie Smith( daughter and Monroe Co. Legislator).



#### 3 Generations of Lions,

Sugar (grandma)Newman, Sponsor-Laurie (daughter) Streb, New member granddaughter Erin, Past District Gov. (grandpa) Neil Newman and new members grand kids-Jamie and Kelly.



A great evening for both families and the Brockport Lions Club

5,000 geraniums sold

Lions Club of Chili had a very successful geranium sale.

They sold over 5,000 plants and hanging baskets.



### **FAIRPORT Lions Club**

The Fairport Lions Club met on May 4 for the first meeting this month. Our guest was Jane Patterson. Adult Nurse Practitioner and experienced diabetes educator. Jane spoke about problems with diabetes.

When PDG Jim and Lion Pat Rice arrived at the meeting, there was a cake and a bottle of wine to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Lions Jim and Pat were given a certificate of appreciation commemorating their continued service to the Fairport Lions. The cake was

complements of Spanelli Catering and the wine was compliment of our King Lion.





At their monthly meeting at Uncle Danny's Restaurant, members of the Irondequoit Lions Club voted to keep the officers for the Lion year 2021-22 the same as this past year. Officers for the upcoming year will be Lion Tim McCall, president, Lion Scott Davis, 1st VP, Lion Beverly Bloss Secretary, Lion Bill Davis Treasurer, Lion Karl Bloss Tail Twister, Lion Jim Verni Membership Chairman and the club's website coordinator and Lion Judy Davis Club Reporter.

The Easter Egg Hunt /Drive thru did not draw a good attendance so candy was donated to various organizations throughout the town, including Irondequoit Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Irondequoit Community Cupboard and the Lutheran Community Center on Joseph Avenue, which is run by Maggie Harris. Donations have been made to VOA to support their "I Remember Mama" project and ICC to support their work providing food for town families in need.

Our Little Free Library continues to attract lots of children so we are constantly filling it with children's books. Donations are always welcomed.





Collection of used eye glasses has been suspended and containers have been removed from our various collection spots until further notice. Due to the pandemic Wal Mart is not accepting glasses at this time.

# **KENDALL Lions Club**

The Kendall Lions Club welcomed DG Mike Donner to our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. DG Mike presented years of service chevrons and pins to several of our club members along with a Club Excellence Patch and pin to our club. Past President Helen Unterborn was awarded an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.







Earth Day tradition

An annual Earth Day tradition for the Kendall Lions is presented a tree sapling to each fourth-grade student to plant at their home.

During our presentation Lion Mike Cusimano shared with the students a brief explanation of the work the Lions do in their community.







**Environmental Clean Up Day** 

This year's Environmental Clean Up Day in Kendall was very successful. The Kendall Lions sponsor the event and with the help of the Boy Scouts, KCS Seniors and many community members were able to collect over six yards of trash from our roadways.



### Save the date

Saturday

Make your reservations now!

June 12

Kendall Lions 45th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

Saturday June12, 2021

Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club

Call Jeff Rodas at 659-8303 to register your team or email at jrodas612@gmail.com. Cost \$75/Person presale, \$80 after June 4th.

Reservations and payment by June 4<sup>th</sup> sent to Jeff Rodas 17082 Roosevelt Highway Kendall NY 14476 Checks Payable to Kendall Lions Club

Non golfers: Lunch \$7, Dinner \$28 includes gratuity and 2-hour open bar.

Registration 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, all golfers in carts at 12:45. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm.

Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch served at 10th tee with free draft beer and bottled water. Dinner in club house following tournament, 2-hour open bar includes draft beer and soda.

Prizes and Raffles

### **MEDINA Lions Club**

#### Clean-Up Day

Lion members assisted Lion Don Colquhoun and Boy Scouts on Saturday morning, May 1, during Environmental Clean-Up Day at Lions Park. When done, Medina Lions Club provided a hot dog luncheon. (See Your Hometown Extra newspaper for pictures and more information.)



#### Listen to This

Can you listen to the musical sounds of spring? Many people cannot hear the tones of the birds around us every day,

but you can help. Do you know of someone with hearing aids? If you do, please ask them if they or anyone they know have hearing aids to donate to Medina Lions Club's Hearing Aid Project. Give donations to Lion Kevin Bogan, who chairs our club's hearing-aid collection and is the funeral home director of Bogan Funeral Home in Medina





#### Food Lovers - Fight Hunger

On Friday, May 7, three Lion members accompanied Lion Ann McElwee at the Community Kitchen at Albion's Christ Episcopal Church. Picture 1 - Lion Carol Bellack and Lion Mary Herbert prepare tomatoes, while. Lion Dean Bellack arranges cheese slices in picture 2

Lion Ann McElwee is the club's promoter and strives to find able members willing to fight against hunger at one dinner per month. She is behind the camera and rarely seen. There are only seven more dinners for 2021. Plan to volunteer on any of the first Fridays of every month. These dates are June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3. Help McElwee plan and keep our club's promise to serve with Albion Lions from 1 pm – 4 pm and 4 pm – 7 pm. Watch your emails for McElwee's information and requests. Also, please help get a picture of McElwee for the newsletter.

# Our 1st

#### First In-Person General Members Dinner Meeting

Medina's Lions Club had its first in-person General Members Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, at St Mary's Catholic Church's GYM. There were 26 members in attendance, with 23 members (92%) having received the COVID vaccine. President Billy Roman took a vote to see if EVERYONE was comfortable in taking off his or her masks. The vote was unanimous.

#### Flourishing Medical Supply Closet

At the board meeting on April 20, Lion Jim Punch updated the status of the Medical Supply Closet. Volunteer members are now accepting rollators, wheelchairs, and lift chairs [medical recliners] due to the lack of space caused by numerous hospital beds in stock. A high number of requests for lift chairs surprised Punch. Lion members, please share the community's need for this type of chair.

Lion Punch reported at the May 4 general meeting that the Medical Supply Closet had the busiest month ever. The community responded well to the need for hospital beds. Punch was surprised that the number of beds in stock is 23 compared to the beginning number of six or seven in October 2020. Volunteers are now taking down names and addresses of people offering to donate a bed to locate more when stock dwindles,

#### **Differences Between Walkers and Rollators**

The reference to walkers with wheels and rollators is confusing, so here are the differences noted from "Good Life Medical Systems." See web site for further information and pictures:

https://www.good-life-medical-equipment.com/blog/what-is-the-difference-between-a-walker-and-a-rollator-walker/



#### What is a Walker?

Most walkers have four legs and they allow the user to take some of their weight off their legs while walking and putting some of their weight on their arms. Walkers also help with balance. Walkers may have wheels on the front two legs for people who do not have the strength to lift the walker off the ground when moving forward. Walkers are usually lightweight and may fold, so they are easy [to] transport and store

#### What is a Rollator Walker?

Rollators are basically walkers with wheels on all the walker legs. They may have three or four legs. Since they have wheels on all the legs, for safety they also have a brake. In addition to the brake, they may have a seat the user can sit on when the brake is engaged and they need to sit. Though it is tempting, Rollators should not be used as wheelchairs, to push the person sitting on the seat, unless you have one that was designed for this use, a Rollator Transport Chair Hybrid (2015, Cohen, S, Good Life Medical Systems, para 2-3). To the right is a Rollator Transport Chair Hybrid. Pictures are from the Good Life Medical Systems website.



#### Community Garage Sale and Chicken BBQ

Medina Lions Club members are selling Chicken BBQ tickets with more available from Lion Tim Moriarty. Members must give unsold Chicken BBQ tickets to Lion Tim Moriarty ASAP, before the deadline of Tuesday, June 1 is preferred (04-20-2021, Medina Lions Club Board Meeting notes, p. 2, para. 5-7).

Online Chicken BBQ tickets are also available through the United Way of Orleans County website. This service is provided by Lion Dean Bellack, the agency's executive director. The end date for this opportunity is May 28

To buy online, go onto Medina Lions Club Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/medinanylions/). Look below the picture to the left showing Lions Don Colquhoun, Sherry Wheatly, and Jim Hancock advertising the Medina Community Yard Sale.

Find "Upcoming Events," where you will find "Lions Club Chicken Bar-B-Que," Go below this box and look for the United Way link

President Lion Billy Roman asked for Lion members who have not volunteered for the Chicken BBQ to contact Lion Jim Hancock or himself ASAP

#### Speaker Changing Orleans County Support

Don't let his size and soft voice fool you. Medina's Lion Club member Dean Bellack, Executive Director of the United Way of Orleans County, is dynamically expanding the agency's mission of connecting "people, resources, ideas, and funding to make our community stronger." A \$450,000 Grant from outside the county, Bellack said, "is a game-changer." "The grant will fund a Community Grant Writer for the next five years." Other money has also been given to promote the Orleans Digital Literacy Initiative II for 2-3 years. The agency has added other entities to support. Some of the new agencies are Care Net of Greater Orleans, Hands 4 Hope, Orleans Recovery Hope Begins Here, ARC of Genesee–Meals On Wheels, Kendall Community Food Cupboard, plus others (5-4-2021, Medina Lions Club General Member meeting: Speaker D. Bellack - Slide Presentation). (See the United Way of Orleans County website previously mentioned for more information.)



(Picture of Dean Bellack is from 01-22-2021, Kropf, G., United Way looks to build on successes from 2020 after securing several new grants. Orleans Hub. https://orleanshub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/010820\_LOdeanB.jpg)

## **ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN HOST Lions Club**



The Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club held their first in-person meeting as a picnic in PCC Jim Schiebel's barn on May 1st. The Club met all through the past year, first on the telephone and then on zoom but this is the first that we were able to meet two of the Club's new members - Lisa Goff and Roger Dennis in person.

Lion Lisa Goff has embraced the LCl's diabetes program and has generated some excitement in this area. She was able to bring a potential new member, Diane Green, with her to meet the group. About half the club were able to attend.

The "barn" is available to provide an indoor and/or outdoor dining facility for any club that might have an interest in seeing a great deal of Lions' history.

Contact PCC Jim Schiebel to determine availability.

#### **WEBSTER Lions Club**



Those that wished to participate received a logo cookie to "paint" before the presentation.

Webster Lions enjoyed hearing from several individuals from ABVI during the club's April ZOOM meeting. Sarah Favro, Senior Philanthropy Manager, introduced our panel of speakers and coordinated a fun cookie coloring exercise for a few of us.

President and CEO Jennifer Lake introduced herself and gave an overview of how ABVI has worked to continue serving the agency's mission during the COVID pandemic.

Joette Vahey, Workforce Development Specialist, shared her successful creative approaches to virtual programming.

We also heard from Chris, a 10th grader, who participated in ABVI's Career Explorers program. He explained how it helped him understand how to get employed and helped him navigate through job seeking.

#### 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.

May 22 DG Mike Donner's Testimonial

Sat June 12 Kendall Lions Club / 45th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

June 25-29 International Convention Montreal, Quebec

2021 Lions International Convention will be virtual

Montréal Quebec June 25-29, 2021

**USA/Canada Forum** 

Des Moines, Iowa September 9-11, 2021