



# THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2020 ISSUE

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Greetings Lions and Leos of 20 E1,

Autumn has arrived which means beautiful colors in the trees, and some crisp weather. Lions clubs in the area are busy planning projects in safe ways. It is October and clubs are already making plans for successful Halloween, holiday food baskets program and/or Christmas projects.



I have completed the first quarter of my District Governor visitations and I have witnessed a lot. First off, it is amazing that no 2 clubs are the same, yet there is a common spirit amongst us: we all want to help others. The dress code varies at every visitation, but I enjoy the freedom each club gets to choose how formal or casual it dresses. Giving out awards and inducting new Lions gives me a great feeling, it shows Lions are being recognized and we have an organization people want to be a part of. The warmth and hospitality I have been shown by clubs in towns that I have never been in is amazing.

Please challenge yourself to report all your service to LCI. Secretaries please report membership and keep up with LCI dues and fees. Treasurers please turn in your tax form. These little make my life easier as I do my visitations.

The second cabinet meeting will be in Avon on Sunday, November 1. If you are interested in seeing what happens at a cabinet meeting let me know. Seating is limited, but we want to involve more people in district activities.



### DISTRICT OFFICERS

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#### Region 4

**Zone 7 Chair** Gary Nacaster

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# Challenge yourself

District Governor Mike Donner | 20-E1 The Genesee River Region  
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SAVE THE DATE

COMING  
UP

# 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**



## Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, 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 has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

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

- Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Charter and entrance fees waiver –

We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do. So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.



# LIONS CAMP BADGER

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

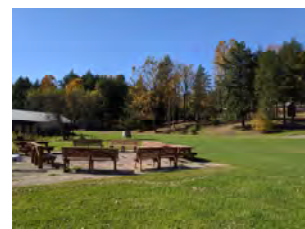
## CAMP CORNER

Greetings from Lions Camp Badger!

It was a quiet summer here at the camp without the sounds of campers and staff having fun. We are so happy that we were able to provide our campers with a little bit of Lions Camp Badger fun through the "Camp At Home" boxes. Campers enjoyed the daily activities. One camper even saved his box to bring with him to do while on a camping trip with his service provider.



However, camp maintenance carried on as usual with grounds to be mowed and cared for, equipment to be maintained and lots of buildings to look after. We own about 150 acres of land with over 40 buildings on the grounds including sleeping cabins, a dining hall (Collins-Conroy Lodge), an infirmary, shower/bath/laundry building, several pavilions, a chapel, boathouse, office, maintenance building, and the Jim and Helen Dormady Lakehouse. There is also a gated swimming pool area with bathroom/changing rooms, memorial garden, campfire area, lakefront, ballfields, and miles of walkways and trails to maintain.



Things are winding down as we get ready for winter, but there is still much to be done. Water lines to be drained and winterized, vehicles and equipment to be cleaned and stored away, and buildings checked and locked. The more we can get done now, the less work it will be to open back up in the spring!

### 2020 Super Raffle update:

The raffle was extended to Labor Day weekend and the winners were drawn by President Andy Umreiko, Business Manager Cynthia Reuter and VDG Paula Umreiko. We had 10 winners of \$1000 each:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20N – Youngstown Lions Club | 20Y – Jeffrey S. (Manlius)     |
| 20N – Pendleton Lions Club  | 20Y – Bainbridge Lions Club    |
| 20E2 – Ethel B. (Ithaca)    | 20K2 – Jose P. (Valley Stream) |
| 20E2 – Helen D. (Ithaca)    | 20S – Melville Lions Club      |
| 20W – Greenwich Lions Club  |                                |
| 20Y – Brian R. (Pompey)     |                                |

Congratulations to all the winners!  
Thank you to all for supporting Lions Camp Badger through our Super Raffle!



The Brockport Lions Club inducted two new members on Oct. 7, 2020. Pictured are new Brockport Lion member Melissa Walsh, right, and sponsor Dr. Lauren Lieberman and new member Todd (TJ) Dodson Jr., right, and sponsor Past President Normand Fluet.



The Brockport Lions Club and the Brandel Murphy Foundation presented a check for \$1000.00 to Community Bikes Inc . Community Bikes Inc provides, collects and prepares used bicycles for distribution, free of charge, to Rochester's most needy children and adults.

On Sat. Sept. 19 the Brockport Lions members constructed a ramp for one of their long service members. Pictured are Lions members Dave Moore and Charlie Deacon on the newly installed ramp. Thanks to the Brockport Exempts for loaning us most of the parts needed and Lion Dave Moore for the balance of the parts.



Pictured are Lion Charlie Deacon, Bike employee, Dan Lill( head of Community Bikes Inc, and Lion Sal Sciremammano.

Lion Sal has personally arranged for the donation of over 250 used bikes to Community Bikes for repair and reuse.



Sunday, Aug 22 and Monday 23rd the Brockport Lions Club built and painted a handicap ramp for a person in the Village of Brockport. Pictured are some of the 10 Lions Club members doing the construction. The finished product after painting is the second photo. Great job by the Brockport Lions Club.

# Churchville Lions Club

9/22 Pizza & Wing Dinner with a special Guest Speaker Zone Chair Lion Joy Koziol Because Our Lions Club is Fun & Busy!



9/26 Moving Day was a great success and The Pacers at Lifetime Care raised \$5000 for Parkinson Disease.



9/28 Dedication of the Village Gazebo to Former Mayor Lion Nancy Steedman for her 20+ years w the Village of Churchville ...And the Churchville Lions Club was there!



**Because of CoVid concerns**, this year the Halloween Parade will be a little different as we will NOT End at the Churchville Lodge like before.

At 6 PM the children, wearing their Halloween costumes and “protective” masks, will line up in the Village Commons Parking Lot and parade at 6ft spacing along Main St to the Village Gazebo where they will receive their bagged candy and an apple from a “gloved” Lion...J.

Sorry No Costume Prizes





Wishing everyone a  
Happy Halloween

**The Irondequoit Lions Club met** for the first time on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> at Uncle Danny's Restaurant on E. Ridge Road in Irondequoit. Several members opted out because of the virus but those in attendance felt comfortable with the handling of social distancing and mask wearing.

**Lion Tim McCall** will become our new president at our next meeting which will be held on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. PDG Judy MacKnight will do the installation. All other officers will remain the same.

**Members have decided** to meet once a month for the time being but will keep in contact with each other via social media.

**Lion Jim Verni has agreed to head up** the vision screening program. Not sure when we will be able to begin vision screenings. At this time this project is on hold.

**Lion Jim also connected our clubs facebook page** with our website. Also to publicize our clubs happenings, we correspond with Irondequoit Out and About facebook page and Lions District 20E1.

**Our Little Free Library** is decorated for Halloween with additional new books. We have been fortunate with the generous donations of books from individuals and we recently won the New York Times bestselling memoir *Hollywood Park* by Mikel Jollett. We also received a generous donation of young teen books from the new daycare center that recently opened in the 1 room school house next to our Little Library. Awesome Wonders put their opening on hold because of the pandemic but opened in early September. Our Little Library also has its own facebook page.

Due to the Pandemic our annual Awards dinner was postponed last June. At our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we were able to present some of the awards to very deserving lions as well as a community member.

The Kendall Lions presented their annual Citizen of the Year Award to Ken Spohr in recognition of his commitment to mentoring the youth of our community through his work and leadership with the Boy Scouts of Kendall.

The exceptional accomplishments of 5 Eagle Scouts in creating a Kendall Memorial to our Veterans was completed under his mentoring.

**Citizen  
of the  
Year Award**





**Melvin Jones Fellowship**

The Kendall Lions Club was pleased to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Eric Maxon, recognizing his outstanding service to our community through his participation and leadership in our club's activities. Lion Eric is a regular participant at our Bingo nights for the veterans at the Batavia VA hospital, organizes our annual Environmental Clean Up Day, an active member of our tent committee and an active participant in our fundraisers and social events. Lion Eric has served on our Board of Directors and is our current 2nd Vice President. Congratulations Lion Eric and thank you living our motto, We Serve.



**Career Lion Award**

We honored Lion Bob Furness with a Career Lion Award. Lion Bob has been a member of the Kendall Lions Club for 36 years and continues to actively participate in serving our community through many of our club's events. This special award was presented to thank Lion Bob for his example of unselfish service to others.



**Lion of the Year**

The Kendall Lions Club Lion of the Year was awarded to Lion Julie Bunn. Lion Julie was presented this award by her father and Lion sponsor Lion Mike Cusimano.

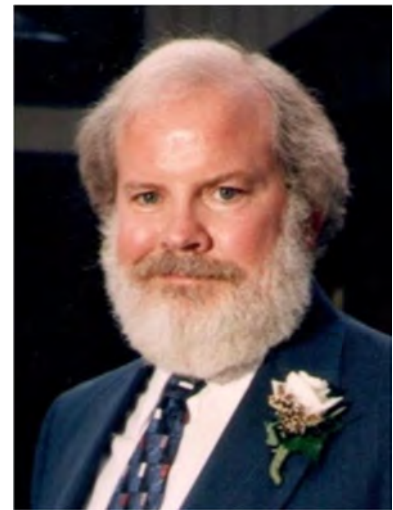
Lion Julie was recognized for her commitment and service. She has organized and led a small group of our Lions in a program that checked in on several senior citizens during the Covid-19 quarantine. She also organized a team which delivered donated boxes of food to many families in our community. When there was a sudden need for a Lion to take on the duties of Treasurer, Lion Julie stepped right in.



## Remembering Dave Kennedy

Medina Lions Club members met at Cooper Funeral Home on 11 October 2020 to honor Dave Kennedy a 40-year active loved member of the club and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) officer. The following paragraphs are from his obituary through the Cooper Funeral Home's website.

**David J. Kennedy**, entered in rest on August 28, 2020. David was born in Medina on April 21, 1947 to John and Agnes (Kinn) Kennedy. He played football for and graduated from Medina High School in 1965. He earned an MBA from Northeastern University and went into the clothing business with his brother, Donald at Kennedy Brothers which became a main street fixture for many years. David was very active in the Medina Lions Club for much of his life and was an extremely devoted fan of the Yankees. He owned season tickets for the Buffalo Bills for many years and was a Sabres [sic] ticket holder from the team's beginning, back in 1970. David was a long time parishioner of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, St. Mary's Church in Medina.



Donations may be made to the Medina Lions Club, P.O. Box 511, Medina, NY 14103 or Roswell Park Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 631, Buffalo, NY 14240.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of David Kennedy, please visit [Tribute Store](#) (Cooper Funeral Home; Obituaries, September 11, 2020).



New Members Join October 6

## District Governor Mike

**Donner** inducted two individuals into Medina's Lions Club on October 6. Congratulations to the new members and sponsors Tom Beach (Jim Hancock) and Danette Oakes (Sherry Wheatly) into the group (Photo by Lion Ann McElwee, New member induction. From left Lions Danette Oakes, Sherry Wheatly, Jim Hancock, and Tom Beach).

## New Community Service Project Begins October 8th



**Medical equipment was moved** from Lyndonville Lions Club Loan Closet to a large area at the Olde Pickle Factory, offered free by “Roger Hungerford founder and CEO of Talis Equity” and owner of “the Olde Pickle Factory (Kroft, G., 09-12-2019 Orleans HUB, Photo 4).

The Medical Equipment Loan Closet begins at 11 A.M. to 7 P.M., Thursday, October 8, 2020, as Medina Lions latest public service venture. The hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. and Saturday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. all hours are by appointment only. Call (585) 205-3502 for assistance in Orleans and Niagara counties. For Lyndonville call (585) 281-4126.

The location is at the Olds Pickle Factory (formerly Fisher-Price), 711 Park Avenue, Medina, New York. Drive to the back of the shipping alcove directly across from the Pine Street intersection, Customers can pick-up items such as, wheelchairs, walkers, rollators (rolling-walkers with a seat), canes, crutches, commodes, shower/tub chairs, hospital beds, and many other items (Photo by Lion Ann McElwee, Lion Jim Punch shows hospital bed at Medical Equipment Loan Closet Location, 10-03-2020).



The club is off to an enthusiastic start with two beds recently loaned before official opening and a group oriented weekly work schedule involving 12 volunteer members. Lion Lance Mark has created a release of liability form for customers to fill-out. Lions Jim Punch, Dave Bellucci, Ann McElwee, and Tom Robinson will chair this project

## Club's Stationary Float Lights-up the Community

The Lions Club of Medina plans to keep their presence known in the *Parade of Lights* yet it will not be moving. Yes, you read it right. The community-drive committee decided on an ingenious way to keep everyone safe during the *Parade of Lights*. The spectacle will be in reverse. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2020, “floats will be stationary in an area and the audience will drive their vehicles by the floats (Lion Ann McElwee & Lion Jim Hancock). Come and stay warm in your automobiles or trucks to see the impressive event up-close like never before.



(Photo by Rivers, T., 09-30-2019, Orleans HUB, photo 13).

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**We are looking forward to starting in-person dinner meetings** with our annual Steak Roast (postponed from June) on Oct. 20 at the Lodge at Ginegaw, and having members reconnect and socialize. We will be recognizing several members for their contributions by awarding Robert Uplinger and Melvin Jones Awards.

We did our first-ever Trash Plate Fundraiser at the Farmer's Market in Walworth on Sept. 15, and sold 100 plates! Due to the success of this, we are doing another one on Oct. 13 at the Farmer's Market.

# Webster Lions Club



On September 21<sup>st</sup>, four Webster Lions attended the Artist Unlimited fundraiser at Midvale Country Club. Lions Dave Bardusch, Lee Williams, Dave Lazzar and Vince Hesketh heartily supported all fundraiser raffles and donations while both Webster Lions Club and Camp Smile provided hole sponsorship. This well attended event provided several opportunities for all golfers to donate and to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to take home a wide variety of excellent prizes.

Artist Unlimited was founded to offer a unique expressive experience to those individuals who may not otherwise have an opportunity to participate as actors in other venues. The Webster Lions Club is proud continue our long history of supporting Artists Unlimited in 2020 and hopefully beyond.



Our second Zoom board meeting in September went well. Though we are not physically together, Zoom offers us the chance to socialize and continue to make plans on how we will serve those in need.

Our first "dinner" meeting will take place via Zoom on Monday, October 26.

**St. Peter's Soup Kitchen** has been serving the West Side Community of the City of Rochester since 1982. Their mission is to strive to build a stronger community by welcoming all in need, treating everyone with love, and attempting to eradicate hunger in downtown Rochester NY.

The kitchen started out as a once-a-week Saturday soup and sandwich program. Today it serves a well-balanced and nutritional lunch, including all the recommended food groups, to an average 130 people a day, Monday through Friday. The kitchen benefits from a partnership with Food Link and the generosity of area grocers such as Wegmans, Trader Joes, the University of Rochester and individuals in securing food for our lunches and pantry. Guests come from all walks of life; many have troubles with addiction, mental illness, physical illness, lost homes, and low wage earnings. St Peter's is a non-referral agency meaning anyone who walks through our doors is welcome to share in a meal.

During this time guests are welcome to take food off the neighbors table, and each guest leaves with some sort of sweet treat that has been donated to us by various grocery stores throughout the Rochester area.

Guests are also able to use the phone and request copy or fax services, as well as inquire about other services and resources available to them throughout the Rochester area.

During the Covid-19 shutdown, the kitchen is prohibited from opening our dining room, but that hasn't stopped them from serving our neighbors who are hungry. They are serving on average, about 130 lunches per day and operate a walk-up service in the parking lot. In addition, they are still operating the Pantry program to provide groceries to those in need.

While food donations have continued during this time, in order to provide the lunches, the kitchen has had to purchase take out containers using almost 1 case per day costing about \$70.00 a week and other supplies.

If you care to donate, they need napkins, 10 oz. soup cups with lids, paper lunch bags and individual packets of salt and pepper, ketchup, mayo and mustard. They were not prepared to do daily takeout meals but have had some wonderful donations that have given them the ability to serve in this fashion. Please call ahead if you plan on donating items so they can confirm the need.

### **St Peter's Soup Kitchen**

Mailing address:

PO Box 11031 - 681 Brown Street / Rochester, NY 14611 / 585-235-6511

Location:

681 Brown Street / Rochester, NY 14611

\*Entrance and Parking is around the back of the building.

Website:

<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>





Lions Global Cause



Hunger

### Our Strategic Objective

Ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

## District 20E1 Lions Club Challenge

Lions,

During this time of Covid-19, many individuals and families are impacted by growing food insecurity. While our clubs have been consistently working to help those in our immediate areas, there are many families in the Rochester area that do not have the benefit of Lions support. As harvest begins, I would like to challenge our 39 clubs to reach out in a small way to make a big difference in the fight against hunger.

St. Peter's Kitchen is a 503c nonprofit organization working to meet the needs of those people in the city of Rochester experiencing hunger. For over 30 years they have been providing nutritious, balanced lunches to the needy in Rochester. With the advent of Covid-19 they have had to switch from serving inside to take out only. This has created an additional financial burden to the kitchen. If within the next 3 months each club could pledge to donate at least \$100 we could fund the purchase of take out containers needed to provide lunches for a year!

Please carefully consider joining in this local fight against hunger. If you have questions, feel free to contact: Kendall Lion Helen Unterborn at [hunterborn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hunterborn@rochester.rr.com) or **585-734-8727**.

Checks can be made payable to: **MD20-E1**

Please write on your check: **MD20-E1 Hunger project**

Please send all donations to: **CT Jan Infantino  
9730 Highland Avenue  
Dansville NY 14437**

**Please send donations by December 1**  
so that we can make a district presentation to the kitchen before the year ends.

# Update

## Brady Buggies

All six have been delivered, three to Golisano's Children's Hospital in Rochester and three to Oshei Children's Hospital in Buffalo. Golisano's got three Lions. Oshei got a Lion, Panda and Dolphin. On a funny note the Dolphin never made it to Buffalo (coincidence ?) so they had to ship them a second one. That did arrive safely. Attached are pictures from Oshei's and a statement from one of their PT's. Thank you to all the clubs that supported my project.

PDG Rick Whitney

*The Brady wagons have made such a difference to our young oncology patients! The role of physical therapy is to encourage all our patients to get up and move, even those who are not feeling up to walking. Having the wagons with the IV pole attachment has allowed parents to enjoy strolling the hallways with their child without having to worry about pushing an IV pole alongside. This has aided in patient's recovery since they are out of bed more, sitting up and having more social interactions! Game changer!*

Amy Surowiec, PT

Oishei Children's Hospital



### Used eyeglass process up to 2017 | PDG Greg Lund

We sent our collected used eyeglasses to Dr. Warren Riegel, Optomologist , 14 S Mill Ave, Ridgeway, Pa. Dr. Riegel (814-773-3197) scheduled work parties of volunteers to sort, clean ,categorize and box the eye glasses for shipment to South or Central America countries. These glasses are scheduled for shipment to other countries by ship and in support of trips of eye professionals going to provide eye exams etc.



### **How did the glasses get to Ridgeway, Pa?**

Hilton Spencerport Express (HSX), Tom Cole- 659-8442, trucking company located in Kendall, NY accumulated our used eyeglasses over the months until they reach a full tractor trailer load, 16 pallets (100,000 pairs of glasses). The trucking company coordinated with Dr. Riegel to truck the eyeglasses to a storage facility near his office. HSX trucking worked to share the load to and gain a paying load to be trucked back to the Rochester area so that they were not coming back empty. HSX provided this service to our district at no cost to the district.

### **What's Changed?**

The number of used eyeglasses we collected was increasing each year and we exceeded the pace at which Dr. Riegel could process them. Dr. Riegel was 84 years old and could only get so many volunteers to process the glasses. Our last shipment of 11 pallets was about a 4-year supply. There are other eye glass processing centers we investigated in Virginia and Georgia but none had a trucking customer near by or could handle pallet loads of glasses.

### **What did we do next?**

We found a company, ReSpecs that would take glasses in any condition, frames, cases etc. and recycle 100% of the metal, plastic, and glass. We continued to collect glasses and ReSpecs picked up 11 pallets and another 6 pallets from 2018 to Jan. of 2020. Then Covid came to be a big issue for collecting glasses.

### **What do we do now?**

We found that of all the glasses we collected only 10% of the glasses in useable frames were able to be reused. So, if we shipped 11 pallets, 10 were tossed in the garbage, landfill. We also found there are many more glasses being sent to places to sort for reuse than there is a demand. We also found that companies like Sterling Optical send optical staff on missions to third world countries and supply new eyeglasses. Our trucking company cannot store, or ship used eyeglasses in their facility, or trucks as they use the warehouse and trailers for shipping foods, so not with Covid.

### **A great Environmental project**

Lions are well known for collecting eyeglasses so lets make this a 100% environmental project and use ReSpecs. By the way, we received over \$1700 from the 17 pallets we shipped to them for the value of the recycling, about \$100/pallet. It is a win win. Lions keep collecting eyeglasses recycling 100%, we may receive some \$ for the value of metal, plastic, and glass, and none of it goes to the landfill. So far, the \$ we got came to the District just like the value we got 30 years ago from metal frames. Our DG will be looking at using these \$ to fund a District project.

### **How Do We Begin again?**

Kendall trucking will donate one trailer in their yard for used glasses. Lions will get the glasses there and put them in the trailer or I will meet them there to help with that part. I will go to the trailer monthly and put the boxes of glasses on pallets, wrap them and move the pallets to the front of the trailer. Once we get a truck load, we will contact ReSpecs for a pickup.

## 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.

**November 3**                    **Kendall Lions Election Day Spaghetti Dinner**

### MD-20 Convention

Syracuse, NY  
**May 14-16, 2021**

### 2021 Lions International Convention

Montréal Quebec  
**June 25-29, 2021**

### USA/Canada Forum

Des Moines, Iowa  
**September 9-11, 2021**

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

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