



THE ROARING District 20-E1

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2025 ISSUE

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CLUB NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Albion, Attica, Avon, Batavia, Belfast, Brockport, Cal-Mum, Canaseraga, Chili, Clarendon, Dansville, Fairport, Hamlin, Hilton, Irondequoit, Kendall, Lyndonville, Medina, Rochester Downtown Host, Scio, Scottsville, Varysburg, Walworth, Webster, Wellsville

My name is Tom Flaherty. I look forward to being your District Governor this year, with the help of my guide dog, Zepplin. I was born in Charleston, South Carolina and moved to Hamlin, NY when I was two years old. I became a charter member of the Hamlin Lions Club when the club started 40 years ago.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Governor Tom Flaherty
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1st Vice DG Jan Infantino

2nd Vice DG Pete Kaiser

Cabinet Secretary PDG Barry Haywood

Cabinet Treasurer Charles Stancampiano

Region 1

Zone 1 Chair Peter Kaiser

Zone 2 Chair Bill Robinson

Region 2

Zone 3 Chair Brad Helmner

Zone 4 Chair PDG Greg Lund

Region 3

Zone 5 Chair PDG Judy MacKnight

Zone 6 Chair Helen Kaprano

Region 4

Zone 7 Chair Gary Necaster

Zone 8 Chair Emma Johnson

Region 5

Zone 9 Chair Kimberly George

Zone 10 Chair Yvonne Morris

I left Lions for about 30 years, came back to the Rochester Host Lions Club and became president after two years. After three years I became zone chairman and regional chairperson. I really enjoy doing Lions work. I was born blind and did a lot of work with the Batavia Lions Club when I was a child. A lot of donations were given to our school from the area Lions Clubs.

I look for our clubs to be "Knights for the Blind." My DG project is improving the playground at the New York State School of the Blind. I know it is a tall order, but I am encouraging every club to induct 5 new members this year.

I am excited about our District MD20E1 Fall Conference at the Museum of Play in Rochester on November 1. We have an International Director coming all the way from Alaska to inspire you!

DG Tom

"The purpose of life is to have a life of purpose."

2025-2026 Lions International President A.P. Singh



Growth is essential for us to be able to continue to improve the service that Lions are known for around the world. We are a people-driven organization where service is at the heart of everything we do — and we need dedicated Lions like you to help us make an even greater impact together.

So invite friends and neighbors who have the heart to serve. Welcome diverse individuals and groups who will offer us fresh perspectives and energy. This is how we will keep our organization growing and thriving.



He is a big guy with big ideas. I found this out at the 2024 NYS and Bermuda Lions Convention in Binghamton, NY. International President Singh with PDG Mike Donner.

District Governor's Visitation Schedule

September

Wellsville	September 18, 2025
Albion	September 23, 2025
Scio	September 25, 2025

October

Brockport	October 1, 2025
Kendall	October 2, 2025
Attica	October 6, 2025
Medina	October 7, 2025
Dansville	October 9, 2025
Maple City	October 15, 2025
Hamlin	October 16, 2025
Walworth	October 21, 2025
Lyndonville	October 22, 2025
Belfast	October 23, 2025
Webster	October 27, 2025
Chili, Churchville, Scottsville	October 28, 2025

November

Avon	November 5, 2025
Cuba	November 6, 2025
Batavia	November 10, 2025
Varysburg	November 11, 2025
Alfred	November 13, 2025
Hilton	November 20, 2025
Irondequoit	November 24, 2025

Our International Guest for the Fall Conference



Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski
International Director

Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski of Fairbanks, Alaska, United States, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Marcinkowski is a retired Army aviator and a government civil servant. During his 42 years of service in the United States Army he flew numerous types of helicopters and was the commander of Fort Greely, Alaska. He is currently the director of plans and operations at the Logistics Readiness Center, where he serves as deputy for all installation logistics at Fort Wainwright in Alaska.

Director Marcinkowski is a charter member of the Interior Baseball Lions Club, where he served the Baseball community since 2003.

He held several offices within the association including club president, club secretary, zone chairperson, district governor, first and second vice district governor, club, district, and multiple district LCIF coordinator and council chairperson, among many other positions.

Director Marcinkowski and his wife, Janis, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children.

The Fall Conference will be held November 1-2, 2025.



Medina Lions Club



Mark Your Calendar!



Scarecrow Festival

Saturday, October 11th

9:00 – 3:00

Orleans County Fairgrounds

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-26

DISTRICT 20-E1 PICNIC

September 13, 2025
Clara Barton Pavilion in Stony Brook State Park

MD 20 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS

Corning, NY	July 26-27, 2024
Binghamton, NY	October 24-25, 2025
Syracuse, NY	February 27-28, 2026
Syracuse, NY	April 16, 2026

DISTRICT 20-E1 FALL CONFERENCE

The Strong National Museum of Play November 1, 2025

DISTRICT 20-E1 CABINET MEETINGS

Batavia, NY	August 2, 2025
Rochester, NY	November 2, 2025
Brockport, NY	March 7, 2026

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S TESTIMONIAL

Location TBA

MD20 CONVENTION

Syracuse, NY	April 17-19, 2026
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Hong Kong, China	July 3-7, 2026
Washington, DC	July 2-6, 2027
Singapore	June 23-27, 2028
Minneapolis, Minnesota	June 29 - July 3, 2029
San Antonio, Texas	June 28 - July 2, 2030
Helsinki, Finland	July 4-8, 2031

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Atlantic City, New Jersey	September 18-20, 2025
Memphis, Tennessee	September 3-5, 2026
Huntsville, Alabama	September 16-18, 2027

DISTRICT 20-E1 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Leadership meetings will be scheduled as needed.

We want to hear about your club!!!

Next District newsletter deadline is November 10.

E-mail articles to :

lions20e1newsletter@gmail.com

Lost Lion - PDG Jim Rice Fairport Lions



Born in Mineral Wells, Texas, son of Ed Love Rice and Easy Hill, on April 23, 1935, Jim passed away suddenly in his home on Monday July 7, 2025. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 64 years, Patricia Della Rocco Rice, his son, James Rice Jr. of Rochester, NY and his daughter, Stephanie Maria Rice of Macedon, NY.

After graduating from Cross Plains High school in Cross Plains Texas, Jim joined the Army and was a tuba player in the 328th US Army Band.

Jim believed in giving back to his community. While in New Jersey, he first became part of the Lions Club. It was the perfect fit for his wonderful energy and positive caring nature. He served in various capacities including President and Secretary there. When they moved to Fairport, Pat joined him as a member of Lions. Jim expanded his commitment with the Lions Club and has served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, District Zone Chair and District Governor. Pat and Jim both have remained active in the Fairport club. Together they have attended numerous International and state conventions representing the Fairport Club. He has been the recipient of many well deserved Lion awards including the prestigious Melvin Jones award.



LIONS CAMP BADGER

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

Lions Camp Badger is a project of New York State and Bermuda Lions Clubs.

Our mission is to provide services and create experiences that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of individuals with diverse abilities.

Celebrate Abilities Day Brings Joy to Lions Camp Badger



Late July brought sunshine and smiles to visitors at Lions Camp Badger, where Celebrate Abilities Day welcomed campers, families, and community members for a day of joy, connection, and empowerment. Sponsored by the New York State MD-20 and Bermuda Lions and the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, this heartwarming event was a testament to what happens when generosity meets purpose. Local businesses stepped up to fuel the fun: Dandy Corporation donated pizza, while Wegmans provided refreshing drinks and tasty snacks. Carnival goodies such as cotton

candy, cookies and ice cream were also available at no charge to participants.



Lions Club members from across the state volunteered their time and talents, serving food with a smile and running classic carnival games that brought out laughter and friendly competition.



From ring tosses to a human slot machine, the games were a hit with kids and adults alike. The event also included musical performances, superhero visits, various camp activities and a visit from The Physics Bus. Thank you to all who participated and made this day a special one!



UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 LCB GOLF CLASSIC
Saturday, September 13, 2025
Wellsville Country Club
3006 Riverside Dr, Wellsville, NY 14895

Register and/or Sponsor now at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-golf-classic-3>
or find the direct link on our website: www.lionscb.org or call Cynthia at 800-232-7060

1-800-232-7060 www.LionsCB.org lionscampbadger@htva.net



BROCKPORT VETS CLUB

9- HOLE GOLF OUTING

SPONSORED BY THE BROCKPORT LIONS CLUB

WHEN: **Sunday, September 28th, 2025**

WHERE: **Arrowhead Golf Course & Marina**

BENEFIT: **Brockport Area Vets Club**

FORMAT: **Four-person scramble, 9am Shotgun Start**

ENTRY: **\$45 per person** (Includes hots, burgers, Draft Beer & NFL Games on TV back at the Brockport Vets Club)

PRIZES: **50/50 tickets, Raffle tickets for many donated prizes**

Saints
vs. Bills
1:00pm



Ask about our Hole Sponsorships- Available for \$20 each

Brockport Lions – 2025 Golf Outing Registration Form

Send check & registration EARLY. Teams limited to 17!

Players name

Telephone #

1. (Captain) _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Contact Information:

Lion Greg Lund, 585-281-8309 OR

Lion Tammy Deacon, 585-734-1013

Payment options: Make **checks** payable to the **Brockport Lions Club**

Mail payment to Greg Lund, 3020 Redman Road, Brockport, NY 14420

OR **Tammy Deacon**, 7157 Fourth Section Road, Brockport, NY 14420

Albion Lions Club



We served a lot of sausages, hotdogs and hamburgers this summer. We cooked at the Albion Strawberry Festival and the Albion Summer Festival to help support the John A. Keding scholarship.

Attica Lions Club

In June, the club had their annual installation banquet. Lion Luke Harding's incredible President term ended. Lion Dick Carney was installed as the President for 2025-2026!

At the installation banquet, new members were installed: Samantha Mezydlo, Annette Stephens, Bailey Burdett, and Bradley Burdett.

The club presented 5 awards:

Lion of the Year - Gordon Biehl

Lifetime Achievement - Carl Kocsis

Citizen of the Year - Theresa Deuel

Two Melvin Jones awards, One to Lion Pete Mark and one to Lion Ted Harding.



Another amazing Germanfest by the Attica Lions in the books. So much work goes into this, and so much good comes out of it.



Avon Lions Club

On September 3, the Avon Lions Club welcomed several volunteers from the Avon Food Pantry to our meeting last night. Martha Keenan, the new director, along with long time volunteers Alice Maylin and Eloise Puls informed the club of all the good work being done at the Food Pantry and of how big the need is here in Avon. Last month, over 300 people were served by the Pantry. Lions presented the Food Pantry with a check along with some food donations.



Batavia Lions Club

Lions Clubs and family step forward to help School for the Blind student gain 'Vis-Ability'



Vis-Ability rep Nick Peterson watches 10-year-old John give a high five to his mom, Emmanuelle Kirsch, during a brief training Friday on a new digital magnifier that the Kirsch family will get to use at home thanks to a donation from Lions Clubs of Batavia, Attica and the International Foundation, and the Kirsch family. Photo by Joanne Beck

Mom helps guide her son John through the larger print on screen Friday at New York State School for the Blind in Batavia. Photo by Joanne Beck



Teacher's aide Tricia Severino, left, teacher of the visually impaired Jamie Kahn, Vis-Ability rep Nick Peterson, John, 10, his mom Emmanuelle Kirsch, and Dr. Arthur Mruczek and Diane Hawn, both of Batavia Lions Club, celebrate the purchase of a Humanware Reveal 16i, aka a digital magnifier, for John to use at home. Photo by Joanne Beck



A conference room at the New York State School for the Blind buzzed with chatter Friday morning while faculty and visitors watched parent Emmanuelle Kirsch guide her son John as he learned how to more easily read about Peppa Pig.

Nick Peterson of Vis-Ability Inc. reviewed a new piece of equipment, a digital magnifier, that would go up to level 45 magnification. That made John's reading about Peppa -- and everything else in the future -- a better experience.

"He's a low vision student, an emerging reader. I'm teaching him to read," Jamie Kahn, teacher of the visually impaired, said. "Our goal is for him to independently be able to magnify a word, a letter, or a number, some visual target. That's the goal for this year."

Despite the distractions of a room full of people and a photo session, John went to town following his mom's cue, as she pointed out the words that were enlarged on the screen. This is no ordinary computer with zoom-in capabilities; it has optical character recognition, and text-to-speech, to read aloud, you can enlarge print documents, read books from online libraries, write documents, send emails and navigate the Internet.

John — his school friends call him Johnny — has a piece of equipment at home in Attica; however, it's about 15 years old, Batavia Lions Club President Diane Hawn said. "It's a dinosaur," she said, and he could have really used an updated model to mirror the one he uses when at the Batavia school during the day.

The Lions organization, including one in Attica and the Lions Club International Foundation, has helped out children in need with eyeglasses and exams, and vision and hearing aids, so this need for a magnifier fell right into the Batavia club's wheelhouse.

Dr. Arthur Mruzek Sr. is a retired ophthalmologist and chairman of the club's Sight Committee. A member since 1973, he spearheaded a donation drive for the equipment. The Batavia, Attica and international Lions foundation, along with John's parents, contributed a total of \$4,000 toward the purchase.

"Our goal with this unit is to provide a complimentary device for home use, since the student receives instruction at school and returns home at night and will be, I don't know, revisited, or work with his parents on the same machine for improvement," Mruzek said. "And our second goal is to help anyone with low vision to be in the right venue to get improvement and maximum performance in life."

Hawn also emphasized the club's funding efforts, including scholarships for local folks and a main objective of "site preservation."

"And we try to help any people that are of low or no eyesight with whatever we can get for them," she said.

There were lots of smiles to go around when the deal was finalized for John, who was voted this year for the Best Friend Award at school. "He's everybody's friend," Kahn said.

Thanks to The Batavian for this article. Johnn's mom has now joined the Attica Lions.



Batavia Lions loading 10,600 collected pairs of spectacles and 84 hearing aids to Recycle for sight; changing lives, one pair at a time.

Thirteen cartons of glasses will be delivered to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). Usable glasses are repaired and refurbished if needed and prepared for redistribution. LERC volunteers sort them by prescription strength, clean them thoroughly and package the glasses. Unusable glasses are ground up and used in paint, metal salvage or scrap. Refurbished glasses are distributed to people in need in low- and middle-income communities where they will have the greatest impact. Lions Eyeglass Recycling Glasses are provided to vision missions and clinics in underserved communities worldwide,

You can drop off your usable eyewear and outdated hearing aids with LERC Partnerships at Batavia Lions-sponsored collection boxes.

Batavia Lions Glasses Collection Boxes

- **New York State School-Blind**, 2A Richmond Avenue, (585) 343-5384
- **Genesee Community College**, One College Rd, Conable Building
- **Empire Vision Works**; 8336 Lewiston Rd, BJ Plaza, (585) 344-4000
- **Richmond Memorial Library**; 19 Ross Street (585) 343-9550
- **Batavia Optical Co**; 31 Center Street, (585) 343-5660
- **Optique Optical**; 113 Main Street, (585) 344-1345
- **Four Hundred Towers**, 400 East Main Street (585) 344-1888
- **Classic Optical**; 44 Center Str City Center, (585) 343-1920
- **University Eye Specialists**; 217 Summitt Street, (585) 345-1342
- **Village Audiology of Batavia**, 39 Ellicott Street (585) 344-4363
- **Council Optician of Batavia**; 216 East Main Street, (585) 343-0633
- **Walmart Vision & Glasses**; 4133 Veterans Memorial Dr, (585) 345-1061



Batavia Lions selling hot dogs at Walmart



First cabinet meeting of Lions 20 E1 for the 2025-2026 year. DG Tom Flaherty with Jan Infantino assisting looked like old pro's. Shout out he Batavia Lions for being wonderful hosts.

Belfast Lions Club

The club held its annual tournament in August. What a fun time it was! The day was perfect and the turn out was good. Thanks to everyone who worked and attended, especially those who partook in the 2nd annual Robert J Tomlinson putt putt challenge!



Brockport Lions Club

In June, we had our Installation of New Officers Dinner. Honored to have Chili Lion and PDG Mike Donner leading our Installation Ceremony! Kudos to our friend and amazing chef extraordinaire Tim Rombout with helper Lion Tammy Deacon for a delicious steak dinner! Welcome to all our new officers! We have an amazing crew of Brockport Lions serving our community each and everyday!



Great opening day at Camp Abilities 2025! An honor for the Brockport Lions to welcome all the campers, serve up a great dinner and offer support throughout this camp week!



Even with the rain and rumbles, there was a fantastic turnout at Barber's Grill and Tap Room for Brews & Balboas! The event was a fundraiser for the Morgan Manning House fire restoration and was sponsored by the Brockport Lions Club. Special thanks to all of the cooks, servers (including the owners!) and staff at Barber's tonight! They worked extremely hard in support of our community and beloved house!



It's the "working together" that matters most...with the thankful support of family & friends! We celebrated that and much more this past Wednesday night at our annual Brockport Lions Club Family Chicken BBQ!!

Lion President Kevin Smith recognized two amazing community members!

Lion Peter Spagnola, recipient of the Robert J Uplinger Award of Distinguished Service for his organization of our build a bed project, our meal planning for our Lions dinner meetings and always jumping in on all our service projects! Congratulations Lion Peter, we couldn't do this without you!

Lion President Kevin also gave special recognition to Christine Bringenberg, employee of our Brockport Area Vets Club. Christine said it best when being honored with a Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service Award!



Cal-Mum Lions

Cal-Mum Lions Club were thanked by the Caledonia Village Board for their support to make the new Washburn Park Pavilion a reality. It is dedicated to the memories of Tim Anderson and Robert Estes. Mr. Anderson served on the Caledonia Recreation Commission for many years. Mr. Estes loved playing Santa Claus in the Hometown Holidays parade and Breakfast with Santa.

Through their generous memorial donations and support from the Cal-Mum Lions Club, Washburn Park visitors now have a covered place to play or just have a seat and enjoy the park for many years to come.



The public is invited to join
us to dedicate the
Washburn Park Pavilion

WITH GRATITUDE

To The Memory Of

TIM ANDERSON
ROBERT ESTES

AND TO

CAL-MUM LIONS CLUB

Saturday, August 30, 2025
9 AM



Canaseraga Lions

Noyes Health expressed their gratitude to the Canaseraga Lions Club. We're incredibly grateful to Jon DeRitter, President of the Canaseraga Lions Club, for the club's generous \$2,000 donation in support of our Medical Alert Program!

The contribution will help provide reduced rates for Medical Alert subscribers in the Canaseraga, Swain, and Arkport areas—directly benefiting the 10 individuals currently enrolled. Your support helps keep our community members safe and connected.



Lions Club of Chili

We were so happy to serve dinner to all the very hungry athletes and their coaches at Camp Abilities! We want to thank Lion Bill from the Scottsville Lions Club for the wonderful menu.



Lions Club of Chili Scholarship Winners 2025

Gates-Chili 2025 Senior Noah Leathersich!

Presented by Lion Keri Neathawk & Lion Karen McCloskey.

Churchville-Chili 2025 Senior Peter Szumigala!

Presented by Lion Debbie Mancini & Lion Bonnie Cohoon.

Wheatland-Chili 2025 Senior Sienna Mekker

Presented by Lion Keri Neathawk & Lion Debbie Mancini.



Lions Club of Chili Members making sandwiches supporting Operation Caring Hearts helping the Homeless and Veterans in Rochester, NY. Great Job Lions: Sherry Vitale, Bonnie & Bob Cohoon, Debbie Mancini, Mike & Ann Donner.



Clarendon Lions Club



Clarendon Lion Don Knapp was honored with a Progressive Robert J Uplinger Award from the Kendall Lions Club. Lion Don is shown here with his family, where he was presented with the award at Kendall's Installation Dinner. CONGRATULATIONS LION DON, and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Dansville Lions Club

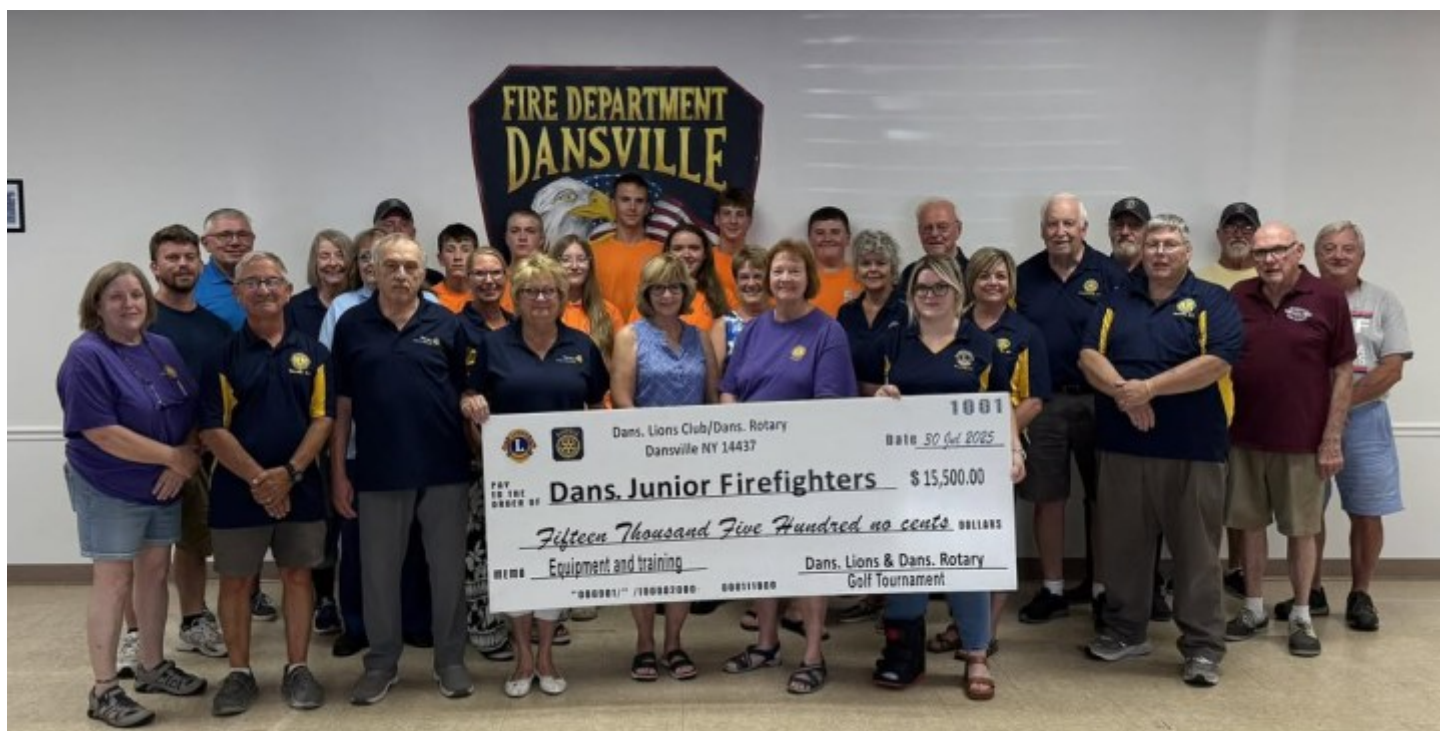


On July 3, 2025, the Dansville Lions Club members purchased and served lunch to over fifty Camp Abilities athletes and their coaches. This initiative reflects the club's commitment to supporting the program, which enables visually impaired youths to engage in various events. From left to right, the members serving lunch are: Barry Haywood, Karen Schleyer, Jim Heldrich, Hunter VanAuken, and Sheila VanAuken. The event was chaired by Bob Infantino, who also captured the moment in the photograph.

The Dansville Lions Club hosted the HOPE Lunch in July. Hamburg BBQ, MAC Salad and Texas Sheet Cake for dessert!



The Dansville Rotary Club and the Dansville Lions Club presented a check for \$15,500.00 to the Dansville Junior Firefighters. The money was raised from their Annual Golf Tournament. The Dansville Junior Firefighters will use the money for new equipment and training. Thank you to everyone who helped raise the money for a great cause. Thank you to the golfers, tournament sponsors and everyone who helped with this event.



Fairport Lions Club



Fairport Lions Club

June 2025 Newsletter

June was a busy month for the Fairport Lions Club. Our Steak Roast was held at Fellows Road Park on June 3rd. In addition to a great meal, we held our annual White Elephant Auction and Book Sale to raise additional funds for our club.



Auctioneers Bruce & Karen



Dave Markham and his new hat



Clark & Erin's son sporting new glasses

Lions Sherry Hostetter, Karen and Bruce McDermott helped lead the auction; and members and guests opened their wallets to bid on fun items.

On June 14th we held our Annual Scrap Metal Drive, managed by Lion Dave Zimmer. With a huge refrigerator that had to be loaded into the bin at the end of the drive, we were able to fill the dumpster again. Thanks for all the help from many of our Lions: Barb and Dave Zimmer, Frank DeMarzo, Clark Gaehring and Erin Wirth, Dave Farwell, Dave Markham, Bruce and Karen McDermott, Debbie Crasti, Dick Livoti and his wife Cherie.

On June 24th Lion Jim Rice led the Installation of Officers ceremony which took place at Spinelli's Catering and Event Center. Our officers elected for 2025-2026 are President Sherry Hostetter, Immediate Past President Clark Gaehring, 1st Vice President Charlie Stancampiano, and Membership Chairman Dave Markham. Our Board of Directors include: Joe Anania, Kim Smith, Debbie Crasti, Secretary Karen McDermott, Treasurer Dick Livoti, Tail Twister, Deb Crasti, Lion Tamers, Bruce and Karen McDermott.



Left to Right: Joe Anania, Dave Markham, Charlie Stancampiano, Dick Livoti, Debbie Crasti, Bruce McDermott, Karen McDermott, Clark Gaehring, Sherry Hostetter, Kim Smith and Jim Rice

Two Lion members were recognized for their service: Dave Zimmer presented Pat Rice with her 25-year pin, and Dick Livoti received his 10-year pin.

Dave Farwell presented the three main awards for the year. Debbie Crasti was awarded the Lion of the Year for her continued efforts to keep us going and laughing. Clark Gaehring was awarded the Uplinger Award – and since the award hadn't yet arrived, he received the "express" version! Sherry Hostetter was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award along with a lapel pin.



Lions Debbie Crasti and David Farwell



Lions Clark Gaehring and David Farwell

Dave Markham held an Induction Ceremony for our two newest members, June and Dave Milliman.



Lions Dave Markham, June and David Milliman



Dave Zimmer, Clark Gaehring and Debbie Crasti



Joe Anania and Frank Stein



Barb Zimmer, Frank DeMarzo, Bruce and Karen McDermott

Hamlin Lions Club

The Blue Knights New York IV Chapter, a law enforcement motorcycle club, hosted a benefit motorcycle ride on August 23, to support C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association, an organization dedicated to helping families cope with childhood cancer and chronic blood disorders. The Hamlin Lions helped out this great cause.



Hilton Lions Club



The Hilton Lions Club members purchased and served lunch to over fifty Camp Abilities athletes and their coaches on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Visually impaired youths compete in various events while attending the camp, and this is one way our club can assist with their program. From left to right serving are: George Smith, Ken Robertson, Kay Robertson, Hilton Mayor, Joe Lee, Sandy Franz, Mary Weis, and Kim D Fay. Jim Schiebel (not shown) is taking the picture.



Another great Hilton Fireman's Parade for 2025. Thanks to Andrea Ainsworth, George Smith, Mary Weis for giving out candy. Kim D Fay and Ashley Smith were in the truck.



Hilton Lons Club is cooking for a senior picnic at the Hilton community center. About 70 seniors came for a picnic lunch for the 30th year in a row. From left to right Ken Robertson, Kim Fay, Joe Lee, Mike Sengillo and George Smith .

Irondequoit Lions Club

Our Irondequoit Lions Club finished out the Lions year with our year end picnic, awarding of a scholarship, celebrating our 75th anniversary of being a Lions Club and awarding an Uplinger award.

Rain held off for our year end picnic which was held at Camp Eastman. Residents of the Long Acre Group Home again joined our members as we came together to have dinner, socialize and award our annual scholarship. Also at the picnic officers were sworn in with Lion Bill Davis as president, Lion Pastor Paul Grenier as Vice president, Lion Sharon Gass as treasurer, Lion Bev Bloss as secretary and Lion Scott Davis as membership chairman.

Taiden Makubire, a graduate of West Irondequoit High School was awarded our Irondequoit Lions Club Dr. Robert Santo Memorial Scholarship. This was the Club's 28th year of being able to award this money to a student who gives back to the community with volunteering, along with maintaining good grades and has a positive attitude. Taiden plans on going to Young Harris College in Georgia where he will be enrolled in a Health Science program on a Pre Med track. His special interests are connecting with youth in the community through sports camps. Injuring his shoulder in his early years of high school he went on to use that as a means of helping other students gain confidence in themselves besides helping himself recover. His essay told his story and members were very impressed with this young man. We wish him well with his future at Young Harris College.



Lions Deb Muratore and Sharon Gass of the scholarship committee with Taiden Makubire, recipient

On Sunday June 22nd our Lions club celebrated 75 years as a club. Along with the Webster Lions Club we welcomed 11 past district governors, the new DG Lion Tom Flaherty along with members of various clubs at I Square in Irondequoit. For about a month, prior to the dinner we had a display at the Irondequoit Town library featuring the history of our club with various memorabilia including our charter, club banner, vests and pictures. DG Lion Tom gave a presentation about his future as DG and what he proposed to do in the upcoming Lions year.



Our Lions club presented an Uplinger award to the staff at the Irondequoit Town Library. Since covid our club has met at the library and has received support with our various drives that we have sponsored including a sock drive and personal hygiene products. Matt Krueger the children's librarian represented the library staff. We are fortunate to be able to use the library for our meetings and various activities that we do. In the past we have presented the library with 2 \$500 Lions See grants and have also purchased Braille books for the children's section of the library. These books are shared with other libraries and are very much in demand.



Lions Donna Bott, Judy Bullock, president Bill Davis,
Matt Krueger, Lions Scott Davis and Judy Davis

Kendall Lions Club



The Kendall Lions installed their officers for the 25-26 Lion year at our Installation and Awards Dinner in June.



Kendall Lion President Zina Cappotelli presented Kendall Town Clerk Amy Richardson our Lion Citizen of the Year Award.



The Ray Ernenwein Lion of the Year was presented by Helen Unterborn to Lion Joe Calabro in recognition for his support to our club and the community.

The Kendall Lions were pleased to present Dr. James Gaden, a Kendall Lion, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition for his many years of service to our community.



We marked the beginning of the 2025-2026 Lions Club year, our 51st year as a club. Lion Ken launched the year by hosting Bill Mayes at our meeting to discuss his community service initiatives.



Mr. Mayes drives multiple times a week to various Rochester locations to collect unsold food from businesses and brings it to the Kendall Methodist church, where Wendy Becker and a small team of women facilitate food distribution to the local community. His efforts have resulted in the delivery of over 20 tons of food to our Kendall community over the past five years. We appreciate his tireless service. As embodied by our motto, 'We Serve,' the Lions Club is dedicated to community service.

Lyndonville Lions Club



Courtesy of the Orleans Hub: The Lyndonville Lions would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended this year's 51st Annual Independence Day Celebration.

As we turn the page on July 4, 2025, the Lions are already hard at work planning what we're proudly calling the "Grand Daddy of Them All"—the Lyndonville Lions' 52nd Annual July 4th Celebration. As you know, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our great nation, and we're committed to making this celebration one for the history books.

In the spirit of unity and celebration, the Lions will also invite surrounding Lions Clubs to participate next year—whether through float entries or other creative contributions.

The Lions would like everyone to save the date Saturday, October 18, as the second annual Lyndonville Lions Club Oktoberfest will be returning to Lyndonville. Signage, ticket sales, and more information on this event will be forthcoming.

Medina Lions Club

MEDINA LIONS JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

The month of June kicked off with a momentous occasion-our final dinner of the 2024-2025 year. The end-of-year celebration was a resounding success with full house in attendance. June is the time of year, new board members and new officers are installed or asked to serve again. The first order of business was the installation of two new Lion Members.



L-R Dave Boice, sponsored by Howie Gardner, and Michael Leavitt, sponsored by Stacey Leavitt.

The club officers for the year 2025-2026: 1. Lion President Mark Irwin. 2. Vice Presidents Lion Julie Keller and Lion Billy Roman. 3. Secretary Lion Carol Bel-lack. 4. Treasurer Lion Ken Dunham.

Our board members for 2025-26: Jason Cogovan, Tom McGrane, Matt Puch, Vicki Hutchinson, Judy Holbrook, Kat Holland, Tom Beach, Kevin Bogan, Bob-by Guzik.

Tom Robinson was honored as outgoing President. Chris Keller will continue to bring his unique energy as the tail-twister ensuring our meetings are always lively and engaging. Ann McElwee will continue as Lion Tamer. David Bellucci will continue as Membership chair.

Our scholarship winners Josephine Pollock and Sofia Gagliardi and their families were honored at the dinner for outstanding academic achievements and community service.



L-R Three outstanding Lions, new President Lion Mark Irwin, Melvin Jones Fellow Carol Bel-lack, and Lion of the year Ja-son Cogovan.

On the first Saturday in June, the entire Medina Community came together for the Community-wide Yard Sale, sponsored by the Medina Lions Club. This event, one of our major fund raisers, was a testament to our collective spirit and was filled with joy and camaraderie. Vendors set up booths at the Old Pickle Factory field, and many held sales in their yards.

The annual Chicken BBQ was an enormous success, selling out. Thanks to the effort of many.



Lion Chris Keller has been a driving force in the improvement of the Medina Lions Club Little Library, located at State Street Park. His dedication and hard work have transformed the library into a welcoming space for all. Remember, it's not just a place to take a book but also to share a book.



On July 5th Lions Carol, Kelly, Ann, and Lion President Mark attended Camp Abilities and served a delicious lunch of pizza.

Camp Abilities is an amazing one-week educational sports camp for children and teens who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf blind.

In August our annual family picnic was held at Pete Kaiser's home. Although it rained those that attended had a wonderful time with delicious food and good friends.



September 3rd, Vicki Hutchinson, Tom Robinson, Ann McElwee and Mark Irwin shared information about the Medina Lions Club at Open House at Oak Orchard and Wise Intermediate Schools.

Rochester Downtown Host Lions Club



District Governor Tom Flaherty tossed the first pitch at a Rochester Red Wing game in August. He did a nice job.



PDG Judy MacKnight was promoting the Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast.

Scio Lions Club



President Curt and Lion Joe represented our club in the Town of Scio Historical Harvest Festival Parade.



Scottsville Lions Club

The club worked hard at the Scottsville Farmers Market on three Wednesdays in July and August. Our Lions club was the primary food vendor at the Scottsville Summer Festival.

Varysburg Lions Club

40th Annual
Varysburg Lions Club &
North Java Fire Company

GUN RAFFLE

North Java Fire Hall
Saturday, November 8th, 2025
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Food & Refreshments Served 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
\$20.00 Ticket Admits One
Limited Tickets

GRAND PRIZE



2024 Hisun
Sector 400
Side x Side

Purchased From All Around Performance,
Arcade, NY

*Prizes purchased from -
K & K Guns, LLC 585-535-0240
All Around Performance 716-492-2621
Falconer Meats 585-457-3214
Winners Must Pass a Background Check.
Handgun Prize Requires NYS Pistol Permit.
NYS Law prohibits firearms at the raffle.*

Walworth Lions Club



The club is proud to announce Alexis Liberti and Evan Fosdick from Wayne Central as this year's recipients of the Walworth Lions Club Technical Scholarship!



Club members had a great time at the parade during the Festival in the Park in July.

Webster Lions Club



Roaring through the July Webster Parade!

Wellsville Lions Club

Summer is nearing its end and that's when the Wellsville Lions Club starts to get busy. We hope you all had a fantastic summer.

Below are our financial contributions to our community in August:

Wellsville Ambulance Corps – \$500
Andover Wetlands Fishing Derby – \$300
Wellsville Youth Football – \$400