



# THE ROARING District 20-E1

**NEWSLETTER** | SEPTEMBER 2021 ISSUE

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PASSION**

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Well, the year has begun and Lisa and I have been to our first visit sharing information and getting Lions excited about being Lions. This year we continue with moving forward and adapting and changing to what our leaders and Covid put in front of us.

Lisa and I are excited about this year

and look forward to meeting our Lion friends that we haven't had the opportunity to spend time with yet.



We will be working with our Leadership Team to keep you informed, updated and passionate about Lionism. Serving with passion is my theme this year and I would ask that you look back and remember why you joined the Lion's, what got you excited to serve and touched your heart and share that with the Lions around you and especially new Lions coming into your clubs.

We will be moving forward with new technology and doing Hybrid meetings, bringing in new speakers and opportunities to your clubs. Please make sure that your club sends information to be included in the district newsletter by the 8<sup>th</sup> of every other month starting in September so we can make this newsletter informative and fun. How to submit your information and what format to use can be found on page 15 of this newsletter.

Again we look forward to meeting all of you and creating new friendships that will last a lifetime and don't forget to

"Serve with Passion."



### DISTRICT OFFICERS

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#### Region 4

**Zone 7 Chair** Gary Nacaster

**Zone 8 Chair** Barry Haywood

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**Zone 9 Chair** Tracie Edwards

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# *history* SEEING EYES EARLY

is modeled after the pediatric vision screening program developed in the Tennessee Lions Eye Center Outreach Program under the guidance of Dr. Sean Donahue at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee during the late 1990's. Lions Clubs International Foundation was interested in making the vision screening program a model for Lions Clubs.

LionsSEE makes its way to New York... Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla NY is dedicated exclusively to the diagnosis, care and treatment of children with complex medical and rehabilitative needs and is a community resource for children with a variety of medical concerns. Personnel at Blythedale had a great deal of experience in evaluating children's vision. Together, LCIF, District 20-R1 Lions and Blythedale Children's Hospital formed a collaborative effort to establish a screening program to service the needs of children in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties.

Lions Screening Eyes Early at Blythedale began with LCIF awarded Core4 program funds, contributions and volunteer power from the Clubs of District 20-R1, Blythedale's commitment of space and office support along with the services of Barbara Ladenheim, PhD as Director of the program under the guidance of Dr. Joelle Mast, Blythedale's Chief Medical Officer. SPIKE the Lion, drawn by a local high school student, became the mascot of the program. Lions SEE at Blythedale blossomed; between the first session in March 2004 and the last in March 2007, Lion volunteers screened more than 5400 children and 543 were referred for treatment. Lions SEE at Blythedale was a great success, and the Lions were eager to broaden the effort. Unfortunately, other commitments prevented Blythedale from housing a state wide vision screening project and a decision was made to move Lions SEE to Buffalo. Lions SEE at Blythedale laid the groundwork for the current multiple district New York State project - LionsSEE, Inc. based at the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo. LionsSEE, Inc. runs under the medical guidance of Dr. James Reynolds and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of Lions representing districts throughout of New York State. LionsSEE, Inc. carries on the Lions enthusiasm and mission: To decrease childhood blindness through early detection and treatment of the most common vision disorders that cause Amblyopia; insuring that all children of New York State will be able to SEE their future Each step of the way, no matter where a program is based, the importance of providing vision services to children has immeasurable rewards!

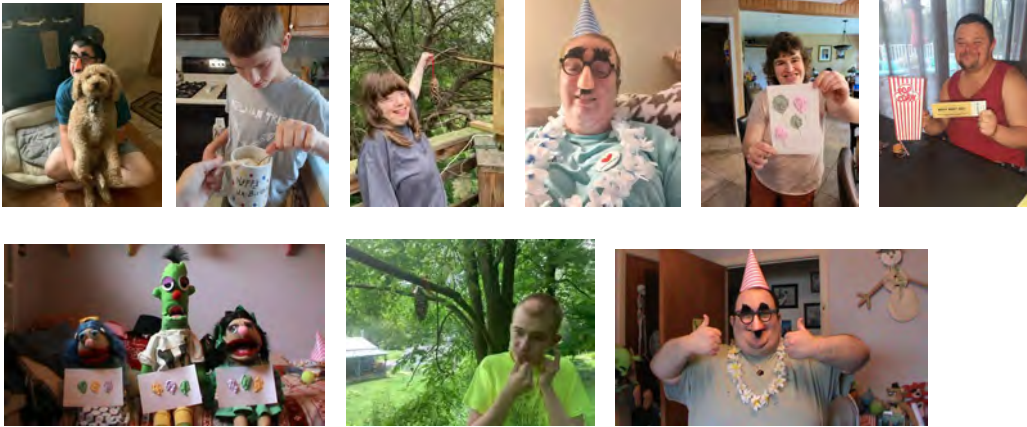
Non matching grants are available.

<http://www.lionsseeny.org/history.html>



## CAMP CORNER 2021 Virtual Camp/Badger Boxes:

A few of our campers enjoying our Virtual Camp activities.



### 2021 Super Raffle:

If you haven't already purchased some raffle tickets, there's still time! Tickets cost \$50. There will be 10 winners of \$1,000 each. The drawing will be held on or around Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day weekend.) Tickets may be purchased right up until the drawing.

### 2021 Lions volunteer work days:

We have one more Lions work day scheduled for **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have the time and skills to offer, we'd love some extra hands catching up on some projects around the camp. Come as a club or as an individual.

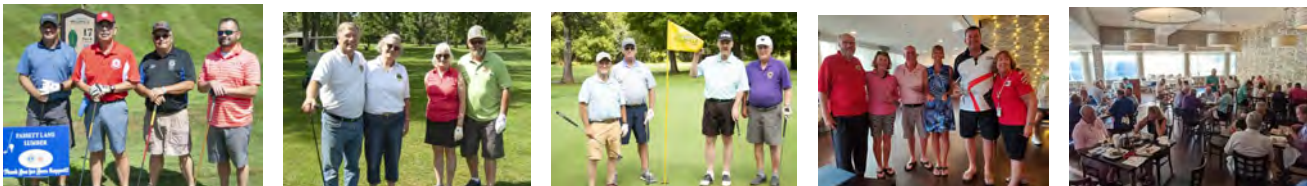
The projects range from simple to more skill needed: painting, gardening, cleaning, organizing, minor plumbing, electrical, brush & trail clearing, entryway roofs, renovations to bathrooms, demolition of an old cabin, etc. Most tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Monetary donations or supplies are gratefully accepted. \*Bring a bag lunch, we will provide drinks.

Please contact the camp to let us know you are coming and what your job preference/skillset is.

607-589-4800 [lcbfacilitymgr@gmail.com](mailto:lcbfacilitymgr@gmail.com) or [lionscampbadger@htva.net](mailto:lionscampbadger@htva.net).

### 2021 LCB Golf Classic:

Our Annual Golf Classic was held on Saturday 8/14 at the Wellsville Country Club. The weather was perfect for golfing! 44 golfers played and then enjoyed a delicious NYS Strip steak and baked potato dinner afterwards with lots of door prizes and raffles to add to the fun. Thank you to all of our sponsors and players for a most enjoyable and successful day! A list of sponsors and donors can be found on our website: [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org)





## 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**

### Lions Camp Badger

(photo submitted by Lion PCC Jim Schiebel)

Hilton Lion PCC Jim Schiebel had the honor of welcoming Lions Clubs International President Douglas X. Alexander to Lions Camp Badger. As a Board Chairman Emeritus, Lion Jim has a long history with the Lions State project now serving “special needs” children during a summer program. International President Alexander is now serving over one point four million members around the world. Lion President Douglas X. Alexander is from our state with his membership in Brooklyn.



Shown are several of the items sent to each camper this summer along with directions to supplement the zoom program at Lions Camp Badger. With all Lions financial support we expect to open for all the “special needs” students next year. Most of them have additional complications that would have made an in-person experience dangerous for them this summer





The Brockport Lions Club honored Brad Alexander of Northside Service and Alexander's Mobile with an RJ Uplinger award. The award recognizes Brad for many years of support for school groups, service clubs and social organizations in the Brockport area. Pictured are Brad with the award and presenter Lion president Norman Knapp. Thanks Brad for all you do in our community.

The Brockport Lions Club inducted a new member at their July 7th meeting. Pictured are PDG Chuck Switzer( performing the induction) , Peter Spagnola( new member), and Scott Hunsinger( sponsor).



## CLARENDON Lions Club



During July and August 2021 we were at the Oona Summer Concert Series, Orleans County Marine Park, Point Breeze each week, selling hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages. Although we had some rain delays and rescheduling, we all enjoyed the music, and working together on this fund-raiser. We would like to thank all those folks, who made purchases at our stand. Watch for us this fall, in the Clarendon area, selling our food items.

At our August 11th meeting we had a Pot Luck dinner, followed by speaker District Governor Curt Burdick's update on Lion's activities, within his western New York district.

On August 17th, Charter member, Lion Charlie Robishaw, passed away, 2 months after his wife Lion Carol passing. He was known for his many fund-raising ideas and Lions Club activities.

There is still time to purchase our 911 Sign Fund Raiser, a blue metal sign, with white reflective numbers, indicating your house number, which can be installed at the entrance to your driveway, making it easy for emergency services to locate your residence. We will install it, for a small additional cost. Orders can be made by contacting Lion Kevin Johnson by phone at 585-638-5230.

Don't forget, over the summer, to contribute to our "Little Free Pantry" located at the east end of the Town of Clarendon Office parking lot, on Church Street, for those in need of short-term food help.

We are back meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM, in the basement, of Disciples First United Methodist Church. If you would like to join our organization, please contact Lion Tom Persia at 585-638-5750.

**Thank you for your support and have a great remainder of the summer, Lion Roger Boynton.**



## HILTON Lions Club



Hilton Lions Club members take a great deal of pride in our community.

For over twenty years a group of members have cleaned up state route 18 west of the village twice annually.

If you recognize any of the members pictured, tell them “thank you” for their effort. At this time we would welcome local individuals who would like to do service activities.

## IRONDEQUOIT Lions Club



Our Lions year 2021-22 will begin a little different than in the past years as the first meeting will be held in the Irondequoit Town Library. Uncle Danny's Restaurant is experiencing staffing shortage and they are closing at 3 pm so at the present time meetings will be at the library. Members voted to meet once a month; fourth Monday of each month until further notice.

Officers met in late August to discuss the possibility of fund raising and other projects the club is involved with such as thank you for your service cards for the veterans at the Canandaigua VAH, holiday cards for the residents of the Shire, food donations for Thanksgiving for ICC just to name a few. These projects will continue.

Donations for our Little Free Library have increased and we are grateful for this as it helps keeps books for children well supplied. We have seen an increase in usage of the Library and we are happy we can be a part of this special project



As in the past the Club has purchased school supplies for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard (ICC) and this year supplies were purchased and delivered to ICC. They have a mini drive by for pickup and drop offs and supplies and food items are still very much in demand. COVID has not kept the volunteers from working and helping resLidents of the town.



Members of the Irondequoit Lions club closed out their Lions year 2020-21 with the presentation of the Irondequoit Lions Club Dr. Robert Santo Memorial Scholarship,

Kathleen (Katie) Taberski, a graduating senior from Irondequoit High School received the scholarship. Accompany her were several members of her family including her mom, sister and grandmother. Katie will be attending St. Lawrence University in the fall and her goal is to be a high school chemistry teacher. The scholarship committee was impressed with her many after school activities and her many hours of volunteering that she does.

Dealing with ADD, dyslexia and anxiety has “taught her to endeavor and appreciate her gifts and talents. She has learned that “perseverance, belief in oneself and resoluteness will get you through most anything.” She belongs to the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Organization (HOBY) whose motto is “we serve” same as in Lions. Katie was elected Tri-M National Music Honor Society as President. Her many hours of service include Open Door Mission, Red Kettle Campaign, and singing for patients at Seneca Ridge Dialysis Center. The Lions were proud to present the scholarship to this very active student in our community and wish her well in her future endeavors.



Lion Bev Bloss, scholarship winner Katie Taberski, Lion president Tim McCall





In other news, Lion Scott Davis received the Membership Key award from club president Tim McCall for bringing in two new members to the club.

Also after more than 30 years of service to the blind and visually impaired and print disabled population, Reachout Radio has stopped transmitting. WXXI provided this valuable service with the help of hundreds of volunteers who read the daily newspaper, magazines, and books. In the early stages of Reachout Radio, it was housed in the basement of the

Association for the Blind on Clinton Avenue S. Lion Scott, pictured with his Reachout radio, has many good memories of this service and thanks Ruth Phinney and WXXI for all they did to bring this service to Rochester.



## KENDALL Lions Club

The Kendall Lions celebrated their role in our Kendall community with participation in our annual Kendall Firemen's Carnival Parade. Several Lions shared their Lion spirit in song. As he has done for many years Lion Gary Kludt drove the Lions in his family's classic truck.



The Kendall Lions Club is remembering one of our greats. Lion Cole Hardenbrook, our last surviving Charter member, joined his fellow Lions in heaven. A grand reunion that will be. We are so grateful for his many years of service, leadership, and fellowship. We will remember you leading us in song and kindness.



We began our Lion year with our annual Steak Roast on August 19<sup>th</sup>. A perfect meal and the joy of reconnecting with our club members, families, and friends along with guests from the Hamlin and Hilton Lions club made for a great start to our year.

The Kendall Lions also presented several awards recognizing community members and lion members for their service to the community and the club



The club presented a Robert J Uplinger Award to Partyka Farms. Lion Eric Maxon highlighted their giving spirit and many of the ways they have supported our club through donations and sponsorship of our fundraisers and activities. For the past several years, they have hosted our annual pumpkin patch for the elementary students. This year, to provide the pumpkins in a safe manner, they delivered the pumpkins and set them up for a drive-in event at the Fire Hall. During the pandemic when we were unable to host a breakfast for the 2020 Kendall Seniors, they donated coupons for a sweet treat to accompany our Lion pins as gifts for the seniors. The Kendall Lions extend a big thank you to the entire Partyka Family.



Mike Cusimano and his daughter, Julie Bunn have made a great team for the Kendall Lions this year. Lion Mike Cusimano received the Ray Ernenwein Lion of the Year Award in recognition for his participation and leadership in the many events and service projects of our club. Lion Julie Bunn is our newest Melvin Jones Fellow. She was recognized for her leadership and service. Lion Julie implemented a Check In service for our Senior Citizens during the pandemic and organized many lions and community members in picking up and delivering food boxes to over 50 families in our community. Lion Julie also is an active participant in our events and service projects and has taken on the leadership role of club treasurer



We were proud to recognize Bill Mayes as our Citizen of the Year. Lion John Becker presented and shared how since the Pandemic began Bill has been traveling into the city two and sometimes three days a week to collect donated food. This has then been boxed and donated to many needy families in our Kendall Community.



At their last meeting of the 2020-2021 year, the Kendall Lions celebrated 46 years of service to the Kendall Community. Three new members were inducted into our club by Membership Chair Lion Mike Cusimano. Lion Jeff Charland sponsored his son, Kurt Charland as he became a member Kurt also joins his mother, Lion Becky Charland. Lion Ed Haight proudly sponsored his brother and sister-in-law. We were pleased to welcome back Lion Phil Haight and induct his wife Lorraine as they join our club in service.



A Career Lion was awarded to our incoming president Lion Gary Crawford. Lion Gary has been an active and loyal Lion for over 45 years. He is not only an asset to our club but the community as well, serving in the Fire Dept and as an EMT for 50 years



The Medina Lions Club held its annual banquet at the White Birch Golf Course on June 8, 2021. It was a celebration that recognized the officers, board members, and club members who completed a successful year despite the obstacles presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.



1. Zone Chair Pete Kaiser presented to outgoing President Billy J. Roman the Presidential Award of Excellence and the Robert J. Uplinger Award in recognition for his dedicated service to the community and leading the club through the pandemic. Billy spoke about his two years as President. He said that the "first year was smooth like skateboarding" and the second year he "realized people who want to help can make things happen."

2. Kaiser presented to Lion Dean Bellack the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. This is the highest honor a Lion can receive. Bellack has dedicated over 15 years to the community. He is active in many community organizations including but not limited to the YMCA, the Lions Club, and the United Way.

3. Ken Dunham, left, received a plaque for dedicated service for 2020-2021 by the Medina Lions Club outgoing president Billy Roman.

Roman, presented to Christopher and Julie Keller the Lions of the Year Award for their dedicated service during 2019-2020.



John Oakes sponsored by his wife Danette and Cindy Winters sponsored by her husband Tim were inducted by Lion Jim Hancock as new members.



President Billy Roman awarded the following Lion members with Membership Pins for years of service. Roman gave pins to Bob Winters for 55, Dave Bellucci and Ken Dunham for 35, and Marsha Winters for 15 years of service. Bobby Guzik, Jarred Saj, and Ross Thompson each received pins for 10 years.

Pete Kaiser inducted club officers for 2021-2022. The incoming President Tim Moriarty is pictured below. Vice Presidents are Jim Punch, Tom Robinson, and James (Howie) Gardner, and Secretary is Carol Bellack. Treasurer Ken Dunham will continue in his current position. The Membership Chair is Jim Hancock.



President Tim Moriarty for the 2021-22 year

Donna Bushover announced Hannah Kenward as the scholarship winner for 2020-2021. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chad Kenward.

As the evening ended, the group discussed the tremendous success of the Community Garage Sale, Chicken BBQ, Food Tent, and Weiner Mobile. Members shared upcoming events.

The Scarecrow Festival, October 9, will be at the Orleans County Fair Grounds. More details to follow



In other news, our Lions volunteered at the Community Soup Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church in Albion on July 2. The volunteers were Lion Pete Kaiser, Lion Ann McElwee, Barb Hancock, and Lion Carol Bellack. Not pictured is Lion Jim Hancock

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN:

The Albion and Medina Lions Clubs served at the Community Kitchen during August and September. A huge thank goes out to Kelly Uderitz and Pete Kaiser for their assistance in September. The mission of the Community Kitchen is to provide anyone who comes with a healthy meal, extra food, personal care products, and laundry care items to get through the week. It embodies the Lions Motto, "We Serve."



Dave Viterna Group

Lions Bobby and Jim taking orders



Enjoying the



Lion Pete working the grill.

Special thanks go out to Lions Danette and John Oakes, who invited the Medina Lions Club to participate in a community event at their primitive antique store, Filomena's Favorites. It is a vintage store with quality handmade items, primitives, antiques, collectibles, braided rugs, wax melts, candles, room sprays, and so much more! The Dave Viterna Group entertained the crowd with a blues/rock band dedicated to making every song an authentic listening experience. The Medina Lions Club sold hot dogs, chips, and drinks to the hungry crowd.

## FIRST MEETING OF THE 2021-22 YEAR AND STEAK ROAST

The Oakes' of Filomena's Favorites hosted our first meeting of the year and steak roast for all members at their beautiful spot by the creek. Members and their families had a wonderful time.



Our next board meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at Junior Wilson's Sportsmen's Club. On October 5th at 4:00, the club will tour H. H Dobbins, a company specializing in the distribution of farm produce in the United States. The dinner meeting will follow immediately at Junior Wilson's

**MEDINA LIONS' WILL HOLD ITS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL AT A NEW LOCATION, THE ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR GROUND**

(Photos by Ginny Kropf): Medina Lions Dean Bellack, Sherry Wheatley, Tom Beach, Jim Punch, and Howie Gardner moved T-Posts for Scarecrow Fest from Forrestel Farm to the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The Medina Lions Club's annual Scarecrow Fest will be on October 9th, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds. This new venue opens space for us. The festival will feature an indoor flea market and craft show with the Boy Scouts selling homemade corn chowder, chili, smores, hot dogs, hamburgers, and pop. Chiavetta's will host a chicken barbecue drive thru. Tickets are on sale at Filomena's, Bank of Castile, Revival Beauty Shop, or any Lion member. The Conservation Club and the 4-H have various demonstrations planned. In addition to games, a new event will be a kids' pedal tractor ride through a straw maze.



Information and pictures from the [Article](#) in the Orleans Hub by Ginny Kropf



Sherry Wheatley and her committee are undertaking a massive task. Pauline Lanning sews the heads, which the Medina High School Art Department paints. With donated plywood, the Iroquois Job Corps make T-Posts both sitting and standing.

Albion Dairy Farmer Ed Neal gives bales of straw to stuff the scarecrows.



## ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN HOST Lions Club

Club members Yvette and Bing Reaves truly understand the concept of an organization's "branding". It is fine to wear a ball cap or shirt with your club's name or a Lion Clubs' emblem, but when doing community service or fund raising, the traditional yellow vest is the most recognized symbol of our organization around the world. Consider that fact next time your club is considering clothing purchases. Yvette and Bing are posing with the vests they actually just received.



## WEBSTER Lions Club



Webster Lions once again returned to Genesee Valley Park in August to serve up hots and hamburgers for those attending the UK Car Show.

It was the club's first outdoor fundraising effort since COVID .

## SUBMITTING INFORMATION for District Newsletter

### Club NEWS—articles for submission.

The District Newsletter will be published every other month beginning in September.

Deadline is the 8th of the month.

Submit articles in WORD. Submit photos in jpg format. Please do not send in pdf format.

SEND TO: [district20e1newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:district20e1newsletter@gmail.com)

Thank you.

## 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.



Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.  
Lions Eye Bank at Albany / Rochester

# 2021 RAFFLE

1st PRIZE **\$2500**

2nd PRIZE **\$1000**

3rd PRIZE **\$500**

**\$20** per ticket

Drawing held December 9, 2021

**For tickets contact:**

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Email: [Isaheim117@gmail.com](mailto:Isaheim117@gmail.com)

**Lion Victoria Adler** 518-489-7606

Email: [vadler@leba-r.org](mailto:vadler@leba-r.org)

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