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# Message from ... COUNCIL CHAIR LION GARY BOISSEAU

As we begin a new Lions year, we continue to prepare for the centennial of our great association! In 2017 we, as members of Lions Clubs International, will celebrate 100 years of service in communities all around the world. We are ready, willing and able to not only help neighbors in our own communities in New York State and Bermuda, but also in communities across our planet. Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

Each district has appointed a Centennial Coordinator to oversee preparations for our centennial celebrations, as well as to encourage clubs to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge; 100 million acts of service by 2017. To accomplish this exciting goal, and to show the world that Lions really care about their neighbors in need, club secretaries should be reporting their activities in MyLCI. For more information on ways your club can celebrate the Lions Clubs International first 100 years of service, visit the Lions100 website at: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org>.

The 2015-2016 MD-20 Council of Governors is working hard to strengthen and build clubs in our districts. They are assessing and implementing ways to increase membership, to add new clubs, and to spread the message of Lionism. More members mean more hearts and hands to help our neighbors in need. Helen Keller was once quoted as saying "*Alone we can do so little;*



*together we can do so much*". Together, with your club members, you can help your community by asking your family, friends and acquaintances to join our association.

The planning for the MD-20 Convention is well underway and promises to be one of the best conventions ever! The convention, it is a great opportunity to meet Lions from all across New York State and Bermuda and to attend great seminars. You can register now by printing a copy of the registration form and returning it to the MD-20 office. Hotel rooms fill up fast, so send in your reservations today! You can download a copy of the registration form by visiting <http://www.md20lions.com> and clicking on the "2016 Convention Registration" link on the right side of the homepage.

It is an honor to be serving as your MD-20 Council Chairperson for the 2015-2016 Lions year. I look forward to a great year, working with a great group of District Governors, as we look ahead to the next 100 years of Lionism!

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Gary Boisseau  
Council Chairperson, MD-20



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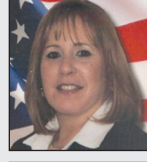
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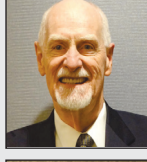
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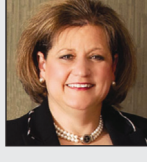
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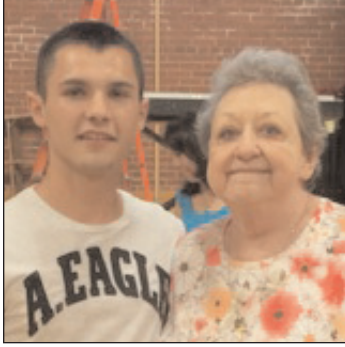
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# DISTRICT 20-N

## LEWISTON LIONS

Albert Lewis III, a Niagara Wheatfield graduating senior for the class of 2015, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Lewiston Community Lions. Lions John & Theresa Tourbin were present at the awards luncheon to present Albert with his well-deserved check.



The Lewiston Community Lions offer a \$500 yearly scholarship to a Native American High School senior, living on the Tuscarora Reservation, based solely on their volunteer actions and community service. Lewis has helped on the Tuscarora Nation by volunteering at their Health Fair, the Nations Annual Picnic, Tuscarora Nation Health Center, and assisted the Sanborn Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition to his volunteer work, he serves as a Lewiston Police Explorer, in which he works directly with the Lewiston Police officers to assist with patrol functions, special events and traffic control. Lewis will be attending Fredonia State University in the fall, where he hopes to further his law enforcement knowledge and obtain the experience and qualifications to further serve his community as a police officer. As a Native American living on the Tuscarora Reservation, he would like to succeed in dispelling the stereotype and negative ideology around what it means to be a police officer.

“Who I am today is completely shaped by where I come from and everything I endured. Therefore, I am using all of my experiences to drive myself to pursue a college degree, despite the financial obstacle”, stated Lewis.

Lewis wants to be a model for future graduates and generations of the Tuscarora Nation by successfully obtaining a higher education degree, and wants to teach community members to trust the educational system despite downfalls in life. He wants students to use school as an anchor to fall back on when doubting their futures success.

“The Lewiston Community Lions are proud to offer their support, and wish Albert much success in obtaining his dream”, stated club president Regina Cecconi.



## EYEGGLASS DONATIONS

On August 13th, Lions and volunteers came together at South-side Trailers, Lion Zappia's current place of employment, for a work party to sort through hundreds of boxes of donated eyeglasses. The day began with comments from District Governor Nancy Luckman and an invocation by Deacon Dan Mackowiak of Niagara Catholic High School. PDG Reinagel then directed workers into groups at tables brought by a number of the volunteers and the sorting began in earnest. Hot dogs cooked under the direction of DG Luckman, pop, water and a variety of snacks satisfied over 75 Lions (from 14 Clubs – Amherst, Boston, Clarence, Evans Township, Gasport, Grand Island, Pendleton, Kenmore, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Sheridan Drive, South Buffalo/Lackawanna, Town of Niagara and Youngstown) and volunteers who worked tirelessly to sort eyeglasses, sunglasses, eyeglass cases, cellphones, and ink cartridges into separate cartons (donated by Norampac in Lancaster). Several of the volunteers drove their vehicles filled with cartons of eyeglasses for recycling (100 cartons in all totaling over 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses) to Walmart for shipment to the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.



Going forward, instructions are available on the Lions District 20-N web site for our new recycling program to prepare glasses for delivery to Walmart locations throughout District 20-N.

## EAST AURORA LIONS

East Aurora Lions finished a busy summer with a hot dog sale/basket raffle, the proceeds benefitting the clients of Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center, who are rebuilding



their indoor riding arena following a damaging winter. The photo shows EA Lions Secretary Ron LaBrake presenting the \$350 raised during the event to Lothlorien Program Director Katie Macre. A number of Lions and faithful friends, however, were involved in providing foodstuffs, baskets to raffle and giving generously of their time to make this fundraiser a summer highlight. Not to stand alone as seasonal activity, East Aurora donated over \$3000 to area libraries and national/area service organizations, had a fun picnic together with our Wainfleet, Ontario twinning club, ran a free raffle at the East Aurora Annual Sidewalk Sale, and awarded two \$1000 scholarships to deserving EAHS graduating class members. And to think the summer months make available “down time” to clubs.’

## LIONS NIGHT AT THE RACES

This is a fun night when Lions gather together to enjoy each others company. There were a couple pretty good crashes, one where several cars crashed together and the car in the middle actually turned on it's side. Everyone walked away which was a good thing. Photo 1: Lion Phil Silliman, co-chair of the event sponsored by the Town of Niagara Lions, DG Nancy, Lions Frank Eldridge and Fred Leuer from the Barker Lions and 1st VDG Lion John Haak.





# The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation

Since we began only a few short years ago, the **Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation** has helped nearly **32,000 children across our Multiple District**. This has been accomplished through the distribution of over **\$100,000 in both Humanitarian and Emergency Grants** which have supported Lions projects that help children in need. Pictured below are two of the many success stories from the past Lions year.

The preschool children seen on the left are participants of the Middletown Reading Action Program. The picture on the right shows the new Dover Lions Club water fountain which can be found in their local park. Both programs were made possible by a successful partnership between their local Lions Clubs and a matching **Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation Humanitarian Grant**.



You can find out more about these and our many other successful grant recipients by visiting us online at **[www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org)**. There, you can also learn more about how your club, zone, or district can earn a matching grant of up to \$2,000 for any qualifying service projects that help children in your community. And while you are on our website, you can also find out the many ways in which you can support the Foundation as well. For without the generous support of our sponsors the success of our grant program would never have been possible.

Our largest fundraiser - the **Annual Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation Super Bowl Raffle** - is currently underway and tickets are being distributed by your District Coordinators. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl and you can bet the celebration in the San Francisco Bay area on February 7, 2016 will be one to remember for many years to come. Now you have an opportunity to actually attend the game in person!

For only \$20, your raffle ticket purchase could make you eligible to win our grand prize - an **all-expenses paid trip for two to the big game worth over \$14,000**. This prize includes your airfare to and from the game, your hotel stay, all your transportation needs, and so much more. In addition to the grand prize, you could also win one of eleven cash prizes. Our second place prize is \$2,000; third place, \$1000; fourth and fifth place, \$500; and sixth through eleventh place prizes are \$250 each.

We, at the Foundation would like to take this moment to thank all of our sponsors, and all of those who have applied for and received your Humanitarian Grants. You are truly the **“Everyday Heroes”** that make these **“Miracles Through Service”** possible for all the young people who need our help.



Visit us at: **[www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org)**



## CAMP BADGER NEWS

Our camping program ran from July 5th through July 25th with one two-week session (several only signed up for 1 week) for ages 14-26, and a one-week session for ages 8-13. We had 42 campers the first week, 30 the second week and 10 the third, with 18 summer staff members, and about 45 volunteers. We also had 17 presenters come in with fun activities and/or presentations for the campers like Tanglewood Nature Center, Dan the Snake Man, Moreland the Magician, Dear-E the clown, Magic Paintbrush Project, and more! We also estimate that we hosted over 100 people for our closing ceremony and luncheon.

The Board of Directors and especially the staff of Lions Camp Badger would like to thank the Penn Yan Lions Club for their generous donation of funds making it possible for us to purchase a new 52" zero-turn mower. John Wild and his staff are eternally grateful! Thank you Penn Yan Lions Club!

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for our 4th Annual Wine and Microbrew Tasting on the Canandaigua Lady on August 22nd. We enjoyed good wine/beer/appetizers, as well as great company! Thank you to everyone who joined us for a lovely afternoon.

Our annual Lions Camp Badger Golf Classic was held on September 11th at the Bristol Harbour Golf Club in Canandaigua, NY. It is an amazing course with a million-dollar view of Canandaigua Lake. The tournament was a great success in no small part to the efforts of PCC Gary Brown who organized and coordinated all the sponsors, golfers, and giveaways. Thank you Gary for all your time and effort in making this a success. We appreciate it more than you know! By the way, Gary is looking for some help forming a committee for next year's event. If you are interested in lending a hand, he can be reached at 315-486-8195 or brownigus46@gmail.com.

While things are somewhat winding down here at the camp for the season, we still have a few events booked through mid-October. We have two wedding receptions, a baby shower, 50th birthday celebration, and a Union Springs Lions Dinner meeting scheduled, plus a couple more Lions work groups coming to do a few more things before winter settles in. We also host the home soccer games for a local Christian school. By the end of the 2015 season, we will have had over 1330 visitors through the camp and about 165 volunteers! And, that is in addition to our Special Needs Summer program.

Camp Badger will have an Open House for anyone who works with or cares about individuals with special needs on October 22nd at 10:30am and again at 3:30pm. We will be

reaching out to service coordinators from school districts and local agencies, but if you'd like to attend, you are welcome! Please RSVP to Erica Lilly, Camp Director, at lion-scampbadger@htva.net by Monday, October 19th stating which session you would prefer to attend.



*Thanks to the Lions of MD20 we have raised enough dollars to repair the pool.*

## APALACHIN LIONS CLUB



*Mobile Food Pantry on April 29*

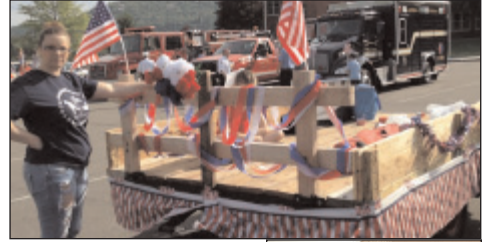
The Apalachin Lions Club awarded \$3000 in Scholarship for 2015. Each winner received \$1000 at their Awards Ceremonies. The scholarship is to promote and reward young people for service to their community and school. This year's 3 winners are Benjamin Cacciaglia from Owego Free Academy, Morgan Stetson from Montrose High School, and Christopher Murphy from Vestal Senior High. The winners joined the Lions at their dinner meeting on June 10th.



*Our Apalachin Lions Club Back to School Program had another successful year. We have*

conducted this program for the last 26 years. In cooperation with the Vestal Target, families were able to spend \$70 for each school age child to help defray the cost of getting their children equipped for school. We serviced 96 children and 34 families. Many thanks to Lions Dave & Naomi Rupright, Ray Linder, Sharon Tulsey, Joe & Judy Murphy, Pete Sylvester, Donna & Dave Buchta, Bill Loso, Janet Williams, and Wes & Janet DeLap.

## CAMPBELL LIONS CLUB



*Memorial Day Parade in Campbell & Savona.*

*Eye screening for Steuben County Strong Kids Safe Kid.*



## CANANDAIGUA LIONS CLUB

The Canandaigua Lions Club sponsored a BBQ at the Blue Star Mothers Canteen for local veterans on May 8. Eleven of our Lions provided the food and took on various chores such as cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Special thanks to Lion Richard Vara for organizing the event. There were hot dogs and hamburgers plus several different salads, potato chips, and of course dessert – cookies! Leftover food was kept at The Canteen for the Blue Star Mothers to use at a future meal. Our Lions enjoy chatting and spending time together with The Mothers and the Veterans.

The Club also previously hosted a pasta dinner for their group and assisted them with their key fund-raiser at the local high school, making and selling spaghetti dinners, assisting with a clothing drive, and sorting and packaging toiletries, etc., for homeless veterans. The Blue Star Mothers Canteen at the Veteran's Administration grounds in Canandaigua is open Mondays and Fridays each week, except on national holidays.

The Canandaigua Lions Annual Kids Fishing Derby, held on Saturday August 15, was successful again this year, despite the 45-minute rain shower. The downpour didn't seem to bother the kids, but we aren't too sure how the parents and grandparents felt about it! Although they unfortunately couldn't be there



## DISTRICT E2 continued

the day of the Derby, Lions Mike and Mary Sykes (co-chairs for many years) organized everything ahead of time, and with the help of many of our members we were able to hand out goodie bags, hourly door prizes, and some great awards.

### CORNING LIONS CLUB

Corning Lions Club planted a tree in memory of PDG George Hunt who passed away earlier this year. The tree is in the Gorton Cemetery, a small 19th century cemetery that the club maintains. In attendance, along with George's wife, Lioness Awanda, were his brother-in-law Phil Huber, his daughter Sharon McCormick and his niece Sandy Huber. The club previously planted three other trees in honor of deceased members.



### HECTOR AREA LIONS CLUB



*Pictured is Tammy Clarkson, winner of the Steuben Lion raffled by the Corning Lions. Tammy is the Secretary of the Hector Area Lions. Also pictured is Walt Scheuer, President. As one of the Guiding Lions PCC Art Peck from Corning made the presentation.*

The Hector Area Lions Club would like to send a huge shout and thanks to our fellow Lions who were able to lend a hand and help us staff the Wine Festival Ice Brigade at Watkins Glen International on July 11th and

12th! We greatly appreciate those who were able to volunteer time to ensure we were fully staffed! Thanks for all the teamwork!!!

The Hector Area Lions Club had a blast volunteering at NASCAR, August 8 & 9 at Watkins Glen International, Riesbeck Grandstand!



### HORSEHEADS LIONESS CLUB

The Horseheads Lioness Club recently held our annual Spring Raffle; we sell raffle tickets and give away a \$100 gift certificate to Miniers (given to us for \$90), a \$50 gift certificate to Rounding Third Regale R3, and a \$25 gift certificate to Zeigler's Florist (donated for free). The Ticket Sales totaled \$427, and the cost of the giveaways was \$140, so the net profit was \$287

### ITHACA LIONS CLUB

Members of the Ithaca Lions Club and their families walked in the 2015 Ithaca Festival Parade with over 95 other civic and community groups to raise awareness and visibility for their 60+ year old club on May 28, 2015. The Ithaca Festival Parade is the largest annual parade in Tompkins County and draws thousands of viewers from all over the Finger Lakes region.



### LANSING LIONS CLUB

At District Governor Gary Boisseau's Testimonial Dinner, PDG Noni was presented with the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation "Miracles Through Service" award for our District! PDG Noni certainly deserves this award for all she has done and continues to do for the youth in our District!



In May the Club had a Mother's Day flower sale under the leadership of Lions Charla & Rick Hayes. On the same weekend the Club sponsored a BBQ to raise money for the Food Bank.

We held our annual July 4th Chicken BBQ at the Ludlowville Park with great success. The day started off with rain which turned into beautiful sunshine.

We also held our annual Ice Cream Social at the Ludlowville Park. The Dairy Princess, Lizzy Drake and her alternate, Julia Fouts served the ice cream to a good size crowd. The accompanying concert was great. Funds from this project will be used for the construction of a new pavilion for the park. The pavilion will be a memorial to Charter Member Lion Jim Howell and his wife Phyllis.

At our club picnic in August, Lion Rick Hayes was presented with an Uplinger Award. Lion Rick is truly deserving of this recognition. PDG Gary Boisseau with assistance from Lansing's PDG Noni Krom inducted 5 new members.

### MANCHESTER SHORTSVILLE LIONS

May was a busy month for the Manchester Shortsville Lions Club. We have done eye screening at Red Jacket, collected 27 bags of groceries at our food drive and will be joining the Relay for Life at Red Jacket remembering the 3 members we have lost to cancer in the recent years: Thelma Nicot, Diane Mordue and Mary Gentry. We also had our annual Dish to Pass and White Elephant Sale. I am sure people could hear us laughing for miles. Ask Lions Lynn and Bill Williams and Lions Kim and Gary Boisseau about their purchases.



Sandy Liberty joined the Manchester Shortsville Lions at our June banquet. Membership chair Pam Nurse inducted her while sponsor Susan Johnson gave her the Lions pin. This summer we were busy. In June we manned the ticket booths at the Shortsville Firemen's Carnival. In July we work with several local Rotary clubs at Hill Cumorah. Our concession stand (R & L Concessions) serves hot dogs, sausage, hamburgers, cheese burgers, chicken and of course salt potatoes. Once visitors get a sample of our potatoes, they can't get enough and want the recipe to bring back to their part of the world.

## DISTRICT E2 continued

### NORTH ROSE LIONS CLUB

On May 2nd the North Rose Lions were busy selling Gift Raffle tickets in the Newark, NY Wal-Mart parking lot. 8 North Rose Lions worked a 9am- 1:00pm shift for a very successful sale indeed.

On May 5 to May 7 the North Rose Lions did a Pedia Vision Eye screening at North Rose-Wolcott Elementary school. North Rose Lions President Paul Wilson was the coordinator of the event and trained Lions and Lioness club members from North Rose, Wolcott, Pal-Mac and civilian friends. A total of 115 students were screened with 11 referrals. Pictured are: L to R, North Rose Lion John Hewes, Wolcott Lioness Carol Martini, North Rose Lion Allan Mitchell, North Rose Lion President Paul Wilson, and North Rose Lion Jim Kermis.



On May 3rd Lion John Hewes and Lion Gary Arend attended the District 20-E-2 Buffet Testimonial at Club 86 in Geneva. Lion John and Lion Gary were thrilled and pleased to accept the Lions Club International Centennial Service Challenge patch and the "Be The Change" for Camp Badger patch. The North Rose Club will proudly display both patches on their club banner.

The month of June was a busy month for the North Rose Lions. On June 2 the North Rose Lions participated in the North Rose-Wolcott Sports Awards night pictured with Athletic Director Kathy Hoyt, on the far left, Heluva Good Cheese has made donations to the event for the past few years.



On June 13th the Lions assisted the Rose Firemen on their 100th Anniversary Celebration. The next day, June 14, despite a steady rain throughout the North Rose Lions had their 15th Annual Golf Clinic at the NR-W Golf Range. On June 24th at a special Ladies night and a program of Life Net Air Methods, the North Rose Lions honored Lion Diane Rice with the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. The words on Diane's plaque read "In recognition of her

dedication, thoughtfulness, and attention to the needs of others through many local organizations. Her outstanding service helps promote a successful community".

### OVID-WILLARD LIONS CLUB



Garage sale at fire house in June.



Preparing water and Gatorade for the muscle man triathlon aid station for cycling challenge.



Ovid-Willard section of road with aid station, cyclists approaching.

### OWEGO LIONS CLUB

The Owego Lions Club recently held their annual Pancake Breakfast in May at the Countryside Community Center. This year the proceeds were earmarked for Camp Ahwaga. Camp Ahwaga is an educational and recreational program which provides services to children with disabilities in Tioga County, New York. It's a 6-week program held during the summer months with staff to ensure the children maintain consistency in their education. Valerie EllisHillary, Board Member of Camp Ahwaga, attended the Lions meeting to give a talk about the camp, and its programs.



President Phyllis Ludwig on left, Valerie Ellis Hillary on right holding the check.

President Phyllis Ludwig presented her with a \$500 check for the camp, to help with their service to the children of Tioga County.

The Owego Lions Club held their Installation Dinner on Thursday, June 18th at the Countryside Community Center. 1st VDG Larry Strickland was there to in-stall the new officers for 2015-16 as well as inducting two new Lions into the club. PDG Ed Kretsch sponsored Anna Denise Robinson, and Lion Donna Henry sponsored Conrad Metcalf into the Lions family. It was an exciting night for awards. All members were presented attendance awards for years of service. Lion Ted Andrews was recognized for 60 years as a member who came in a few months after the club had been chartered. Lion Wendy Smith presented the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Carla Eiklor who despite having many irons in the fire always managed to get to meetings and work on events. She even catered the dinner that evening. The special award of the evening was the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. Lion Gil Henry gave a heartfelt speech about Winifred "Winnie" Allen who has given countless hours (approx. 35,000 hrs.) of piano music to her church, service organizations, friends, and family. She believed that God had blessed her with this talent, and feels it's only right to share it with others "freely". Winnie began playing piano at a very young age, and has served her church 71 years with this gift of music. President Phyllis Ludwig presented the plaque and pin to Winnie. The Owego Lions were very honored to present this award to a beautiful and gifted woman from Candor, New York.

### PALMYRA-MACEDON LIONS CLUB

Palmyra-Macedon Lions Club has brought in two new members since March, Lion Kelly Martin and Linda Pulcini.



PDG Rena Haigh, Kelly Martin, Linda Pulcini, and Sandy McMenamin- Linda's sponsor and club secretary.

Then this May 19th another member was inducted. Rowena will make a great member as her sponsor Linda Pulcini stands by. PDG Rena Haigh was on hand to bring the new member blindfolded to experience the need for Lions Club and their effort to make help all with the sense of sight.





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*New Lion Rowena with her Lion Sponsor Lion Linda.*



Under the watchful eye of Environmental Chair Bill Bush, Road clean up happened on April 29th with a record number of local Lions putting on their safety vests and heading to NYS Route 31 between Macedon and Palmyra. Filling up the large orange bags was easy to do on the first cleanup of the season. The 11 Lions received lots of horn honking and waves acknowledging their good work.

More children have had their eyes screened by our team lead by Lion Ed. Lion Gene and Bill have been collecting eye glasses galore and are making quite a name for themselves.

We served popcorn, mac and cheese and tacos in a bag at the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. This is the 3rd and final year of the Palmyra Community Center hosting this event.

Pal-Mac Lions are full of volunteerisms and there are many things that our members do that involve the club but do not get noted. Lion John Cook, spearheaded a program for those children that do not have a lunch program for summer lunches - which will be held throughout the summer. Also we made a donation to Camp Badger for all the damage they incurred with the recent storms. Pal-Mac Lions headed by Bob Trox supported the Relay for Life to fight cancer. Great job by all.

Popcorn Chairman Ed Plesa has been working long hours organizing events with our popcorn trailer. Lion Tom Hall set up the schedules for the huge undertaking at the Hill Cumorah Pageant. It takes 12 days of effort by 10 or more Pal-Mac Lions each evening for 4 hours each night. This is the largest outdoor production and happens only once each year. This fundraiser keeps our service projects and community programs going all year long.

The annual picnic was held and officers and chairpersons were sworn in on June 16th. Thanks to PDG Rena Haigh for swearing in the new officers, directors and chairpersons. The Pal-Mac Lions never rest and are always collecting eye glasses headed by Community Needs Chair Lion Gene Buchnam with helper Lion Bill Hassler as well as many more eye screeners.



Lions at Pal-Mac participate in all areas of community service.



### PENN YAN LIONS CLUB

The Penn Yan Lions have started a project supporting local nonprofit groups.

Each month an organization will be chosen and a list of needed items from them will be emailed to the membership. On the first meeting of the month members who chose to participate donate items from the list. For the month of May, the organization was the Living Well. Shown is a picture of the items donated and members from left to right; Earl Gleason, Ron Miller, Rom French, Dan Banach and our new District Governor Larry Strickland.



Another new project for the club has been the converting of a wagon to be used in parades and other events to help promote the Penn Yan Lions Club. The first parade will be the Memorial Day Parade honoring our Lions veterans.



Here is a photo of the "Flamingos Against Cancer". The Penn Yan Lions team raised \$2238 to help support the Yates County Relay for Life. Part of the money raised came from donations made to have Flamingos placed in friends and neighbors' yards for a few days. The minimum donation to do this was \$20 but many made even greater donations. The Flamingos helped put "fun" back in "fundraising".



A very special shout out to the Penn Yan Lions Club ramp crew and District Governor Larry Strickland. Lion Larry was approached at the first council meeting in July by PID Steve Tremaroli with a request for assistance in helping a former classmate who lived in Geneva and needed better access to his house.

The Penn Yan Lions who worked on the ramp were, Norm Koek, Judy Jones, Don Willmott, Bill McEvily, Lee Mackerchar, Jerry Turner, Dale Hansen, Del Allen, and DG Larry Strickland

This really highlights the new Lions branding for our Centennial. "Where there is a Need, there is a Lion" Great Job Penn Yan Lions.

### RUSHVILLE LEOS CLUB



*The Leos are working with an after school group at Marcus Whitman. They are making Memorial Day t-shirts.*



### SODUS LIONS CLUB



*Pictured L to R, Sec.-J. Catlin, Dir.-N. Johnson, Pres.-C. Sprague, 2nd VP-R. Reynolds, Dir.-R. Sapp, Tamer- W. O'Brien, P. Pres.-W. Hontz, Twister-W. Lesniak, 1st VP-D. Lewis. Missing from picture Dir.-R. Hillis, Treas.-L. Clark, Dir.-J. Miller.*

Sodus Lions inducted their new officers at their end of the year picnic.

PCC Bill Williams informed the inductees of their duties and responsibilities as he formally swore them in. Picnic was hosted by Lion Rob Sapp at his farm in Sodus were the

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members grilled their own steaks and chicken to their choosing. Great time was had by all.

### TRUMANSBURG LIONS CLUB

The Trumansburg club held a chicken BBQ fundraiser at a local produce market with the corn being donated by them. 11 Lions participated and we sold out in under 2 hour.

### UNION SPRINGS LIONS CLUB



President Eric Rosenkrans, Secretary BJ Bellen, Treasurer Deborah Murphy and VP Jeremy Garlock.



New Lions Fran Rosenkrans and Jarett Powers.

President Warren Albrecht presenting PCC Bill Williams with a Progressive Uplinger Award.



### VICTOR LIONS CLUB

Happy Anniversary Victor Lions Club!

The Victor Lions Club celebrated the 75th Anniversary of their club's charter on June 3rd, 2015 with dinner and two desserts! Members and guests gathered at Champion Hills in Victor for a night of great food, heart-warming stories, entertaining jokes, and a piece of cake to take home.

PID Dr. Ed Cordes, Lions Club International, reflected on the past asking everyone to think back on what was happening in the world in 1940, seventy-five years ago when the Victor Lions Club was chartered. The Lions Club is about making the world a better place. He spoke about all the Lions projects worldwide, the ways that Lions Club members serve in their community, and paid tribute to long time members, several who have served the Victor-Farmington community for over 30 years, and one member, Gordy Berndt, with 61 years of service.

Dr. Cordes then presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, a high honor, to Lions Art Elliott, Joan Trost, and Ted Brewerton.



The Lions Club symbol looks backward and forward, and for 2015-2016, our District Governor Gary Boisseau installed the new Victor Lions president, Mike Stockman, who received the meeting gavel from outgoing Lion President Dick Maltman. Babette Huber, Victor Town Historian, Lion President Dick Maltman, and Past District Governor Lion Fred Trost were each awarded a Robert J. Uplinger award for performing exemplary service and possessing the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose and service. The night ended with Lion Jeff Swann presenting the Lifetime Service Award to Lion Ted Brewerton for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service.

Funds raised through Victor Lions events throughout the year are donated to Campaign Sight First, Batavia School for the Blind, Vision Screening for pre-K children, Large print books for the Victor Farmington Library, Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation, VCS Student Scholarships, Honor Flight Rochester, Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, and many more.

### WEEDSPORT LIONS CLUB

Weedsport Lions hosted a dinner for twenty graduating Seniors who have demonstrated charitable services to their school, community or church. The dinner was hosted by Lion Norm Chirco. Local Lions introduced themselves and spoke about what it was that inspired each of them to become a Lions Club Member.

Lion Ernie Bacon gave an overview of Lionism and what we do locally to serve our community. The local Guidance Counselor introduced each student and what services each of them had accomplished as well as their future goals. The evening included team skits and games. Fun was had by all.

Weedsport Lions continue their efforts in grant writing to help the local Food Pantry with a new facility. Hopefully, the facility will be up and running soon.

Before taking a summer break, Weedsport Lions participated in the Weedsport Fireman's Field Days. We held a raffle for a gas grill, picnic supplies and a \$50 gift certificate. Members participated in the parade and continued to sell tickets at the fairgrounds. Monies raised will help fund upcoming projects.

*We Remember Lion David Keel - Member of the Weedsport Lions Club who passed away on August 22, 2015*

### WOLCOTT LIONS CLUB

On Wednesday, June 17, the Lions installed officers for the July 2015 through June 2016 Lions Year. The Installation Dinner was held at Dockers Seafood and Grille, celebrating the community projects and events of the past year, as well as those of the upcoming year. Outgoing President Stanley Hyde, noted the year's accomplishments, including eye screenings, eye exams and glasses, We Care About Kids support, windows for Camp Badger, the Wine & Jazz Festival and the Car Show.

Lion Bob Strong led the Installation Ceremony. The new officers are: President, Helen Drake; 2nd Vice President, Mike Bettis; 3rd Vice President, Bonney Milan; Secretary, Lonney Drake; Treasurer, Sherri Shel-don; Assistant Treasurer, Marilyn Caywood; Directors: 1 year - Chuck Madison, Joe Gregg, Ross Chris-man; 2 year - Stanley Hyde, Marilyn Caywood, Bonney Milan; Tail Twister, Ross Chrisman; Lion Tamer, Don Coleman; Chaplain, Bob Strong; Song Leader Otto Meijer; Flowers and Visitation, Kim Chrisman; Newsletter, Marilyn Caywood.

We hosted our annual Car Show on Sat., August 15 on Main Street in Wolcott. Lion Lonny Drake was chairperson



for this event. 78 cars were registered for judges to evaluate and award trophies. 9 special awards and 21 classification awards were presented to winners by Lion Charles Madison. Wolcott Lions Club offered a variety of options for those hungry participants and event attendees, including chicken BBQ dinners, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausages. It was a great day and another successful event.

Congratulations to Lion Lonny and his crew.



On August 1, our Wolcott Lions Club, along with the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce, hosted the 7th annual Wine & Jazz Fest on August 1, in Wolcott's Northrup Park. Lion Marilyn Caywood was chairperson for this event. Music was provided by Swing Set, Domicolo/Barlow Band, Nancy Kelly, and headliner The John Cole Blues Band. This year 8 wineries and 2 distilleries participated in the event, pouring some of New York States finest wines and spirits. With beautiful sunny skies and warm breezes throughout the day, the event kept toes tapping and wine flowing. Over 40 vendors offered a wide range of artisan products, information and great food. This year's event had over 400 tasters, and over 1000 total attendees. It was a perfect day of entertainment for the entire family. It takes a village to put on this event; congratulations to the team that pulled off another successful year for the event.



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## LONG LAKE LIONS

The Long Lake Lions have started what they call the “Tidy Town Initiative.” The concept for this program came from Lions President Robert Keough’s last trip to Ireland. When he was there, they were having a national Tidy Town competition and all the villages were doing everything they could to spruce up and win. What the Lions want to do in Long Lake is to recognize individual or group efforts to improve the environment we all live in. We feel that even the smallest effort in this direction is worth shouting about. Winners will receive a framed certificate citing their accomplishments.



*Pictured left to right - Lion Sue Kunzmann, first recipient Bob Tice, Lion Bob Keough. Bob Tice spent many hours landscaping the CVW Long Lake Public Library grounds. Shown behind Bob is one of the patios he constructed in order that library patrons would have a place to relax and use the library internet when the building is not open.*

## LOWVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Lowville Lions Club participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cream Cheese Festival on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Members of the club worked a booth where they sold chances on winning various prizes.



*Members selling chances*

## CLAYTON LIONS CLUB

The Clayton Lions Club hosted the second annual St. Lawrence River Boat Cruise on Sunday, September, 13<sup>th</sup>. The event was also a celebration of 60 years of service that the Clayton Lions Club has provided their community.



*District Governor Liz Walker presents Clayton Lions Club President Tom Company with their 60 year Anniversary patch.*

## QUAD TOWN LIONS CLUB

Members of the Quad Town Lions Club were busy manning the grill and serving hamburger, hotdogs, drinks and chips at the seventh edition of the Super Cruise In and Car Show in Brasher Falls, NY on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. The event featured well over 130 cars glistening in the bright sun, quickly over populating the town’s municipal building parking lot. All proceeds raised from this event goes to the local Children’s Christmas Basket Program and the local Food Pantry.



*In the foreground is the Quad Town Lions Concession Stand Set Up.*

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ROOM RESERVATION AND/OR REGISTRATION FORM  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK MAY 13-15, 2016**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Return this form with payment. **Deadline to book a room is MARCH 15, 2016**  
Room requests mailed in the same envelope will be housed at the same hotel where possible.  
**Room Cancellations** must be received by the MD-20 office by **March 31, 2016**. You must cancel with the hotel after that date and request a refund from the property. Room deposit refunds will be at the hotel's discretion.  
**TO REGISTER ONLY (no room required) PLEASE FILL OUT NAME BELOW AND SEND (early reg.) \$25.00 PER PERSON IF BEFORE 12/31/15. SEND \$30.00 IF 1/1/16 thru 4/15/16. SEND \$40.00 IF AFTER 4/15/16**  
Names will appear on registration badges as listed below. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ROOM OCCUPANTS:**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**IF STAYING AT A HOTEL: The fee below includes your room deposit and registrations. Send payment for EXACTLY what is listed in box below.**

**\*Indicate your room choice by CIRCLING single, double, triple or quad below.**

<p><b>* SINGLE (1 PERSON/ 1 BED) SEND \$150.00 IF SENT BEFORE <u>DEC 31, 2015</u></b> <b>SEND \$155.00 IF SENT AFTER <u>JAN 01, 2016</u></b></p>
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Hyatt Regency**, 350 rooms available room rate \$139.00 night single/double Tax & fees not included  
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**SUITE DEPOSIT \$200.00 (Suites are available to District Governor candidates only)**

Complete and send form along with check or money order, payable to: NYS Lions  
NYS Lions Clubs

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# DISTRICT 20-0

## AMENIA

The Amenia Lions gathered in June to celebrate the year and give thanks to President, Bonnie Strang. New officers were installed and presentation to the 2015 Citizen of the Year recipient, Rudy Eschbach and Lion of the Year Recipient, Peter Murphy.

## BETHEL

Bethel Lions Ron Borella and Joe Fowler volunteered their time in July at the Past Perfect Bookstore in the Cornelius Duggan School in White Lake, NY. The Club had its annual Chicken BBQ on July 26 at the Kauneonga Lake Pole Barn.

The Bethel Lions Club had a Bowl-A-Thon at Kiamesha Lanes in Monticello to benefit St. Jude, United Way, and the Bethel Lions Club. One of our Lions Anthony Fello enjoyed his bicycle which he won.



## CORNWALL

The greater Cornwall area was offered a Health & Wellness Fair that included a wide array of screening services provided by local health providers. Also included were a variety of presentations on health and nutrition issues. Children were also screened using the new digital, handheld device.

## FLORIDA

Florida Lions planted flowers and cleaned up at the Senior Citizen Center.

## GERMANTOWN

In July, the Germantown Lions cleaned out and organized its storage locker full of loaner medical and handicapped equipment.

## GOSHEN

In July, the Goshen Lions Club held its annual golf outing at West Hills CC. We had 76 golfers and raised over \$6500 dollars for various charities including the Scholarship fund and also Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

## GREENWOOD LAKE

The Greenwood Lake Lions Club sponsored the Kelly-Miller Circus on June 15th. There were two shows that day and despite the heavy rains, the event was a great success for the club and a fun-filled time for our community.



## HUDSON

Hudson Lions hosted a comedy show at the Comedy Works in Albany, NY. We shared the night's receipts with the venue and a portion went to help the Ronald McDonald House. The talent was very good and a fun time was had by all.

## HURLEY

Ten members of the Hurley Lions met at the gazebo on Saturday May 23rd. They power washed the gazebo, spread mulch, planted flowers, put up bunting and raised a new American Flag. In July the Hurley Lions installed a new hot water heater in the new Hurley Library.



## HYDE PARK

The Hyde Park Lions Club had dinner at the Children's Home paying them for dinner and donation \$1000 to the home.

## JEFFERSONVILLE

The Jeffersonville Lions Club awarded three \$500.00 scholarships to three graduating Sullivan West Central School District seniors on June 26, 2015.

## KINGSTON

Members of the Kingston Lions club were down at the Kingston Point Park where over 200+ seniors enjoyed a day in the sun with food and games in a picnic sponsored by the Kingston Parks and Recreation Dept. The Kingston club has been providing music at this event for a number of years.



## LIBERTY

350 used books were collected by the Liberty Lions Club and delivered by members to the Sullivan Co. Literacy Committee bookstore to be used for their fundraising activity.

Two \$250 scholarships to Liberty Central School graduating seniors and two \$250 scholarships to Sullivan County BOCES students were presented by the Liberty Lions Club.

## LUMBERLAND

The Lumberland Lions Club School Back Pack Program provides our local schools with food, the nurse distributes and fills the back packs for children to take home. All Lions members participate; we are presently serving approximately 17 families. The Club publishes a Lumberland Lions Journal. The funds received from ads in our Journal fund scholarships for high school seniors. Monies raised from 21-Club fundraisers is used for donations to charities, families in need, etc.

## MAMAKATING LIONS

The Mamakating Lions Club provided eye exams and glasses for two children. Collected food to be donated to the local food pantry and worked at the pantry. In July, awarded 4 scholarships to graduating seniors.

## MARLBORO-MILTON

The Marlboro-Milton Lions Club held our annual senior citizen picnic with approximately 200 seniors enjoying food and fellowship at the town park.



**MIDDLETOWN**

The Middletown Lions Club participated again this year in the annual donation of school supplies for children in the Middletown school district. A city bus was provided to receive all donations. Approximately 90 school items were donated by members. The bus will deliver the school supplies to the office of Middletown Cares Coalition. Members of the mayor's youth council will then separate, assemble and prepare the school supplies for delivery to all schools in the Middletown school district. School teachers and administrators will distribute them to the students in need.

We have had a long association with ABCD's Head Start Program in Middletown. A representative from their state's administrative office called to ask if the Middletown Lions Club would consider providing backpacks filled with school supplies for the 20 youngsters who would be "graduating" from their preschool program and heading to kindergarten. We asked the Middletown Kiwanis Club if they would consider partnering with us on this project, and it was a successful and fun partnership! Members from both clubs attended the "graduation" on August 21. The gym was decorated, the youngsters were in cap and gown, parents and siblings came with flowers and balloons. The teachers and staff were so proud. And we got to present backpacks to each child after they received their diploma.

Members visited The Promenade, a residential care facility. They assisted residents in playing bingo, and after the bingo game they helped with handing out drinks and ice cream to the residents.

During June, we filled 171 backpacks for the children attending our elementary schools. Since it is the end of the school year, this was our last No Kid Hungry backpack program. I want to share some fantastic statistics about this program which was ongoing from October, 2014 to June, 2015. We filled a total of 1,889 backpacks, which equaled 13,223 meals plus over 7,500 snack items for those youngsters identified as "food insecure" on weekends!

The Middletown Lions Club sponsored two catch-and-release fishing derbies in June - one in the city of Middletown and one in the town of Wallkill. Both events were successful and enjoyed by the youth participating. The youngsters ranged in age from 4 to 15. Every child was able to choose a prize, plus hotdogs and soda were served. Forty-eight trophies were awarded to the children in the various age brackets for most fish caught and the largest fish caught. Thirty-six Lions and five non-Lions worked and enjoyed the events.

**NEW WINDSOR**

New Windsor, Cornwall and Newburgh Lions jointly participated in New Windsor's Community Day on 8/29/15. 58 children were screened (and 4 referred) because Emergency One allowed us to use its mobile unit. 38 pairs of glasses collected. New Windsor and Cornwall to collaborate with Emergency One in October at Emergency One's site in New Windsor.

**NEWBURGH**

In July, the Newburgh Lions picked up 115 glasses from drop off sites, and then sorted and repacked the glasses for the next Orange County Sight & Hearing meeting.

**NINE PARTNERS**

The Nine Partners Lions Club reset and replaced memorial bricks on the Memorial Walkway at Town Hall on 7/18/15.

**PAWLING**

The Pawling Lions Club collected 52 pairs of glasses in July. With Dover, Nine Partners and Amenia Clubs, contributed to vision therapy for 4 year old.

**PINE BUSH**

In July, the Pine Bush Club received a \$500 donation from the Walden Savings Bank. At 7/7/15 Blood Drive, collected 32 units and sold 1st aid kits. Donated \$100 to Camp Badger for flood relief. Two members attended SEE training.

**RHINEBECK**

The Rhinebeck Lions Club had a Memorial Day work party on 7/19/15.

**STANFORD**

The Stanford Lions Club June fundraisers, a flea market on 6/13 and a shopping spree on 6/20 raised \$1,821. In July, transported elderly patient to doctor's appointment.

**TOWN OF DEERPARK**

In July the Town of Deerpark Lions Club sponsored a Leo's Club as well as collected 280 pairs of glasses and 4 used hearing aids. On 8/4/15, the Club participated in local National Night Out along with Leo's Club. For fun, they had Hula Hoop Station. 200 people served. On 8/20/15, participated in 4 day Country Fair. Raised \$1,600. Sold Lions Signature Orange Drink. Offered Putt Putt Golf Game.

**TOWN OF HIGHLAND**

In July, the Town of Highland donated \$500 to a member of the community. 3 people served.

**TRI-VALLEY**

In July the Tri-Valley Lions purchased an eye exam and glasses for a gentleman in the community. Also, planted 5 trees from Arbor Day Foundation along Neversink riverbank to present bank erosion. In August, participated in the Little World's Fair with the Lion's Soda Booth. Major fundraiser for the Club, 4 day event with 22 lions participating. \$10,000 raised.

**WARWICK**

At the July meeting of the Warwick Lions Club, members of Sustainable Warwick made a presentation about using reusable cloth bags for grocery shopping.

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## DG GUILLERMO A. PEREZ MESSAGE

Dear Lions and Leos,

For the past three months, I have been enjoying the privilege of working for and serving with all lions members of my wonderful District 20-R2, as District Governor. Our Plan of Action took off the first day in office. Applying with dignity, harmony and humanity our slogan of Commitment, Leadership and Passion. We had provided and will continue to offer services to those in need based on our organization's goals for the year 2015-16.

We are concentrating our efforts on the Centennial celebration to make our Clubs and District a 100% participants in the Centennial Service Challenge projects supporting our Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment. Our District is working as an integrated team encouraging every club and members to knock on new doors and integrate our community to take part in the centennial services and celebration.

So far, clubs in our District have performed over 90 service activities in almost 1,000 hours of work and serve over 5,000 people in the areas of vision, environment, and feeding the hungry. They have donated over \$3,000, and continue to raise funds for their projects. I encourage all clubs to send their service activity reports to LCI and make their activities count.

Our LCIF Committee, chaired by PDG K.S. Kim, is gearing up for another great year. I thank all co-chairs for their commitment to keep our district atop of donations to LCIF.

To keep our district Strong, we are intensively working with our GLT coordinator, PDG Charlie Gonzalez and the Leadership Team

to encourage more participation in leadership trainings in order to create a team of leaders that will keep our district strong and the best of the multiple. We are working on a more unified, well-built district, ready to face the challenges of the next century.

I'm excited and optimistic about the in membership growth in our District. Our GMT-D coordinator IPDG Mike Bhuiyan and the Membership Team are working together to help us reach our membership growth and retention goals for this year. I thank our PDG Loretta Wu for her love, dedication and great job as the District New Members Orientations chair.

I'd like to express my gratitude and respect to the Past District Governor's Association for their guidance and commitment to our district.

Let's support each other; together we can continue to be strong.

"Today is when everything that is going to happen from now on begins," Harvey Firestone Jr.

~ Regards, Guillermo



Leos from Impacto Lions Club spent an exciting Summer Camp in Belgium thanks to the hard work of our District Leo Chair Lion Maria Sanchez.



Washington Heights Inwood Lions Club celebrated their annual fundraiser "Noche Tropical" to support the club's project. DG Perez, PDGs Maria Sierra y Juana Alejo, Highbridge President Mercedes joined the club's Past President and members.



District Governor Guillermo A. Perez club visitation with New York Cuban Lions Club. Also in the picture, Lion Renzo Bracco, who visited New York City from Italy; PDG Manuel Gonzalez; Cuban President Luis Agudo; Club Secretary Oscar Zatarain.



PDG Loretta Wu, conducted induction of new centennial members Norberto Rozon, Zenon De La Rosa y Francisco Hernandez sponsored by DG Guillermo A. Perez to his home club New York Barahona.



Leos from 20-R2 organized a fundraiser to Durney Park and visited Vision Center on Blindness for Family Day.





*District Governor Guillermo Perez was the guest of honor at the recent meeting of 20-R2 Past District Governors Association. DG Perez explains his goals and expectations for the lionistic year 2015-2016.*



*Members of the worldwide Academy of Firefighters honored us at the Kick off picnic of our District.*



*FiDi Lions Members volunteers: Ln. Kennifer Rajzkumer, District Leader, B. G. (Ret.) Ln. Sidney Baumgarten, Ln. Terry Paladini, LCI-NY Representative and Ln. Ken Morrow, CPA and FiDi Lions Treasurer. Lions of Financial District promoted lionism with a beautiful display of literature, while collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids during the 3rd Battery Park City Annual Community event by the Marina in front of the Financial Center (now Brookfield Plaza) by the Hudson.*



*District Governor Guillermo A. Perez speaks to three prospect members of the Metropolitan Lions Club during the installation of officers and new members' celebration. Lion Mariann Mendoza, far right, along with the members of the club are working to rebuild the club, bringing new members.*



*Yonkers Millenium celebrated fundraising to support their second medical mission to Dominican Republic. Lions from the District supported the effort.*



*The lionistic year started with a family picnic hosted by DG Guillermo Perez. About 90 Lions from close to 20 clubs attended this event.*

# Fall Conference

## November 13-15, 2015

**Keynote Speaker**  
**First Year International Director**  
**Howard Hudson**  
**From Santa Barbara, California**





# NEW YORK STATE & BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation is **your** Foundation. We are here to help the Lions Clubs and Districts in our multiple complete projects that help make their communities a better place.

Since our inception, we have given \$650,375.98 in grants. In the past two years alone, we were able to approve \$82,610.00 in grants. This includes \$11,000 in Emergency Grants.

Please be aware of the new rules for grants. Grant applications still need to be received no later than 45 days ahead of each meeting. Only one grant per district will be reviewed per meeting. If a district sends in more than one grant at a time, they will be reviewed in the order that they are stamped by the post office. Approved grants need to be closed out within 60 days. This allows for another grant to be considered at the next meeting. Your district trustees can answer any questions you may have about the new process.

You can support the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation in the following ways:

- Make a \$100 donation and receive a patch/chevron for your club banner
- Purchase raffle tickets when your club receives them (extras can be requested through your district trustees). Every \$300 worth make a club or individual eligible to honor a Lion or or non-Lion with a Robert J. Uplinger or Progressive Robert J. Uplinger Award.
- Participate in the fundraiser at the New York State Convention.

*Thank you for your support.*

We look forward to continuing to help the Lions of our Multiple help those in need.

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# DISTRICT 20-K1

## KINGS COUNTY SERVICE PROJECT

On Thursday, September 3, 2015 members of Brooklyn Kings County Lions Club made a donation of school supplies to PS 268 in Brooklyn NY as part of the Centennial Service Challenge. The club donated 24 backpacks, 81 composition notebooks, 43 spiral notebooks, 39 plastic folders, 74 paper folder, 35 packs of construction paper, 37 packs of loose leaf paper, 18 packs of copy paper, 17 rolls of paper towels, 21 boxes of tissues, 3 boxes of Ziploc bags, 15 containers of baby wipes, 32 bottles of hand sanitizers, 16 bottles of soap, 2 packs of pens, 18 pencil cases, 277 pencils, 44 safety scissors, 35 boxes of crayons, 31 boxes of markers, 9 packs of dry erase markers, 147 erasers, 20 protractors, 72 containers of glue, 5 packs of post-its, 80 rulers and 25 binders for the fourth grade of approximately 100 children. (Submitted by Keisha White)

*Front: Lion Keith Griffith. Middle Row (left to right): Lion Gloria Walton, Lion President Marcella Fraser and her grandchildren (two Leos from Kings County) Lion Johnny Prescod, Lion Barbara Slythe, Lion Joan Holder, Lion Winnifred*



*Wedderburn and Lion Cecelia Layne. Back Row: Lion Dr. Lisa Wedderburn, Principal Sylvia Fairclough, and a Third Grade Teacher.*

## CENTRAL BROOKLYN LEO'S CLUB

The Central Brooklyn Leo's Club had a very successful "Operation Backpack Project" which took place in the month of August right before the children were due to return from their summer break. Donations of new backpacks and school supplies were donated from the Central Brooklyn Lions Club members and the Oasis Beacon Center in an effort to make this project a success. A total of 10 fully stocked backpacks were delivered to our Leo Liaison Lion Linda Canaii. This project helped children of less fortunate families be "school ready" with much needed supplies which provided them the essentials needed for success. Thanks to all the CBLC members who donated supplies to make this project a success.

*Leo Liaison Linda Canaii, Leo Tayla Bunn, President, and Leo Tyra Bunn, 1st Vice President.*



## BROOKLYN REMSSEN-BROWNSVILLE LIONS

School supplies were donated to two schools by the Brooklyn Remsen-Brownsville Lions Club as a part of the club's Centennial Project.

Lion Denise Brereton, Lion Gerald Mascall, and Lion Estela Caesar of Brooklyn Remsen-Brownsville Lions Club presented school supplies for the children of women at the Urban Shelter for Battered Women.



## SUNNYSIDE SURAMERICANO LIONS

As a secretary for this new lionistic year (2015-2016), I'm very proud to share some of our activities as lions. Not only have we helped our own communities, but we have also branched into other parts of the world as well. Our club has many important and inspiring stories to tell, but one of the most significant was the donation of eyeglasses made to numerous nations. Together we have distributed over 40,000 pairs of eyeglasses to countries in Asia, Africa, South and Central America. This activity took the combined effort of all of our members to complete and over 3 weeks to pick up, pack and finally ship them to their destinations.





**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**Lois Herrera**

Chief Executive Officer  
Office of Safety and Youth Development  
52 Chambers Street – Room 218  
New York, NY 10007

September 17, 2015

Dear Ralph,

Thank you for your collaboration with us two years ago, school year 2013-2014. The evidence-based program (Skills for Growing) you dispensed to our schools in promoting social and emotional learning, character education, bullying, drug awareness, and service-learning is invaluable. Your curriculum promotes service learning opportunities that enhance responsible citizenship and helps create a participatory learning environment that allows our students to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century life skills.

The reason we chose to collaborate with you was due to Lions Quest taking top honors in the new Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) guide; CASEL is the nation's leading organization advancing the development of academic, social and emotional competence for all students. Social and emotional learning is the process of acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to understand and manage emotions, achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy, maintain healthy relationships, and make responsible decisions; qualities vital to all schools.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jolan Nagi". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jolan Nagi  
Director of Youth Support Services  
NYC Department of Education  
Office of Safety and Youth Development





## District 20-K1 Care Package Collection



The Lions Clubs International Convention was celebrated this year in Honolulu Hawaii, where Lion Melissa Torres was installed as Governor of District 20-K1 for the Lionistic year 2015-2016. LCI encouraged all lions who attended the convention to participate in a community service project to help the homeless in Honolulu. On the first day of the convention they began a collection of care products and by the end of the convention they had bins full and ready for distribution. DG Melissa Torres arrived home in NY with her first project lined up for District 20-K1. DG Torres wanted the district to begin a collection of Care Packages to distribute to the communities of Brooklyn and Queens.

District 20K-1 celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Family and Friends Fun Day Picnic on August 15, 2015. At this celebration Lions of 20-K1 collected Care Items to be distributed to the needy. This Community Service Project was initiated by our District Governor Melissa Torres. Lions of 20K-1 were very generous as they donated several bags and boxes of care items while having fun in the park. On September 16, 2015 at 6PM, District Governor Melissa Torres and 10 members of The Family and Friends Fun Day Committee assembled at a Family Shelter in Brooklyn, New York where 91 care packages were distributed. Lions who participated in this community service event were District Governor Melissa Torres, Lions Collene Questelles, Joyce Shorey, Myrna Atherley, Patricia Muir, Carolina Soto, Josephine Clarke, Astrid Benjamin, Audrey Doorn, M. Rosina Major and Tania Sanabria.



*DG Melissa Torres with the committee and the Director of the Shelter to the left of DG.*



*DG Melissa Torres and her partner in service PDG Oswald (Ozzie) Torres at the Lions Care booth in Hawaii.*



*Committee collecting care packages: ZC Joyce Shorey, Coleen Questelles, PDG Veronica Ralph-Munro and Lion Audrey Doorn.*



*DG Melissa Torres with the filled Care bags.*



*Lion Myrna Atherley counting the bags of school supplies.*



*DG Melissa Torres giving a bag to a gentleman at the shelter.*

# DISTRICT 20-S

## BRENTWOOD ISLANDERS LIONS CLUB AND THE SUFFOLK LIONS VISION SCREENING TEAM PROVIDE VISION SCREENING AT BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENTS FIRE PREVENTION EVENT

On October 24, the Brentwood Islanders Lions Club joined with the Suffolk Lions in providing Vision Screening to those attending the Brentwood Fire Department's Annual Fire Prevention Event. This Vision Screening event was coordinated by Suffolk Lions District Governor Manny Vidal and Brentwood Islanders President Roland Jimenez.

The District 20-S Vision Screening Team utilizes a Vision Screener (Spot made by Welch Allyn) to test for visual errors i.e., Myopia (near sightedness), Hyperopia (far sightedness) and astigmatism, Anisometropia (unequal refractive power), Strabismus (eye misalignment), Anisocoria (unequal pupil size). The Vision Screener prints out the results of the exam immediately and the results are given to the person that was examined, to the parent or guardian depending on the age of the individual being screened. If the results indicate a need for further testing the team suggests that the client contact their eye care professional for a follow up and that they make an appointment for a comprehensive eye examination.

If your group or organization is interested in more information about becoming a Lions Club Member please contact Suffolk Lions District Governor Manny Vidal at 631-620-2978 or e-mail [brtwd40man@aol.com](mailto:brtwd40man@aol.com). If interested in a visit by the Lions Vision Screening Team please contact Lion Dr. Gary Feuer, our Vision Screening Chairperson at 631-428-4604.



*Pictured left to right - PDG Patrick Mitchell Suffolk Lions Vision Co-Chair; George Renta Vice-President Brentwood Islanders; Grace Renta Brentwood Islanders; Robert Aviles Treasurer Brentwood Islanders; Roland Jimenez President Brentwood Islanders and Lion Dr. Gary Feuer Suffolk Lions Vision Screening Chairperson.*

## DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE



Deadline: December 15th

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This will be the printed issue containing all the convention information. Also, this issue will have limited space for each District which will be determined at a later date.

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