

# THE NORTHERN LION

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## DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

not many of you can remember an International Director that wasn't from around the city, well this time we have the opportunity to vote for someone from here. Someone who will make us all proud to be Lions and someone who will remember his roots. While all the candidates are qualified, only one is one of us. Please remember that when it comes time to vote.

I hope that everyone has registered for the MD Convention in Lake Placid May 5-7, 2017. If not please do so soon. We need your vote on Sunday and you cannot vote without registering for the convention and getting your credentials. If you are planning on coming only on Sunday morning, please make sure you leave yourself enough time to get registered, get your credentials (you will need a picture ID) and to vote. We hope you will come for the weekend as we have some great seminars planned, plenty of exhibitors and lots of fun. We will have a great time celebrating 100 years of Lions with a huge birthday party, so get out your dancing shoes and come join us for a fantastic celebration of Lions.

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Hello everyone!  
Wow, where has the year gone. We are already in April and I only have 3 months left as your District Governor. It has been a great year and I know that I am the DG of the best district in Lions. We do amazing work in our communities, even though some of you don't tell anyone about it. We truly do serve and it matters. Please report your service activities it is extremely important for us to see the impact of Lions in our various communities and it just might help you get some new members if you advertise the work that you do. We only have 3 clubs that have not paid their dues but that will be resolved shortly. We are one of only 2 Districts last year that had all clubs paid. We want to make it 2 in a row. It is truly an issue in other districts so I am very happy when we can shine in this way. As you know there will be several items on the ballots, redistricting, our next District Governor, a review of the MD constitution and by-law changes and of course the choice for International Director. This is our chance to have a say in our future and the future of our Multiple District and Lions. I bet

DG Message cont'd

We also need some help from our clubs to make this convention a huge success. PDGs Nina and John Kelly need help with greeters at the convention center, so please contact them asap. I could also use a lot of help decorating for the Saturday night Gala. We have a lot of balloons to blow up for a birthday party this big! Please contact me if you can help with anything that weekend.

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> cabinet meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Gouverneur at the Masonic Temple. Thanks to the group that showed up and participated. It was a good meeting. We can thank Bob for the location and we were sorry not to have more people attend, especially from the nearby clubs. We decided to wait on the redistricting vote to fill some committee positions that will become vacant next year. Be sure to support the work of the Eye Institute and sell those Easter Bunnies. There is training available online for all officer positions and your PU101s are due soon, so I hope all clubs are getting ready to vote on officers for next year. The plans for the convention are coming along well but we still need help, especially with ads. The Potsdam Lions were given the go ahead to apply for a grant to help them refurbish a historical park area. What a great project that will be.

We still have openings for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for next year if anyone is interested please contact me.

Please keep asking people to join your clubs. Keep reporting your activities and please keep serving your communities. Remember that Service Matters and people in our communities are depending on us! I look forward to talking to you soon.

DG Kelly Clark

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## Voting Rules for Lake Placid

**Delegates from a club will not be eligible to vote at the MD Convention in Lake Placid if their club is not current on all of its dues and obligations with LCI and MD20. Please make sure that your club pays their dues promptly.** I would love to go to the Council Meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> and have them tell me that once again 20W is 100% paid and up to date. It is vitally important that we all are eligible to vote and that each club sends all of its delegates to vote on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that you must register for the convention and get your credentials before you can vote. Take advantage of the lower registration price and sign up before March 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a registration form in the MD 20 newsletter that was recently delivered or you can go to the MD20 website and print the form from there.

There will also be new voting methods this year. For a contest with just 1 or 2 choices, it will be a mark for the one you want or a yes/no vote. For a contest with more than 2 choices, you will be asked to mark your preference for each candidate by marking a 1 next to your first choice, a 2 next to your second choice, a 3 next to your third choice, etc... This is new this year but it should eliminate the need for having everyone vote again. This will all be explained in more detail several times before you actually vote in Lake Placid on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

# PCC Gary Brown

for

## International Director



*--- a Proven Leader*

**Make your vote count!**  
**Vote for PCC Gary Brown for ID**  
**in Lake Placid**

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# Districts 20 W, Y1 and Y2 Redistricting Information



## Districts 20W, Y1 and Y2

We, the District Governors of W, Y1 and Y2, as the elected representatives of our districts, request that you vote "YES" on the redistricting question that will appear on your ballot in Lake Placid.

The proposed plan was adapted from others that we have seen over the years. We took it to our cabinets, clubs and members for their consideration and discussion. Each District held special conventions to discuss and vote on this plan and then came to the Multiple District council with our overwhelming support for redistricting. The council voted to put this question on the ballot in Lake Placid.

In our plan, District W will be split with two counties merging with District Y1 to become "Y" with 54 clubs and 1373 members. The remainder of W will merge with District Y2 to form the new "W" with 56 clubs and 1547 members.

For our districts to continue to serve our clubs, members and communities, we need to take this action. This was not an easy decision for any of us but is one that is necessary for our respective districts and for the Multiple District as well.

We hope that you will support us with an affirmative vote in Lake Placid. Thank you for helping us to continue to serve our communities.

Sincerely,

DG James Griffith  
District Y2

DG Linda Mott  
District Y1

DG Kelly Clark  
District W

**NOTICE****REDISTRICTING UP FOR VOTE****NOTICE****THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
PROPOSED REDISTRICTING OF DISTRICTS Y1, Y2 AND W  
WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE CONVENTION IN LAKE PLACID**

Please take notice that a proposal to redistrict sub-districts Y1, Y2 and W of Multiple District 20 has been approved by the delegates to the respective conventions of those sub-districts and will be presented to the delegates of the Multiple District 20 Convention on Sunday, May 7, 2017 for consideration. The proposal effectively consolidates the three smaller sub-districts into two larger sub-districts that will be known as District W and District Y. The newly proposed districts will meet all requirements for good standing as set forth in the by-laws of Lions Clubs International.

The proposed District W will include all clubs situated in the following counties of New York State: Albany, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saint Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington. Those clubs located east of Route 26 in Oneida County will also be allocated to the proposed District W.



The following clubs will be allocated to the proposed District W: Albany/Troy, Ballston Spa, Bethlehem, Broadalbin-Perth, Cambridge, Central Mohawk Valley, Chazy, Clifton Fine, Clinton, Deerfield, Duane, Edwards, Fonda Fultonville, Galway, Glens Falls, Gloversville, Gouverneur, Greater Amsterdam, Greater Ravena, Greenwich, Hadley Luzerne, Herkimer, Heuvelton, Holland Patent, Johnstown, Lake Placid, Lisbon, Long Lake, Louisville, Malone, Marcy Telephone, Massena, Mechanicville-Stillwater, New Hartford, New York Mills/Whitestown, Newcomb, Norfolk, Northville Sacandaga, Ogdensburg, Peru, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Quad Town, Saranac Lake, Saratoga Springs, Sauquoit Valley, Schuylerville, Scotia/Glenville, Spectulator, Greenfield, Town of Hoosick, Town of Schroon, Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley, Tupper Lake, Utica, Waterford.

The proposed District Y will include all clubs situated in the following counties of New York State: Broome, Delaware, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, and Otsego. Those clubs located west of Route 26 in Oneida County will also be allocated to the proposed District Y.

The following clubs will be allocated to the proposed District Y: Bainbridge, Baldwinsville, Binghamton, Camden, Canastota, Cape Vincent, Carthage, Cazenovia, Central Square, Chittenango, Clayton, Cooperstown, Croghan, Deposit, Downsville, East Syracuse, Endicott, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Indian River, Johnson City, Jordan Elbridge, Kirkwood, Lowville, Manlius, Marathon, Martisco, McGraw, Morrisville, Mount Upton, North Syracuse-Liverpool, Norwich, Oneida-Sherill, Oneonta, Oswego, Oxford, Phoenix, Pompey, Pulaski, Richfield Springs, Rome, Sherburne, Skaneateles, Solvay-Geddes-Camillus, South Jefferson, South Lewis, Syracuse Eastwood, Syracuse Host, Town of Brownville, Walton, Watertown, West Corners, Windsor.

The accompanying map marks the boundaries of the proposed new districts, W and Y.



# Lake Placid Convention Report



Preparations for the 94th annual NYS and Bermuda Lions convention in Lake Placid are on schedule, under budget and going very, very well. We are expecting a HUGE crowd to Celebrate Our Lions Centennial Year; recognize and award our most outstanding Lions; and elect our new DG's, VDG's, Trustees, and International Director.

The experienced members of our convention sub-committees and many enthusiastic new Lions volunteers are signing up - excited about opening this historic event May 4th-7th!

**We Consider All of You:** PDG's and ALL THE LIONS of DISTRICT 20-W to be proactive members of the Local Public Relations and Local Marketing Communications committees and respectfully ask that you once again promote and support of the convention within your districts.

**This Centennial Year Please Encourage All Your Club Members to Participate in Some Way:** Forms for attendees, exhibitors and advertisers can be found at [www.md20lions.com](http://www.md20lions.com) or on FaceBook at "MD20 Lions 2017 Convention".

**First Nighter Rocking to the Sounds of Flame:** A group of talented musicians who overcome their disabilities with the goal of "changing the world by inspiring people through their music". Flame plays popular classic rock, blues, pop and country songs from the past five decades along with many original songs. Join us from 8 - 11 p.m. on Thursday, May 4th at the conference center where we will be hosted by the Lake Placid Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Honor Guard from Fort Drum, Band from Tupper Lake, and "Flying Fingers" to open our ceremonies:** We will be opening the convention with a memorable flag ceremony and look forward to signing up flag bearers (in uniform) for this event.

**Bring A Dollar Or A Non-Perishable Food Item To Registration:** We are trying to show the area surrounding Lake Placid that "We Serve" and appreciate their hospitality by helping to stock their food bank. If you donate we will enter your name in a drawing for a gift. In coordination with the MD20 Leo Chair our Leos will be on hand to help you. They will be active in other educational events and a session with the leader guide dogs.

**Show Up and Share Your Experience with Lions Back Home:** We will be online and actively posting pictures, some webinars, and events so that Lions back in our home districts can also share the experience. This will be another "First" for us and we hope it will encourage future convention registrations and carry on through continued coverage of the International Convention in Chicago! **#MD20Lions #LIONS100**

# Lake Placid Convention Report cont'd.

**It's A Party! :** The "Centennial Birthday Party" theme is celebrating a century of Lionism. After the 6pm dinner banquet in the main ballroom of the conference center the doors will be opened up at 8pm for everyone to come on in and have some birthday cake while celebrating with friends and family. Our DJ for the Saturday night party is playing tunes from every era over the past 100 years so **Bring Your Dancing Shoes!** Dress is casual and nostalgic attire is playfully encouraged.

**Don't Forget Your Registration Badge - Even When You Go Out:** Many of the Lake Placid merchants will be offering discounts for those who are wearing or can show their Lions convention registration badge.

**Visit [lakeplacid.com](http://lakeplacid.com):** There's a lot to do, so you might want to stay over or come in early. Visit this website before you leave for the convention. It offers a wealth of information about the area and things to do while you're here.

**Registration:** Registration will be in the lobby of the North Tower of the Lake Placid Conference Center. Hours are: Thursday, May 4th 6-9 p.m.; Friday, May 5th 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 6th 8:00 a.m.-Noon and Sunday, May 7th 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

**Shuttle Busses:** Shuttle busses will run every 15 minutes between convention hotels and the conference center on the following schedule: Thursday, May 4th 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.; Friday, May 5th 8:00 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, May 6th 6:30 a.m.-midnight, and Sunday, May 7th 6:30 a.m.-noon.

**We are excited by the pre-registration response, the new workshops, the social/mobile dimension and centennial video, and the fact we are back in Lake Placid after 4 years. If you have any questions feel free to contact me directly or post a comment on our FaceBook page.**

**PCC Mark Whitney**  
**Lake Placid Convention Chair**  
**(518) 791-7519 (text or mobile)**  
[md20pccmark@gmail.com](mailto:md20pccmark@gmail.com)



## Club Anniversaries April



Heuvelton Lions Club	-	45 Yrs
Louisville Lions Club	-	36 Yrs
Norfolk Lions Club	-	67 Yrs
South Lewis Lions Club	-	70 Yrs

# District 20-W Testimonial & Awards Banquet



You are cordially invited to attend our  
Testimonial & Awards Dinner  
Recognizing District 20W and

**District Governor Kelly Clark**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

At the  
**Tug Hill Winery**

4051 Yancey Rd., Lowville, NY 13367  
315 376-4336

Light Hors d'oeuvres & Wine tasting 11:30 – noon  
Introduction and Luncheon 12:00  
Awards to follow immediately

Cost is \$25 per person

Dress: Men- Business casual or State Uniform  
Ladies-Business casual or State Uniform

**Reservations by Friday May 12, 2017 please**

Please respond on or before  
**May 12, 2017**  
with your check for \$25 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Will Attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Will Not Attend

Send check (payable to District 20W) and reply to:  
Gail Murtagh  
PO Box 161  
Winthrop, NY 13697





## Lions Camp Badger Message

Hello everyone! My name is Pat Gillule, and I am the new director at Lions Camp Badger. It is an honor and privilege to be part of something this exciting! I look forward to a great summer and am confident that we will accomplish much, all while having fun in the process!

Camp is no stranger to me, having worked at residential programs for individuals with special needs for twelve summers. I am returning to this setting after taking a break from it to raise my family. During the school year, I am also a high school special education teacher. I can think of nothing more rewarding than spending time with the individuals we serve.

Plans for camp are in full swing, and I am pleased to say that we are almost fully staffed. In addition to some talented returning counselors, we are bringing new people on board with a lot of great skills and abilities. Another special education teacher will be assisting me in our programming efforts. Our aquatics director will be with us full-time, and we added an additional part-time nurse. Collectively, our staff will be able to offer opportunities such as: Safety-based swim instruction, karaoke, professional DJ services, nature hikes, arts & crafts, gymnastics, martial arts, and camp theater. Our nursing staff is exceptional, with two RN's sharing the camp season. They bring to the table years of experience at other special needs camps, including programs for children with chronic illness, multiple special needs, and muscular dystrophy. Our LPN happens to be a crafter, so she'll be sharing those talents with our campers. We also hope to begin a volunteer program, primarily using students from local high schools to partner with campers as friends and role models.

I am in the process of contacting campers and their families for feedback on what they want out of camp. I love knowing what they want to learn--because if we can offer it, we will! One camper surprised me by saying he always wanted to learn how to play field hockey! So plans are underway for a modified, safer version of the sport that we can try out this summer! I also hope to incorporate a Club Night a few times a week. Here, campers can choose their interests from among a few activity choices. They will be encouraged to try new things or enjoy the things they already love. We also plan to bring back some favorite activities, such as a visit from the local fire department and a magician.

As of mid-March, over one third of our campers have already registered. Please encourage any families you know to get their applications in as soon as possible.

## 20-W CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT

**THANK YOU for documenting your club service activities:** As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, we are equal with what we did last year with a 64% club participation rate (20/31 clubs). We have served 6248 more people than last year and we have 3 months to go.

You still have time this week to get your club history to me. I must have it by Friday! We only have 14 out of 31 clubs. Please make an effort to help us document all the great things we have accomplished in 20-W over the years.



PDG Bob Walker, 20-W Centennial Coordinator

# New Ways for Serving in the Next 100 Years

## **Service Framework**

### **Leadership Talking Points**

#### **LCI Forward and Our Goal of Serving 200M**

- To meet the emerging needs of the world and define our second century of service, Lions set a goal of serving 200 million people a year by 2021. This will triple our annual service impact.
- LCI Forward is our 5-year strategic plan developed with input from Lions around the world that helps us achieve our goal of serving 200 million.
- The global service framework will help us achieve our global service goal and support our LCI Forward strategy of enhancing Lions' service impact and focus.

#### **The Development of the Global Service Framework**

- Lions and Leos around the world participated in a global assessment to identify the most pressing needs facing humanity.
- The new service framework is based on the results of the global assessment and was approved by the International Board of Directors in June 2016.
- The service framework gives Lions and Leos new ways to serve and new ways to unite caring people in service.

#### **The Service Areas Included in the Framework**

- The service framework builds on our tradition of service, and expands it to meet emerging global needs.
- The global service framework includes:
  - ✓ Vision
  - ✓ Hunger
  - ✓ Environment
  - ✓ Pediatric cancer
  - ✓ Diabetes
- We will continue to serve youth, but we will also emphasize engaging youth as volunteers and service leaders.
- Beyond the service framework, Lions and Leos will continue to support their local needs, just as they have always done.
- Lions Clubs International Foundation will play a key role in supporting the service framework by enhancing the life-changing impact of Lions and Leos around the world.

# New Ways for Serving in the Next 100 Years cont'd.

## Diabetes as a New Global Service Focus

- LCI will announce diabetes as a new global service focus at the 2017 centennial convention in Chicago.
- We have identified diabetes as a humanitarian need that requires the global support of Lions and Leos.
- Diabetes is one of the largest global health emergencies of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- One in 11 adults has diabetes, leading to kidney disease, pregnancy complications, nerve damage and other major health complications, including sight.
- More than one third of all people affected by diabetes will develop diabetic retinopathy and risk severe vision impairment.
- It's the eighth-leading cause of death in the world, resulting in more than 5 million deaths in 2015. And the number is expected to rise significantly by 2030 without increased awareness, new education initiatives and expanded screening and treatment programs around the world.
- At the 2018 international convention in Las Vegas, we will launch the full service platform for diabetes, including new service programs, partnerships and LCIF grant opportunities.

## Protect the Environment in Your Community

Invite your friends and neighbors to help you protect the environment in your community during the **Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet this April 17-23**. Clean up a park or beach, plant trees in your community or start a recycling program. No matter how you choose to serve, this international event is a great opportunity to showcase your club's activities to your community. Visit the [Worldwide Week of Service webpage](#) today and start planning your project!

# THIS IS OUR 100th BIRTHDAY

For 100 years Lions have  
served communities around the world  
and improved the lives of millions of people. That's something to celebrate!



HOW ARE THE CLUBS IN 20-W GOING TO CELEBRATE?  
PLEASE START by ATTENDING OUR

## **BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY**

AT THE MD-20 CONVENTION IN LAKE PLACID  
MAY 4-7, 2017

THE 20-W CONVENTION COMMITTEE IS WORKING VERY HARD TO MAKE THIS AN OUTSTANDING CONVENTION. PLEASE HONOR THEM BY ATTENDING AND HAVING FUN WITH LIONS FROM ALL OVER THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOUR CLUB IS GOING TO CELEBRATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY FOR THIS MILESTONE.

PGD Bob Walker: [WALKERL@TWCNY.RR.COM](mailto:WALKERL@TWCNY.RR.COM) District 20-W Centennial CHAIR

## **DISTRICT 20-W (G)LOBAL (M)EMBERSHIP (T)EAM MESSAGE**

The Membership Focus for April from LCI is Family and Friends Month. Recruit from those closest to you. Make your service projects a family affair. It is spring and time to be outside doing community service projects. The more you invite to participate, especially non Lions, and the more everyone sees what a FUN time you are having, the more likely people will want to join.

**Your PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON RETENTION OF ALL CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS!**

The March 31 district statistics show that our current membership is 823. We added 3 new members and dropped none for March. Only 10 clubs have a plus net for new members for the year.

For the year, we added 41 members and dropped 53, leaving us with a -12 net loss through the third quarter.

PLEASE survey your membership to find out what they like about your club and what they don't.

**OUR second focus is to develop ONE NEW CLUB within the district.**

First VDG Donna Ober and members of the Potsdam Lions Club have been meeting with Dennis Bulger, the Colton Town Supervisor and the Town Board to discuss who Lions are and what we do, the needs of the town of Colton and how Lions might be able to meet those needs. They also had a sign-up sheet of 12 possible members. It does appear that they want to be a branch club. The Potsdam Lions club can add new members which always help the district.

We still have one quarter-THREE MONTHS- to go, to bring in new members.

Enjoy spring!

Lion Liz Walker, IPDG & Global Membership District Coordinator



## MD 20 Magazine Information

There have been some changes to the deadlines, delivery and content of the MD20 Magazine.

The October 2016 Issue and the March (Convention) 2017 Issue will be mailed via USPS to all Lions for which a mailing address is available. The content of these issues will be 16 pages and will be made up of MD20 Committee Reports.

The January 2017 and June 2017 Issues will be emailed to all Lions for which a valid email address is available. These issues will contain reports from all the Districts along with pertinent MD20 Information.

**Please submit all entries to [outageco@yahoo.com](mailto:outageco@yahoo.com) in either Microsoft Word format or in an email. Please do not send it in pdf format. All pictures should be jpeg format and if applicable please identify those in the picture.**

Below are the deadline requirements for getting information to me for inclusion in the January and June Issues.

January electronic issue:

Wednesday, December 21st, 2016 ..... deadline  
January 6th, 2017 ..... emailed to Lions

June electronic issue:

Wednesday May 24th, 2017 ..... deadline  
June 9th, 2017 ..... emailed to Lions

## Lake Placid Convention Greeters

Greeters for Lake Placid Convention

This next page of this newsletter has the schedule that I have so far. Several Lions have asked me to send them a schedule, but I have not heard back from them. If you want a shirt to wear to show that you are a volunteer, you need to sign up on the schedule..

Nina and John



# MD-20 LIONS CONVENTION – LAKE PLACID, NY 2017

## HOST AND GREETERS SCHEDULES

District 20W is hosting the 100th NYS & Bermuda Convention from May 5th - 7th .We are asking your club members to volunteer time to be hosts/greeters at this state convention. Everyone working a time slot will receive a blue T-shirt to wear. We have the following time slots and number of people needed in ( ):

### LAKE PLACID CONFERENCE CENTER

Thurs.5/04                      4:00 – 8:00PM (4)

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Fri. 5/05                      7:30 – 10:00 AM (4)

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (4) - Lions Dave Dalton, Jim Kieslich,  
Linc Sunderland, Ed Eisele

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (4) - Lions Don, Barb & Kelly Lustyik

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM (4)

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Sat. 5/06                      8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (4)  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (4) - Lions Wayne & Laura Dewey  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (4) - Lions Jeri Heinzelman, Marian & Terry Opela  
-                      4:00 PM – 7:00 PM(4)

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Sun. 5/07                      6:30 AM – 10:00 AM (4)

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**Please call us at 518- 483-1581 or E-mail us at [johnnina@gmail.com](mailto:johnnina@gmail.com) with names, times they can work, t-shirt size, cell phone number and e-mail address.**

Thank you for all of your help.

Sincerely,

John and Nina Kelly Host / Greeters Co- chairs

## In Memoriam



MASSENA -- Mr. Peter J. Tennis, 93, of Ober Street, passed away Saturday afternoon, April 1, 2017 at Massena Memorial Hospital.

Pete was born August 30, 1923 in Poughkeepsie, the son of the late Peter and Laura Phillips Tennis.

He graduated from Arlington High School and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

On November 1, 1943, he entered the US Army Air Force, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge on August 24, 1945. On December 18, 1950, he was drafted back into service, serving until his honorable discharge on August 30, 1952.

Pete worked for Reynolds Metals for many years, retiring as a Mechanical Engineer.

He was also a skilled pilot and owned his own plane, where he and his late wife, Marge, traveled around the country many times.

Pete had a great passion for golfing and would be found regularly at the Massena Country Club, where he was a longtime member.

Pete dedicated many years of his time to the Massena community as a volunteer driver of Massena Meals on Wheels, delivering until he was 92. Pete was also an Honorary Life member of the Massena Lions Club, a longtime communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church, and formerly a communicant of St. Paul's Lutheran Church before its closure.

A lifelong fan of the New York Giants and Mets, he enjoyed watching games on television as well as other sporting games. He truly cherished the time he spent and the friends he visited with at the Via Main Restaurant.

Pete is survived by his children, Patricia and Angelo Derrigo of Clayton and Roger and Janet Tennis of Tempe, Arizona; his grandchildren, Michelle Tennis, Margaret and Nathan Rodriguez, and Mark Tennis; his nieces and nephews, Kelly (Jim) Tremper, Laura (Jan) deGraaf, Dick (MaryAnn) Vosburgh, Bob (Sylvia) Vosburgh, Sue (Jim) Pelish, and Allyn (Connie) Szejko; and their families. In addition to his parents, Pete was predeceased by his wife, Margaret "Marge" (Christoph) Tennis on March 28, 2006; his half sisters, Laura Depue and Ruth Vosburgh; and his half brothers, Jack and Fred Caulkins.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Pete's life will be celebrated 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8, 2017 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 139 Main Street, Massena with Mother Kathryn Boswell, celebrating. Entombment will follow in the Columbarium at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Massena Meals on Wheels, St. John's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, Massena Lions Club or the Massena Country Club.

Arrangements are with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.donaldsonfh.com](http://www.donaldsonfh.com).

# Around District 20-W

## From Edwards Lions Club



The Edwards Lions Club is having their annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 29th. Serving will begin at noon until 3 pm or all is sold. The menu consists of half a chicken, salt potatoes, beans, pasta salad, roll/butter, and dessert. The cost for all of this is only \$10. Take out or eat under the pavilion on the Lions field in Edwards. The field is located at the end of Hall Road, behind Jim's Auto.

## From Watertown Lions Club

The Watertown Lions Club hosted a Fiddlers Day on Sunday, April 2. There was plenty of fun, raffles and music. Below is a picture from the event



## **Around District 20-W**

### **From Lowville Lions Club**

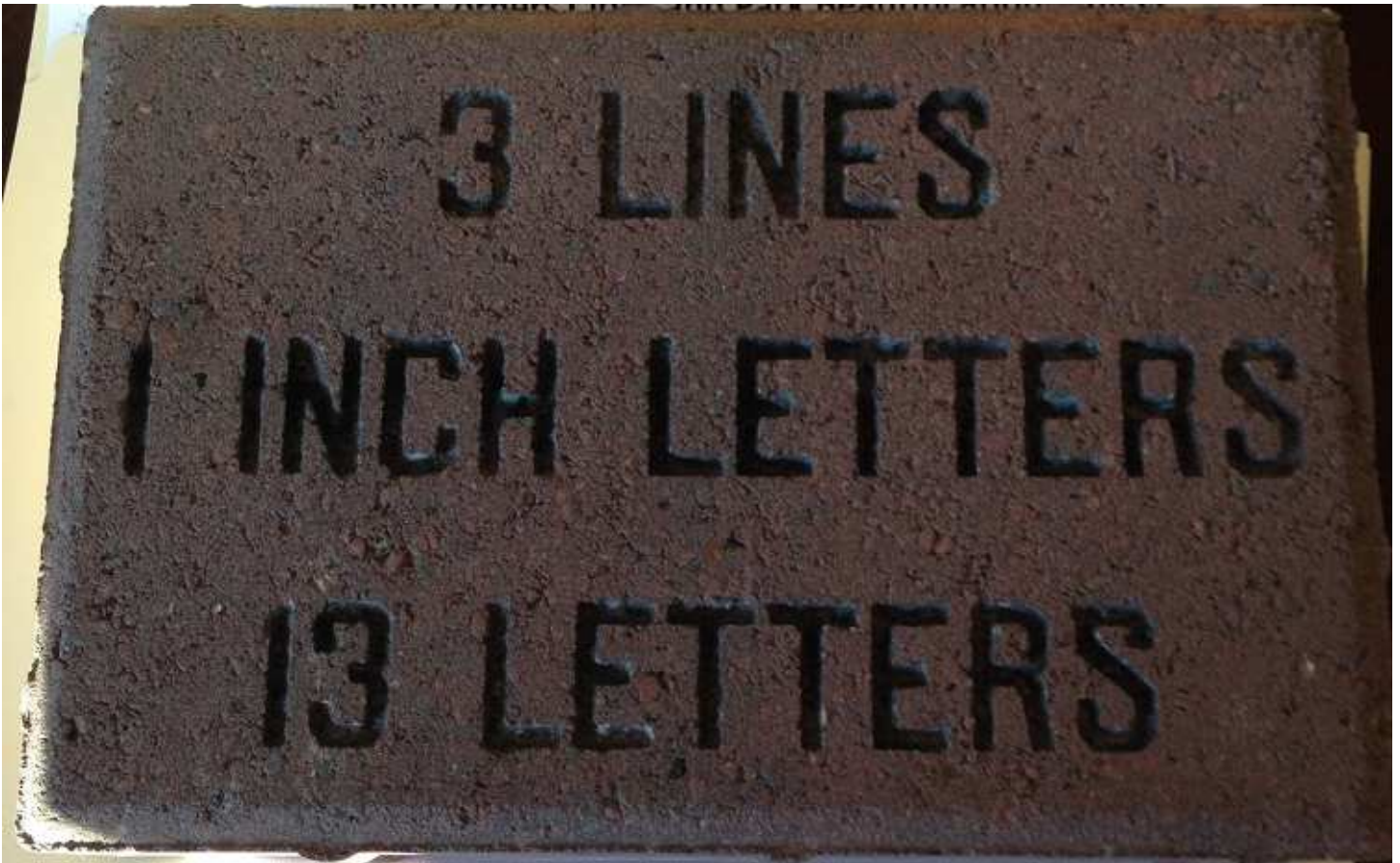
The Lowville Lions Club is in the process of finalizing their Legacy Project. Their project known as the "Four Corners Project" is a joint effort between the Lowville Lions Club and the Village of Lowville. By combining their efforts they are beautifying a vacant four corners lot in the middle of the village. There will be a large four sided clock, park benches, shrubbery, flagpole, and much more. They will also be placing pavers (much like the one pictured below) around the flagpole. The paver will have 3 lines, with 1 inch letters and each line capable of 13 letters. They are \$99 each.

Any club wishing to the donate to Lowville's Legacy Project and invest in a paver please use the form on the next page.

For more information please contact Lowville Lions President Sheree Vora at:

5608 Ridgeview Terrace  
Lowville, NY 13367

Email: [shereevora@yahoo.com](mailto:shereevora@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 315-778-8833





# Around District 20-W

From Lowville Lions Club

## Four Corners Clock and Park Beautification Project

*"The Lowville Lions Club Legacy Project"*

**6" x 9" Engraved Paver ORDER FORM - \$99 each**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: *New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation*  
Please send order/payment to: *Kelly Clark, 7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367*

Each paver will have 3 lines of 1" letters with a limit of 13 letters per line. Please enter exactly what you would like engraved on your paver in the boxes below. You must include a space where one is necessary.

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***"Celebrating 100 Years of Lionism 1917-2017"***

### RECEIPT

**Four Corners Clock and Park Beautification Project**

***"The Lowville Lions Club Legacy Project" - 6"x9" Engraved Paver - \$99***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**

## Around District 20-W

### From Lisbon Lions Club



On March 7, 2017 the Lisbon Lions Club inducted two new members into their club. Pictured above left to right: Club President Lion Bev Parmeter, Lion Rhonda Roethal , New Lion Chris Lowery, New Lion Spencer Hockey and Lion Marsha Snyder. Lion Rhonda sponsored Lion Chris and Lion Marsha sponsored Lion Spencer.



## LCI Entrance Fee Increase

Dear District Lions,

We are writing to inform you that we are consolidating new member and charter fees into a single category called *entrance fees*. As part of this consolidation, **we will have a single entrance fee of \$35 for new members and chartered clubs as of July 1, 2017.**

This consolidation and fee increase, the first since 1993, will allow us to:

- Increase member benefits
- Improve the member experience

Simplify the new member enrollment process by having a single entrance fee type

We will support the entrance fee change with the following LCI communications:

- Announcement emails to club leaders and GMT leaders
- A follow-up reminder reinforcing the above messages

A brief notification on club monthly statements.

Please download the [entrance fee talking points](#) to help discuss the change with your clubs.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. We look forward to working on your behalf to make sure Lions remain stronger than ever, and we thank you for everything you do to make Lions Clubs International a world-class service organization.

Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President

## Northern Lion Reminder

The Northern Lion is emailed to Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers who have a valid email address listed with Lions Club International. It is also posted on the District 20-W website which can be found at [www.e-district.org/sites/20w/index.php](http://www.e-district.org/sites/20w/index.php)

Club officers please share with all your club members.

**This years goal for sending out the Northern Lion will be the 10th of each month. I will need any entries to me by the 3rd of the month for this to happen. Please submit all entries to [outageco@yahoo.com](mailto:outageco@yahoo.com) in either Microsoft Word format or in an email. Please do not send it in pdf format. All pictures should be jpeg format and if applicable please identify those in the picture.**

# Reporting Club Officers to LCI

## Everything You Need to Know About Reporting 2017-18 Club Officers

Fiscal year 2017-18 is quickly approaching! We are asking the clubs you represent to report their new officers as soon as they have been elected. Here's why this is important:

- New officers get early access to the MyLCI site beginning April 1.
- When clubs report their officers in MyLCI, the information is immediately available to your district and to international headquarters so no extra paperwork is necessary.
- The Club Locator on the Lions' website displays their new officers.  
Timely monthly reporting by the clubs in your district will provide up to date and accurate district/multiple district membership reports

### How to report

- Reporting club officers is easy using MyLCI. Click video to view a short video demonstration. Clubs not using MyLCI can report officers using the Club Officer Reporting Form. Mailing instructions are included on the form.

### Update other club information

We have let the clubs in your district know that this is also the ideal time to:

- Verify their new officers' contact information and mailing preferences.
- Confirm the club's meeting location, date and time.
- Update club members' contact information.

### Contact us at:

Email: [MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org) Phone: 630-203-3830 Fax: 630-706-9295

# “WE SERVE”



## District 20-W Schedule of Events 2016-2017



### District 20-W Events

District 20-W Awards/Testimonial Banquet

Saturday, June 3, 2017  
Tug Hill Winery for Lunch  
Lowville, NY

### MD-20 Events

94th Annual MD20 NY & Bermuda  
Lions Convention

May 5 - 7, 2017  
Lake Placid, NY

### International Events

100th Annual Lions Club International  
Convention

June 30 thru July 4, 2017  
Chicago, IL.

#### **District Governor**

Kelly Clark  
(315) 771-1817  
[kdclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:kdclark@frontiernet.net)  
**1st Vice District Governor**  
Donna Ober  
315-244-1141  
[oberde@potssdam.edu](mailto:oberde@potssdam.edu)

#### **2nd Vice District Governor**

None

#### **Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer**

Gail Murtagh  
(315) 389-4165  
[gail\\_tc2002@yahoo.com](mailto:gail_tc2002@yahoo.com)

#### **Newsletter Editor & District 20-W Reporter**

Mike Murtagh  
(315) 389-4165  
[outageco@yahoo.com](mailto:outageco@yahoo.com)

*Hotel Reservation and/or Registration Form*  
**LIONS 2017 MD-20 NEW YORK/BERMUDA CONVENTION**  
**LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK**  
**May 05-07, 2017**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Return this completed form with your payment.

**Deadline to book a room is MARCH 15, 2017** After this time all rooms will be released and attendees will need to contact hotels directly for reservation availability.

Room requests mailed in the same envelope will be housed at the same hotel where possible.

**ALL Changes and cancellations must be IN WRITING to:** [nyslionsclubs@verizon.net](mailto:nyslionsclubs@verizon.net) **up until 3/31/17.**

**Deadline to cancel a room is MARCH 31, 2017** After 3/31/17 you must cancel directly with the hotel your room is booked at. **Room deposit refunds will be at the hotel's discretion**

Names will appear on registration badges as listed below - **Please Print Clearly**

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

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

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

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If multiple occupancy, please list additional people's names. If children, please list name and age.

Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Person 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Person 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations must be paid for ALL room occupants and/or convention attendees over the age of 18**

**SEND \$25.00 per each room occupant over the age of 18 if submitted before November 01, 2016**

**\$30.00 from November 01, 2016 through March 31, 2017 \$40.00 after March 30, 2017**

You must enclose a check for your room deposit and registrations made payable to NYS Lions Clubs.

Send completed form and payment to:

**NYS Lions Clubs, 200 Gateway Park Drive, Building A**  
**North Syracuse, NY 13212**

	Number	Amount	Total
Convention Registration per person over 18 years old	_____ x	<u>see rates above</u>	= _____
Room Deposit	<u>1</u> x	\$150.00	= \$150.00
Suite Deposit ( <u>Suites are available to District Governor candidates only</u> )	_____ x	\$225.00	= _____

Check enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served space available basis by the Lake Placid Convention & Visitors Bureau after they are received at the MD-20 Office. Space is limited so send your request in EARLY.

**HOTELS** - Number your choice in order of preference:

_____ Art Devlin's Olympic Motor Inn	\$116	single/double
_____ Crowne Plaza Resort	\$159	single/double
_____ Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort	\$154	single/double
_____ High Peaks Resort	\$150	single/double

**Room rates are for informational purposes only. ROOM DEPOSIT IS \$150.00 FOR ALL HOTELS.**

Rates are per room, per day in 2017 dollars. NYS Sales Tax and County Occupancy Tax or the prevailing rate are additional. The quoted rates may not apply to early arrivals and late departures. All lodging is smoke free.

\* A confirmation letter will be mailed or emailed to the individual who made the reservation and will include roommate name(s).

**Please see important information on reverse!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**\*Your \$150.00 hotel room deposit will be credited to your room reservation upon check-in.**

Rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served space available basis by the Lake Placid Convention & Tourism Bureau after they are received at the MD-20 Office. **If your group would like to be assigned to the same hotel you MUST submit your requests all together at the same time in the same envelope to the MD-20 Office and you must fill out a separate form for each room requested.**

**\*You will receive a written or emailed acknowledgement of your assigned hotel directly from the Lake Placid CVB.**

**Reservation requests must be received by March 15, 2017. Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned.**

Written cancellations via US Mail or e-mail ([nyslionsclubs@verizon.net](mailto:nyslionsclubs@verizon.net)) will be accepted at the MD-20 office until March 31, 2017. Phone cancels will not be accepted.

For cancellations after March, 31, 2017 - you will need to contact the property you are assigned to directly to cancel and request a refund of your \$150.00 room deposit from them. **AFTER March 31, 2017 refunds will be made at the hotel's discretion.** Contact the hotel you are assigned to if you have questions regarding their cancellation policy.

**\*Please note, ALL changes to rooms or registrations including changing a room from a single occupancy to a double occupancy must be made in writing to the MD-20 Office at the email below. Also, any questions about how to complete this form or questions regarding the convention rooms/fees/changing room occupants, etc. contact**

Maria Poulsen: [nyslionsclubs@verizon.net](mailto:nyslionsclubs@verizon.net)

Minutes of the 3rd Cabinet Meeting  
Masonic Temple,  
23 Trinity Ave., Gouverneur

DG Kelly Clark called meeting to order @ 9:30

Pledge led by: PDG Smitty

Prayer led by: PDG Owen Williams

Toast led by: PCC Mark Whitney (via speaker phone)

Moment of silence for all ill and deceased lions:

Appointed Tail twister: None

Self-Introductions of all Lions present

Reading of communication: None:

Copies of the minutes were emailed to all attendees from the last meeting. Copies were available to be read. Motion to accept minutes by PDG Millage Smith - 2nd by PDG Owen William –All approved.

Copies of the treasurers reports were emailed to all attendees and copies were available for viewing. Motion by PDG Millage Smith to accept the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Kelly - All approved

DG Report:

State Convention will be in Rochester in 2018. Possibly in Albany in 2019 will need another vote (contractual issues).

Peace Poster winner was from District N for the state. Thailand won the international award. Next year's theme for the peace poster is The Future of Peace.

UN Day was a great success quest speaker Lion Tim Shriver spoke on the Special Olympics.

Redistricting was approved to be on the ballot in Lake Placid.

The international MD-20 pin was picked at the last council meeting. Design submitted 20-W CST Gail Murtagh was picked for the convention in Las Vegas...

DG Kelly Clark stated that W-20 & N were the only two districts that paid all their dues last year. 20-W has \$300 owed to the multiple this year and those clubs have been called and will be paid before the convention.

We need to get all the clubs to do the service challenges and report them on their activity reports.

Any clubs that are doing any activities need to let CST Gail know, she will get it in the Northern Lion and let all the clubs know what is going on in the district.

DG Kelly reviewed the voting process for the convention; they are also in the Northern Lion.

DG Kelly's testimonial will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ the Tug Hill Winery - 11:30AM - \$25 per person more information will be sent to the clubs via email.

DG visitation all done.

Zone Report: None



### Committee Reports:

PDG Report: PDG Nina Kelly - Lion Ed Eisele was chosen by the 20W PDG's to receive the PDG Leadership Award.

Bunny Report: PDG Marlin Nohle stated that the bunnies were down 40% from last year. They may be eliminating this project in time.

LCIF: PDG Millage Smith: We have sold 27 tickets to date. We need to sell the \$100 tickets PLEASE if you have not sold the tickets try to sell them; you can bring them to the convention in Lake Placid. If you have an Uplinger Award that needs to be used check the date and send it in or you will lose them.

Centennial Report: PDG Bob Walker: Working the video for the convention on Lake Placid. Report Attached

GMT Report: PDG Liz Walker: The priority of the 2016-2017 District GMT is to implement the District Governor's Membership goals and action plan...Our focus is on retention of all current members & developing one new club, which didn't happen but the Potsdam Lions Club met in an area of interest but were unable at this time to start a new club. Report Attached

Presentation from King Lion Gordy Theisen & Lion Michelle Theisen: Potsdam Lions Club is applying for a grant request from NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation for an upgrade of a Lions Historical Park in Potsdam. A motion was made by Lion Sheree Vora to endorse Potsdam Lions club grant request Seconded by DGE Donna Ober.

Lions Eye Institute: PDG Liz Walker – PDG Liz Walker gave out handouts and explained about the Lions Eye Institute in Albany. She also gave out awards to 17 clubs for their donations to the Lions Institute throughout the years...Report Attached

GLT Report: PCC Mark Whitney was unable to make the meeting but gave his report via phone.

It's that time of year that your elections should be in progress.

You need to have your slate of officers read 3 times before you vote on next year's officers. Then you have to get your PU101's done before May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be online training for officers, there will be a letter sent out about the training.

50/50 Raffle won by: DGE Donna Ober \$45.00

Raffles won by: DGE Donna Ober, PDG Bob Walker, PDG John Kelly

Adjournment@ 12:10pm By PDG Milledge Smith Seconded by PDG Marlin Nohlie...All in favor

Respectfully Submitted  
CST Gail Murtagh