

THE NORTHERN LION

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DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you got to see the Lion's float in the Rose Parade on Monday. It was beautiful but what a lot of work required.

Those of you who watch football, may have seen our IP Bob Corlew receiving a check from Chick-Fil-Let during the Peach Bowl. The game seemed to take forever but I was out during the 2nd quarter when the presentation took place so I missed it. As you can see, LCI is trying to get the word out about the great work that we all do, so we need to help them out and report what we are doing. As we start the new year, we will be focusing on starting a new club, so if you have any ideas for good areas, please let me know. I will also be back in touch with each club to see how things are going and if you need anything from the District. Do have those questions ready for me. Please don't hesitate to call or email me anytime if you have a question.

Our next cabinet meeting will take place on the West side of the district and the date and location will be coming out to you soon. After that we have the MD Convention in Lake Placid May 5-7. Please make every effort to

attend the convention as your vote is extremely important to the District and to our endorsed ID Candidate PCC Gary Brown

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

I just received the new shipment of my District pins, so if anyone is interested you can contact me for them. We are selling them for \$3.00 each. I also have the MD Centennial pins available for \$2.00 each.

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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District Pin

My District pin this year is another in the Wildlife Series that has been going since the 80's. I chose a black bear cub as bears are strong and extremely protective. I think we, as Lions, are just the same. We are strong as a group to protect those who are weaker than ourselves. Wear any Lions pin with pride.

Thanks DG Kelly Clark



Club Anniversaries January



Newcomb Lions Club	-	51 Years
Peru Lions Club	-	72 Years

LCI & MD-20 Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that the bills for the second half of our LCI & MD-20 Lions Dues will be coming in January 2017.

The notification for your clubs MD20 NYS & Bermuda dues should be received via **email** by your Club President, Club Secretary and your Club Treasurer. If your club does not receive notification please contact MD20 Office Administrator Maria Poulsen via email at nyslions@cnyemail.com or via phone at 315-478-3131.

The notification for your clubs LCI dues should be received via **US mail** by your Club Treasurer. LCI also sends out an **email** to your Clubs President, Secretary and Treasurer informing them that payment of dues is available on line if that is how you club makes it's payment.

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

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 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.

District 20 W NYS&B Lions Foundation Trustee

Calling all lions 20 W is in need of a Trustee For the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation for the 2017-2020 term. A three year commitment. It is a great opportunity to serve not only our district but the entire Multiple. Please consider joining this great team providing humanitarian aid to clubs throughout our State and Bermuda. A candidate is needed by our December cabinet meeting.

NEW YORK STATE & BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION TRUSTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc . Meetings for the Foundation are held in Binghamton, NY, at the Comfort Inn 1000 Upper Front Street, Binghamton NY- Phone 1 800 469 7009. They are held on the second Saturday of the month of August, October, January and April with the Annual (Corporate) meeting held at the State Convention.

This Year:

13 August 2016	Comfort Inn	9:00 AM
8 October 2016	Comfort Inn	9:00AM
14 January 2017	Comfort Inn	9:00AM
8 April 2017	Comfort Inn	9:00AM
TBD	Lake Placid NY	TBD

Meeting Details: The Executive committee, which consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three elected trustees meet Friday at 5PM prior to the scheduled Saturday morning meeting, to finalize the agenda and any other items that need to be addressed by the Foundation's regular meeting.

Attire for the meeting is casual; this is a working session therefore the lion logo shirt is appropriate. Foundation shirts are available from either the Treasurer or Secretary at a cost of \$15.00.

Term of office is three years. Each sub district has three trustees with one being elected each year.

The meeting starts with a general assembly of all trustees; Saturday at 9 AM, the agenda, attendance, president's comments and instructions if any are given. The trustees then have their committee meetings. All trustees are assigned to a committee to work with, it is their time to create reports for the Foundation meeting.

The committees are finance, grants, public relations, fund raising, long range planning, constitution & by law and policy manual, the goal is to assign trustees to a committee which best fits their background and interest.

Job Description cont

It is tradition that each trustee pays \$20.00 at the first meeting as a contributing member of the Foundation. This money will be given to the Secretary while it is not mandatory it is suggested. Missed meetings; If you are not going to be present at a given meeting you must let the Secretary know should you miss three consecutive meetings your Governor will be notified that you will be suspended from future meetings.

Meetings are generally concluded by 12PM noon but this is not a firm time as all business brought before the trustees must be resolved before we adjourn.

SYIL
SMITTY
MILLEDGE R. SMITH
President
NYS&BLF

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Message

Dear Lions,

Earlier this month, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia. While the quake lasted only 15 seconds, more than 100 buildings collapsed and more than 100 people have perished. Thousands of people were left homeless and rescuers used their bare hands to pull people from the rubble. Hospitals were overflowing and patients were being treated outside in tents. The situation is still dire.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) responded immediately, issuing a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist with both immediate and long-term needs. Local Lions sprang into action, offering food, blankets, medical supplies and clean water to the victims. Lions around the world have continually supported LCIF's disaster relief area of funding, which has allowed the foundation to respond with immediate financial support. Thank you for your dedication to helping those in need.

Our thoughts go out to the victims of the Banda Aceh earthquake and to the Lions still working to help them. Please consider [making a donation to the disaster relief fund](#) so we can continue offering aid in times of catastrophe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

District 20W The CONTINUING LEGACY PROJECT

Update January 2017

A video to be shown on a continuous loop at the 2017 convention in Lake Placid.

ALL CLUBS, WHO HAVE NOT SENT THEIR INFORMATION, PLEASE SEND:

1. Name of Club, Club Charter Date, and List of Charter members.
2. 3 PHOTOS:
 - A. Earliest Club Photo you have-A Charter member photo would be GREAT!
 - B. Photo of Club doing a service project.
 - C. Current Club Photo of members.
3. A written 1-2 page history of EVERY Club-will be combined with the video.

WE NEED **YOUR** HELP TO ACCOMPLISH THIS 20-W LEGACY!

If you have not already done so, PLEASE IDENTIFY ONE MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB TO WORK WITH ME AND SEND THEIR NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO:

PGD Bob Walker: WALKERL@TWCNY.RR.COM District 20-W Centennial CHAIR

DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS TO BE RECEIVED-01/30/2017

Lions Clubs who have submitted materials for this project are: Quad town, Edwards, Carthage, Lisbon, and Clifton Fine.

Clubs that have responded with Lions contact names are Croghan, Lowville, Saranac Lake, Schroon Lake, South Jefferson, and Cape Vincent.

If you have submitted either the history or a name and you do not see it here, please let me know ASAP.

My sincere thanks for your help with this project,

PDG Lion Bob



Lions Camp Badger Message



Happy New Year!

Here at the camp, things are fairly quiet outside while we are settled in for winter under a blanket of snow. Inside, however, we are already planning for summertime by updating brochures, the website and of course, mailing out applications for Summer Camp 2017. If you know of any individuals who might be a good fit for our camp, contact me at the office 607-589-4800, and I will be happy to send you some information and camper applications. A good place to promote the camp would be at your local school's office for special education. Bring them some brochures and ask them to consider recommending our camp to students and recent graduates of the special education program. I say recent graduates because one of our sessions is for ages 21-28! Let me know if you'd like a supply of brochures.

In our last article, Lion Bill Emrick (incorrectly noted by me as a Scio Lion, but is really a member of the Alfred Lions Club!), mentioned that we were considering adding handicap accessible bathrooms and a new entrance to our Collins Conroy Lodge. At the December meeting, the Board of Directors approved the addition using a bequest from the late Sylvia Conroy. Currently there is only one restroom available for campers and/or guests in the Lodge (main Dining Hall.) The addition will give us separate men's and ladies' restrooms with two stalls each, as well as much needed storage for extra tables and chairs and other supplies. The construction will also create a new entranceway with ramp and access point for our handicap golf-cart. We are very excited about this construction project to start in the spring!

Be on the lookout for our Lions Camp Badger Annual Appeal to arrive in your mailboxes soon. We are hoping that through the generosity of individual Lions of MD20 like you, we can continue to offer the fine programs we do to further our mission of providing services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled youth and young adults in a fun, relaxed summer camp environment!

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Cynthia Reuter
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Environmental Photo Contest

- The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photo.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the MULTIPLE DISTRICT by January 30, 2017.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL by March 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL with a complete and signed official entry form (available on the LCI website). Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- Contest photos become the property of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display MULTIPLE DISTRICT-level entries at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos.
- The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.
- At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.

E-mail contest questions to:

Lion Ann French – District 20W Environmental Photo Chair Person at
anndyf8@gmail.com

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



This time of year is for all of us, Lions to review and CELEBRATE what we have accomplished during the first six months of our Lion year. The good news is that even though the first half of our Lions year is gone, we still have 6 months to refocus our energy to improve our club membership.

The PRIORITY of the 2016-2017 District GMT Plan is to implement the District Governor's Membership goals and action plan: 1. **To implement one new Club!** 1st VDG Lion Donna Ober is making strides with the Town of Colton. **Thank you**, First VDG Lion Donna. 2. The second priority is to **increase our retention rate**. We are requesting that **each club officer and member focus on retention of all current club members**.

I just finished reviewing the membership statistics for the end of December and year to date, we have **dropped 34 members**. The bad news for our retention goal is that in addition to five deceased Lions, ten clubs have dropped twenty-nine members including one entire club-the Town of Lyme with eight members. This community no longer is being **served** by Lions. The good news is that we added twenty-eight new members but are still left with a deficit of a -11 for the year. I have shared several strategies with you to prevent your members from dropping out of your club. **YOU** are the only ones who can implement these strategies. PLEASE do the membership satisfaction survey with your club members.

Lion Liz Walker, IPDG & Global Membership District Coordinator



Reading Action Program Report

After looking through the Service Activities Report, I found that no club except Quad Town has reported any RAP activities I hope this doesn't mean that no other club is doing any book collecting and donating.

This is one of the easiest service activities that a club can do. I'm sure most people read books or magazines. What do you do with them when you finish them? It is very easy to take them to Nursing Homes, Dr. offices, Libraries and schools. Many Adult Centers have book swaps where people can "bring a book, take a book". Maybe that's something your club could start in your community.

This is a very important project. Please consider doing a RAP project in your club. THEN REPORT IT IN YOUR SERVICE ACTIVITIES REPORT.

RAP Chair, Lion Nina Kelly

Lake Placid Convention Greeters

Greeters for Lake Placid Convention

I know this is kind of early to be talking about the state convention in Lake Placid, but since John and I are in charge of getting greeters again, I would like to have you put May 4-7 on your calendar. The greeters will only be in the convention center this time (no hotels). I think those Lions who were greeters the last time had a good time. A schedule for when Greeters are needed appears on the next page and I will be sending it out to clubs very soon.

Please let me know when your members can work.

Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Nina and John Kelly

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)
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (4)
	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM (4)

Sat. 5/06	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (4)
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (4)
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (4)
-	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM(4)

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 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

Around District 20-W

From Clifton Fine Lions Club



The picture above shows Clifton Fine Lions Chuck Yartz and Jeremy Thompson demonstrating their new vision screener, purchased from Welch-Allyn, for their centennial legacy project. They were able to purchase the screener mostly due to a grant awarded by a local endowment fund but also from donations from every Lion in the club and help from local businesses and other service organizations. It truly was a community effort! The eye screener will be used as a preventative measure for area children, but will also be available to loan to nearby clubs.

Melvin Jones Biography



Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

“WE SERVE”

Fight Hunger in Your Community



The Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger is just around the corner! Even if your club has not planned an activity for the week of January 9-15, you can still help those who are struggling to place food on their table. Volunteer at your local food pantry, make a donation to a hunger related cause or begin planning a major hunger project for later this year. Start by identifying the need in your community, and consider seeking a partnership for a greater impact. See the LCI website for a project idea list start the conversation in your club!

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 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



District 20-W Schedule of Events 2016-2017



District 20-W Events

Cabinet Meeting #3

April 1, 2017
TBA

District 20-W Awards/Testimonial Banquet

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

MD-20 Events

MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute

Thurs., October 20 thru Sat. October 22, 2016
Riverwalk Hilton Double Tree
Binghamton, NY

94th Annual MD20 NY & Bermuda
Lions Convention

May 5 - 7, 2017
Lake Placid, NY

International Events

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 15 thru 17, 2016
Omaha, Nebraska

100th Annual Lions Club International
Convention

June 30 thru July 4, 2017
Chicago, Il.

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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 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) 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