



20Y2 District

LIONS ROAR



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A
message
from...

**District
Governor
John McDonald**

Hey Lions!
SEND ME
YOUR
SELFIE!

20Y2 Selfie Spot!

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Send me your selfie and it could be next
month's "Selfie Spot!"



Fellow Lions, Leos and Lioness's,

On Saturday July 1st, thunderstorms and torrential rainfalls came through multiple townships and villages of District 20-Y2. These excessive rainfalls in the amount of 6-8 inches in a couple of hours resulted in massive flooding in many of the areas from the western part of our district to the eastern most points of our district. State of emergencies were issued for the City of Utica and the Town of Hoosick. As well there was additional flooding in Herkimer, Sauquoit, New Hartford, NY Mills and Whitestown. Through efforts led by our PDG Lion James Griffith we were able to secure disaster relief grants from Lions International,

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the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation and the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation totaling \$15,000.00. These funds have been used to purchase and distribute Hannaford and Aldi gift certificates to victims of the 7/1/17 flooding within the Sauquoit Valley, and immediate surrounding area. They are to be used for food and cleaning supplies. These efforts were led by Lion John Griffin and fellow Sauquoit Valley Lions, in addition to the Clinton Lions and Lions Jim Winkler and Bill O'Mara. The residents receiving assistance from the Lions were extremely grateful. They have been through a great deal of pain and suffering since the event and have suffered significant financial hardship as well. Please keep all of them in your thoughts as they continue their recovery.

While we're enjoying the summer weather, let's support our clubs ongoing service and fundraising projects! There are many things going on – the Waterford Lions are providing hearing protection at area county fairs for the tractor pulls; the Scotia-Glenville Lions are working hard to get their "splash pad" opened in Collins Park; CABVI has their Camp Abilities camp from 7/29 – 8/5; the Saratoga Springs Lions had a Chip Festival on 7/15 and will host their Camp Abilities camp from 8/6 – 8/12; the Galway Lions hosted a community thank-you party on 7/29; Amsterdam Lions attended a Amsterdam Mohawks baseball game and had a Lions information table on 7/20; the Schuylerville Lions held their annual Wine Beer Cider & Food tasting on 7/22; the Clinton Lions held their annual garage sale; and Ballston Spa Lions provided parking at the Saratoga County Fair. I'm sure there are other ongoing events as well – please share them with us in this newsletter next month!

If you're a club or district officer, please mark your calendars for our Leadership Training sessions on Saturday August 26th at the Galway Lions clubhouse. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for additional information. This is an opportunity to learn some valuable information as we prepare for another successful District Y2 Lions year. We hope to see many of you there!

Continue to enjoy a safe and fun summer! We Serve!

DG John

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much", Helen Keller

**LET'S
SEE
YOUR
LION
Smiles**

SELFIE SPOT!



Who's Who in 20Y2

Editor's Note: The contact information for each Lions Club tag (at the end of articles), and on this Who's Who page will be updated as soon as the 2017 - 2018 Directory is published.

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District & Club Events



District 20Y2 Leadership School

Saturday August 26th, 2017

Galway Lions Clubhouse

2167 Galway Rd, Galway, NY 12074

Registration and Coffee: 9:30am

Remarks: 10:00am

Classes: Immediately after Remarks

Lunch: To follow after classes wrap up

Classes: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Zone/Region Chair

FREE – Compliments of District 20Y2!

Morning Coffee and Pastries provided compliments of the Greenfield Lions Club

**Lunch: Fresh Green Salad, Ziti with Meat- balls & Sauce on the side, Fresh Rolls, and Dessert.
*Gluten-Free Meal Available.***

RSVP by August 13th to PDG James Griffith, via phone call to 315-269-5370 or email jamesg@prestigehg.com or mail form below to: PO Box 292, Cambridge, NY 12816

***** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND*****

District Leadership School RSVP Form – Return by August 13th, 2016

Club Name: _____

Attendees

Name(s): _____

Class you will Be Attending: Check One

___PRESIDENT ___SECRETARY ___TREASURER ___REGION/ZONE CHAIR

Check One: _____ Lunch _____ Gluten-Free Meal Option _____ No Lunch

Lions District 20Y2 2017 – 2018 Calendar

20Y2 District Leadership Training – Galway Lions Clubhouse	August 26, 2017
20Y2 CABINET MEETING, Comfort Inn & Suites, East Greenbush	September 16, 2017
2VDG Training, Binghamton	October 26, 2017
Lions Leadership Institute, Binghamton	October 26 – 28, 2017
MD20 Council Meeting, Binghamton	October 27, 28, 2017
20Y2 CABINET MEETING/FALL CONFERENCE, Holiday Inn, Saratoga SPRINGS	November 18, 2017
3RD 20Y2 CABINET MEETING, Holiday Inn, Johnstown	January 27, 2018
MD20 Council Meeting, Syracuse	February 23, 24, 2018
Lions Day at the United Nations	March TBA
4TH 20Y2 CABINET MEETING, Fort William Henry, Lake George	March 24, 2018
District Governor Elect School, Binghamton	April 20 – 23, 2018
MD20 Council Meeting, Rochester	May 3, 2018
MD20 Convention, Rochester	May 4 – 6, 2018
DG JOHN MCDONALD TESTIMONIAL, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs	May 19, 2018
DGE School, Las Vegas NV	June 25 – 29, 2018
International Convention, Las Vegas NV	June 29 – July 3, 2018

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS,
CHECK OUT THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/calendar.php

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

CLUB	CHARTERED	MTG. INFO	LOCATION	DG VISITATION
Saratoga Springs	10/15/1925	Thursdays - Noon	Mama Mia's	09/07/2017
Gloversville	10/16/1939	2nd & 4th Monday	Big Mike's	09/11/2017
Bethlehem	11/11/1954	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Normanside	09/20/2017
Speculator	05/15/1952	1st & 3rd Thursday	Various	09/21/2017
Central Mohawk Valley	12/01/1961	2nd & 4th Tuesday	Moose Lodge	09/26/2017
Broadalbin Perth	06/30/2003	2nd & 4th Thursday	Russo's Adk. Grill	09/28/2017
Scotia Glenville	09/08/1954	1st Tuesday	Various	10/03/2017
Amsterdam	09/19/1950	2nd & 4th Thursday	Bosco's Restaurant	10/12/2017
Wright / Schoharie Valley	04/16/1975	1st & 3rd Monday	Apple Barrell	10/16/2017
Cambridge	09/07/1934	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Cambridge Hotel	10/18/2017
Hoosick	10/27/1960	1st & 3rd Thursday	Falls Diner	10/19/2017
Galway	11/16/1979	2nd & 4th Monday	Cock N' Bull	10/23/2017
Glens Falls	10/31/1939	2nd & 4th Tuesday	Queensbury Hotel	10/24/2017
Fonda Fultonville	05/21/1981	2nd & 4th Wednesday	VFW	10/25/2017
Clinton	01/09/1958	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Deerfield	05/24/1956	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Herkimer	08/11/1986	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Holland Patent	06/12/1972	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
New Hartford	01/28/1948	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
NY Mills Whitestone	11/02/1961	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Sauquoit Valley	06/30/1955	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Utica	02/08/1924	Group Club Mtg.	TBD	10/26/2017
Greenwich	01/28/1954	1st & 3rd Thursday	Elks Lodge	11/02/2017
Greenfield	08/09/1985	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Middle Grove FD	11/08/2017
Mechanicville Stillwater	01/13/1942	2nd & 4th Monday	End Zone	11/13/2017
Duane	06/16/1955	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Jonathan's	11/15/2017
Hadley Luzerne	03/25/1947	1st Wednesday	Ciro's	12/06/2017
Northville Sacandaga	05/09/1985	2nd & 4th Thursday	Sport Island Pub	12/14/2017
Schuylerville	05/17/1962	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Dovegate	12/20/2017
Albany & Troy	09/30/1925	1st Wednesday	Red Front Restaurant	01/03/2018
Ravena	09/16/1959	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Quarry Steak House	01/10/2018
Ballston Spa	08/29/1949	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Mangino's	01/17/2018
Johnstown	09/14/1961	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Patricia's	01/24/2018
Waterford	11/24/1939	1st Wednesday	Masonic Hall	02/07/2018
Marcy Telephone	05/27/2016	1st & 3rd Wednesday	Conf. Call	02/21/2018

AUGUST Calendar of Events

For more information go to:
www.20y2lions.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NABA Free Technology NABA, 301 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 1:00 - 3:00 pm Free to Blind and Visually Impaired	2	3	4	5
6	7 PLAY GOLF with the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank	8	9	10 NABA Albany Blind Bowling Playdium Bowling Center 363 Ontario St., Albany, NY 6:00 pm/\$14.50/wk	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 NABA Albany Blind Bowling Playdium Bowling Center 363 Ontario St., Albany, NY 6:00 pm/\$14.50/wk	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 NABA Albany Blind Bowling Playdium Bowling Center 363 Ontario St., Albany, NY 6:00 pm/\$14.50/wk	25	26 District 20Y2 Leadership School
27	28 Roar Submission Deadline!	29	30	31 NABA Albany Blind Bowling Playdium Bowling Center 363 Ontario St., Albany, NY 6:00 pm/\$14.50/wk		
		<div> Please check this Newsletter and the District Website for details on all of these events → 20y2lions.org </div>				

SAVE THE DATES!

For these great events to support the

NABA

**Northeastern Association
of the Blind at Albany**

www.naba-vision.org



**18th Annual Visionary
Golf Tournament**
To benefit Senior Programs & Services
Monday, September 11, 2017
Wolferts Roost Country Club



7th Annual Casino Night
To benefit Youth Programs & Services
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Albany Country Club

Low Vision Technology Fairs
FREE TO PUBLIC!
Monday, October 16, 2017
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Saratoga City Center



2018 Visionary Gala
To benefit Youth, Employment &
Senior Programs
Saturday, April 21, 2018

⁹ **FIRST** District 20Y2 **Cabinet** **Meeting**



Saturday, September 16, 2017

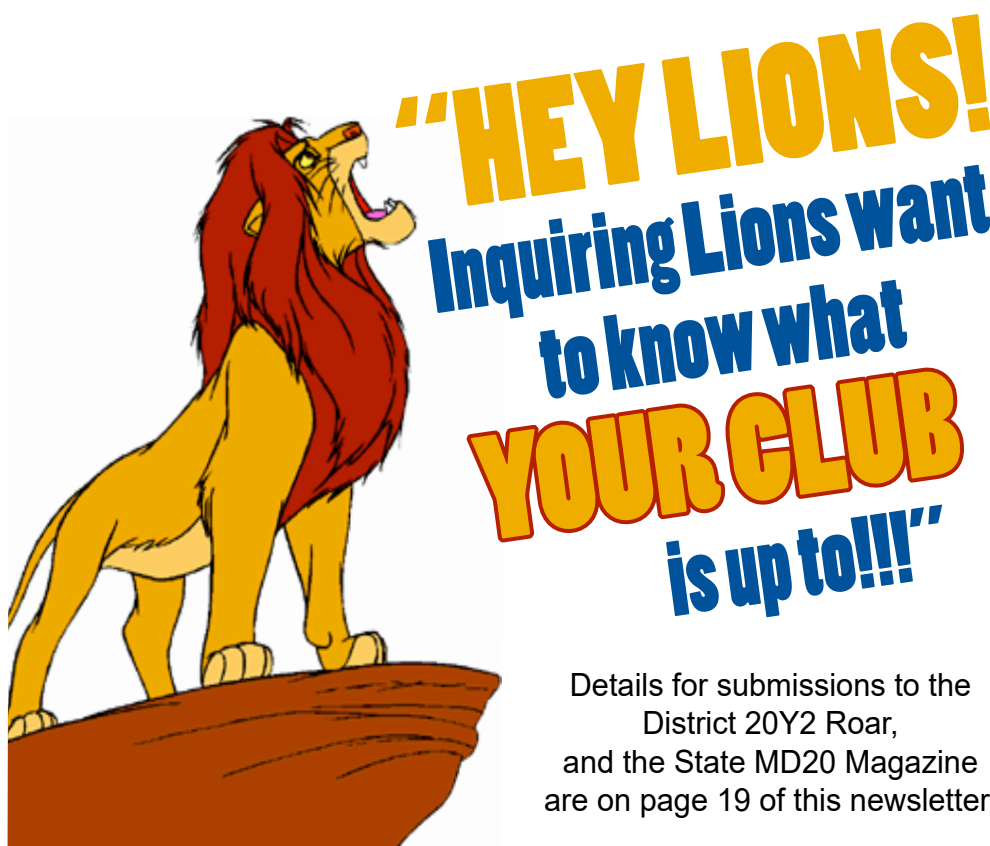
Comfort Inn & Suites

99 Miller Road

Castleton-On-Hudson (East Greenbush), NY

SAVE the DATE

Please share this with all your members in your club. Everyone is always welcome.



Details for submissions to the
District 20Y2 Roar,
and the State MD20 Magazine
are on page 19 of this newsletter.

- ✓ **Articles and pictures of your clubs activities.**
- ✓ **Flyers of upcoming fundraisers and events.**

- 1. Send copy in word or .pdf**
- 2. Send pictures in .jpg**
- 3. Send by the 28th to karen@deuxflutes.com**

District & Club News

HOW TO GET THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR FREE!



- ➡ Go to **www.20Y2Lions.org**
- ➡ Lower left corner/sign-up box
- ➡ Fill in requested information
- ➡ Respond to the request for confirmation from Vertical Response. NECESSARY!

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A **LION**

Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club

KOB Gold Award Presented

By Lion Rosemary Christoff Dolan

In a special presentation at the Town of Wright-Schoharie Valley Lions Club's installation and awards ceremony at the Gallupville House on June 19th, Rev. Peter J. DeBartolo, pastor of the Gallupville Lutheran Church, and his wife Karen, accepted a Knight of the Blind Gold Lion Award from Bill Suchy, president of the Lions Foundation at Albany. This award was to honor the pastor's late father, Lion Peter A. DeBartolo.

Lion Peter DeBartolo served his community as a Lions club member for more than 30 years. He was born in North Tarrytown, N.Y., grew up in Stamford, Connecticut and



Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club Gold Lion Award. Rev. Peter J. DeBartolo, center, pastor of the Gallupville Lutheran Church, and his wife, Karen, accept the Knight of the Blind Gold Lion Award from Bill Suchy, president of the Lions Foundation at Albany. The award is in memory of the pastor's father, Peter A. DeBartolo, who served his community as a Lion for more than 30 years. Lion Peter was a member of the Middleburgh/Schoharie Valley Lions Club from 1990 to 2001. Annual gifts made by the DeBartolo family to the Lions Foundation through the Knight of the Blind program in Lion Peter's Memory, now total more than \$10,000. Donations support patient care and treatment for thousands of adults and children at the Lions Eye Institute at Albany each year. Photo by Rosemary Christoff Dolan.

worked as a printer for City News in New York City. He and his wife moved to Andover, N.H., where they purchased an old New England inn and he joined the Andover Lions Club in 1970. Upon selling the Andover Meadow Inn, they moved to the Concord, New Hampshire area where Lion Peter worked

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for the Chubb Corporation in printing and retro-graphics and transferred membership to the Concord Lions Club. In 1990, he and his wife, Margaret, also a Lion, moved to Middleburgh to be near their son, the Reverend DeBartolo, his wife, Karen, and their four grandsons.

Lion Peter transferred his membership to the Middleburgh/Schoharie Valley Lions Club where he served as president, treasurer, and secretary, and was named Lion of the Year by both his club and District. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church where he served on several committees and was church coordinator for the American Bible Society. He was also treasurer of the Aid Association for Lutherans, .

In January 1996, Lion Peter spearheaded his club's participation in a joint effort with the Town of Wright Lions Club when the "flood of the century" displaced hundreds of residents. The two clubs worked together to distribute a \$10,000 Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) grant, and additional private donations, to flood victims throughout Schoharie County.

In April 1996, Lion Peter was awarded the highest honor bestowed by the Lions District: the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award for extraordinary service and leadership. In presenting the award, District Governor Lettie Saheim remarked "This award is presented only to individuals who embody the ideals and objects of Lionism. ... It is an honor earned through the service contributions of those who receive it and is a symbol of the regard in which you are held by your District."

Lion Peter died on February 4, 2001. As a memorial tribute, the two Lions clubs and several organizations and individuals donated \$2,000 to the Lions Foundation at Albany. Lion Peter was honored as a Knight of the Blind, with a Bronze Lion award in his memory presented to the family. His name was inscribed on the Wall of Honor at the Lions Eye Institute at Albany.

Annual gifts by the DeBartolo family to the Lions Foundation in Lion Peter's memory now total more than \$10,000, and the honor has been upgraded to the Knight of the Blind Gold Lion Award.

Employees at the New York State Office for the Aging donate \$500 to the Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club

Each year, employees at the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) in Albany raise money for a charity. Employees contribute items to holiday gift baskets which are then auctioned during the agency's holiday party. This past year, the Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions

Club was chosen as the recipient. Linda Petrosino, aging services area supervisor at NYSOFA, presented a check for \$500 to club secretary Lion Ellen Snowdon and Lion Tom Snowdon at the holiday party luncheon held at the Fuller Road Fire Department banquet hall in Colonie. The donation will benefit older adults in need of glasses and hearing aids, and will support other community projects.



NYSOFA employees donate \$500 gift to Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club

Employees at the New York State Office for the Aging in Albany raised money for charity and chose the Lions club as recipient. From left, Linda Petrosino, aging services area supervisor at NYSOFA, presented a check for \$500 to club secretary Lion Ellen Snowdon and Lion Tom Snowdon at the agency's holiday party luncheon at Fuller Road Fire Department banquet hall in Colonie.

The donation will benefit older adults in need of glasses and hearing aids, and support other community projects.

During the year Lion Rosemary Christoff Dolan, a NYSOFA employee, also collected deposit containers, outdated prescription glasses, and hearing aids donated by employees to the Lions club.

The Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club was the Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post #1261.

In a ceremony after the parade, the Lions club received certificates of recognition from the American Legion Auxiliary, and village, town and state officials. The club was honored for its 40 years of service to the community. Activities included the club's longtime commitment to honor veterans. Since 1993, the TOW/SV Lions Club has served as the area's World War II and Korean War Commemorative Community.

The Lions sponsored Veterans Day programs and gave

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veterans a forum to share their combat experiences with the public. Educational activities included a three-week long exhibit of WW II memorabilia at the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex in Schoharie, the rededication of the World War II monument, and an air show featuring vintage aircraft.

The club also partnered with the Richmondville/Cobleskill Lions Club to sponsor two 1943 USO shows with big band music and dancing, in collaboration with the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the NY-Penn Military Vehicles Collectors Club.

Lions have volunteered as guardians in the Honor Flight Network to escort WW II veterans to visit the Memorial in Washington, DC. The Lions club also supports the Capital Region NY2 Blue Star Mothers Holiday Troop Drive at Colonie Center in Albany. Lions volunteered to fill Freedom Boxes and the club made a monetary donation to defray shipping costs overseas.

The Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club was the Grand Marshal of the Schoharie Memorial Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post #1261.

In a ceremony after the parade, the Lions club received



Photo caption: PDG Dave Ramsey and Lion Georgia Van Dyke carry the banner. About fifteen Lions rode in the cab and truck bed and marched behind the vehicle driven by Charter member Warren Thornton. David Avitabile, the Times-Journal

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King Lion Jessica Fagan

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Albany & Troy Lions Club

By Lion Jerry Gordon

We have officially dropped two Lions who resigned, bringing us down to 36 members. (If we could get more than one third of them to participate in meetings and activities, we'd have a pretty strong club.)

We congratulated PR chair Elena on a successful RiverFest event. We made only about \$50, but it was our first year of participation and it did establish a Lions presence. We voted to do it again next year.

Lion John reported for the fund-raising committee that we will begin selling the SaveAround books in October.

We have raised approximately \$100 so far with Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes, but there's a lot more potential here.

Our September speaker will be Lion Bill Suchy, who will talk about the Lions Eye Institute and the Knights of the Blind program. In October, we'll try to get the recipient of our HOBY donation.

We voted to again participate in NABA's low-vision tech fair, which will be on October 16.

From "Albany" on Page 12

We last bought shirts with our club logo in 2013. Since many of the old ones are getting worn, and since we have new members, it's time for another buy. We will offer light blue in addition to the navy.

A lengthy discussion about the way we select recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellow and Uplinger Award was tabled, but it looks like instead of doing it by email, we'll hold a separate meeting for each after the March and/or April meetings. Watch for more info.

Lion Maryanne gave out two eyeglass vouchers.

No hearing report from Doug.

We had a request to help send a young girl to day camp. She has a very sad home situation, but since she has neither vision nor hearing problems, we decided not to contribute.

We're participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program by selling Shopping Passes. These passes are good for 25% OFF almost everything Boscov's sells. They can be used at all 48 Boscov's stores, but only on Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017. The passes are \$5 each and our club gets to keep the whole \$5. There will be many other charitable organizations taking advantage of this program, so start selling them now to your friends and family and get a leg up on the competition. Passes are available from Lion Jerry, and all the proceeds go to Lion Paul.

In case you're wondering why you became a Lion (or why you should become one, if you're not already), here's what the Albany & Troy Lions Club did during the last Lion's year, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

- ◆ Collected 10,000 used eyeglasses
- ◆ Collected 122 used hearing aids for the Hearing Conservation Society
- ◆ Provided eyeglasses for 10 children and 11 adults
- ◆ Sponsored 4 blood drives that collected enough to potentially save 384 lives
- ◆ Purchased hearing aids for a 64-year-old woman
- ◆ Participated in NABA's Low-Vision Technology Fair
- ◆ Worked with a junior from Albany High School to help her set up her own used-eyeglass collection network
- ◆ Participated in a Health Fair for Seniors at Albany Jewish Community Center
- ◆ Provided holiday gifts for four teenagers who share a

home at Vanderheyden

- ◆ Helped CEO with their backpacks for kids project
- ◆ Contributed clothing and toiletries to Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center in Albany
- ◆ For NEWS10's Coats for Kids campaign, we picked up 680 coats at various dry-cleaners and delivered them to central distribution points in Albany and Rensselaer counties
- ◆ Sponsored a student in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program
- ◆ Donated to CEO, Hope House, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, NABA, LCIF, Camp Abilities Saratoga, Lions Eye Foundation, Regional Food Bank.

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Sauquoit Valley Lions Club

Sauquoit Valley Lions/LCIF Aid Support

Local Flood Disaster Victims

By Lion Connie Griffin

On July 1, 2017 Sauquoit Valley residents sustained substantial damages from torrential rains that struck the area on that date. Basements were flooded, property destroyed and lives were disrupted for days following the disaster. The recovery is still taking place as this article was written on 7/25/17.

In the days that followed the flooding Region L Chair Jim Winkler notified the Sauquoit Valley Lions that disaster relief aid monies were available through the District which had applied for and been granted Disaster Relief Aid from the Lions International Foundation. Lion Jim and SV Lion John Griffin and SV Lion President Joanne Jones worked on a plan to assist residents impacted through the purchase and distribution of gift cards to support for basic necessities as victims recovered from the trauma associated with the

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flooding.

On June 11, 2017 the Herkimer Oneida County Organizations Active in Disaster (HOOAD) hosted a disaster relief fair in the Sauquoit Valley at the Willowvale V.F.D. That morning, with the assistance of Region Chair Jim and D.G. John McDonald, we received approval from the District and LCIF to attend and distribute relief which would be eligible for reimbursement from the LCIF Grant. The Club had a booth at the fair and distributed \$50 Hannaford gift cards to eligible victims and



Sauquoit Valley Lion Suzanne Ernst distributes aid at the HOOAD disaster relief fair held on July 11th with Region Chair Jim Winkler (l), NYS Assemblyman Brian Miller (c) and Sauquoit Valley Lion John Griffin (r) looking on.

families. Region Chair Jim Winkler, Zone Chair Bill O'Mara and SV Lions Suzanne Ernst, Lew Smith and John Griffin manned the booth from 12 noon through 7 p.m. Prospective Lion members Terry Bentley and Tanya McRorie assisted as well. Over the course of the next week house calls were made at residences in the Sauquoit Valley and surrounding communities and additional certificates were distributed. In total the Sauquoit Valley Lions distributed 20 certificates to victims and their families totaling \$1,000 in aid.

The residents receiving assistance from the Lions were extremely grateful. They had been through a great deal of pain and suffering since the event and had suffered significant financial hardship as well. There was a tremendous amount of good will gained through our relief efforts and we can anticipate an appreciable amount of positive publicity. At the same time it was most gratifying to Lions to afford a helping hand to our neighbors during this most stressful and painful period. In a thank you note to the SV Lions one resident wrote "I wish to thank the Sauquoit Valley Lions Club for the Hannaford gift card. It will come in handy as food money now goes toward labor for what has to be replaced in my cellar. I know you touched many lives with your generosity during a difficult time for many, many families. My sincere thanks for the unexpected surprise my grandson and I received."

Sauquoit Valley Lions "Where's the Beef Raffle" tickets available

The Sauquoit Valley Lions Club is holding our second annual "Where's the Beef Raffle" over the summer. The winner of the raffle will receive 1/2 side of locally raised beef cow, custom butchered and wrapped to your specification. Total value of the prize is in excess of \$1,000. The drawing will be held in September.

Tickets, which are \$10.00 each, are available from any Sauquoit Valley Lion member or can be obtained by sending a check to the Sauquoit Valley Lions, P.O. Box 35, Sauquoit, New York 13456.

King Lion Joanne Jones

8685 Summit Rd
Sauquoit, NY 13456
Home (315) 839-8343

Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Karen Rager

Our Annual planning retreat was held Saturday, July 8th, at the home of Lion Al Cerny. Lion Scott smoked a 50# pig, and everyone brought a delicious dish to share. Our year is planned!

Our club and the Flying Fingers are once again participating in Downtown Glens Falls "Take a Bite". For a taste of what Glens Falls restaurants have to offer, stop by Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM this summer.



King Lion Jenn Howse

P. O. Box 528, Glens Falls, NY 12801
Cell (518) 796-4187
jennhowse75@gmail.com
glensfallsions@gmail.com
www.glensfallsions.org



Visit Glens Falls Lions and Area Lions Flying Fingers on fb!

Utica Lions Bottle and Can Drive

(Proceeds go to help need in **our** community)

Stash's Hit and Run

(We have an Account
for Drop Off's here)

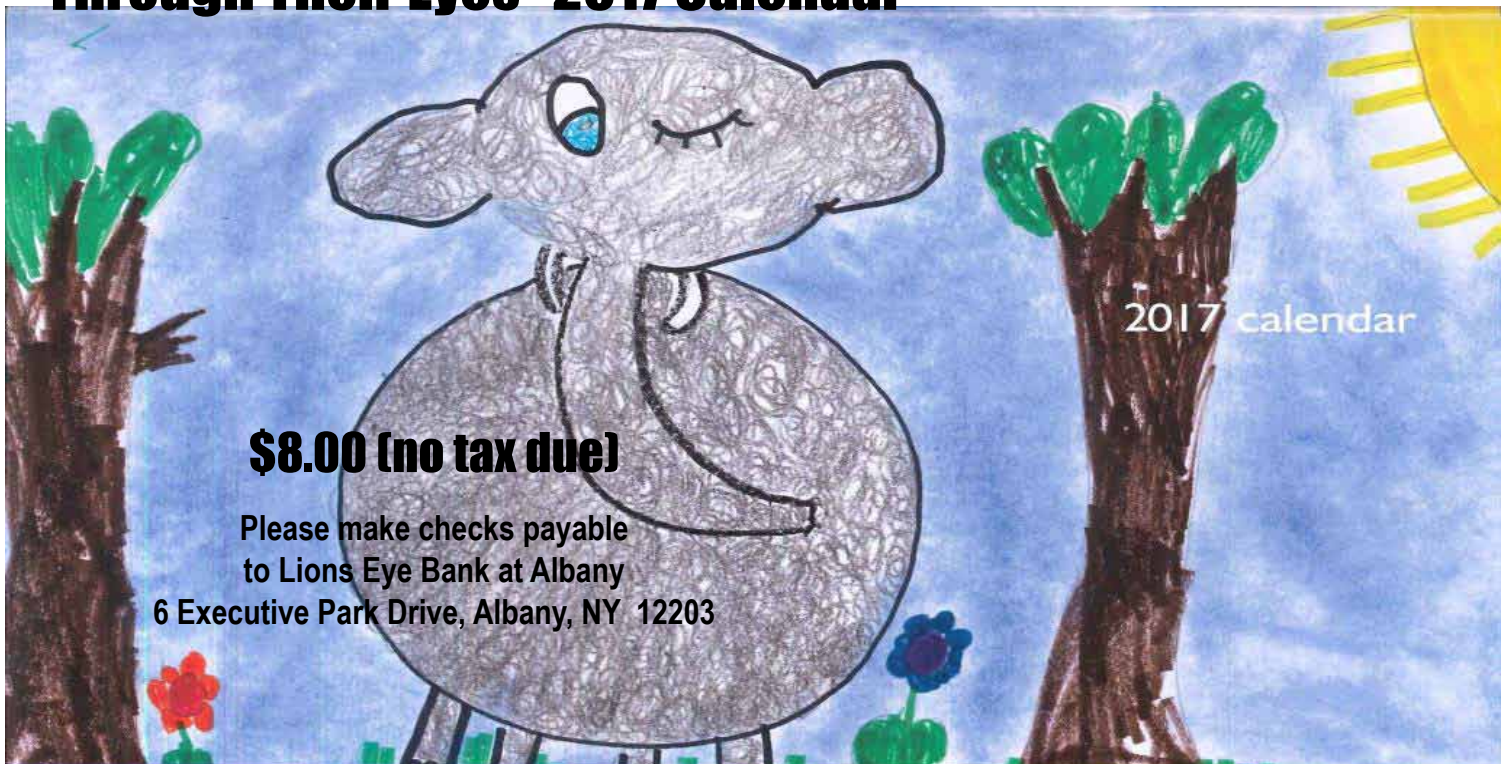
**917 Oriskany St. W.
Utica, NY 13202
Monday - Saturday
9:00 am - 5:00 PM**

PLEASE ADDRESS "THIS IS FOR THE UTICA LIONS CLUB"

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Support blind children by purchasing a
"Through Their Eyes" 2017 Calendar

For more information
(518) 489-7606
Jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org



\$8.00 (no tax due)

Please make checks payable
to Lions Eye Bank at Albany
6 Executive Park Drive, Albany, NY 12203

Camp Badger

By Cynthia Reuter

What could be better than two weeks of fun in the sun with good friends and great activities? Lions Camp Badger provided all this and more to fifty-three campers this summer. Ranging in age from 13-37, all of the campers had special needs. Coming to camp offered them an opportunity to socialize with peers, experience new activities, and grow more independent. Camp also offered parents an opportunity for respite from caretaking--something that is very critical for families but often difficult to find.



Campers at Lions Camp Badger worked on vocational skills that included gardening, manufacturing, and food preparation. They also learned how to do their laundry, use the dishwasher, and care for themselves and their personal belongings.



It was not all work and no play, however!

Each day, campers participated in activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, sports, and nature. They learned to dance, play field hockey, sing karaoke, and act. Campers enjoyed entertainment from a magician, ventriloquist, and the fire department. They also got to participate in yoga and watch

baby chicks hatch.

There was never a dull moment, and we are eagerly looking forward to next year!



Lions Camp Badger is ready to grow as we look forward to the summer of 2018. Already new families are inquiring, and we hope to serve several more individuals in the future. We have identified needed upgrades and are currently working hard to secure funding to make them happen. It is our hope that we can create a program that exceeds excellence!

Camp Badger



725 LaRue Rd, Spencer, NY 14883
Cynthia Reuter, Office Manager
 lionscampbadger@htva.net
 Phone (607) 589-4800
 Fax (607) 589-6181
 www.lionscb.org

2017 MD1 Host Committee

COMMEMORATIVE PIN ... ORDER FORM



#1

Ship to: (Please Print clearly or Type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

Three dimensional
pewter pin with raised
Lions Emblem



#2

Please send me

Pin #1 _____ Pin (s) at \$5.00 ea. ... \$ _____

Pin #2 _____ Pin (s) at \$5.00 ea. ... \$ _____

Pin #3 _____ Pin (s) at \$5.00 ea. ... \$ _____

Shipping add \$ _____

One - Two pins \$ 3.00

Three - Five pins \$ 5.00

Six - Ten pins \$ 9.00

*Orders that are for more than 10 pins, call for shipping
charges before placing the order.*

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



Three dimensional pin

#3

All Pins Not Shown
to Actual Size

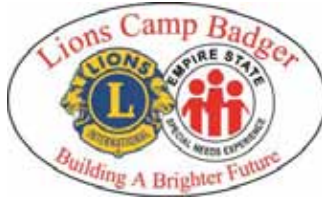
Please make check or money order payable in (U.S. Funds Only) to:

Lions 2017 Host Committee

Mail to:

Lion Wm Prucha
10900 S. Avenue A
Chicago, IL 60617
(708) 606-8507

Lion Bob Block, PDG
615 205th Place
Dyer, IN 46311
(219) 671-0287



As we near the end of the calendar year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and generosity. Whether monetarily, or by giving of your time here at the camp, we appreciate every dollar and/or ounce of effort! Lions Camp Badger continues to grow and succeed, and we look forward to a bright future for our special needs campers thanks to you, our biggest supporters.

Thank you to all of the Lions and Lions Clubs of Multiple District 20!

Also, as we approach Holiday shopping season, we'd like to tell you about some exciting ways that you can help Lions Camp Badger without even reaching into your pocketbook! If you shop online by using Amazon or other online retailers, please check this out:

✓ **AMAZONSMILE**

Amazon will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to ***Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.*** This works all year, not just at holiday time.

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Donate up to 30% of your purchase price to ***Empire State Special Needs Experience Inc.*** when you shop at 1800+ popular online retailers using Giving Assistant! It's easy. Giving Assistant pays you cash back, and you choose how much of it you'd like to donate to us.

<https://givingassistant.org/np#empire-state-special-needs-experience-inc>

District & Club Resources

Is your club in The ROAR/MD20Magazine?

**Let the District and the State know the
GREAT THINGS YOUR CLUB IS DOING!**

Below are the specifications for each publication.

MD/20 MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS

TBA

ONLY TWO ISSUES will be emailed and include district news.

I will submit everything I receive by the deadline, however submission does not guarantee publication.

I am not the editor of the MD20 magazine.

THE ROAR SUBMISSIONS

THE 28TH OF EVERY MONTH

Everything received by the deadline will be in the next issue. Publication will be the 1st of every month.

ARTICLES

- Digital submission **preferred** in upper/lower case format.
- Microsoft Word, PDF, or text embedded in an email are acceptable.
- If it is handwritten, it **MUST BE LEGIBLE**.
- No scanned newspaper articles. Newspaper articles will be accepted IF they are in digital format, and with written permission from the originating publication.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

PHOTOS

- Digital submission **preferred** in JPEG or TIFF format.
- Hard copies are acceptable (Please do not write on the back).
- Hard copy newspaper photos are not acceptable. Digital newspaper photos are acceptable **ONLY** with a release from the newspaper/photographer, with photographer credit.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE CAPTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CORRESPONDING PHOTOS!**

EVENT FLYERS (THE ROAR ONLY)

- Original documents saved in PDF format or Microsoft Word are acceptable. No scanned documents. Flyers may be “reworked” due to space requirements.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

Submissions can be made to karen@deuxflutes.com
or Lion Karen Rager, 82 Hunter Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804.

**The following five pages pertain to the LEI Patient Referral Policy and Forms.
Please discard any older versions you may have, as these were recently updated!**



Lions Eye Institute at Albany, New York, Inc. Patient Referral Policy

Consultants' Management Services LLC (Physicians), Albany Medical Center and other Lions Eye Institute (LEI) approved medical facilities will accept patient referrals from Lions Clubs.

1. Lions may identify qualified individuals who appear to require subspecialty ophthalmologic services, who do not have private and/or governmental health insurance or the financial means to pay for such services, and who in the absence of assistance from the Lions are not likely to receive the needed ophthalmologic care.
2. Only the Club President and/or Secretary may make referrals. Referral is limited to these two individuals so that the club leaders will know who has been referred and can evaluate the appropriateness of the referral and monitor the progress of the referral.
3. Referrals must be made in writing. All forms must be completely filled out and signed. Patients must sign the HIPAA-compliant consent form allowing the exchange of medical information between the patient, Lions and LEI Physicians.

- a. For patients residing in Lions **District 20-O**, send completed forms to:

PDG Lion Wilfred Roehe, 8 Skyview Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY
12603

With copy to:

VDG Lion Barbara Gavin, 159 South Quaker Lane, Hyde Park, NY
12538

- b. For patients residing in Lion **District 20-Y2**, send completed forms to:

Lion Phil Klein, 29 Walter Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

With copy to:

Lion John McDonald, PO Box 91, Galway, NY 12074

- c. For patients residing in Lion **District 20-W**, send completed forms to:

PDG Lions Liz & Bob Walker, 66 East Church Street, Adams, NY
13605

With copy to:

PDG Lion Wilfred Roehe, 8 Skyview Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY
12603

4. Referrals are limited to emergency, diagnostic, therapeutic and/or surgical care. Routine eye care is more appropriately handled by local eye care providers and shall not be referred to the Lions Eye Institute.
5. To qualify as a referred patient, the individual, agent, guardian or Lions Club must make reasonable attempts to obtain private, charitable, or governmental health insurance such as Medicare, Medicaid, Fidelis, etc. It is the responsibility of the Lions Club to make sure this has been done. Any financial assistance provided by the Lions Eye Institute shall be limited to a **maximum total of \$4,500 per patient**. Applicants who may require surgery and/or hospitalization must also apply to Albany Medical Center for financial aid by contacting AMC's Patient Financial Services department at 518-262-1981 or 1-866-262-7476.
6. Requests for information concerning a referred patient may be received. For ethical, legal and confidentially (HIPAA) reasons, information will not be released to a third party unless there is a signed release from the patient.
7. Questions regarding this policy shall be made to the LEI Board President, 1220 New Scotland Road, Suite 102, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Questions and comments can also be sent via email to leialbany@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 518-290-8939.



leialbany@gmail.com

Patient Referral Form

Date: _____

Patient:

Name _____ DOB _____ Age _____
 Last First Middle

Last

First

Middle

Home Address	City	State	Zip
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Home Phone _____ # of Dependents _____ Employer _____

Business Address	City	State	Zip
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Business Phone	Yrs Empl	Annual Income
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Spouse/Parent/Guardian:

Name _____ DOB _____ Age _____
 Last First Middle

Last

First

Middle

Home Address	City	State	Zip
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Home Phone _____ # of Dependents _____ Employer _____

Business Address	City	State	Zip
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Business Phone _____ Yrs Empl _____ Annual Income _____

Total Annual Household Income

Insurance:

Applicant must attempt to obtain private, charitable or governmental health insurance such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Fidelis Care. If you need additional assistance, contact the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HICAP) at 1-800-701-0501. Applicants who may require surgery and/or hospitalization must also apply to Albany Medical Center for financial aid. Please contact AMC's Patient Financial Services department at 518-262-1981 or 1-866-262-7476.

Ins. #1	None	Policy Number
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Ins Address	City	State	Zip
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Policy Holder Name	Relationship
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over

Ins. #2 _____ Policy Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Policy Holder Name _____ Relationship _____

Do you qualify for Medicaid? Yes _____ No _____. If no, please enclose a copy of the denial letter.

Description of Visual Problem:

I, _____, authorize the _____ Lions Club to refer the above stated patient to the Lions Eye Institute and to release the above information to the Lions Eye Institute and Lions Eye Institute Physicians, Albany Medical Center or other Lions Eye Institute approved medical facilities. I further release this Lions Club and the Lions Eye Institute of any legal or monetary obligation for their assistance in arranging for services. **Any financial assistance provided by the Lions Eye Institute shall be limited to a maximum total of \$4,500 per patient.**

Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Personal Physician and/or Eye Specialist:

Name _____ Speciality _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Speciality _____ Phone _____

Lions Club:

Club Name _____ Lions District # _____

Club Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Referring Members Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

President's or Secretary's signature _____

IMPORTANT: Forms must be completed in full before they can be processed. Referrals must be made through the appropriate local Lions Club. Incomplete forms or forms sent directly to the Lions Eye Institute will delay care and/or may result in denial of the referral.

Once the patient has completed his/her part of the form it should be forwarded to the Sight Chairman of the appropriate local Lions Club for approval at the Club level.

Once the referral is approved and signed off by the Lions Club the completed forms must be forwarded to:

For patients/Lions Clubs in **District 20-O**

PDG Lion Wilfred Roehe
9 Skyview Drive
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

With copy to:

VDG Lion Barbara Gavin
159 South Quaker Lane
Hyde Park, NY 12538

For patients/Lions Clubs in **District 20-Y2:**

Lion Phil Klein
29 Walter Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

With copy to:

Lion John McDonald
P.O. Box 91
Galway, NY 12074

For patients/Lions Clubs in **District 20-W:**

PDG Lions Liz & Bob Walker
66 East Church Street
Adams, NY 13605

With copy to:

PDG Lion Wilfred Roehe
9 Skyview Drive
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



District 20 - Y2 Lions Hearing Conservation Society

LIONS LOAN-OUT EQUIPMENT

Below is a list of assistive devices available at many of the District 20Y2 Lions Loan-Out Centers.
(Other equipment may be available upon request.)

Pocketalker

Personal amplifier. Ideal for one-to-one communication and T.V. listening.

Infrared T.V. Listening System

Wireless, infrared amplification system.

Personal FM System

Wireless portable amplification system. Transmits up to 300 feet. Helpful for an individual or large group situation.

Amplified Telephone

Adjustable volume control with amplified ringer.

CapTel Telephone

Telephone that has both amplification and caption capability.

Amplified Telephone Ringers

Provides adjustable ring volume, frequency and pitch tone.

Whistle Stop

Phone adapter to prevent feedback from using telephone with hearing aid.

Digital Alarm Clock

Wake to an alarm, a flashing light, or a portable pillow shaker.

Alert Master

Uses a pillow shaker and a lamp flashing simultaneously to alert you to a smoke detector sounding, door knocking, telephone ringing, and alarm clock activation.

Personal Body Pager

Pager works with the Alertmaster. The person wears it to alert to sounds while awake.

District 20Y2 Hearing Conservation Society Loan Out Centers

Albany - Madison Hearing Center
One Executive Center Drive -Suite 202
Albany, NY 12203
Voice: 518 690-2060

Amsterdam - Resource Center for Independent Living
347 W. Main Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010
Voice: 518 842-3561 TDD: 842-3593

Herkimer - Resource Center for Independent Living
401 East German Street, Herkimer, NY 13350
Voice: 315 866-7245 TDD: 315 866-7246

Glens Falls - Center for Better Hearing
318 Ridge St, Glens Falls, NY 12801
Voice/TTY: 518 798-4800

Saratoga Springs - Saratoga Hearing Center – Saratoga Medical Arts Center
414 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Voice/TTY: 518 584-0578

Schoharie County Office for the Aging
113 Park Place, Suite 3
Schoharie, NY 12157
Voice: 518 584-0578

Troy - Hear USA
2200 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180
Voice: 518 272-7323

Utica - Resource Center for Independent Living
PO Box 210, Utica, NY 13503

LIONS WEBSITES

DISTRICT 20Y2

www.20y2lions.org

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20

www.md20lions.com

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

www.lionsclubs.org

LIONS MEMBER CENTER

<http://tinyurl.com/gs6bwcs>

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS

tinyurl.com/jwewgvk

CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES

<http://tinyurl.com/hyxxzc2>

PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS RESOURCES

<http://tinyurl.com/hmrkzhc>

CLUB SUPPLIES FORMS

<http://tinyurl.com/zje6s5b>

LIONS APPROVED LOGOS

<http://tinyurl.com/ho7qrjd>

These are VALUABLE resources! Take a look! Lots of FREE PR!

Watch the video from the Lions Eye Institute Albany
<http://tinyurl.com/gopuypc>

SEE WHAT WE DO!!!

DID YOU KNOW

Lions has a Brand?

A brand is a distinctive visual identity attributed to an organization. The Lions brand is a way of talking about and promoting Lions. Our brand helps celebrate our heritage while presenting Lions in a fresh and modern way. The following resources are available for download and can provide guidelines on brand messages and usage.

[Lions Brand Book](#)

Includes information such as core messages and how to use them.

<http://tinyurl.com/y7kz43xb>

[Lions Clubs International Graphic Identity Manual](#)

Maintains all aspects of the Lions brand, and serves as a guide on such topics as logo use, stationery, signatures, preferred type font and more.

<http://tinyurl.com/y8nym5kg>

This is the current two color logo that is to be used in promotional materials for print, internet, and current clothing.

Logos can be EASILY downloaded for use by your club or printer at <http://tinyurl.com/ho7qrjd>





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Blind and Visually Impaired

www.cabvi.org

NABA

Northeastern Association
of the Blind at Albany

www.naba-vision.org

Lions Eye Bank at Albany

Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.

www.lionseyebankalbany.org



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OF THE BLIND

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nfb.org



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www.freedomguidedogs.org



LIONS QUEST CONTINUES TO GROW

LCIF is excited to announce the publication of the newest edition of Lions Quest social and emotional learning program for students from preschool through grade 12. There are new digital resources and updated course content to help address the issues facing today's youth. Visit www.lions-quest.org to learn more about the program and its effectiveness.

www.lions-quest.org





SAVE THE DATE for Next Year!!!
Lions International Convention Las Vegas 2018

101st Lions Clubs International Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
Friday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 3, 2017

