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A message from...

District Governor Michele P



New York State & Bermuda MD20 District 20W District Governor Michele Puleo O'Hare

**Michele Puleo O'Hare** 

reetings Lions, Leos and Lioness's of District 20-W!

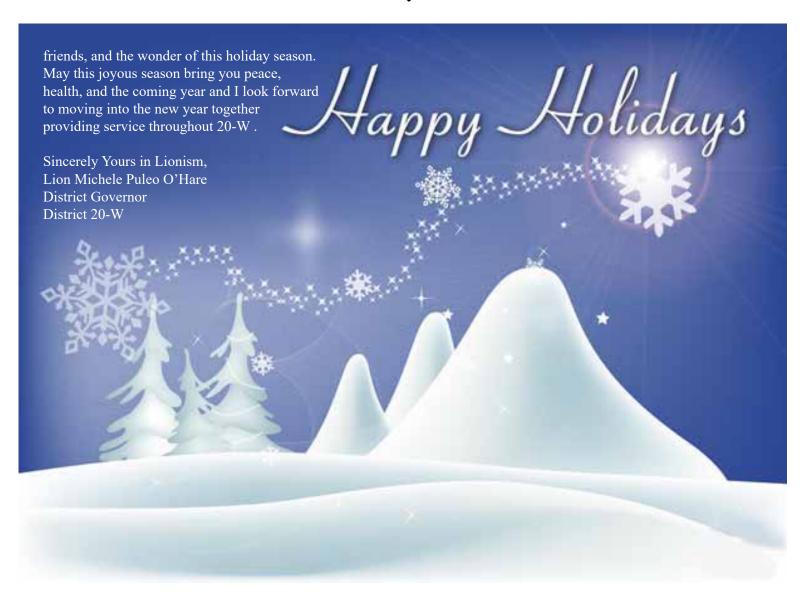
I want to express my deep appreciation and thankfulness to all of you. District 20-W is very fortunate to be full of generous Lions with a service heart ready to serve their communities in need.

You are living proof that volunteers are people who don't want to be thanked for helping others but want to thank others for giving them the opportunity to help. Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication. You are always willing to be there for your community.

Great job and Thank you!

I am wishing you the joy of family, the happiness of







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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### (District Cabinet Meetings in Blue)

Lions Eye Bank Week	December 4 - 9, 2018
Glaucoma Awareness Month	January, 2019
LCIF Week	January 7 - 13, 2018
Last Day for discount on LCI Convention fees	January 13, 2019
3rd 20W District Cabinet Meeting, New Hartford, NY	January 26, 2019
DGE training from LCI, Oakbrook, IL	February 12-14, 2019
3rd MD20 Council Meeting Syracuse, NY	February 22, 23, 2019
Lions Day at the UN	March 9, 2019
MD20 PDG Organization Spring Meeting	March 16, 2019
4th 20W District Cabinet Meeting, Lake Placid, NY	March 30, 2019
Int'l Board of Directors Mtg., Reykjavik, Iceland	April 3 – 7, 2019
DGE School, Binghamton, NY	April 5-7, 2019
4th MD20 Council Meeting, Binghamton, NY	May 2, 2019
MD20 2019 State Convention, Binghamton, NY	May 3-5, 2019
DG Michele O'Hare Testimonial	May 11,2019
International Convention, MILAN, ITALY	July 5-9, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS, CHECK OUT DISTRICT 20W AND The LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20WLions.org ~ members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/calendar.php



#### **District Governor Michele O'Hare's Visitation Schedule**

**MEETING DATES** 

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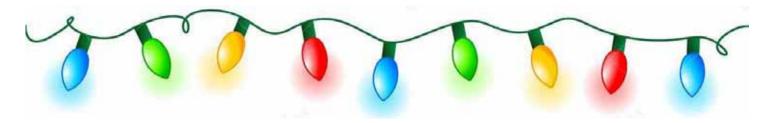
Waterford Greenwich Town of Hoosick Broadlbin Perth Galway Mechanicville-Stillwater Cambridge Town of Wright Scohaire Glens Falls Greater Ravena Johnstown Scotia Glenville Duane Saratoga Springs Fonda & Fultonville Schuylerville Clinton Deerfield	December 5, 2018 December 6, 2018 January 3, 2019 January 10, 2019 January 14, 2019 January 16, 2019 January 21, 2019 January 22, 2019 January 30, 2019 January 24, 2019 February 5, 2019 February 6, 2019 February 7, 2019 February 13, 2019 February 20, 2019
Herkimer Holland Patent New Hartford NY Mills White Sauquoit Valley	February 21, 2019

Utica J Lake Placid February 25, 2019 February 27, 2019 Greater Johnstown Hadley-Luzerne March 6, 2019 Tupper Lake March 7, 2019 Malone March 13, 2019 Town of Schroon March 18, 2019 Bethlehem March 20, 2019 Gouvereur March 23, 2019 Albany & Troy April 3, 2019

#### **UPDATED December 1, 2018**

#### District 20W 2018 - 2019 Club Events

Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation Superbowl Raffle..................January 13, 2019
Glens Falls Lions Golf Tournament, Airway Meadows, Gansevoort, NY........................June 8, 2019
Schroon Lake Lions Golf Tournament.................................June 15, 2019







# **Global Action Team – Quick Start**

These Global Action Team checklists can help you get on track for a successful year! And they can help you see what your fellow members of the Global Action Team are doing to enhance service, grow membership, and develop leadership in their communities and around the world.

#### Club

#### Club President Checklist

Review the job description for your role as Global Action Team Chairperson, the job description president's role as Leadership Development Chairperson, and the roles for the Membership and Service Chairperson.		
D	Be sure to report all positions in MyLCI.	
	Schedule a Global Action Team meeting to discuss goals for the fiscal year.	
	Schedule follow-up meetings to review progress towards your goals.	

- Continuously recognize outstanding efforts by club members.
- Celebrate once your goals are achieved.

# A GREAT Fundraiser or Community Service Project!



# Lions Clubs of 20W, 0 & Y! **Partner with the Lions Eye Institute** Foundation at Albany, NY for this proven fundraiser!

Sell them to family and friends to make money for your club, or use them as a community service project and donate to a local shelter, nursing home, children's medical facility, or food pantry.

Solid Milk Chocolate 24/case, 6.2 oz. ~ \$70.00/case individually boxed

Solid Dark Chocolate 24/case; 6.2 oz. ~ \$70.00/case individually boxed

Solid Will Chocolate 24/case; 3.5 oz. ~\$70.00/case; individually cellophane wrapped

This is one of the Lions Foundation at Albany's major fundraisers in support of the Lions Eye Institute at Albany. For more information on the Lions Eye Institute and the Foundation, go to www.leialbany.org and like us on facebook.

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#### ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY JANUARY 1, 2019 ~ SUGGESTED SALE PRICE OF \$5.00/BUNNY

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Address:	 Milk Choco
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Club:	

Number of Cases
Milk Chocolate (24/6.2 oz.)
Dark Chocolate (24/6.2 oz.)
White Chocolate (24/3.5 oz.)

Please copy this letter drafted by Debbie Meyfohrt, "Lend an Ear" Cochair, requesting the Governor's assistance with strong reform and insurance coverage for hearing aids.



The Honorable Andrew Cuomo Governor of New York Executive Chamber The State Capitol Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As members of the community and the great state of New York, the Lions Club would like your support for a cause that affects hundreds of thousands of hearing impaired New York citizens. According to a 2014 census, 208,000 people in New York City alone were recorded as being deaf. Over the past few years, the Lions Lend an Ear Foundation, built around servicing the hearing impaired, has been able to provide hearing aids at no cost to dozens of low-income individuals in an effort to improve the quality of their lives. Lions are continuing that mission by supporting legislation that would mandate insurance companies in New York State to cover the cost of hearing aids for children and adults. We are confident, with your endorsement and support, we can make this possible.

The root of the issue is the exorbitant cost of hearing aids. According to *Hearing Review*, a single hearing aid can cost between \$800-\$4,000, with the cost rising to \$1,600-\$8,000 for a pair of hearing aids which most deaf people do require. The National Institute on Deafness reports that one in eight people in the United States aged 12-years or older, or 13% of that population, has hearing loss in both ears (based on standard hearing exams). Medicare does not provide funds for hearing aids for the elderly and only a small number of health insurance companies pay a portion of the cost of hearing aids. The Hearing Health Foundation reported the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled in the past 5 years to 50 million people in America. As of now, 22 states have created an insurance mandate for the coverage of hearing aids, yet no such regulations are in place in New York.

According to the 37th Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, speech or language impairments was the second most prevalent disability category due to hearing loss. Studies have shown that with early intervention, young people with hearing loss equipped with hearing devices are more likely to actively participate in the classroom. They understand directions more clearly and communicate more effectively with peers, teachers and family. The outlook of their success and happiness in the future is brighter through the gift of hearing.

We feel that strong insurance reform and mandating coverage could blaze a path towards achieving this goal. We, representing 14,423 Lion members in 528 Clubs across the state, are asking for your support with legislation to make it mandatory for health insurance companies to review their coverage policies and develop a program to introduce coverage for hearing aids for the hearing impaired. Help us in "Giving the Gift of Hearing" to others by supporting Bill number A08628A. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,



offers support to employers who hire the visually impaired. These can include assistive technology, a work try out program that allows the employer to try out the employee with wages reimbursed for a month or two and job coaching. We are currently looking to place:

- 1. An **executive leader/controller** who previously worked as a project manager for IBM and has experience running a multi-site dental business. He is looking for a new full time role in the Queensbury area and is willing to travel as far as Albany.
- 2. A grant researcher and development coordinator is looking for part time work in the Albany area.
- 3. A **skilled writer** is looking for part time work writing remotely. She specializes in newsletters.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact:

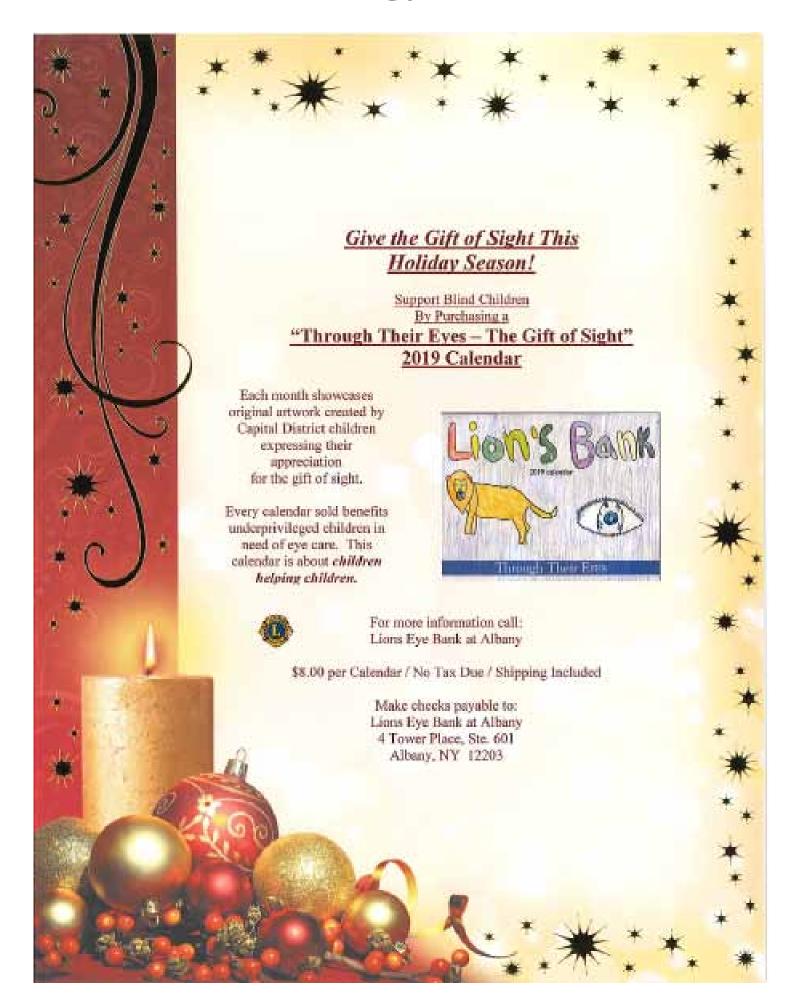
Mikala Ide

Employment Specialist

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA)

301 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Office: 518-463-1211 x 223 ~ Email: mide@naba-vision.org



# SUPER BOWL RAFFLE



ATLANTA, GA February 3, 2019

> **WORTH OVER** \$15,000

# FIRST PRIZE VIP Super Bowl Package

- 2 Upper level tickets
  - 3-night hotel accommodations
    - \$1,000 Travel Expense
      - Ground transportation to the game
        - Welcome gifts and on site concierge services

#### DRAWING TO BE HELD ON 01/13/2019 at RICARDO'S BY THE BRIDGE

Second Prize: \$2,000 Third Prize: \$1,000

Fourth Prize & Fifth Prizes: \$500 Sixth thru Tenth Prizes: \$250

Special 6 Teles \$100.00

COST: ONLY \$20.00 PER TICKET

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Contact:

PDG Joan Scott jmsc@roadrunner.com

Or go to our website for further info at www.brandeburphyfoundation.org

All proceeds to benefit The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED

Make checks payable to: Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, PO Box 913, RVC, NY 11571

We are a 501c3 ovanization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law

# District & Club Articles

# HOW TO GET THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR



- 1. GO TO 20WLions.org
- 2. Find "To sign up for the District newsletter, click here" at the bottom of the blue box.
- 3. Fill in requested information.
- 4. Submit!

It's as easy as that! You will recieve the newsletter each month in your email.

# **Lions SEE, Inc. & Kidsight**

By PDG Mike Lawkowski

Support Lions Kidsight USA when you shop on Amazon. Go to smile.amazon.com and register your Amazon account. Select Lions Kidsight USA as your charity. Make sure it says located in Corning NY. A portion of every purchase you make on Amazon will donated to Lions Kidsight USA. The best part is that it doesn't cost you anything.

#### LION SEE, INC.

www.lionsseeny.org fb: Lions SEE New York

#### KIDSIGHT USA

lionskidsightusa.org/ fb: Lions Kidsight USA Foundation

# Lions Continue to Fight Childhood Cancer

By Lion Diane Lange

Did you know that childhood cancer is the #1 disease killer for children in the United States? Lions need to "Serve" these families in time of need as part of our new Lions Service Project.

I would like to thank the Ballston Spa Lions Club. They recently helped support the Ronald McDonald "Wish List" by contributing over \$300 in Gift Cards and treats. Please let me know if your club has "Served."

The Ronald McDonald House is an amazing place. I recently took a tour to learn more about the facility. Playrooms that are each decorated with different themes. The bedrooms are very comfortable for adults and children and there are many quiet reading rooms for parents.

I learned that there is a "Toy Store" in the basement that is stocked with all new packaged toys, books, video games and stuffed animals. The children are able to visit the toy store upon arrival at the Ronald McDonald House or if they are just having a difficult day. The children can keep the articles they pick out. Lions Clubs may want to donate to this amazing "Toy Store."

The kitchens are amazing! They are always looking for organizations to cater a dinner for the families. Any day is difficult for the families but during the Holidays and winter months especially. Last summer, Nick's Fight To Be Healed sponsored an fun filled BBQ. This is another area where Lions can serve simply by calling (518 438-2655) to set up a date and time and list of any food restrictions.

Just a reminder to Lions!!!! Flu Shots are required when serving a child or their families battling pediatric cancer.

#### **LION DIANE LANGE**

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# Glens Falls Lions Club Bowling!

By Lion Karen Rager

Monday, November 26th, the club held their "Social Meeting" at the Lake George Lanes and Games. We had

11 members and three friends join us for a fun night of bowling and Lionism.



King Lion Al rolls one down the lane.

#### KING LION AL CERNY

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# **Quadtown Lions Club**

#### **EYE SCREENING PROGRAM**

By Lion Donna Schaab

The Quad Town Lions have once again finished the month of November with our most significant contribution to our community, our eye screening program. We accomplished an outstanding number of completed eye screenings this year. We

visited 9 schools (as well as Head Start) and consequently screened over **2000 children**. Many of our Lion members volunteered their time to accomplish this task. We can be especially thankful for the careful guidance and direction from Lions Gail and Mike

Murtaugh. They have committed to the



Camera that we use. Typically, we have an approximate 11-12% referral rate. Sadly, not all parents follow up with the referral.

Seen here are Lions Rae Ann Gardner, Pat Dullea and King Lion Ann French processing children at Madison Elementary School.

The end of September afforded us the opportunity to indulge in our annual Fall fund raisers that aided

in the support of our three local food pantries.

#### **KING LION ANN FRENCH**

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# **Empire State Special Needs Experience/Lions Camp Badger**

By Cynthia Reuter

As we near the end of another successful year for Lions Camp Badger, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your support and generosity. Whether by sending a monetary gift, 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 because of you, and we look forward to a bright future of possibilities for our special needs campers.

From the Board of Directors and staff of Lions Camp Badger, ~ THANK YOU ~

to all Lions and Lions Clubs of MD20 for another great year!

If you still wish to make a tax-deductible donation for 2018, visit our website, www.LionsCB.org, to find a Paypal link from which you can use a credit card, or send a check directly to Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Rd, Spencer, NY 14883. All donations, no matter the size, will make a difference. While you are visiting our website, be sure to watch the videos, read about the programs, and see for yourself, the results of your support. Great things are happening!

Also, as we approach Holiday shopping season, we'd like to mention 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.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Just remember to choose AmazonSmile instead of Amazon in your browser and select Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. as your charity. There is absolutely no cost to you.

Start your shopping now at: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0926574

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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.

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!!

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## Sauquoit Valley Lions Club HONORING VETS

By Lion John Griffin

The Sauquoit Valley Club honored their Club Veterans at their meeting on November 8, 2018. Kathy Duncan, retired Lieutenant Colonel Air Force was the guest speaker for the evening and presented on the history of our American



Lieutenant Colonel Kathy Duncan joins SV Lions Club Veterans in a celebration of their service.]

Flag. Following dinner the Club recognized Veteran's; Lion Ed Collins, Lion Treffley LeFave, Lion Lew Smith, Lion Louis Dunlay and Lion Ed Jones.

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On November 17-18 the Club sponsored a booth at the annual Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts and Craft Fair held at the Sauquoit Valley Middle School. The booth provided a good deal of exposure for the Lions Club as hundreds attended the craft fair



SV Lions John Markley, John Griffin and Jeanne Markley hosting the booth at the annual Sauquoit Valley Craft Fair.

and stopped by the booth. The Club also raised nearly \$900.00 on the "lottery ticket tree" raffle that was held at the booth. Posters from the recent LCI Peace Poster Contest held at the middle school were exhibited at the booth as well.

The Club also donated \$250.00 to the Annual Hospice Telethon held on November 27, 2018 which was highlighted during the Telethon.

We are holding our annual Holiday Raffle through the month of December. The drawing will be held at our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Tickets are \$50 each with 10 prizes ranging from \$50 to the first place prize of \$1,000. Contact any Lions Club member if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

#### KING LION EDWARD THOMAS

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## **Clinton Lions Club**

By Lion Jim Winkler

The month of November began as we looked toward Thanksgiving and the approaching Holiday Season. As the days grew shorter, we seem to become more visible in the community by increasing our service and charitable donations in efforts to make the upcoming Holidays a little more enjoyable for those in need.

At our first monthly meeting, we presented our Clinton Central Student of the Month Certificate to Lauren Chmielewski. Lauren is a senior in the midst of her search for a college



Lauren Chmielewski receives Club Student of the Month Certificate from Lion Les LaBrecque.

to continue her education. With the support of her parents and brother, who accompanied her to our meeting, Lauren addressed the club and answered questions regarding her desire for a career in the medical field. We were more than pleased to recognize this outstanding student and one of our future citizens.

Winter seemed to have arrived rather abruptly, just in time for us to participate in the community's Shoppers Stroll. This event has been held in the village for the past forty-two years. It's held the day after Thanksgiving and sponsored by our local Chamber of Commerce. Residents and visitors to our area are given the opportunity to shop at the local stores in our village and see the arrival of "Jolly Old St. Nick" at the end of our Holiday Parade



Popping Corn for Visitors.

- officially ushering in the Holiday Season. As always, despite the recent drop in temperature, our club distributed freshly popped corn to all in attendance and participated with our

"float" in the Holiday Parade. Assisting us distributing candy along the parade route were members of our Middle School Leo Club.

Bright and early the next day, we began cooking and setting up tables and chairs at our local Methodist Church for a spaghetti dinner benefit to be held that evening.



Leos Help at Shoppers Stroll Holiday Parade.

Partnering with the local Chamber of Commerce, we cosponsored this benefit. It drew people from surrounding townships and multiple Regional Lions Clubs. Its purpose was to defray some of the unpaid treatment costs and travel expenses for a local woman battling stage four breast cancer. She has made major contributions to our communities and played a key role in Clinton recently being named 2018 Kraft Hockeyville and hosting a pre-season NHL game in late September. This tribute was richly deserved!

The event was a huge success and raised over \$15,000 from dinner ticket sales, donations, a 50/50 raffle, auction of approximately 100 donated baskets of various merchandise including an autographed Buffalo Sabres hockey jersey, framed autographed jersey donated by the NHL and two tickets to a Buffalo Sabres hockey game. The event was orchestrated by Clinton Lion Les LaBrecque. This coordination included approaching local businesses and acquiring the donation of food products utilized for the "feast".

We continue to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids from drop-off points at businesses in our area and assist on Distribution Day at our local Country Pantry. On that day, club members greet clients, packaging their food staples and transport bags of groceries to their vehicles. This month in advance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the number of people availing themselves of the pantry's services was extremely

heavy. In addition, to get a "jump" on the Christmas Distribution, five club members began checking expiration dates, sorting and stocking donated food staples that were donated by the additional Holiday collection efforts of various organizations in our area. Our area pantry is a well-supported endeavor of many!

The club made contributions to: the Hospice Telethon (\$250) [other Regional Lions Clubs mentioned for their donations during the television broadcast included Herkimer, Holland Patent, and Sauquoit Valley]; the spaghetti dinner benefit for the breast cancer victim (\$1,000); the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation (\$300) for the purchase of three raffle tickets; the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation (\$240) for the purchase of twelve Super Bowl Raffle Tickets; the family of a local family who completely lost all their belongings in a recent fire (\$500); our local Town Library (\$155) for the purchase of a telescope for use by members; and our local chapter of Veterans Outreach (\$150). These contributions are made possible by the efforts of club members in our various fundraising projects throughout the year.

As the Christmas season approaches, we will be coordinating our local Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in our village and volunteering by ringing the bell. In addition, we will be holding our annual White Cane fundraiser the weekend before the Holiday.

WE EXTEND THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL CLUBS AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN THE NEW YEAR!

#### KING LION ROBERT MAXAM

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# **Albany & Troy Lions Club**

By Lion Jerry Gordon

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Because we were not in our regular meeting room, it was hard to have any formal presentation, but we did hold discussions with John "JC" Conroy, president of the board of directors, and Mike Manupella, executive director of the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club. For the past 50 years, LBGC has benefitted from the fund-raising efforts and handson participation of Lansingburgh Rotary through events like an annual spaghetti dinner and a chicken barbeque. Now, because of dwindling membership, Lansingburgh Rotary has folded. LBGC will be sending us a detailed list of their various opportunities for us to be of service. We will discuss it to see how we can help.

King Lion Carol reminded us about the upcoming LCI/Anthem volunteer day at the Regional Food Bank on Nov 10.

#### **CLUB & CHARITABLE-FUND BOARD MEETINGS**

We sold all 25 SaveAround books for a net profit of \$312.50, and will be ordering 5 more.

We decided to hold our holiday party at Valente's in Watervliet.

Lion Tom shipped 3000 used eyeglasses to the NJ recycling center.

There were only 11 calls on our voice-mail system last month, all pretty routine. 9 were ours and 1 each were sent to Bethlehem and ScotiaGlenville LCs.

We are signed up to sell popcorn at the Victorian Stroll on Sunday, Dec 2. KL Carol will distribute a sign-up sheet.

Income from selling the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" discount cards is \$180 so far.

We approved spending \$400 for a pair of hearing aids for a 75-year old woman from Johnsonville.

We approved spending \$250 for holiday gifts for a family from Vaderheyden. Lion Joann Beach has graciously agreed to be our "purchasing agent" once again. W

e discussed the appeal from DG Michele to help Florida victims of Hurricane Michael, and elected to donate \$1000 to LCIF for this purpose.

Immediately after the board meetings, we held our annual folding, stuffing and stamping party for the seal campaign.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, 20 Lions from several clubs and 1 Leo joined a large group from Blue Cross/Blue Shield working at the Regional Food Bank on the annual LCI/Anthem joint project. John Bianco, Michelle Baker & Jaleel and Jerry Gordon represented our club.

#### KING LION CAROL QUANTOCK

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# Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI)

By Tara A. Capponi

The board of directors of the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) announced today that Rudy D'Amico, President & CEO, plans to retire August

31, 2019. The search for his successor will commence soon according to Edward P. Welsh, Chairman of the CABVI Board of Directors.

"I've been privileged to lead CABVI - to have a role assisting consumers with vision loss achieve countless personal milestones," Mr. D'Amico said.

"We've added many chapters to the



CABVI history since I took the reins of this great organization in May, 2008:

- Expanding employment services into nearby Onondaga County, New York.
- Adding over 100 employees, bringing total employment to 270, half of whom are blind.

- Opening four Base Supply Centers on military bases in northeastern states.
- Overseeing the addition of innovative vision rehabilitation services.

"The achievement that matters most to me? CABVI is recognized across the country as one of the best private agencies for the blind, thanks in large part to great boards of directors, and an amazing, talented sta. Collectively we envisioned, and are now constructing, a state-of-the-art vision health and wellness center in downtown Utica. As a result, CABVI will be at the national forefront of vision rehabilitation services fordecades to come."

Mr. Welsh said the agency will continue its mission: To assist people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their highest levels of independence. "Prior to joining CABVI, rst as Vice President of Operations in October, 2003, then as President & CEO, Rudy was a local entrepreneur. And he brought the entrepreneur's mindset to the job at CABVI. In 2010 for instance, he lobbied, hard, for the board to invest in building a contact center in Utica, even though the chances of securing a government contract were less than 50 percent.

"But, with a leap of faith and determination, we followed Rudy's instincts. Today the contact center employs nearly 40 individuals, 35 of whom are legally blind. That is the textbook example of a visionary."

In addition to his business acumen, Mr. Welsh added, "Rudy is a tireless advocate, both in New York State, and in Washington, for people blind and visually impaired."

Mr. D'Amico, who retired from the New York Army National Guard in 1993 at the rank of Major, has served on the boards of directors of many organizations through the years:

- National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind 2009 to present.
- New York Vision Rehabilitation Association 2008 to present.
- As an incorporating director of Empire State Employment Resources for the Blind 2009 - 2018.
- The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties 2002-2011.
- The Upper Mohawk Valley Memorial Auditorium Authority 2001-2011.
- Upstate Cerebral Palsy (A term as Chairman) 1997 2007.
- Herkimer County Area Development Corporation 1978 1984.

Mr. D'Amico served on the CABVI Board of Directors from 1985 until his employment at the agency in 2003. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nance from Rider University. Mr. D'Amico expressed his appreciation to several constituencies. "During my tenure at CABVI I've been fortunate to work with a dedicated sta, and volunteers who have given generously of their time and talent. I am especially grateful for the men and women who have served on our boards of directors, and have shared their expertise in helping us

fulll our mission.

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# YOUR CLUB ARTICLE COULD BE HERE!

Let us know what your club is doing!

Send articles and captioned photos

and event flyers to karen@

deuxflutes.com

Monthly deadline is the 28th. SeeSee page 23 for details

# District & Club Resources



#### What is MyLion?

MyLion is Lions Clubs International's new digital service platform for all Lions and Leos. MyLion is available in two formats:

- The MyLion app is a mobile phone application that you can download on your smart phone. It was gradually released starting in 2017 and is available everywhere outside of the European Union.
- MyLion on the web is the next major MyLion application and is a website that you will be able to
  access on any device with a web browser. MyLion on the web will be gradually released over the next
  few quarters.

#### When will I have access to MyLion on the web?

Over the next few quarters, Lions Clubs International will work with our Global Action Team leaders to gradually release MyLion on the web to ensure there is adequate time for testing and training.

#### Why are we gradually releasing MyLion on the web?

By gradually releasing MyLion on the web we can:

- Focus on one region at a time and provide advanced notice and support to MyLion users.
- Collect and methodically apply feedback.
- Ensure that every member has adequate time to learn the MyLion system before transitioning service activity reporting from MyLCI to MyLion.

#### Where should I report my club's service activities right now?

You should continue to report your service activities on MyLCI or your local reporting system until your region received MyLion on the web. We will communicate well in advance when MyLion on the web is available for you to test in your region.

# Where can I learn more about the MyLion app and eventually MyLion on the web?

Our website <u>www.mvlion.org</u> has tools, training resources, tolog posts, and more related to the MyLion app. We will update it with content related to MyLion on the web as we begin to release the platform. <a href="https://www.mylion.org">www.mylion.org</a> is your main, easy to navigate resource for all things MyLion.

#### When will the MyLion mobile phone app be released in the European Union?

We are working diligently with our partners in the EU to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will release the MyLion mobile phone app to European Union countries when we feel confident that the MyLion mobile phone app meets these requirements.

Contact: MyLion@lionsclubs.org

# 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**

**January 1, 2019 ~ June 1, 2019** 

ONLY TWO ISSUES will be emailed to include district news.

I will submit everything I receive by the deadline, however submission does not guarantee publication, (I am not the editor). WE ARE LIMITED TO ONE PAGE PER DISTRICT SO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ARTICLES!

### THE ROAR SUBMISSIONS

THE 28TH OF EVERY MONTH (FEBRUARY WILL BE THE 26TH)

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 .jpg, .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.



#### **Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS**

#### LIONS LOAN-OUT EQUIPMENT

Below is a list of assistive devices available at many of LHCS of NYS's Loan-Out Centers. (Other equipment may be available upon request)

#### **Pocketalker**

Personal amplifier. Ideal for one-to-one Communication and TV listening.

#### Infrared TV 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 sutuation.

#### **Amplified Telephone**

Adjustable volume control with amplified ringer.

#### **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.

#### **Cap-Tel Telephone**

Telephone that has both amplification and caption capability

#### **Personal Body Pager**

Pager works with the Alert Master. You wear it to alert to sounds while awake.

# **Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS 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

Castleton - Madison & Saratoga Hearing Center 81 Miller Road, Suite 700, Castleton, NY 12033 (518) 689-0792

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

**Hudson** - Audiologic Solutions 351 Fariview Avenue, Suite 350, Hudson NY 12534 (518) 631-2564 Glens Falls – Center for Better Hearing 318 Ridge St, Glens Falls, NY 12801 Voice/TTY: (518) 798-4800

Green Island - Advanced Audiology Services 27 Lower Hudson Avenue, Green Island, NY 12183 (518) 270-5802

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

**Utica** - Resource Center for Independent Living P. O. Box 210, Utica, NY 13503