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December 2019

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DG Ed Pike



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20-W Global Leadership Team

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Congratulations Leadership Training Graduates!

Thank you Lion Holly McConchie – our most recent graduate of the MD20 New York State & Bermuda Lions Leadership Institute in Binghamton. <u>We have already started a list of candidates interested in attending this excellent program</u> October 16th-18th next year so check your calendars and call me if you would like your name to be added. Congratulations also to 2nd VDG elect Ricky Laurin for graduating the LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago last month and to PDG Paula Flisnik who has been accepted to attend the LCI Faculty Development Institute in January. District 20-W is investing in education!

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Over the past months many of you have met your Zone Chairs at their visits to your club or attended fun and educational zone "meet and greet" social events and advisory committee meetings. These are great ways to share your favorite service project ideas with Lions from the area and discover new opportunities and possibilities to join together in zone projects.

This year we are using these zone meetings as a platform for "**continuous orientation**" beginning with our current focus on local **Service** projects, followed by club **Membership** support ideas this winter, and continuing with additional **Leadership** resources including Mentoring, Certified Guiding Lion, and Club Officer training in the spring.

Please check out our <u>www.lionsglt.com</u> website for more information and while you are there you can download a quick start Lions Club Orientation PowerPoint template for you to use in updating and customizing your own club's presentation.

Leadership Training Calendar

- LCI 1st VDG/DGE Seminar, Chicago, IL : February 11th-13th
- Lions Day at the United Nations, NYC : March 7th
- 20-W NYS & Bermuda Convention, Buffalo, NY : May 1st-3rd
- 2020-2021 Lions Club Officer Reporting Due : May 15th
- LCI 103rd International Convention, Singapore : June 26th-30th
- USA/Canada Forum, Louisville, KY : September 17th-19th

20-W GLT Online Resources (www.lionsglt.com)

- LCI Lions Member Resources

 (www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center)
- Lions Learning Center (LLC) (www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-learning-center)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

International and MD20 Events

Hunger Awareness & Glaucoma Awareness Month	January, 2020
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	February, 2020
LCI 1st VDG/DGE Seminar, Chicago	February 11-13, 2020
Lions Day at the United Nations, NYC	March 7, 2020
Environmental Awareness & Leo Club Awareness Month	April, 2020
Recycle for Sight Month	May, 2020
MD-20 97th Lions NYS & Bermuda Convention, Buffalo	May 1-3, 2020
2020-2021 Lions Club Officer Reporting Due	May 15, 2020
Helen Keller Day	June 1, 2020
LCI 103rd International Convention, Singapore	June 26-30, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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

District 20W 2019 - 2020 Club Events

District Cabinet Meeting - Potsdam, NY	January 25, 2020
Venue to be decided; "Service/partnering"	•
District Cabinet Meeting - Utica/New Hartford, NY	March 28, 2020
Venue to be decided; "Membership"	
MD-20 97th Lions NYS & Bermuda Convention, Buffalo	May 1 - 3, 2020
DG Testimonial	May 23, 2020
The Bridge Walk at Perthshire,	•
112 Perthshire, Amsterdam, NY	

District Governor Visitation Schedule

Dec.	11	Ravena
Dec.	12	Saquoit Valley
Dec.	17	Holland Patent
Dec.	18	Schuylerville
Dec.	19	Speculator
Jan.	6	Utica
Jan.	7	Lisbon
Jan.	8	Greenfield
Jan.	9	Peru
Jan.	15	Edward
Jan.	16	Northville
Jan.	23	Quadtown
Jan.	27	Galway
Jan.	28	Central Mohawk

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- Mar. 18 Louisville
- Mar. 19 Ogdensburg
- Mar. 25 Fonda Fultonville



2019 Easter Bunny Fundraiser The order form for this year's Bunny Sales Fundraiser is on the next page. You can copy and paste the order information to email your order.

We have decided *not* to collect a deposit as was suggested.

All checks and payments for the Bunnies must be paid at the time of pickup or delivery.

Checks should be made payable to: *Lions Foundation at Albany* for the **full** amount of the order.

HOW TO ORDER

1. PLACE YOUR ORDER by e-mailing it to:

Program Chair, IPDG Barbara Gavin GvnBbsb@aol.com Cell: 845-275-9858, Home: 845-454-4660

AND

2. EMAIL A COPY to the District 20W Coordinator:

Lion Phil Klein Pklein@amsureins.com Cell: 518-378-8111, Home: 518-587-7145

Bunnies will be delivered to the Galway Lions Club as in previous years.

All orders must be received by January 1, 2020



2019 Easter Bunny 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 is medical facility, or food pantry.

- Solid Milk Chocolate 24/case, 6.2 oz. ~ \$75.00/case individually boxed
- Solid Dark Chocolate 24/case; 6.2 oz. ~ \$75.00/case individually boxed



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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LIONS CAMP BADGER

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

Greetings from Lions Camp Badger

We have had another wonderful summer of fun at Lions Camp Badger! We served 83 individuals, ages 13 to 55 through five different sessions of camp. Here are just a few snapshots of the great time we had. Visit our website at <u>www.LionsCB.org</u> to watch videos of our summer sessions!







LIONS CAMP BADGER IS OPERATED BY <u>The Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.</u> a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. *All donations are deductible to the extent of IRS not-for-profit law.* Make a one-time donation or set-up a recurring donation through PAYPAL. (or you may send a check directly to ESSNE at Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Rd, Spencer, NY 14883) *THANK YOU!*

Your support helps us to maintain quality programs and a beautiful campground. Every penny is appreciated

Phone: (607) 589-4800 Phone: (800) 232-7060 725 LaRue Road, Spencer, NY 14883 www.lionscb.org lionsc

Fax: (607) 589-6181 lionscampbadger@htva.net



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LIONS CAMP BADGER Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

We strive to help each camper recognize his or her individual potential, and encourage them to develop their talents and abilities to their fullest extent. The wide variety of activities offered provides the perfect setting for personal growth and exploration. We offer:

Swimming	Arts & Crafts	Hiking	Boating	Yoga
Cooking	Life Skills	Sports	Running	Nature
Surprise Events	Animals	Clubs	Cookouts	Fishing
Journaling	Social Skills	Campfires	Gardening	Drama
Goal-setting	Woodworking	Music	Recreational Reading	
Nutrition & W	ellness Vocatio	nal Experiences	Communicatio	n Support

Please visit our website at to learn more of the great experience our campers receive at Camp Badger www.LionsCB.org

Link to video's from camper sessions.

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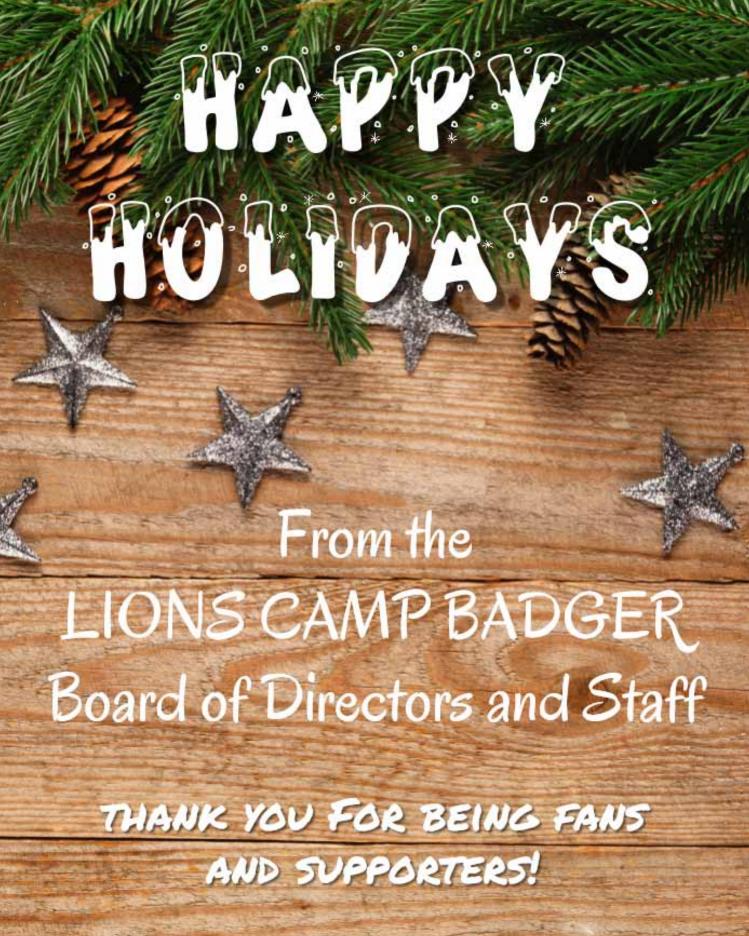
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Library of resources that includes best practices & guides

Join a community committed to making a difference

Changing Life through Lenses For Eye Doctors

Changing Life through Lenses[™], an Essilor Vision Foundation platform, is a first-of-its-kind charitable solution which provides no-cost glasses to help you expand charitable efforts within your community.

The site provides real-time registration with immediate ordering of eyeglasses and frames, referral tracking and access to educational resources on how to engage in the community.

Qualified Patients

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- Individuals at or below the poverty level without vision insurance for this pair of glasses as reasonably determined by the provider
- No age or citizenship restrictions

Make a Positive Impact Today

Did you know 1 in 4 children in the U.S. have a vision problem that affects their ability to learn? 80% of all vision impairment can be prevented or cured. Without charitable eye doctors, millions of children would be unable to obtain vision services.

Questions?

View the demonstration video and register at changinglifethroughlenses.org or contact support@evfusa.org.



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Are you an organization that conducts vision screenings or identifies patients who don't have insurance for vision care?

You can help enlist eye doctors in your community to register for Changing Life through Lenses[™] and receive no-cost glasses for patients in need.

How to Get Involved

Changing Life through Lenses™ is Essilor Vision Foundation's charity ordering website offering glasses and resources to enhance charitable giving. Review our checklist below to understand how your referral organization can participate:

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DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION FOCUS ON SCREENING?



Spread the Word: Go to eye doctors in your community and tell them about the program.

Share Information: Use the reverse side of this flyer and encourage eye doctors to register.

Send Qualified Patients: Begin sending qualified patients to the eye doctors who are now enrolled in the program.

DO YOU ALSO PROVIDE EXAMS + DISPENSE GLASSES?



Visit the Website: Visit changinglifethroughlenses.org to educate yourself on the program.



Consult with Your Organization: Review the program benefits and requirements with your team.



Create an Account: Register at changinglifethroughlenses.org and gain access to immediate ordering.

QUESTIONS?

View the demonstration video and register at changinglifethroughlenses.org or contact support@evfusa.org.



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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. A licensed Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant is looking for work in the Capital District.
- 2. A customer service oriented woman with strong computer skills is looking for call center work in the Capital District area.
- 3. An executive level manager is looking for management roles in Queensbury and is willing to travel to the Capital District. His experience includes CFO, Information Systems and Project Management for IBM.

If you would be willing to consider interviewing any of these candidates 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





Club Excellence Awards

Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year!

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards.

Please use the qualifications outlined in the club excellence award application as your road map to excellence.

Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership?

Will your club participate in at least three service projects?

Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is STRONG!

For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone (630) 468-6890

Make achieving the award a winning tradition!

2018-2019 Club Excellence Award Application Deadline date to submit your Club Excellence Award Application is August 31st.

(See application on the next page)



2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date

Club Number Club Name Member Number 2019-2020 Club President's Name 2019-2020 Club President's Email Address 1. MEMBERSHIP 2. SERVICE Achieved a Net Growth of: _____* □ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our* <u> OR</u> Global Causes! Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: 1. Name of club, or branch: 2. AND 3. Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction AND Outline strategy: Improve Enhance Membership Contributed to LCIF Service Value & **Reach New** Impact & Focus *Based on June 30 cumulative membership report Markets Pursue Club, **Reshape Public** 4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION 3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE **District and Opinion &** Organizational Improve □ The club has publicized its service activities Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo Excellence Visibility through local media or social media or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more. AND Choose all that apply: □ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following Facebook Local Paper leadership training events: Instagram Radio □ Club Website Twitter District Multiple District Billboards Posted or International □ Webinars Presentations to Groups **Distributed Flyers** □ Lions Learning Center Other <u>AND</u> □ Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club. Improvements Include: _____

Date

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature*

District

Member Number

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: <u>clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org</u> or fax to (630) 468-6828 Awards Mailed to: 2020-2021 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.



Lions Clubs and the Sight Society of NENY, Inc. Lions Eye Bank at Albany Partners in sight restoration

Together......We can make a difference!

Looking for something different for your club's program night?

The Lions Eye Bank at Albany invites your club for a tour of our new office and state of the art laboratory located adjacent to Stuyvesant Plaza at 4 Tower Place, Suite 601, Albany, NY.

If you are looking for dinner or a snack, Stuyvesant Plaza has many wonderful eateries. A list and description of restaurants can be found at stuyvesantplaza.org. We would be happy to offer suggestions or help make arrangements.

Contact Joann Beach at 518-489-7606 or email <u>Jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org</u> with any questions or to schedule a visit.

 A nonprofit organization, the Lions Eye Bank at Albany was founded in 1952 by Lions Clubs. Since then the eye bank has restored sight to thousands of people suffering with corneal blindness. The Lions Eye Bank at Albany serves 28 counties in New York State, Great Barrington, MA and six hospitals in Vermont.



District & Club Articles

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HOW TO GET THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR



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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.

Empire State Special Needs Experience/Lions Camp Badger

CAMP BADGER NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Cynthia ReuterLion Tom Kevlin

ood evening Lions,

Lions Tom and Val Kevlin are the Board representatives for Lions Camp Badger for District 20W. We are reaching out to you to request assistance for the Camp. We as Lions of District 20W are able to provide to those with special needs the chance to experience the great outdoors through adventures, games, and new learning experiences. In addition valuable life skills are learned all while having a fun experience that will be cherished for many years.

Our Lions Camp needs your assistance. We have had several unexpected expenses such as foundation repairs to several buildings. A donation from your club will certainly be apprecriated at this time. I am attaching a word document outling the activites that we provide and links to videos of the program sessions. As you will see on the faces of the campers this is a wonderful way for us to continue our pledge of service to those in need.

LIONS CAMP BADGER IS OPERATED BY The Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. All donations are deductible to the extent of IRS not-for-profit law. Donations can be made to: ESSNE at Lions Camp Badger, 725 LaRue Rd, Spencer, NY 14883.

Thank you for your thoughtful giving,

Lion Tom Kevlin 518 842 6462

> See our flyers on pages 7 - 9 CAMP BADGER

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Albany & Troy Lions Club

By Lion Jerry Gordon

General membership meeting

Our speaker was Toni Craft from Friends of Oakwood Cemetery, who told us all about this local treasure that's on the National Register of Historic Places. In the 1850s, Troy was the 10th wealthiest city in the country and much of its prominent citizenry at the time is among Oakwood's 62,000 inhabitants. They include Russell Sage, Emma Willard, "Uncle Sam" Wilson and nine Civil War generals. The jewel of Oakwood is the Gardner Earl Chapel and Crematory with its eight Tiffany stained-glass windows, marble mosaics and handcarved ceilings and pews. It's a National Historic Landmark and is listed in its own right on the National Register of Historic Places. There are many opportunities for volunteering if you're looking for something to do.

KL Carol then installed new member Irv Ackerman.

The folding, stuffing and stamping party for our annual seal campaign was wrapped up pretty quickly.



Club & Charitable Fund Board meetings We accepted the

King Lion Carol Quantock, new Lion Irv Ackerman and his sponsor, Lion Greg Sheldon.

membership application of Jordan Alexander, another associate of Lion Greg's, who will have the distinction of being our youngest Lion.

Lion Ruth reported via email: "As far as the current program with America's Best is going - I am still working with them and working out some kinks. They did offer us the opportunity to provide free exams and eyeglasses to up to 15 students in the month of November. I only have to provide the child's name, parent's name and contact phone numbers. I reached out to the school nurse at Watervliet Elementary School who quickly screened and provided this information. America's Best is going to reach out to these parents and set up appointments. I will follow up with the manager later in the month to find out how many children actually received glasses."

The Food Pantries of the Capital District is looking for someone to help them every Thursday to distribute free produce and information at two locations in Watervliet. Lion Shawn will step up.

Most of our newer members have day jobs and are coming from Albany, so it's getting tough to start the meeting at 6:00. We started a discussion about holding board meetings on another night and possibly at an Albany location. We'll pursue this further at the January meeting. Because our January meeting date is New Year's Day, our meeting will be on Jan 8, the second Wednesday.

We had sent letters with 5 Boscov's discount passes to 15 Lions that we rarely see, asking them to sell them and send us \$25 each. Three members did so. A fourth member added a \$225 donation to his \$25, and one Lion asked for 140 passes for his whole staff, for which he gave us \$1000. So thanks to these generous Lions and all the others who sold passes, this program netted us a total of \$1475.

Ten Broeck Mansion, home of the Albany County Historical Assoc, is looking for donations to help them install a wheelchair lift. Last month, we voted to donate \$200 pending the results of calling them to clarify some questions. Lion Jerry has spoken with Kathryn Kosto, the executive director. She's supposed to be sending more info but it hasn't arrived yet. We are processing the final paperwork so that we can get reimbursed from LCIF for the blueberry project. They have confirmed that the original \$1500 grant has been increased to \$2700. We will also pursue maintenance funding from Brandel-Murphy Lions Youth Foundation.

Recognizing that we have a minimal presence in Albany, we decided to establish a committee to investigate and evaluate various ways we can work better with the general community, both in Albany and Troy. Eva volunteered to chair it; Greg, Mike, Irv, Shawn, Preem and Carol are members.

We voted to again allow Lion Joann to spend up to \$250 on gifts for a family from Vanderheyden.

We approved getting hearing aids for Malishia S., a 70-yr-old woman from Rensselaer. Total cost is \$750 and we will again ask the Hearing Conservation Society to split it with us.

KING LION CAROL QUANTOCK

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Saratoga Springs Lions Club Superintendents Day

By Lion Barbara Bentley

Members of the Saratoga Lions Diabetes Committee participated in the Saratoga City School District's Superintendents Day Health & Wellness Fair. They used this

opportunity to share the Prediabetes Self-Assessment Test, to help raise awareness and educate those in attendance about the prevalence of prediabetes, along with other educational tip sheets from the American



Lions Barbara Bentley, Don Hall and Glenn Allen.

Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). Lion Barbara Bentley also led a more in depth discussion on prediabetes and prevention tips during an afternoon presentation.

KING LION SALVATORE BONSANGUE

12 Waverly Place, Wilton, NY 12831 Home: 518-306-5333 salbonsangue@aol.com

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

P. O. Box 166, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-0166 www.saratogaspringslions.com/



Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS

If you have collected used hearing aids, which supports the Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS, please send them to:

> 301 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206

IPDG Michele Puleo O'Hare

District 20W Fall Convention

By Lion Barbara Bentley

This year's District 20W Convention was held on November 9, 2019 in Lake George and featured speakers on the topic

of Childhood Cancer in addition to the Keynote Address by visiting Lions International Director Judge Christopher Shea Nickell.

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Right: Liz Foley from Ronald McDonald House Charities





Left: Jennifer Hendricks-Fogg from the Logan Strong Foundation, supporting children and families with Childhood Cancer.

Right: Lion Diane Lange spoke about Nick's Fight to be Healed and ways Lions clubs and get involved in their communities.



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Keynote address by Lions International Director Judge Christopher Shea



International President Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Lion Barbara Bentley, Saratoga Springs Lions Club.



International President Certificate of Appreciation to Global Action Team Honor awarded to 2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare, Bethlehem Lions Club.



2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare presented Club Excellence Awards to the members of her team during her 2018-19 year as District Governor. Presented to Lions Rita Ware, PCC Mark Whitney, PDG Paula Flisnik, PDG Ed Stano, PDG John McDonald, DG Ed Pike and 1VDG Rick Brisee.

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Lions Prayer

Where Lions meet be present Lord, To weld our hearts in one accord, To do thy will, Lord make us strong, To aid the weak and right the wrong.





International President Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Lion Diane Lange, Ballston Spa Lions Club.

Lions KidSight USA Fondation

By DG Michele O'Hare

Lions KidSight USA Foundation is proud to announce a partnership with Essilor Vision Foundation and its Changing Life Through Lenses[™] program.

Lions KidSight USA Foundation is a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children, by providing children's vision screening services by Lions Clubs, concentrating on kids aged 6 months through 6 years, but screening through grade 12 where possible. We have been a strong advocate of providing meaningful follow up and access to professional eye care for those children identified as having risk factors for vision difficulties or poor vision. Through the efforts of Lions KidSight USA and local Lions Clubs, more than 1.5 million children are being screened each year.

Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF) has provided over 1 million pairs of glasses to people in need since 2007. Changing Life Through LensesTM (CLTL) is EVF's new online platform where non-profits and charitable providers can order nocost glasses (frames and lenses), a free frame kit for tryon and resources on how to engage in the community. Visual demonstration and registration is available at http:// changinglifethroughlenses.org.

Several thousand Lions Clubs across the country volunteer to provide vision screenings for children. The Lions KidSight USA Foundation partnership with Essilor Vision Foundation's Changing Life Through LensesTM (CLTL) program provides Lions Clubs, and the eye care professionals working with them, the opportunity to provide free eyeglasses to qualifying children identified through our vision screening program. This exciting initiative will help ensure that no child will go without the glasses they require, and it advances our mutual goal of serving those in need in our communities. Through this partnership Lions will now be able to help even more children see the world clearly so they can succeed in the classroom, on the playing field and in life.

Please review the flyers detailing the Changing Life Through Lenses[™] program on pages 10 & 11.

Lions Clubs are encouraged to reach out to the eye care providers in their communities to explain the program. The eye care providers are encouraged to register as Changing Life Through LensesTM participants. CLTL will give the providers a selection of frames from which the patients may choose. The glasses will then be ordered through the CLTL online portal and sent to the provider upon completion for professional dispensing. There is no cost to the patients for these services and the practitioners are not charged for the glasses they provide through this program.

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LKSUSAF Board's policy requires the foregoing be performed through licensed and properly accredited eye health professionals and adhere to any applicable local laws, and suggests patient eligibility should be for those at or below 200% of poverty level, without vision insurance.

LIONS KIDSIGHT USA FOUNDATION DR. EDWARD V. CORDES, PID CHAIR

Pediatric Cancer Awareness CBS 6 MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS TO BENEFIT THE MELODIES CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

By Lion Maria Geizer

Supporting families and organizations dealing with childhood cancer is a newer part of the Lions' mission. As Pediatric Cancer Chair of the Saratoga Lions, I'm working to increase my club's awareness of the many resources in our region that support the families of kids with cancer.

I'd like to make you aware of the annual CBS 6 Melodies of Christmas Show, being held at Proctor's in Schenectady from December 19th - December 22nd. This yearly show began in 1979 and has raised over 6.5 million dollars for the Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at Albany Medical Center.

For their 40th Celebration this year, The Melodies of Christmas will be featuring the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Chorale, with special guests The McKrell's, Grand Central Station, the Northeast Ballet and Orlando School of Dance. Most importantly, each year children living with cancer are able to share their stories, and take a place onstage. Attending one of these wonderful holiday shows would be a nice way to individually support the cause and learn more about it as well.

For purchasing tickets please go online to https://www. proctors.org/event/cbs-6-melodies-of-christmas/ or call the box office at 518-346-6204. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, please contact the Albany Medical Center Foundation Office at 518-262-8892.

From Lion Diane Lange...

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LIONS THAT SIGNED THE TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL PETITION ! Teva Pharmaceutical has just announced that they will continue to produce the Childhood Cancer drug - vincristine. This is a very successful drug and one of only 4 drugs especially made for young cancer patients. Vincristine is still in short simply but Teva will begin manufacturing vincristine in March of 2020. Vincristine is successful in many cases in stopping the dividing cells from assembling into new cancer cells.

Thank you again Lions!!! "Where There Is A Need, There Is A Lion."

PEDIATRIC CANCER CHAIR DIANE LANGE

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Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club Fresh Pecans for Sale!

By Lion Ellen Snowdon

Our club has been selling fresh Georgia pecans for the last few years. These pecans are very fresh, having been harvested with the last month. The choices and prices are:

- 1. Dark Chocolate pieces of pecans -- \$10 per bag
- 2. Fancy Mammoth Halves -- 16 ounces-- \$12. per bag
- 3. Chocolate/Caramel Pecan Clusters -- \$10.00 per bag.

Anyone interested should contact: King Lion Georgia Van Dyke 518-296-8076 or gavd@midtel.net.

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Glens Falls Lions Club Celebrating 80 years

By Lion Karen Rager

S aturday, November 9th, the Glens Falls Lions celebrated their 80th anniversary of their charter, at the Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, NY. It was a well attended event with twenty one Glens Falls Lions, nine PDG's, one International Director, six clubs from the region, including one from the North Country!

Many Lions, including guests, participated in the program. Lion Scott Rager was the emcee.

PDG Dick Nason spoke about the history of the Glens Falls Lions. He told us about the house that was built by club members and members of the community for a young James Butterfield, who "joined the Marines at the age of seventeen and was engaged in some of the most bitter fighting in the Pacific". Nason went on to say, "He was first wounded in the shoulder by a mortar shell explosion. He recovered and was sent back to duty on a ship that was torpedoed. He survived and was sent to Okinawa, where he was hit in the eye by a sniper when he was trying to rescue a wounded buddy".

"In an incredible piece of bad luck, the field hospital where he was being treated was hit by mortar fire, and his other eye was severely wounded", said Nason, "Despite several painful surgeries, he learned that his vision could not be saved".

With only 20 members at the time, the project was launched with leaders of other civic organizations joining in the effort.



A total of \$11,762 was raised, with the addition of labor unions donating time, and building and supply dealers donating



materials or discounts.

October 4, 1949, Dedication Day, was declared "Jimmy Butterfield Day" by the city mayor.

Our keynote speaker was our own Lion Phil Jessen on the subject of "Why a Lion"? The question having come from his granddaughter Eliza, who presented at one of our luncheons in September on her experience with her grandparents following the Lincoln trail. During lunch as we were talking about what we do, she asked her grandfather, Why a Lion?



Lion Karen Rager, Glens Falls Lions Club, and Lions Karen Russell, Chazy Lions Club, in period dress for the 80th Anniversary.

We were also honored to have

International Director Judge Christopher Shea Nickell speak, AND sing! What a sonderful voice!

After our program, we continued on to our raffles, the 50/25/25 Raffle, the Basket Raffle and the Great Pie Auction which was enthusiastically recieved! We raised a total of \$815 dollars in all three. Thank you everone for all of your support.

In celebration of Veterans Day, the club provided pizzas and sodas to the Adirondack Vet House in Glens Falls.

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By Lion Jim Winkler

Our month of November was anything but normal! As kids in the Mohawk Valley looked forward to their annual Trick or Treat festivities on Halloween, most of us were belted with 4 - 6 inches of rain in a matter of 3 - 4 hours. The result – residents of our two-county area (Oneida & Herkimer) and those in six other counties throughout the

state fought the disastrous effects of flash flooding that caused states of emergency to be declared. Numerous residents in

various areas, especially those bordering bodies of water had to be evacuated - some by boat and water rescue personnel due to the fast-rising water. Much of the evacuation & rescue work was conducted by first responders in the dark hours of the night. At first light, many residents found themselves in various temporary shelters with little more than the shirts on their backs – their property either condemned or severely



Lions O'Mara, Clinton & Colarusso about to enter basement in Dolgeville (11/9/19).



Undermined house in Dolgeville from Halloween Flood (Nov. 9, 2019).

damaged, personal belongings gone and their lives changed forever.

In Dolgeville, one of the hardest hit areas in Herkimer County, the National Guard was mobilized the first week of November and restored the banks of West Canada Creek and disposed

of unsalvageable automobiles. On Saturday November 9, the Village of Dolgeville requested assistance to "clean-up" their damaged village. Five members of our club traveled to Dolgeville to help the residents dispose of what remained of their personal possessions and shovel mud from the basements

of their homes. Gloves & masks were provided by the Red Cross. Twentyeight houses along what had been North Main Street had been condemned. We spent time in two others that the residents were going to attempt to salvage and



Hannaford Food Boxes for Flood Victims – Whitestown (11/15/19)

start over. The effort and the number of people from outside

the community were something to behold! The village and the mayor were more than appreciative for our efforts.

We approached our local Hannaford Food Store and after speaking with the store manager, obtained 100 boxes

of food staples initially intended to be purchased by customers as contributions to our local food pantry. An LCIF Emergency Disaster Grant procured through the efforts of DG Ed will pay for these food boxes. The Clinton Store Manager was able to backfill the 100 boxes we purchased. On Thursday November 14, three of our members together with the Sauquoit Valley Lions began distributing these food boxes to flood victims in the Chadwicks

Whitestown Halloween Flood Victim gets food assistance from Lion Jim Winkler (11/15/19.

area of New Hartford at the Willowvale Fire Department. Chadwicks was one of the hardest affected areas in the county. This session at Willowvale was organized by the local United Way and representatives from agencies such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and County Social Services were present to assist and guide victims any way they could.

The next day four club members distributed boxes to flood victims in another hard-hit area of our county - Whitestown at a similar session. We also went door-to-door in affected areas of the Town of Kirkland.

Finally, on Saturday November 16, three club members joined forces with the Herkimer Lions to distribute food boxes at the Dolgeville Fire Department. All the above agencies were once again present to assist victims as best they could. Lion President Rudy Scialdo of the Herkimer Lions spearheaded the efforts in his county and was fortunate to obtain 500 boxes of food staples from the Herkimer Hannaford location. In addition to the boxes distributed in Dolgeville, he and his fellow Lions also distributed food boxes to flood victims in severely hit areas throughout the county like the Towns of Ohio, Norway, Russia, Village of Newport, Poland, Cold Brook, Middleville and Frankfort.

In addition to the unexpected assistance rendered to our neighbors most severely impacted by the recent flooding, we continued to assist on Distribution Day at our local Food Pantry where better than 500 people (no doubt some because of the recent flooding) received supplemental food the week prior to Thanksgiving. And collect used eyeglasses at the previously established locations throughout our area.

Finally, as the Holiday season approaches, we will participate in our community's Shoppers Stroll the day after Thanksgiving by distributing free popcorn to all the revelers visiting our village and once again take charge of the Holiday Red Kettle Drive for the local unit of the Salvation Army – Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!

To all Lions everywhere...we hope you and your families enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday, we've all got much to be thankful for!

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Sauquoit Valley Lions Club SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH INITIATIVE

By Lion John Griffin

ion Connie and Lion John Griffin attended the District W Cabinet Meeting on November 9th in Lake George. Following the meeting Lion Connie Griffin addressed the SV Lions Club at their meeting on November 14th on the Cabinet Meeting presentations around support for Childhood Cancer Patients and their families. The Club subsequently agreed to donate proceeds from our Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts and Craft Fair lottery ticket raffle to the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in support of early childhood cancer research. The Club will be exploring other ways to support those impacted by childhood cancer in the months ahead.

Over the weekend of November 23-24th, the Club sponsored a booth at the annual Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts and Craft Show held at the Sauquoit Valley Middle School where hundreds were in attendance. It was a great opportunity to promote the Club and the work of Lions. The lottery ticket tree raffle, held at the booth, raised over \$700 which is being donated to the







Upstate Golisano Children's hospital.

Throughout weekends in October, Club members provided support to the Lincoln Davies Home Show which featured an amazing



Lion Ted Thomas attends to the SV Lions booth at the Fine Arts and Craft Show with our Peace Poster Exhibit in the background.

"Corn Maze" which was enjoyed by children and families of the Sauquoit Valley and beyond. Lincoln Davies is owned by Lion Ed Jones and Lion Joanne Jones who hosted the event.

Plans have been put in place for our annual Holiday Party which will be held at Orchard Hall restaurant on Saturday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. We are holding our annual Holiday Raffle fundraiser and the winning tickets will be drawn that evening. Tickets are \$50 each. There are ten cash prizes with a top prize of \$1,000. Tickets can be purchased from any SV Lion member.

We are looking forward to a visit from District Governor Ed Pike at our meeting on December 12th. We will be hosting our Peace Poster Contest winners and their families for dinner that evening as well.

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Galway Lions Club CONGRATULATORY LETTER By DG Ed Pike

On Saturday, November 16th I got to go to my clubs 40TH anniversary. Assembly Woman Mary Beth Walsh was in attendance and presented the club with a State Assembly Citation. Several special anniversary awards were presented to Bill Watermann, Ken Perez, Adam Pandori, & Jessica Ware. It was a very special night because our very first club president, PCC Dusty Rhodes and our charter sponsor PCC Frank Blair both there. Many years ago Frank had met PDG Jimmy Carter. He wrote to President Carter and asked if he would write something congratulating Galway. The letter will go on the wall at our building.



To the Galway Lions Club

Rosalynn and I are pleased to join you in celebrating th 40th anniversary of your charter. You are significant members of the world's largest humanitarian service club. As you observe this special anniversary, you can reflect on the fine work you have accomplished while preparing to meet many more challenges in the years ahead.

With warm best wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

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



Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS

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