



May 2020

# District 20W

# LIONS ROAR



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A  
message  
from...

**1st Vice District  
Governor  
Rick Brisee**

**NEXT ROAR DEADLINE**

**MAY 28, 2020**

**NEXT MD20 MAG. DEADLINE**

**TBA**



**See Page  
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instructions.**

Fellow Lions of District 20-W:

I volunteered to write this as an assist to District Governor Ed, and on behalf of the Cabinet and Officers of District 20-W, we hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and safe!

We are all aware that we are living in unprecedented times and operating our Clubs in new and different ways. While it appears some of the government restrictions may soon be eased slightly in some regions of the State, the fallout from this pandemic may be felt and remain in effect throughout the Summer and into the Fall as we wait to see if the predicted second wave makes its appearance.

Please remember that the precautions we must take do not mean we cannot still

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meet as Lions or serve our communities. How we meet and how we serve has certainly changed, and if we have not had to embrace social technology before, most of us have now.

Please also keep in mind that your District leaders have been and continue to be available to help you, your Clubs, and your communities in any way that we can. While quarantines and social distancing keeps us inside like everyone else, we can still be reached via phone, e-mail, text, social media, conference calling, or Zoom meetings.

I expect the June message will detail how the District continues to be or not be impacted following the expiration of the initial May 15th quarantine and whether it truly does expire or is extended in some form into June or beyond.

**For your convenience, a listing of Cabinet Officers is listed below:**

|                           |                |                                   |
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**If one of us is not available, please feel free to go down the list as your Cabinet Officers act as a team and if you cannot reach one, another Lion Officer will certainly assist.**

**Please be aware that your District 20-W team is now and will continue to be available to help in any way possible, whether that be with a Region, Zone, Club, Committee or individual fellow Lion!**

Yours in Lionism,  
1VDG Rick Brisee

## MORE CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVE WAYS THAT CLUBS CAN CONTINUE TO MEET DURING THIS PERIOD OF SELF-QUARANTINE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

**Texting:** Most Lions already have this technology on their smart phones. Conversations and results are quick and easy; all you need is the recipient's phone number.

**Twitter:** Participants need a Twitter account but is a way of sharing events via social media.

**Facebook:** Free social networking website that supports both public and private inter-person conversations. Upload photos, videos, and messages. Be aware that what is posted publicly can be seen by almost everyone!

**Snapchat:** a mobile app and service for sharing photos, videos, and messages with others. Once a message is viewed, it is automatically deleted which makes it useful for sharing quick updates with friends without accumulating media or messages on your mobile device.

**Email:** One of the most widely used informational platforms using the internet. Useful for conversations, videos, and attaching documents. Messages are usually automatically archived on your computer or device.

**E-Clubhouse website:** A free website for your Club designed with easy fill-in-the-blank fields. The site allows you to: build and maintain a website for your club using a simple set of tools to promote your Club's activities and recruit new members.

**Landline:** So 20th Century! but still useful in contacting members one-on-one.

**Also:** postcards, greeting cards, letters of encouragement, reminders, etc.

## VIDEO CONFERENCING RESOURCES

**Zoom:** An American remote conferencing services company that combines video conferencing, online meetings, chat features, and mobile collaboration.

Free – host up to 100 participants but limited to 40 minutes. A clock visible to the host will count down the time.

\$14.99/month, host. Includes up to 100 participants; meeting duration is 24 hrs

Plans can be upgraded to include more participants, if needed. If you or your Club needs assistance in setting up a Zoom account, please let us know.

<https://zoom.us>

**Free Conference Call:** A remote conference calling service. Minimum cost of \$4.00/mo, but they advertise that you can pay whatever amount you think is fair. They also have \$6.00/mo and \$15.00/mo plans that offer upgraded features.

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com>

**GoToMeeting:** A web-hosted service for meetings, desktop sharing, and video conferencing using a software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients, or colleagues via the internet using real time.

[www.GoToMeeting.com](http://www.GoToMeeting.com)

**Google Hangouts:** Google's application for video conferencing. Connect your Club, District, or MD from anywhere using easy-to-join video calling. Hangouts Meet is included with Google's G Suite and is free to non-profits.

<https://hangouts.google.com>

**Skype:** a telecommunications application specializing in providing video chat and voice calls between computers, tablets, mobile devices, an X-Box consoles, and smartwatches. Skype will also provide instant messaging services.

This is a one-on-one service.

[www.Skype.com](http://www.Skype.com)

**Facebook Messenger:** Developed by Facebook. Users can send messages and exchange photos, video, stickers, and audio, as well as react to other users' messages. The service also supports voice and video calling.

[www.messenger.com](http://www.messenger.com)

**Doodle Poll:** Useful in scheduling meetings with ease instead of exchanging numerous e-mails while trying to determine a common meeting date. Fee required.

[www.Doodle.com](http://www.Doodle.com)

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF VIDEO COMMUNICATION

### Video Conference Do's:

Do be on time.

Do pay attention.

Do be aware that when the camera is on, you are visible to others!

Do be aware that family members that pass in front of the camera may also be visible, so everyone should be dressed appropriately.

Do be aware of lighting as you may appear as nothing more than a silhouette or disembodied voice in a darkened room.

Do mute your mike on Zoom when not speaking.

Do unmute your mike before speaking.

Do turn your video off if you need to step away.

**Video Conference Don'ts:**

Do not participate on a mobile phone while walking or driving.

Do not eat or snack. Remember that the camera is on and sees all.

Do not text or play on your phone. Again, the camera sees all.

Do not talk over others; raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking.

Do not use any funny or obscene gestures.

Do not have barking dogs or crying kids on screen and especially while unmuted.

Do not participate on the call or video conference while in the bathroom. No one wants to know that.

**!Remember...Communicate...Communicate...Communicate!**

Your District Governor, Cabinet and Officers are here to help.

Please let us know of any questions and concerns, or to share ideas and ways that your Club has been successful during this period of social distancing!



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# MEMBERS CORNER



Fellow Lions,

As everyone deals with the challenges brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic, from social distancing and separation from our loved ones, to learning how to deal with meetings via zoom and conference calls, now is the time to embrace our Lions motto of “We Serve”.

These are definitely challenging and unprecedented times for all of us. Our clubs have had to cancel our fundraisers and many service projects have been put on hold. We’re not doing KidSight screenings and Diabetes awareness & educational programs. Youth activities and summer camps have been cancelled. Support for our local food pantries is critical right now. Demand is at an all-time high, especially with children not benefiting now from school lunch programs.

However, many clubs are still serving by reaching out and supporting the front line responders that are helping to keep all of us safe. Clubs may not be able to conduct a food drive, but financial donations are always welcomed. The pantries are able to turn these donations into purchases for pennies on the dollar from the Regional Food Banks. Donations of hand sanitizer is a great idea - many local distillers are now producing it. Supporting our local restaurants through a meal program for the local EMS or hospital personnel is another idea. Volunteer to be a driver to make the deliveries! Smiles of gratitude may be covered by a mask, but you’ll feel the warmth that comes from helping out!

Our District has also stepped up! Many front line personnel are under the strain of dealing with long shifts and stressful situations. The District has secured a grant from LCIF in the amount of \$10,500 that is being used for meals over the next few weeks to support staff at 5 Capital Region Hospitals - Ellis, Samaritan, Memorial, St. Peter’s and Albany Medical Center. The meals are being provided by Popeye’s restaurant. Each meal is individually wrapped and is adorned with a Lions label signifying our gratitude and thanks to the meal recipient.

We’ve also secured an emergency grant of \$2,500 from the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation to be used for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. This grant will help feed many children whose families rely on the Food Bank to keep our local pantries stocked. Once we’ve moved beyond the current situation Lions volunteer days will be scheduled at the Food Bank and Patroon Land Farm. We’re also in the process of securing 500 surgical grade face masks that will be shared with front line personnel in the Utica, Potsdam, and Plattsburgh regions. These masks should be available by early May.

Take some time to identify where you too can help out. There are still many ways that we can fulfill our motto of “We Serve”! Please continue to be safe and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Yours in Lionism,  
PDG Lion John McDonald  
Global Service Team District Chair



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## International and MD20 Events

Recycle for Sight Month.....May, 2020

MD-20 97th Lions NYS & Bermuda Convention, Buffalo.....Cancelled

2020-2021 Lions Club Officer Reporting Due.....May 15, 2020

Helen Keller Day.....June 1, 2020

LCI 103rd International Convention, Singapore.....Cancelled

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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

## District 20W 2019 - 2020 Club Events

Guiding Lions Certification.....**POSTPONED- TBD**

**DG Testimonial..... TBD**

Glens Falls Lions/Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake..... May 15, 16, 17, 2020 - **NEW DATES**

Saratoga Lions Memorial Duathlon..... May 24, 2020 - **Canceled**

Saratoga Lions Night at the Brewseum..... September 11, 2020 - **NEW DATE**



**Night At The  
BREWSEUM**

Where History & Spirits Come to Life

**VIP HOUR 5PM-6PM**

Presented by the Saratoga Springs Lions Club

 **Friday, September 11, 2020**  
**6pm – 9:30pm**

Canfield Casino • Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, NY

21 and Over Only • ID is Required

**NEW DATE**



## **NABA'S PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

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 recent college graduate in the Capital District who is looking for employment in an administrative role in a nonprofit or post-secondary academic setting, or even a call center, involving helping people find resources, or managing service coordination or program coordination. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. (Patrick)

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](mailto:mide@naba-vision.org)**





**LEADERSHIP IS MORE THAN SERVICE, IT EMPOWERS LIONS TO SERVE**

**District 20-W**

**PDG Paula Flisnik, Certified Guiding Lion Facilitator  
offers**

**Guiding Lions Certification**

**POSTPONED**  
**Date to be Determined**

**Condensed Course**

**Requirement: Complete pre-assignment, and limited breaks**

**Register and received mandatory preparation work.**

**Register by emailing [pflisnik@gmail.com](mailto:pflisnik@gmail.com)**



## 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

- 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](http://changinglifethroughlenses.org) or contact [support@evfusa.org](mailto:support@evfusa.org).

## Program Benefits



No-cost, single vision or bifocal glasses for qualified patients



Use of one account to process all of your charitable work



Real-time account creation and access to immediate ordering



Free trial collection of frames with 30 styles, sizes 42-58



Library of resources that includes best practices & guides



Join a community committed to making a difference

## Changing Life through Lenses For Referral Organizations

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:

### 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](http://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](http://changinglifethroughlenses.org) and gain access to immediate ordering.

## QUESTIONS?

View the demonstration video and register at [changinglifethroughlenses.org](http://changinglifethroughlenses.org) or contact [support@evfusa.org](mailto:support@evfusa.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)**



## 2018-2019 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 \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Club President's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Achieved a Net Growth of: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**OR**

- ☐ Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch:

Name of club or branch: \_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

- ☐ Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction

Outline strategy: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report*

### 2. SERVICE

- ☐ Started a new service project. Consider one of our *Global Causes!*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- ☐ Organized a new Leo Club

**AND**

- ☐ Contributed to LCIIF

### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- ☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

**AND**

- ☐ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:

- ☐ District                      ☐ Multiple District  
☐ International              ☐ Webinars  
☐ Lions Learning Center   ☐ Club Quality Initiative

**AND**

- ☐ Improved club operations

Improvements include: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Improve Membership Value & Reach New Markets

Enhance Service Impact & Focus

Pursue Club, District and Organizational Excellence

Reshape Public Opinion & Improve Visibility

### 4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

- ☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- ☐ The club utilized social media to promote club activities and reported to Lions Clubs International as noted below:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 District Governor's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Due by: August 31, 2019

Send to: [clubexcellenceawards@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceawards@lionsclubs.org) or fax to (830) 708-0245

Awards Mailed to: 2018-2020 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](http://stuyvesantplaza.org). We would be happy to offer suggestions or help make arrangements.

Contact Joann Beach at 518-489-7606 or email [jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org](mailto:jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org) 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.*

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# 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 receive the newsletter**  
**each month in your email.**

## Saratoga Springs Lions Club

By Lion Barbara Bentley

The Saratoga Springs Lions donated and delivered 6 cases (of 4 gallons each) of Hand Sanitizer from High Peaks Distilling to several organizations working on the front lines against Coronavirus. They included the Saratoga Springs Police Department, Saratoga Springs Fire Department, Shelters of Saratoga, Saratoga Hospital, Empire Ambulance Saratoga and Franklin Community Center.



*Lion Mike Baxter delivering hand sanitizer to Shelters of Saratoga.*



*Saratoga Springs Fire Department*

### KING LION SALVATORE BONSANGUE

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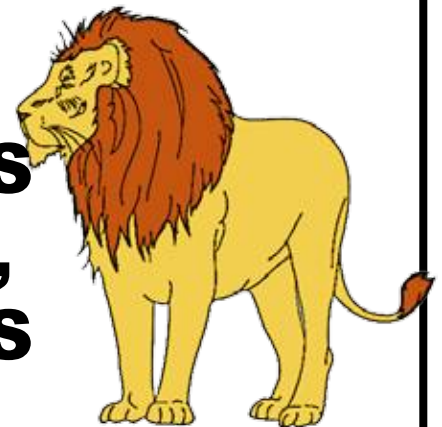
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**WHERE  
THERE'S  
A NEED,  
THERE'S  
A LION!**



## Long Lake Lions Club

By Lion Katherine Cronn

The Long Lake Lions Club received a grant of two thousand dollars from the Special and Urgent Needs Fund, a component fund of the Lake Placid based Adirondack Foundation. The grant will pay for food supplies that the Adirondack Hotel staff will prepare and deliver to senior shut-ins on Saturdays during COVID-19. The Adirondack



*Adirondack Hotel staff member's vehicle loaded with meals to be delivered.*



*One of the meals to be delivered*

Hotel staff donates their preparation and delivery time and sought support from the Lions Club for the food supplies.

As a result of these combined

efforts, twenty-two elders of the community benefit from nutritional meals and can stay safe in their homes. The Long Lake Lions Club is most grateful to the Adirondack Foundation for the grant that assures these meals can continue. This grant truly is in the spirit of Foundation's mission to "strengthen community through philanthropy." And reflects the Lions' mission to empower volunteers to serve their communities and meet humanitarian needs.

This effort truly shows that together we will get through this frightening time.

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## Clinton Lions Club

By Lion Jim Winkler

Like most clubs, our services to our community have slowed and our meetings have been non-existent or conducted utilizing methods never before considered. Since we don't know when our country will be "opening up" again or what we will be looking like when it does open, most of our conversations have centered around discussions regarding revising planned community services and fundraisers as we attempt to assist those most severely affected by the viral outbreak in our community. Like most, our members have been adhering to the "new rules" by staying at home to remain as healthy as possible.

On March 10, just before our country was shut down by the corona virus, two members from our club joined members of the New Hartford/New York Mills-Whitestown Lions to hear a young woman from Syracuse (Shanae Clapper) who described her intention to have her head shaved as part of a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's Foundation. It was scheduled to be held at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant on Fayette Street in Syracuse on March 29. St Baldrick's Foundation, partners nationally with Sport Clips Haircuts. It is an all-volunteer and donor powered association committed to supporting the most promising research directed at finding cures for childhood cancer and giving survivors the opportunity of living long, healthy lives. Most donations come from these head-shaving events, although they can be made on-line.

At our March 12th meeting we discussed this presentation and the club decided to donate \$100 to this most worthwhile cause. In addition, club members and DG Ed, since his visitation to our club coincided with the discussion of this topic, contributed an additional \$85. Childhood cancer is one of LCI's global causes. For most of the Lion-year we had periodically discussed how to best support this effort. Contributing to Shanae's head-shaving seemed to be a perfect fit and we applaud her for almost doubling her personal goal of \$2,500 and raising \$4,755. In addition, when the shutdown imposed by the virus necessitated cancellation of her public event on March 29, she conducted her own virtual head-shaving event streamed on YouTube on April 11. Congratulations to Shanae on both counts!

Additional information about this organization or possibly holding your own head-shaving event is available on their website ([www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org)).

On April 21st five members of our club (down from the numbers who have assisted in past months because of the virus outbreak) assisted with the monthly food distribution at

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our local pantry. Distribution was once again accomplished in a drive-through environment in the parking lot with volunteers only able to load bags of food into the trunks of cars. This resulted in a more expeditious and safer manner of distribution. Client numbers continue to rise (up almost 100% since February) as a result of the pandemic and the stories of furloughs, termination of health insurance and delays in applying for unemployment benefits were constantly heard from both new and existing patrons. Kidspaks containing all sorts of kid-friendly nutritious food were distributed to more than 400 children. These types of food bags also continue to rise due to school closures. More of the same is expected in May. We will be there to do our part... and the weather should be better!

Two of our members who serve as zone chair people participated in two "ZOOM Cabinet Meetings" discussing the recently obtained \$200,000 LCIF MD-20 Covid-19 Emergency Food Grant for emergency workers; the application for a \$2,500 Emergency Grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation to be utilized by local food banks who are now supplying more food to the children affected by the pandemic and how to equitably distribute 400 N95 masks that will be obtained for our district. These masks are targeted for first responders, especially those whose supplies are low. The final distribution numbers by region within the district are yet to be determined. We along with our fellow clubs in Region "L" await the receipt of these masks in order to distribute them to our first responders (EMTs) most in need.

We will continue looking to modify and optimize our service projects and fundraisers to adequately service the needs of our community in these changing times.

Wishing all clubs every success as you do the same – remember, we're all in this together!

STAY SAFE & STAY HEALTHY!

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## Empire State Special Needs Experience/Lions Camp Badger

### SUMMER CAMP CANCELLED

By Cynthia Reuter

An opportunity for an "inside view" of Lions Camp Badger, by camp director Pat Gillule

"Hi Miss Pat!" Becky exclaimed as she saw me from across the room. Big smile. "Guess what? I'm all packed for camp and I can't wait!" Becky's eyes twinkled as her mother nodded to confirm what she just told me. "But Becky, it's the first day of February," I replied, "camp doesn't start until July."

THIS is the kind of enthusiasm we see from the campers we serve. I've had so many parents tell me that their child talks about camp every day, all year long. Camp has an enormous impact on them!

I wish that I could bottle up the campers' excitement and pure JOY and share it with each of you as you read this article. It's that kind of love for camp and all that surrounds it that keeps us going back for more, year after year. Please take three minutes and see a video on our website, [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org), and you will get a small glimpse of the profound impact that Lions Camp Badger has on all who are there.

YOUR ongoing support of our mission is what keeps our programs alive. We could not do this without you! Want to get more involved? There are MANY ways you can help! In addition to financial support, our Lions assist with camp preparations, special events, and provide for needs from our Wish List on our website. Thank you for supporting our efforts to Build a Brighter Future!

The mission of Lions Camp Badger is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth, and independence of differently-abled youth and adults. Lions Camp Badger is a project of the MD-20 Lions. Learn more at [www.lionscb.org](http://www.lionscb.org)

\*Please note that we DO plan to serve our campers in Summer 2020. If, due to COVID-19, they cannot come to us, then we will go to them virtually! Safety is our primary concern, and we are working closely with the Health Department to create a meaningful and fun camp experience. We have not made planning decisions yet, but will be doing so as the summer gets closer.

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## 2020 Super Raffle

Don't forget to send in your tickets for our 2020 Super Raffle. There will be 10 winners of \$1,000 each. We've had winners from all across the multiple. The drawing will be held on Lions Appreciation Day in July. All proceeds to benefit Lions Camp Badger.

## Amazon Smile

Did you know that Amazon will contribute .05% of all of your purchases to the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.? It involves very little effort and no cost to you! Bookmark: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0926574> and use it every time you shop at Amazon. Your purchases will make an impact! Lions Camp Badger is celebrating our 40th birthday as a MD20 Lions state project!

**[Editor's Note: The above article was submitted PRIOR to Summer Camp being cancelled, however due to the other important information in the article, I have included it.]**

## Camp Cancelled

Due to Covid-19 we regretfully have made the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming 2020 summer camp season. The health and well-being of our campers and staff are of top priority, and we are heartbroken to share this news.

All is not lost. Since our campers won't be coming to camp, we can take camp to them through a special "Camp at Home" project. Each camper will receive a box, developed just for them, containing all the supplies and directions for great activities and exciting online resources to be enjoyed at home.

Fred Rogers encouraged people in times of need to "look for the helpers." This is a time of need and we are looking for helpers. Won't you consider being a helper by sponsoring a camper with a package of fun and engaging activities? The cost to cover the supplies and shipping is \$40 per box. Send your check or online donation earmarked to Camp at Home. Then encourage friends and family to do the same.

Although our 100 enrolled campers cannot be together physically, we can still foster a sense of community for them through a "Camp at Home" project. Act today. Be a helper!

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# Greater Herkimer Lions Club

By Lion David Parmon

During this trying time of the Corona virus 19, our club decided to head up an effort in support of individuals on the frontlines of fighting this pandemic. The club decided to support the frontline first responders, nurses, firemen, police, EMTs, by delivering food to their workplaces. A plan was devised at the beginning April to deliver pizzas, purchased from local pizza shops throughout the greater Herkimer area to these support groups and businesses. Part of this plan included enlisting support of other community groups to support the effort for the entire month of April through May.

The organizations that stepped up were the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club, the Mohawk Community Club, and the Herkimer County Hunger Coalition, and the Frankfort Kiwanis Club, and the Little Falls Rotary Club. Each group was assigned a week to make the deliveries. Our club President Rudy Scialdo coordinated the logistics of ordering and delivery for the groups.

Five of our club members made the first two deliveries the first and second week of April, thanks go out to Mike Kelly, Dr. Joseph Congiliaro and William Scialdo, Debra Dempsey Scialdo (not pictured), along with Rudy Scialdo. This group delivered 30 pizzas to the various locations within 40 minutes.

Thank you goes out those organizations that joined our efforts to in a small way show support for those fighting this pandemic every day. This effort exemplifies, in deed what our motto "We Serve" really means in a tangible way. Together we will win the battle over this virus!



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## Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Karen Rager

We have not been having club meetings due to the pandemic, but have done Board work via email.

Due to the rising need for food, as families either go on unemployment or lose their jobs, our club donated \$500 to the Open Door in Glens Falls. Several members also individually donated money and items to them.

As a thank you to all of the front line workers, many members of our club donated money to have three "Thank You" banners to be placed at the hospital. The total funds we collected was \$710. \$360 was the banner cost so we will be donating \$350 to the Hospital Foundation for food for workers. A very nice gift by our club members!



*Lion Dick Cipperly next to the Thank You banner project, co-headed with Lions Jim and Sandie Clark.*

This weekend we will be practicing social distancing while we do our road clean-up in Queensbury.

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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.



## Chazy Lions Club

By Lion Rick Lauren

The Chazy Lions hope to hold their annual golf tournament. May 16, 2020, if the golf club is open and the quarantine is at a minimum. It will be held at the North Country Golf Club in Champlain, NY. A final decision will be made the first week of May.

If interested please contact King Lion Tom Pepper at [tpepper@westelcom.net](mailto:tpepper@westelcom.net) or Lion John Saxe at [jsaxe@jeffordssteel.com](mailto:jsaxe@jeffordssteel.com)

Chazy Lions club will be supporting the local elementary schools back pack program. The schools they will support will be Chazy, Rouses Point, Mooers & Ellenburg.

The Chazy Lions will hold /host a 3 number raffle to be drawn each day during the month of July - tickets will go on sale soon - if anyone is interested in supporting this raffle at \$10/ticket please contact Lion Rick Laurin at [jana5652@yahoo.com](mailto:jana5652@yahoo.com),

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## New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc.

by PDG Joan Scott

Our New York State Bermuda Lions Foundation (NYSBLF) Raffle will be drawn on May 2, 2020 before a small group of Foundation Trustees. The prizes will be as stated on the Raffle Tickets. As of April 20, 2020, District W has sold 77 Tickets. If we sell 100 Tickets (that's only 23 more), our District will receive a check for \$1,000.00. At this stage of the game, it will be best to call PDG Lorri Rieger with the Name, address, Phone #, Club, District and who to credit an RJU to. Assure her that you are placing a check in the mail. She will fill out a Ticket with the needed info. To be safe include all that info with your check.

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## Plattsburgh Lions Club

By King Lion Dennis Hulbert

We did not get the road clean up completed last Friday so we will be doing another this Friday, April 24th, starting at 2 PM. If you can help please reply back to this e-mail, [plattsburghlions@gmail.com](mailto:plattsburghlions@gmail.com), or call Lion Bobby at: (518)569-1288. If you can't make the 2 PM start feel free to put in an hour or 2 later. Just coordinate with Lion Bobby so you know where to spend your time.

We are not sure when we will be able to meet again. The hope is by June. This may be the first year we will have to meet into the summer months.

Just a reminder: Dues will be due in June. \$100.00/member Also we are not sure what we will be doing about officers for next year. We may have to roll over for one more year. Any suggestions?

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## Northeastern Association of the Blind Albany (NABA)

By PDG/VDG2 Michele O'Hare

Lions Liz and PDG Ed Stano Jr. from the Town of Greenfield Lions Club, with four other Clubs, is assisting The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) cut and sew masks for the NYS Office of Children and Families Services.



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## Pediatric Cancer Awareness

### 20W LIONS CHALLENGE

By Lion Diane Lange

Can we fill Ronald McDonald's big red shoes, Nick's Fight Hope Bags with much needed gift cards and J.J.'s Mailbox with mail?

Many of our families with children fighting cancer are facing unexpected financial difficulties due to this Coronavirus Pandemic. The families are in need of gift cards (\$10-\$20) to be given out at the RMD House and the Melodies Center.

Gift Cards suggested are gas card, Stewarts, Dunkin Donuts, CVS, Paneras, Price Chopper, and Hanafords. Please mail the gift cards to Diane Lange, 14 Jacob Drive, Gansevoort, N.Y. 12831 and I will fill a red shoe and hope bag to be delivered. In the May "Lions Roar" I will list the clubs donations.

The mail for J.J.'s Journey can be mailed directly to:

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Thank you!!!! and hope all our Lions Club are "staying safe."

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## Leo News

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via Zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2:00 PM (EST). This online FREE event is open to Leos, Lions, Leo Advisors, and Faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. See below the list of webinars that will be offered during our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference. Registration for the Virtual Leo Leadership Conference is NOW OPEN.

REGISTER TODAY -[leoconference.leosforum.org](http://leoconference.leosforum.org)

If you have any questions feel free to email us at [info@leosforum.org](mailto:info@leosforum.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

Fellow Lions,

It is with great sadness that we inform the district of the passing of Lion Bob Montenaro on Friday April 10th. Lion Bob was at the Wilkinson Residential Health Care Facility in Amsterdam where he was convalescing since earlier this year. Lion Bob was born on July 8th 1920 and would have been 100 this year as well as an active Lion for 60 of those years.



Lion Bob was a dedicated member of the Greater Amsterdam Lions Club where he held all administrative positions within the club multiple times. He also was very proud of his accomplishment of 60 years of perfect attendance. He served as MD20-Y2 District Governor in 1973-1974. As many of you know, he was also a very good friend of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, at times stopping by our club meeting on his way home from his own club's meeting or helping to collect funds at one of our chicken BBQs. We were planning to honor him at a testimonial Luncheon this year to celebrate his commitment to his years of service to the community.

Bob was also a devout catholic and a member of the St. Joseph's parish in Broadalbin. Only until couple of years ago you could find Bob helping with Mass on a Saturday as usher, Eucharistic minister, or the "oldest" altar boy ever. For many years he was the "jolly old elf", Santa Claus, on Christmas for the children of St. Joseph's. Bob was also on the Parish board and an active Trustee for many years. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus (Council 7629) and you could find him on Tuesdays selling "pull tab" tickets on BINGO nights at the Father Smith Center.

His family wishes that donations in his memory can be made to St. Joseph's Church, 7 North St, Broadalbin NY. 12025. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family at this time.

The mailing address for and cards and letters to his family may be sent to Bob's home address:

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## IN MEMORIAM

John W. Samples, Sr., Kingsport, TN  
(Johnny, Dad, Poppy, Pops, Gramps, Capital S)

John was born October 22, 1943 to Bill and Margaret Samples in Cleveland, OH. They moved to Kingsport, TN when he was very young and that is where he spent the majority of his life. He graduated from Ketron High School and joined the Air Force in service to his country, which would be the first of many years he would serve those around him. He married the love of his life, Beulah Ann Dishner in 1962, and together they started a family that they would love together for the next 57 years, until his passing on April 11, 2020.

He was predeceased by both of his parents, his brother Danny Samples and his wife Sue, his brother Richard Samples and his wife Polly, his father and mother-in-law, Paul and Mary Dishner, his sister-in law Paula Osborne, his brother-in law Alec Garland, his infant daughter Robin Renee Samples, his daughter Lisa Samples, and his infant granddaughter Ashley Nicole Samples. He is survived by his wife Beulah, his brother Don Samples (Ramona), his brother-in-law Melvin Osborne, his sister-in-law Glenda Garland, his son John Jr. (Kimberly), his daughters Lori Samples and Leah Samples (Bill Dake Jr.), his grandchildren John III, Jacob and Abigail Samples, his great granddaughter Elizabeth (John III), as well as many nieces and nephews and his very good friends, Jim and Janet Wells and Charles and Reba McCray.

John's life was an example of service and care for his family and his community. His family knew that they were the most important earthly thing to him. He raised them to love God and each other, and to understand there was no greater act of service than to love your neighbor as yourself. He demonstrated this through his involvement in his church where he served as a deacon, a bus driver, and volunteered to do whatever needed to be done in the church. This is where he learned that when working in an attic, always step on the joists because the sheetrock will not hold you and you will fall to the pews below. He also served in the Lions Club of Kingsport for many years and then when he moved his family to upstate New York in 1985, he was instrumental in starting the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and was an active member, serving as club President and eventually as District Governor. Many broomsticks and lightbulbs were sold in Kingsport to raise money for services for the blind. We even housed turtles

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(lots of turtles) for a turtle derby fundraiser one year. In New York, there were more fundraisers, concession stands at youth sports events, collections of used glasses, all to support the needs of others, including college scholarships for seniors of Broadalbin Perth High School. Even when his health was failing and he was going through chemotherapy, he was arranging for donations of snacks to the Regional Cancer Center at Indian Path in Kingsport so that other patients going through chemotherapy would be able have a healthy snack during treatment. John was a member of Bloomingdale Baptist Church.

Due to the concerns with the Coronavirus, the family is delaying the service and will plan one when it is safer to travel and when loved ones can actually gather and celebrate the incredible life of this amazing man. Until then, we remember Johnny, Dad, Poppy, Pops, Gramps, Capital S in our hearts and cherish the memories of the time we had, and look forward to the day when we will be reunited with him in the presence of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, where he is now enjoying eternity, free of cancer, free of pain, perfectly whole, and perfectly at peace.

Online condolences may be made to the Samples family at

## Albany & Troy Lions Club

By Lion Jerry Gordon

### BOARD MEETINGS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

**L**ion Tom has a garage-full of used glasses. As the weather breaks in April, he'll be able to get them boxed up and shipped to NJ. Look for a report next month.

Lion Preem has been photographing and cataloging her pin collection and is looking forward to displaying them at the International Convention in Montreal in 2021.

No further action has been taken on the Bike Rides for the Visually Impaired. It's unlikely that this will happen before mid-summer at the earliest.

Enough individual Lions have agreed to buy NYS&BLF raffle tickets for us to get the three needed for an Uplinger award.

We voted to maintain our dues at \$75/year.

All those who voted (17) by email were in favor of the proposed slate for next year.

We voted to again participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program.

Lion Ruth is still working with America's Best to supply eyeglasses, although most places are closed. No new requests.

Lion Jerry has no new hearing-aid apps. There was only one call on our answering machine this month and it was from District O.

The blueberries have survived the winter and are budding very nicely.

Lion Greg will look into signage and fencing.

Lions Greg and Irv will get an Easter bunny costume to distribute chocolate bunnies to selected families.

We received a grant from Stewart's for \$1750.

2VDG Michele O'Hare had asked us to sponsor NABA for an LCIF grant to transform their second floor into a vision center, which we agreed to do, but this has been postponed until the fall.

Lions Eva Bass, Irv Ackerman with Courtney, and Greg Sheldon spent a part of Easter Sunday distributing 70 chocolate bunnies that came from the Lions Eye Institute's fund-raiser. That's Irv in the bunny suit. Says Lion Irv, "We built our list from Lion Eva's food resource program she works for, which delivers food to kids in need, in Arbor & West Hill neighborhood. I also visited several kids in Watervliet that I knew could use a boost."

MD20, which comprises New York State and Bermuda, has received a \$200,000 grant from LCIF specifically for feeding the doctors, nurses, and other front-line hospital personnel who are working with COVID-19 patients. About half of that will go to the NYC area, where the need is greatest.

District 20W has formed a committee to apply for a share of this grant. The western and northern portions of our district have experienced relatively few cases and the clubs in those areas are instituting various programs to address their local needs. Those clubs have agreed that the Capital Region should be the sole beneficiary of the 20W grant.

The 20W committee's grant application asking for \$10,500 to provide 2100 individually-wrapped meals to Albany Med, St Peter's, Albany Memorial, Samaritan, and Ellis hospitals over 6 weeks has been approved.

Popeye's, which has locations in Albany, Troy, and Schenectady, has agreed to provide the meals but they cannot deliver them. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP MEALS AND DELIVER THEM TO THE HOSPITALS. You won't have to go into the hospital; they'll meet you and take the meals from you. I recognize that half



our membership is of an age that puts you in the vulnerable category, but we're hoping that the other half of us will be able to step up for this important project. Also, if you know of a friend or family member who's willing to drive, that's ok too; it need not be a Lion. (Our grandson has signed up.) This project will run through June 8. We will also be asking for help from the other clubs in the region. The schedule and sign-up instructions are on the district web site at [e-district.org/sites/20w/projects.php](http://e-district.org/sites/20w/projects.php).

A group of our newer Lions (Irv Ackerman, Jordan Alexander, Eva Bass, John Bianco, Greg & Jodi Sheldon) has put together a formal proposal. They're suggesting that we donate 100 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Albany Police Department at a cost to us of \$280, including a custom label identifying us as the source of the donation. This would be a pilot project, with the idea that if it's successful, we would expand it to other PDs within our bailiwick.

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## **District 20W**

### **LCIF GRANT/LCI VIRTUAL WEBINARS**

By Lions Jerry Gordon/Barbara Bentley

### **LCI GRANT - Lion Jerry Gordon**

Lions District 20W comprises 52 Lions clubs in the 16 counties of northeastern New York State, from Albany to the Canadian border and west to the other side of Utica. With funding from a \$10,500 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, the District is offering support to those hospital employees that are on the front lines every day dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

The Lions are providing respite meals to staff at Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Hospital and Ellis Hospital.

Thanks to the generosity of the three area Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen outlets, the District will provide 2100 meals to the five hospitals over the next five weeks. The Lions made their first delivery on Friday, May 1, to Albany Med.

In the photo, Preem Cabey and Irv Ackerman, members of the Albany & Troy Lions Club and 2nd Vice-District Governor Michele O'Hare, a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club, present 75 meals to two hospital employees.



### **LCI VIRTUAL WEBINARS - Lion Barbara Bentley**

Following are upcoming LCI Webinars:

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

Virtual Team Building for Clubs

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

Global Action Team Stories from the Field: Success and Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

The Lions Service Journey

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020





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#### 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](mailto:karen@deuxflutes.com)  
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## 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.

#### Whistle Stop

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

#### Infrared TV Listening System

Wireless infrared amplification system.

#### Digital Alarm Clock

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

#### Personal FM System

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

#### 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.

#### Amplified Telephone

Adjustable volume control with amplified ringer.

#### Cap-Tel Telephone

Telephone that has both amplification and caption capability. Telephone ringing, and alarm clock activation.

#### Amplified Telephone Ringers

Provides adjustable ring volume, frequency, and pitch tone.

#### Personal Body Pager

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

### LIONS LOAN-OUT CENTERS

#### Madison Hearing Center

14 Columbia Circle West Drive, Suite 202  
Albany, NY 12203  
Voice: (518) 690-2060

#### Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

301 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
Voice: (518) 463-1211, ext. 241

#### Madison & Saratoga Hearing Center

81 Miller Road, Suite 700  
Castleton, NY 12033  
Voice: (518) 689-0792

#### Center for Better Hearing

318 Ridge Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
Voice: (518) 638-4363

#### Audiologic Solutions

361 Fairview Avenue, Suite 350  
Hudson, NY 12534  
Voice: (518) 631-2564

#### Saratoga Hearing Center/Saratoga Medical Arts Bldg.

414 Maple Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
Voice/TTY: (518) 584-0578

#### Schoharie Office for the Aging

113 Park Place, Suite 3  
Schoharie, NY 12157  
Voice: (518) 295-2001

#### Resource Center for Independent Living

131 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY 13503  
Voice: (315) 797-4642 Ext. 2928  
TTY: (315) 797-5837

#### Capital Region Hearing

9 West Sand Lake Road  
Wynantskill, NY 12198  
Voice: (518) 326-1742