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District 20W

LIONS ROAR



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**District Governor
Rick Brisee**

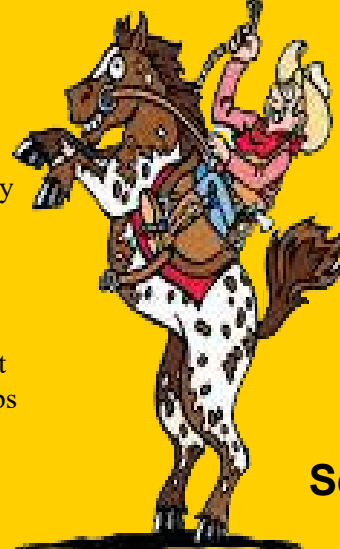
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JULY 28, 2020
NEXT MD20 MAG. DEADLINE
TBA**

Fellow Lions!

Like most of you, three months ago I knew nothing about Zoom, and now I am fairly proficient in using it. Self-quarantining, face masks and the suspension of face-to-face Lions Club activities are certainly a different normal for most of us, with many Clubs simply adjusting to this by meeting via conference call or Zoom.

The point is that while staying safe and well is our top priority, current events do not mean we cannot function as Lions. Community projects have continued, scholarships to high school students have been awarded, and other supporting events have taken place. For that, you are all to be commended.

We enter a new Lions year in just a few days, July 1st, and while social distancing may still be in effect to one degree or another, be assured that your leadership team is



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planning another exciting and educational Lions year.

Many Clubs have been forced to look at a change in meeting places due to social distancing requirements or restaurant closures, and our District has had to adapt similarly. Our first Cabinet meeting is planned for September 12, 2020 at SUNY Potsdam, assuming the college opens as anticipated. If not, then we may be holding our first Zoom Cabinet meeting. Stay tuned!

Although many Clubs do not formally meet over the summer, please be aware that you can still reach out to myself, VDG Michele O'Hare, 2VDG Rick Laurin, Cabinet Secretary Barbara Bentley, Cabinet Treasurer Eric Unislowski, or our excellent Global Action Team of PDG John McDonald, PDG Ed Stano, or PCC Mark Whitney.

Be well; be safe, and we are grateful that you are a Lion.

DG Rick Brisee



The Story behind DG Rick Brisee's pin...

"I am a martial artist and have been for a long time (the black belt). One's career in the martial arts is compared to a pyramid because when you first begin, there are so many different styles (the base of the pyramid) and they all seem so different to the novice.

As you gain experience and move up the pyramid, you find that other styles are not really all that different, just variations of the same thing because the human body can only move so many ways (the top of the pyramid).

I see Lions similarly. When you are new, every Club is so different. We all come from different backgrounds, education, life experiences, and Clubs do not always operate the same. As your tenure in Lions grows, and as the pyramid becomes smaller, as you move up it, you come to realize that we are in fact, very similar.

We all want to help our communities, we want to leave the world a better place, and we like doing good things. The one unifying thing is that we are all Lions and why the logo is at the top.

My theme is "We are one".

We are all different, yet we are one; we are Lions."

From the Editor:

First, THANK YOU to all of the clubs, Lions, and organizations who submit articles, photos and flyers each month for the Roar!

**There is a lot of service going on in our District during this strange time.
Keep up the good work! District 20W ROCKS!**

**I truly appreciate everyone's efforts to get submissions to me by the 28th of each month.
This is an immense newsletter!**

It is necessary for submissions to come in via email only. I am unable to keep up with cross platform submissions, such as facebook or texts, especially if they are unlabeled.

**This is the easiest way for me to keep track of everything so no one gets excluded.
Please make sure you identify yourself and your club/organization.**

I really appreciate what all Lions are doing! Thank you!

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Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,

On July 1st we will be beginning the most unusual Lions year any of us have ever seen. The COVID-19 virus still hasn't been contained even though we in New York have made significant strides in reducing the effects in our state. We still don't know what the Fall and Winter will bring. Despite all this, I know that clubs are still doing service, raising funds and trying to maintain their membership intact. This may seem like a monumental task, but I believe that we as Lions are up to it. We will just have to adapt the way we do business.

Our incoming District Governor, Rick Brisee, is ready to hit the ground running, as is his leadership team. Our District, as well as the Multiple District, has opted into the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). This is a program that LCI has been testing for the last two years in selected districts in the US and Canada. The program tries to redirect membership efforts more directly to the clubs with support more intensely from LCI and local leadership. Leadership groups will be meeting monthly to assess how goal setting and membership plans are progressing. If a plan isn't working, we should know early enough to tweak or even change the plan for an individual club to help them become successful. This will require cooperation from the club leaders to the Zone, District and LCI area leaders. This initiative is not a sprint! It is a marathon. Our country has not had positive membership growth since 1980, a long time. We won't correct that in one or two years. This will be an ongoing effort for all of us.

Due to the current situation we are in, District Governor Rick and his team will be placing a lot of emphasis on retention. We need to make every effort to keep our present members and make sure they are involved in the clubs. LCI has announced an accommodation to try and help in this respect. NO club will be cancelled for nonpayment of dues until Dec. 31, 2020. Additionally, new club charter fees and entrance fees will also be waived until Dec. 31, 2020. Dues will still be payable by the end of the calendar year, but this will hopefully give members who have been financially impacted by the virus more time to pay their dues.

As we gear up more fully next month, we will be providing more information on NAMI and be in better contact with all clubs to make all of us more successful. Please reach out to me or any of Governor Rick's team with any problems or input you may have. Everyone please do what you must to stay safe and well.

Yours in Lionism,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

International and MD20 Events

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

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**

Camp Badger Golf Tournament..... August 15

2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum..... Canceled

Saratoga Lions Night at the Brewseum..... September 11, 2020

Glens Falls Lions/Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake..... October 30th, 31st, November 1st



**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



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2020 Wellsville Country Club

Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, along the beautiful Genesee River

3006 Riverside Drive
Wellsville, NY
www.wellsvilleCC.com

**All are invited!! Join the Lions
in helping Lions Camp Badger
build a brighter future!**

The Lions Camp Badger Golf Classic day includes:

- 1:30 PM Shotgun start
- Lunch on the course—frank, burger, chips, soda or water
- Golf Cart
- Practice area, range & putting green
- Steak dinner
- Cocktails (cash bar)
- Awards, raffles & door prizes

Celebrate Lion
Camp Badger's
40 years
as a Lions
State Project

Registration will be open 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Golfer \$105

Foursome \$420

*Wellsville CC members can use their membership towards golf only.



**For Registration Form and
Sponsorship Opportunities**

Go To:

**www.LionsCB.org
or contact**

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Hand Sanitizer



\$5 per bottle, or buy 4 and get 1 free (save 25%!)

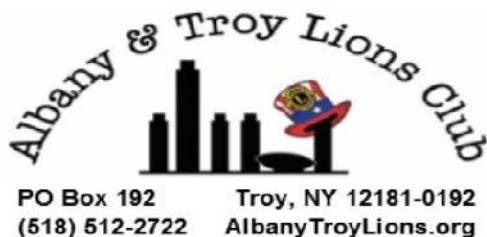
**Get yours today by contacting Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796
or albanytroylions@gmail.com**

- ◆ All proceeds benefit the Albany & Troy Lions Club and Grateful Villages
- ◆ FDA registered and approved hand sanitizer
- ◆ Made to W.H.O. standards
- ◆ 75% isopropyl alcohol for maximum efficacy
- ◆ Contains aloe for moisturizing and counteracting the drying effects of alcohol
- ◆ Only two ingredients; a natural product without the unwanted filler of industrial sanitizers
- ◆ Fine-mist spray applicator covers hands with just the right amount
- ◆ Glass bottles and high-quality packaging avoid single-stream waste and unnecessary plastics
- ◆ Sanitizer bottles are made to be refillable at local refill stations like the Honest Weight Food Coop



Grateful Villages Hand Sanitizer

2 fl-oz (59.15 ml)



Drug Facts

Active Ingredient:

Isopropyl Alcohol 75% v/v

Purpose:

Antiseptic

Use: Hand Sanitizer to help reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease. For use when soap and water are not available.

Warnings:

For external use only.

Flammable. Keep away from heat or flame.

Do not use: - in children less than 2 months of age
- on open wounds.

When using this product: keep out of eyes, ears, and mouth. In case of contact with eyes, rinse eyes thoroughly with water.

Stop use and ask a doctor if irritation or rash occurs. These may be signs of a serious condition.

Keep out of reach of children. If swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

Directions: Place enough product on hands to cover all surfaces. Rub hands together until dry. Supervise children under 6 years of age when using this product to avoid swallowing.

Store between 15-30°C (59-86°F)

Avoid freezing and excessive heat above 40°C (104°F)

Inactive Ingredient: Aloe Vera NDC: 76829-720-02



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 or contact 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 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.



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: _____



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 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. We would be happy to offer suggestions or help make arrangements.

Contact Joann Beach at 518-489-7606 or email 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.*



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.**

2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

By Lion Harvey Whitley, PID

FORUM CANCELLATION

It is with great sadness that the Forum Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. As we said earlier in the year, the safety of our attendees is our number one concern. We had hoped for a significant flattening of the curve on cases of COVID-19 throughout our geographical area but that has not been the trend. Travel between the United States and Canada has also been a concern.

Although the planned Forum is still three months away and conditions could improve over the summer, there is enough uncertainty that we feel it best to make the decision to cancel now.

The Forum will offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum. You can make that choice in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at registrar@lionsforum.org or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723. **Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021.**

Our goal for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has always been to provide a rich learning experience and a social environment where we see our old friends and make new ones. This 44th Annual Forum promised to be one of the best as the City of Louisville has so much to share with us. We extend our sincere appreciation to the City of Louisville and to the Kentucky Lions for inviting us. We hope to back soon.

LION HARVEY WHITLEY, PID
2020 Forum General Chairperson



Clinton Lions Club

By Lion Jim Winkler

Like most clubs, we're learning how to live and service the needs of our community with the guidelines imposed upon us due to the virus pandemic – no more face-to-face meetings, fundraisings restricted or eliminated, etc. On the other hand, we've become more technically aware of the 21st century tools available to utilize for conducting meetings and conducting the business of our club. Our competency increases with each use! Our first monthly meeting was a Board of Directors meeting held via the software product Zoom. We discussed year end budgeted contribution reductions to specific organizations due to cancellation of major fundraisers and alternative methods of fundraising in light of what appears to be the “new normal” – at least for the near term.

A modified budget for the remainder of the year was subsequently developed and e-mailed to all members, a vote taken via e-mail and another Zoom meeting (second meeting of the month) conducted with the entire membership to discuss our approach going forward. The membership voted for a direct mail campaign to all residents in the Town of Kirkland. The mailing will contain a letter outlining specific services we provide to the community. It would ask recipients to consider making a contribution to the club either by mail or via a GoFundMe page we will establish. It will further explain that contributions received from this appeal will allow us to continue our service to others even though our planned fundraising events have been postponed due to governmental guidelines imposed to curtail the spread of the virus. The final paragraph will thank recipients for their time & consideration and extend our hope that they remain safe & healthy. Let's hope it's successful!

Members of our club continued assisting at our local Country Pantry on Distribution Day. It continues to be held outside in the parking lot and will until further notice. Clients remain in their vehicles wearing masks.

Volunteers then load their vehicles with pre-packaged boxes and bags of food as they drive through the various stations. Because the virus pandemic has caused many people in our immediate to be furloughed from their jobs a second distribution day per month has been added. Food for this



Clinton Lions assist at Clark Mills Food Pantry Drive-Through Distribution.

second distribution day is being supplied by the Regional Food Bank in Syracuse, supplemented by additional food donations and financial support from the community. The number of people availing themselves of the food resources for their families has also increased. In January/February this year the pantry was supplying food to 350 people. That number has now risen to over 1,000!

Although we had to reduce individual amounts, we once again provided graduating seniors with awards this past month. Six (6) graduating seniors at three area high schools were awarded a total of \$2,100 - 75% of what we awarded last year.

The community conducted our Country Pantry Donation and Community Collection Day on Saturday, June 6. The weather was fantastic and residents cautiously ventured out after being restricted to their homes for months. Our club was responsible



Clinton Lions Maxam & Hook remove paper to be shredded from back of SUV & place it in container to be lifted into shredder. (Clinton Community Collection Day - June 6, 2020)

for traffic control since the people were asked to remain in their vehicles in single file. Paper to be shredded, old electronics and cans & bottles were removed from their vehicles along with any food

contributions for the pantry. Our club rented the services of a commercial shredder (Confidata) which shredded the paper on site in the confines of the truck. The operation could be viewed via a closed-circuit television camera showing the operation of shredding inside the truck. This is the third consecutive year we have sponsored the shredder and every year the number of people availing themselves of the service grows.

Our Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the village mayor, Hamilton College, local businesses, restaurants and service organizations established a temporary outdoor dining space in the heart of our village across from the Village Green. Hamilton College provided the new tables and chairs/benches for the space. Concrete jersey barriers from the village DPW protect the diners from passing vehicles as they enjoy take-out food and drinks from local restaurants and coffee shops. The tables are socially distanced (six feet apart from each other) and the area can accommodate approximately 12 people at a time. Our Lions Club welcomes the commitment to provide cleaning and trash support through the week. The al fresco dining area opened on June 15.

Together with our Leo Club we donated \$500 to the James Steates family of our community to assist with travel and medical expenses associated with the recovery and continuing surgeries required for their daughter Madison. Madison graduated from Clinton Central High School on June 27. She's one



Clinton Lions Martini & O'Mara wait for vehicle to stop before removing paper to be shredded. (Clinton Community Collection Day – June 6, 2020)

of the two recipients of our club's senior award to a former Middle School Leo Club member. While visiting at a friend's house on June 17, she was attacked and mauled by a dog. Initially taken to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Utica, she was immediately transferred to Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, where four doctors were awaiting her arrival. Multiple hours of surgery were required to begin the repair to her jaw, nose, eye and neck. Now recuperating, she faces future plastic surgeries and dental repair.

A strong and courageous young woman, she returned home days before walking across the "stage" to receive her diploma. She was accompanied by her brother due to blurred vision in her left eye. One of her closest friends, the valedictorian of this year's graduating class organized a GoFundMe page for assistance with on-going medical expenses. The initial goal was \$10,000. That was exceeded within 24 hours. To date almost \$27,000 has been raised!

This is why we're Lions... to be there when needed... only wish there was more we could do!

Thanks DG Ed for your efforts as Governor this year and wishing every success to our DGE Rick.

Hoping all Lions and their families have a good summer... stay safe and healthy.

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Sauquoit Valley Lions Club **YEAR END DONATION/65 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

By Lion John Griffin

The Sauquoit Valley Lions wrapped up the year distributing donations of \$2,900. Donations were made to: Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors (local food pantry), Town of Paris Historical Society, the Clayville Library, Mercy Flights, the CABVI, the Lions Eye Bank, LCIF, Feed our Vets, Freedom Guide Dogs and the Sauquoit Valley CSD Foundation. The Club donated in excess of \$5,500 throughout this year to support; those in need, juvenile cancer research, our youth and the community at large.

On 6/30/2020 our Club is celebrating our 65th Anniversary. As we reflect on our efforts over those years we take great pride in the support of our community and the comradeship



In January Charter member Lew Smith received his 65 Year Chevron from Lion President Michael Bader.



we have experienced as Lions. Lion Charter member Lew Smith has witnessed it all and continues to contribute to the Club's success. Our thanks to the Clubs of Region L, our Lion District, MD 20 and Lions International for their partnership with us over those years. The Club is planning to celebrate the milestone later in the year.

President Lion Michael Bader will be serving a second consecutive year as President for 2020-2021. Our first Vice-

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President will be Lion John Markley.

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Albany & Troy Lions Club

By Lion Jerry Gordon

July 1 is the start of a new Lion year and with it we welcome our new District Governor, Lion Rick Brisee, from the Waterford Lions Club. His pin and the story of his pin are on page 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

Zoom General Meeting

DGE Rick Brisee installed our 2020-21 officers and board of directors.

Lion Jerry made the following presentations:

To Lion Paul Vergoni, a rosewood mantle clock for being our treasurer for four decades

To Lion Carol Quantock, a lovely plaque for serving as president for five terms (2013-15 & 2017-20)

To Lion Preem Cabey, the Robert. J Uplinger Distinguished Service Award "In recognition of her enthusiasm and eagerness to be of service to others and to Lionism"

And to Lion Greg Sheldon, the Melvin Jones Fellowship for his several contributions to the growth of our club, both in membership and in activities.

General Board Meeting

Lion Greg was able to get Home Depot to donate several hoses and the blueberries seem to be doing quite well. Lions Eva and Carol will work together on getting some signage designed and erected.

We had previously approved up to \$1000 to donate hand sanitizer to the various police departments in our area, but apparently they've been getting all they need from the county. Lion Carol will try to get confirmation of this. We voted to sell the sanitizer to the general public for \$5/bottle or 5 for \$20 as a fund-raiser. The decision about making the sanitizer available to other clubs with a customized label was tabled for now. See our flyer on page 8 of this newsletter.

Lion Greg suggested T-shirts as a potential fund-raiser. They would cost \$5-10 and could be sold for \$20. This did not generate a lot of enthusiasm.

Regarding Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program, we wondered whether the coupons could be used on line, or whether the usage period could be extended. Lion Jerry will investigate.

Charitable Board Meeting

Lion Jerry provided an update on the district program to feed the hospitals. All the delivery spots have been filled and the program was moving along very smoothly, with only a few minor glitches. Our members took care of 19 of the 42 deliveries.

There's apparently a Community Development Agency Block Grant available through HUD. Lions Irv and Greg will look into it further.

Lion Jerry has a hearing-aid application from a 69-yr-old woman from Watervliet who meets our requirements. We voted to spend \$375 for her HAs and ask the Hearing Conservation Society to match us for the other \$375, as they have in the past.

We voted to spend \$250 for a tee flag to support NABA's golf tournament

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Roy H. Litts, age 92, passed away on June 9, 2020 at Glens Falls Hospital following a short illness. Roy was born on Jan. 10, 1928 in Middletown, the son of the late Roy and Emeline (Gates) Litts.

After his graduation from high school in Middletown he enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. He married the love of his life, A. Jacqueline “Jackie” (Bennett) in 1949, sharing 64 years of married bliss before

Jackie’s passing in 2013.

Roy worked as the head cook with the New York State Correctional Facility in Woodbourne, and served as a part-time police officer in Fallsburg, before the family relocated to Granville. Roy was employed at Great Meadow Correctional Facility in Comstock as a food service manager for 30 years until his retirement. Following retirement, he also did food service at the Emma Laing Stevens Hospital in North Granville. Roy was a devoted husband and father who worked two jobs throughout his life to ensure he could provide extra to give his family a great life. He always made every attempt to attend as many of his children’s activities as possible and was a great supporter of their life endeavors. He loved spending time with and teaching his granddaughter, Emeline, with adventures big and small.

Roy was a very active member of his community, most proud of his many years of service with the Granville Lion’s Club. (20-Y2 Past District Governor 1990-1991) With this organization he enjoyed traveling around the world and experiencing other cultures with his wife Jackie. He also served on the Board of the Pember Library and Museum, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion.

Roy’s Catholic faith was very important to him and was a communicant of St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church in Granville where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. Roy was greatly loved by his family and many friends, who will miss him and think of him often.

He was predeceased by his daughter Marlene Fischman, a grandson Kevin Litts, and his beloved wife, Jackie. Survivors are his sons Brian of Lake George, and Keith (Debbie) of West Rutland, Vermont. He was blessed with a granddaughter Emeline “Emmy” Litts of Rutland, Vermont. He is also survived by Jackie’s sister Patsy Marshalek (Middletown), and granddaughter Leah Fischman (Long Island).

A funeral service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to the Robert M. King Funeral Home in Granville.

Empire State Special Needs Experience/Lions Camp Badger

By Cynthia Reuter

Thank You For Your Past Generosity...
And We Ask For Your Continued Support
In Helping Build A Brighter Future
For Those With Special Needs

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the decision was made to cancel the upcoming 2020 summer camp season. In addition, we will be unable to host “Lions Appreciation Day”. If circumstances change, we will advise the new time and date.

Although our nearly 100 enrolled campers cannot be together physically, we will be bringing Lions Camp Badger to them with our “Camp at Home” program! Campers will receive a box containing all the supplies and directions for great activities and exciting online resources. Online group meetings will add to their fun and enjoyment at home.

Once again we thank the Lions who have not forgotten Lions Camp Badger during these difficult times. Your good wishes and generosity are most appreciated.

While we do not have the cost of having a camp session, insurance, maintenance of the grounds and our 26 buildings, salaries, etc., all remain on-going expenses. We understand that these are challenging times but to date we have received less than 25% of our annual donations from Clubs and individual Lions. Please do not forget Lions Camp Badger. Be as generous as you can. Contributions can be mailed or made on-line at www.LionsCB.org.

We hope that you and your family stay healthy
and safe and look forward to seeing
you at Lions Camp Badger soon!

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SEE OUR 2020 GOLF CLASSIC FLYER ON PAGE 7
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Chazy Lions Club HONORING LEO'S

By Lion Priscilla Laurin

Chazy, Peru, and Plattsburgh Lions collaborated to thank
Law Enforcement Officers in Clinton County.



Chazy, Peru & Plattsburgh Lions Clubs working together to honor Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

THANK YOU



Lions Karen Russel, (at the top of the page), and Rick Laurin, (above), recognizing New York State Police.



Lions Rick Laurin and Karen Russell with Rick's brother, (former Lion) at the Sheriff's Department.

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Glens Falls Lions Club

BACK UP AND RUNNING

By Lion Karen Rager

On June 9th the Glens Falls Lions Club held their first meeting since March. It was also our first Zoom meeting which was very successful. We had 20 some participate, which is more than our usual meetings! Lion Kassey Granger opened with a trivia game that was fun.

Since we no longer have the Last Saturday Supper service project, we will be supporting the Open Door in Glens Falls with food donations. We have slated the last Saturday of each month to contribute at a determined location, and deliver.

We will be holding our Annual Retreat, where we set dates for the upcoming year. It will be a BBQ at Ragers.

September 11, 2020 will be our annual 9/11 blood drive. We are forming a committee to work with the Red Cross and determine a location.

Our Annual Golf Tournament has been postponed until October 10. We have proposed having a Paint and Sip event for non golfing members/spouses during the tournament. Both will end with raffles and a BBQ, at Airway Meadows.

June 16th we held our Board meeting at Crandall Park, practicing social distancing. It was wonderful to see actual people!

June 23, was our installation of officers and the re-induction of Valerie Osmer, by Lion Scott Rager. Welcome back Valerie!

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Happy 4th of July!

News for the District

ONE HUNDRED SERVICE IDEAS!

By PCC Mark Whitney



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood Cancer

DIABETES

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event.
2. *Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.*
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's diabetes camp.
4. *Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.*
5. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes & vision screenings.
6. *Distribute educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair.*
7. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
8. *Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.*
9. Sponsor a child in need to attend diabetes camp.
10. *Donate diabetes books to your library with a bookplate to identify your club's donation.*
11. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
12. *Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.*
13. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
14. *Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.*

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15. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
16. *Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.*
17. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs & materials.
18. *Promote community resources and online materials from LCI partners NDEP, DECA & IDF.*
19. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
20. *Provide educational materials to schools & physician offices.*

ENVIRONMENT

21. Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
22. *Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.*
23. Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
24. *Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.*
25. Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
26. *Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!*
27. Commit to “Meatless Mondays” or not eating meat one day each week.
28. *Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.*
29. Lead an after-school nature walk.
30. *Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.*
31. Work with city officials to paint “no dumping” signs near road drainage areas.

32. *Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.*
33. Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
34. *Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.*
35. Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
36. *Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.*
37. Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.
38. *Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation.*
39. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
40. *Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.*

HUNGER

41. Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to those who are elderly or visually impaired.
42. *Organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.*
43. Prepare food baskets for families in need.
44. *Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.*
45. Take families in need shopping for fruits and vegetables.
46. *Organize an event to benefit a food bank in your community; use cans of food as admission.*
47. Hold a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for a children’s center or a homeless shelter.
48. *Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy recipes.*

49. Create healthy snack packages to be distributed to children in need.

50. Partner with local restaurants or food markets to deliver donations to a shelter.

51. Start a food co-operative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.

52. Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.

53. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition & food preparation.

54. Provide fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.

55. Provide transportation for those who are elderly or visually impaired so they can shop for food.

56. Teach children to bake a loaf of bread they can take home to their family.

57. Invite a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting.

58. Provide needy children with backpacks supplied with food for when school is not in session.

59. Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for the community.

60. Establish a community vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food.

VISION

61. Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a library or senior center.

62. Volunteer to create audio recordings of books & periodicals.

63. Work with local eye care professionals to provide community vision screenings.

64. Sponsor a World Sight Day event.

65. Sponsor visually impaired students through camps, contests or other activities.

66. Create a community arts program for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

67. Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.

68. Develop a directory of community resources and services for those who are visually impaired.

69. Volunteer at a visual rehabilitation or vocational training center.

70. Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.

71. Host a fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes for those who are blind.

72. Work with local employers to develop an employee vision screening program.

73. Develop a discount voucher program with optical shops for underserved populations.

74. Design a transportation program for those who are blind or have low vision.

75. Host a “Beep Baseball” game or tournament.

76. Support a guide dog training program through fundraising or voluntary labor.

77. Develop an assistive technology library so people can access resources as their needs change.

78. Create a sensory garden that engages the senses of touch, smell, hearing & taste. Provide braille or audio recordings of signage.

79. Partner with a school for the blind to support assistive technology & maintenance needs.

80. Partner with an orientation and mobility specialist to provide ongoing support to teachers and employers of inclusive classrooms/workplaces.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

81. Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment.

Important Links

82. *Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.*
83. Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need or a childhood cancer center.
84. *Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.*
85. Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
86. *Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centers.*
87. Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
88. *Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.*
89. Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
90. *Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.*
91. Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
92. *Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.*
93. Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
94. *Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.*
95. Remodel a children's cancer center.
96. *Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.*
97. Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
98. *Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.*
99. Assist at camps for children with special needs.
100. *Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.*

Zone and Region Chairs

<https://tinyurl.com/y7dtrtz5>

Service Toolkit

<https://tinyurl.com/ybq7vnhd>

Club Resource Center

<https://tinyurl.com/y7onrj7l>

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Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS

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

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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.

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Cap-Tel Telephone

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