

District 20W LIONS ROAR




“PROMOTE – DEVELOP – GROW”

A message from District Governor Holly McConchie



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Fellow Lions,

It’s October – Happy Halloween to all!

Mission 1.5 is still the most important Lions endeavor around. Adding to the clubs we already have, rejuvenating clubs that are getting smaller, and starting new clubs all are important to all of us. “When you stop growing, you start dying.” We, as a district, can’t afford to lose members, we need to keep them feeling that they are making a difference. If every member invited a friend, relative, etc. to join, we would be on our way to making our service to our communities even better. The best way to invite someone is to “Just Ask”. Lions International is working on some workshops for the Global Action Team, zone and region chairs, marketing and communication people, and just interested Lions. If you are interested, please reach out to get the workshop invitations, next one is October 1 and final one will be October 15.

I have begun work on scheduling visitations with all of the clubs. If you have a particular date in mind either for just your club or an interclub meeting, please reach out to me. If not, you should have received an email from me (club presidents and secretaries) with my proposed date. Visitation schedule can be found at the bottom of this article.

Our fall conference this year will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at Fort William Henry. International Director, Bert Nelson, and his wife, Pam, from the Mills Lions Club in Minnesota will be our guest speaker. We would like to show him our District 20W support, so save the date. Details are coming shortly.

Meet 2024 - 2025 Lions
International President
Fabrício Oliveira



MAKE YOUR MARK



Donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), both by clubs and individual club members, is a significant consideration we should all make. All donations received are used to assist in disasters around the world, including many times in our own district, unfortunately. Won't you please consider making a donation to our foundation? The MD-20 LCIF newsletter comes out monthly to all Lions with a working email in the system. A new feature, a segment where you can ask LCIF related questions and receive an answer, is being added. Send your questions to lorrimd20lcifchair@gmail.com.

Our goal this year is to have all Lions and Leos Clubs reporting service, it's important to let others know what we are doing. Here are the basic steps:

To Report Service Projects

1. Go to WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG
2. If asked click GO TO LIONS PORTAL
3. Click MEMBER LOGIN
4. Enter your USER NAME and PASSWORD. (If you don't have an account, click REGISTER to sign up)
5. Select Service Dropdown, and My Activities
6. Click Create Service Activity. Choose Your Club and click next
7. Input Title and select Activity Type (Donation, Fundraiser, Meeting or Service Project) then click next
8. Brings up a Service Project Form just fill it out. Click Report Complete to finish then select Save

IMPORTANT EVENT DATES TO RECORD IN YOUR CALENDARS:

October 12 Ballston Spa 75th charter night
~~October 25 Glens Falls charter night (canceled)~~

*Saturday, November 2 Fall Conference – Fort William Henry, Lake George.
 International Director Lion Bert Nelson and his wife, Pam, from the Mills Lions Club in Minnesota will be our guest speaker for this event. Let's show the Nelson's a 20W welcome!

*Saturday, February 8, 2025 3rd Cabinet meeting – Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs
 *sometime in April 4th Cabinet meeting –working on details
 Friday, May 30, 2025 Testimonial dinner Turf Tavern, Scotia, working on details

*All members welcome, but key players (club presidents and secretaries) should attend

DG Holly McConchie's 2024 – 2025 Visitation Schedule

September 19, 2024	Speculator
September 20, 2024	Cambridge, Greenwich, Mechanicville-Stillwater, Schuylerville & Town of Hoosick Charter Night & DG Visit
September 25, 2024	Gouverneur & Edwards Interclub Meeting
October 3, 2024	Chazy, Lake Placid, Malone, Peru, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake & Tupper Lake Interclub Meeting
October 10, 2024	Clinton, Deerfield, Holland Patent, New Hartford NY Mills Whitestown, Sauquoit Valley & Utica Interclub meeting Greater Herkimer
November 5, 2024	Lisbon & Raquette River interclub meeting

NEXT ROAR DEADLINE



November 6, 2024	Albany & Troy
November 13, 2024	Fonda & Fultonville
November 18, 2024	Town of Wright / Schoharie Valley
November 20, 2024	Duane
December 3, 2024	Scotia-Glenville
December 5, 2024	Saratoga Springs
December 10, 2024	SUNY U Albany Campus
January 8, 2025	Ballston Spa
January 13, 2025	Galway
January 16, 2025	Marcy Telephone via Zoom
January 23, 2025	Broadalbin-Perth
February 12, 2025	Town of Greenfield
February 19, 2025	Bethlehem
February 25, 2025	Glens Falls
March 5, 2025	Waterford
March 12, 2025	Greater Johnstown
March 18, 2025	Heuvelton
March 19, 2025	Greater Ravena
April 8, 2025	Hadley-Luzerne
April 10, 2025	Ogdensburg
May 12, 2025	Clifton Fine
May 19, 2025	Town of Schroon
Mid-April TBD	Long Lake & Newcomb possible interclub

Dates in Red are tentative, awaiting confirmation from individual clubs

PROMOTE – DEVELOP – GROW: Promote Lionism, develop future Lion leaders, and grow our clubs.

Yours in Lionism,
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 Galway Lions Club

LIONS ARE SOCIAL!

**Stay connected to Lions International
 and our service around the world
 by following us on social media.**








New Club Development Workshop District Growth Team

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All sessions are virtual & begin @ 8 PM
Tuesday, September 17 Tuesday, October 1
Tuesday, October 15



Advance Registration Required:

[**bit.ly/growMD20**](https://bit.ly/growMD20)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged to facilitate planning
- Session recordings will be available

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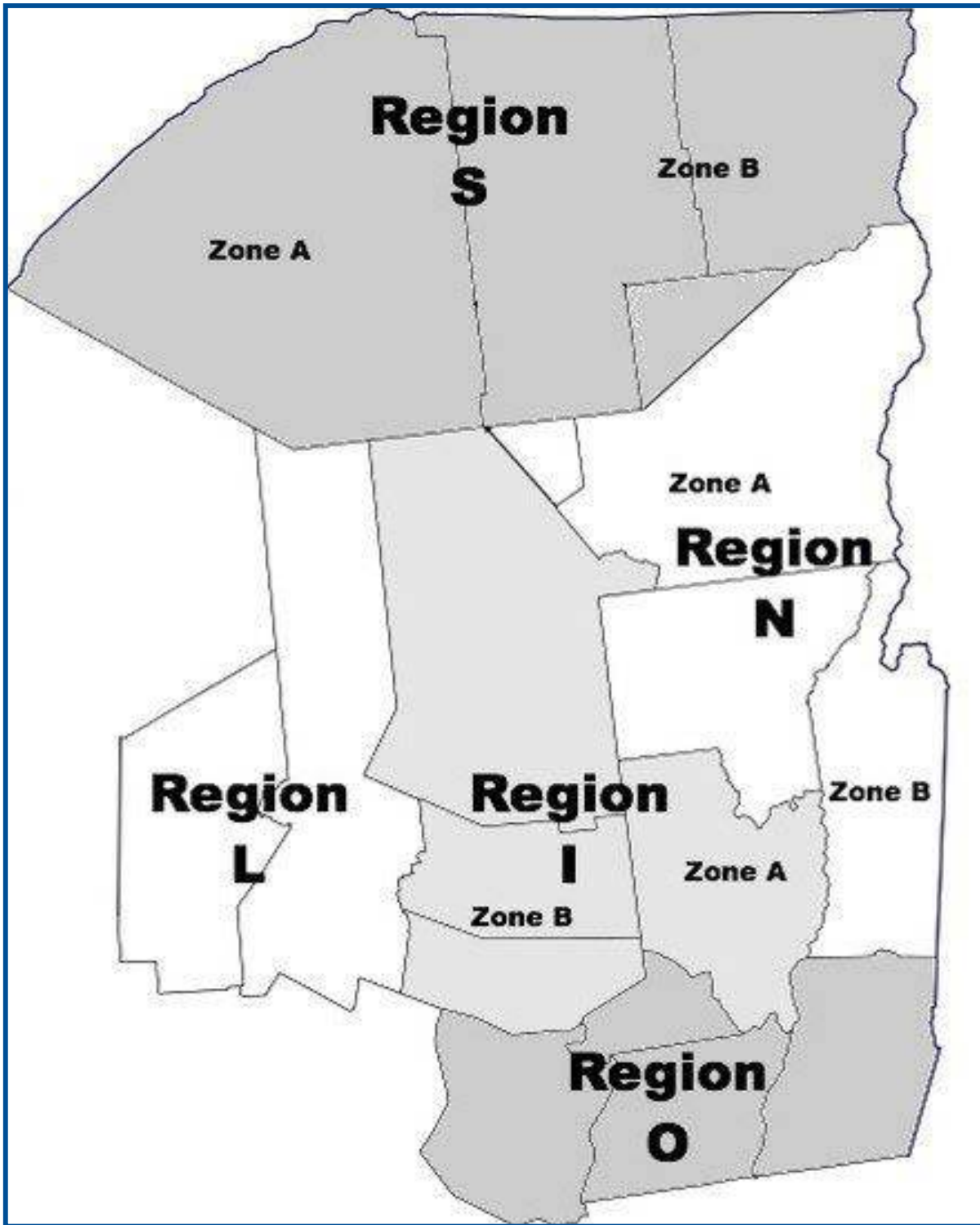
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TEAMWORK!



District 20-W Comprises These New York State Counties

Albany, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer,
Montgomery, Eastern Oneida, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence,
Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie,
Warren, and Washington.

LIONS RESOURCES

can be found at this link

www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center

Fundraising Guide

An interactive tool that helps clubs through the process of planning an online or event fundraiser

Developing Local Partnerships

A hands-on guide that helps clubs evaluate their strengths, identify their needs, and connect with like-minded organizations in the community for potential partnership opportunities

Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer e-Book

Helpful resource that walks the cabinet secretary & treasurer through their role providing helpful tips, resources and tools.

Dues Billing Table

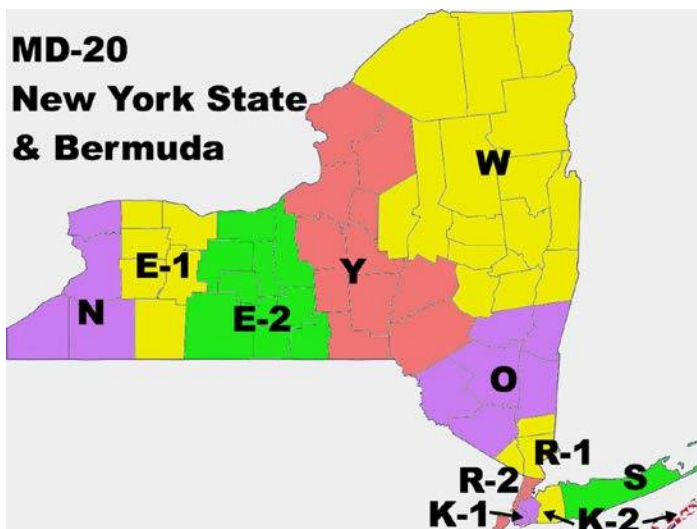
Break down of dues

Vision Screening for Children

A vision screening event for children in local primary, middle or secondary schools that identifies those who may have vision problems requiring comprehensive follow-up by eye care professionals

LCIF GRANT APPLICANTS RESOURCES

www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit#mod1



CALENDAR

New Club Development
Workshop October 1, 2024

Newcomb Lions Club and
Community Harvest Festival October 5, 2024

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club
Panera Fundraiser..... October 10, 2024

Ballston Spa Lions Club
75th Anniversary October 12, 2024

Town of Greenfield Lions Club
Lasagna Dinner October 15, 2024

New Club Development
Workshop October 15, 2024

Fall Conference

Fort William Henry, Lake George. November 2, 2024

St. Catherines
Elvis Fundraiser November 16, 2024

Lions Eye Bank
of the Northeast Raffle December 5, 2024

Town of Greenfield Lions Club
Pop-Up Christmas Shop.....December 14, 2024

St. Catherine's Annual
Hope for the Holidays.....December, 2024

3rd Cabinet Meeting

Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs February 8, 2025

4th Cabinet Meeting

TBA.....April, 2025

Testimonial Dinner

Turf Tavern, Scotia.....May 30, 2025

What is MISSION 1.5?

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to grow to a minimum of 1.5 million Lion members worldwide on July 1, 2027, so we can meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more than a billion people annually.

EVENTS/FLYERS

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club
and
Hoffman Helping Hands
present

B-P Lions Clean Car 2024-25



a fundraising project to support the greater
Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/BPCleanCar>





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

Annual Tax Filing Information:

https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_QdqlB8s5OEF81gJU.jpg.pdf?v=1&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=LGL_EN_TaxFilingAllClubs_1491935039&utm_medium=email

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International



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RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit
**BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS
FOUNDATION**

October 10, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
4930 STATE HIGHWAY 30
Amsterdam, NY

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING



**Please join the Ballston Spa Lions Club
as we celebrate our
75th Anniversary on October 12, 2024**

**Guest Speaker
Past International President
Douglas X. Alexander**

At the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-4253

**\$45.00 per person
Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

Rooms have been reserved.
Call for room reservations, 1-888-465-4329

To register for the event,
email Lion Ed Hersh at:
bspalions75th@gmail.com





Town of Greenfield Lions



Lasagna Dinner

Tuesday October 15th

4 to 7pm at the

St. Joseph's Church

3159 Rt 9N Greenfield Center

Single Meal \$17

Family of 4 Meal \$40

TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO vplummer122@gmail.com

We Thank You for your continued support!

*Menu: Homemade Lasagna (with fresh ground beef), Green Garden Salad, Garlic Bread and Homemade Cookie. *Gluten-Free and Vegetable Lasagna also available. Drinks \$3.00ea*



Action Plan

A well-developed goal is specific, measurable, actionable, realistic and time bound. Complete the template below for each well-developed goal. Be sure to include how you will assess the progress of the goal. If after assessing the goal, you find changes need to be made to the goal or action steps, note these in the alterations section.

Area of Focus				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development <input type="checkbox"/> Custom Goal				
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Activities <input type="checkbox"/> LCIF				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISSION 1.5				
Goal Statement				
By the end of 2025, District 20W will increase membership by 135 and add 2 new clubs, net gain -36				
Action Step		Required Resources (team members, technology, funding, etc.)	Date to Begin	Due Date
Speak with every club to emphasize importance of Mission 1.5	DG / GMT / ZC/ GET/RC/GST/ GLT/Marketing Chair/RC/PDGs/ Certified Guiding Lions	Written and digital membership information	7/1/24	6/30/25
Have every club set a membership goal and recruit new members	Club President & Membership Chair	Provide new member recruitment materials: Membership applications, Lions Make a Difference, Just Ask	7/1/24	6/30/25
Provide new member orientation from District quarterly	ZC, Orientation Chair	New Member Orientation pitch	7/1/24	6/30/25
Club Membership Chair should complete LCI learning path	GLT / GMT / GET	GLT will provide link and assist with accessing LCI learning path	7/1/24	6/30/25
GMT will hold monthly meetings via zoom to review membership growth	DG, VDG, GMT, ZC/RC/ GLT/GST/GET/ Marketing Chair/ RC/PDG/Guiding Lions	GMT to set monthly meeting dates	7/1/24	6/30/25
Assessment		Alterations		



A Tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

THE EGG | ALBANY | 7 PM

Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis will be IN THE BUILDING!

Join us for an incredible evening with two premier Elvis tribute artists as they ROCK The Egg with The King's greatest hits from the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Tickets start at \$39.90 - All proceeds benefit St. Catherine's Center for Children.

WE'LL ALSO HAVE A DRAWING FOR A LAS VEGAS GETAWAY FOR TWO!

David Lee



BUY EVENT & DRAWING TICKETS!

Dan Fontaine



FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.st-cath.org/elvis/





RAFFLE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th
Win big while supporting a great cause!
Proceeds Benefit
Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast
Saving Sight | Changing Lives



1ST PRIZE - \$2500
2ND - \$1000
3RD - \$500



FOR TICKETS Scan here or
EMAIL:
LEBNortheast.org
Info@LEBNortheast.org





Town of Greenfield
Lions Club



Christmas Pop-up Shop

Dec 14th - 10am to 5pm

**Greenfield Community Center
25 Wilton Road**

For More Information please email vplummer122@gmail.com or
call Lion Verna Plummer 518-605-6105

Lions Fresh Homemade Hot Soups or Chili

Local Vendors & Crafters

Lions Cookbook & Bake Sale

Food Drive for Food Pantry

We Thank You for Your Support!!



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

COMING
SOON!!



Box is made from
100% recycled fibres



**THE CHOCOLATE BUNNIES, IN SUPPORT OF
THE LIONS EYE INSTITUTE AT ALBANY
WILL BE BACK AGAIN IN 2025!**

**MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING PRICING
AND ORDERING DETAIL WILL BE SENT TO THE
CLUBS IN EARLY NOVEMBER.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO
LION BARBARA BENTLEY AT
BARBANN22@GMAIL.COM OR 518-894-1375**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Did you know....
Lions District 20-W has a
NEW FACEBOOK PAGE ?

Be sure to “LIKE” and follow the
page to see what is going on around
our great District!!



Northern NY Lions



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Childhood Cancer

Actually is:

Financial Stress

PTSD

Insomnia

Marital Struggles

Trauma

Anger

Medical

Isolation Chaos

Side Effects

Personal Development Delays

Depression

Sibling Jealousy

Unpredictable Future

Medical Learning Curve

Anxiety

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A Roller Coaster Ride

What people think
Childhood Cancer
is:

- Bald Heads
- GoFundMe
- Sick Days
- Gift Cards
- chemo

PDG Joan Scott Leadership Award

Hear the World

The Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS is proud to introduce the **'PDG Joan Scott Leadership Hear the World Award'**.

This award has been established to recognize a Lion, individual or organization that has listened to the needs of their community and helped implement that vision.



Name of recipient can be etched onto the award (total of 40 characters including award name allowed). Award is 9 ¾ inches high.

Purchase price \$300.00 (no tax) and shipping is included.

- **Make checks payable to: LHCS**
- **Mail to: PDG Rick Brisee, 192 Middletown Road, Waterford, NY 12188**

Any questions: (518) 209-8812 or rbrisee@hotmail.com

**Protect your vehicles from the salt, sand and ravages of weather
with a Hoffman Car Wash available from**



**Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club
and Hoffman Helping Hands**

Please support our fund raiser at:



[www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/
roarwithlions2023](http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/roarwithlions2023)

Bottle & Can
RETRIEVAL CENTERS™



Bring your recyclable donations to
Plc-N-Nickel Bottle and Can Retrieval Center
4303 NY-30, Amsterdam.
Credit the Broadalbin-Perth Lions
Foundation account.

Help keep your community and environment clean while
helping the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield
community when you donate your bottles and cans.



All funds donated to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions
Foundation will be used exclusively to support the needs
of the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community.

Visit bottleandcanrc.com for any fundraising inquiries or needs.



2024-2025

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Number: _____ District: _____

2024-2025 Club President's Name: _____

Member Number: _____ Email Address: _____

1. MEMBERSHIP

Achieved a net growth of 2 members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) **or** Chartered a new Lions club.

Name of Lions club: _____

2. SERVICE

Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!* Explain: _____

List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions International:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. LCIF

Contributed to LCIF an amount greater than or equal to the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.

Year-end membership count _____ x US\$10 = _____

4. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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

Reported club officers to Lions International.

Key officers participate in club officer training.

District Webinars

Multiple District Lions Learning Center

International

5. MARKETING

- The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

Provide a link to where they were publicized: _____

Learn more about [promoting your club and activities](#), and learn about the Marketing Award.

2024-2025 District Governor Signature*: _____ District: _____

District Governor Member Number: _____ Date: _____

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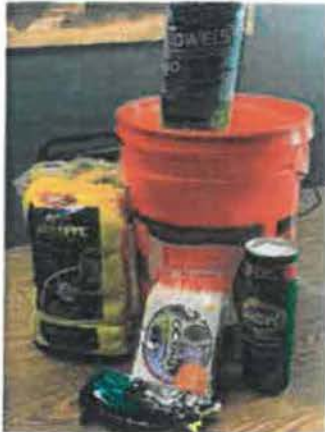
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- Queen-size Mattress Pads
- Ziplock bags (snack, sandwich, & quart size)
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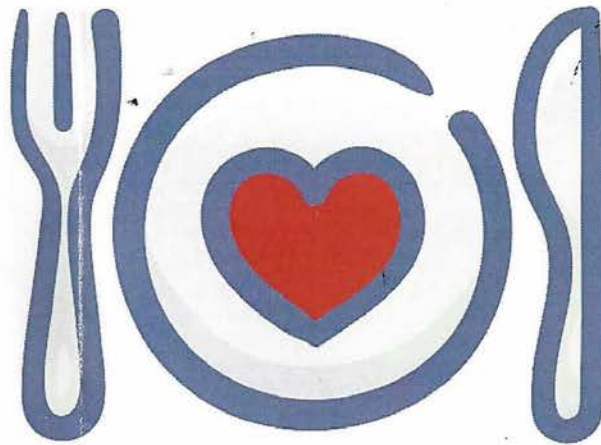
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Make a few dollars while you help the environment

Our club has signed up with CLYNK, a company that pays us for returnable cans and bottles and helps keep them out of the landfill. It's an easy way for us to increase our treasury and help the environment.

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If your club is not participating and you (and any friends or family members) would like to help our club, contact me at 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com and I'll get you all the bags you want.

Here's how it works:

Bag it

Put your bottles (with caps) and cans in the green recyclable CLYNK bag. You can include any plastic or glass bottle or aluminum can that's redeemable in NYS. The bag already has our personalized white CLYNK bag tag on it.

Scan it

Bring your bag to any **Hannaford Supermarket's** bottle-return area, where you should find a hand-held scanner on the wall. Scan the white tag on the bag, which helps ensure all your bottles and cans can be properly tracked.

Drop it

There should be a chute or bin right near the scanner. Drop the bags off and go about your day!

Collect \$\$

Within a week, CLYNK will deposit our earnings right into our bank account.

Jerry Gordon

Secretary, Albany & Troy Lions Club

Webmaster for ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG and 20WLIONS.ORG



A possible service project for Leos, Cubs or any Lions



The Life of a Crayon

Have you ever wondered what happens to your unwanted crayons?

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ARTICLES

ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

By Lion Jerry Gordon

Report of the board meetings held Sep 4 at The Eleven

Greg & Jodi introduced their god-daughter, Nikki Milton, who presented a completed membership application for our consideration. We voted her in.

Greg spoke about the importance of maintaining and expanding a welcoming habitat for Monarch butterflies at Albany Victory Gardens, and their impact on future agriculture, both locally and beyond. At our next meeting, he will have specifics on the dollar amount and other resources he's requesting. As District Environment Chair, he plans to bring the program to all the clubs in the district.

We spent some time discussing meeting days and time in an effort to find a more common solution. Jerry will poll the membership to see if we can come up with something. Regarding a meeting place, The Eleven is certainly suitable in terms of space and privacy, and the owners

seem eager to have us. However, many of us found the menu to be quite limited. Jodi will talk to them about expanding it, even if it's just a burger with or without cheese.

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CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

By Lion Diane Lange

News Update.....The Lions Clubs of 20 W are so proud of the young adults from our area that took part in GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOR CANCER. They recently visited the US House of Representatives on Capitol Hill

to lobby for the GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOR CANCER ACT HR 3433 AND Creating Reauthorization Act to study and research the recreation of new cancer drugs for Childhood Cancer.

Only 4% of new drugs since the 1980's has gone to our children's cancer research. Lions, let's support this effort as well.

<http://www.facebook.com/childhoodcancerawareness>.

Important - please schedule the Kids Sight Screening at your nursery and preschools in your area!

How Can LIONS Help Kids That Are Busy *"Kickin Cancer's Butt?"*

1. Pray for them and their families.
2. Leave a note of support on their Facebook or Blog.
3. Please tell everyone about the incredible need for childhood cancer funding.
4. Fuel and food cards are a great help to a family that has to spend hours traveling back and forth for travel.
5. Please remind Lions that every single day is Childhood Cancer Day and these kids are worth more than 4%.

Remember what Dr. Seuss said - "Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, nothing is going to get better."

CHILDHOOD CANCER CHAIR

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MEMBERSHIP, NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT, RETENTION, AND ORIENTATION PLAN FOR 2024-2025

By DG Holly McConchie, PDG Ed Stano, and PDG Michele O'Hare

Good Morning,

On behalf of DG Lion Holly, GMT Lion Ed, and myself, please find attached our updated Membership, New Club Development, Retention, and Orientation Plan for 2024-2025, along with a list of potential areas for new clubs. As we are all part of this team, we kindly ask that you review the attached information prior to our next LCI New Club Development Meeting on October 1st. If you have any comments or questions, please share with everyone on this email.

If you are not yet registered for the workshops and would like to participate, please refer to the attachment for details. Should you need a recording of the first meeting, feel free to reach out to me.

DG Holly will be scheduling monthly calls with our team to review progress and discuss the next steps in achieving our goals. Together, we can successfully meet our membership objectives over the next three years.

Lion Mark if I missed any guiding lions for 20W, please let me know, so I can send this email. If anyone else knows of a Lion in 20W that is great with membership development, retention and orientation and you feel would be good to be part of this team, please let me know asap, their name, email and club and I will send this email.

Thank you for your time and dedication. We have a fantastic team, and we're looking forward to working with each of you.

Yours in Lionism

DG Lion Holly, GMT Lion Ed, and GET Lion Michele

Editor: See the Action Plan on page 14 of this newsletter. Below is a list of possible "new" clubs.

New Potential Clubs 20W 24-25
Charlton

Burnt Hills

Clifton Park
Schenectady
Lake George
SCCC Upstate & Hudson Valley Lions Club
Lansingburgh
Pride Club of Capital District or Saratoga County
Schenectady
Clifton Park
Colonie
Voorheesville & Guilderland
Motorcycle
Amsterdam
Special Olympics
ARC
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Greater Herkimer
Greater Johnstown
Albany Troy
Greater Ravena
Saranac Lake

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CLINTON LIONS CLUB

District Governor visit

By Lion Jim Winkler

At our first two (2) meetings of the new Lion Year, we spent time developing and approving our *budget* for the upcoming year and discussing the *fundraising and service projects* we will be pursuing in the community. In concert with the LCI's *MISSION 1.5*, we intend to participate and increase our visibility in more community events. Hopefully this effort will assist in *recruiting additional club members*. Examples include inviting community organizations to speak at our meetings and increasing our involvement with our *Middle School Leo*

Club.

Additionally, we have set aside specific meetings to introduce our members to the various on-line educational tools available to increase their knowledge of Lionism and demonstrate the use of the Lion Portal. Hopefully this will not only increase utilization of the Portal but assist in the retention and interest of current members.



Food donated by Clinton Lions members in attendance at our first club meeting of year on September 12, 2024.

At those first two meetings, members in attendance brought food staples for our local Country Pantry. In total, the twenty-one (21) members who attended those meetings contributed a total of 135 pounds of food to the Pantry. That food was utilized in the September 23rd Distribution to needy community members.

Seven (7) club members joined other community volunteers at the monthly Country Pantry Food Distribution on Monday,

September 23rd. We served over 1,100 people who drove through the parking lot of Annunciation Church in Clark Mills, NY. This month the clients received assorted frozen



Lions and volunteers assist client through parking lot full of vehicles on Distribution Day (9/23/24) – not all clients drive vehicles to pick up food.

meats, milk, eggs, fruit juices and assorted frozen fruit. Pre-bagged personal hygiene items were also given to the consumers. As always, clients were very appreciative of our service.

Used eyeglass collections continue. This month two (2) club members picked up 265 pair of used glasses from our pre-established collection points around the community. They were combined with the stored numbers we collected in July & August and delivered to the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI) in Utica, NY for further transportation to the Regional Recycling Center in New Jersey.

Contributions made this month include *Central Oneida*

County Volunteer Ambulance Corps (COCVAC) Fund Drive (\$100), “Flags for Vets” Veterans Day Display in Utica, NY (\$40), Clark Mills Country Pantry (\$250), Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Lights Around Kirkland Town Park Holiday Display (\$100).

HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN!

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BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS CLUB

Village of Broadalbin Centennial Block Party

By Lion Ed Balaban

Truly personifying the Lions’ motto of “We Serve”, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club offered free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks to the hundreds who attended the Village of Broadalbin Centennial Block Party held along Main Street.

The Lions manned a booth along the route and handed out



Taking the Lion’s motto of “We Serve” literally, Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Bob Townsend, Don Savoie, Mary Balaban, Tim Munn, Valerie Kevlin, and Tim Ott handed out free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks to the hundreds who attended the Village of Broadalbin Centennial Block Party held along Main Street. Many passersby donated voluntarily and expressed their appreciation for all of the humanitarian projects the club undertakes throughout the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield area.

food and drinks to all who strolled by. Club President Bob Townsend said “our Club’s participation in this historical event is another opportunity to show the community that we, the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, are present and always available to assist and support our neighbors here in greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield”.

Along with food and drink, the Lions also distributed promotional materials for joining Lions, an ongoing fundraising car wash program at Hoffman Car Wash, and

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another fundraiser at Panera's in Amsterdam on Oct. 10.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions hosted Cheryl Hage Perez of the Veterans and Community Housing Coalition at their most recent meeting held at the Perth Town Hall. Perez is the executive board liaison for VCHC, and explained to the Lions how her organization provides housing and support services to all homeless military veterans and their families, advocates on behalf of all military veterans and their



Veterans & Community Housing Coalition executive board liaison Cheryl Hage Perez, center, receives a \$500 check from Broadalbin-Perth Lions President Bob Townsend, third from right, surrounded by supportive Lions. Townsend said, "as Lions, we serve. It is only proper that we acknowledge and support those who have served in uniform and now are in need or our help."

families, and provides housing opportunities for low income households.

"I immediately saw that VCHC's efforts aligned with several of the Lions' global causes and recognized the opportunity to take local action", said Lion President Bob Townsend. In short order, the club authorized a donation of \$500. In addition to serving Fulton County, VCHC also serves Montgomery, Schenectady, Schoharie, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties.



Lions present included, from left, Pamela Brooks, Mike Auricchio, Broadalbin Youth Commission's Keith Buchanan, Debbie Murphy, and Tim Ott.

Townsend said that supporting VCHC would help out those veterans in the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community which is served by the

Broadalbin-Perth Lions.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club was on hand for the fall season opener of the Broadalbin Youth Commission's Soccer program, at Broadalbin's "Field of Dreams" athletic fields. The Lions have been supporting this activity for more than 20 years, raising funds through concession sales on site.



Gathering at the PGA Hope event, from left, Fox Run PGA Professional Rich Scott, Lion Bill Suchy, and PGA Hope Northeast NY Ambassador Bud "Doc" Abare. The Lions were raising funds to support PGA Hope in their efforts to introduce golf to veterans with disabilities.

Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions were on hand to support the PGA Hope event at the Fox Run Golf Club.

PGA Hope is a rehabilitative program designed to introduce golf to veterans with disabilities in order to

enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well being. It is the only golf program for veterans taught by PGA professionals trained in VA approved Adaptive Sports instruction.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Linda Swietlicki, left, and Bill Suchy, right, sold popcorn to the crowd that came out to Fox Run Golf Course in support of PGA Hope, a program that introduces golf to disabled veterans.

Since 2019, the PGA Hope has grown from one program serving 19 veterans to ten programs graduating over 125 veterans annually.

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions have been addressing the needs of local veterans in their greater

Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield service area. At this event, Lions were selling popcorn, with all proceeds going to PGA Hope.

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SPECULATOR LIONS CLUB

New Member Inductions

By Lion Susan Beltran

On Wednesday, September 19th, District Governor Holly and her service partner, Lion Margo, as well as region/zone chair Lion Ed Balaban, visited the Speculator Lions Club at the Lemon Tree Brewery in Speculator.



It was a great visitation, much discussion by the club members as to service projects they used to have and how they could possibly resurrect them or change them to fit today's world.



While there, District Governor Holly had plans to induct Wendy Newell as the newest member of the Speculator Club but after all the discussion held by the members during the evening, a possible new member, Evan Spisz, decided to join that evening also. KL

Peter Newell sponsored both new members.

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SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

By Lion John Griffin

The Sauquoit Valley Lions held our first regular meeting of 2024-2025 on September 12th at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit with 20 members in attendance. President Lion



Lion President John Markley is joined by members of the Planning Committee at the Cornhole Tournament.

Tournament to be held in conjunction with the upcoming Lincoln Davies Supply Store Fall Fest. Secretary Lion



Participants in the First Annual Sauquoit Valley Lions Cornhole Tournament at Lincoln Davies Fall Fest.

Connie Griffin discussed our Sleep in Heavenly Linen Drive to benefit children in need. Lion Gary Puleo was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque. Lion Gary was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at our meeting back in June. Lion Gary will celebrate 40 years of service as a Lion in November.

On September 21 the Club held our First Annual Cornhole Tournament at Lincoln Davies in Paris Station. Twenty



Sauquoit Valley Lions at the Cornhole Tournament registration table.

teams participated in the Tourney and we were able to enlist 34 Sign Sponsors for the event which was spearheaded by President John Markley, the planning committee and Lions' Ed and Joanne Jones who are proprietors of Lincoln Davies Supply. In addition to the double elimination tournament, there was food and musical entertainment provided by local DJ Corey Cobane. Over

John Markley welcomed the Lions to a new year and discussed plans for the upcoming chicken barbecue and the First Annual Sauquoit Valley Lions Cornhole

Tournament to be held in conjunction with the upcoming Lincoln Davies Supply Store Fall Fest. Secretary Lion Connie Griffin discussed our Sleep in Heavenly Linen Drive to benefit children in need. Lion Gary Puleo was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque. Lion Gary was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at our

meeting back in June. Lion Gary will celebrate 40 years of service as a Lion in November.

\$2,600 was raised from the event and we thank Sponsors, Participants and Members that supported the event.

Our second meeting of the month was held on September 26th with 17 members in attendance. Karri Tibbits, coordinator of the children’s Summer Program for the Town of Paris was our guest speaker, and she thanked the Club for their financial support over the past two years. Karri also discussed ways we might support the program in the future. Lion Don Brown presented the Club with the beautifully refurbished Club Banner. Following the meeting the Club held the drawing for the Annual Where’s the Beef Raffle. Nearly 300 tickets were sold for the raffle with the winner receiving a Custom Butchered ½ cow or a cash prize of \$1,000.

District Governor Lion Hollie McConchie will visit our Club at our next meeting on October 10th with several other Region L Clubs in attendance as well. The dinner meeting is being held at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit at 6:00.

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Four
New

Members

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

CABVI
(CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
Low Vision Clinic Expansion

By Kali Zigrino

The Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) officially cut the ribbon on its Low Vision Clinic expansion in Syracuse on Thursday, Sept. 19.



Several local business leaders, members of CenterState CEO and Onondaga County

Members of CABVI and CenterState CEO celebrate the expansion of the Low Vision Clinic at 6050 Court Street Road in Syracuse.

representatives joined CABVI to mark the occasion as the agency looks forward to future growth in Central New York.



The newly unveiled areas include an expanded exam room,

Members of CABVI and CenterState CEO celebrate the expansion of the Low Vision Clinic at 6050 Court Street Road in Syracuse.

diagnostic testing room,

and a space for occupational therapy. At the Low Vision Clinic, CABVI’s specialists use state-of-the-art equipment to complete comprehensive assessments and create custom care plans for individuals with vision loss.

Vision Services in Syracuse are now expanding to

accommodate a growing need, with more than 10,000 people self-identifying as visually impaired in Onondaga County alone.

“Including Onondaga County, CABVI provided vision services to nearly 22,000 people last year and we suspect the number will grow a lot now that we are operating here out of Onondaga County,” said CABVI CEO, Ed Welsh. CABVI has been operating at its headquarters in Utica since 1929, and established its presence in the Syracuse area in 2017 at 6050 Court Street Road. At that facility, CABVI provides not only vision services, but employment opportunities for people with vision loss in its warehouse and call center. Currently, the Syracuse facility employs 40 staff members, 30 of whom are legally blind.

Through extensive outreach, CABVI has fostered partnerships with local healthcare providers, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in supporting individuals with visual impairments.

Anyone seeking low vision care can either reach out to their eye doctor for a referral or call CABVI directly at 315-797-2233.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CABVI)

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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Partner with Leader Dogs

By Mara Phillips

What Are District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCGs)?

- DCGs allow clubs and districts to utilize a portion of the funds they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Clubs that donate at least \$5,000, and districts that donate at least \$10,000 within a fiscal year, qualify to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations).
- Eligible Projects: DCG funds support specific

humanitarian activities that highlight the role of Lions in their communities. The funds cannot be used to pay membership dues or establish reserve funds.

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EMPIRE STATE SPECIAL NEEDS EXPERIENCE/LIONS CAMP BADGER

By Cynthia Reuter

What is so special about summer camp?

Camp changes you. Simply put, camp is a magical place where we get to create a world where each individual matters. Together we form an amazing community where everyone thrives, and our impact is great and lasting. We

build a miniature model of the world that we wish existed everywhere. If you've been to camp, you know exactly what I mean. If you haven't been to camp, you need to come and see for yourself!

Over the next several months, I will offer you a glimpse of our camp community through the eyes of those who experience it firsthand. In addition to important information about our programs, you'll get to read how camp transforms the lives of those we serve. You'll get to hear about ways in which you can find purpose through getting involved with what we do.

Camp changes you. Come along with us and be part of the change-Pat

Our 2024 six week camp season included 130 campers ages 7-61, staff from seven different countries, and over 30 different activities provided by people from all over the state. We swam, fished, sang, hiked, paddleboated, and tie dyed. Our days began with homemade bagels and ended around the campfire with s'mores. We loved, laughed, and lived our best lives. We observed small miracles each day as smiling campers challenged themselves to grow and learn. None of this would happen without your support. Thank you, Lions, for making this possible!

Did you know that Lions Camp Badger has programs for individuals who are ages 6-60 plus?

This is because most disabilities do not "end" when a student leaves school—they are lifelong. Many adults with disabilities struggle to find programs in their communities that meet their needs. Transportation to and from activities can also be a huge challenge, especially when many people do not drive. And we hear time and time again from our they treasure the sense of community that camp provides.

At Lions Camp Badger, we bring the activities to those whom we serve, so there is never a challenge with transportation. Campers can connect with others who have similar struggles and inspire one another as they strive to find solutions to problems. They meet young counselors from many places who serve as both role models and peer leaders. Long time camper Brandon says, "I love coming here and making people feel welcome. Come to camp, find a friend, and enjoy this fine camp experience!"

CAMP DATES for 2025:

- Young Adult Badgers (ages 18-25): June 29-July 4
- Buddy Badgers (all ages with 1:1 support)/

Food Service Vocational Program
(ages 18+): July 6-11

- Senior 1 (ages 26-32): July 13-18
- Family Camp (for families who have child(ren) of any age with disabilities) : July 20-22
- Lions Appreciation Day Carnival (for all of our camp families, alumni, and Lions members): Saturday, July 26
- Junior Badgers (ages 6-17): July 27-August 1
- Senior 2 (ages 33-60+): August 3-8

Watch for more information about the Carnival in the November issue.

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<https://albanytroylions.org/20wsignup.htm>

**Fill all the required spaces
and submit! It's That Easy!**

STEPS TO CREATE A SERVICE ACTIVITY ON LION PORTAL

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Login: LION PORTAL <https://account.lionsclubs.org/Account/Login>

Select: SERVICE

Select: MY ACTIVITIES

Select: CREATE SERVICE ACTIVITY

Select: SEARCH FOR CLUB OR DISTRICT OR SELECT FROM MY SPECIFIC AREA

Select: NEXT

Select: YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT

Select: NEXT

Enter: A TITLE FOR THE SERVICE ACTIVITY

Select: THE ACTIVITY TYPE (SELECT ONE CHOICE):

- Donation
- Fundraiser
- Meeting
- Service Project

Select: NEXT

Select: EDIT OR THE PENCIL - To input the Required, Optional Metrics or Additional Details.

INFORMATION (MUST FILL OUT THIS SECTION)

1. Select CAUSE
2. Select PROJECT TYPE
3. Write DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE ACTIVITY
4. Enter START DATE
5. Enter END DATE
6. STATUS: IS DETERMINED BY THE DATA INPUTTED FOR THE SERVICE ACTIVITY
PLANNED - FUTURE SERVICE ACTIVITY
READY TO REPORT – PAST SERVICE ACTIVITY

Select: REPORT COMPLETE – Check once the end date of the service activity has passed and all required metrics have been entered. The Status will change to REPORTED when the service REPORT COMPLETE box is checked. The only authorize users that can report a Service Activity as Complete are the following in Lion and Leo clubs. In Lions Clubs, CLUB SERVICE CHAIRPERSONS are responsible for SERVICE REPORTING. Although many Lion clubs choose to have the CLUB SECRETARY or CLUB PRESIDENT report. In Leo clubs, the CLUB PRESIDENT, SECRETARY or LEO CLUB ADVISOR can check REPORT COMPLETE.

Select: SAVE when you have added all metrics or details for this service activity. The Service Activity Report Status will remain in DRAFT until the report has been checked REPORT COMPLETE by the designated Lion or Leo Club Officer.

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REQUIRED METRICS (MUST FILL OUT THIS SECTION)

- PEOPLE SERVED
- TOTAL VOLUNTEERS (TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- NON-LIONS PARTICIPATED (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- NON-LION FAMILY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS (NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS X NUMBER OF HOURS-OF-SERVICE ACTIVITY)

OPTIONAL METRICS (FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE)

- SELECT CURRENCY
- TOTAL FUNDS RAISED (FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TOTAL FUNDS RAISED (USD)
- TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (DURING THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (USD)
- ORGANIZATION BENEFITED (NAME OF ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE DONATION)
- DONATION TO LCIF (CHECK WHEN LCIF WILL RECEIVE THE DONATION FROM THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TREES PLANTED/CARED FOR

ADDITIONAL DETAILS (FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE)

- SIGNATURE ACTIVITY (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- FUNDED BY AN LCIF GRANT (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- VENUE (NAME OF LOCATION FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- START TIME
- END TIME
- VENUE TIME ZONE (SELECT TIME ZONE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (SELECT COUNTRY OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (STREET ADDRESS OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (CITY OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (STATE/PROVINCE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (ZIP/POSTAL CODE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)

Select: **SAVE** when you have added all metrics or details for this service activity. The **Service Activity Report** will remain in **DRAFT** until the report has been checked **REPORT COMPLETE** by the **designated Lion or Leo Club Officer**.

CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL)

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CAUSE: CHILDHOOD CANCER

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Child and Family Tutoring
- Entertainment and Recreational Activity
- Family Assistance
- Organization of Facility Assistance
- Professional Training and Support
- Other

CAUSE: DIABETES

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Diabetes Retreats and Symposiums
- Diabetes Support Group
- Healthy Eating for Gestational Diabetes
- Healthy Living for Type 2 Diabetes
- Recreational Facility Improvement Event
- Strides for Diabetes Awareness
- Type 2 Diabetes Risk Awareness and Screening
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- Other

CAUSE: DISASTER RELIEF

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Recovery and Reconstruction
- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency Response
- Other

CAUSE: ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Environmental Clean Up and Restoration
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Other

CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL)

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CAUSE: ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Environmental Clean Up and Restoration
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Other

CAUSE: OTHER HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

PROJECT TYPE:

- Assistance to an Individual
- Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Event
- Community Improvement
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Other Health Service Activity
- Other

CAUSE: HUNGER

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Gardens and Agriculture
- Food Collection and Food Banks
- Meal Preparation and Distribution
- Other

CAUSE: VISION

PROJECT TYPE:

- Adult Vision Screening
- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Eyeglass Collection and Recycling
- Lions Eye Banks
- Support Services for the Blind or Visually Impaired
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other

CAUSE: YOUTH

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Education and Literacy
- Lions Quest
- Peace Poster and Essay Contests
- Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE)
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other

Are your club Events and Articles in the Roar?

DEADLINE IS THE 28TH OF THE MONTH

Except February which is the 25th

Publication is as close to the 1st as possible.

(Please keep this in mind if you have event at the beginning of the month to also submit the month prior.)

ARTICLES

- Digital submission ONLY, (in upper/lower case format).
- Microsoft Word, PDF, or text embedded in an email are acceptable.
- NO SCANNED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. Newspaper articles will be accepted IF they are in digital format, and ONLY with written permission from the originating publication.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

PHOTOS

- Digital submission preferred in JPG.
- Hard copy newspaper photos are not acceptable. Digital newspaper photos are acceptable ONLY with written permission from the originating publication/photographer, with photographer credit.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE CAPTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CORRESPONDING PHOTOS!

EVENT FLYERS

- Digital submission in verticle format; .jpg, .pdf format or Microsoft Word are acceptable.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

Submissions can be made to karen@deuxflutes.com



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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

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