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Meet 2024 - 2025 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira



**MAKE YOUR MARK** 







"PROMOTE – DEVELOP – GROW"

# A message from District Governor Holly McConchie



Fellow Lions,

It's November – Thanksgiving is coming fast and Christmas will be right around the corner.

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

My service partner, Lion Margo Walrath, and I joined the Brandel-Murphy Youth Association Royal Caribbean Cruise that sailed October 13 - 20th from Cape Liberty, NJ with stops at Port Canaveral, FL, Royal's private island Coco Cay, and Nassau, Bahamas. It was a wonderful time by all 68 Lions and non-Lions who participated. The cruise is usually offered every other year and we would recommend you watch for the next offering and join the fun!

The 2025 International Convention has moved! It will no longer be held in Mexico City but has moved to Orlando, Florida July 13th - 17th 2025. Make your plans to join Lions from around the world! Hotels will be the Swan and the Dolphin, both located in the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort.

Our Multiple District 20 State Convention will be held in Niagara Falls May 16th – 18th. Looking for people who will be attending who would be interested in serving on the following committees from District 20W: sergeant-at- arms, nominations, flag ceremony, and voting and elections.

Mission 1.5 (growing membership to 1.5M worldwide by June 2027) is still the most important Lions endeavor around. We need to demonstrate to new Lions the significant impact Lionism has on our communities. Their fresh energy will help to invigorate the district, bringing greater excitement and vibrancy to our events and our projects. So far, I have inducted at least one new member at each of my September and October visitations. Please keep up the momentum so that we can help get multiple district 20 back to 15,000 members by June of 2027 from 13000+ currently.

I have been working on scheduling visitations with all of the clubs. Visitation schedule can be found on the next page. Those clubs that are in red, please confirm these dates work with your club.

Donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), both by clubs and individual club members, is a significant consideration we should all make.

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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. Hopefully you are becoming more comfortable with the new Lions Portal but just in case, remember you can reach out to District Administrator, Lion Margo, for assistance. Here 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

**Saturday, November 2** – Fall Conference – Fort William Henry, Lake George. International Director Lion Bert Nelson and his wife, Lion 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! Rooms available at Fort William Henry in case you need to spend the night.

Saturday, February 8, 2025 - 3rd Cabinet meeting - Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs

4th Cabinet meeting – sometime in April, working on details

May 16-18, 2025 - State Convention - Niagara Falls

Friday, May 30, 2025 - Testimonial dinner - Turf Tavern, Scotia, working on details

July 13-17, 2025 - International Convention - Orlando, FL

# ALL MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT KEY PLAYERS (CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES) SHOULD ATTEND.

#### DG HOLLY MCCONCHIE'S 2024 – 2025 VISITATION SCHEDULE

November 5, 2024 Lisbon & Raquette River interclub meeting 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 Ogdensburh April 14, 2025 Lake Placid April 17, 2025 Greater Herkimer April 21, 2025 Plattsburgh May 12, 2025 Clifton Fine May 19, 2025 Town of Schroon Mid-April TBD Long Lake & Newcomb possible interclub **TBD Deerfield, Holland Patent** 

#### 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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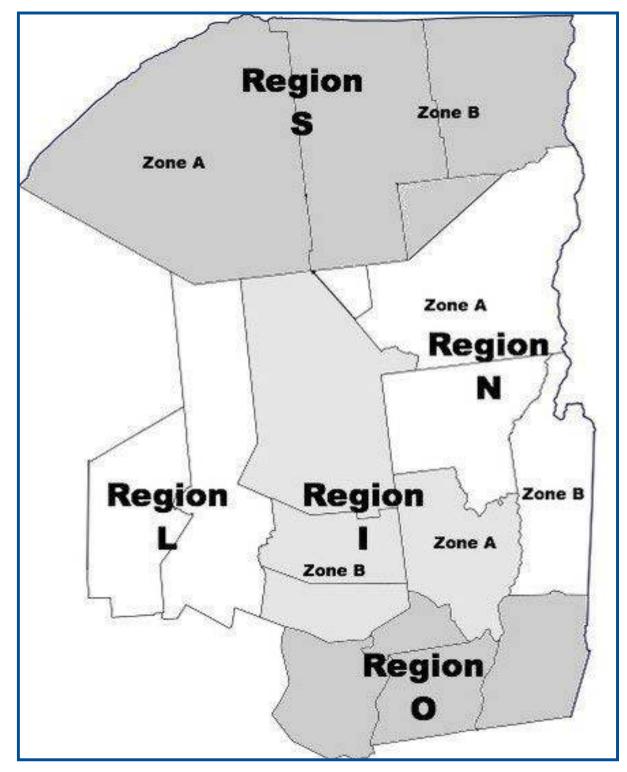
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TEAMWORK



**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.







#### MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR YOUR NEW, BRANCH AND SPECIALTY CLUBS

#### IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE, STARTING A NEW CLUB, SPECIALITY CLUB OR BRANCH CLUB, PLEASE CALL ME AT 518-410-5941 OR EMAIL ME ATMAPOHARE@GMAIL.COM

- 1. www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock as of 10/07/24.13 videos (Start a club, recruiting Tips & Tricks, Great Growth Teams = Great Success. Rock Star, Inspiration, Growth Workshop Training, Created Playlists.
- 2. <u>https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining</u> Portal training.
- 3. <u>https://www.youtube.com/@LionsVirtualLive</u> AI training and Lions ap mapping and marketing.
- 4. <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/membership-report-toolbox</u>

#### Membership Reports Toolbox

District Goals/ MISSION 1.5 Targets: Provides a PDF copy of submitted district goals and action plans and MISSION 1.5 district targets per respective Lion year.

Six Year Trend Report: Provides a 5-year gain/loss analysis of clubs and members per district.

Club/District Health Assessments: Tracks membership growth, financial health, reporting trends, club officer vacancies, LCIF donations and the overall health of the clubs in your district.

Cumulative Report: Cumulative membership and club summary report fiscal year-to-date.

Membership Register Report: Shows club lists and status, membership count and last membership reporting date.

Summary of Membership: Detailed district monthly report of membership types and gender by club (includes breakdown of family unit, student, Leo-Lion and young adult membership).

Leos Aging Up Report: Provides quarterly information about clubs containing Leos whose records will be closed due to age at the and of the fiscal year.

Missing Club Officers: Monthly report of missing club officers by District (only President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair).

Specialty Clubs Report: Monthly report of all specialty clubs and their category designation.

Insights: A dynamic real-time dashboard available through the Lion Portal that provides statistics based on the users' highest title and area of responsibility. Information includes but is not limited to club and membership trends, donations statistics, as well as service impact.

Forward this email to all who are interested in learning and connecting.

- 5. Encourage them to sign up for our mailing list to be notified of upcoming events.
  - #LionsVlrtual #LionsMap2Grow #LionsMarketing2Grow #GlobalLionsforum #TellAThon#GCPeace #LionalnMotion #LionsVlrtualAcademy #BurmesterVirtualBar #SpeedLeamingI

#### Inspiration & Learning Library is A Click Away The LionssVirtual YouTube channel is youri inspiration & learning library. Checkout sessions created by Lions & Leos for Lions & Leos on hot topics related to aspects of Lions...then share them to inspire others.

Make sure to suscribe to the channel for free to be notified of the latest recordings.

# DISCOVER the NEW LION PORTAL

We've updated the digital tools you use as a Lion. To put it simply, we've taking the functionality you have today with MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and combining them into one cohesive and consistent experience

# - The Lion Portal -

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-formembers/digital-products/portal-updates

# 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 likeminded organizations in the commuity 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**

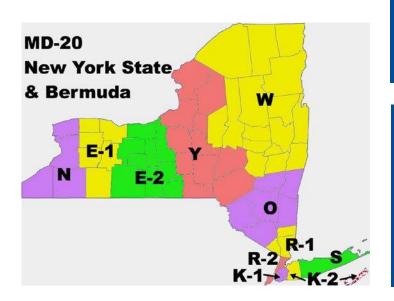
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#### Vision Screening for Children

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

Chazy Lions Club Turkey Night ...... November 9, 2025

St. Catherines Elvis Fundraiser ...... November 16, 2024

Duane Lions Club Baskt of Cheer Fundraiser..... November 24, 2024

Town of Greenfield Lions

Tree and Wreath Sale ..... November 24, 2024 through Christmas

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

Galway Lions Club Memory Tree Lighting ..... December 1, 2024

Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast Raffle ..... December 5, 2024

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

*3rd Cabinet Meeting* Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs .... February 8, 2025

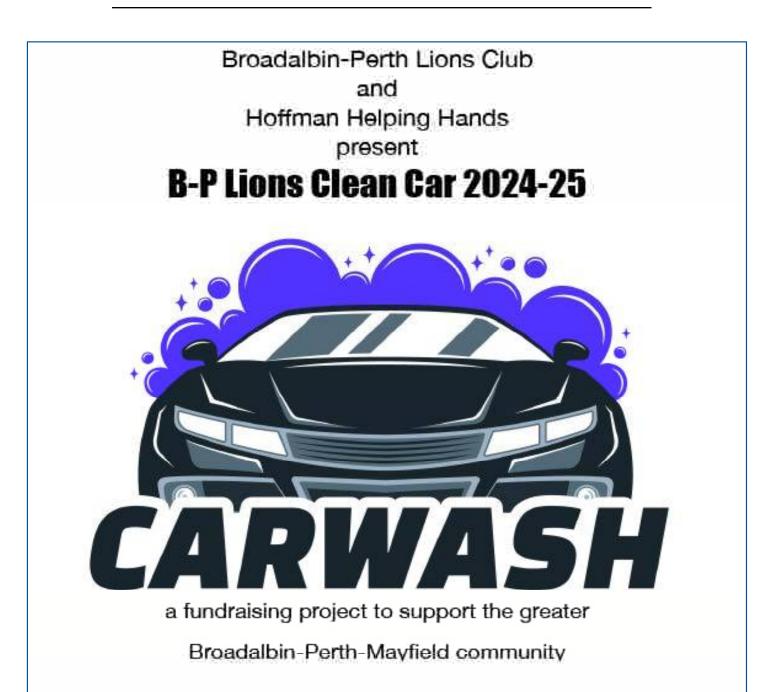
*4th Cabinet Meeting* TBA..... April, 2025

*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**



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 US50,000 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&u tm\_medium=email

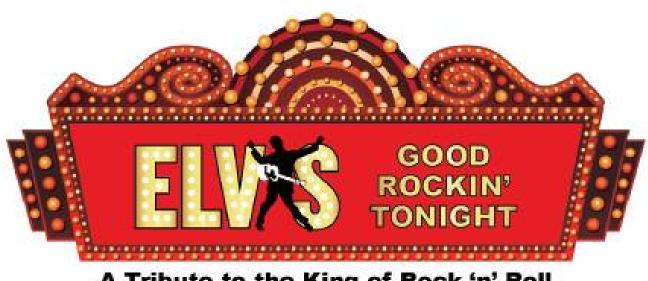
Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division Lions Clubs International



# 6:30 pm



# 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 TICKETSI



# **Dan Fontaine**









# Duane Lions Club Basket of Cheer Fundraiser

**3** Baskets will be awarded Treat Yourself and Your Friends!

# Tickets sold at these **Duanesburg locations**:

Syron's Market Back Barn Brewery 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Café @ Briar Creek Golf Course NBT Bank Helderberg Meadworks **0**r

Venmo @DuaneLions Give name, phone, email and # of tickets requested





# \$5 per ticket *or* 3 for \$10

Drawing Date: November 24, 2024 Must be 21 years old to claim prize



Helping others in our community





Town of Greenfield Lions Club Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale





TREES \$55 each Wreaths: Plain \$20 With Bow \$25

# **Corner of Rt 9N and Wilton Road** \*Self-Serve\* Lions On-Site during Weekends Starting Nov 24<sup>th</sup> thru Christmas

The Town of Greenfield Lions Club thanks you for your continued support of our efforts. Proceeds from this sale benefit Sight, Hearing, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer Awareness, Environment, Disaster Relief and Youth Programs in our community. *Thank You!!* 





# Hope for the Holidays

*Memories of happy holidays aren't always a reality for parents like Sasha and David*, who have two young girls and found themselves in a homeless shelter last year. For 8-year-old Aidan, who was removed from his home after suffering years of neglect, it won't be a happy holiday season until he finds a safe and happy home with loving caregivers.

At this time of year, friends of St. Catherine's often ask how they can brighten the holidays for someone in need. St. Catherine's *Hope for the Holidays* program offers a variety of ways you can help.

Adopt-a-Child /Adopt-a-Family: The holidays can be especially difficult for parents who are unable to provide for their children. Our *Adopt-a-Child/Adopt-a-Family* program allows you, your family and friends, or your group/organization the opportunity to make a big impact. Just reach out to us, and we will match you with a child or family in need. Needs may include food, household items/essentials, clothing, or toys. If you would like to participate in this program, we ask that you plan ahead so that your shopping is complete and donations are ready for delivery or pick-up no later than December 5. Contact us to learn more!

**Donate a Holiday Meal:** A bag of groceries is all you need to make a memorable holiday meal for a family or someone in need. A turkey or ham, canned goods, rolls, and an apple or pumpkin pie will do the trick. Our staff will personally deliver your meal(s) to those who will most benefit from your gift.

**Gift Wrapping Day:** Our annual gift wrapping day is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 (snow day December 22) from 10am to 3pm at 40 North Main Avenue in Albany. We're always looking for volunteers to join us and help wrap toys or gifts. We provide the wrapping paper, scissors, tape, and snacks. You just bring a holiday smile (colorful sweaters are optional). Simply call Dori O'Neal at 518-641-6802 to get on our volunteer list, as tables fill up quickly! *Be sure to ask about other holiday volunteer opportunities!* 

**Holiday Gift Catalog:** You can use our Holiday Gift Catalog to make cash donations that will be used to support children, adults, and families in need. Your gift can help send a child to camp, pay for therapeutic art classes for traumatized children, and so much more. Call Dori O'Neal at 518-641-6802 to be added to our mailing catalog mailing list.

Holiday Tree: Starting in mid-November, St. Catherine's will collect gifts for children through our Holiday Trees. Simply visit Colonie Center or Aviation Mall and pick a card of your choice from the tree. Shop for the gift listed on the card, and *drop the unwrapped gift in our collection box by the designated date.* Or, you can reach out to us if you would like to set up your own Holiday Tree at your office or workplace. *We will wrap and deliver all gifts by December 25, so please return your Angel donation just as soon as possible!* 

Host a Children's Holiday Party: Hosting a party for children is always a great way to bring holiday cheer! Call us if you're interested, and we'll discuss the details!

Call Dori O'Neal at 518-641-6802 or Michele Puleo-O'Hare at 518-453-6702, or email *holidayhope@st-cath.org* to learn more about holiday giving opportunities noted above.

#### Memory Tree Galway Lions Club

The Galway Lions announce the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Memory Tree in the Village Park by the bandstand. Our memory tree will be lit with bulbs donated by individuals wishing to remember loved ones during the Christmas season. It is an annual holiday tradition and bulbs can be purchased each year. There is a \$1 donation requested per bulb for each individual name submitted. All proceeds will be used for our Community Fund listed below. Names may be submitted until December 31st. Tree will be lit through the end of January.

Anyone interested in buying a bulb in memory of someone special may submit that person's name and donation to the Galway Lions Club.

A list of names of those to be remembered will be posted in the library. Each name will be listed only once. Angels next to a name will indicate additional remembrances.

Community Fund projects we donate to include: Gateway House of Peace, local holiday and spring basket programs, Lions Eye Bank at Albany, Lions Foundation, Town of Galway Summer Program, and the annual senior class breakfast.

Please join us for the tree lighting on Sunday, December 1st at 5:30 pm. Bring a flashlight. After the tree is lit, we will read the names of those being remembered.

The members of the Galway Lions Club wish to express their gratitude for your support throughout the year and wish you a joyous Christmas season.

Examples of the way names should be listed (\$1 per name)

In memory of Mr. James Smith = a \$1 donation; In memory of Mrs. Jane Smith = a \$1 donation; In memory of Mr. John & Mrs. Jane Smith = a \$2 donation; In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Smith = a \$2 donation

Donated in memory of:

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_. Make checks payable to the Galway Lions Club.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and I can be reached by phone at

\_\_\_\_\_ (in case we need to discuss your remembrances).

Detach and return to Galway Lions Club, PO Box 244, Galway, NY 12074





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



Town of Greenfield Lions Club Christmas Pop-up Shop

# Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 5pm Greenfield Community Center 25 Wilton Road

For More Information please email <u>vplummer122@gmail.com</u> 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!!



# PREDIABETES

98 Million

About 98 million American adults—**more than 1 in 3**—have prediabetes



# More than 8 in 10

adults with prediabetes don't know they have it



THE CHOCOLATE BUNNIES, IN SUPPORT OF THE LIONS EYE INSTITUE 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!!



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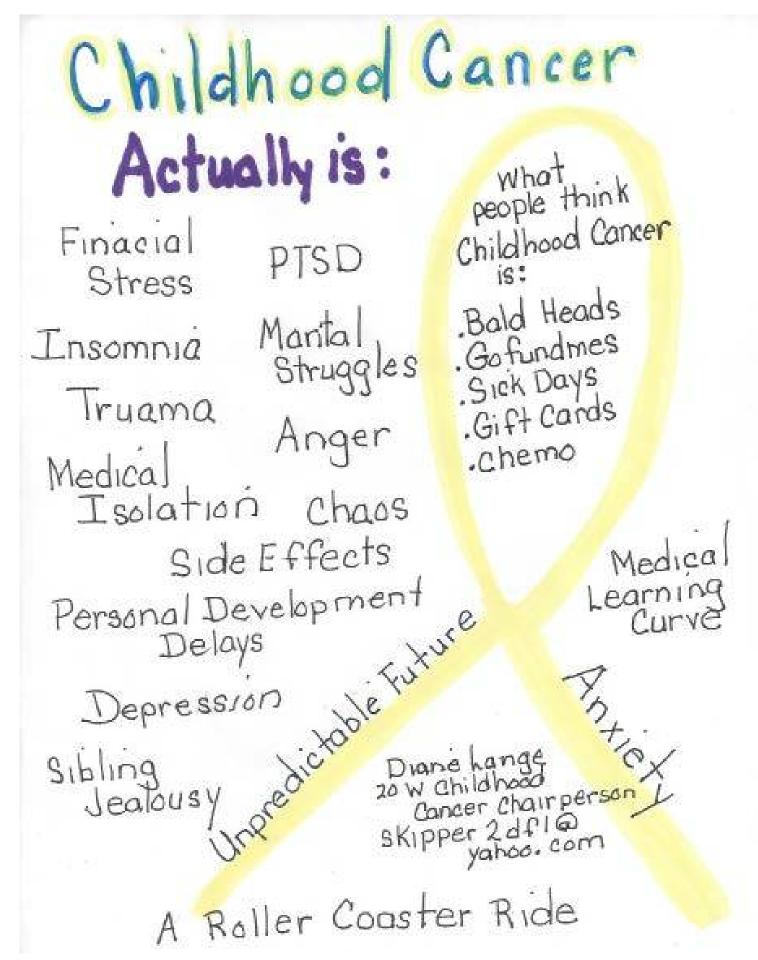
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# PDG Joan Scott Leadership Award Hear the World

#### 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 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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



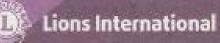
Bring your recyclable donations to PIc-N-Nickel Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 4303 NY-30, Amsterdam. Credit the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation account.

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.



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Thank you for your support of the Alert Foundation. If you have any questions please contact us. kclarkmd20@gmail.com





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Sponsor a cleaning bucket

Your club can sponsor a cleaning bucket. These buckets are filled with cleaning supplies and will be sent out to disaster areas as needed. Your club can have their name on a bucket or two or ten and then anywhere that we send it, people there will know that your club is supporting them in their time of need.

We just need your club name and district as you want them on the label along with your payment of \$40 per bucket.

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# Free Lifetime Pass for Military Veterans and Gold Star Families

This provides lifetime passes to thousands of federal recreation sites. Veterans can present one of the four forms of acceptable ID: Department of Defense ID Card, Veteran Health ID (VHIC), Veteran ID Card, or veteran's designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or ID card.

The pass can be obtained by visiting <a href="http://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.ht">www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.ht</a>



Keeping families close"



## Snacks & Beverages

Individual Cereal Cups Individual Oatmeal Cups Individual Nut and Trail Mix Packs Mini Muffin Packs Crackers & Cheese Packs Crackers & Peanut Butter Packs

# Household Items



Paper Towels Standard-size Pillows Zippered Pillow Protectors Queen-size Mattress Protectors (Zippered) Queen-size Mattress Pads Ziplock bags (snack, sandwich, & quart size) Swiffer dust cloth refills Swiffer wet cloth refills Laundry detergent Clorox mopping clothes Infant diapers Baby wipes Feminine products



## Gift Cards

Dunkin , Chipotle Subway , Dominos McDonald's Price Chopper Hannaford Gas Cards Wal-mart Sam's Club Stewart's Visa gift cards

#### Family Needs & Activities



Preemie Gerber Socks Bubbles Preemie Receiving Blankets Pop Bubble Fidget Toys Teething Toys Hot Wheels Children's Board Books Outdoor Toys/Games Play-doh Crayons

Wish List Items can be dropped off at Ronald McDonald House 139 S. Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 Monday - Friday, 9AM-5PM Questions? Call 518-438-2655



# **RMHC-CR Meal Program**

When caring individuals come together to provide home-cooked meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, that's when *love is served*.

The Albany Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with children receiving critical care at nearby hospitals. Fresh, hot meals and treats prepared by caring community volunteers bring comfort and hope to these families when they need it most.

Through our volunteer Meal Program, you can help ensure that love is served to our guest families 365 days a year. Contact us to reserve a spot on our Meal Program schedule. There are several ways to help:

#### PREPARE A MEAL

Gather a group of 2-4 volunteers to cook dinner (serving 30-40 guests) at the Ronald McDonald House Needed 3:00-6:00 P.M. daily

#### SPONSOR A MEAL

Order dinner directly from the restaurant of your choice or make a donation to cover the cost of one night's meals (-\$250).



#### To sign up, please contact:

Julia Geisel, House Manager (518) 438-2655 | jgeisel@rmhcofalbany.org

139 South Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 🛡 www.mhcofalbany.org

#### Make a few dollars while you help the environment

Our club has signed up with CLYNK, a company that pays us for returnable carls 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.

If your club would like to participate, go to clynk.com and sign up for a "CLYNK to Give" account.

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 <u>jerrygordon@juno.com</u> and Pil 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 while 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 chule 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.CRG and 20WIJONS.ORG



# ARTICLES

# **ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB**

By Lion Jerry Gordon

#### **REPORT OF THE MEETINGS**

Our first Little Free Library has been installed near the HIVE at the Produce Pickup at 579 Clinton Ave. in Albany. The next one will be at the park across 113th St. from the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club..

The formal opening of the new Albany HIVE community space will be on October 5.

New Lion Nikki has agreed to help Lion Ruth as Facebook Admin. She has come up with a schedule of weekly postings to include our meeting details, a service example, calendar items and impact stories.

We approved the membership applications from Chloe Tarlen and Mike Suske, both sponsored by KL Jodi.

Lion Queen has been working with Albany HS to expand our newly revitalized Leo Club.

We approved the establishment of a Lansingburgh Club Branch whose main service objective would be Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club. Lions Jerry and Maryanne will be overseeing this effort and have already begun looking for potential members.

Lion Greg wants to help preserve Monarch butterflies by encouraging the replanting of habitat throughout the district. The club showed interest in the project and awaits further details from Greg as to what our participation would be.

> Lion Jane Chouiniere Nov 25, 1928—Oct 9, 2024

Jane joined the Troy Lions Club in June, 1988, and has been a loyal Lion ever since. She has held most officer positions, including King Lion in 1991-92. She attended a number of state and international conventions, and in June of 2007, the club awarded her a Melvin Jones Fellowship for her many years of service. Her many accomplishments included sponsoring me (in 1991) and Allen Zieker (in 1998) for membership.

#### KING LION JODI SHELDON

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## CHAZY LIONS CLUB New Vision Camera

Bv PDG Priscilla Laurin

Thus far this year we have screened 170 Students - one more school to complete in November.

We have a new vision camera thanks to Brandel Murphy, New York State & Bermuda Foundation, Kid Site and



PDG Priscilla Laurin and Lion Karen Russell receive a check for the Brandel Murphy & Bermunda Foundation. from PDG "Smitty".

a parade. We are planning on hosting the Gibson Brothers -Folk singers that were origianally from the area.

https://www.gibsonbrothers.com/ 9, 2024.

#### **KING LION JOHN SAXE**

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Chazy Lions are starting to plan for 2026 - the 250th Birthday of the Country and the Clubs 70th. Our goal is to have celebrations that include



Chazy Lions will hold their Annual Turkey Night November 9, 2024.

# MD20 ALERT FOUNDATION/ NORTHERN NY LIONS ALERT TEAM

#### Electronic "Pearl Harbor"

By Lion Jim Cypher

That about an Electronic Pearl Harbor? Such an attack is possible and could take many forms. One brutal scenario is a complete loss of the use of cell phones, computers and other communications systems and devices. Some Lions and other concerned citizens have organized amateur radio (HAM) relay groups that take advantage of the FCC's changes in the use of shortwave radio frequencies so one does not need to learn Morse Code to get a transmitting license. A return to the good old days of CB radio and "Breaker 19" could happen too. A more likely cyberattack would be an enemy country, or a terrorist group either on their own or working for a nation state, would find the ways to subtly disable our current systems like the seven layer protocol used to make the Internet work. The security layer could be "hacked" and made useless in which case once the authorities became aware of it, they'd have to turn it off to limit damage or keep it on and suffer the consequences. Thankfully the authorities have redundant back-up methods but the normal citizen might be exposed to a fast spreading computer virus or worm that would infect open systems. News of such an event might be slow in coming or based on incomplete data and misinformation. Know that while the attack is happening you might not observe any hints that it is. The Internet might seem to work normally while behind the scenes things are happening.

There would be a period of time where chaos and confusion would occur with ATMs and other public facing systems not working or in a zombie state. Utility companies that rely on SCADA systems to run electrical, pipeline gas and water delivery could be degraded or just shut off completely. Gas station pumps might fail, traffic control devices like red lights could be hacked and airlines, trains and other transportation infrastructure might be destroyed. Civil unrest would be a natural response in such a scenario so one might need to shelter in place rather than try to evacuate unless you have a cabin in the hills within driving distance but the dangers of being out in public on the road during a national cyberattack might be dangerous too. I don't write about this to scare you but to inform you and you can read about it yourself online, before the Internet disappears! A long held belief had been that an electro

magnetic pulse (EMP) device would disable modern electronics like a nuclear explosion in the upper atmosphere does. One of them could be brought in a shipping container and effect a city. The scout's motto of Be Prepared applies now more than ever.

Please consider getting involved and our Facebook page is here:

https://www.facebook.com/LionsofMD20AlertFoundation

If a local club has a disaster in their area and needs supplies, their club president can order them here:

https://form.jotform.com/213133835644151

#### **MD20 ALERT FOUNDATION**

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#### NORTHERN NY LIONS ALERT TEAM

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# SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS

## Club Excellence Award

By Lion John Griffin

District Governor Holly McConchie visited with Clubs of Region L at our meeting on October 10, 2024, at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit. Zone Chair Jim Winkler introduced DG Holly to the group of 45 Lions and guest including members of the Clinton Lions, New Hartford/ New York Mills/Whitestown Lions, Utica Lions and the Sauquoit Valley Lions. DG Holly encouraged the Clubs to grow their Clubs memberships to enhance opportunities for Service and to support the Lions Club International Foundation. After DG Holly reviewed the upcoming District Fall Convention, Club representatives discussed upcoming activities for the year ahead.

Following the meeting the District Governor joined representatives from the Sauquoit Valley Lions in a presentation of bed linen, that Club members donated, to representatives from Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SIHP). The



Utica Chapter of SIHP recently exceeded 2000 beds delivered to children in need within our

Representatives from "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" accept ou linen donated by the Sauquoit Valley Lions Club.

communities. The SV Lions, in conjunction with a Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation grant, gifted SIHP \$4,000 in 2023.

Our second monthly meeting in October was held on October 24th at Orchard Hall. The Club voted to support the efforts of the Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors in the distribution of food to those in need at Thanksgiving. The Club will host a booth at the annual Sauquoit Valley Middle School Craft Fair to be held on November 23rd and 24th at the Middle School. Funds raised through our Lottery Tree Raffle being held over that weekend will be earmarked for Childhood Cancer treatment and research. The Sauquoit Valley Lions was awarded the Club Excellence Award for 2023-2024 by Lions Clubs International and Lion President John Markley accepted a pin and patch at the meeting in recognition of the achievement.

The Club also voted to donate \$500.00 to the LCIF Disaster fund and \$250.00 to the Rome Lions Club in response to recent weather related disasters.

#### **KING LION JOHN MARKLEY**

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# CLINTON LIONS CLUB Joint DG Visitation

By Lion Jim Winkler

A tour first meeting of the month, we welcomed *District Governor (DG) Holly* and her Club Secretary, Margo Walrath. We met jointly with members from the Utica, New Hartford-NewYork Mills – Whitestown and Sauquoit Valley Lions Clubs at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit, New York. DG Holly came fully equipped with her DG pins and directory that she distributed to all inattendance. Following a most enjoyable buffet, DG Holly addressed the almost fifty (50) Lions and guests assembled. She reminded us of the International Convention venue change from Mexico City to Orlando next July 4 - 8, LCI's Mission 1.5 and her goals for this Lions year.

She inducted a *new member* into the New Hartford-New York Mills – Whitestown Lions Cluband participated in the *Sauquoit Valley Lions gift of bedding* to the two (2) representatives in attendance from the local chapter of



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to getting needy kids off the floor and safe in all communities. The bedding will accompany twin and bunk beds constructed through funds and volunteer hours

Clinton Lions Bill O'Mara and Garry ColarussoWith<br/>wrepareto move member-donated food from<br/>be<br/>twWith<br/>twmeeting room to local Country Pantry (October<br/>24, 2024).be

donated by local businesses and individuals meeting SHP's national commitment of "*No child sleeps on the floor in our community*". The local chapter is about ready to



celebrate the construction and delivery of the 2,000th bed in its first three (3) years of operation!

Region Chair introduces DG Holly at Joint DG Visitation to Sauquoit Valley, Utica, Clinton and New Hartford/New York Mills – Whitestown Lions Clubs as Sauquoit Valley President Lion John Marley looks on (October 10, 2024).

**CONGRATULATIONS** – and **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Sauquoit Valley Lions** for partnering with them!

At our second meeting, we solidified the plans for

conducting the annual *Salvation Army Red Kettle* campaign slated to begin the day after Thanksgiving, discussed scheduling and location of our popcorn machine that will provide "Lion's popcorn" for revelers in attendance at the community's annual *Shopper's Stroll* on the same day - a day when our New England-style village ushers in the Holiday Season as people shop and peruse the shops surrounding our local village green and Santa himself, anchors the annual Holiday Parade up Main Street.

In keeping with our tradition at all our monthly meetings and the request of District Hunger Chair, our own Lion Bob Maxam, members in attendance once again brought roughly *forty (40)pounds of food* that were donated to the local Country Pantry in time for the October Distribution.

Also continuing our signature service projects, we continue *collecting used eyeglasses* from pre-established locations



One of the last cars passes through the loading area of the monthlyfood distribution winds down at Church of the Annunciation in Clark Mills, NY (October 28, 2024).

around the community and *assistance on Distribution Day* monthly at our local Food Pantry. On October 28th, ten (10) members joined other community volunteers loading food supplies donated from community residents and purchased from the RegionalFood Bank in Syracuse, NY. We loaded food into approximately 575 cars for 1,125 people. Next month will be the big distribution as it will be held just before Thanksgiving – we pray fordecent weather.

Finally, we are about to undertake a new service project. After seeing the *used crayon recycling* article in the District Newsletter for a number of months, one of our members, Lion Garry Colarusso, researched it on the internet. He discovered Staples was involved in this service project. We will be forming a *partnership with our local Staples Store* to turn the crayons over to them once club members collect them from the sites we are pre-establishing. Staples will take care of the recycling efforts and see that they are melted down and reused in rehabilitation centers and hospitals for children. Sounds like the used eyeglass recycling program that we've been accomplishing all these years. Stay tuned as we start this up – we'll keep you posted.

# ENJOY THAT EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP YOU LOST LAST SPRING!

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# BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS CLUB Coin Drop

By Lion Ed Balaban



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Tim Munn, left, and Valerie Kevlin, cheerfully greeted drivers as contributions were generously made during the Lions' annual Coin Drop in the Village of Broadalbin.



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Tim Ott graciously for your ge accepts a passing driver's cash contribution contributio during the Lions' Coin Drop in the Village of Townsend. Broadalbin.

the greater Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community. Bob Townsend, Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President, extends his gratitude to all who contributed during this event. "The community we serve is grateful for your generous contribution," said

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club began their weekend early, Saturday morning, Oct. 26, when they took station at the intersection of Main Street and Second Avenue in

the Village of Broadalbin to

conduct their annual Coin Drop.

Lions safely greeted vehicles at

each of the streets approaching

the intersection and received a steady stream of donations

between 9 AM through noon.

Club endeavors that support

The funds will be used to support

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Broadalbin-Perth Lion Club President Bob Townsend receives a contribution from a passing driver during the Club's annual Coin Drop. Working the four streets of the intersection in the Village of Broadalbin.

#### KING LION ROBERT TOWNSEND

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## **REGION I/ZONE A** Zone Project/Charlton School for Girls By DG Holly McConchie

By DG Holly McConchie

The five Lions Clubs of Region I Zone A (Ballston Spa, Galway, Scotia-Glenville, Saratoga Springs and Town of Greenfield) joined for a Zone Service Project at The Charlton School for Girls on Saturday 10/5/24.



The school is a non-profit therapeutic learning community for high school girls with various mental health issues. As part of their high school curriculum they have a large "Pollinator Garden" used in science classes. Over the years portions of the garden have become overgrown and need of some "TLC". Fourteen Lions representing all five clubs of the Zone united to

work on a portion of the garden removing weeds, roto-



tilling, adding five yards of topsoil (purchased by the clubs), replanting perennial plants, adding mulch that the school had and rebuilding part of the gravel walkway dividing the beds. It took

approximately five hours of hard work to complete the section we selected. A couple of Lions expressed interest in coming back next year to work on another section.



An interesting note is this is not the first time Lions have stepped up to help the school's needs. In the mid-60's a 20Y2 District project raised funds to help build a

swimming pool. That pool is still being used.

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# GET THE LIONS ROAR

Click this link https://albanytroylions.org/20wsignup.htm Fill all the required spaces and submit! It's THAT EASY!

# DIABETES

#### **Diabetes Awareness Month**

By Lion Barbara Bentley

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and November 14th is World Diabetes Day. Established in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation with support from the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the health and economic threat posed by diabetes, World Diabetes Day became an official UN day in 2006. But do you know why the date November 14th was chosen as World Diabetes Day? It is because that day is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

As Lions, we can help raise awareness for diabetes and pre-diabetes, especially during November. Here are a few small things we can do:

Distribute the pre-diabetes risk assessment test. You can find a copy at: https://www.cdc.gov/prediabetes/pdf/ Prediabetes-Risk-Test-Final.pdf

Share the link to the online test on your social media sites: https://DoIHavePrediabetes.org

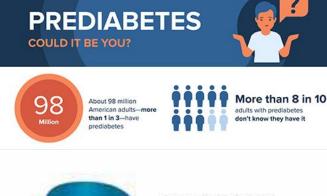
Distribute the diabetes bookmarks that can be purchased from LCI in the online store. These bookmarks can be placed in bags at food pantries, placed in libraries and senior centers, or shared in other ways.

Connect with your local Cornel Cooperative to host a "Dining with Diabetes" program, possibly at your local library, to promote healthy eating.

You can hold a walk in your community and invite local healthcare workers to walk with your group to answer questions people may have.

These are only a few ideas, but the point is, just like most of us aren't ophthalmologists or optometrists, we are still champions for sight, we don't have to be diabetes educators to be champions for diabetes and work in our communities to raise awareness for pre-diabetes. That's important!!! The facts show that about 98 million American adults, more than 1 in 3, have prediabetes, and of that number more than 8 in 10 don't know they have it. By helping raise awareness about pre-diabetes and sharing the risk test with as many as we can, we can help them have the conversation with their physician and in some cases, save their life!!

If you have any questions, or would like me to come talk to your club more about prediabetes and what you can do in your community, please feel free to reach out to me at Barbann22@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER IS

AWABENESS

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DIABETES

#### DISTRICT DIABETES AWARENESS CHAIR

**BARBARA BENTLEY** - ADCES Certified Diabetes Paraprofessional P.O. Box 1031, Guilderland, NY 12804 Cell: 518-894-1375 bbentley@saratogaspringslions.org



#### STEPS TO CREATE A SERVICE ACTIVITY ON LION PORTAL PAGE 1

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

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Select: YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT

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- Donation
- Fundraiser
- Meeting

Service Project

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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.

#### STEPS TO CREATE A SERVICE ACTIVITY ON LION PORTAL PAGE 2

REQUIRED METRICS (MUST FILL OUT THIS SECTION)

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- 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
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- □ TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (DURING THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- □ TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (USD)
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- TREES PLANTED/CARED FOR

ADDITIONAL DETAILS (FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE)

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#### CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL) PAGE 1

#### CAUSE: CHILDHOOD CANCER PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Child and Family Tutoring
- Entertainment and Recreational Activity

#### CAUSE: DIABETES PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Diabetes Retreats and Symposiums
- 11 Diabetes Support Group
- Healthy Eating for Gestational Diabetes
- Healthy Living for Type 2 Diabetes

#### CAUSE: DISASTER RELIEF PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Recovery and Reconstruction

#### 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

- □ Family Assistance
- Organization of Facility Assistance
- Professional Training and Support.
- Other
- Recreational Facility Improvement Event
- Strides for Diabetes Awareness
- Type 2 Diabetes Risk Awareness and Screening
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- □ Other
- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency Response
- □ Other

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#### CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL) PAGE 2

#### 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

#### CAUSE: HUNGER PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Gardens and Agriculture

#### CAUSE: VISION PROJECT TYPE:

- Adult Vision Screening
  - Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
  - Eyeglass Collection and Recycling
  - □ Lions Eye Banks

#### CAUSE: YOUTH PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Education and Literacy
- Lions Quest
- Peace Poster and Essay Contests

- Community Event
- Community Improvement
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Other Health Service Activity
- 11 Other
- Food Collection and Food Banks
- Meal Preparation and Distribution
- □ Other
- Support Services for the Blind or Visually Impaired
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other
- U Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE)
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other

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# Are your club Events and Articles in the Roar?

# DEADLINE IS THE 28TH OF THE MONTH Except February which is the 25th

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(Please here this is mind if you have event at the territories of the marity is also satural the modify pine).

## ANTICLES

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- 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 <u>ONLY</u> with written permission from the originating publication.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

# PHOTOS

- Digital submission preferred in JPG.
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- FLEASE MAKE SURE CAPTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CORRESPONDING PHOTOS!

# EVENT RYEES

- Digital submission in verticle format; jpg, pdf format or Microsoft Word are acceptable.
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## Submissions can be made to karen@deuxflutes.com





## Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS

#### LIONS LOAN-OUT EQUIPMENT

Bolow is a list of assistive devices available at many of LBCS of NTS's Loan-Out Contexs. (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 FN System

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

#### Alert Master

Uses a pillow shaker and a lamp flashing simultaneously to alsot 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 Alhany, NY 12203 Voice: (518) 690-2060

#### Medison & Saratoga Hearing Center

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

#### Center for Better Hearing 318 Ridge Street Gleen Falls, NY 12801

Ginn Falls, NY 12401 Voine: (518) 638-4363

#### Audiologic Solutions 361 Fairview Avenue, Suite 350

361 Farview Avenue, Suite 330 Hadson, NY 12534 Voire: (518) 631-2564

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

414 Maple Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Voire/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 Genese: Street Utica, NY 13503

Voice: (315) 797-4642 Eat. 2928 TTY: (315) 797-5837