

# District 20W LIONS ROAR



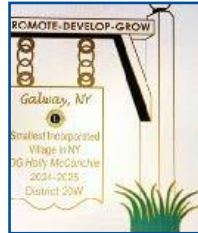
## April 2025

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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**



**F**ellow Lions,

It’s April and spring is around the corner! The second half of our Lions year is in full swing. Time to update the portal with new officers for 2025-2026 and reward those in your clubs who have helped you succeed in assisting your communities with what they need!

**SPAM/SCAM ALERTS** – Please be advised that I would never send you an email asking for favors, gift cards etc. I only have one email address and it is hmcconchie@aol.com. If the email is from anything else, please know that I did not send it and delete the message.

Our next cabinet meeting is scheduled for April 5th up in Crown Point at the War Cannon, flyer with details are out to your club presidents and secretaries. Presidents and secretaries are key attendees but any club member is always welcome.

All club secretaries and presidents should have received an email from me with delegate forms for those clubs who have members attending the state convention. If no one is attending, no need to return the form to MD-20. If members are attending, please list PDGs at the bottom and regular members at the top, have signed by the club president and secretary and send on to MD-20.

The 2025 International Convention is in Orlando, Florida July 13th – 17th 2025. Make your plans to join Lions from around the world! If you have never seen the Parade of Nations, you’re in for a treat!

Mission 1.5 (growing membership to 1.5M world-wide 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. I have inducted at least one new member at many of my 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 the ~13,000 we currently have.

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? Please be sure to note in the memo line either Empowering Service or Disaster Relief. If you use Disaster Relief, please don't specify a particular disaster as when that disaster is finally cleaned up, any monies specifically noted to that disaster cannot be used anywhere else. There are also LCIF raffle tickets out there for purchase - \$10 each or book of 6 for \$50. See your club secretary, they should have received tickets.

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, maw1026@gmail.com, for assistance. Here are the basic steps:

### **To Report Service Projects**

1. Go to [WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://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



**NEXT ROAR DEADLINE**

**APRIL  
28**

**karen@deuxflutes.com**

**Submission requirements  
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## **IMPORTANT EVENT DATES TO RECORD IN YOUR CALENDARS:**

4th Cabinet meeting – \*April 5, War Cannon in Ticonderoga

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

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

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

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

## **DG Holly McConchie's 2024 – 2025 Visitation Schedule**

April 8, 2025 Hadley-Luzerne

April 10, 2025 Ogdensburg

April 17, 2025 Greater Herkimer

April 21, 2025 Plattsburgh

April 28, 2025 Lake Placid

May 12, 2025 Clifton Fine

May 27, 2025 Long Lake / **Newcomb**

**Rescheduling date Town of Schroon**

**Dates in Red are tentative, waiting confirmation from individual clubs**

## **Protocol for the District Governor's Official Visitation**

For the District Governor to have a successful visit to your club, please adhere to the following recommendations:

1. Keep your Club's calendar open for the date agreed upon.
2. Please do not schedule any other guest speaker at that meeting.
3. Plan to conduct your regular meeting and agenda, unless the District Governor requests that he/she speak first. (In case of inclement weather or a long drive home for the DG.)
4. The District Governor would be honored to induct new members at the official visit. Please notify in advance.
5. It is customary that the club pay for the meal of the DG. It is optional to pay for the meal of the Partner-in-Service.
6. Send a notice to all members of the Club that the DG will be making his/her official visit. Be sure to give them the date and request that as many as possible attend.
7. Be proud of your Club and tell the DG of your activities.

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

Yours in Lionism,

DG Holly McConchie 1

3 Marilyn Drive

Glenville, NY 12302

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hmconchie@aol.com

Galway Lions Club

Galway Lions Club

# WHO'S WHO

## DISTRICT 20W CABINET

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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## GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

### LEADERSHIP

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## NEW VOICES COORDINATOR GMT Family and Women's Specialist

Your Name Here

### EXTENSION TEAM SERVICE

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Club: Glens Falls

# **REGIONS AND ZONES**

## **REGION L**

### **REGION CHAIR**

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### **Zone "A" Chair**

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**Your name here**  
*Albany & Troy, Bethlehem, Duane, Greater Ravena Area,  
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### **REGION CHAIR**

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### **ZONE "A" Chair**

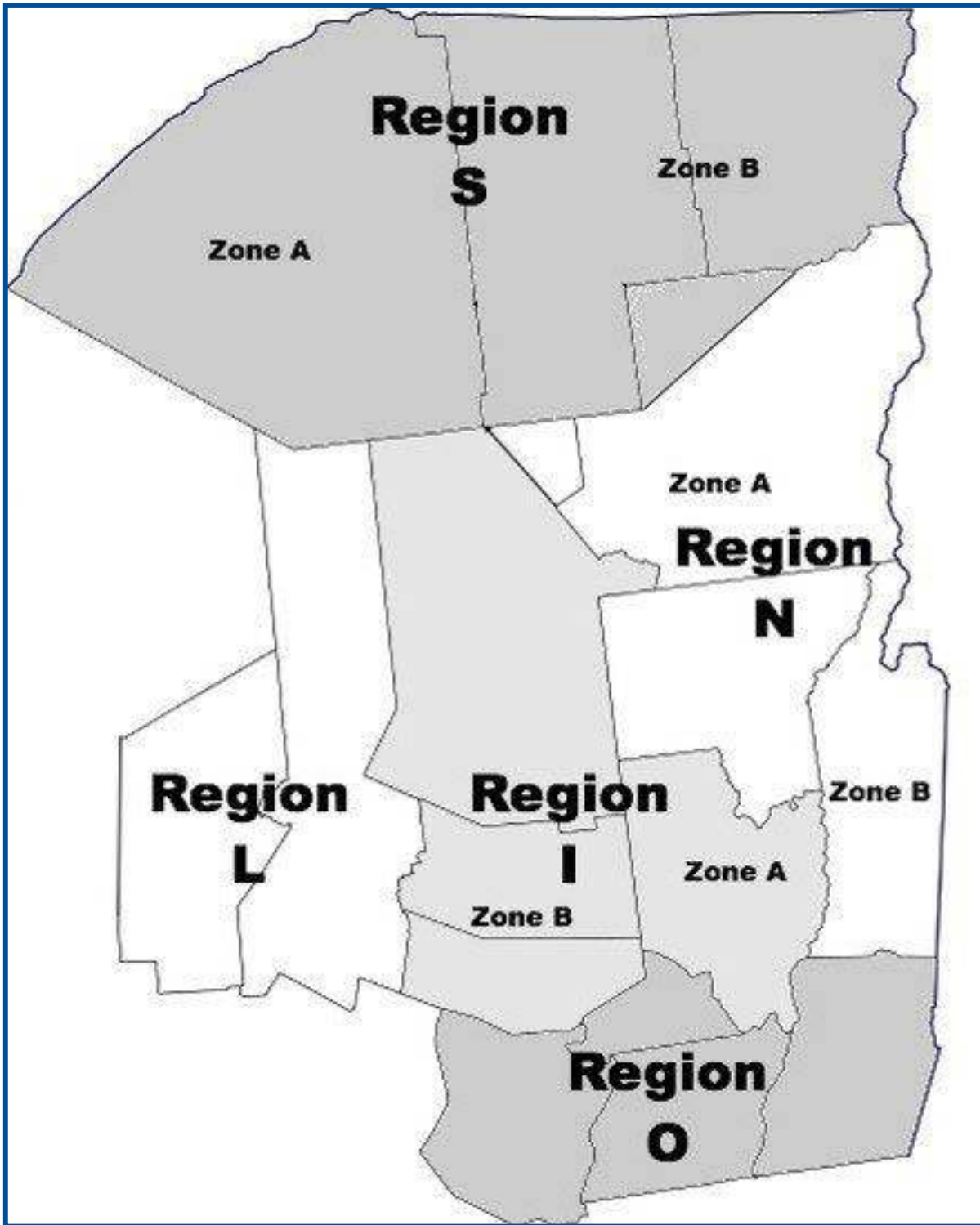
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Lake, Tupper Lake*



# **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.



# Global Extension Team



**GLT Coordinator**  
PCC MARK WHITNEY

## *Leadership Development*

### **Learn. Lead. Grow.**

Learning is part of the human experience. It empowers us to improve our thinking, our feeling, our communication, and our service.

### **When Lions and Leos put learning into action, leadership happens.**

The Leadership Development Team works year-round with Lions and Leos who want to continue growing for the sake of their clubs, their communities, and Lions Clubs International.

If that describes you—no matter where you are in your leadership journey—training and development opportunities are available to keep you moving

## *Online Learning*

**And prepare for your role as a club officer with these self-paced online courses available free to you through the Lions Portal and Learning Center...**

**Club Membership Chairperson Learning Path**

**Club President Learning Path**

**Club Secretary Learning Path**

**Club Treasury Learning Path**

**CONVENTION 2025**

# CELEBRATE 101 Years OF LIONS' SERVICE

**MAY 16 - 18, 2025**

Join us in  
Niagara Falls, NY



MD20LIONSCONVENTION.ORG  
New York and Bermuda Lions 101<sup>st</sup> Convention



## **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, MyLCl, Insights and other tools  
and combining them into one cohesive and consistent experience

**— The Lion Portal —**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates>



# LIONS RESOURCES

can be found at this link

[www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center](http://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

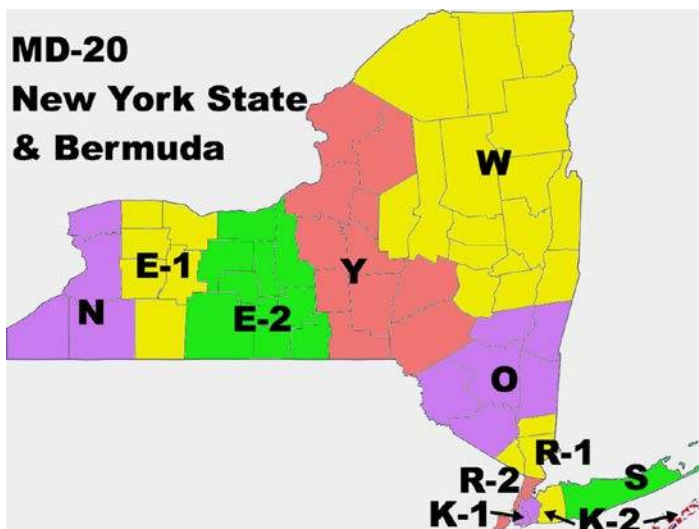
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## Vision Screening for Children

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](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit#mod1)



# CALENDAR

## 4th Cabinet Meeting

Ticonderoga..... April, 5 2025

Sauquoit Valley Lions Club

Palm Sunday Pancake Buffet ..... April 13, 2025

Saratoga Lions Club

Night at the Brewseum..... April 25, 2025

Region I Zone A Social ..... April 24, 2025

NABA Spring Celebration ..... April 24, 2025

Town of Greenfield Lions Club

Spring Fling Pop Up Vendor ..... April 26, 2025

Bethlehem Lions Club

Annual Pancake Breakfast ..... April 27, 2023

1Region I Zone A Lions Clubs

Walk.Bike.Run ..... May 3, 2025

Lions Eye Institute

35th Anniversary ..... May 10, 2025

## Testimonial Dinner

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

State Convention

Niagara Falls ..... May 16 – 18th 2025

Glens Falls Lions Club

Golf Tournament ..... June 7, 2025

International Convention

Orlando, FL ..... July 13 – 17 2025

Lions Eye Bank

Annual Golf torunament ..... August 4, 2025

Schuylerville Lions Club

Tasting on the Hudson..... September 13, 2025

Saratoga Lions Club and

Albany & Troy Lions Club

Charter Night..... October 11, 2025

# EVENTS/FLYERS

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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](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



New York State & Bermuda Lions

## Lions SEE, Inc.

Screening Eyes Early  
[www.lionsseeny.org](http://www.lionsseeny.org)



In Partnership with Kidsight USA

Looking to become a more active Lion?  
Lions SEE is seeking volunteers

Lions SEE is currently looking for Lions who have a desire to serve. If you possess a talent for marketing, fundraising, accounting or another skill useful in promoting the mission of Lions SEE, we are looking for your assistance. If you want to work on a committee or serve as a director, we want your unique skill set.

Applications for directors are on the website, [www.lionsseeny.org](http://www.lionsseeny.org) Please email the completed application to PDG Mike Lawkowski at [michaellawkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:michaellawkowski@yahoo.com)

Questions? Call Lion Mike at 716-228-9386

Please submit your application before March 15.

### **LIONS ARE SOCIAL!**

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



SAUQUOIT VALLEY  
LIONS CLUB

presents:

# PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BUFFET

**Sunday  
April 13**

**8am-12pm**

**Willowvale Fire House  
Oneida Street  
Chadwicks**

## Menu

pancakes  
sausage  
french toast sticks  
Applesauce  
Danish  
Yogurt  
coffee & OJ

Adults \$10  
Children under 12 \$7  
Children under 5 - free

# Night At The **BREWSEUM**

Where History & Spirits Come to Life

**\*VIP\* 5:00PM-6:30PM**

Presented by the Saratoga Springs Lions Club



**Friday, April 25, 2025**  
**6:30PM - 9:00PM**



Canfield Casino • Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, NY

21 and Over Only • ID is Required



## promote your event

for maximum visibility & traction

*Let everyone know  
what your club is  
going to be doing!*





**TOWN OF GREENFIELD LIONS**  
**SPRING FLING**  
**VENDOR POP-UP**

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**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 9AM TO 4PM**

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
25 WILTON ROAD, GREENFIELD CTR  
**VENDORS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE**

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**LOCAL VENDORS    LIONS FOOD**  
**SILENT AUCTION    BAKE SALE**  
**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE BY**  
**GREENFIELD LEO/CUB CLUB**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LION VERNA PLUMMER AT  
518-605-6105 OR EMAIL [VPLUMMER122@GMAIL.COM](mailto:vplummer122@gmail.com)  
**SERVING THE TOWNS OF GREENFIELD & CORINTH FOR 40 YEARS**



WE SERVE

SINCE 1954

*The BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB invites you to our annual*

# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27th, 8:30-11:00 AM**

**MY PLACE & CO. RESTAURANT**

**241 DELAWARE AVE.**

**DELMAR, NY 12054**

**Tickets \$12 Adults, \$8 kids 10 yrs & under**

*Purchase at the door or in advance. Includes pancakes, bacon, coffee, hot tea, juice*



*All proceeds benefit local charitable initiatives related to Hearing, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness, Youth and Senior Citizen groups. If interested in advance tickets, **DONATING** or **ADVERTISING** on our Breakfast Placemat, please contact: Colleen at [cbonacci16@gmail.com](mailto:cbonacci16@gmail.com)*





**LIONS EYE  
INSTITUTE**

*at Albany, NY Inc*



*You're Invited*

*to the*

*Lions Eye Institute*

*35th Anniversary Celebration*

*Saturday, May 10, 2025*

*12:00 noon*

*Albany Country Club*

*300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville NY 12186*

*Lunch & Program \$50/pp*

*Special Guest*

*Dr. Robert Schultze*

*Kindly RSVP by Friday, May 2nd*

*to: Barbara Bentley at*

*Barbann22@gmail.com*

**Glens Falls Lions Club**

# **Swing for Sight and Sound**

## **22nd Annual Golf Tournament**

*at Airway Meadows*



**Saturday June 7, 2025**

**Registration at 7:45 am**

**1st place team \$400**

**\$100 per person**

**Raffles and Prizes**

**Water/Soda/Hotdog at the turn**

**Kielbasa and Chicken Bar-b-cue**

**After the Tournament**

**For more information**

**Contact Scott Rager**

**518-798-3143**

**rager@roadrunner.com**

**Event/Tee/Hole Sponsorships Available!**

**Help Support our Missions  
of Sight and Sound and More!**

**P.O. Box 528, Glens Falls, NY 12801**

## Glens Falls Lions Club

# Swing for Sight and Sound

## 3 Ways You Can Help our Misions



### 1. SPONSER A TEAM - \$100 per person

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SPONSER A Tee/Hole - \$125 per Tee/Hole

Company Logo on Tee/Hole Sineage

### 3. Event Sponsor - \$1000

Company Logo on Banner and foursome with dinner

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**“GLENS FALLS LIONS CLUB CSF”**

SEND TO P.O. BOX 528, GLENS FALS NY 12801

**PLEASE RSVP no later than**  
**Sunday June 1, 2025**

Making an Impact  
in Your Community  
for Over 70 Years!



Sight Society of Northeastern New York, INC.

2025 Newsletter

### WHO ARE WE?

The Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast (LEBNE) is a non-profit organization established by the Lions to restore sight and improve lives through eye tissue donation. We serve as a vital link in the process of eye donation. Dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for corneal transplants, medical research, and education.

### OUR MISSION = YOUR VISION

*The* **"GIFT"**  
*of Sight*

"Every flower I see,  
every patient I  
help, every smile on  
another's face is  
seen through their  
eye. Thank You"

-Grateful Recipient-

### 2024 SUCCESSES



#### DONOR NUMBERS

Over 750 Donors in 2024, with August being our high of 83 Donors!



#### CORNEA PLACEMENT

In August of 2024, we placed 50 Corneas for Transplant in one week!



#### TRANSPLANTS

Facilitated over 1,200 Corneal Transplants!



#### PROGRAMMING

Established our own DSAEK & DMEK Programs!



#### EXPANSION

Enlarging our facility by 5,000 square feet

4 Tower Place  
Suite 601  
Albany, NY 12203  
518-489-7606

#### Contact Us!

[www.lebnortheast.org](http://www.lebnortheast.org)

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Suite 150  
Rochester, NY 14623  
585-272-7890

## 101st NY State and Bermuda Lions Clubs Convention May 16-18, 2025 - Niagara Falls NY

This year we are trying something different for our Gala held on Saturday evening (May 17, 2025).

We are looking for districts or clubs to sponsor tables at the gala.  
There will be approximately 40 tables available.

The cost of sponsoring a table will be \$50 with the option of having those tables reserved for your district or club. A sign will be placed on any sponsored table stating who the sponsor is and if reserved, a sign will state that the table is reserved for your district or club.

Districts and Clubs can sponsor as many tables as they would like.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

For more information, contact Sharon Battaglia  
2025 MD-20 Convention Chair  
716-474-4039 ~ sharonb20n@gmail.com



Greetings Lions of the US and Affiliates,

We are looking forward to starting off the year 2025 with a big LionsUSA splash!

Our goal is to make a huge nation-wide impact by performing Lions vision screenings in as many of our communities as possible during the week of January 12-19, 2025 as we celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones.

Imagine the difference that can be made for the visual needs of our preschool and school age students!

Imagine the public awareness of Lions in our communities when we do this collectively all across our nation!

More information to follow, but save this week for vision projects now.

## Schuylerville Lions Club



SCHUYLERVILLE, NY

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

SAT, SEPT 13, 2025 3-6 PM

HUDSON CROSSING PARK



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QR code for TICKETS

## 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.

Did you know....  
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# Childhood Cancer

Actually is:

Financial Stress

PTSD

Insomnia

Mental 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

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# **Bottle & Can** **RETRIEVAL CENTERS™**



Bring your recyclable donations to  
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Credit the Broadalbin-Perth Lions  
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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 Goals? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

### 3. LCF

- Contributed to LCF 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.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District          | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District | <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International     |  |

**E. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Due by: August 31, 2025**

Send to: [dy.bowdler@lionsclubs.org](mailto:dy.bowdler@lionsclubs.org)

Awards mailed to 2025-2026 district governors

Request to review award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the Lion year, provided that the original application form is already filed at Lions International.



**Lions International**

District and Clubs Administration

Lions International

300 W. 22nd St.

Oak Brook, IL 60521-6842 USA

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

DM-CEA 4/2024-BN

Thank you for your support of the Alert Foundation.

If you have any questions please contact us. [kclarkmd20@gmail.com](mailto:kclarkmd20@gmail.com)



*Lions of MD 20 Alert Foundation*

*7643 Park Ave.*

*Lowville, NY 13367*



**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.**

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check payable to: Lions of MD20 Alert  
Foundation**

**Mail check and this form to:**

**Kelly Clark 7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367**



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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 [www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.ht](http://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.ht)



# Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> of the Capital Region

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## Snacks & Beverages

- Individual Cereal Cups
- Individual Oatmeal Cups
- Individual Nut and Trail Mix Packs
- Mini Muffin Packs
- Crackers & Cheese Packs
- Crackers & Peanut Butter Packs
- Individual Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn
- Protein bars
- Fresh Fruit: Bananas, Oranges, Apples
- Water (6 - 12 oz bottles)
- Lemonade, Sprite, Coke, Seltzer (12 oz. cans)
- Powerade (12 oz bottles)
- Ramen/Cup O' Noodles Soup
- Infant food pouches: Fruit/Veggies/Yogurts

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

## Family Needs & Activities



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



**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**



# Love is Served



## 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).



Ronald McDonald  
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of the Capital Region

### To sign up, please contact:

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

139 South Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 ♥ [www.rmhcofalbany.org](http://www.rmhcofalbany.org)

## **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.

If your club would like to participate, go to [clynk.com](http://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 [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto: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](http://ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG) and [20W/LIONS.ORG](http://20W/LIONS.ORG)



# ARTICLES

## ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

### Little Free Libraries

By Lion Jerry Gordon

#### Report of the board meetings held on March 17 on line

Lion Ruth received a \$500 grant from Price Chopper to purchase Spanish books for our Little Free Libraries. We also got \$1250 from Stewarts. Jerry reported that thanks to a tardy donor, the seal campaign now stands at \$1785.

Ruth reports that we bought 396 chocolate bunnies from Lions Eye Institute. Eva took 100 at \$2.50 each splitting the list price. Lions Jerry and Maryanne bought 24 for Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club. Total so far we have sold 356. We still have 40 available and will donate any that are not sold by Easter.

On March 13, Queen's Guardians of ALFitrah and the Albany Leos held a very successful event that fed about 100 homeless and folks battling substance abuse from Cap City Rescue Mission and the shelter on Sheridan Ave. They supplied them with personal-care and clothing items, including Bombas socks and underwear from the Interfaith Partnership. The Leos wore their new Tshirts.

On March 26, the new SUNY UAlbany Campus Club hosted our first zone meeting in several years. There were around 30 Lions present, including 7 A&T Lions, with pizza, salad, cookies, cupcakes and soft drinks to quell our hunger. An assortment of PDGs spoke about clubs



*DG Holly McConchie inducting our newest Lion, Paul "Batman" Collins-Hackett, along with Lion Queen Ghaffar-Adjei, Paul's sponsor.*

working together on joint projects, the importance of growing our membership, and leadership training for club officers. The highlight of the evening (for us) was DG Holly McConchie inducting our newest Lion, Paul "Batman" Collins-Hackett. They're in the photo with Lion Queen Ghaffar-Adjei, Paul's sponsor.

For many years, the Times Union sponsored the Spelling Bee in our area, but they recently decided to discontinue that practice. So the Spelling Bee approached Eden's Rose Foundation to be the Regional Sponsor, and ERF recommended the Albany and Troy Lions Club as the lead sponsor and co-sponsored the initiative, leveraging its expertise in program development and community engagement. Recognizing the need for broader engagement, ERF brought in additional partners: The RED (Read Each Day) Bookshelf – a well-established literacy program with school partnerships, and Albany Housing Authority – connecting with families and children who could benefit most from this initiative.



#### The Winner

Initially, Lion Mike Suske, an ERF employee, headed up

this project, but his sudden departure left us with a problem. Just like in the comics, Batman came to the rescue! As Executive Director of the RED Bookshelf and a new Lion, Paul was well positioned for this project. He lined up CapRep as a venue for our first regional competition as a no-charge contribution to the community.

Following up on Mike's efforts, 38 students and their families showed up on March 29. They came from as far afield as Amsterdam, Middleburgh, Cobleskill and Northville. Paul had 5 volunteer judges, pronouncers, and other support staff to keep the morning running smoothly. Unfortunately, I didn't catch the winner's name, but she'll be off to Washington to compete in the national finals. We'll keep you posted.

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# **BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS CLUB**

## **Vision Screenings**

By DG Holly McConchie

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, back row, and Tzigane Lajeunesse, LPN, KidSight Coordinator from the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA), far right standing, conducted vision screenings for Mayfield Central School's Pre-K through 1st grade students this week. Over 100 students were screened with a special camera used to detect potential vision impairments. Those flagged will be referred to a doctor for a follow-up visit. As always, Mayfield Central School is grateful for their community partnerships.



The Broadalbin-Perth Lions made a donation to Camp Abilities, a service project of the nearby Saratoga Springs Lions Club, at their most recent meeting held at C&R Restaurant in Galway.

Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one week sports camp for blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind children which is held on the campus of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs during the first week of August. This summer will be the camp's 12th year of operation. The camp relies on donations and grants to enable campers to attend at no cost.

The staff of Camp Abilities Saratoga features a Camp Director with credentials in Adapted Physical Education along with an expert in each adapted sport being offered. The camp features a 1:1 counselor to camper ratio on an as appropriate basis. Camp counselors are usually college interns involved in the Adapted Physical Education field.

As he presented a check to Saratoga Lion and Camp Abilities fundraising chair Jim Flynn, Broadalbin-Perth Lions President Bob Townsend praised the Saratoga Lions



Club for creating a model that has been replicated several times around the world, and provides sight and hearing impaired youngsters a unique opportunity to engage in athletic activities like their unimpaired peers.

*From left, Saratoga Springs Lion Bob Kazalski and Saratoga Springs Lion/Camp Abilities Fundraising Chair Jim Flynn, receive a check from Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend in support of Camp Abilities. Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one week sports camp for blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind children which is held on the campus of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs during the first week of August. This summer will be the camp's 12th year of operation. The camp relies on donations and grants to enable campers to attend at no cost.*



*Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions and BPHS students sold and served food during the Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair held at Broadalbin-Perth High School this weekend. Several other Lions participated during the two-day event.*

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions made their presence felt at this weekend's Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair at the Broadalbin-Perth High School.

As in years past, the B-P Lions operated the primary food concession, offering chili, pizza, hot dogs, candy, fruit/vegetable cups, coffee, and a

variety of soft drinks. The weekend's indecisive and windy weather seemed to increase the event's attendance thereby keeping the Lions busy in meeting the crowd's appetite.

B-P High School student volunteers took food orders from vendors and shuttled meals between the concession and exhibits during the course of the event. B-P Lions Club President Bob Townsend said, "we welcome the student involvement because it provides an opportunity for our young people to get involved in community service as well as foster leadership skills".

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# SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

## Abigail's Athletes Charity

By Lion John Griffin

At the Feb 13th Meeting of Sauquoit Valley Lions 22 members and guests were present. Peter and Christine Freitag were our guest speakers presenting on Abigail's Athletes charity to support families affected by Cancer and to support Cancer Research.



Peter and Christine Freitag are shown with SV Lions Vice President Sue Hughes and Lion Sherry Kimball.

Peter and Christine shared with us their personal story of losing their daughter Abigail to Cancer in 2015. Their journey led them to realize that Abigail was indeed special and they decided to honor her by starting this charity in memory of Abigail, whose loving caring ways sustained them throughout

their tragedy. Additional information is available at their website at [www.abigailathletes.com](http://www.abigailathletes.com).

During the business meeting the Club voted to support the MD 20 Lions Raffle with a donation of \$250.00 and the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle with a donation of \$300.00.

The Club met again on March 13, 2025 where plans were discussed regarding our Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, April 13th. The event will be held once again at the Willowvale Fire Department and will run from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Details on the breakfast are available in the flyer found in this issue of the Lion's Roar.

Planning continues for the Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration to be held in June.

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# NEWCOMB LIONS CLUB

## Awards

By Lion Norma Taylor

On April 16th, 1966 Newcomb Lions Club was official received into the International Lions Club Organization. Making this our 59th year! We currently have 46 members today!

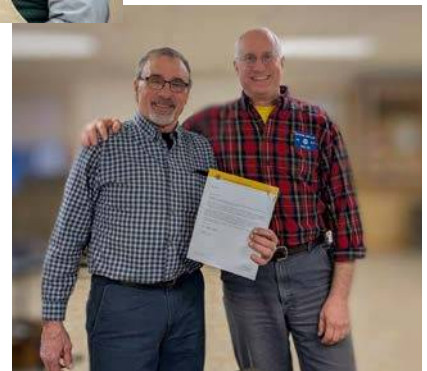
Pictures following are Newcomb Lions receiving Milestone Chevron Awards! Congratulations!



DG Pricilla Laurin presenting Newcomb

Lion Drew Cullen.

President Mark Yandon presenting Newcomb Lion Paul Hai. PDG Pricilla Laurin presenting Newcomb Lion Don Bott.



PDG Pricilla Laurin presenting Newcomb Lion Mike Tracy.

Missing from pictures are Newcomb Lion members David Olbert and Evelyn Stanley

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## KING LION MARK YANDON

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# CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CABVI)

## Celebrate Abilities

By Cynthia Reuter

Lions Camp Badger will host the first annual “CELEBRATE ABILITIES” event on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 11am-4pm!

This special day is being held in the middle of our camp season to enable people to come together to celebrate the unique talents and abilities of everyone. It will also serve to say “thanks” to those who have supported our efforts at Lions Camp Badger through the years. This event was made possible thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers.

\*Camp tours \*Paddleboating \*Fishing \*Sports  
\*Carnival Games \*Hikes \*Arts and Crafts  
\*Music \*International Cooking

\*Carnival Foods \*Camp Store (t-shirts, mugs, etc.) \*Dance \*Superheroes

\*Cultural Activities from Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, Ireland, Spain and Bolivia\*

-Lunch and Camp Memorabilia available for purchase-

This event is open to current and prospective campers and their families, former staff, alumni, Lions members, volunteers, agency representatives, granters, and supporters of our programs.

LIONS-We need volunteers to make this event a success. Please email Pat at patgillule@gmail.com to help! We need helpers to assist with cooking, running the camp store, providing carnival games, and cleanup. Donations of small prizes, bottled water, and trays of store-bought cookies are also welcome.

## SPRING WORK DAY AT LIONS CAMP BADGER

Help us get the camp ready for summer at our annual Clean-up/Work-day on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts served at 9:00 and lunch at 1:00 p.m.

We’ll have a list of projects ranging from easy to more difficult including: Yard work, cleaning, painting, organizing, moving furniture, cabin/ramp/stair repair, etc. Let Cynthia know how many are coming.

If your club can’t make it that day, we can possibly work out another option!

## CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CABVI)

507 Kent St. Utica, NY 13501  
Phone: 315-797-2233  
www.cabvi.org

## MICHAEL MARRONE PR & EVENTS MANAGER

# CLINTON LIONS CLUB Students of the Month

By Lion Jim Winkler

After busy schedules delayed their attendance at previous meetings, we finally caught up with our **Students of the Month** for January and February. They’re twin sisters, **Gretchen and Gracen Grimm**. They and



*JANUARY & FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Clinton Lions Vice President Les LaBrecque & President Gabe Martini present Student of the Month Certificates to Clinton Central twin sisters Gretchen & Gracen Grimm (March 13, 2025).*

their parents were our guests at our first meeting of the month. The “twins”

will be graduating this June from Clinton Central Senior High School where both have excelled academically while being very active in sports (lacrosse & field hockey)

and school musicals. Both will be attending college next fall, Gretchen at Western New England University while Gracen is waiting to hear from several institutions. They received certificates recognizing their p achievement along with a gift certificate to a local restaurant. A picture of the presentation was published in a local newspaper.

Our tradition of members attending meetings bringing **food staples for utilization at our local Country Pantry’s Monthly Food Distributions** continued. Club members donated approximately 110 pounds of food. It was delivered to the pantry the following day for inclusion the next distribution.

St. Patrick’s Day found seven (7) club members joining with other



*WET BUT WARMER WEATHER RETURNS FOR PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – Multiple Clinton Lions join other community volunteers as the monthly food distribution at the Country Pantry returns to “almost normal” after a tough winter (March 17, 2025).*

community volunteers distributing food to clients at our local Country Pantry’s March Food Distribution. Over 623 families (approximately 1,320 individuals) received food from the pantry in the Annunciation Church Parking Lot in Clark Mills, NY. Volunteers guided client’s vehicles double file past food as their vehicles were packed with both community- donated food and that purchased from the Regional Food Bank in Syracuse, NY with community-monetary assistance and grants.

The first Saturday in March, three members traveled to the Galway Lions Clubhouse to pick up our 64 cases of dark and milk **chocolate bunnies** in support of the Lions Eye Institute Fundraiser. Upon return, we delivered the respective orders to our club members and began our selling efforts. Some club members donated their bunnies to our local Country Pantry for the pre-Easter distribution and our Middle School Leo Club is also assisting with sales at their school. We’ve still got some work to do, but the bunnies are being well received in the community.



*CHOCOLATE BUNNIES ANYONE?*

*- Newest Clinton Lion Alan Perta displaying & selling LEI chocolate bunnies on College St. (“main drag”) in Village of Clinton (March 28, 2024).*

We continued **collecting used eyeglasses** from previously established area

locations. This month we picked up 290 pair of glasses that were transported by two (2) members along with the 738 pair collected since the first of January to the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI). There, they will be properly packaged and transported to the Lions Recycling Center in New Jersey.

This month we approved the purchase of an advertisement on the upcoming Clinton Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast Placemat (\$40) and sponsorship of a team in the Clinton Little League & placement of a banner on their outfield fence (\$600).

TUNE UP THE MOWERS – SPRING’S HERE...

**KING LION GABRIELE MARTINI**

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**Inquiring minds  
want to know what  
your club is doing!**

**karen@deuxflutes.com**  
**28th of the month**

## 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

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.



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

### **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 JPC.
- 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](mailto:karen@deuxflutes.com)



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## **Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS**

### **LIONS LOAN-OUT EQUIPMENT**

*Below is a list of assistive devices available at many of LEHCS 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

Glen 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