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Lions Clubs International 2025-2026 International President

A.P. Singh of Kolkata, India

"Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead"





A message from **District Governor Barbara Bentley**



As we move into autumn, it's great to see clubs back in full swing! One of my greatest joys so far in visiting with the clubs in our district has been sitting back and listening to all of the projects clubs are working on! We truly do have amazing clubs, with amazing Lions doing great things for their communities!

In addition, I have had the honor to do several member inductions! That is exciting! In following the International goals related to Mission 1.5, to reach 1.5 million members, our District is encouraging all clubs to work to install 2 new members (can't have 1.5 persons) and many clubs are well on their way. But remember.... It is not just about the numbers! We are looking for more capable members that can help us do more service!

With regards to service, I encourage everyone to make plans to attend the Fall Conference in Lake George on October 8th. Our visiting International Director, Lion David Wineman, is extremely service minded and we will be having discussions around the different service projects we can do in our communities. You will want to be there!! Clubs are also being encouraged to bring what they have been working on to share with everyone in attendance. I think it will be a wonderful conference with a lot of ideas shared! Let's work to have a great turnout for our visiting International Director and his wife.

Lets to reach all of our goals and do our best work in our communities!

Yours in Lionism, Lion Barbara Bentley District Governor 20W

Phone: 518-894-1375 barbann22@gmail.com



TEAMWORK!

LIONS ARE SOCIAL!

Stay connected to Lions International and our service around the world by following us on









NEXT ROAR DEADLINE October 28

karenbentleyrager@gmail.com



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Send articles, photos and event flyers! Keep in mind I try to publish as close to the 1st as possible so if your event is at the beginning of the month you should place it in the previous month also.

ARTICLES

Microsoft Word preferred. Text embedded in email, or .pdf accepted. Captioned photos separate please.

PHOTOS

.jpg preferred. Include corresponding captions with names.

EVENT FLYERS

Vertical format.

Full page: 7.5 X 9.5 Half page: 7.5 X 4.75

Please adhere to these size requirements, especially if you have a design firm create a flyer, otherwise some of your flyer may be cropped out with important information!

Thank you!





NORTHERN NY LIONS DISTRICT 20-W FALL CONFERENCE



Saturday, November 8, 2025

Courtyard Marriott Lake George 365 Canada Street, Lake George NY 12845 9:00 AM Registration

Meeting Start Time 9:30 AM \$55 per person Includes Hot Buffet Lunch



Special Guest Speaker International Director Lion David Wineman

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- * International Director David Wineman.
- Group Service Ideas Session.
- Diabetes Alert Dog Presentation.

Don't Porget to Bring Your Sorted Byeglass

Every club is encouraged to bring materials, photos, poster hoard etc. to display at shared tables. There will be time given during the program to mingle with other clubs and share ideas!! Come prepared to brag about all you do in your community!!

PLEASE REGISTER By 10/30, using the below link or QR Code

www.timyurl.com/20WFallConference

Please.... Register and make payment online or Register and mail your check *



 If paying by check, please make payable to: DISTRICT 20W LIONS CLUBS and mail to Cabinet Secretary Patty Murphy, 11725 Duanesburg Road, Delanson, NY 12053.

Lodging Reservations can be made by calling the Courtyard Marriott Lake George at 518-761-1150 \$189/night Code: LIO

For questions, please email the Cabinet Secretary at: LionsDistrict20W@gmail.com

WHO'S WHO

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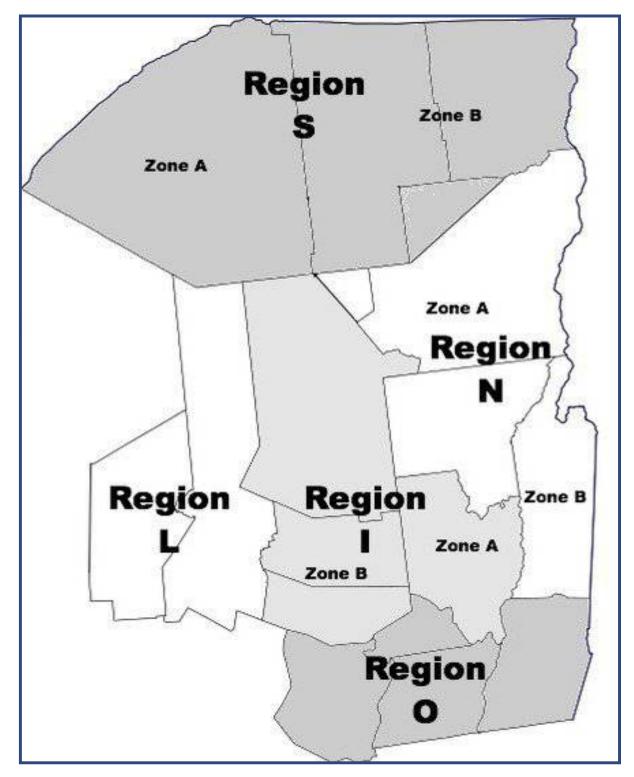
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NEW LION PORTAL

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



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.

CALENDAR

Saratoga Lions Club and Albany & Troy Lions Club Charter NightOctober 11, 2025
Glens Falls Lions Club Rescheduled Golf Tournament October 11, 2025
Town of Greenfield Lions Club Lasagna Dinner October 13, 2025
Lions Camp Badger Golf Tournament October 13, 2025
Town of Greenfield Lions Club 40th Charter Night October 18, 2025
Broadalbin Perth Lions Elder Abuse and Fraud Presentation October 23, 2025
Chazy Lions Club Turkey NightNovember 1, 2025
Fall Conference Lake George MarriottNovember 8, 2025
3rd Cabinet Meeting Johnstown Holiday Inn February 7, 2026
4th Cabinet Meeting Lake Placid High Peaks ResortApril 11, 2026
Testimonial Van Patten Golf ClubMay 8, 2026



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

Break down of dues

Vision Screening for Children

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

LCIF GRANT APPLICANTS RESOURCES

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



Global Service Team



Fellow Lions,

As our clubs settle back into a new Lions year, it's important that we remain steadfast in our commitment to our cornerstone mission of Service. There are a few initiatives from LCI over the next few months that we can focus on. LCI has identified specific weeks for our clubs to focus on as we are striving to amplify our club's service impact.

Weeks of Service | Lions Clubs International

Mental Health and Well Being is the focus for the week of October 4-12, 2025. The initiative focus is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and well-being, to educate and support our communities, and advocate for positive change. The following links provide some valuable information and ideas.

Mental_Health_and_Well-being_Service_Resource_en (2).pdf Mental Health & Well-Being | Lions Clubs International

Hunger is the focus for the week of January 3-11, 2026. Support of and projects with the

Regional Food Bank in Albany, the Food Bank of CNY, local food pantries and School BackPack programs are all great service projects that support the community. Consider hosting a food drive alongside a local Leo's or Scout club. Please refer to the ideas from LCI for other helpful ideas to plan a community feeding event to benefit underserved or at-risk populations. md Q9Em2JLnR6816GG2.jpg.pdf

The Environment will be the focus during the week of April 18-26, 2026. The recycling and waste management service area resource is designed to help you learn the facts on waste and plan service projects centered on responsible recycling in your community. Consider planning an e-waste recycling project on Earth Day on April 22! Trail and bike path cleanups are also a good opportunity to partner with Leo's or Scouts! md_A0K0C5wANQN1iNz.jpg.pdf

World Diabetes Day is recognized on November 14th during Diabetes Awareness Month in

November. The theme for 2025 is "Diabetes and the Workplace", emphasizing the importance of supporting individuals with diabetes in their work environments. **Diabetes** | **Lions Clubs International**

Our Fall Conference will be held on Saturday November 8th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lake George. Our focus will be on Service that day and DG Barbara and her team are planning a dynamic day of sharing and learning! I highly encourage you to make plans to attend! For more details on the Fall Conference please refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

Sincerely Yours in Service,

PDG Lion John McDonald Jmcdonald33@nycap.rr.com Cell 518-763-9262



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

A healthy mind is as important as a healthy body.

Let's break the stigma, support one another, and build a world where kindness and compassion heal.

Together, we can:

- ✓ Promote awareness ✓ Offer support
- ✓ Encourage self-care ✓ Create safe spaces

Let's join hands as Lions to spread hope, strength, and positivity for better mental well-being everywhere.

Because when the mind is healthy, the heart is strong, and the world becomes brighter.



Northernnylions.org District 20W

"Lead to SerVe, Serve to Lead"

Communications Corner

Team Members: Chairperson – Lion Bob Townsend Lion Karen Bentley Rager, Lion Jim Cypher, VDG Ed Balaban

Don't Let Your Club be the Best kept Secret!!!

Expanding Service and Membership are two major goals for each Club in 20W. There are many ways to accomplish this. Marketing your Service Projects and New Member Inductions, through the many media channels that you have access to, is probably the most effective way to reach potential new members and communicate our mission.

One of the benefits of having so many clubs in our district is that there are many opportunities to learn about new ideas from our 20W Lions. Sharing Best Practices with other clubs is a great way to learn and share activities that are effective for your club. Club Visitations and Zone meetings are a great opportunity for this. With 20W being so large, this is a limitless opportunity to learn from other clubs within 20W.

At the next 20W Cabinet meeting (November 8), DG Barbara has asked that each club share some of their Best Practices around Service and New Member Drives. This is a great opportunity for your club to "Toot it's Horn" about your successes and to help other clubs expand their opportunities. All ideas are great ideas!!!! There will be areas for Clubs to "Share Their Wares" and answer questions about these activities.

20W Lions are Great People doing Great Things. We can do so much more working together.

LCI Marketing Resources https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center

- ***Visit Northernnylions.org
- ***Follow Northernylions.org on Facebook
- ***Share Facebook Posts with your friends
- ***Promote your service activities in Local Newspapers and Facebook Sites.

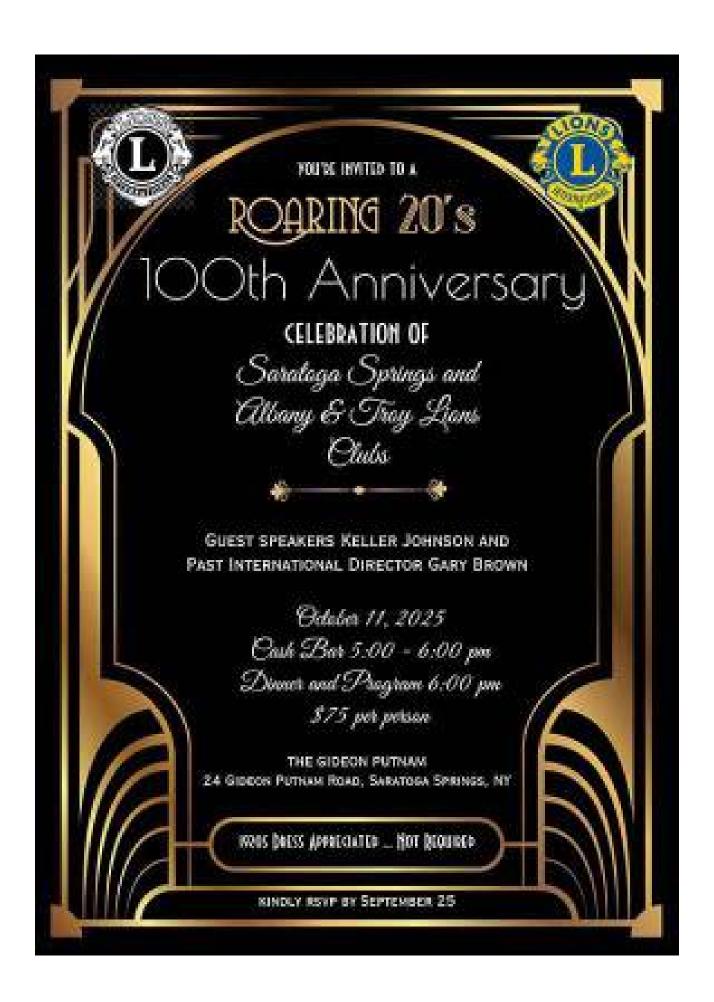
LIONS ARE SOCIAL! Stay connected to Lions International and our service (F) (X) (in)

EVENTS/FLYERS

Promote your event!
Let us know what your club is doing!







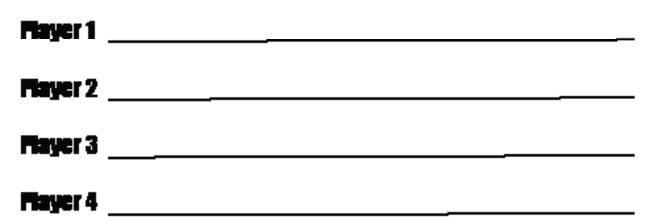


Glens Falls Lions Club

Swing for Sight and Sound

3 Ways You Can Help our Misions

1 SPONSER A TEAM - \$100 per person



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

Company Logo on Tee/Hole Sineage

3. **Event Spon**sor - **\$1008**

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 <u>no later than</u> Sunday October 5, 2025



Town of Greenfield Lions



Lasagna Dinner

Monday October 13th 4 to 7pm at the St. Joseph's Church

3159 Rt 9N Greenfield Center, NY

Ticket \$15 each TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO <u>vplummer122@gmail.com</u>

Pre-sale tickets only - no sales at door We Thank You for your continued support!

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





Town of Greenfield Lions Club

is celebrating 40 years of Lions Service

October 18th, 2025

Knights of Columbus 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

6PM COCKTAILS **7PM DINNER** RSVP's by October 10th Guest Speaker - Past International Director Lion Gary Brown

ERET: \$60 periperson

ED VEGETABLES

Pre-Pay Requested RENCH ROLLS WALTTER EGGIESTIN FRIED RICE W/TOFU RED VELVET OR CARROT CAKE

AST PORK LOIN W/ APPLE CIDER DEMI-GE Note: There will be a gluten free dessert.

RSVP's to PDG Lion Joe Jarvis at <u>indetion(instinut_com</u> or cell 518-423-7790



Lions Club

Eyeglass Recycling

District 20W



Bring your collected glasses to a cabinet meeting, or our storage facility in Galway





Presents our annual

"Turkey Night" Raffle

The fun starts at 6:30pm on Saturday, November 1st at the Lakeview Pub & Grille! Located at 769 Rt. 9B in Champlain.

All Proceeds Go to Our Local Community's Charitable Needs

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and Hoffman Helping Hands present

B-P Lions Clean Car 2025-26



a fundraising project to support the greater

Broadalbin-Perth-Mayfield community

http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/fundraisers/BPCleanCar25-26





Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?



If you don't need it anymore, we will turn it into hats, mittens and scarves for the needy







Creating Comfort



Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach our goal of 500 items by the end of 2025.

This helps us help everyone.

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy

Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric, let us know. We will be happy to pick it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany & Troy Lions at ALBANYTROYLIONS@GMAIL.COM or Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796







Childhood Cancer

Actually is:

Finacial Stress

PTSD

Insomnia

Mantal Struggles

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Anger

Medical

Isolation Chaos

Side Effects

Personal Development

redictable Future Delays

Depression

Sibling Jealousy

Cancer Chairperson SKIPPER 2dfl@ yahoo. com

A Roller Coaster Ride

what people think Childhood Cancer

.Bald Heads . Go fundmes . Sick Days .Gift Cards

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Medical Learning Curve

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



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.

Thank you for your support of the Alert Foundation.

If you have any questions please contact us. kclarkmd20@gmail.com





Lions of MD 20 Alert Foundation 7643 Park Ave. Lowille, 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
Mail check and this fo Kelly Clark 7643			L 107 4000



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



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
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

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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
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



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 z-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.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 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 PII get you all the bags you want.

Here's how it works:

Bao 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.CRG and 20WIJONS.ORG



ARTICLES

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS CRITERIA UPDATES

Important Updates

From LCI

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

Membership

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.

Service

• Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service.

Leadership

- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between May 1 December 31.

Donations

• Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.

www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards

DG BARBARA BENTLEY

P. O. Box 1031, Guilderland, NY 12084

Phone: 518-894-1375 barbann22@gmail.com

CHAZY LIONS CLUB

Club Donation

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

Chazy Lions recently made a donation to a community member with two children fighting cancer.

KING LION JOHN SAXE

1078 Lake Shore Road Chazy, NY 12921 Home: 518-846-7225 Cell: 518-593-0987 jsaxe@jeffordsteele.com



DISTRICT 20W

Thank You!

By PDG Holly McConchie

A special thank you to all District 20W clubs for all that they did to support LCIF in 2024-2025. Our district contributed over \$30,000 to LCIF, while also achieving an overall increase in contributions of at least 10% over 2023-2024.

For these contributions, Lion Patti Hill has presented me with the Chairperson's Medal, which is given to District Governors and LCIF District Coordinators for demonstrated exceptional dedication to LCIF which could not have happened without all of your clubs' dedications to LCIF.

Thank you again.

Past District Governor Lion Holly McConchie

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARBARA BENTLEY

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LONG LAKE LIONS CLUB

Collaborating for Comfort

By Lion Katherine Cronn

The Lions Club of Long Lake collaborated with Northern Needles to provide thirty flannel blankets for cancer patients at the C.R. Wood Cancer Center in Glens Falls. The Lions club provided \$600 to purchase four full bolts of high-quality flannel; two of which had a brightly colored dinosaur pattern for children. Tiger Lily Quilt Shop in Utica special ordered the fabric at a substantial discount. Then, the ladies of Northern Needles went to work transforming the flannel into cozy, lap-sized blankets.

Two of the goals of Lions are humanitarian needs and childhood cancer, and every other year Northern Needles members complete a service project,



so this was a perfect collaboration to benefit our friends and neighbors.

The C.R. Wood Cancer Center staff gratefully received them and noted that there was a continual need for blankets.

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NEWCOMB LIONS CLUB

90th Anniversary

By Lion Norma Taylor

There were some special guests at an informal community meet and greet hosted by the Tupper Lake Lions Club Wednesday, July 16 in the pavilion at Little Wolf Beach.

In the photo above a delegation of Lions from the Newcomb

Lions Club and their spouses came over to wish their fellow service club members well, on this the year of the club's 90th anniversary.

The Lions Clubs of Tupper Lake and Long Lake sponsored the Newcomb Club on April 16, 1966, and with the visiting Lions that evening was a bell with an inscription on it that was given by the local Lions at the club initiation ceremony at that time. The bell, inscribed with the date of the birth of the Newcomb club, is what clubs use to ring their meetings to honor.

The Newcomb Club is known for its incredible summer chicken barbecue- its main fundraiser of the year- that feeds hundreds of Newcomb residents and visitors and raises thousands for its community service work.

Around the table from left were Lorraine Miga, Lion Wester Miga, Tupper Club President Gerry Sojda, accepting a friendship banner from Club President Anita Brundage, and between them Past President Stuart Nichols and on the right, Don and Marlene Bott.

At right, County Legislator Nedd Sparks presents a proclamation from the Franklin County Legislature honoring the club on their great community service deeds these past 90 years.

Below are some of the local Lions hamming it up for the camera. From left were Lions Denise Mullen, Tammie LaLonde, Mark LaVigne, Cindy Lewis, Kasey Kentile, Bob Lewis, Annie Eldridge, Mary and Gerry Sodja, the local club president and Stuart Nichols, who recently volunteered to be club administrative assistant to assist Secretary Amanda Amell. Lion Stuart has been the long-time secretary of the club.

The informal event was a dry run for the Lions new cook shack, a two-year-old trailer the club recently purchased from Tyler's Pizzeria's previous owner, Dave Clark. The first official outing of the trailer was at Saturday's Field Day in the park. Among those club members stewarding the shack on its maiden voyage were Lions Amanda Amell, Kara Willett, Kasey Kentile, Annie and Steve Eldridge and guest chef Nate Lewis and his aunt, Aimee Frenette.

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CLINTON LIONS CLUB

Region L Clubs

By Lion Jim Winkler

Our first meeting of the month was held on September 11th. After observing "the Day Our Nation Will Never Forget", we discussed the three (3) service projects held for our



Refrigerated trailer ready to return to Syracuse Regional Food Bank after unloading.

community over the summer months and potential methods of improvement for next year. Those of us in attendance brought approximately 45 pounds of non-perishable food for our local food pantry. Delivered to the pantry the next day, it was utilized in the September 15th Distribution.

Our second meeting of the month was combined with representatives from four (4) other Lions Clubs in

our region as we welcomed **District Governor Barb on her annual visitation** to our clubs. We enjoyed the company of our fellow Lions as well as a great buffet at Orchard Hall Restaurant in Sauquoit, NY (home to the Sauquoit Valley Lions). After dinner, DG Barb **inducted two (2) new members** into the Utica Lions Club, **presented service chevrons to two (2) members** of the New Hartford/New

York Mills/Whitestown Lions Club and presented a letter of

accommodation from LCI to Clinton Lion President, Gabe Martini for retaining a consistent membership roster during the 2024 - 2025 Lions Year.



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DG Barb then made her presentation to the fifty (50) Lions

assembled. She emphasized her **expectations and goals** for the upcoming year, reminded everyone of the **upcoming Fall Conference in Lake George** on November 8th, encouraged all clubs to **report service activities through the Lions Portal** and explained the new qualifications International is requiring for **Club Excellence Awards**. After she entertained questions from those in attendance, a representative from **each club**

shared service activities and fund raisers of their club since the first of the Lion

year and their plans through the end of the calendar year. On September 15th, eight (8) club members once again joined thirty-five (35) other community volunteers for the **September Distribution of food at the Country Pantry**. Once again, the weather was beautiful for the outside distribution. Approximately 375 vehicles, representing 1,230 individuals passed through the parking lot of Annunciation Church in Clark Mills, NY. Their vehicles were packed with milk, fresh and frozen produce and vegetables, frozen meats and seafood, tomato sauce, assorted juices, and personal hygiene items.

One of our members continues volunteering six (6) hours every Thursday at **Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen** in Utica. There, he and others prepare and serve hot soup and sandwiches for 160 - 225 individuals.

This month we collected **141** pair of **used eyeglasses** and two (2) members combined them with the other 707 pair collected since the beginning of the Lion year and delivered them to the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. All will be delivered to the regional recycling center.

Recent contributions have been in support of other Lions Clubs: Utica Lions Raffle (\$160), Greater Herkimer Lions Golf Sponsorship (\$125), Sponsor of Saratoga and Albany/Troy Lions 100th Anniversary Charter Night (\$100) and donation to Utica Lions Club (\$50) in memory of deceased former member.

ENJOY THE VIBRANT COLORS OF THE AUTUMN SEASON!

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SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Region Meeting

By Lion John Griffin

The Sauquoit Valley Lions held their new year planning meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025. After snacks and drinks, King Lion John Markley led a discussion on 2025-2026 plans with 14 members present. The Club voted to donate \$100 for the Parkinsons Walk at the Presbyterian Lutheran Campus. The Club also voted to support the Utica Lions annual Raffle and the Greater Herkimer Lions annual golf tournament. A discussion was also held around pretreating with the Sauquoit Valley Rotary Club on an event this upcoming year.

The initial regular meeting of the year was held at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit on September 11, 2025, with sixteen members in attendance. During the meeting Lion Sherry Kimball was named Corresponding Secretary and Lion Don Brown was added to the Board of Directors. We reflected fondly on our 70th Anniversary Celebration that took place in June which was noted in an article in the Rome Sentinel. The Planning Committee was congratulated on a job well done.

Immediate Past President Lion Mike Bader stated that the donation to the Clarks Mills American Legion, following the recent weather disaster in their communities, was most appreciated. A donation was also made to the Utica Lions in memory of recently deceased Lion Howard Heffron who also served on the Region L Journey for Sight Committee for many years.



On September 25th the Sauquoit Valley Lions participated with other Region L Clubs in a visit from District 20W District Governor Barbara Bentley at the Orchard Hall Restaurant in Sauquoit. Fifty Lions and Guest from five Region L Clubs were in attendance. The Sauquoit Valley Lions were joined by the Utica Lions, New Hartford /New York Mills/ Whitestown Lions, Holland Patent Lions and the Clinton Lions Club as District Governor Barbara brought the Lions up to date on District and International plans for the upcoming Year. The Theme for the Year as conveyed by International President A.P. Singh is "Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead" and D.G. Barbara encouraged all Lions to support this theme.

Several Lions were recognized with Chevrons for Years of Service and two new members of the Utica Lions were inducted by the District Governor as well. Following the meeting the Sauquoit Valley Lions conducted a drawing for the annual "Where's the Beef Raffle" which is a major fund raiser for the Club.

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GLENS FALLS LIONS CLUB

Progressive Melvin Jones

By Lion Karen Rager

Our speaker at our September meeting was Lion Phil from the Glens Falls Association for the Blind. He talked about the history of the Association.



They are going to be celebrating their 90th Anniversary in February at the Lake George Holiday Inn.

We awarded a much deserved Progressive Melvin Jones to PDG Dick Nason.

We will be having a speaker from Adopt a Soldier at our October meeting and will open up our meeting to Vets from the area and members for a membership drive.

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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)
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The Service Activity Report will remain in DRAFT until the report has been
checked REPORT COMPLETE by the designated Lion or Leo Club Officer.

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CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL) PAGE 1

CAU5	SE: CHILDHOOD CANCER		
PROJ	ECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and Advocacy		Family Assistance Organization of Facility Assistance
	Child and Family Tutoring		Professional Training and Support
	Entertainment and Recreational Activity		Other
	E: DIABETES		
PROJ	ECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and Advocacy		Recreational Facility Improvement Event
	Diabetes Retreats and		Strides for Diabetes Awareness
	Symposiums		Type 2 Diabetes Risk Awareness
1.1	Diabetes Support Group		and Screening
	Healthy Eating for Gestational	口	Youth Diabetes Camps
	Diabetes		Other
	Healthy Living for Type 2 Diabetes		
	E: DISASTER RELIEF		
PROJ	ECT TYPE:		
П	Awareness, Education, and	П	Disaster Preparedness
	Advocacy	LT.	Emergency Response
	Community Recovery and Reconstruction		Other
CAUS	E: ENVIRONMENT		
PROJ	ECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and Advocacy		
	Clean Water and Sanitation		
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	Tree Planting and Tree Care		

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CAUS	SE: ENVIRONMENT		
PROJ	IECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and Advocacy Clean Water and Sanitation Environmental Clean Up and Restoration		Recycling and Waste Management Tree Planting and Tree Care Other
CAUS	SE: OTHER HUMANITARIAN SERVICE		
PROJ	ECT TYPE:		
	Assistance to an Individual	[7]	Community Event
日	Assistance to Refugees and		Community Improvement
	Displaced Persons		Mental Health and Wellness
П	Awareness, Education, and	口	Other Health Service Activity
	Advocacy	1.1	Other
CAUS	SE: HUNGER		
PROJ	IECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and		Food Collection and Food Banks
	Advocacy		Meal Preparation and Distribution
	Community Gardens and Agriculture		Other
CALK	SE: VISION		
	ECT TYPE:		
	Adult Vision Screening	(3)	Support Services for the Blind or
	Awareness, Education, and	14.	Visually Impaired
-	Advocacy	П	Youth Vision Screening
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CAUS	SE: YOUTH		
PROJ	IECT TYPE:		
	Awareness, Education, and	(3)	Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE)
	Advocacy		Youth Diabetes Camps
	Education and Literacy		Youth Vision Screening
	Lions Quest	П	Other
11	Peace Poster and Essay Contests		

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