

District 20W LIONS ROAR



January 2026

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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**

Happy New Year!!

It's hard to believe that 2026 is upon us and we are half-way through the Lions' year. We have seen a lot of momentum around the district, so let's keep it going!

The second of the three weeks of service, presented by our International President A.P. Singh, is in January focusing on hunger. All clubs are encouraged to do hunger related service projects during this time of January 3-11, 2026. Whether it is supporting your local food pantry, school backpack program, and other like projects, everything we do, no matter how big or small, can have a huge impact on our communities. If you need any support or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or our District Hunger Chair, Bob Maxum, or District GST (Service Chair) PDG John McDonald.

We have had a focus on membership in the district this year as well, in line with International's Mission 1.5. I have been encouraging all clubs to make an effort to bring in two new members for more hands to provide more service. So many clubs have already accepted that challenge and we still have plenty of time to continue this effort!

The next cabinet meeting will be on Saturday, February 7th at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. The main “focus” will be on Membership and Marketing. We will be discussing different

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ways we can not only attract new members, but also retain our members and how to share what we do within our district and our communities. I encourage all that are able, to attend!!! I'm looking forward to having great discussions among all those in attendance!

Lastly, the second half of the clubs' International and State/Multiple dues invoices will be coming out this month. A few things to keep in mind:

INTERNATIONAL DUES: Lions International is no longer mailing paper copies of invoices. Your club invoices, including those for dues, MUST be obtained from the Lions portal. I also HIGHLY recommend that each club treasurer check the portal at the beginning of every month and pay your Lions International dues and any other invoices (for new members, club supplies, etc) online. If you need ANY assistance with the portal, please let me know!!! I will be looking to hold some "basic" portal training and overview virtually via Zoom later this month as well, so be on the lookout for more information.

STATE/MULTIPLE DUES: Clubs will also be receiving the invoices for the remainder of their state/multiple dues via email. In this case as well I HIGHLY encourage you to pay these online, as we have found some issues with checks not arriving to the state office. Again, if you have any issues or concerns, please reach out to me. I am here to help in any way I can!!

I am so encouraged by everything the Lions are doing around our district! It's exciting to see and I look forward to continuing to work with all our clubs over the next several months!!

Happy New Year!!!

Yours in Lionism,

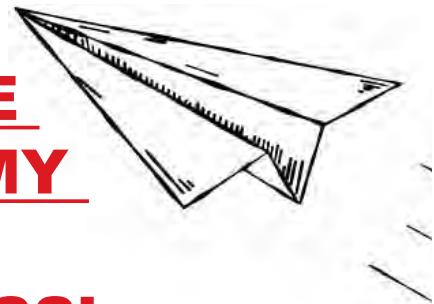
Lion Barbara Bentley
District Governor, 20W



NEXT ROAR DEADLINE

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**PLEASE
NOTE MY
NEW
ADDRESS!**



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!





LIONS DISTRICT 20-W 3rd CABINET MEETING

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville
308 N Comrie Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095
9:00 AM Registration

Meeting Start Time 9:30 AM
\$40 per person, Includes Lunch

Dress: Business Casual (Lions Shirt, etc. Uniform not necessary)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Membership Discussion
- "Young Members" Panel
- Marketing
- Marketing "How To's"

PLEASE REGISTER By 1/31, using the below link or QR Code

www.tinyurl.com/20WCabinetMeeting-3

You can: 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 Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville.
(There is no room block for the cabinet meeting)

***Please share with all members of your club
and encourage them to attend!***



***Bring your
sorted glasses
to be recycled!***

*Please remember, all clubs are encouraged to make a donation to the district
for the delivery of the glasses to the New Jersey recycling Center.*

Registration

www.ticketleap.events/tickets/lions-district-20-w/district-20w-cabinet-meeting-february-7-2026

WHO'S WHO

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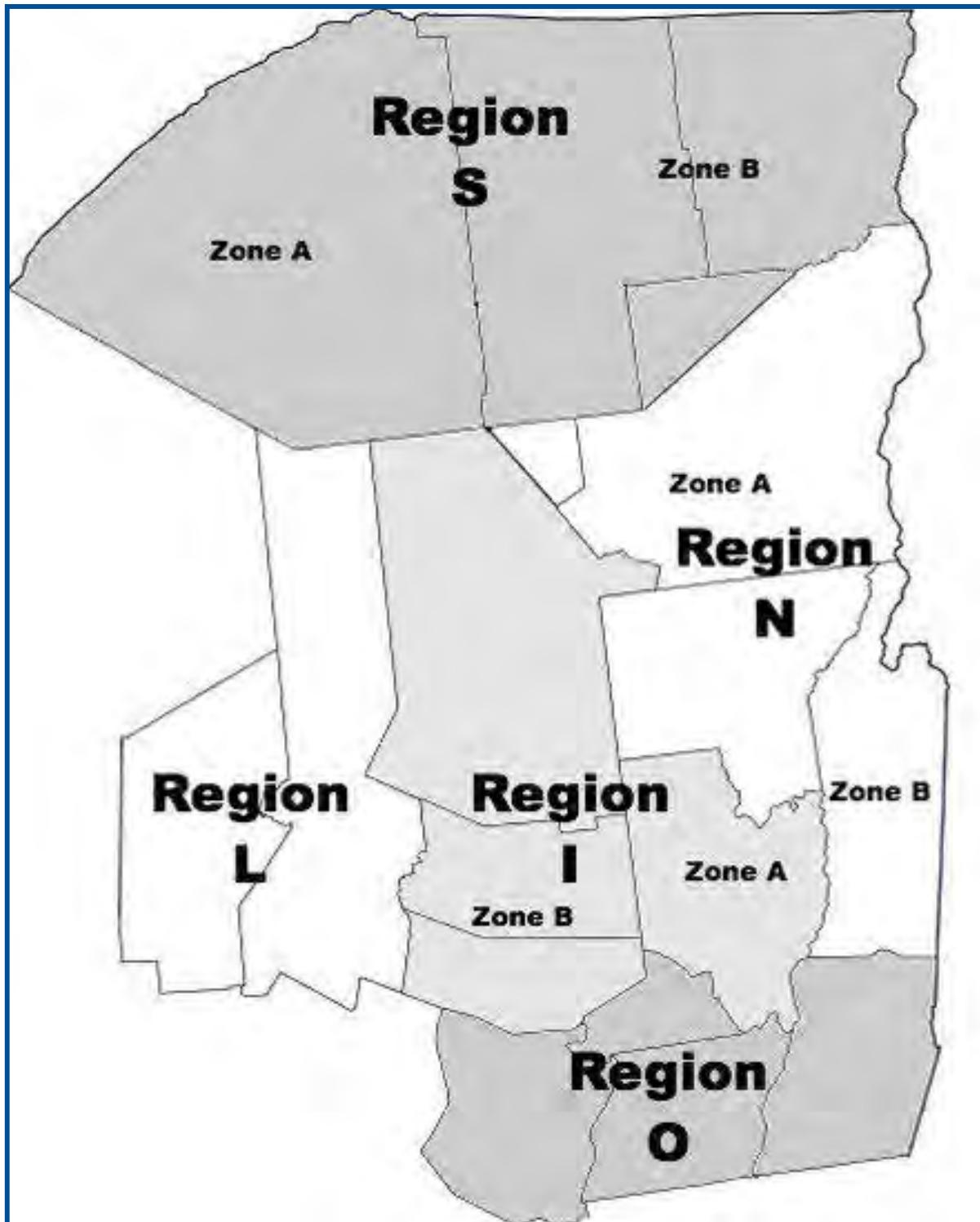
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District 20-W Comprises These New York State Counties

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



CALENDAR

LEI Bunnies

Order/payment deadline.....January 12, 2026

3rd Cabinet Meeting

Johnstown Holiday Inn.....February 7, 2026

Lions Day at the UN.March 20, 2026

PDG Meeting.March 21, 2026

4th Cabinet Meeting

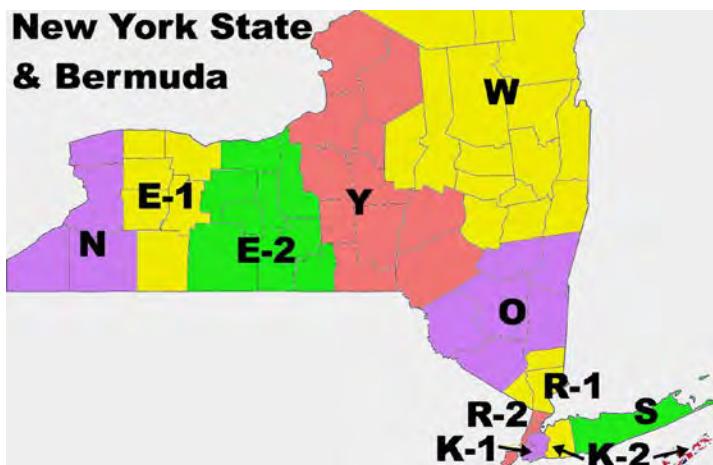
Lake Placid High Peaks Resort.....April 25, 2026

State Convention Syracuse: April 17-19, 2026

Testimonial

Van Patten Golf Club May 8, 2026

BMYF Cruise.....October 4 - 11, 2026



LIONS RESOURCES

can be found at this link

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-cen>

Fundraising Guide

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

Developing Local Partnerships

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

Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer e-Book

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

Dues Billing Table

Break down of dues

Vision Screening for Children

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

LCIF GRANT APPLICANTS RESOURCES

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



Lions Foundation at Albany, NY, Inc.

Easter Bunny Sales

In Support of the Lions Eye Institute A Proven Fundraiser That Can Help Your Club

The 6.2 ounce, solid milk and dark chocolate bunnies and 3.5 ounce solid white chocolate bunnies are manufactured for us by the renowned Donini Chocolate Ltd.

Each milk & dark chocolate bunny comes individually boxed and each white chocolate bunny comes individually cello wrapped with a bow.

The Lions Foundation "suggests" a retail price of \$5 or \$6 per bunny.

Easter is April 5, 2026
Place Your Bunny Orders Now!

Milk Chocolate 6.2 ounce 12/per case - \$40.00/cs
Dark Chocolate 6.2 ounce 12/per case - \$40.00/cs
White Chocolate 3.5 ounce 24/per case - \$68.00/cs



**Orders & Payments
MUST be received by
January 12, 2026**

**By Mailing Order Form
& Payment To:**

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Albany, NY Inc.**

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Lions Foundation Easter Bunny Order Form

Milk Chocolate (12/cs) \$ 40.00 cs x _____ cases = \$ _____

Dark Chocolate (12/cs) \$ 40.00 cs x _____ cases = \$ _____

White Chocolate (24/cs) \$ 68.00 cs x _____ cases = \$ _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**

Club Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Orders Must be Placed
With Payment
No Later Than
January 12, 2026

Please keep a copy of this
form for your records.



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District 20W

"Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead"

Communications Corner

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

January 3- 11 “Week of Service - Hunger”

Happy New Year!

May 2026 be a year of impactful and gratifying Service for your clubs and members. With the new year, as you make those resolutions that will have a personal impact, it is a great time for your clubs to adopt a resolution that will expand and improve the Marketing and Communications of the great Services that the Lions offer to their communities. January is the month that focuses on Hunger. January 3-11 is the “Week of Service” for Hunger. As with many Clubs in our district, the time between Thanksgiving and New Years was when we are typically focused on Hunger.

Activities such as Food Drives, filling Food Pantries, Donations to Local Food Programs at Churches, and sponsoring Dinners for Veterans and families have happened throughout our District. Now is the time to “Leverage” all that great service in the promotion of your Service to the rest of the community. Highlighting this activity on Facebook, Websites, Newspapers and Local periodicals is a great Marketing Strategy to increase the awareness of your Club’s Service. Fighting Hunger is one of our Global Initiatives, and it should always be part of our “Wheel of Service” throughout the year, not just during the Holidays.

Visit LCI Website for more on Hunger.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/hunger>

Please reach out to our Marketing and Communications Team with any questions or needs. 20W Lions are Great People doing Great Things. We can do so much more working together.

LCI Marketing Resources

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

LIONS ARE SOCIAL!

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

ARTICLES

SAUQUOIT VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Peace Poster Contest Winners/Induct New Member

By Lion John Griffin

The Sauquoit Valley Lions held our monthly meeting on Dec. 11th at the Orchard Hall in Sauquoit with 15 members in attendance. The Club hosted 2025-2026 Peace Poster Award Winners from the Sauquoit Valley Middle School, along with their Parents and siblings, and Middle School Art Teacher Kristen Willson. Gift certificates were presented to the top three finishers in the contest.



The Club host Peace Poster Contest Winners and families.

Sauquoit Valley CSD Superintendent David Stayton was also in attendance along with 4th Grade teacher and advisor Laura Hoffman to discuss the Handshakes Mentoring Program which involves older students mentoring elementary school students that have been identified in need of support. Following the meeting the Club donated \$400.00 in support of the Handshakes Program which regularly enlist motivational speakers to address the students and their families.

The Club also inducted new member Karri Tibbitts into our Club who was sponsored by Lion Sherry Kimball. That is the second new member joining the Club in December. Lion Patricia Terry has joined as well and will be inducted in January.



Karri Tibbitts is inducted into Lions by Lion Secretary Connie Griffin with sponsor Sherry Kimball looking on..

The Club donated \$400.00 to be used for Christmas Gifts for Senior Shut-ins identified by the Sauquoit Valley Friends and Neighbors. Lion Michele Przyluke purchased and

prepared the gift baskets for delivery.

The Club will host its annual Holiday Dinner Party at Orchard Hall on Saturday, January 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our Annual Holiday Raffle Ticket drawing will be held following dinner. The \$50 ticket, with a top prize of \$1,000, can be obtained from any Club Member.

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CLINTON LIONS CLUB

Lights Around The Park

By Lion Jim Winkler

Due to the activities in which we were involved during the Holiday Season, we had only one regular meeting this month. At that meeting, those in attendance contributed 45 pounds of self-sustainable food for our local Country Pantry. It was delivered to the pantry the following day for utilization in their upcoming distribution. Also, at that meeting we finalized the community service projects in which we will be involved with throughout the Holiday Season...and we began taking member orders for chocolate bunnies we will be ordering from the Lions Eye Institute. This order must be placed by January 12th (new date).

Our local volunteer Fire Department held their third annual **Lights Around the Park** fundraiser at our local town park. This display has grown significantly since its inception. We are very grateful that our name and international logo was displayed with others on **one of the very first lighted signs** enabling patrons to see as they enter the park for viewing of the entire display.



Clinton Lions Club support of the Clinton Fire Department Lights Around the Park Light Display was recognized upon entry to the Kirkland Town Park this Holiday Season. (11/28/25-12/27/25)

One of the service projects our club has inherited is the annual scheduling and staffing of the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign**. Having established a schedule, we fill the 1.5-hour shifts with

members from our club and then “recruit” service minded individuals throughout the community to assist us. This year our campaign was reasonably successful, despite losing the



Volunteers Chris Maria Taft assist the Clinton Lions by ringing the bell for the Red Kettle Drive at entrances to shops around the Village Green.

first day of our campaign due to lake effect snow that deposited 18 inches of heavy wet snow on our area in a short period of time. Ten club members and an additional ten community recruits manned the bells for fifty-six (56) hours and we collected over \$2,275 that will be utilized by the Kirkland unit of the Salvation Army. Overall, as we've come to realize in past years, we live in a very generous community, where everyone is willing to help those in need.

For four (4) hours on Friday and five (5) hours on Saturday the weekend before Christmas, we held our annual **White Cane Fundraiser**. This has been a tradition in our club for many years.

Sixteen (16) members worked two-hour (2) shifts at strategic locations around our community soliciting donations from residents doing their last-minute Christmas shopping. Small white plastic canes were distributed to anyone wishing one. This “quick-hitter” of a fundraiser realized \$1,440. As always, we were well received and many thanked us for our efforts in the community.

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.

Seven (7) club members joined other community volunteers at the **December Food Distribution**. This distribution was



Clinton Lion Bob Maxam rings the bell for the Salvation Army annual Red Kettle Drive at one of the locations in the Village of Clinton.



Clinton Lions Dave Welchons and Sally Glouse greet shoppers as they enter Kinney Drugs Store on Route 12B south of the Village of Clinton.

a little different. We were once again hit with a pretty good snowfall the morning of the distribution and in effect had to reverse the way clients were accustomed to receiving their food. Instead of utilizing the church parking lot, that together with two (2) other lots in the area were used as staging areas and the distribution was accomplished by volunteers out of the church's parish center with cars being released down a dead-end road, being loaded with food and then having to turn around in a small parking lot (which was full of snow). Although it took a little longer, the volunteers loaded vehicles for approximately 1,150 people. That included gifts and blankets for clients with children since this was the Christmas Distribution.

Recent contributions: purchase of three (3) NYSandBLF Raffle Tickets (\$300); purchase of six (6) tickets for the BMYF Raffle (\$100); Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign (\$300); Country Pantry Christmas Assistance (\$300).

WISHING EVERY SUCCESS TO ALL LIONS IN THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN 2026...

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ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

By Lion Jerry Gordon

Guests: potential Lions Carrie Love and Melissa Milton

1. Jerry reminded everyone about the KidSight training session in Saratoga on Dec 13. Any A&T Lions who might work on this extremely worthwhile project are encouraged to attend. Jerry distributed details in a separate mailing.
2. We accepted the membership applications of Carrie Love (sponsored by Queen) and Melissa Milton, sister of Lion Nikki (sponsored by Jodi).
3. Our application for funding for the Spelling Bee from NYS&BLF has been approved in principle, but it required revision to fix a few details. The revisions were to have been mailed last week. Queen thinks it was done, but we need Batman to confirm. Nightwing reported that local bees will begin in January, and we're still finalizing a location for our regional event.
4. Queen's “Love Thy Neighbor” event is Dec 20 from

2-5PM. She'll be providing hot meals, free produce and personal gifts to over 500 residents of Ida Yarborough Homes. We approved a motion to donate \$1000 to Guardians of AL-Fitrah to help with the event. Queen also requested labor help from any Lions who can be there that day; they should arrive around noon to help with setup.

5. We discussed Lion Jerry's recent email to all members wherein he stated that he will not be secretary again next year, and would like to back off from his several different functions over the coming months, while he's still around to help train his replacement(s).

- a. New member Carrie agreed to take on the website.
- b. Lion Eric agreed to be secretary.
- c. Lion Ruth will chair the Coats for Kids project.

In an email vote after the meeting, we decided to skip a board meeting in December.

Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM at Margarita City. Since the restaurant would like a head-count, please let me know whether you'll be there; call or text 518-366-5299 or email 1jerry-gordon@gmail.com.

Monday, January 19 at 7:30 PM is our on-line board meeting. Watch for the link.

Earning Some Green by Going Green

You've all got your CLYNK recycling bags; I hope you're using them. If you need more for yourself, or for any friends or family members who are willing to help us out, contact Lion Jerry at 518-235-8232 or jerrygor-don@juno.com for more bags.

It's simple: Fill the bag with cans and bottles that are NYS-redeemable (water bottles, soda bottles & cans, beer bottles & cans). Bring the full bag to your nearest Hannaford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account. This project earned us \$177 last year, but with greater participation, it could be a lot more.

Seal Campaign

You all got your seal campaign letters a few weeks ago. This has become our winter fund-raiser, so if you're so inclined, throw a few bucks in the self-addressed envelope. As of 12/27, 8 donors have given us \$675.

Warm Woolen Wishes

Lion Ruth reports that we donated 100 crocheted hats to Lion Queen's "Love Thy Neighbor" event along with 45 coats

forkids, and we donated 60 hats to Lion Eva's "Spirit of Giving" event.

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CHAZY LIONS CLUB

Holiday Events

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

Lion Karen Russell presented a check on behalf of the Lions to a former Chazy Student who is raising money for MS. PDG Ricky Laurin plays Santa Claus!

Many of us rang the bell for the Salvation Army.



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BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS CLUB

Donations

By Lion Ed Balaban

Through a grant from the Louis D. Mauro Charitable Trust to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Foundation to support their Hunger relief programs, presentations were made to the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, Mayfield Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, and the



BCON Food Pantry at the Northville Baptist Church. These food pantries support the food needs of the greater Broadalbin, Perth, Mayfield, Northville, and Edinburg communities. Lion President Bob Townsend presented a check for \$1,700 to Joan Silvernail and Connie Sawyer of the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, and \$1,700 to Gary DeSanto Rose of the Mayfield Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Lion Tim Munn presented a check for \$1,600 to Kathy Hopper of the BCON Food Pantry in Northville.

Townsend said that "through the great generosity of the Louis D. Mauro Charitable Trust, many families in our area will have a brighter Christmas season and a happier holiday."

Food insecurity is one of the global causes of Lions Clubs



Lion President Bob Townsend presents a check for \$1,700 to Joan Silvernail and Connie Sawyer of the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry. The Lions made the donation from a grant from the Louis D. Mauro Charitable Trust.



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Tim Munn presents a check for \$1,600 to Kathy Hopper of the BCON Food Pantry in Northville.

International, and the actions of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions is evidence of this issue being addressed at a very local and personal level.

Lions are known throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and prevent avoidable blindness. The Broadalbin-Perth Lions have embraced this global cause and have taken action locally by visiting Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School to provide a day of vision screening for more than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students, coordinating efforts with the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA). This was the club's second eye-screening event in as many months.

Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at NABA, was thrilled at the number of students participating and the continued support of the school and Broadalbin-Perth Lions. "We are so pleased that the school and the Lions are working with us again to ensure that these youngsters have the opportunity to have their vision screened so early in their lives."

NABA's vision-screening program is designed specifically for children ages eighteen months to five years. A specialized camera is used to detect potential vision impairments in the individuals screened. Each year, an average of twelve percent of the children screened for vision impairments are "flagged" as having a potential vision problem.

These children are then referred to a doctor for a follow-up visit and treatment if necessary. NABA collects data on the outcomes of those that were recommended for a follow-up visit. Statistics have indicated that low income families are less likely to follow up and schedule a visit with their doctor. Families also reported that transportation and available time as barriers. NABA works with these families in various ways to ensure that the children are seen by a doctor.



Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA), right, performs a vision screening on a Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School student, left. More than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students were screened at the school during the event sponsored by the Lions.

Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School Principal Dan Casey warmly welcomed the Lions' and their efforts. "Identifying vision issues in youngsters, especially in the early grades, and then being able to correct those issues often ensures greater academic success for those students as they progress through school", Casey said.

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend said, "We were able to screen 108 children in about three hours. Most children passed the screening, but a few did not. The results and documentation will be sent home to parents/guardians. Included in the mailing will be our Club's contact information in case they need any kind of assistance."

According to Lions Clubs International, eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to screen young children, primary school students, and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight.

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Ashley Wade, Coordinator of Youth Services at Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA), left, reviews student vision records with Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School Nurse, Christine Yatzor, right, prior to beginning the Lions sponsored vision screening of more than 100 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students. This coordinated effort of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, NABA, and the school aids students in early identification and correction of vision problems that could impact academic achievement.

PERU LIONS CLUB

Inductees

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

On December 11, PDG Priscilla Laurin inducted two new members into the Peru Lions Club. Also the Peru Lions club donated to both the Peru and Keeseeville Food Shelf each community receive \$500.



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GLENS FALLS LIONS CLUB

Holiday Spirit

By Lion Karen Rager

Glens Falls Lions were in the Holiday Spirit during December. Lions Kathy and Laurie Gates spearheaded a Community Service project spreading Holiday Cheer to the residents of the Adirondack Manor Home. In an initial phone call, which was mistakenly made to the wrong Senior Residency, our club gained more volunteers wanting to help us to provide much needed items, as requested by Adirondack Manor. Many thanks to the residents at the Glen at Hiland Meadows for helping us with this worthy project.



Lions Kjeld and Peggy Shou volunteered their time to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army early in the month.

Our annual Christmas Cookie

Auction was during our December dinner meeting which was pushed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month rather than our normal 4th Tuesday of the month. This fundraiser is not supported by

the community, but by our membership only to raise funds for our administrative fund.

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NEWCOMB LIONS CLUB

By Lion Norma Taylor



Newcomb Lions Club members Ed and Jackie LaCourse's son Aiden snapped this photo in Jena, Germany as he gave a donation.



Newcomb Lion Don Bott gave a presentation on "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Newcomb, Long Lake, Blue Mountain, Raquette Lake communities get together and provide a Holiday



Newcomb Lion P.A. Kevin Bolan gave a presentation on "The Newcomb Helpers Fund" This fund helps community members in need of food or medical expenses.



The Newcomb Lions Club Annual Holiday Fruit Baskets to local Senior Citizens. 130 in total delivered in our community. Very Busy December for the Newcomb Lions Club!

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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CABVI)

CABVI Promotions

By Tara A. Capponi

The Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board of Directors has announced the promotion of Vice President of Products and Distribution Katie Eddy to Chief Revenue Officer (CRO) and Vice President of Operations Scott MacGregor to Chief Operating Officer (COO) effective January 1st.

As CRO, in addition to her current responsibilities, Eddy will lead revenue strategy and growth initiatives including sales, business development, and partnership development. She will provide strategic oversight into CABVI's manufacturing, customer service, and quality assurance teams to support sustainable growth and strong financial performance.



As COO, in addition to his current responsibilities, MacGregor will provide strategic oversight to our Rehabilitation Department, ensuring that departmental operations, programs and service delivery meet quality, compliance, performance, and financial standards. He will also lead CABVI's fundraising and philanthropic strategy.



CABVI President and CEO Edward P. Welsh said Eddy and MacGregor are seasoned executives with many years of proven leadership that has helped CABVI expand and grow both employment opportunities and services for people that are blind and visually impaired. "I expect CABVI's growth to continue with Katie and Scott in their new roles," he added. Eddy has more than 20 years of executive experience leading cross-functional teams and managing multimillion-dollar projects in diverse sectors, including healthcare, retail, sales, higher education, and non-profit. As Vice President of Products and Distribution at CABVI, she has successfully overseen \$63M in annual sales, driving growth through innovative product development, strategic sourcing, and operational efficiency.

With expertise in strategic operations, procurement, and contract negotiations, Eddy is passionate about transforming

organizations by aligning business objectives with actionable, mission-driven strategies. With an MBA and continuous professional development Katie is committed to fostering inclusive workplaces and has led initiatives that create employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, while optimizing supply chains and improving processes for sustainable growth.

New Hartford native MacGregor grew up in Rochester, NY and Merritt Island, FL. After graduating from George Mason University and Duquesne University School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1994, he was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1994 and practiced law and served as an adjunct professor teaching paralegal course at Penn State University. MacGregor was employed as a corporate trainer in Raleigh, North Carolina and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar Association. Returning to New York in 2004, MacGregor became a new-hire trainer for APAC before joining CABVI in 2007 where he held several positions including most recently Vice President of Operations, overseeing six departments.

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**MICHAEL MARRONE
PR & EVENTS MANAGER**



DISTRICT 20W Hunger Week

PDG John McDonald

Lions International has designated the week of January 3 - 11, 2026 as Hunger Week. This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issue of Hunger and Food insecurity. By participating, your club will be a part of an impactful week dedicated to providing positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe - together! So, get involved and help drive collective action for a better future! If the club can't do something during the specific designated week, please look at another time. Improving food security and access to nutritious food is an ongoing goal!

For some great ideas on this initiative, please visit the LCI website page at:

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Robert Maxam, Hunger Chair

International has declared January 3 - 11 as Hunger Week. In recognition, I am asking all Clubs in District 20-W to help make this a great week by making a non-perishable or a monetary donation to your local Food Bank/Pantry.

Let's show International what District 20-W can do. I would really appreciate if your Club can keep sending me the emails (maxamr60@gmail.com) reporting the what, when &





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- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
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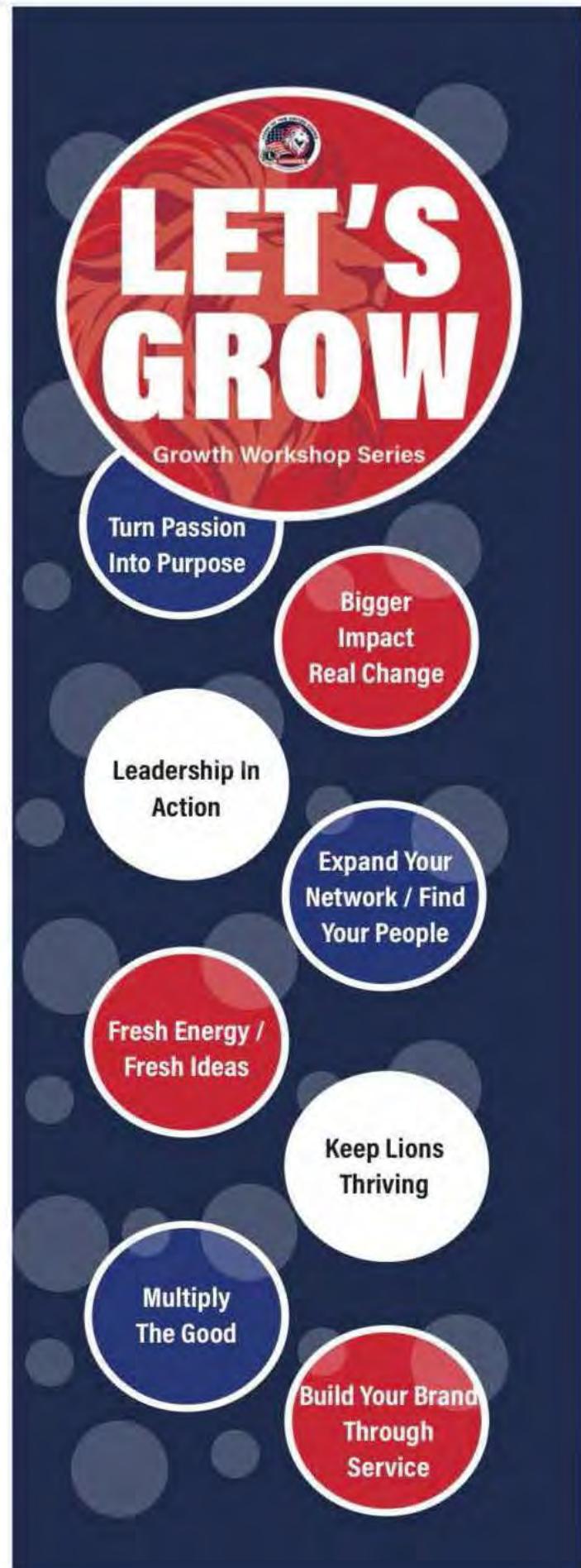
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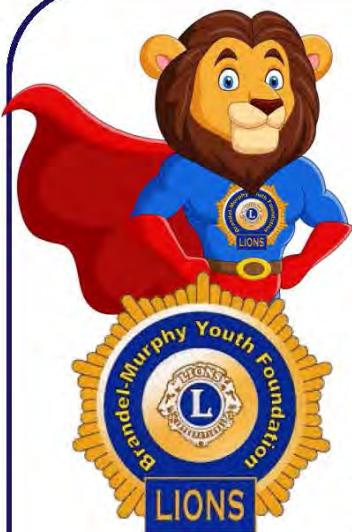
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Lions Clubs International

LIONS CLUBS & CYBERSECURITY IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT

Lions Clubs of District 20-W // Avoiding E-Mail Scams

Increase in Cybersecurity Threats

In recent months, e-mail scams and other forms of cybersecurity attacks have become more prevalent because of the pandemic. As more business is being carried out using virtual methods such as e-mail correspondence and virtual meetings, new cybersecurity risks and threats have emerged. In the last week, we have seen increased e-mail scams circulating in District 20-W. Member awareness and education is more important now than ever to avoid falling victim to these attacks.

E-mail Imposter and Gift Card Scams

The most common scam that has been observed by IT cybersecurity teams are e-mail scams where bad actors create e-mail accounts that impersonate and pose as high-ranking individuals within an organization. In Lions Clubs, these are generally individuals like the district governor, vice district governor, and club presidents. The bad actor will ask the recipients of the scam e-mail if they are available and to do them a favor of buying gift cards and sending them the gift card information. Due to many Lions personal information being publicly available on Lions Clubs websites, it is very easy for these bad actors to identify high-ranking members and begin sending the scam e-mails to other members within a district or club.

How to Avoid These E-mail Scams

There are many ways to avoid e-mail scams like the one mentioned above. Here are several tips to avoid these e-mail scams:

- **Always double check the e-mail address of the sender** – Usually the scammer will create a new e-mail account and set their display name to impersonate a high-ranking individual. Depending on your e-mail client, you may need to click or hover over their display name but be sure to double check the email address of the sender. In most scam attempts, the e-mail address of the individual who is being impersonated will not match their primary e-mail address that you should be familiar with.
- **Do not open any attachments or click any links** – If you receive an unexpected e-mail with attachments or links, do not open them or click on them. Always contact the sender via phone or in-person and double check with them that they did in fact send you an attachment or link before opening them. Be especially cautious of shortened URLs that use services like tinyurl or bit.ly.
- **Be aware of generic greetings, misspelling, and improper grammar** – Many times scam e-mails will have generic greetings that do not directly address the recipient, misspelling, and improper grammar. These can all be signs that an e-mail is fraudulent.
- **Contact the individual you believe sent you the e-mail** – Speak to the individual that sent you the e-mail either by phone or in-person to verify that the e-mail is genuine and that they sent the e-mail to you. Verify the authenticity of requests, especially when you are being asked to buy something.

By: Lion Joseph Wagner – Saratoga Springs Lions Club
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or Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796



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Name of recipient can be etched onto the award (total of 40 characters including award name allowed). Award is 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches high.

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

Make checks payable to: LHCS

Contact DG Barbara Bentley for more information

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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

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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:** _____

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

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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

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To sign up, please contact:

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Make a few dollars while you help the environment

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

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 jerrygordon@juno.com and I'll get you all the bags you want.

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Drop it

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

Collect \$\$

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Jerry Gordon

Secretary, Albany & Troy Lions Club

Webmaster for ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG and 20WUONS.ORG

