

District 20W LIONS ROAR



February 2026

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A.P. Singh of Kolkata, India

**“Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead”**



A message from
**District Governor
Barbara Bentley**

Fellow Lions,
The weather has certainly been cold, but I am happy to say things are still “heating up” around the district and we have some great things coming up!

On Saturday, February 7th, we will be holding our 3rd Cabinet Meeting at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. The topic.... **Membership**. And let's not just talk about it, but we will be collaborating and sharing ideas with each other on things we can do. Hand in hand with that we will be discussing marketing, within our clubs and communities.

The MD20 State Convention is right around the corner, April 17-19 in Syracuse. I encourage everyone who can, to try to attend. There will be some great educational sessions and we all want to show up and support our incoming Governor, VDG Ed Balaban. It should be a lot of fun!!!

Our April Cabinet Meeting will be in beautiful Lake Placid on Saturday, April 25th at the High Peaks Resort. We were able to get some great room rates (thanks to PDG James Griffith) that we will be sharing soon, so why not make plan a weekend getaway!

The District Testimonial will be on Friday, May 8th at the Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park. I'm excited to see how many clubs we will be recognizing that have been able to bring in two members this year.

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But it is only February.... So there is still plenty of time!!

It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through the Lions year, but we are still busy at work!! In your clubs, start giving some thought to planning for next year. Does your club have a Nominating Committee? Let's face it.... The "who wants to be President next year" roll call doesn't always yield positive results. If you are struggling with this, please reach out and let me know. I would be happy to come visit the club and discuss ways we can grow our leadership in the clubs and help grow member involvement and strengthen your club's future.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that the second half of the year dues notices for the state have been emails and the International dues are in the portal (they are no longer being snail mailed). If you need help accessing either, please reach out to me! I am happy to help!!

We've accomplished great things in the first half of the year and I am excited to see what we will be able to accomplish in the second half! Keep up the great work!!! No matter how big or small, it ALL makes a difference!!

Stay warm!!!

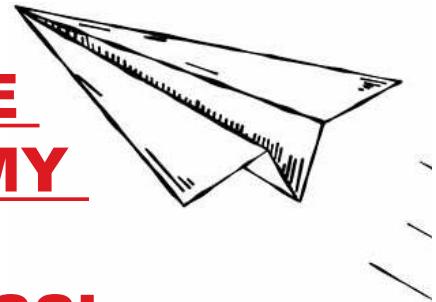
Yours in Lionism,

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!



TEAMWORK!



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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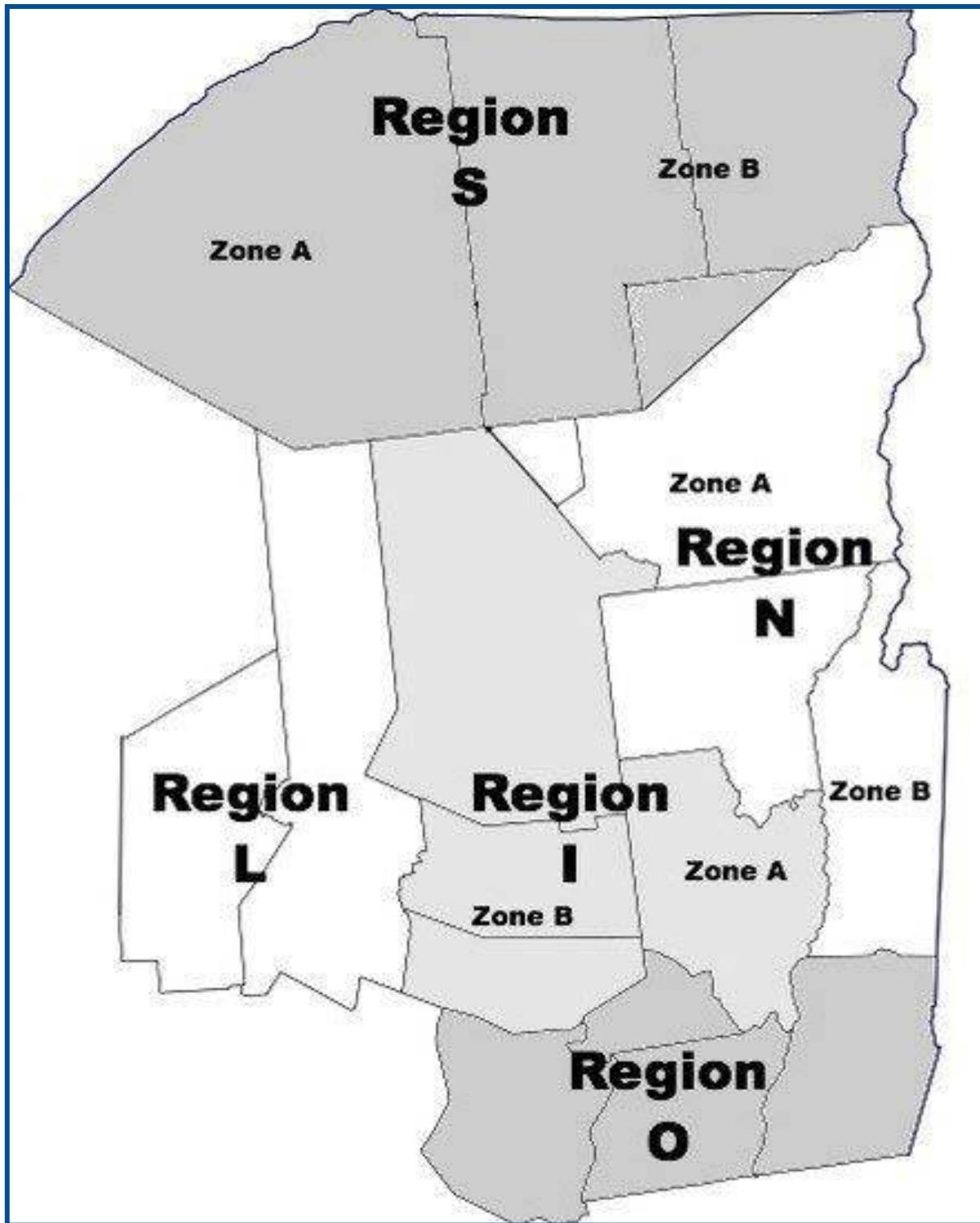
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District 20-W Comprises These New York State Counties

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

CALENDAR

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

Helen Keller Inspirational Quotes



“I appeal to you, Lions — you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind — will you not constitute yourselves **Knights of the Blind** in my crusade against darkness?”

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

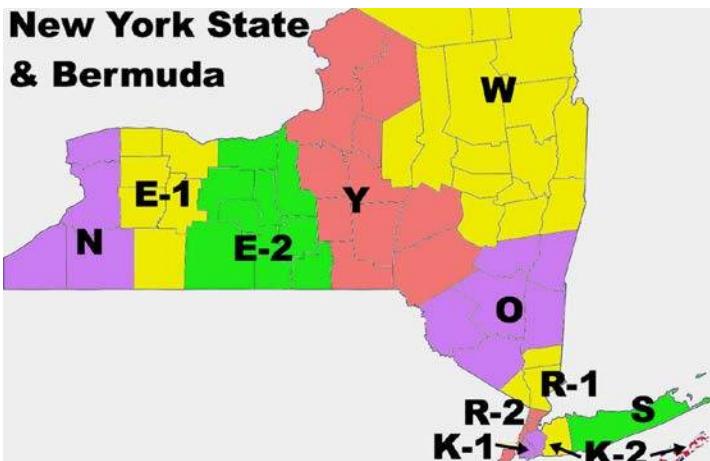
“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

“One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.”

“Often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

See page 14 for District 20/W's
Helen Keller Barbie Doll Raffle
to benefit LCIF



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



Global Service Team Coordinator



GST Coordinator
PDG John McDonald

Fellow Lions,

Our clubs are doing an incredible job of serving their communities! The hunger initiative saw several clubs working with their local food pantries and school backpack programs to support their local communities dealing with food insecurity! Thank you for all your efforts!

As you complete your projects, please share this with us on the Lions portal, District Face Book page, and our District Newsletter. This will allow District Leadership to share your successes and ideas with other clubs around the district. Sharing your initiatives and successes on the portal is an easy process. If you need any assistance, please contact me.

Our next global week of service initiative will focus on the Environment 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!

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Our upcoming cabinet meetings are scheduled for February 7th in Johnstown and April 25th in Lake Placid. These meetings are very interactive and a great resource for learning. I encourage you to refer to the District Governor's message and the flyer in this newsletter for more information. You'll find it to be very worthwhile!

Continue to stay safe and please take the time to reach out to your neighbors, family and fellow Lions to check in on their well-being!

Sincerely Yours in Service,

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District 20W

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Communications Corner

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

Marketing Matters

For any organization or business, Marketing is a strategic part of their business plan. Your Lions Club is no different. Effectively promoting the Lions mission and your Club's commitment to “WE SERVE” will result in service expansion and membership growth. Successful Marketing requires an investment in resources and dollars. Having a Marketing Chair is imperative for developing and implementing your marketing plan. Every member is part of the Marketing team each time they are out in public. Your club's budget should include dollars for specific marketing needs and activities. The clubs in District 20W have many Best Practice Marketing strategies. You should have these discussions in your Zone meetings and then share those ideas across the District.

Lions International also is an excellent resource for Marketing Strategies and tools that your club can leverage. Below is an example that can be found on the LCI Marketing Matters Website. I encourage you to visit that site and share at your next meeting.

Pre-Event Marketing: Marketing that gets people to your event.

At-Event Marketing: Marketing materials you give people at your event to encourage them to join your club or take part in your service project.

Post-Event Marketing: Follow-up marketing communications to continue engaging non-members and encourage participation in support of your club.

Channels: Here are some effective ways to get your message out:

Social Media + Digital/On-line Marketing + Print Marketing + Radio/TV

Tactics: Here are some effective Marketing materials:

Facebook/Instagram Posts + Press Releases + Emails + Flyers or Brochures
Promotional Videos (You Tube) + Mailers + Giveaways + Newspapers/Radio Ads
Billboard Ads

LCI Marketing Resources: www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing

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.

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

Supporting Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital/Holiday Party

By Lion John Griffin

On Saturday January 10th, the Club held our Annual Holiday Dinner Party at the Orchard Hall Restaurant in Sauquoit. Twenty-eight members and guest attended the party, and a good time was had by all. Following dinner, new member Patricia Terry was inducted into the Club by Secretary Connie Griffin. Our Annual Holiday Raffle drawing was held after the meeting. Lion Ed Jones and

President Lion John Markley chaired the raffle drawing which netted \$3,400. Thank you to all that participated in this year's Holiday Raffle, including a number of fellow Regional Clubs.

At our monthly meeting on January 22, 2026, the Sauquoit Valley Lions presented a check of \$2400 to the Upstate Foundation in support of the Syracuse Golisano Children's Hospital which houses the Childhood Cancer Center. It marks the 5th consecutive year of donations by the Club. The Club raises funds, dedicated to the Children's Hospital, at our information booth held at the Annual Sauquoit Valley Middle School Craft fair each fall.

Dave Bartell, representing the Upstate Foundation, accepted the check on behalf of the Foundation, and discussed ways that the Children's Hospital supports Central New York children including through the services of the Childhood Cancer Center.



The Sauquoit Valley Lions enjoy the 2026 Holiday Dinner Party at Orchard on January 10th.



Upstate Foundation representative Dave Bartell accepts a check to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital from Lion Secretary Connie Griffin and Lion Vice-President Sue Hughes (L-R) at our meeting on January 22nd.

Following the check presentation the Club held our regular meeting. Plans were

discussed around two major fund-raising events planned over the next two months. Our Annual Corn Hole Tournament will be held at the Orchard Hall Restaurant with over 20 teams expected to participate. Details to follow.

In addition, our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on March 29 that the Willowvale VFD in Chadwicks from 8:00-12:30.

The event will include a bake sale and raffle and great food! Please plan to join us.



Lion President John Markley inducts new member Lion Patricia Terry (R) with Sponsor Lion Maria Puleo as in support.

Sauquoit Valley Lions attended the calling hours of past Lion Richard "Dick" Thomas Sr. as a group on January 5th, 2026 to express condolences to his family. Fellow Lion and friend Don Humphrey reflected fondly on Dick's warmth, friendship and Lion service since joining the Club in 2021. Following Lion Don's comments, President John Markley led the group in the Lions Prayer.

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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CABVI)

AMD And Low Vision Awareness

By Miranda Watson

During February, The Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) recognizes Aged-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and Low Vision Awareness. AMD is an eye disease that can blur the central vision. It develops as age-related changes lead to damage in the macula. As a result of AMD, many people may experience low vision.

AMD is a leading cause of vision loss in patients 50 years and older. Although it doesn't cause complete blindness, losing central vision can make reading, driving, seeing faces, or near work more difficult. People may experience AMD differently. For most, AMD progresses slowly, but progress can vary. There are two types of macular degeneration: dry and wet. Dry AMD occurs when certain areas of the macula thin, and wet AMD occurs when blood or fluid caused by abnormal blood vessel growth builds up under the macula.

"Initially, patients may not notice any changes to their vision, but over time their vision may become blurry, straight lines may appear wavy, or their central vision may darken," said Dr. Kimberly Wadas. "It is important for patients to visit their eye doctor yearly for prevention and early detection. Their eyecare provider may give them an Amsler Grid to monitor the integrity of the macula. Prevention is key." Risk factors for AMD include being over the age of 50 years old, smoking, a diet high in saturated fat, obesity, a diagnosis of hypertension or elevated cholesterol, sun/UV light exposure, or having a family history of AMD.

Low vision is defined as best-corrected visual acuity of 20/70 or worse, which cannot be corrected with glasses, contact lenses, or medical intervention, such as surgery or medication. Low vision is more common in older adults because many of the eye diseases that cause low vision, such as AMD, typically happen to people over 50. People experiencing trouble reading, driving, recognizing faces, or telling colors apart may be experiencing low vision, as it can affect an individual's ability to perform activities of daily living (ADL). Unfortunately, low vision is generally a permanent condition.

Intervention for low vision varies based on the current eye condition that is causing it. After receiving a comprehensive eye exam, an optometrist or ophthalmologist will be able to determine the best options for treatment. Fortunately, there are ways to make the most of having low vision! If the vision loss is mild, there are simple modifications that can be made to improve quality of vision. Using task lighting at home or at work may help with ability to perform daily activities; Sunglasses can also be helpful because they reduce the amount of glare and reflections that enter the eye; and a magnifying glass may help with reading and other near tasks.

At CABVI's Utica and Syracuse locations, patients collaborate with professionals who specialize in low vision and vision loss

from diseases such as AMD. Our low-vision specialists will complete a low vision evaluation and make recommendations based on the patient's condition. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 315-797-2233 ext. 4000.

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MICHAEL MARRONE PR & EVENTS MANAGER



Dr. Kimberly Wadas provides a comprehensive eye exam for a patient.

MALONE LIONS CLUB

Purchases Smart Glasses

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

The Malone Lions Club purchased several pairs of smart glasses at \$800/pair for disable individuals in the community.

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CHAZY LIONS CLUB

Community Donations

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

Chazy has been busy providing donations to the community. We provided Chazy School \$1000. for the after prom party, and provided \$1000. to the Night to Shine Fund, and purchase fuel oil for 2 families in need of help.

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TUPPER LAKE LIONS CLUB

Donation Towards New Ambulance

By PDG Priscilla Laurin

The Tupper Lake Lions Club donated \$10,000, to the Tupper Lake Rescue Squad to go towards the purchase of a new ambulance.

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EMPIRE STATE SPECIAL NEEDS EXPERIENCE/LIONS CAMP BADGER

Now Hiring For Summer

By Cynthia Reuter

PLEASE SHARE!

Do you enjoy fun in the sun? Lions Camp Badger is now hiring for Summer 2026! We have paid positions available for summer camp counselors and licensed practical nurse(s) (NY State licensure required). Our season runs from June 20-August 8, and room and board are provided. The LPN will have a private living area with a bathroom. Camp counselors must be at least 17, and experience is not necessary because we train you! What's most important is an open mind, willing hands, and a desire to help others. Interested? You can apply from our website, www.lionscb.org. Please contact patgillule@gmail.com for additional information.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer camp registration opened January 12 for all regular sessions. Spots are filling quickly. If you know someone with special needs who would benefit from a week at camp with their peers, send them to our website, www.lionscb.org to learn about us and register for camp.

- Young Adult Badgers (18-26) 6/28-7/3
- Buddy Badgers 1:1 (all ages) 7/5-7/10

- Vocational Food Service (18+) 7/5-7/10
- Senior Badgers I (26-40) 7/12-7/17
- Junior Badgers (6-17) 7/26-7/31
- Senior Badgers II (41-60+) 8/2-8/7

We're also offering a 3 day/2 night Family Camp session 7/19-7/21 that is fully inclusive and

open to person(s) with a disability, siblings, and parents/caregivers. Each family has their own cabin and we provide staff support for activities.

Enjoy networking with other families and opportunities for caregiver respite. Spots are limited. Registration opens March 16.



LIONS CAMP BADGER SUPER RAFFLE

Please be on the lookout for our annual Super Raffle



tickets in the mail to your P. O. Box or Club Secretary. Raffle tickets are \$50 each with 10 grand prizes of \$1,000. Raffle drawing is the week after Labor Day. Winners' names will be posted on our website and social media once the winners have been notified.

Please be as generous as you can.

All proceeds help us maintain our wonderful camp and quality summer programs.

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BALLSTON SPA LIONS CLUB

Ballston Spa Lions Fight Hunger

By Lion Ed Gharzouzi

The Ballston Spa Lions Club has continued its mission of providing food to those in need.

For many years, we provided meals for the holidays to the local food pantries by donating side dishes and turkeys or hams for Thanksgiving and Christmas/Easter, respectively. As the times and traditions have changed, we now partner with local grocery stores to provide gift cards instead of the turkeys or hams. This has been well received by the community.

Most recently, we conducted a food drive in the local Hannaford during



Lions from the Ballston Spa Lions Club prepare hams for Christmas meals that were delivered to local food pantries. From Left to Right: Lion Jim Myers, Lion Ed Moore, Lion Jenn Hurd, Lion Denny Albright, Lion Robert David, Lion Ed Hersh.



Lions work a Food Drive at Hannaford in support of Hunger Awareness Week. From Left to Right: Lion Eric Carson, Lion Robert David, Lion Ed Moore.



Food collected from the Hunger Awareness Food Drive.

Hunger Awareness Week. While it was our first, it was still successful and we plan to continue next year with some improvements. We collected all the food pictured below and \$300 in cash donations. All food and cash will be donated to the food pantries that serve our service area. Special thanks to Hannaford for donating food and believing in our mission!

We are preparing for the Easter food baskets and to promote Lionism, we donate Chocolate Easter Bunnies from the Lions Eye Institute and provide them in select baskets while supplies last.



Chocolate Easter Bunnies from the Lions Eye Institute.

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BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS CLUB

Food For Backpack Program

By Lion Ed Balaban

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club began their weekend early last Friday morning, January 23, when Lions Bill Suchy and Bob Townsend met the delivery truck from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Amsterdam. Lions gathered food to be delivered to the Backpack Program at Mayfield Central School. The program provides food to those students who are less fortunate.

Club President Townsend said "We welcome the opportunity to provide



Broadalbin-Perth Lion Bill Suchy inspects his Club's share of food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students.



Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club President Bob Townsend hoists a case of food delivered from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students

Broadalbin-Perth Lions Bill Suchy, left, and Club President Bob Townsend, right, filled a truck with food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School later that day in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students.



nutritious food to the younger members of our community and help ensure their academic success. No child will succeed in school on an empty stomach."

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NEWCOMB LIONS CLUB

Food Donations

By Lion Norma Taylor

Our last Meeting and Dinner were held January 14th at the Newcomb Community Center. Food Donation was made to our Local Food Pantry at The Newcomb Health Center.



Lion Wester Miga was our guest speaker this past month.



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LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION/20W

Helen Keller Barbie Doll Raffle

By PDG Ricky Laurin

L CIF is having a raffle. Each district is raffling a Helen Keller Barbie doll. Tickets in W are \$5.00 each. Tickets will be available on February 7 at the District

meeting, at any club that he visits and can be obtain via mail.



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SARATOGA SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Annual Food Collection

By DG Barbara Bentley

The Saratoga Springs Lions Club held their annual food drive on January 17th. Lions were at several grocery stores in Saratoga to accept generous donations from shoppers. In total, they collected about 2,400 pounds of food and hygiene products that were distributed to six local pantries. The Saratoga Leos offered great support by sorting and packing all of the



donations that were received.

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CLINTON LIONS CLUB

Food Collection And Student Of The Month

By Lion Jim Winkler

For the first time since October, we met twice during



Clinton Lions Les LaBrecque and Club President Gabe Martini present Clinton Central High School senior, Jack Wratten with November Student of the Month Certificate.

January. At the first meeting, our guests were our November Student of the Month, Jack Wratten, his mother and sister. Jack will be graduating in June from Clinton Senior High School where he not only maintains a very respectable grade point average but is active in both

the vocal and instrumental music programs and is a member of the school's track and field team. Jack is looking to major in chemical engineering in college and has applied to RIT, SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Geneseo. He was presented with a Certificate and gift card to a local restaurant by Lion Les LaBrecque and Club President Lion Gabe Martini. A picture of the presentation appeared in one of our local newspapers. We wish Jack every success in his future endeavors.

At both of our monthly meetings, those members in attendance brought with them approximately 40 pounds of shelf stable, nonperishable food for our local Country Pantry. These items were delivered to the pantry on the days following our meetings, accumulated with those donated by other members of the community to be utilized at upcoming food distributions.

This month's distribution at our local food pantry was still feeling the effects of the government shutdown and subsequent aftermath. It had to be altered. Instead of being held on the same relative day each month, allowing clients and volunteers alike to plan their schedules accordingly, the

monthly distributions now vary monthly depending upon the availability of food at the Central New York (CNY) Food Bank.

Distributions are now conducted on short notice, random days of the month, affecting everyone's (clients and volunteers) ability for future scheduling and participation. The Executive Director of our local food bank, Lion Mary Zimbler, continues to do a remarkable job obtaining donated shelf stable, nonperishable foods from the community, scheduling volunteer workcrews to package these items along with past unused frozen food products, and scheduling volunteers to satisfy the needs of individual families on a daily basis.

This month, four (4) club members joined twenty other community volunteers for the pantry's largest distribution on January 9th. At this distribution, approximately 1,000

individuals were served the food delivered from the CNY Food Bank and that which had been pre-packed from the generosity of the local community. This distribution took place in the Annunciation Church parking lot in Clark Mills,

NY as in previous months.

The club ordered fifty-eight (58) cases of chocolate bunnies at a cost of \$2,320 in support of the Lions Eye Institute (LEI). We await their arrival. Many of our members purchased them to donate to the Country Pantry for distribution to clients before Easter.

One of our members continues assisting every Thursday, preparing and serving hot soup and sandwiches at Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen in Utica. Approximately 215 individuals received nourishment during the month through this assistance.

Recent contributions: Student of the Month gift certificate (\$25); payment of Chamber of Commerce Annual Dues



After CHY Food Bank Trailer Truck unloaded, volunteers receive instructions before first clients begin receiving food.



Vehicles pass by on both sides of tent as volunteers load food into their vehicles while one client (in pickup truck) awaits his position in line.

(\$100); purchase of 58 cases of chocolate rabbits from the Lions Eye Institute (\$2,320); support of Sauquoit Valley Lions through purchase of raffle ticket (\$50).

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GLENS FALLS LIONS CLUB

Last Sunday Supper

By Lion Karen Rager

Sunday, January 26, The Glens Falls Lions purchased and prepared their Annual Last Sunday Supper at Christ Church United Methodist in Glens Falls. Traditionally we would serve 60 to 100 people this free meal, however Sunday and Monday was the “big storm”. Expecting 18 - 24” of snow and freezing temperatures we didn’t know what to expect.

About 10 Lions and members of Christ Church prepared our usual and very popular meal of meatloaf, roasted rosemary potatoes, baby carrots, rolls and butter, and dessert. Because of the storm we had 5 people brave the storm and a reequest for 12 takeouts!

Unfortuately the church’s heating system broke that day and the part that was needed to repair it wasn’t available until the 28th. We tried to stay warm byt hovering around the ovens and staying dressed in our coats and hats!

As there was plenty of food leftover, we were able to take “doggy bags” home with the balance going to the Open Door where Code Blue Shelter was in effect.

Christ Church provides this meal every month and also provides a breakfast.

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ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

District Governor To Attend Meeting

By Lion Jerry Gordon

1. Queen’s “Love Thy Neighbor” event on Dec 20 was very successful. With both Lions and Leo volunteers, along with folks from several oth-er supporting organizations (Eden’s Rose, SNUG, etc), they provided hot meals, free produce and 80 kids’ coats to over 800 residents of Ida Yarborough Homes, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, and other places.

2. DG Barb Bentley will be our guest at our general meeting on Wed, Feb 4 at Margarita City. Starting in April, we’ll try the Albany Public Library on Washington Ave for our general meetings. Our board meetings will be at 7PM on line on the 3rd Monday.

3. Lion Batman reports that plans for the Spelling Bee are moving along. Our regional Spelling Bee will be in late March. Under consid-eration are the Love Albany Center at 8 Kate St or the Palace Theater.

4. Jodi and Greg will be leaving for Ecuador on Jan 10. They’re taking lots of glasses to be distributed in conjunction with the Tosagua Lions Club.

5. We voted to buy 6 raffle tickets for \$100 to benefit the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation.

6. Semajanay Losey, the mother of James, one of our more active Leos, passed away on Jan 6. Queen requested that we make a \$300 donation to an organization yet to be named. The motion passes after Lion Jodi came up with \$100 as a personal donation to the fund.

In the weeks after the meeting, we passed two motions via email:

To donate \$100 towards the purchase of a Bluetooth Stethoscope for a deaf senior at Brunswick HS who is enrolled in a BOCES Nursing pro-gram and will be attending college for nursing.

To donate \$200 to LCIF in memory of Jimmy Bass, father of our past president Lion Eva Bass.

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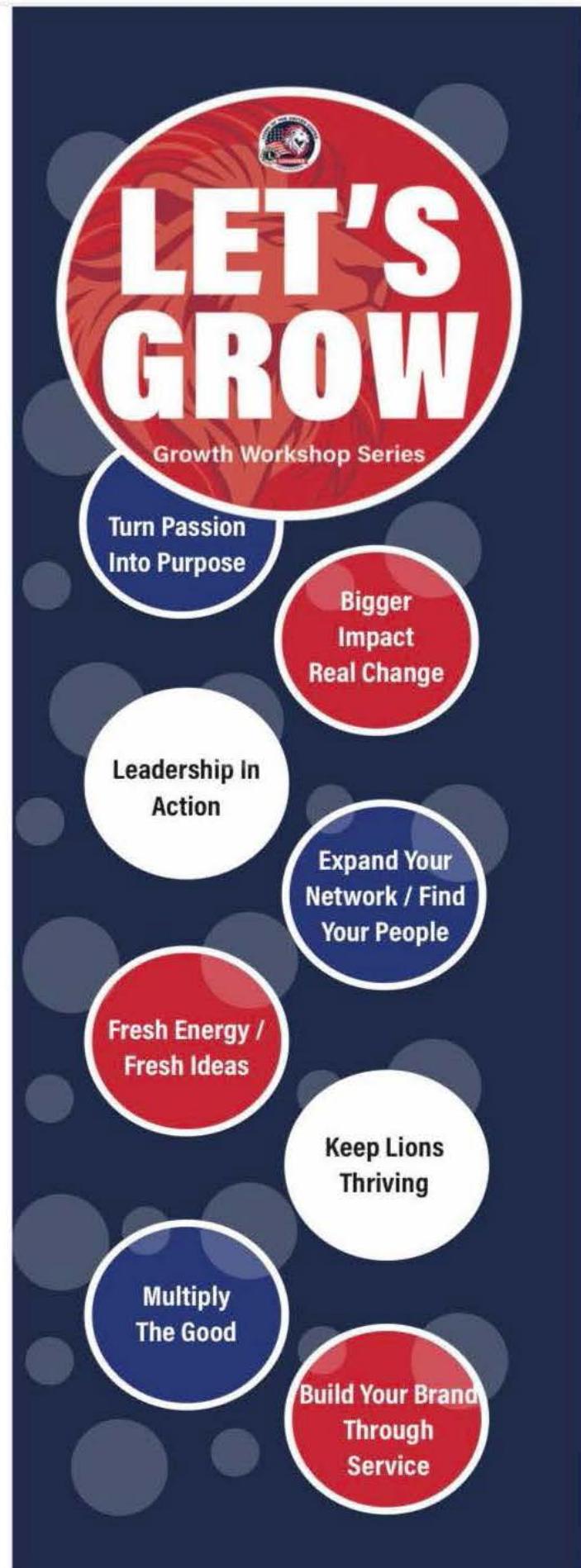
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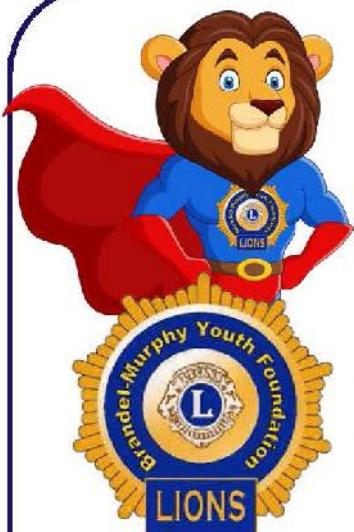
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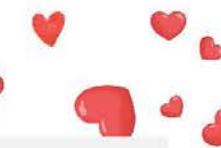
The 20-20-20 Rule for Digital Strain:

Modern life involves hours of screen time on phones and computers, which can lead to dryness, blurring, and headaches. Every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds to allow your eye muscles to relax and reset your focus.



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In the quiet corners of Grand Isle, Vermont, and the sun-drenched streets of Coral Springs, Bill Stone was known as a man who could fix anything. To his family, he was "MacGyver." To his step-son, Andrew, he was the hero who climbed Mt. Mansfield to find "utter joy." To his wife, Nadean, he was her rock—the man who made everyone around him better just by being in the room.

But Bill's greatest project wasn't an award-winning pool design or the Hammond B-3 organ he played for The Barefoot Beach Boys. His greatest project was Time.

When Bill was a young man, a shadow hung over his family tree. Both his father and grandfather had been taken by kidney disease at the age of 56.

When Bill and Nadean married 36 years ago, they didn't just exchange vows; they made a pact to fight that shadow together.

Through sheer discipline, a "MacGyver-like" attention to health, and an unshakable spirit, Bill did the impossible. He didn't just reach 56; he blew past it. He gave his family 22 more wonderful years than anyone expected. He didn't start dialysis until he was 75, proving that with enough love and grit, you can rewrite the story you were handed.

Bill's life was defined by a selfless need to build foundations for others. In the late 1960s, he helped lay the very first stones of the Vermont Kidney Association. He was the silent engine behind the scenes—launching the VKA Voice newsletter and running fundraisers—never asking for a spotlight, only asking how he could help the person in the next chair.

His commitment to "fixing" the future even extended to medical science. By participating in a pivotal genetic study, Bill helped researchers identify the APOE gene mutation. Because of Bill's willingness to share his own story and DNA, families in the future will have the "fix" he had to fight so hard to find for himself.

On October 24, 2023, Bill Stone's long and valiant fight came to a peaceful end in the city where he was born. But true to his nature, Bill was still looking forward.

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