



Minutes from the Fourth District Meeting
 Saturday March 23, 2019
 Lions District 20-W
 Hampton Inn and Suites
 100 Mirror Lake Drive
 Lake Placid, NY 12946

In attendance;

Lion	Bentley, Barbara	Lioness	Nevins, Nancy
2nd VDG	Brisee, Rick	DG	O'Hare, Michele
Lion	Chanowsky, Devin	Speaker	O'Hare, Morgan
Lion	Chanowsky, Diane	Lion	O'Mara, Bill
PDG	Griffith, James	1st VDG	Pike, Ed
Lion	Hadjis, Jim	Lion	Plummer, Katrina
PDG	Jarvis, Joe	Lion	Plummer, Verna
Food Pantry	Jones, Bob	Lion	Ronayne, Kevin
Lion	Lange, Cliff	PDG	Scott, Joan
Lion	Lange, Diane	PDG	Stano, Ed
Lion	Laurin, Priscilla	Lion	Stano, Elizabeth
Lion	Laurin, Ricky	Lion	Ware, Rita
Lion	Maxam, Robert	Lioness	Wright, Pam
Lion	McChonchie, Holly		
PDG	McDonald, John		

DG Lion Michele O'Hare called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

King Lion Jim Hadjis of the Lake Placid Lions welcomed everyone to the area and gave a brief history of the Lake Placid Lions Club chartered in 1939 and some of their service and fund raising projects.

Presentations;
Childhood Cancer

The representative from Ronald McDonald House could not make this meeting; he will be attending a meeting next year. Lion Diane Lange, our Pediatric Cancer Chair, updated us on some initiatives that are under way, and would like the help of all Lions Clubs help with the hope bags handed out to families and children that are suffering as well as possibly reading to the children, cooking and so forth at the Ronald McDonald house

Our other speaker on Childhood Cancer was Morgan O'Hare, she presented the following information;
Good Morning,

It is an honor to be here today with all of you. My mother, Michele O'Hare, has told me on several occasions about all of the exciting work you do and needless to say, I am incredibly impressed. You give tirelessly to your communities and I am most inspired by the vision screenings you provide for children ages 18 months to 6 years old. You are directly changing the lives of parents and families who may be unaware and/or health illiterate. You instantly flag and refer patients so that they can get the care they need and deserve to live a healthy, "normal" life. Although I was not screened by the Lions, I want to share my personal story with you today as it relates to the vision and mission of the organization.

Cancer: A six-letter word generally defined as, "a disease due to the abnormal growth of a specific cell line in particular organ that has the potential to spread to various other organs." However, I know this word has a slightly different meaning for each of us. This one word tells of stories both good and bad, it triggers emotions, memories, maybe times we never want to remember again. It makes us think of family members, friends, loved ones, anyone who has fought or is currently fighting this terrible six-letter word, cancer. We have all been affected by cancer, one-way or another and this morning, I want to share with you how this six-lettered word has contributed to my resilient strength and positive outlook on life.

I was three years old when I was diagnosed with Retinoblastoma, which is a rare cancer of the eye seen primarily in children. My parents were devastated. What was going to happen to me? I was three; I certainly had no clue. It was tough, but we got through it. After a few surgeries to remove my left eye, chocolate ice cream from the nurses' station at *Will's Eye* in Pennsylvania, and countless rewinds of the movie, *Babe*, I was finally able to go home and live a normal life, cancer free. Well...sort of. While the physical tumor may have been removed, cancer had found several ways to continue being a part of my life. I had to miss fieldtrips to get my prosthetic checked in Boston. I had to see three other doctors multiple times a year for checkups. I had to wear special safety goggles (that by the way, I almost always found a way to avoid wearing, please don't tell my mother) during gym and other physical activities. I had to

wear my glasses at all times even when I could see the chalkboard perfectly. I had to explain to my friends at slumber parties that my eye stayed open when I slept and that I wasn't a one-eyed Cyclops or One-Eyed-One-Horned-Flying-Purple-People-Eater.

However, despite all of those things, cancer has been a part of my life in a different way that some people may not fully understand. That six-letter word has shaped who I am in every way possible. It has made me positive. Without Retinoblastoma, I am not entirely sure who Morgan O'Hare would be today. Despite the difficulties I had growing up, from day one I have seen Retinoblastoma as a blessing, and nothing less.

Having one eye has been the most influential contributor to the positive outlook I have on life. I can say with confidence that it has taught me three valuable lessons that I strive to live by every single day.

Number One. "Don't take yourself too seriously." This is by far the most important lesson my eye has taught me (which by the way is plastic not glass). Yes, we are all human and life is not perfect no matter how hard we may try to make it. Yes, sometimes having one eye can be challenging too, but you learn to embrace that. You walk into doors and clothing racks, sometimes even people. Other times you feel like you are walking by yourself when someone stands on the left side. Or the best is when people can't figure out where you are directly looking and you end up saying hello to random strangers who seem to be very confused and freaked out. Oh well, that is life for a one-eyed-woman and there is no way around it. At the end of the day though, I love to laugh, to smile, and make fun of myself. I even purposefully try to make people uncomfortable when they feel awkward or are too afraid to ask me questions. I love making other people smile; it makes me happy and it gives me joy. Life is far too short to take yourself seriously. So, the next time you accidentally push the pull door or miss your mouth trying to eat a big cupcake, just laugh it off, and everything will turn out okay in the end.

Lesson number Two. "Be open-minded." Having one eye has helped me to understand how other people think and their approaches to life and all that it offers. I try to always find the positive in every situation and try to see things from the other person's shoes. In college, there was a student-initiated campaign last year, "I Love My Body Week". Essentially, there were pictures of student volunteers posted all around campus with personal comments they wrote about why they loved a particular body feature. My picture had read, "I love my **eyes** (with the "s" crossed out) because it helps me see others' points of view" and to be honest, I absolutely do. I can remember one time when a good friend of mine did not exactly feel the same way. It was a

day burned into my memory that I will never forget. He put his hand in the middle of my face, splitting it into two. He said, “You would be so *perfect* if the right side of your face was exactly like your left and you had two eyes.” At the time, I felt like I had gotten hit with a baseball bat square in the stomach. But now, that is not the case. Yeah, sure, so one eye is slightly lower than the other and it does not blink all the way, but I love it that way and would not change that for the world. We are guilty of judging other people, but I beg you to try and look beyond the superficial characteristics of the people around you. Dig to find the meaning and passions of those people. Be open-minded to what you learn and accept them for who they are. We can learn a lot from our colleagues if we just listen and keep an open mind free of judgment. Even when you may be the one judged, I encourage you to stay positive, try and understand where the other person may be coming from, ignore negativity, and be more accepting of others even when they may not accept you.

And lastly, lesson number Three. “It is not how hard you *can* hit, but how hard you can *get* hit and keep moving forward.” This powerful quote from just a short scene in Rocky is both fiancé and my favorite line. Life likes to throw all of us curve balls and push us down for a plethora of reasons every now and again. Cancer was one hurdle I had to confront one way or another and I am a stronger woman for it.

With my parents, sister, friends, and loved ones by my side, I have grown to become a confident, (relatively) mature woman who is unafraid of taking risks and experiencing new things. I would not be who I am if it were not for the people in my life and those who I choose to surround myself with. I am forever grateful for them because without their strength, hope, continuous support, and love.

I have gone through the surgeries, the doctor visits, the difficult, frustrating days of constantly bumping into things, and I have found a way to be strong and positive. Those strenuous times do not define me; rather it is how I have chosen to respond to the challenges that does. Thank you for your time today and for allowing me to share my story and the lessons I have learned with you. Thank you for the inspiring work you do each and every day with dignity and compassion. You are helping the children of today, see tomorrow.

Update on Diabetes;

IPDG John McDonald presented an update of our mission with Diabetes

- 2 years ago LCI added Diabetes to our mission

- The goal for LCIF is to engage Lions
- Increase access to care
- Increase awareness

The Brookfield Connecticut Lions started a camp for children with diabetes, which allows children to share information with their peers. They have also started vision screenings for seniors

The Saratoga Lions invited Chuck McFarland, from AADE to come and speak in the past about what they are and do. Lion Barbara Bentley has since taken the online course to become a certified educator, the course costs \$150 and is 18 hours long, the Saratoga Lions covered the cost of her course, in the future LCI might be covering those costs.

AADE draft between their organization and LCI will be passed at the national board meeting in Iceland in April

The Center for Disease Control will be sponsoring a pilot program throughout the country and the Saratoga Lions will be one of the trial sites working with AADE. A joint diabetes tool kit will come out in Milan for education and resources

Gary Brown will be lobbying in Washington DC for a National Day Diabetes this coming November

NABA is applying for a grant similar to the grant just given to the Ogdensburg Lions so they can update their facility to offer more vision/hearing and diabetes education working with Saratoga Hospital and Albany Medical Center. (a copy of the grant request will be attached to the minutes)

On May 15th at 5PM there will be a press conference in Ogdensburg and they would like as many Lions there as possible.

Leo Clubs report;

Lion Katrina Plummer presented an update on Leo's (copy of her presentation will be attached to the minutes)

- April is Leo awareness month
- A survey about Leo's was sent to all clubs, only 7 clubs responded, the survey was sent out again in hopes for additional responded
- She is willing to come to any club or Leo meeting if help is needed.

Business Meeting;

Last Cabinet meeting minutes;

A motion was made to accept the 3rd Cabinet minutes as written by PDG John McDonald, it was 2nd by PDG Ed Stano, everyone was in favor.

Treasurer's report;

Lion Kevin Ronayne presented the treasurer's report (a copy will be attached to the minutes)

- As of now we are in good shape
- We still have some grant funds

PDG Joan Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Lion Ricky Laurin 2nd the motion, everyone was in favor.

DG report;

DG Michele reported the following;

- There are 52 clubs in our district
- We are number 1 in our Multiple District for membership[p growth
- Please make sure all of your club information is updated on line in a timely manner
- By the end of April she would like every club in the District to make a donation to Campaign 100, whatever amount they can afford that would give us 100% participation
- We are in need of a 2nd Vice District Governor, if anyone knows of someone that might be interested please let her know
- CABVI brochure was passed out about Beacon of Hope Outreach, "When 2 women who are Lions met, A Global Nigeria Project Initiative was the result" (copy of the brochure will be attached to the minutes)
- PCC Kelly is doing training to become a Certified Guiding Lion
- Officer training will be done in 2 parts t this year, part one will be on line and part two will be on 5/9 at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga
- LCI's web page will be down March 29th
- All clubs should report their officers for next year as soon as possible
- For a great training event encourage everyone to attend the US Canada forum in Spokane this year
- If your club is going to the State Convention and they want to vote all of their dues need to be paid before that
- Presently there are 15 clubs on suspension as they still owe dues to MD 20
- The testimonial will be held in May at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga
- The strategic survey deadline was extended to the end of April so more people can respond
- This year our support was for the Hunger project, we would also like to do an environmental project as a district

Food Pantry;

Bob Jones from the Lake Placid Food Pantry spoke about their program;

They are under the Ecumenical Charities program;

- they have a thrift shop that serves 50 plus families
- twice a month they go to the regional food bank in Latham and bring back 1200 to 1800 pounds of food
- the Church of Latter Day Saints helps them
- they serve/hand out 300 turkey dinners at Thanksgiving
- they pick up donated food from Hannaford weekly outdated items are not accepted they can not hand those out
- their facilities are donated

GAT Team Updates;

Membership;

PDG Ed Stano presented a membership update (his report is included in the meeting reports which will be attached to the minutes) he also spoke about the following;

- 2 clubs in the northern part of our district merged as well as the Johnstown/Gloversville clubs that should make all of them stronger
- He spoke about the club health report
- He is worried about where he sees members drop within a year or two of joining a club

- Orientation is a key to keeping members
- Make more people aware of what the clubs do
- PDG will try to get to all the clubs and speak about membership
- Call people that don't come to meetings to find out why they are not attending
- Try to get those members that might not show up for meetings to participate in service projects or activities
- "ASK"
- Still trying to get a new club into certain areas. He will take the list of suggestions from the survey and work on those areas
- He will be attending Zone meetings

Service;

IPDG John McDonald spoke about service in our district as well as at the club level;

- He spoke with the Anthem project people about doing something for the regional food bank in the spring as well as those events that we have done with them in the Fall
 - We will be doing a project as the regional food bank on April 27th, from 9am to 12:30 and a 2nd shift from 12:30 to 3:30 pm
- Suggest doing a food drive at the local club level
- Kid Sight screenings are critical do them! The Saratoga Lions just did one last week working with NABA
- A Ronald McDonald house representative will be at the next District Meeting in September to speak about their services to those families impacted with Children in the Hospital with Cancer
- Lion Diane Lange our Pediatric Cancer Chair is willing to come to meetings to speak
- For those County Fair's that have tractor pulls the hearing society had ear plugs that can be passed out to viewers, if you can help pass them out, wear a Lions shirt and let VDG Rick know you can help. In the north country where they have lawnmower pulls the same thing applies, volunteer to hand out ear protection
- Report your service hours, we are a "service" organization
- Share your club information in the newsletter
- Use and share the diabetes handouts
- NABA is applying for a Grant from LCI to assist in their 1.2 million dollar project, donations would also be appreciated from all clubs, that grant will be presented for approval at the September district meeting
- Make sure if your clubs need something to apply for grants from all of the Lions organizations that are available to help you

Hearing Society;

VDG Rick presented an update of their activities;

- The program was started June 1st of 2018
- 31 cases have been handled so far
- 52 hearing aids have been facilitated
 - 1 was associated with a Zone project
 - In one instance 2 clubs worked together

- One from District O also took advantage of the program
- Recycled hearing aids fund their program
- They would partner with any club that asks
- They will have a display at the State Convention
- Looking to establish 2 loan out centers in the northern part of our District
 - Approaching someone in Ogdensburg and in Potsdam
 - Let him know if you know of anyone interested
 - DG Michele said there was in interest in Schroom
- The bylaws are being reworked, there are presently 47 board members, they are trying to streamline that, this effort should be done in a few days
 - Each King Lion in the district will get a letter stating the change
 - Looking for volunteers to hand out ear plugs at county fairs for tractor pulls and lawnmower pulls
- April 29th at 7pm will be the annual meeting at the Eye Institute in Slingerlands, anyone can attend

Elections;

3rd VDG, Ricky Laurin

- Chazy Lions Club
- Lion Ricky joined in 1976, took a leave and rejoined in the late 1980's
- Works in his clubs with the local 4 schools
- They work on a lot of eye screenings on board with the Eye Institute
- Participates in inter club meetings

A motion was made to accept Lion Ricky Laurin as 3rd vice district governor, PDG Joan Scott accepted the motion first, Lion Diane Lange 2nd the motion, everyone was in favor motion carried

1st VDG, Rick Brisee

PDG John McDonald introduced Lion Rick Brisee of the Waterford Lions Club

He read Lion Rick's resolution (copy will be attached to the minutes)

A motion was made to accept Lion Rick as 1st VDG, PDG John accepted the motion first, Lion Ed Pike 2nd the motion, everyone was in favor motion carried

District Governor Ed Pike

PDG Joan Scott read Lion Ed's resolution (copy will be attached to the minutes)

A motion was made to accept Lion Ed as District Governor, PDG Joan Scott accepted the motion first, Lion Ricky Laurin 2nd the motion, everyone was in favor motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20

Respectfully submitted

Rita Ware

Cabinet Secretary

LEO CLUBS



**QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS, FORMING NEW
CLUBS AND STARTING OUR 3-5 YEAR PLAN**

APRIL IS LEO AWARENESS MONTH!



QUESTIONNAIRE OVERVIEW

- Questionnaire sent out, in September, to all clubs.
 - It asked if the member knew:
 - What LEOs were
 - If their club has/had one or considered starting one
 - What projects they work with their Leo's on
 - If they don't have one, what other groups do they work with
- Total questionnaires received back: 11 (From 7 clubs)
- Many of the questionnaires I got back were from clubs that already have a Leo Club or have had one in the past.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

- Seven responses came from clubs who already know who the Leos are and who already work with their club.
- Three were from clubs who have had Leo clubs in the past but no longer have one.
- The last one was from a club who has never had a Leo club.

This got me thinking, why did we not receive more back? Were the clubs who didn't know what Leos were afraid to respond?

SO WHAT ARE LEOS?

Below are some of the responses that I received back on the questionnaire:

- Leos are “a youth organization which is sponsored by the lions club in their community”
- “They are an adolescent program used to foster future lions”
- They are “Little Lions”
- They are “school youth, that serve their communities as a group under lions”

SO WHAT ARE LEOS?

While these are all correct, Lions Clubs International states that Leos are: “the youngest members of Lions Clubs International” they “embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership—one of mutual respect, where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades”- www.lionsclubs.org

FORMING A NEW LEO CLUB

- If your club is thinking about forming a Leo Club, or bringing back an old club, I can help! There is also a lot of good information on www.lionsclubs.org regarding Leos.
- “Sponsoring a Leo club provides Lions with opportunities to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service. Through involvement with a Leo club, Lions can energize and inspire members and even increase the sponsoring club's community exposure, attracting potential members such as young professionals, students, parents and families.”
— www.lionsclubs.org

STEPS TO FORMING A NEW LEO CLUB

There are Six Easy steps to forming a new club

- **Step 1: Establish a Framework**

Determine if the new Leo club will be community or school-based, Alpha (12-18) or Omega (18-30).

- **Step 2: Identify Potential Leos**

Obtain the names of Leos from schools, universities, colleges, houses of worship, youth groups, friends and relatives.

- **Step 3: Invite Prospective Leos to an Informational Meeting**

Explain the philosophy of the Leo Club Program and answer questions concerning: requirements for Leo club membership, the relationship to the sponsoring Lions club and Leo service activities.

Distribute the [Alpha Application for Leo Club Membership \(Leo50-A\)](#) or [Omega Application for Leo Club Membership \(Leo50-O\)](#) and invite interested youth to join the Leo club.

STEPS TO FORMING A NEW LEO CLUB

- **Step 4: Host a Formation Meeting**

Organize a Leo club formation meeting to elect Leo club officers, discuss potential projects, accept [The Leo Club Constitution and Bylaws](#) and determine the place and time for club meetings.

- **Step 5: Complete Required Paperwork**

Complete the [Leo Club Organization Report \(Leo-51\)](#) with proper signatures. Attach a list with the names of the club's founding members and return it to the Leo Club Program Department. The entire certification process can take four to six weeks.

- **Step 6: Plan an Installation Ceremony**

Once the Leo Club Organization Report form has been approved, the sponsoring Lions club should organize a meeting to present the Certificate of Organization and install Leo club officers. Launch the Leo club with an installation ceremony.

COST OF LEO CLUB

- **Leo Club Organization Fee is \$100.00. It is a one time fee and includes all of the following:**
 - The costs involved in processing the Leo Club Organization Report
 - A Certificate of Organization
 - A Leo club officers' kit
 - A Leo club sponsor kit
 - Leo lapel pins for each original Leo club member
- Lions clubs are also billed \$100.00 annually to sponsor a Leo club This pays for Leo Club Program materials, mailings, club record maintenance, communications, awards and program resources.
- If a Leo club is canceled, the [Leo Club Termination Form \(Leo-86\)](#) must be received by the Leo Club Program Department by October 31 to receive levy credit for the current year only.

WHY SOME CLUBS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME WITH LEOS

- Kids are busy, they are involved in sports, other clubs and work. It makes it hard for them to join another club
- Most schools have other volunteer organizations, like Key Club, National Honor Society, Interact Club as well as others.
- So, what do we do then? Well, consider the following:
 - Maybe take a look at forming a community based Leo club instead of a school based one.
 - Find something for them to do as a service activity that is unique and not something that other clubs in the school already do
 - Pick a meeting day when other school clubs don't meet, or do an online/telephone group so Leo's can join in when they have the time.

ARE LIONS WORKING WITH OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS?

Yes. Here are some of the groups Lions are working with:

- B.S.C.S.D. (Ballston Spa Central Schools District) Service Club
- Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
- 4-H clubs
- Sports Teams
- Clarkson University
- SUNY Postdam State College

We are already working with these kids, why not see if they have any interest in joining a Leo Club and forming one in your area, or adding membership to your existing club



STARTING OUR 3-5 YEAR PLAN

- Start at least 2 new Leo Clubs within our district
- Have a program at one or two of the cabinet meetings for our Leo's to participate in
 - Allow them to have their own separate cabinet meeting one in the norther part of our zone and one in the southern part of our Zone.
 - If travelling is hard with Leo's maybe have a Skype meeting or other visual conference meeting to allow them to express their ideas
- Have a Leo fundraiser or service project within the district, maybe one north and one south.
- Have two Leo's sitting on the Cabinet as non voting members at our cabinet meetings.

STARTING OUR 3-5 YEAR PLAN CONTINUED

- Make sure that Leo Club advisors are communicating with the President and Secretary of their club as well as the District Leo Coordinator
 - I cannot stress the importance of communication! Send me information on all the good things your Leo Clubs are doing, both for district reports as well as to share for fun. Send it to the District Newsletter too. We all want to know what they are doing.
 - Club presidents and secretaries should speak to the Leo Advisors and make sure that they are communicating with the district. We have had so many communication issues in the past, and it really ends up hurting our Leo's

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

- Clifton Fine
- Broadalbin-Perth
- Ballston Spa
- Town of Greenfield
- Galway
- Chazy
- Raquette River Lions



- If you have any questions about Leos, or would like Lion Katrina to present on them at your clubs meeting, email her at kplummer817@gmail.com or call her at 518-360-5093.

Lions District 20-W Treasurer's Report
For the period 1/19/19 through 3/14/19

- Income and Expense details for the period from 7/1/18 through 3/14/19 are attached. Account balances are also shown in the attachments.
- Within our accounts we still have \$2,849.13 remaining in Lions Quest grant funds, \$272.72 remaining in MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant Funds, and \$339.97 in Anthem Day grant funds.
- Clubs wishing to make a donation toward the District Governor's recognition gift should send their contributions to Lion Kevin Ronayne, Cabinet Treasurer, 4 Fenimore Place, Gansevoort, NY 12831-1477. Please try to have checks in by May 1.
- The District is also accepting donations from Clubs toward district Melvin Jones Fellowship and Knight of the Blind awards. Checks can be sent to Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Kevin at the address above.
- In accordance with LCIF rules a separate checking account has been established to accept and disburse the \$105,000 diabetes grant funds that we awarded to the district. No transactions have yet taken place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Kevin Ronayne
Cabinet Treasurer

Account Balances - As of 3/14/2019

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Account	3/14/2019 Balance
Bank Accounts	
CABVI Grant Funds	0.00
District 20-W Admin Account	16,335.48
District Knight of the Blind Award	0.00
District MJF Award	100.00
LCIF Anthem Grant	339.97
Lions Quest Grant	2,849.13
MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant	272.73
TOTAL Bank Accounts	19,897.31
OVERALL TOTAL	19,897.31

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W
FISCAL 2018-2019 BUDGET

3/14/2019

	2018/19 Proposed	2018/19 Actual YTD	Notes
Transfer from Y2 - Admin Account		\$ 2,769.95	
Lions Quest Grant - remaining Y2 balance		\$ 2,849.13	
Centennial Service Grant - remaining Y2 balance		\$ 272.73	
Transfer from Old W		\$ 9,223.24	
Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 15,115.05</u>	
Income			
Lions Clubs District Dues	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,347.00	1,449 members@\$3/member*
MD20 Dues Rebates	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,061.00	1,450 members@\$4/member
LCI District Restructuring Grant	\$ 2,900.00		1,450 members@\$2/member**
LCI Reimbursements		\$ 109.89	PCC Mark Reimbursement
MD20 PDG Scholarship Leader Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	
District GMT Check	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
District Convention/Fall Conference	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,326.00	
Program Advertising - Conference/Testimonial	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,941.00	
Pins Sold	\$ 800.00	\$ 759.00	
Misc - Raffles Painting Posters	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 920.00	
50/50 Tickets	\$ 400.00	\$ 339.00	
Testimonial Tickets	\$ 4,000.00		
LCIF CABVI Grant		\$ 100,000.00	
Anthem Grant Income		\$ 500.00	
District KOB - Club Donations		\$ 50.00	
District MJF - Club Donations		\$ 200.00	
District RJU - Club Donations		\$ 50.00	
DG Gift - Club Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 50.00	
DG Project - Club Donations			
Total Income	<u>\$ 25,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 116,102.89</u>	

* Membership at 6/30/18 was 1,450. Receipts were for 1,449

**Incoming DG must apply for these funds. \$2/member in year 1; \$1/member in years 2 & 3

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W
FISCAL 2018-2019 BUDGET

3/14/2019

	2018/19 Proposed	2018/19 Actual YTD	Notes
Expenses			
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG	\$ 1,000.00		
1st VDG Expenses	\$ 2,000.00		Council meetings
2nd VDG Expenses	\$ 500.00		R. Brisee to Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)
USA Canada Forum	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	DG Michele attended
MD-20 Convention	\$ 1,600.00		1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Secretary, Treasurer - \$400 each 4 Lions @\$350 to Regional Leadership Institute.
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 2,735.32	R. Brisee to ALLI . H. McConchie to ELLI
GST, GLT, GMT	\$ 1,500.00		\$500 for each chair
Hospitality Suite	\$ 500.00		
District Leadership Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 205.37	
District Directory	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,255.00	
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,550.00	
District Convention/Fall Conference	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,881.23	
International Director Visit Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,802.98	
Cabinet Supplies - badges, etc	\$ 300.00	\$ 221.10	
Minor Equipment	\$ 300.00		projector, etc.
Peace Poster	\$ 300.00	\$ 271.09	tickets, posters & framing
Testimonial - Meal	\$ 3,500.00		
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts	\$ 500.00		
Postage	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	stamps
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 212.80	5 years + GLT website
District MJF Award	\$ 1,000.00		
District KOB Award	\$ 500.00		
District RJU Award	\$ 300.00		
DG Gift	\$ 1,500.00		
LCIF CABVI Grant		\$ 100,000.00	Transferred to CABVI
Anthem Grant Expenses		\$ 160.03	
Banking Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 145.71	New checks, deposit stamp, wire tx fee
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	\$ 300.00		
Total Expense	\$ 27,320.00	\$ 111,320.63	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (1,620.00)	\$ 4,782.26	
Ending Balance (should match check book)		\$ 19,897.31	

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CABVI Grant Funds					0.00
7/1/2018	CABVI Grant Funds		Opening Balance	[CABVI Grant Funds]	0.00
7/26/2018	CABVI Grant Funds	EFT	LCIF	CABVI Grant	100,000.00
8/27/2018	CABVI Grant Funds	EFT	CABVI	CABVI Grant	-100,000.00
District 20-W Admin Account					15,835.48
7/3/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	98	Gordon, Jerry	Website	-128.80
7/7/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	EFT	Deluxe	Banking Expenses	-120.71
7/9/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	District 20-Y2	Transferred Funds	2,269.95
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	District 20-W (fomer)	Transferred Funds	9,223.24
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Lions Clubs International	Other Inc	109.89
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	99	***VOID***	Misc Expenses	0.00
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	100	***VOID***	Misc Expenses	0.00
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	101	Ronayne, Kevin	Peace Poster Raffle	-39.95
7/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	102	MD-20 Lions Clubs	Pins SG, MD20, International	-450.00
7/24/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	103	McDonald, John	Peace Poster Raffle	-231.14
7/24/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	104	U.S. Post Office	Postage	-30.00
7/24/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	105	Piccolo, Sue	Pins SG, MD20, International	-1,100.00
7/25/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	106	Whitney, Mark	District Leadership Training	-205.37
7/27/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	107	**VOIDED***	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	0.00
7/31/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	711.00
7/31/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	711.00
8/10/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	582.00
8/10/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	942.00
8/10/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	NABA	Program Advertising Income	100.00
8/22/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	108	O'Hare, Michele	Cabinet Supplies - Badges, etc.	-221.10
8/27/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	EFT	NBT Bank	Banking Expenses	-25.00
9/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	109	Gordon, Jerry	District Directory	-1,255.00
9/7/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	366.00
9/14/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	MD-20 Lions Of NYS ...	MD-20 Dues Dues Rebates	2,042.00
9/14/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Edwards Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	63.00
9/29/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	110	Well Dressed Food	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	-705.00
10/2/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	111	DG Michele O'Hare	USA Canada Forum	-750.00
10/2/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	112	Goff-Nelson Tupper La...	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	-100.00
10/2/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	113	PCC Mark Whitney	MD-20 Leadership Training	-1,400.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Johnstown Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	78.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Chazy Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	138.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Cambridge Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	66.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Gloversville Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	21.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	50-50 Raffle	50-50 Tickets	102.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Cabinet Meeting Income	District Cabinet Meeting Income	810.00
10/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Greenwich Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	105.00
10/9/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	114	PCC Mark Whitney	Website	-84.00
10/12/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Bethlehem Lions Club	Lions Clubs District Dues	60.00
10/12/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	DG Michele O'Hare	Pins Sold	264.00
10/12/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	DG Michele O'Hare	Raffle Tickets Sold	230.00
10/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	147.00
10/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	115	Homewood Suites	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	-217.50
10/23/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	116	LCIF	International Director Visit Expen...	-100.00
11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	MD-20 Lions Of NYS ...	MD-20 Dues Dues Rebates	704.00
11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	50-50 Raffle	50-50 Tickets	142.00

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11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Fall Conference	Raffle Tickets Sold	50.00
11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Fall Conference	Raffle Tickets Sold	310.00
11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	DG Michele O'Hare	Pins Sold	80.00
11/5/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Fall Conference	District Convention & Conferenc...	1,326.00
11/6/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	117	Holiday Inn Saratoga	District Convention - Fall Conf E...	-1,801.85
11/9/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	118	Bentley, Barbara	District Convention - Fall Conf E...	-79.38
12/7/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	PDG Association	MD 20 PDG Scholarships - Lead...	100.00
12/7/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	O'Brien, Michael	District Cabinet Meeting Income	26.00
12/7/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	126.00
12/20/2018	District 20-W Admin A...	120	McConchie, Holly	MD-20 Leadership Training	-616.38
1/2/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	121	Brisee, Alaric	MD-20 Leadership Training	-718.94
1/4/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	MD-20 Lions Of NYS ...	MD-20 Dues Dues Rebates	172.00
1/18/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Lions Clubs District Dues	231.00
1/31/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	122	DG Michele O'Hare	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	-530.48
2/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	January Cabinet Meeti...	50-50 Tickets	95.00
2/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	January Cabinet Meeti...	Raffle Tickets Sold	220.00
2/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	DG Michele O'Hare	Pins Sold	415.00
2/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	January Cabinet Meeti...	District Cabinet Meeting Income	1,105.00
2/13/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	123	Hampton Inn & Suites	District Cabinet Meeting Expenses	-250.00
2/15/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	... Clinton Lions Club	--Split--	250.00
2/15/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Various	Raffle Tickets Sold	110.00
3/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	MD-20 Lions Of NYS ...	MD-20 Dues Dues Rebates	2,143.00
3/1/2019	District 20-W Admin A...	DEP	Lions Clubs International	District GMT Check	250.00
District Knight of the Blind Award					0.00
7/1/2018	District Knight of the Bl...		Opening Balance	[District Knight of the Blind Award]	0.00
District MJF Award					100.00
7/1/2018	District MJF Award		Opening Balance	[District MJF Award]	0.00
1/4/2019	District MJF Award	DEP	Glens Falls Lions Club	District MJF - Club Donations	100.00
LCIF Anthem Grant					339.97
11/30/2018	LCIF Anthem Grant		Opening Balance	[LCIF Anthem Grant]	0.00
12/7/2018	LCIF Anthem Grant	DEP	LCIF	Anthem Grant Income	500.00
12/18/2018	LCIF Anthem Grant	119	Bentley, Barbara	Anthem Grant Expenses	-160.03
Lions Quest Grant					2,849.13
7/9/2018	Lions Quest Grant		District 20-Y2	[Lions Quest Grant]	2,849.13
MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant					272.73
7/9/2018	MD-20 Centennial Ser...		District 20-Y2	[MD-20 Centennial Service Progr...	272.73
OVERALL TOTAL					19,397.31



BEACON OF HOPE OUTREACH

Creating Pathways for the Underprivileged



Central Association for the
Blind and Visually Impaired



**When two women who are Lions met,
A Global Nigeria Project Initiative
was the result...**





March 24, 2018, United Nations Lions Day, saw the establishment of a service partnership between the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) and the Beacon of Hope Outreach Ministry (BOHO). That day PDG Paula Flisnik, (CABVI's Director of Community Relations) and Lion Lady Celestina Ekezie, (NY Barahona Lions Club Service Chairperson and Founder/CEO of BOHO) met for the first time and realized that their conversation would be the first of a continuing relationship with a positive impact on the less privileged.

When Lion Lady Celestina described the medical and educational services offered by BOHO, PDG Flisnik suggested that CABVI and other Lions could donate items and raise money to meet BOHO's goal to help Nigerians. CABVI donated vision screening materials and equipment, examination gloves, pencils, sheets and towels valued over \$3,000. CABVI's products and textiles are manufactured by people who are blind and visually impaired. PDG Flisnik contributed personal hygiene items and sewing supplies for making sanitary pads from the donated sheets and towels. The Lions Club District 20-R2 Foundation financially supported the shipping of donated items and medical professionals fees. The New York Barahona Lions Club helped raise money from fellow Lions, and the Marcy Telephone Lions Club donated shoes. Over 2000 Lions eyeglasses were donated. BOHO raised funds, solicited donations of medication and equipment, collaborated with local Nigerian Lions Clubs and community stake holders. Lions volunteers who provided assistance were Lions Clubs from different Nigerian states. These clubs included Lion Vivian Ume-Ezeoke, Enugu State; Lion Prince Edukere, Uyo State; Lion E. Victoria, Rivers State; and Lion Frances Ikwechegh, Anambra State.



In January 2019 the Global Project Initiative Mission Trip to Nigeria served approximately 5000 people from 50 rural communities at four sites. Participants received free medical, vision, and dental screenings, free prescribed medications and eyeglasses, and treatment for diseases such as malaria, high blood pressure, and diabetes. The mission provided public health education lectures and resources such as school supplies, health education materials, sanitary pads for girls, and shoes and clothing. Participants attended workshops on the preparation and use of soap, bleach, and insecticide to prevent diseases, promote healthy living, and assist with poverty reduction and unemployment.



The Girls Initiative, a project developed by Edna Chukwurah, MD and Nwando Ekezie, a medical student and daughter of Lion Lady Celestina Ekezie, empowers rural preadolescent and adolescent girls through health education and skills training. More than 500 girls received free medical services and attended workshops on overall personal hygiene, menstruation and sanitary health, sexual awareness, HIV/AIDS, abuse prevention, character building, and skills acquisition training.



The Global Project Initiative, which promotes Lions Serving Their Roots, and the BOHO mission programs translate into Lions United in Service, improving the lives of more than 5000 people in need, keeping them healthy and educated, empowering them with skills, restoring hope, reducing crime, alleviating poverty, and bringing positive change in their communities. Please join us in supporting the Global Project and Girls Initiatives to impact lives and empower rural communities.



For more information, contact:

Lion Lady Celestina Ekezie
beaconofhopeoutreach08@gmail.com

Serve Nigerian needs, donate to
 Beacon of Hope by visiting:
www.BeaconOfHopeOutreach.org

PDG Paula Flisnik
paulaf@cabvi.org

Support employment of people who
 are blind or visually impaired, by
 purchasing products. Call
 CABVI Customer Service at (315)
 797-2233.

March 23, 2019 Reports from Clubs and Cabinet Members

GMT Report March 23, 2019

Status of Membership

1. Congratulations to Albany-Troy, Broadalbin-Perth, Clinton, Clifton Fine, Duane, Gouverneur, Greater Amsterdam, Greater Johnstown, Hadley-Luzerne, Holland Patent, Mechanicville –Stillwater, Lake Placid, Lisbon, Long Lake, Newcomb, Plattsburgh, Raquette River, Saratoga Springs, Speculator, Town of Hoosick, Town of Schroon, Tupper Lake and Waterford for positive membership Growth.
2. District has YTD added 81 and dropped 69, net +12.
3. So far we have 23 clubs with at least a positive membership increase of 1. Great work! Now we need the other 29 clubs to do the same.

Areas of concentration

1. Retention – We need to make personal contact with members who have not paid dues or attended meetings in a long time. Offer a payment plan , if you can.
2. New Members – Please hold at least one membership event; various approaches; depends on individual skills, geo area; personal associations; club service projects; community needs assessment; all based on **asking**.
3. Extension – forming new clubs; Clifton Park, Colonie and Schenectady are areas we are concentrating on, but need district help to identify individuals in areas to start prospecting; need individuals to become guiding lions.
4. Leadership – necessary to accomplish any goal. GLT will address; We need leaders to set and accomplish goals.

Orientation

1. An absolute must when inducting a new member.
2. Orientation Programs – clubs should have a formal program for each new member; I will be working to provide a format and scheduling orientation programs through the year.

Reporting

1. For the most part every club is keeping up with their reporting to LCI. Only 11 clubs are 3 months or more behind.
2. I will be in contact with those that are delinquent for 3 months or more.

General discussion and input from meeting attendees.

GLT Report

Please mark your calendars for upcoming leadership training events including: Certified Guiding Lion Training on Sunday, March 24th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Village Veterinary Hospital, 230 Genesee Street, Canastota, NY 13032. To register please contact instructor PCC Kelly Clark at kclarkmd20@gmail.com to RSVP. There is no charge to attend so bring your lunch and your sense of humor for an entertaining and educational certification program.

This year's Lions Club Officer Training Program for District 20-W in April and May Redesigned as a flexible program to allow for the customization of training based on the club officer's needs and travel distances between the different areas.

The program will consist of two parts: A standardized online self-study component, and a second instructor-led component organized by the GLT district coordinator.

These two components will work together to provide comprehensive training for all incoming club officers so they will be able to successfully meet the needs of their club.

The Goals of the 2019 Club Officer Training Program will be:

- To provide a focused and flexible approach to club officer development.
- To increase collaboration and communication between the incoming club officers, outgoing club officers, zone chairpersons and the GLT-D coordinator.
- To create the opportunity for a district-wide collaborative environment that fosters ongoing dialogue for club officers to share/exchange ideas throughout the year.
- **To promote and learn to use the LCI resources available for model club position training, foster leadership development, and MyLCI / MyLion club administration.**

Part One:

Online Self-Study Module

The online portion of the training program is to be completed by the club officers between his/her election to office in April and the date of the Part Two Training to be scheduled during the week following the State Convention in early May.

There is one course each for President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Part Two:

Club Officer Training

The instructor-led portion of the program is designed to provide an interactive learning experience. Specific online conference call dates and times can be scheduled and reserved between May 7th – 10th and will be determined by the needs of the participating club officers, Zone Chairs and the GLT-D coordinator.

20-W Onsite:

Club Officer & Zone Chair Training

The District 20-W onsite training will be held at The Saratoga

Holiday Inn on Thursday, May 9th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Look for free registration details in the newsletter and Club President email

As part of the Club Officer Training Program, newly elected club officers and those Lions

interested in becoming officers in the future should first complete the online self-study training module before attending the instructor-led onsite & webinar training in early May.

Required Pre-Assignments:

Club Officer Online Self-Study Training Modules

- Club President
- Club Secretary
- Club Treasurer

**These modules can be found on the LCI website in the Club Officer Training section.*

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php>

Optional Pre-Assignments: Online Courses (Only Available Until March 29th)

- Introduction to Lions Leadership
- Setting Goals
- Conflict Resolution
- Time Management
- Effective Teams
- Managing Meetings
- Public Speaking

These courses can still be found on the LCI website in the Lions Learning Center until March 28th

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

E-Books, Publications, and MyLCI Videos:

- Club Officer Team Manual
- Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws
- <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/club-resource-center.php>

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 20-W – REGION “L”
CABINET MEETING REPORT
March 23, 2019**

➤ **CLINTON**

□ **ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**

- Nine club members attended the third District Cabinet Meeting at Homewood Suites in New Hartford, NY.
- One member attended a Seen/Unseen art Exhibit at the Utica Public Library. The exhibit was sponsored by CABVI & NABA and contained art pieces produced by visually impaired artists.
- The club purchased a \$50 raffle ticket from the Sauquoit Valley Lions Club in support of their various humanitarian projects.

- Two club members traveled to Galway, NY to pick up 22 cases of chocolate rabbits for our annual pre-Easter Lions Eye Institute at Albany Fundraiser and delivered them to club members to begin sales.
- Club made \$100 donation to one of our community members recently injured in a fall on the ice at our local Hockey Arena
- Club made \$250 donation to Mercy Flights Central.
- Two members assisted with weekly soup & sandwich distribution at Utica, NY Veterans Outreach Center.
- Members continue to work monthly at our local Country Pantry on Food Distribution Day.
- Eleven club members joined with members from six other regional clubs in the annual joint club visitation by our District Governor at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit.
- On-going monthly recognition of senior "Student of the Month" at one of our club meetings.
- Club made annual donation of \$400 to Freedom Guide Dogs in Cassville, NY.
- Club continues to collect used eyeglasses.
- Members continue to attend the monthly Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast.
- ☐ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**
 - Continue monthly volunteering at the Country Pantry.
 - On-going monthly recognition senior student ("Student of the Month") with the assistance of the High School Guidance Counselor.
 - Participation in the Clinton Collection and Cleanup Day 4/27/19 (sponsorship of Industrial Shredder for local residents).
 - Club will participate in the annual Region L Lions Clubs Journey for Sight will take place on Saturday May 18th at the Sauquoit Valley School high school track. Registration the day of the event is at 9:30.

➤ **DEERFIELD**

- ☐ **ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**
 - Unknown, no update from club
- ☐ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**
 - Unknown, no update from club

➤ **HERKIMER**

- ☐ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**
 - Unknown, no update from club
- ☐ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**
 - Canal Clean-up in Herkimer in the Spring.
 - Planning annual golf outing

➤ **HOLLAND PATENT**

- ☐ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**
 - Unknown, no update from club.

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Club will participate in the annual Region L Lions Clubs Journey for Sight will take place on Saturday May 18th at the Sauquoit Valley School high school track. Registration the day of the event is at 9:30.

➤ **MARCY TELEPHONE LIONS**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**

- Sent letters to active military overseas.
- Donated \$100 dollars to the Lavelle School for the blind in the Bronx for an Easter egg hunt for the blind that will be held on April 16th. These eggs have beepers in them so that they can be heard and discovered by a blind person
- Completed our winter raffle. Made \$200 that will go in charitable account.

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Club is working on some projects for the spring time.
- We will be sending cards to St. Jude's for the St. Jude's Ranch program.
- We are working on planning our annual leadership Day which will be held in June.

➤ **NEW HARTFORD/ NEW YORK MILLS – WHITESTOWN**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**

- Lions attended the Seen and Unseen Art of the Visually Impaired and Blind Artist Exhibit and Reception at the Utica Public Library.
- Clubs regular monthly meeting was held at Sloppy Joe's in New Hartford Shopping Center.
- Eight members attended the Journey for Sight/District Governor's Dinner at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit.

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Club will participate in the annual Region L Lions Clubs Journey for Sight will take place on Saturday May 18th at the Sauquoit Valley School high school track. Registration the day of the event is at 9:30.

➤ **SAUQUOIT VALLEY**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS, January & February 2019:**

- The Club made a \$500.00 donation to Michelle Price who is recovering from serious injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Michelle is the daughter of deceased Lion Skip Lasher and has been an ardent supporter of our Club over the years.
- Several Sauquoit Valley Lions traveled to the Utica Public Library to attend a Visually Impaired and Blind Artists Exhibit and Reception sponsored by NABA, CABVI and NCAVI.
- Aahroki Agrawal a 16 year old foreign exchange student talked to the Club about her native country of India and her time spent as an exchange student in Sauquoit. Aahroki also performed a ceremonial Indian dance for the Club.
- Donated \$100 to Steven Swan Humane Society in memory of Olga Mazzei.
- Donated \$250 to Mercy Flight Central.
- Donated \$300 to the Blue Star Mother's Organization to support mailing personal care packages to our troops stationed in Afghanistan.
- Club donated \$125 to the Sauquoit Valley Youth Association for the upcoming spring baseball season.
- Recently held annual club Holiday Party where annual Club Raffle was held raising \$3,500.

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- The Club will have their annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Willowvale Fire Department in Chadwick's on April 14, 2019 from 8:00- noon.
- Club will participate in the annual Region L Lions Clubs Journey for Sight will take place on Saturday May 18th at the Sauquoit Valley School high school track. Registration the day of the event is at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted.

Lion Bill O'Mara – Zone Chairman
Lion Jim Winkler – Region Chairman

Lioness Liaison Report for March 23, 2019 District Meeting

Hadley-Luzerne Lioness Club

- In December the Lioness Club participated in the Christmas Basket donations. We purchased the oranges, helped box up the food for families and helped distributed it the next day. We had our Hats & Mittens Committee and our Koats for Kids Committee in attendance for families to receive coats, hats and mittens.
- Coming up in April, the Lioness will be participating in the Maple in April event held the last weekend in April. We have a fundraiser and are still working out the details.
- In May we will hold our biggest fundraiser, our Basket Auction. We have had great attendance at these events and have raised money for our community.

- We will be participating in the Memorial Day parade with members marching with the Lions Club.

Galway Lioness Club

- At our March dinner/board meeting we brought soups for the Souper Bowl of Caring for our community pantry (our February meeting was cancelled due to weather).
- will be receiving high school senior applications for our \$500 scholarship award, given based on community service, the deadline for applications is March 30. During early June, the committee will go over those applications received and choose a winner.
- During May, we will once again march during the Memorial Day parade, handing out flags to those watching the parade as well as conduct our annual bake sale.
- We will also once again sponsor the senior breakfast for all graduating high school seniors on the day before graduation.

Gloversville Lions Auxiliary

- Nothing to report – have not met over the winter, next meeting scheduled for April.

New Hartford Lioness

- No report received

Respectfully submitted,
Holly McConchie
District 20W Lioness Liaison

Bethlehem Lions Club;
2-15-2019

Dear Bethlehem Lions , I am sending out the stamps (~1500) and box tops (~150) collected since 2-22-2018. Last year we sent out only 725 stamps and 90 box tops. Keep it up!

This is to remind you of two of our projects – *Stamps for the Wounded and Box Tops for Lions Camp Badger*.

1. Stamps for the Wounded: All you need to do is cut your postage stamps, ~¼ in. borders! ... and when you have several dozen, you hand them over to me. I will mail them to the Wounded Warrior Project in Falls Church VA.

2. Box Tops for Education (from cereal boxes etc.): I will send these to Lions Camp Badger
<http://www.lionscb.org/>
Lion Rick

Hadley Luzerne Lions Club;

Report as of March 2019

Rechartered our local Boy Scout troop, which we have sponsored since 1949.

Donated \$1400 to various sight, hearing and guide dog organizations.

Donated \$2500 to Double H Hole in the Woods Camp for seriously ill children.

Donated \$245 to Hadley-Luzerne Central School's yearbook and after prom party.

Donated \$250 to Camp Abilities.

Collected and donated several boxes of personal hygiene and cleaning products to the Wait House which aids homeless teens.

Are working on a community survey to assess what is needed locally.

Peter Watts, sec. H-L Lions

Utica Lions Club;

ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS: January- March 2019

Lion Antonetta continues to volunteer in making meals for a elderly couple three times a week.

Members are working on ads,pledges and gift cards for The Regional JFS 10&5 walk in May 2019

Members continue in collecting eyeglasses

Continue ongoing bottle & can drive at local redemption center.

A donation of assorted food items value of \$ 150.00 for the Rescue Mission

Collection of clothing to donate to families in need.

300 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected.

PDG Mary Ann Lynch Literacy Program \$110.00 of books purchased to donate to Utica Schools and Hospitals

Club is working on Scholarship Awards for six High School Seniors 6 scholarships of \$500 for Community Service

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

Club will join other Regional Lions in the St.Patrick Day Parade. (Weather permitting)

Club will participate in the Region L Journey for Sight

Club is working on a future project Buy-A-Brick Leave -A-Legacy in memory of fellow Lions for Boilermaker 2019
Future Plans of miniature golf
Utica Lions are discussing future plans for their 95th charter Celebration

Yours in Lionism,
Submitted by Lion Antonetta
(President)

Galway Lions Club

Galway Lions continue with their assistance to the Food Pantry. We have handed out 6 Citizenship Awards to some very deserving students and will be doing one more set of presentations for this school year. We recently sponsored a Blood Drive and collected 30 pints of blood working with the Red Cross. We are planning on a membership night event on April 8th

Raquette River Lions Club;

Our Club just finished a community food drive at end of February and beginning of March. Our donations received \$825.00, and over 1200 food items which benefitted 3 area food pantries and outreaches equally in Potsdam , Hannawa Falls and Norwood-Norfolk.

I hope you all have a good Cabinet Meeting.
Michelle Theisen
Secretary
Raquette River Lions Club

REGION N REPORT FOR CABINET MEETING, MARCH 23, 2019

Lions Clubs are noted for their Motto, "WE SERVE." We usually do this in our local communities. I am pleased to report that the Lions Clubs of 20W, Region N did more than that. Hudson Falls, a small community in Washington County, has a Soup kitchen/food pantry that is experiencing financial problems. There is no Lions Club in Hudson Falls but next week, Hudson Falls will be aware that there are Lions Clubs nearby. I will be presenting the Soup Kitchen with a check for \$700.00 from The Lions Clubs of Region N.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Joan Scott, Region N Chair.

PEACE POSTER REPORT FOR CABINET MEETING, MARCH 23, 2019

Peace Poster Kits for 2019-20 are now available from Lions Clubs International. The theme is JOURNEY of PEACE . Get your kits and get the kids in your areas working on their Posters. Don't forget the Essay Contest for those children who are blind or visibly impaired. Winning

entries from each club will be judged at our Fall Conference in November.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Joan Scott, Peace Poster Chair

NYS&BLF REPORT FOR CABINET MEETING MARCH 23, 2019

Just a reminder: When your club or you, as an individual, purchase three of our Raffle Tickets, you can present someone with a Robert J. Uplinger Award. Most clubs like to present these awards at the June Meetings so get your applications in as soon as possible. Applications can be downloaded from our Website and should be sent to NYS&BLF, PO Box 445, Glen Head, NY 11545. If you have any questions about the Raffle Tickets and/or the awards, our Office Manager can be reached by phone at (516) 729-8695.

Does your club need financial assistance to implement a project? Have you applied to the Foundation for a Grant? Since 1994, Y2 received \$78,420.00 in Grants and W received \$47,975.00. We are here to help you. Contact one of your three trustees on the Foundation, PDG James Shaw, PDG Linda Rhinehart and PDG Joan Scott.

Lions District 20W Cabinet, Concerning vision-related activities

This is my report about Vision-related activities in the district, as of February , 2019.

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> As mentioned At the September meeting, DG Michele feels our efforts should primarily concentrate on assisting and reporting on, the activities of the vision-related service providers in our district, which is why we aren't currently reporting on Visions Center on Blindness, as we have in the past. Instead, over the next two reports, i'll briefly summarize current and planned initiatives of the major providers in the district, during their current and upcoming fiscal years.

In this report, we'll discuss plans of several of the agencies working with the blind and vision-impaired communities.

This year, the Central Association for the Blind and Visually impaired, (CABVI.), is reaching a major milestone. Founded in 1929, it was one of the Utica Lions Club's early major projects, because the club played a major role in founding it.

Planned events to commemorate this include an active volunteer recognition luncheon in April, a formal celebration at CABVI.'s annual meeting in May, and the projected opening of the agency's new Vision and Wellness Center, in August, prior to the retirement, that month, of long-time Executive Director, Rudy DAmico. A search is currently underway for his replacement.

As part of its expanded Blind Hockey Program, CABVI. Will be hosting the US. Blind Paralympic Hockey Team, which will be training at a site in the Utica Area.

CABVI. Is currently renovating a building in Syracuse, where it plans to reestablish an employment program for the blind, formally offered at that location by Aurora.

In cooperation with a woman working in Nigeria, The agency will be sending personal hygiene and educational supplies, to schools working with girls with and without vision impairments, who are students in that country. Many of these items are manufactured and packed by blind workers, in the agency's industry program.

Two years ago, the Glens Falls Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, (GFABVI.), Celebrated 80 years of existence, during which Current Executive Director, Lion Phil Jessen, has been in his position for more than half of it! The agency was founded in 1937, and Lion Phil became its Executive director, in 1977.

To address the current shortage of vision rehabilitation therapists, particularly in rural areas such as GFABVI.'s, the agency is developing certificate programs to train Vision Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants, who will train people who are blind or otherwise visually impaired, in basic orientation and mobility skills, as well as home management and basic adaptive technology use. These certificate programs must be approved by the New York State Commission for the Blind, and will only allow orientation and mobility training, in or around the home of the person receiving service. For o & M training out in the community, a professional O & M instructor is required.

On Saturday, April 27th, GFABVI. Will be sponsoring an accessible art and blind artist exhibition, at the Charley Wood Theater, Glens Falls, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. This will give people who are blind a chance to experience various art works, and the public the opportunity to experience the capabilities of artists who are blind.

The North Country Association for the Visually Impaired, (NcAVI.), is located in Plattsburgh, and is celebrating its 31st year of service, having been founded in 1989. It's the youngest of the agencies serving the vision impaired community in our district.

The agency works with the other agencies in the district, to serve consumers in Plattsburgh, and the Adirondack Region. Its current executive director is Amy Kretser.

The agency added job placement services, and hopes to offer a recreation day, if there's sufficient interest, to publicize ways in which the vision impaired community can participate in local recreational opportunities.

The agency is working with the YMCA. And other Adirondack educational and recreation organizations, to assist them in making there offerings accessible to vision impaired visitors. An example was the Access Adirondacks program, where trips to various Adirondack-oriented museums and recreational opportunities were

arranged, to acquaint the agencies consumers with these opportunities, and how they were being made accessible to them.

It also offered an accessible art program and art classes, designed for the needs of the vision impaired community.

The agency facilitates a number of support groups, including one recently started for veterans in its service area, who have vision impairments.

>>> Respectfully Submitted,

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>>> Lion Michael O'Brien,

>>> Chairperson--Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action,

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GALWAY LIONS CLUB #37671

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas- He has received Melvin Jones, Robert J Uplinger, Club Lion of the Year, Club Charter Anniversary Award, and District Club President's Award
- Whereas- He has chaired Cabin Fever Songfest, Initiated and helped carry out an addition to our building and worked the Saratoga Lion's Camp Abilities'

Be it resolved, therefor, that the Galway Lions Club does hereby proudly present and offer to the Lion's District 20-W, Lion Edwin Pike as a candidate for the office of District Governor for the term 2019-2020. The Galway Lions club does hereby pledge to actively support, aid and assist Lion Edwin Pike in his endeavors. Assisted hereto, I have set my signature in the Town of Galway, County of Saratoga, and State of New York on the 22nd day of January, 2019.

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Rita Ware
Secretary Lion

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Jill Smith
President King Lion

Waterford Lions Club #8297

District 20-W

For Period 2019-2020

New York State & Bermuda Lions Clubs

Resolution

Be it known that, the Waterford Lions Club at a board meeting held on January ~~23, 24,~~ 2019 approved the nomination of Rick Brisee as the 1st Vice District Governor for a term to run from 2019-2020.

Whereas, he served as a Club Member, 2015 – present

Whereas, he served as Club Treasurer, 2017 – present

Whereas, he served as a member of the Board of Directors, 2017 – present

Whereas, he served as District 20Y2 Zone Chair, 2016 – 2018

Whereas, he served as District 20Y2 Zone Chair, 2013 – 2014

Whereas, he served as a member of the Hanover, PA Lions Club, 2014 – 2015

Whereas, he served as a member of the Gloversville Lions Club, 2006 – 2014

Whereas, he served as a Member of Board of Directors, Gloversville Lions Club,
2009 – 2013

Whereas, he served as Vice-President, Gloversville Lions Club, 2009 – 2010

Whereas, he served as President of the Gloversville Lions Club, 2010 – 2011

Whereas, he served as Crew Chief, Friday's Table, Gloversville Lions Club,
2010 – 2013

Whereas, he was awarded Lion of the Year, Gloversville Lions Club, 2011

Whereas, he was awarded the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service award, 2012

Whereas, he was awarded Lion of the year, 2011

Whereas, he a Member of the MD-20 Annual Meeting Task Force, 2013

Whereas, he was Vice President, Lions Hearing Conservation Society, 2013 – 2017

Whereas, he is President, Lions Hearing Conservation Society, 2017 – present

Whereas, he is a Member of the Board of Directors, Lions Hearing Conservation
Society, 2010 – present

Whereas, he attended the Lions Leadership Institute, 2018

Whereas, he attended the Lions Advanced Leadership Institute, 2018

Whereas, he was named a Melvin Jones fellow, 2018

Whereas, he is a Knight of the Blind, 2018

Whereas he serves as 20-W 2nd Vice District Governor, 2018 – 2019

Whereas, he attended 2nd Vice District Governor training, 2018

Whereas, he received the International Presidents Service Award, 2018

Whereas, he served as a Member of the MD-20 ALERT Committee, 2018 – present

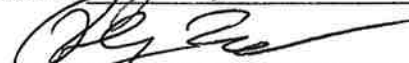
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Lions of District 20-W, Lion Rick Brisee as a candidate for 1st Vice District Governor for
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and assist Lion Rick Brisee in his endeavors as 1st Vice District Governor.

Attested hereto, approved by the Board of Directors, Waterford Lions Club:

Florence Brisee, President: 

Henry Glavin, Vice-President: 

Phil Fusco, Secretary: 

Passed: January 24, 2019

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