



**Minutes of Lions District 20-W  
Cabinet Meeting  
Saturday, September 12, 2020  
Fairfield Inn, Canton NY**

**Attendance:**

CS Barbara Bentley, Lion Annette Besaw, ZC Florence Brisee, DG Rick Brisee, Lion Juanita DeCarlo, Lion Vito DeCarlo, PDG Paula Flisnik, Lion Martin Gleason, Lion Ed Hersch, Lion Nancy LaFaver, Lion Diane Latimer, Lion Joe Latimer, Lion Pricilla Laurin, 2VDG Rick Laurin, Lion Bob Maxam, RC Holly McConchie, PDG John McDonald, ZC Ed Moore, VDG Michele O'Hare, ZC Bill O'Mara, Lion Karen Russell, PDG Joan Scott, PDG Milledge Smith, CT Eric Unislawski, Lion Rita Ware and ZC Jim Winkler.

Via Zoom: Lion Rosanna Beaudrie, Lion Nancy Cappiello-Larson, Lion Cheri Mackey, Lion Michelle Theisen, PCC Mark Whitney and Lion Sue Williams.

**Meeting Call to Order:** DG Rick Brisee called the meeting to order at 9:38am.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by VDG Michele O'Hare.

**Lions Prayer:** Led by 2VDG Rick Laurin.

**Lions Toast:** Led by PDG John McDonald.

**Cabinet Business:**

- **Secretary Report:**  
CS Barbara Bentley reported that there weren't any minutes to approve at this Cabinet Meeting.
- **Treasurer Report:**  
CT Eric Unislawski presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached).  
DG Rick Brisee asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
  - A motion was made by RC Holly McConchie. Seconded by ZC Ed Moore.
    - Motion unanimously passed
- DG Rick Brisee announced that he had MD20 Montreal pins for \$2. Also, he had Wellness Resource Brochures, provided by LCIF, available to all clubs to share in the community.
- **Upcoming Dates:**  
November 14, 2020 – District Conference at the Marriott Lake George. Theme will be service.  
February 6, 2021 – Cabinet Meeting in Saratoga, location to be determined.  
April 10, 2021 – Cabinet Meeting in Herkimer, tentative location the Herkimer Diamond Mines.  
May 14-16, 2021 – State Convention in Syracuse.  
June 20, 2021 – DG Rick Brisee's Testimonial, location to be determined.  
June 25-29, 2021 – International Convention in Montreal.  
VP Doug Alexander is the candidate for International President from MD20. Raffle tickets to help support his campaign are still available for \$10 and the drawing has been moved to January 2021. Also, Doug Alexander polo shirts are available and will be needed if anyone from MD20 will be marching in the parade in Montreal. CS Barbara Bentley will forward the information on how to purchase the shirts to the clubs.

- **Proposed Budget:**

CT Eric Unislawski presented the proposed budget that was previously discussed at the Budget Meeting on July 11, 2020 (see attached). CT Eric noted that 2 of the 4 clubs that had not paid their dues for last year have done so. Also, DG Rick reported that we will be sending two Lions from 20W to the Leadership Institute in Binghamton this fall. Any others that are interested in attending should contact DG Rick or PCC Mark Whitney immediately.

DG Rick Brisee asked for a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented.

- A motion was made by CS Barbara Bentley. Seconded by ZC Jim Winkler.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

- **Redistricting Grant:**

DG Rick Brisee presented the LCI District Restructure and Redevelopment Grant (see attached).

DG Rick asked for a motion to accept the grant as presented.

- A motion was made by ZC Bill O'Mara. Seconded by RC Holly McConchie.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

- **LCIF NABA Grant:**

VDG Michele O'Hare discussed the LCIF NABA matching grant for \$100,000 (see attached). This is the first of three campaigns and it will be focused on their lobby.

DG Rick Brisee asked for a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented.

- A motion was made by ZC Florence Brisee. Seconded by 2VDG Rick Laurin.

VDG Michele O'Hare abstained.

  - Motion unanimously passed.

- **NAMI (North America Membership Initiative):**

DG Rick Brisee discussed LCI's North America Membership Initiative and how the pandemic moved this initiative to the top of LCI's priorities. LCI estimates that we will lose around 100,000 members. The importance of membership is highlighted in how the more members we have, the more dues we have, the more projects we can accomplish to be spread out over more volunteers with more ideas.

DG Rick Brisee reported that the district reported 1501 members as of the beginning of June and lost 52 during the month. Since then, we are down 79 members. Historically, over the past five years, we have been in the positive, so this is a high concern to the district. DG Rick discussed how the average length of service of those "dropped" was 3.3 years. The cause may be due to the fact that new members are left to their own devices to figure things out.

- **Region Chair and Zone Chair Responsibilities:**

DG Rick Brisee is looking for all Zone Chairs to call the presidents or secretaries in each of their clubs monthly and ask if there are any new members. If so, how many. If not, what can they do to help. This will give the Zone Chairs an opportunity to offer assistance if needed and also help connect the club more to the District. Many clubs are good in their geographic footprint, but not as connected to LCI. The goal is to work past that short sightedness and help to gain new ideas from other clubs which can help lead to gaining new members.

Zone Chairs should then report names of new members to their Region Chair. Region Chairs should offer to hold an orientation sessions to bring new members up to speed.

- **New Member Orientation:**

DG Rick Brisee presented a sample Power Point that Region Chairs could use for new member orientation. (See attached) Region Chairs can put together their own orientation program and use it for programs with new members. It is important that the new member join the program with another active member of their club to help them feel more comfortable.

- **Community Projects During a Pandemic:**

PDG John McDonald reported that the GAT Team made up of the PCC Mark Whitney (Leadership), PDG Ed Stano (Leadership) and PDG John McDonald (Service) will be meeting via Zoom the first Tuesday of every month, starting in October, with all the Region and Zone Chairs.

PDG John McDonald also shared many ways we can still perform service activities during the pandemic:

- Matching grants can be obtained from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation to help the club perform such activities such as backpack programs with local schools.
- We can help with hunger by volunteering to do food drives or participate in drive thru pantries. At such drive thru pantries we can provide information on pre-diabetes and diabetes education as well.
- We can still collect eye glasses and participate in eye glass sorts.
- Hearing is still a part of our District focus and clubs can hand out earplugs at county fairs for tractor pulls or other loud events.
- Clubs can also reach out to the District 20W Childhood Cancer Chair, Diane Lange, for information on where cards can be sent to children and families dealing with childhood cancer. This can also be a great project for Leos clubs.
- PDG John also relayed the importance of sharing club activities with Lion Karen Rager for the District newsletter.

**Other Business:**

- VDG Michele O'Hare reported that NABA is working with 26 clubs for KidSight screenings. Schools are allowing NABA's nurse in the schools to do screenings with one Lions volunteer. NABA can also provide free shields to do screenings if clubs need them.
- ZC Ed Moore spoke of a project he is working on with the Saratoga County Fair to offer support for a needed shaded picnic area that would be called "The Lion's Den". He envisions having a large display board at the entrance with information about Lions International and local clubs. He is looking to raise a goal of \$5,000 from Saratoga County clubs through sponsoring a table for \$1,000, a bench for \$500 or a panel where clubs can list their information and events. He will also be looking into other grant opportunities.
- 50/50 Drawing

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by ZC Holly McConchie. Seconded by CS Barbara Bentley.

- Motion unanimously passed

Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted  
by Lion Barbara Bentley, Cabinet Secretary

Lions District 20-W Treasurer's Report  
For the period 7/01/20 through 9/12/20

- Income and Expense details for the period from 7/01/20 through 9/12/20 are attached. Account balances are also shown in the attachments.
- Within our accounts we still have \$2,849.13 remaining in the Lions Quest grant funds and \$272.73 remaining in the MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant Funds.
- 29 of 52 clubs have submitted their district dues, \$2,556.00 collected of \$4,347.00 expected, report attached.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Eric Unislowski  
Cabinet Treasurer

<b>LIONS DISTRICT 20-W</b>			
<b>FISCAL 2020-2021 REPORT</b>			
	<b>2020/21</b>		<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>Proposed Budget -</b>		<b>Actual YTD</b>
	<b>Revised</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$ 19,555.79
<b>Income</b>			
Lions Clubs District Dues	\$ 4,518.00		\$ 2,556.00
MD20 Dues Rebates	5,808.00		
LCI District Restructuring Grant	1,452.00		
LCI Reimbursements			
MD20 PDG Scholarship Leader Training	100.00		
GLT Funds from LCI	400.00	w/carryover	
GMT Funds from LCI	500.00	w/carryover	
GST Funds from LCI	500.00	w/carryover	
District Convention/Fall Conference	1,500.00		
Program Advertising - Conference/Testimonial	200.00		
District Cabinet Meetings	2,700.00		
Pins Sold	250.00		200.00
Misc - Raffles Painting Posters	1,000.00		
50/50 Tickets	400.00		
Testimonial Tickets	4,000.00		
District KOB - Club Donations	200.00		
District MJF - Club Donations	450.00		
District RJU - Club Donations	200.00		
DG Gift - Club Donations	500.00		
Other Income	500.00		
DG Project - Club Donations			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,178.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,756.00</b>
* Membership at 6/30/20 - 1452			
**Incoming DG must apply for these funds. \$2/member in year 1 (18/19); \$1/member in years 2 & 3 (19/20, 20/21)			
<b>Expenses</b>			
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG	\$ 1,000.00		
1st VDG Expenses	1,500.00		175.52
2nd VDG Expenses	500.00		
USA Canada Forum			
MD-20 Convention	1,600.00		
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference	2,500.00		
GLT Expenses	750.00		
GMT Expenses	750.00		
GST Expenses	650.00		
Hospitality Suite	500.00		
District Leadership Training	750.00		
District Directory	1,275.00		1,255.00
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)	1,500.00		1,037.50
District Convention/Fall Conference	2,000.00		
International Director Visit Expenses	500.00		
District Cabinet Meetings	2,400.00		80.25
Cabinet Supplies - badges, postage, etc	300.00		
Minor Equipment	300.00		
Peace Poster	275.00		
Testimonial - Meal	3,500.00		
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts	500.00		
Website			
District MJF Award	1,000.00		
District KOB Award	500.00		
District RJU Award	300.00		
DG Gift	500.00		
Banking Expenses	60.00		
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	50.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 25,460.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,548.27</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (282.00)</b>		<b>\$ 207.73</b>
<b>Ending Balance (should match check book)</b>			<b>19,763.52</b>

9/8/2020

Account Balances - As of 9/9/2020

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Account	9/9/2020 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
CABVI Grant Funds	0.00
District 20-W Admin Account	16,641.66
LCIF Anthem Grant	0.00
LCIF Emergency Grant	0.00
Lions Quest Grant	2,849.13
MD-20 Centennial Service Program Gr...	272.73
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>19,763.52</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>19,763.52</b>

Club	Membership as of: 6/30/20		FY 2020/21 Amt Paid	Ck Date	Ck #
1 Albany & Troy	37	-			
2 Ballston Spa	32	32	\$ 96.00	8/15/2020	1716
3 Bethlehem	19	19	\$ 57.00	8/24/2020	1570
4 Broadalbin-Perth	26	26	\$ 78.00	8/31/2020	1194
5 Cambridge	19	-			
6 Central Mohawk	22	-			
7 Chazy	40	40	\$ 120.00	8/31/2020	920
8 Clifton Fine	20	20	\$ 60.00	8/27/2020	2019
9 Clinton	24	-			
10 Deerfield	5	5	\$ 15.00	8/14/2020	1074
11 Duane	25	-			
12 Edwards	29	29	\$ 87.00	8/17/2020	2060
13 Fonda & Fultonville	18	-			
14 Galway	70	70	\$ 210.00	8/17/2020	2390
15 Glens Falls	40	40	\$ 120.00	8/17/2020	4338
16 Gouverneur	50	-			
17 Greater Amsterdam	9	-			
18 Greater Herkimer	26	26	\$ 78.00	8/15/2020	2578
19 Greater Johnstown	46	-			
20 Greater Ravena	16	-			
21 Greenwich	36	-			
22 Hadley-Luzerne	20	-			
23 Heuvelton	12	-			
24 Holland Patent	19	19	\$ 57.00	8/18/2020	1053
25 Lake Placid	33	-			
26 Lisbon	28	28	\$ 84.00	8/14/2020	1087
27 Long Lake	18	-			
28 Louisville	9	19	\$ 57.00	8/20/2020	488
29 Malone	16	16	\$ 48.00	8/15/2020	5187
30 Marcy Telephone	11	11	\$ 33.00	8/17/2020	1039
31 Mechanicville-Stillwater	30	-			
32 Newcomb	57	57	\$ 171.00	8/18/2020	1545
33 New Hartford NY Mills Whitestown	11	11	\$ 33.00	8/31/2020	912
34 Northville-Sacandaga	20	20	\$ 60.00	8/13/2020	2396
35 Ogdensburg	47	-			
36 Peru	24	-			
37 Plattsburgh	36	36	\$ 108.00	8/24/2020	1993
38 Quad Town	32	32	\$ 96.00	8/18/2020	344
39 Raquette River	26	-			
40 Saranac Lake	10	-			
41 Saratoga Springs	82	82	\$ 246.00	8/18/2020	2189
42 Sauquoit Valley	37	37	\$ 111.00	8/17/2020	305
43 Schuylerville	22	-			
44 Scotia-Glenville	24	24	\$ 72.00	8/21/2020	4224
45 Speculator	27	21	\$ 63.00	8/12/2020	2212
46 Town of Greenfield	34	34	\$ 102.00	8/18/2020	1230
47 Town of Hoosick	33	-			
48 Town of Schroon	35	35	\$ 105.00	8/20/2020	118
49 Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley	14	14	\$ 42.00	8/20/2020	1266
50 Tupper Lake	38	-			
51 Utica	15	29	\$ 87.00	8/13/2020	5221
52 Waterford	20	20	\$ 60.00	8/31/2020	32360073
52	1,449	852	\$ 2,556.00		29

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9/9/2020 4,347

Potsdam & Norfolk merged are now Raquette River Lions Club  
New York Mills/ Whitestown & New Hartford merged and are now New Hartford-New York Mills/Whitestown Lions Club (8281)  
Gloversville & Johnstown merged are now Greater Johnstown Lions Club

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W FISCAL 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 BUDGETS						
	2019/20	2019/20			2020/21	
	Approved Budget	Actual thru 6/30/20	Notes		Proposed Budget - Revised	
Beginning Balance		\$ 18,283.21			\$ 19,555.79	
Income				over/(short)		
Lions Clubs District Dues	\$ 4,434.00	\$ 4,272.00	1,478 members@\$3/member*	(162.00)	\$ 4,518.00	
MD20 Dues Rebates	5,964.00	5,240.00	1,478 members@\$4/member	(724.00)	5,808.00	
LCI District Restructuring Grant	1,478.00		1,478 members@\$1/member**	(1,478.00)	1,452.00	
LCI Reimbursements						
MD20 PDG Scholarship Leader Training	100.00	100.00		-	100.00	
GLT Funds from LCI	250.00			(250.00)	400.00	w/carryover
GMT Funds from LCI	250.00			(250.00)	500.00	w/carryover
GST Funds from LCI	250.00			(250.00)	500.00	w/carryover
District Convention/Fall Conference	1,500.00	1,170.00		(330.00)	1,500.00	
Program Advertising - Conference/Testimonial	200.00	150.00		(50.00)	200.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	2,700.00	585.00		(2,115.00)	2,700.00	
Pins Sold	800.00			(800.00)	250.00	
Misc - Raffles Painting Posters	1,000.00			(1,000.00)	1,000.00	
50/50 Tickets	400.00	150.00		(250.00)	400.00	
Testimonial Tickets	4,000.00			(4,000.00)	4,000.00	
LCIF Emergency Grant Income		10,000.00		10,000.00		
NYS & Bermuda COVID Grant Income		10,500.00		10,500.00		
Brandel-Murphy Emergency Grant Income		2,500.00		2,500.00		
Brandel-Murphy Incentive Grant Income		200.00		200.00		
Anthem Grant Income	500.00			(500.00)		
District KOB - Club Donations					200.00	
District MJF - Club Donations	450.00	100.00		(350.00)	450.00	
District RJU - Club Donations					200.00	
DG Gift - Club Donations	500.00			(500.00)	500.00	
Other Income		1,500.00		1,500.00	500.00	
DG Project - Club Donations						
Total Income	\$ 24,776.00	\$ 36,467.00		\$ 11,691.00	\$ 25,178.00	
* Membership at 6/30/19						
**Incoming DG must apply for these funds. \$2/member in year 1 (18/19); \$1/member in years 2 & 3 (19/20, 20/21)						
Expenses						
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG	\$ 1,000.00			(1,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00	
1st VDG Expenses	2,000.00	423.16	Council meetings	(1,576.84)	1,500.00	
2nd VDG Expenses	500.00			(500.00)	500.00	
USA Canada Forum	750.00	745.32		(4.68)		
MD-20 Convention	1,600.00		1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Secretary, Treasurer - \$400 each	(1,600.00)	1,600.00	
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference	3,900.00	984.91	4 Lions @ \$350 to Regional Leadership Institute. Lions to ALLI and ELLI	(2,915.09)	2,500.00	
GLT Expenses	500.00	522.80	\$500 for each chair	22.80	750.00	
GMT Expenses	500.00		\$500 for each chair	(500.00)	750.00	
GST Expenses	500.00		\$500 for each chair	(500.00)	650.00	
Hospitality Suite	500.00		Incoming DG	(500.00)	500.00	
District Leadership Training	500.00	794.08	LCI Faculty Devel Inst	294.08	750.00	
District Directory	1,275.00	1,255.00		(20.00)	1,275.00	
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)	1,550.00	1,500.00		(50.00)	1,500.00	
District Convention/Fall Conference	2,000.00	1,192.88		(807.12)	2,000.00	
International Director Visit Expenses	500.00	390.03		(109.97)	500.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	2,600.00	1,197.83		(1,402.17)	2,400.00	
Cabinet Supplies - badges, postage, etc	310.00	938.51		628.51	300.00	
Minor Equipment	300.00	149.90	Zoom	(150.10)	300.00	
Peace Poster	275.00		tickets, posters & framing	(275.00)	275.00	
Testimonial - Meal	3,500.00			(3,500.00)	3,500.00	
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts	500.00			(500.00)	500.00	
Website			paid 5 years in 2018/19 + GLT website			
District MJF Award	1,000.00	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	
District KOB Award	500.00	500.00		-	500.00	
District RJU Award	300.00	300.00		-	300.00	
DG Gift	500.00			(500.00)	500.00	
LCIF Emergency Grant Expenses		6,000.00		6,000.00		
LCIF Emergency Grant Unused/Returned		4,000.00		4,000.00		
NYS & Bermuda COVID Grant Expenses		10,500.00	Popeye's	10,500.00		
Brandel-Murphy Emergency Grant Expenses		2,500.00	Regional Food Bank	2,500.00		
Brandel-Murphy Incentive Grant Expenses		200.00	Clark Mills KidsPacs Supplies	200.00		
Anthem Grant Expenses	500.00			(500.00)		
Banking Expenses	150.00		New checks, deposit stamp, wire tx fee	(150.00)	60.00	
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	300.00	100.00	ID Honorarium	(200.00)	50.00	
Total Expense	\$ 28,310.00	\$ 35,194.42		\$ 6,884.42	\$ 25,460.00	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (3,534.00)	\$ 1,272.58			\$ (282.00)	
Ending Balance (should match check book)		\$ 19,555.79				



# **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

## **District Restructure and Redevelopment Grant**

### **Criteria and Application Format**

New districts that are a result of the consolidation of one or more transitional districts may apply for a redevelopment grant to fund leadership development, membership initiatives and/or strategies that improve club operations as well as other costs associated with redistricting.

The new district must be the result of a redistricting proposal that was approved by the International Board of Directors during a board meeting that took place from October 2015 through October 2018. Each new district may receive up to US\$2.00 per member the first year of the newly organized district and US\$1.00 for each member plus an additional US\$10.00 for each net member increase the two years following the initial year of the new district. The net member increase is based on the membership gain achieved the previous year. See **Funding Calculation** on page four for more details. It should be noted that redistricting proposals are only approved during the October International Board of Directors meetings each year.

#### **Applicant Requirements:**

Grant applications may be submitted by the elected district governor (for grants submitted before the redistricting takes place) or the current district governor once the new district is established prior to the close of the third year of the reorganized district's formation.

The application must outline plans to build leadership, increase membership and/or improve club operations or offset costs associated with redistricting and must significantly benefit the clubs in the new district.

The application may be made for a single year or multiple years, but reimbursement is limited to the allocated amount for each year.

The grant application may be amended by the district governor, with approval of the district cabinet, but each revision will require approval by the District and Club Service Committee and may only redirect funds that have not already been expended.

Grants must be submitted using the official grant application

#### **Reimbursement Limits:**

Reimbursement is limited to the following:

First year of the reorganized district: Up to US\$2.00 per member based on the membership reported on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year.

Second year of the reorganized district: Up to US\$1.00 per member based on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the second year plus an additional US\$10.00 for each net member gained the previous year.

Third year of the reorganized district: Up to US\$1.00 per member based on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the third year plus an additional US\$10.00 for each net member gained the previous year.

These amounts may only be used for expenses incurred in the year specified and may not be rescheduled for later or earlier expenses.

#### **Reimbursement Criteria**

Reimbursement may only be requested by the district governor. Reimbursement is limited to actual eligible expenses incurred, not to exceed the total amount approved, and will be paid to the district only upon receipt of all required documents and receipts. Failure to use the funds as agreed shall result in the funds being returned to Lions Clubs International.

#### **Establishing Goals and Action Plans for the Grant Application:**

The objective of the District **Restructure and Redevelopment Grant** is to support positive and effective redistricting that results in the development of new leaders, membership growth and improve club support.

The **Guide for Consolidating Districts** was designed to help areas identify the resources that are available to the new district, determine district boundaries that would best serve the clubs and establish goals and objectives to help the area strengthen and advance. This grant should focus on how the new district plans to accomplish the goals and objectives that were established as part of the redistricting proposal and should include the specific actions and detailed budget needed to be successful. Please refer to the guide and the application form for more detail.

#### **Application Approval Process:**

Applications will be preliminarily reviewed by the District and Club Administration Division staff to ensure the application is complete, meets the grant requirements and provides adequate information for the District and Club Service Committee's evaluation. Division staff may contact the applicant to obtain additional information and to discuss the opportunity. Applications will then be reviewed by the District and Club Service Committee for final approval.

#### **Other considerations:**

Once the grant is awarded, the district will be encouraged to complete each goal within the time designated. During this period LCI staff will be available to provide additional support. When possible, staff may recommend that the district participate in existing programs that may provide additional support. Any dispute that arises due to the nature of the grant, the use of the funds or its distribution will require resolution through the District Dispute Resolution Procedure and if unresolved may result in the non-disbursement of funding and/or the return of the funds expended.

The International Board holds the right to refuse, limit payment or deny approval of grant applications that are at the request of Districts that have a history of disputes, unresolved disputes, fail to meet the requirements of a district, do not operate in accordance with the policies and/or constitution and bylaws of the International Association or fail to meet any other criteria that the committee might deem important to the development of the area.



## District Restructure and Redevelopment Grant Application:

Date Prepared:

District:

### Step One: Establish Goals and Action Plans:

**Goal:** Establish leadership opportunities for members, particularly in the Northern portion of the District. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe in detail the research completed and the actions needed to achieve the goal.**

Since the merger, the District has made efforts to ensure that current and future leaders come from both the Northern and Southern portions of the District to ensure even representation. The District has identified potential future leaders and is actively promoting and funding attendees for RLLI, ALLI, and the USA/Canada Forum. In addition, the District has scheduled Region and Zone leadership training in addition to training for Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. This training will instruct new officers on how to successfully fulfill their duties as well as introduce them to other Club Presidents within the District and hopefully encourage interaction between Clubs.

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\_The purchase of two projectors and screens will allow for Regional/Zone in-person officer training. \_\_\_\_\_

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**How does this plan support the development of new leaders, membership growth and/or improve club support?**

\_The plan encourages leadership candidates to serve at the local Club, Zone, Region, and District level. An improved and expanded leadership pool will also encourage Clubs to actively seek new members and embrace new and/or different ideas and service projects. The District has many silo Clubs that are very good within their geographic footprint but not aware of events happening elsewhere within the District. It is our hope that an increased leadership pool will encourage Clubs to embrace new ideas from neighboring Clubs, interact with neighboring Clubs through joint meetings and joint service projects, and encourage Clubs to attend and participate in District Cabinet meetings and events.

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**Submit requests and inquiries to:**

Lions Clubs International  
District and Club Administration Division  
300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523 USA

Email: [districtadministration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)

**Timeline for activities:** Activities will continue through the duration of this Lions year. \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer team to implement the plan:** District Cabinet and District GAT team. \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget Estimate:** List and describe the expenses relating to this plan. Please attach the quotes used to estimate the budget.

Item	Description	Amount (in US dollars)
Pro Zoom Webinar	Zoom webinar service X 2 units @ \$199/ea	\$398.00
EZ Talks	Group Conference calling	\$120.00
Web Meeting	Group Conferencing	\$240.00
Video Projectors (2)	For Regional In-person training sessions	\$120.00
Projection screens (2)	For Regional in-person training sessions	\$260.00
Hotel	Meeting room costs	\$225.00
GLT	Travel, instruction & advertising expenses	\$250.00

**Total Amount Requested:** US\$ 1,449.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE A GOAL FORM FOR EACH ACTIVITY POTENTIALLY FUNDED BY THIS GRANT**

## Step Two: Estimate Available Funding

### Funding Calculation

Use the space below to calculate your available funds. Keep in mind that the actual amount will be limited to the membership count at the start of each year.

Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	
	Member Count at the Start of the Fiscal Year	Available Funding per member	Amount available based on membership count  (Column A multiplied by B)	Net Growth Achieved previous fiscal year	Available Funding for each net member gain	Amount available from growth  (Column D multiplied by E)	Total (Column C plus F)
First Year of the New District		US\$2.00 Per member		NA	NA	NA	

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Second Year of the District		US\$1.00 Per member			US\$10.00 Net Growth achieved previous year		
Third Year of the District		US\$1.00 Per member			US\$10.00 Net Growth achieved previous year		

### Step Three: Attach Documentation

- Goal form for each goal
- Quotes for budget estimate for each goal
- Minutes of the district meeting when the plan was approved

### Step Four: Gain Application Approval

Approval Signatures:

To the best of my knowledge, the information submitted is accurate and will support the future development of the district. I endorse this proposal and will do everything in my power to ensure proper and efficient administration of any funds granted.

**District Governor (or District Governor Elect prior to District Formation):**

*Rich Dwyer*      RICK DWYER      28-4  
 Signature                      Print Name                      District Number

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 Address

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Signature Print Name District Number

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**Second Vice District Governor (or Elected to the position if prior to District Formation):**

*Ricky H. Lawrence* 20 W  
Signature Print Name District Number

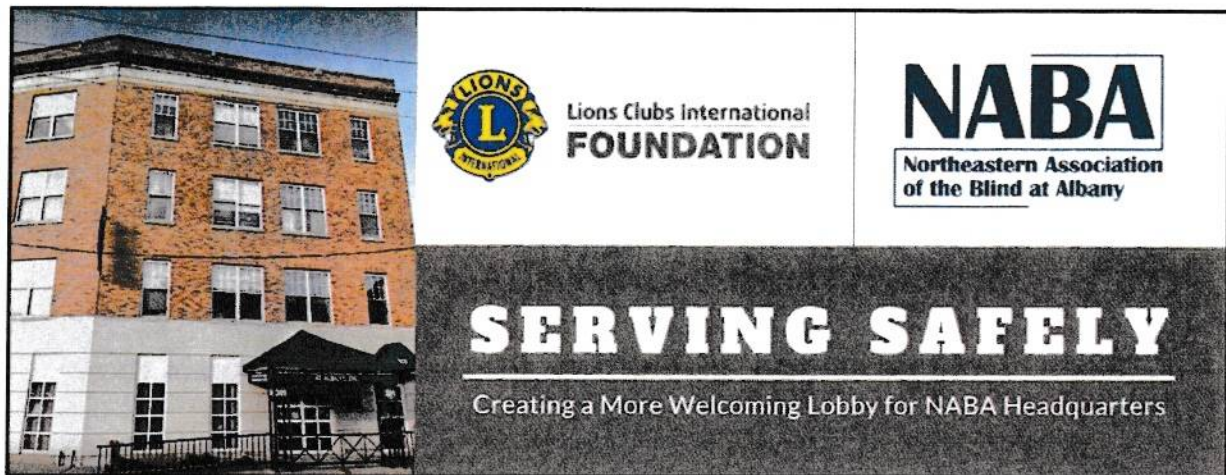
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**Step Five: Mail to**

Lions Clubs International, District and Club Administration Division, 300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oak Brook, IL, USA 60523





September 12, 2020

Dear Review Committee:

The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has been providing rehabilitation services to people with visual impairments living in New York's Capital Region and the surrounding area since 1908, changing to meet their needs as times change.

The agency's mission is to assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired achieve independence and growth. We accomplish this by providing services and support that are responsive and flexible to each person's unique needs. Services may include instruction in daily living skills, orientation and mobility and assistive technology, employment and work readiness, work experience trainings, adjustment to vision loss counseling, intake and referral, low vision evaluations and instruction in use of remaining vision and low vision aids.

We hope the following Matching Grant Application will meet with your favorable approval. With your help, we can ensure that people feel safe and welcome coming to NABA for our life-changing programs and services.

We're looking forward to support from local Lions Clubs and the Lions Clubs International Foundation – especially during this global pandemic – as we continue to adapt our services to make them as safe, meaningful and enjoyable as possible.

Warm Regards,

Christopher T. Burke  
NABA Executive Director



September 12, 2020  
**Amount of funding requested from LCIF**  
\$100,000

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Section 1: Project Description, Goals and Objectives**

#### **1. Problem identification and justifications for the project. Explain the following:**

##### **a. The particular problems to be addressed.**

The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany's headquarters was purchased in 1958 to serve the occupational and residential needs of its clientele. Over the years, the building has been upgraded to meet changing needs and meet universal access regulations.

Now, NABA seeks to make changes to the building entrance and client waiting area to better ensure the health and safety of its clients and dedicated staff. From our youth programs to our low vision clinic and services for seniors, NABA provides integrated programming, employment training, and specialized services. We have developed a "Serving Safely" plan with a construction management company with a century of expertise in health care institutions, universities, school districts, community cultural organizations, State building agencies, and development firms.

They will retrofit NABA's client waiting area with ultraviolet disinfecting lights – also known as germicidal UV – and other measures to ensure the health and safety of participants in our programs.

The project will create a separate client seating area away from other building operations and staff. Currently, many clients coming to NABA for rehabilitation cross paths with manufacturing and other staff as product is moved on the freight elevator and other business is transacted.

Germicidal UV has been used for decades to protect indoor spaces from the airborne microbes that transmit measles and tuberculosis and is now being used to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

**b. Detailed reasons and justifications for the project.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped our lives, especially in the ways we use and move through public spaces. Most of us search for visual cues – a piece of tape to tell us where to stand, a green or red arrow to indicate which way to move down an aisle in a store, ropes to rule out seats or benches that are too close together.

But most of NABA's consumers can't process these visual cues. So we're planning ways to make our waiting inherently safe and welcoming, and enable them to move confidently and independently through the first place they interact with our staff and doctor.

**c. The goals and objectives to be achieved.**

NABA seeks to create a separate waiting area for our clients, many of whom are elderly or have other health problems that make them vulnerable. The new space will utilize ultraviolet light as an ongoing germicidal measure and will be regularly disinfected to provide a clean, safe and secure environment.

**d. Geographical area and communities that will be served, including socio-economic data.**

NABA provides services throughout eastern New York to residents of Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, and Washington Counties. The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) contracts with NABA to offer a full range of rehabilitation services throughout our 14-county service area and limited services in the other 8 counties. This formal relationship is the only comprehensive program offered to visually impaired consumers in the greater Capital Region.

NABA serves individuals ranging in from ages 18 months to over 100 years old. NABA is a private, not-for-profit, 501(c) 3 organization, and provides its services to individuals without regard to socioeconomic status, race, religion, gender, or age. NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired does not allow an agency under contract to request information regarding social-economic status. We serve all people.



**e. Number of people who will directly benefit from this project on an annual basis.**

Attached is a copy of NABAs 2029 Annual Report with the statistical data of all consumers NABA served. NABA provides a variety of opportunities for volunteers and interns. NABA provides a wide range of services to individuals with visual impairments. Some of these services include training and placing legally blind adults in professional employment and providing rehabilitation services to seniors with age-related vision loss. NABA, with over a century of experience, continues to help individuals overcome the challenges of vision loss, enabling them to lead more productive, independent lives. NABA also provides free vision screening for children 18 months to 4 years old through our KidSight Program.

In 2019, our staff travelled more than 85,000 miles providing services to the blind and visually impaired. NABA partnered and collaborated with more than 2,700 area businesses, not-for-profits, and government agencies. NABA staff made 387 outreach presentations and conducted 5,976 KidSight screenings.

**2. Project strategy and plan of action. Provide the following information:**

**a. A detailed plan for this project, indicating how the objectives will be reached.**

The First Floor Lobby will be renovated to reposition the building entry to improve NABA's interface with the public. The reception desk will be reoriented for better visibility by staff and the public. The interior corridor and waiting area will be reoriented to allow better traffic flow and wayfinding to the elevators. Interior finishes will be upgraded improving the décor and public impression. The first-floor office area will be renovated to provide better work space and an accessible staff toilet. The renovation will provide clients, staff and visitors better reception, security, wayfinding and waiting areas.

**c. Background information and an explanation of the supporting role of any other organizations participating in this project.**

NABA regularly partners with these organizations in our collaborative initiatives to serve consumers with vision loss.

- The Lions Clubs of District 20-W
- The Lions Hearing Conservation Society of New York State (LHCS)
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County- Capital Region Eat Smart New York program
- Saratoga Community Health Center - an extension clinic of Saratoga Hospital

Our services include:

- **Vision Rehabilitation Services**

NABA's vision rehabilitation therapists work in-home and on-site with individuals to develop the skills and techniques that facilitate independent living. Skills taught include household management, financial management, personal care and safe meal preparation.

Individuals also receive training in the use of low vision aids and/or adaptive technology designed for people with little or no vision.

- **Orientation & Mobility Training**

Being able to travel independently and safely is a critical part of dealing with vision loss. NABA specialists instruct individuals on safe travel skills and ways to establish and maintain orientation.

- **Adapted Daily Living Skills**

Our Adapted Daily Living Skills program starts with an assessment. The rehabilitation instructor then trains the client in skills such as cooking, cleaning, personal care, communications, and home management.

- **Social Work and Counseling**

Adjusting to and coping with vision loss can be a difficult emotional process. NABA social workers assist individuals adjust to their vision loss, helping them to develop coping, problem-solving and decision-making skills while reducing stress and anxiety.

- **Assistive Technology Instruction**

NABA will train clients in the latest adaptive software that allows individuals who are blind or visually impaired to work with computers using speech and/or Braille output. Clients who have some residual vision are taught to use programs that will enlarge text on the computer screen.

- **Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT)**

NABA's Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRT) teach adaptive techniques for doing ordinary tasks so a person who has experienced a vision loss may continue to be independent. Each consumer is instructed in their home or workplace, often using adaptive equipment, and the program is designed to meet the personal goals of the individual.

- **KidSight**

KidSight is a free vision screening program that NABA has provided since 1998. KidSight screens children between the ages of 18 months to 4 years old who attend childcare or preschool classes. Studies have shown that 62% of America's pre-school children have never received a complete eye examination. One in every 20 children under the age of 5 suffers from a serious vision problem that could lead to permanent damage if not corrected early.

**d. Project timetable for implementation and completion including key milestones.**

The project will commence in January 2021 with completion anticipated December 2021. Major project components include:

- Selective demolition of existing walls, flooring, ceiling, reception desk;
- Buildout of new façade, entrance; partition walls, staff rest room;
- Installation of new acoustical ceiling, resilient flooring, carpet tiles;
- Painting, finishing and wayfinding; and



- Fire-suppression, plumbing, HVAC, electrical and communications infrastructure work.

Due to the nature of the project and schedules of subcontractors, we cannot at this point provide a timeline for these milestones.

**3. Explain how the project will be sustained in future years. Describe who will be responsible for operational, maintenance and administrative expenses. Provide a detailed five-year financial plan outlining operating income and expenses.**

Changes to NABA's lobby will provide benefits to our consumers and staff for decades to come. The "Serving Safely" project will allow clients to be seated in an area away from other building operations and staff. This will become even more important as historical trends indicate a rising need for NABA's programs and services, even as we strive to ramp up manufacturing and sales to expand employment opportunities.

NABA's 2021 Strategic Plan has a strong focus on organizational sustainability through a diversified mix of earned and contributed revenue. A key feature of the plan is a real-estate capital needs strategy, which will ensure that NABA's facilities continue to protect the health and safety of our clients and staff.

NABA's leadership and staff has demonstrated the ability to quickly deploy and maintain new protocols to keep our consumers healthy – from masks, to hand sanitizers to intensified building-wide cleaning by the maintenance department. The changes to the lobby will support these efforts and provide a better and safer workplace experience for all.

Below is a summary of NABA's current and prior two years of income and expenses as well as two years of projected total income and expenses:

Year	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Net
2018- Actual	\$ 7,677,289	\$ 7,677,289	\$-
2019- Actual ( unaudited)	\$ 7,313,640	\$ 7,313,640	\$-
2020- Approved Budget	\$ 8,056,632	\$ 8,056,632	\$-
2021- Estimated Budget	\$ 8,459,464	\$ 8,459,464	\$-
2022- Estimated Budget	\$ 8,882,437	\$ 8,882,437	\$-

NABA staff with significant roles in this project include:

**Operational, Administrative and Executive**

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**Fiscal**

David Barron, CFO

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518-463-1211 x204

**Building Maintenance**

Butch Marriner, Supervisor of Building & Grounds

518-463-1211 x 206 or 518-376-3949 (cell)

#### 4. Describe how Lions will be involved in the proposed project.

For decades, NABA has been working with Lions Clubs in our region to empower volunteers to serve their communities.

#### Three Guests Speak At Lions Club Meeting



The Greater Ravena Area Lions Club enjoyed an excellent program at their meeting held at Barthe's Restaurant on Feb. 28th as two people from the Albany Association of the Blind spoke along with District Governor, Nick Poccia. Left to right are Lion President William LaMed, Caroline Forsberg, a former

Technical Communications Specialist who worked at the Center for the Blind for eight years and is now studying for her doctorate at SUNY; John Minor, Acting Associate Executive Director of the Albany Association of the Blind and Mr. Poccia, District Governor of 20-Y2. R. Bleezarde Photo

*Coeymans News Herald, 1979*

#### AREA LIONS CLUB PLANS PROJECT ON PRE-SCHOOL VISION

The Guilderland Lions Club preschool vision screening volunteers will hold their first screening on Feb. 14, at Guilderland Elementary school between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. The primary objective of this program is to make parents aware that an eye examination for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age is very important and might well avoid later vision difficulties.

The second objective is to make available to the children in the area a free screening, which may detect some difficulty that otherwise might go unnoticed, and to recommend eye examinations where indicated.

A vision screening is a procedure which attempts to find those who seem to have eye conditions and therefore, may need professional attention. An examination consists of a thorough inspection of the eye as to structure and function by an eye specialist.

The screening will be conducted by volunteers trained in a eight hour course by the preschool vision screening coordinator of the Albany Association of the Blind, and is approved by a professional advisory committee.

One of the threats to young eyes, which may be detected by such a screening is amblyopia or "lazy eye." This affliction is usually the consequence of one eye learning faster than the other, especially in the last stages of development. The strong eye is soon doing all the hard work, and the weak eye stops trying to learn. Unless this disparity is caught and corrected before the habits of vision grow rigid — no later than about age of 6 — the lazy eye will usually never learn to focus as it should. Fortunately, such vision difficulties can frequently be averted if treatment is started early.

Children age 3, 4 and 5 years old, if not yet attending school, are invited to participate in the free pre-school vision screening project: Saturday, Feb. 14, Guilderland Elementary school, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

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**a. Explain the Lions' roles and responsibilities. Include relevant history relating to Lions' involvement.**

NABA greatly values its existing relationship with area Lions Clubs who partner with us in our KidSight Program.

KidSight is NABA's vision-screening program designed specifically for children ages eighteen months to five years. A specialized camera is used to detect potential vision impairments in the individuals screened. Each year, an average of twelve percent of the children that we screen for vision impairments are "flagged" as having a potential vision problem. These children are then referred to a doctor for a follow-up visit and treatment if necessary. NABA collects data on the outcomes of those that were recommended for a follow-up visit. Statistics have indicated that low-income families are less likely to follow up and schedule a visit with their doctor. Families also reported that transportation and available time as barriers. NABA works with these families in various ways to ensure that the children are seen by a doctor.

Early identification of vision problems is vital to ensuring timely treatment and prevention. In 2019, the program screened at 91 sites in 8 counties. 5,641 children were screened and 571 were flagged with a vision problem. Ninety percent of the children who fail the screening exam need glasses or some other corrective action, while the other ten percent may have major vision issues. All of those flagged are recommended to see an eye specialist.

Our Lions partners in the KidSight Program include: Albany-Troy Lions Club; Ballston Spa Lions Club; Bethlehem Lions Club; Cambridge Lions Club; Duane Lions Club; Glens Falls Lions Club; Gloversville Lions Club; Greater Amsterdam Lions Club; Greater Johnstown Lions Club; Greater Ravena Area Lions Club; Mechanicville/Stillwater Lions Club; Saratoga Springs Lions Club; Town of Galway Lions Club; Town of Greenfield Lions Club; Town of Hoosick Lions Club; Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club; Utica Lions Club and Waterford Lions Club.

**b. Outline plans for Lions' continued participation after LCIF support has concluded.**

NABA is looking forward to continuing our work with Lions Clubs and other non-governmental organizations to address the issues of eye disease and vision loss. The Lions of District 20-Y2 (now 20-W) and District 20-O have supported NABA as volunteers for many years. NABA always has a Lion on its Board of Directors, including Past District Governor John McDonald who is currently serving.

Just as the Lions have supported NABA with donations, grants, volunteer hours and, partnership with our diabetes programs, NABA gives back to the Lions. Through our employment programs, NABA provides the Albany-Troy Lions Club access to free telephone lines for their meetings, and we partner with the Lions Hearing Conservation Society of New York State by providing the society free office space and with vision screening. (Please see attached MOU.)

For the past three years, District 20Y-2 (now 20-W) Diabetes programs have been part of and sponsors of NABA Low Vision Technology and Health Fairs. The Lions have also sponsored Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County and Saratoga County Pre-Diabetes Classes for NABA consumers.

With the support of the Saratoga Lions Club and the Saratoga Hospital/Community Health Center, NABA now has a low vision clinic in Saratoga Springs. NABA is planning to develop a Diabetes Education Center and will be partnering with the Lions in District 20-W as part of their 2021 strategic plan.

Throughout District 20-W Lions clubs support the cost of exams, equipment, supplies and glasses prescribed by NABA's physician and staff.

In a further demonstration of our mutually beneficial relationship, many NABA employees are Lions – including upper level administrators, staff and hourly employees. NABA's CEO is a Lion, and NABA's Director of Communications, Development and Outreach is currently a Vice District Governor, Past District Governor, on the Board of NYS Bermuda Foundation, Advisor to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, Board Member of NYS Lions SEE, and President of the NYS Hearing Conservation Society.

**c. Indicate how this project will be identified and promoted as a Lions-supported project.**

Should this proposal receive favorable consideration, NABA's new "Lions Lobby" will feature signage to reflect the involvement and investment made to the current project by both Lions and the LCIF. NABA will also recognize the Lions and LCIF in all promotional material and publicity coverage related to the project, including Lions and LCIF logos.

**d. Describe the plans for recognizing the support and involvement of LCIF. Any publicity materials and media regarding this project should acknowledge the support and involvement of LCIF and local Lions.**

NABA will leverage all opportunities to recognize LCIF's support, including but not limited to: news release announcing the grant to 22-county coverage area; letter of thanks to every Lions Club in the region; social media cross posting of media release and/or coverage; acknowledge in email newsletters; include in Annual Report; invite local Lions representatives to participate in a ribbon cutting when renovation is complete.



## Section 2: Project Budget

*see attached full project estimate from contractor*

INCOME			EXPENSES	
Source	Amount	Status	Expense Description	Amount
Lions – 18 Clubs in NABA service area in 20-W	\$ 6,550.00	On Hand	Labor	\$ 56,450.00
			Material	\$ 27,664.00
Partners - 14	\$ 55,655.00	On Hand	Subcontract	\$ 63,385.00
				\$ 147,499.00
LCIF	\$ 100,000.00	Anticipated	Contingency	\$ 17,172.00
				\$ 164,671
NABA Restricted Funds	38,000.00	Pledged	A/E Fees	\$ 18,890.00
				\$ 183,561
Fundraising	\$ 2,000.00	Anticipated	Pre-Con Fee	\$ 5,000.00
			Construction Fee	\$ 12,467.00
				\$ 201,028
			Insurance (Liability)	\$ 1,177.00
			TOTAL	\$ 202,205.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 202,205.00</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 202,205.00</b>

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Section 4:

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ENDORSEMENT (single and sub-district level grant applications)**

**DG Rick Brisee**

**20-W**

**District Governor**

**District Number**

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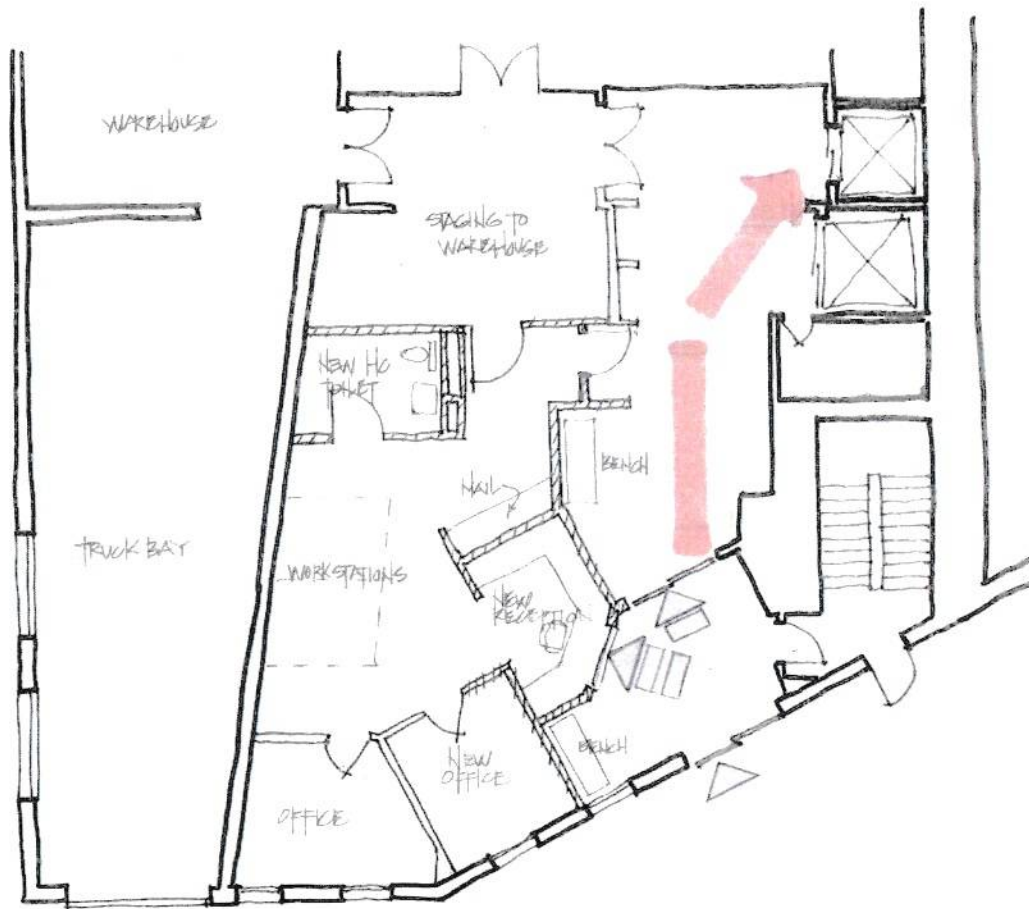
**Telephone**



**Signature**

*09-12-20*

**Date**



**NEW FIRST FLOOR  
ENTRY/LOBBY  
FLOOR PLAN**

Global Leadership Team Report  
District 20-W

To: DG Rick Brisee

From: PCC Mark Whitney  
20-W GLT Coordinator

Date: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**“We Are One” - “United in Kindness and Diversity”**

**Goal: Build Leadership Skills. Increase Members Training. Improve Club Communications**

**New Club Officer Training**

Club Officer Training was conducted via Zoom for President's and Vice President's (8/24), Secretary's (8/25), and Treasurer's (9/1)

**Region and Zone Chair Training**

Presented online Zone and Region Chair Zoom webinars, and individual consultations providing supporting materials via email for 20-W (8/20), 20-K2 (8/3), 20-R2 (8/5).

Scheduled ongoing conference GAT calls and online Zoom meetings with ZCs/RCs scheduled throughout the year on the first Tuesday of every other month at 7pm.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Virtual USA/Canada Forum Seminars - Attendees Encouraged**

PCC Mark Whitney (Registered)

**MD-20 Regional Lions Leadership Institute – Binghamton October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

Lion Joseph Wagner (Saratoga Springs) – Application Accepted  
Lion Gregory Sheldon (Albany-Troy) – Application Accepted

**LCL Advanced Lions Leadership Institute**

TBD

**Goal : Increase the Number of Certified Guiding Lions & Mentors**

Active participation in North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) with monthly Zoom meetings and participated in the NAMI Roadshow September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

Identify Lions that can assist new clubs and help redevelop existing clubs in nearby locations. Facilitate the Certified Guiding Lions process and Mentoring Lions program as needed.



### **MD20 GLT : Provide Monthly Zoom Meeting Support and Best Practices**

Active participation in scheduling the MD20 monthly GLT Zoom meetings assisting MD20 GLT Coordinator PDG Milledge Smith and sharing best practices. Providing Zoom training with the other GLTs and District DGs delivering ZC/RC training and “Club Management” presentations.

### **Expand the District 20-W Lions Online Training and Leadership Website with resources from the Redistricting Grant and Club Communications Plan for July 2020 - June 2021**

The District 20-W Lions Leadership website ([www.LionsGLT.com](http://www.LionsGLT.com)) is designed to be a central location for accessing lots of useful information, registering and attending webinars, accessing recorded presentations, enrolling in online courses, requesting individual consultations and custom training, posting and reading Q&A FAQ's, participating in the members Global Action Team Blog, and exploring resources specifically designed for sharing valuable Lions Leadership skills and educational experiences with all Lions members and leaders.

This digital platform will be expanded with resources from the redistricting grant.



### **Promote 2020 MD20 Convention and 103<sup>rd</sup> LCI Montreal Convention Registration**

Promoting the MD20 State Convention in Syracuse, May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and the 103<sup>rd</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, encouraging the attendance of many more Lions from District 20-W to support the incoming International President Douglas X. Alexander.

Respectfully submitted,



PCC Mark Whitney, GLT Coordinator

## **GMT Report**

**September 12, 2020**

Hello Members of District 20W,

I know that I don't need to tell any of you that this is the most unusual Lions year we have ever had. And that we are holding our collective breath to see what happens this Fall. In spite of all this we must try to move forward as best we can. The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI), which was a pilot program in certain US and Canadian districts last Lions year, is now in effect throughout the US and Canada. The program goal is to move ahead more actively in developing new clubs, new members and retaining our existing members. Although we will be working on all three aspects, the Governor, with his leadership team, will be concentrating on retention. With social distancing and inability to hold face to face meetings, this seems to be the most logical direction to proceed in until we can expand our efforts past the virus. The driving principle of NAMI is communication. The clubs will be hearing from zone chairs and other district leadership on a monthly basis to keep all of us on the right path in this difficult time. I will be giving you more information in the district newsletter this October. Please try to continue as good lions and don't become discouraged.

YIL,

PDG Ed Stano

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Cell phone – 518-879-5757

Email – [estanojr@nycap.rr.com](mailto:estanojr@nycap.rr.com)

## **Service Leadership Team Report**

Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, the Lions of District W have continued to serve!

Over a 5-week period in May and June Lions from the Capital Region provided 2,100 meals to front line workers at Ellis Hospital, Samaritan Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital and Albany Medical Center. This was in acknowledgement of the tremendous effort of these individuals to provide needed support and care to those directly affected by COVID 19. The \$10,500 in funding to support the initiative was provided as part of an LCIF grant of \$200,000 supporting all of MD20. Special thanks to Lion Jerry Gordon of the Albany Troy Lions for spearheading the effort to schedule all of the deliveries and securing Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen's/Restaurants support to provide all of the meals at a discounted cost! We fed not only the doctors and nurses who were working with COVID patients, but also housekeeping, janitorial, and other related personnel. They all face the same problem of not having enough PPE to allow for a complete change of gowns, caps, masks, etc., every time they go to the cafeteria. They really appreciated having the food brought to them!

A total of 500 special KN95 masks were secured to help protect members of local EMT and emergency squads in the Utica, Plattsburgh and Potsdam/Racquet River Regions. Lions clubs from all of these areas personally delivered the masks and thanked the members of these volunteer organizations for their commitment to serve!

In August I joined DG Rick and members of the Greenfield Lions to support a drive-thru food pantry sponsored by "The Food Pantries for the Capital District". In addition to providing healthy vegetables and fruits to people facing food insecurity issues, we provided each bag of food with literature regarding diabetes and prediabetes resources. The day began with a presentation of a Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation grant of \$2,500 to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. This grant will cover the cost of food of 10,000 meals!

Many other clubs initiated projects on their own to provide meals and sanitizer to their area hospitals and EMT personnel. We can all be proud of the efforts of Lions clubs to Serve at this critical time of need!

Going forward, we can continue to provide service in these challenging times to those in need in many ways! A card writing project that provides encouraging words of support to a child fighting cancer at the Ronald McDonald House; Eyeglass Collections and Sorting projects; KidSight Screenings; Food Drives; ADCES (Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists) Diabetes Education & Awareness tip sheet distribution - these are all safe projects that we as Lions can continue to perform!

PDG Lion John McDonald  
District GST Coordinator

## **New Voices**

A program launched in 2018-2019 to celebrate women's contributions and promote gender parity within Lions Clubs International. In 2019-2020 the program was expanded under International President Dr. Jung-Yui Choi to include young adults, including Leo Lions, and other underrepresented populations as diverse and sought-after New Voices in the association. This initiative is about hearing the story of the unheard and is a forum for sharing new ideas and learning from one another for the betterment of Lions Clubs International.

As the new voices Coordinator I would like to get some information; I would like to get each club to provide the following information from one of the women or young adults in your club;

How long have you been a member?

Have you held any position in your club or if you have not yet are you planning on holding a position in the future?

What is/was your favorite service project?

What would you like to see your club do that it presently does not?

Anything you would like to share about your club?

Any other information would also be appreciated. The responses will be included in a report at the next district meeting as well as in the Roar. Let's hear from all the clubs. Send the information to [rware@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rware@nycap.rr.com) or to [hmcconchie@aol.com](mailto:hmcconchie@aol.com)

To find out more about New Voices you can check out the Lions International Web site at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/womens-initiative>

Respectfully submitted

Rita Ware Coordinator

Holly McConchie Committee Member

The first response to the questions comes from Lion Holly McConchie from the Galway Lions;

**I have been a member since April 2016**

**I have been club membership chairperson, 3rd & 1st VP, President, committee chairs for my club - have also been Zone Chair, Region Chair and Lioness Liaison for District**

**My favorite service project is Basket Auction**

**Not sure what I would like to see club do that presently not doing**

**My club is very involved in the community, always looking for new ways to assist the community**



# **BALLSTON SPA LIONS CLUB**

**LION CHERYL STEWART**

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TO: Lion Ed Moore, Lion Barbara Bentley  
FROM: Lion Cheryl Stewart  
DATE: September 10, 2020  
RE: Club Update

## **Activities and Projects 2020/21:**

- Members of the club along with other clubs of 20W assisted in delivering meals to Essential Workers at Ellis Hospital in May.
- Several Members of the club worked along with the Ballston Spa Rotary Club in cleaning up Kelly Park on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Delivered food to the Ballston Spa Methodist Church Food Pantry that would have been used at the Ballston Spa Lions Club Music Park at the Old Iron Springs and other activities that were cancelled due to COVID.
- Hosted “Downtown Horns” on August 30<sup>th</sup> at the BSLC Music Park. A last-minute end of summer concert was held and attending by over 120 people.

Many of the clubs usual fundraising events and social events have been cancelled this year due to the COVID pandemic. We are hoping for things to return to some kind of normalcy in the future so we may continue in our efforts to serve the community.

## **Bethlehem Lions Club Report**

The club met in September with a regular and board mtg's. Motion's passed to send monetary donations to The Guiding Eyes Program & to The Bethlehem Community Fund. Discussed in depth was our Christmas tree & wreath fundraiser scheduled to commence for sale the weekend after Thanksgiving. An additional sale site is in the works. First DGL Rick Brisee will visit us in October to swear in officer's and hoping two new members recruited by 2nd VDG Michele O 'Hare. 5 of our club members helped deliver "Popeyes " meals over the summer. Our club donated monetarily to all town police officers, first medical responders, all firefighters (districts). We gave 2 scholarships to a couple of fantastic students from our town . NABA donated a tee to their golf tournament. Made a donation to the Sight Society of NY. Donation made of a bit over 600 pairs of eyeglasses by lion Dan Ryan Sight Chair. Lion Rick Rudofsky still collecting stamps and box tops for our wonderful veterans. Donations made to St. Peter's Hospice and Friends of Five Rivers .

Respectively submitted by Secretary Region Chair Lion Liza Tougher

**CLINTON LIONS CLUB  
CABINET MEETING REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

□ **COMMENTS:**

- The corona virus has drastically impacted the normal operations of our club, especially our capabilities to interact within the community and our fundraising efforts.
- Normal twice monthly meetings were suspended in mid-March. Zoom technology, e-mails and telephone calls have been utilized to keep club communications as normal as possible.
- Two major fundraising events were canceled until next year – the funds raised in the past from these activities have left us with a big financial deficit.
- We continue to explore new & creative methods of fundraising without infringing upon those undertaken by other not-for-profit organizations in the area – we're all in this together.

□ **ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:**

- Anywhere between seven and thirteen club members assist at our local *food pantry*. Due to the pandemic, a supplemental distribution day has been added every month since June. The distribution now takes place outside in the parking lot. Patrons remain in their vehicles as food staples, produce and personal hygiene items are placed in their trunks or hatchbacks. The number of clients served on a monthly basis has increased since the onset of the virus pandemic. We are now assisting in the distribution of food to three times the number of clients compared to January/February this year.
- In early August five members volunteered at the weekly Farmers Market held in our village. We collected food and financial donations for the food pantry as part of the *GIVE BACK NY* campaign at all farmers markets across the state.
- As businesses have slowly reopened, we've once again resumed our *collection of used eyeglasses* from containers we previously placed at locations in and around our community.
- Our local Chamber of Commerce in concert with businesses in our village established a small *al fresco dining area* where visitors & shoppers could sit and enjoy take-out food and drinks while enjoying the fine summer weather – all while conforming to the current social distancing guidelines. The *upkeep and cleanliness* of this area is the responsibility of various community organizations. Members of our club assist in this task by cleaning the area and preparing trash cans for next day pickup two days a week.

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:**

- Continue with our increased assistance with monthly food distribution at our local Country Pantry.
- Participate in a socially distanced environment with other community organizations in preparing 20,000-plus ready-to-eat meals for the worldwide Rise Against Hunger Campaign at the end of September.
- Depending on the pandemic situation, conduct our previous years Fall/Winter fundraising and service activities including our Shoppers Stroll the day after Thanksgiving, White Cane Drive and Red Kettle Drive for our local unit of the Salvation Army.

Lion Jim Winkler, Secretary  
Clinton Lions Club

## **Galway Lions September 2020**

The Galway Lions have been helping where possible during the Covid-19 regulations. The Lions have helped deliver food for the food pantry to those patrons that don't feel safe enough to leave their homes.

We assisted with the delivery of lunch and dinner as part of the District/Zone initiative to help provide food to our first responders at Ellis Hospital.

We had our socially distanced awards presentation and officer installation in August

We will be having our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Rosie's Walk for diabetes on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September and for this Strides event we will also be staggering our walkers and runners to observe social distancing as well as offering a "virtual walk",

Join us on the last weekend of September for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Camper Rally and Car Show, just bring your masks



## **Greater Johnstown Lions Club**

### **Fundraising:**

Our club was very successful selling Easter bunnies this year and we plan to continue this annually

In June we were able to have a chicken BBQ. This was also successful

Unfortunately all other activities and fundraisers were cancelled.

### **Community Service**

Our club facilitated the Hanging of beautiful flowers  
Baskets on Main Street In Johnstown.

### **Donations**

Our club awards 4 citizenship award to graduating seniors. 2 to Gloversville seniors and 2 to Johnstown seniors

We made a donation to the Gloversville/Johnstown Little League.

All other regular donations were put on hold due to lack of fundraising.

That's it. Hopefully we will have a more productive year this year!

Sincerely,  
Lion Kaye Schrader  
Secretary GJLC

## **Greater Ravena Area Lions Club**

The Greater Ravena Area Lions Club has not had a meeting since March 11, 2020. We are planning on a meeting next week at a local park, social distancing outside.

During the pandemic we collected monies from our unit and sent 2 checks to 2 local food pantries.

In May, a young man was chosen as our recipient for the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School Lions Club scholarship.

Lions Bruce and Beth Stott participated in delivering Popeye's food to the essential workers at Albany Medical Center.

Lions Bruce and Beth Stott, were contacted by NABA in August 2020. A blind veteran who lives in Coxsackie needed assistance reading his mail and paying bills. The Stott's go twice a month to assist with his needs.

Secretary Beth Stott

**Heuvelton Lions Report:**

We gave out one \$250 scholarship this year. We have not been able to meet due to health concerns for many of our club. We lost all our spring fundraisers and our annual summer community service project. Our Leo Club was not able to meet since February due to it being a school-based program. They missed out on 3 very important annual community service projects and their Charter Reception. We are going into the fall with hopes of gaining back some lost ground.

Lions Nancy LaFaver  
Secretary

### **Holland Patent Lions Club**

- The club suspended in-person meetings in March
- we are attempting to start meeting in person starting on September 9
- our two major fund raisers, a golf tournament and hot dog sale at the Remsen Barn FOTA, were cancelled
- with no funds available, donations for the current club year will be drastically curtailed
- a highway clean-up (in April), partnering with the local Boy Scouts troop, was our last service activity

Richard Gates, Secretary

## Lisbon Lions Club

Lisbon Lions Club has 28 members and we meet twice a month at the Lisbon Hepburn Library on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

From July 2019 to the present we have done the following:

August 2019, we had the Lisbon Homecoming Parade that we judged the floats and gave out first, second and third place money prize (\$75, \$50, \$25). We had a float in the parade, but did not include it in the judging. Members of the club walked in the parade and handed out goodies to the people along the route watching. We also brought a new table for the Lisbon Library as they had one that had to be thrown out.

September 2019, we started a raffle to raise money for any needs that might come up in the community and surrounding areas.

November 2019, we enter the Craft Fair that was held in Ogdensburg to continue raising money to donate whenever or wherever it might be needed.

Also, in November 2019, the Lisbon Lions Club helped organized the annual "Light up the Night Parade" which is held in Ogdensburg, New York. We also had a float in this parade and members of the club walked the route handing out goodies to the crowd along the parade route. After the parade, any child that wanted had a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Also, in November 2019, we held a Hayride and Picture with Santa at the Lisbon Central School for the enjoyment of the community. It was widely received and enjoyed by all who attended.

December 2019, our club brought and donated 20 pillows to the "Backdoor Quilters of Lisbon". This Organization makes various items and give out to those in need at Christmas. This year one of their projects was pillowcases, so we helped by donating some new pillows.

December 2019, members of our club spent a day doing Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army.

Also, in December, some members of our club helped out at the annual "Lights on the River" that is held each year at the Lisbon Beach by the Light on the River committee. That organization raises money for any Food Banks in St Lawrence County that request help.

In December, our club donated \$300 to the Angel Tree in Lisbon and two hundred dollars to the Lisbon Food Bank.

January 2020, our club donated \$150 to Hope Lodge in Burlington VT and one hundred fifty dollars to Ronald McDonald House in Syracuse, NY.

Also, in January 2020, members of the Lisbon Lions Club went to the open house of the new Diabetic Suite at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. This new suite came about because of many of the Lions Clubs here in northern NY, Lisbon included, helped with a grant to make this happened.

March 2020, we gave \$50 to the Lisbon Central School Baseball Sponsorship for an advertisement that will be put in the program of the baseball games and also in the yearbook. We also gave \$45 to the Lisbon Central School Drama Club, who had sent us a request asking if we would do an advertisement in their program.

June 2020, our club gave out two \$200 Scholarships to seniors Lisbon Central Schools.

I hope this is what you needed, if not let me know and I will get what is needed.

Thanks,

Bev Parmeter

Secretary – Lisbon Lions Club

**New Hartford/New York Mills/Whitestown Lions Club.**

Our activities have, of course been limited by the COVID pandemic. Some notable events have occurred in the past months including providing a pair of glasses, with a subsidy from Visionworks in New Hartford, to a middle school student. We were able to reconnect with our members by having a "socially distanced" picnic in July in a pavilion at a local park. We have collected used glasses. We have recently had a request for the provision of hearing aids to a local resident and are in the process of investigating that process. We were hoping to have an executive committee meeting, actually tonight, to map out plans for the coming year but our treasurer was exposed to COVID and is currently in quarantine. Our president is her cousin, who lives with her, so she is also in quarantine. Fortunately they are both healthy but waiting it out for a couple more days. We have postponed the executive committee meeting until next Tuesday and hope to resume regular meetings in October.

Yours in Lionism,

Sara Porter

Secretary

New Hartford/New York Mills/Whitestown Lions Club

## **Raquette River Lions Club**

The Raquette River Lions Club was the result of the long time Potsdam Lions Club (chartered in 1936) merging with the Norfolk Lions Club (Chartered in 1950) in October 2018. A monument was established in 2016 by our Lions Club at Fall Island Park to honor the 22 Potsdam businessmen and professionals who began the Potsdam Lions Club back in Dec 1936, where their first community service event was holding a Christmas Party, with food, festivities, Santa and presents, for underprivileged children.

Currently the Raquette River Lions Club has 26 Lions members. Our last "in person" dinner meeting was on March 3, 2020, where DG Ed Pike attended. Our meeting places are not available at this time to groups, and we are discussing an outdoor Board meeting.

We had finished a big community supported Food Drive in early March 2020, and delivered food and cash support to 3 area food pantries in different locations of our surrounding communities. We were grateful to have completed this important event to help those in need. The virus was then heavily spreading in the US, especially breaking out in NYS and NYC. We prayed for the safety of our fellow Lions Members in these downstate areas.

Our further meetings were cancelled, and we stayed in phone and email contact.

We were happy to be able to provide two \$500.00 college scholarship awards to two High School Seniors in Potsdam and Norwood-Norfolk in June, who had extended themselves beyond school, volunteering in the community. Our Fall Island Park upper area renovation project and fundraiser with the partnership of village leaders and a cultural artist in Potsdam had to be postponed due to the coronavirus.

I have spoken with the village leaders who advise to be patient and stay safe while this virus is among us. Some phases of the project may be able to progress.

We are also aware of the college student returning to our area, and Potsdam leaders are on careful watch for a Fall virus outbreak in our communities.

We continue to monetarily support four sight organizations and provide eye exams and eyeglasses for youth in need, as well as support our community services for school children, adults and other organizations such as Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

We will be sending in donations collected for Campaign 100 for Disaster Relief caused by Hurricane Laura.

We will be discussing creative ways we can continue to help our community while staying safe, helpful, respectful and connected.

Thank you.

KL Michelle Theisen, President

Raquette River Lions Club

Potsdam, NY





**SARATOGA SPRINGS LIONS CLUB  
DISTRICT CABINET MEETING REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

**COMMENTS:**

Not unlike other clubs, the Saratoga Springs Lions Club has experienced extensive modifications and/or cancellations of numerous program activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic which began in March of this year.

Our weekly in-person luncheon meetings ceased in mid-March, where upon contact among club members resumed primarily through the use of email communications. Two general meetings were held via Zoom for the purpose of 1) the induction of a new club member and 2) the installation of officers for the year 2020-2021. Just recently, two luncheon meetings were held under an open-air pavilion in a park-like setting which allowed for in-person communication among those in attendance as well as adherence to social distancing guidelines.

Members of the Board of Directors have continued to meet once monthly via Zoom for regular meetings (or occasionally more frequently in special meetings to address time-sensitive matters.)

Unfortunately, it became necessary for our club to cancel several major fundraising activities this year. Among the events cancelled were the following:

- The sale of solid chocolate bunnies to benefit the Lions Eye Institute of Albany, NY. (An alternative plan was established to donate the chocolate bunnies to a local food pantry.)
- The 2020 Saratoga Springs Lions Club Brewseum event. (Initially postponed until September 11, 2020, but later cancelled.)
- The 2020 Memorial Duathlon and 5K event.
- The 2020 Memorial Dave Carr, Sr. Golf Tournament

**ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS:**

At the onset of the pandemic, Saratoga Springs Lions Club members coordinated an outreach program whereby arrangements were made with several local restaurants and a micro-brewery to provide weekly meals and much needed hand sanitizer to frontline workers and first responders who work or volunteer at a number of Saratoga Springs facilities.

Club members also continued in their usual manner of providing much needed donations of food items, personal care products and monetary contributions to various local food pantries as well as the SNACpack program. Lions also gave generously of their time as they assisted various food pantries with their drive-thru food distribution events.

The Scholarship Committee gave careful consideration to the numerous scholarship applications submitted by eligible 2020 Saratoga Springs area graduating seniors. A Zoom conference meeting was held to finalize the selection of the most deserving applicants who became recipients of \$32,500 in scholarship awards, including this year's first presentation of a \$10,000 Jack Berkowitz Memorial Scholarship.

Saratoga Springs High School Respect Award recipients were recognized for their distinguished accomplishments throughout their high school careers. Presentations to award recipients were pre-recorded by high school administrators and Respect Award Committee Co-Chairs with the recording later made available for all to view.

Camp Abilities Saratoga board members and guests continued to meet monthly throughout the spring and summer via Zoom. While it was not feasible for the 2020 CAS program to unfold in its usual in-person format on the campus of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, the show did go on nonetheless in a very successful manner! Thanks to the dedicated and resourceful nature of the camp directors, coaches and planning committee, a highly stimulating adaptive sports program was delivered in a virtual format to 14 visually impaired and visually/hearing impaired campers via Zoom from August 9-14, 2020. Mr. Tom Panek, President and CEO of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, delivered a motivating keynote presentation during the Opening Day Ceremony. Campers were provided with adaptive sports equipment, iPads and wireless connectivity prior to the week of camp. Consideration is being given to the idea of reconnecting with these campers periodically throughout the year, providing them with additional Zoom coaching and work-out sessions.

Our club's Sight Conservation and Hearing Conservation committees continue to reach out and respond to community members who may be in need of assistance in obtaining affordable eyeglasses and hearing aids. The Saratoga Springs Lions Club will once again participate in Sustainable Saratoga's Recycling Fair which will be held October 24, 2020, from 10:00am until 2:00pm, in SPAC's North Parking Lot on route 50 in Saratoga Springs, NY. As in the past, Saratoga Springs Lions will man a booth at this event for the purpose of collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids which will then be recycled. Members of our Saratoga Springs High School Leos Club remain active and dedicated in their efforts to sort collected eyeglasses and hearing aids which are then recycled.

In an effort to provide the Saratoga Springs Lions Club an opportunity to generate much needed funds which are critical in our support of various service projects, Lion Giuseppe Grisio, owner of Mama Mia's Restaurant, has recently initiated a Wednesday Night Pasta Box fundraising event to be held weekly until further notice at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Saratoga Springs. The to-go box includes two one-pound boxes of uncooked fresh pasta, two pints of marinara sauce and a boule of bread (all homemade!) with 100% of proceeds from the sales donated directly to the Saratoga Springs Lions Club. We are grateful to Lion Giuseppe for his generosity and very meaningful contribution to our club!

Although the year 2020 has been not without challenges to many people in many ways, the Saratoga Springs Lions Club has been moving forward with great intent to find resourceful ways of helping others during these difficult times. We take deep pride in continuing our efforts in a similar manner while remaining focused upon the Lions' motto, "We Serve."

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Susan Williams, Club Secretary  
Saratoga Springs Lions Club

## **Town of Greenfield Lions**

We have had a busy summer even with Covid, cooking for local baseball games, building a handicap ramp, and assisting with food handouts at the Corinth School. We are hosting the annual Town-Wide Garage Sale September 12th and 13th and will have lots of events going on, from crafters and vendors, to cooking and more. We are also planning on selling Christmas Trees again this winter although at a new location from previous years.

Lion Katrina Jarvis

## **Utica Lion Club**

### **Cabinet Report**

#### **Comments :**

DG EdPike was unable to visit our club on 4-6-20 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Another topic with living with the COVID-19 Pandemic... our Regional Journey for Sight scheduled for May 9, 2020 at Sauquoit Valley High School was postponed until a further date.

The services we provide our communities we remain to be committed to assist.

#### **Activites/Donations:**

Utica Lions continue to collect eye glasses and also have two locations for bottle and can drive redemption centers.

Locations were closed for two months due to the COVID,as of April one location is up and running.

Lions have donated food items to our local Veterans and Recue Mission of Utica

Lions are participating in providing food for our Essential Heroes in Supporting workers threw COVID-19 Pandemic.

Utica Lions participated threw The Lions Club International Foundation in handing out N95 Protective Masks to two local fire dept along with food donation to both departments.

A brochure was presented on behalf of The Utica Lions saying Thank You During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Also each sponsor/supporters who supported Utica Lions for JFS donated their monies to help us support essential workers.Supporters/sponsors have received a Thank You brochure along with a Thank You note for their kindness. Kindness Matters.

This Year Utica Lions have given out seven Scholarships :For the Nick Poccia Scholarships Awards rather than our usual six for \$500 and one \$250 for honorable mention.

Due to COVID-19 Awards and checks have been sent out to High School Counselors.

Utica Lions have provided meals for families in need during Easter Holiday. Serviced thirty-six people for Easter dinners.

A \$200 Donation was made from The Utica Lions to the North Utica Senior Center.We thank the center every year with a donation on behalf for being a amazing partner and great friend to The Utica Lions.

Signs for Essential workers have been made put in certain locations in Utica.

As for COVID-19 we have postponed our fundraiser miniature golf and also our chicken BBQ with a raffle of a grill until further date.

Members of our club have been assisting the elderly on picking up groceries and helping with maintaining their properties.

#### **Future Plans/Activities:**

Lions will be meeting on 9-14-20

We will be discussing our plans for our White Cane Drive that has been scheduled for 10-16,17,18-20. (Due to the Pandemic)

Also, our CAVBI Christmas party. (Due to the Pandemic)

Utica Lions will be honoring Lion William Corrigan with a Buy -A-Brick Build -A-Legacy (Boilermaker Park) who passed away 8-5-20. Lion Corrigan was a Utica Lion for over 50 years.

We will continue to assist with food donations.

Or future plans for miniature golf /and chicken BBQ with our raffle will depend on the Pandemic.Hoping to be able to due it the spring.

Lion Antonetta Panuccio,President

Utica Lions Club



## Waterford Lion's Club

PO Box 521  
Waterford, New York 12188

September 7, 2020

Lion Barbara Bentley, Cabinet Secretary:

The following is our report of activities from July 1, 2020 to the present

1. Backback program -our Waterford Club continues to support the Waterford-Halfmoon School District backpack program. Our members have gathered food and delivered it to the school on in both July and August to ensure that the school has been able to provide food to those in need during the summer months.
2. Broom fundraiser – our club purchased and sold push brooms as a fundraiser. This event netted \$271.28 for our club has now been completed.

Our membership has not changed during this time.

Sincerely,

Lion Liz Callaghan, Secretary  
Waterford Lion's Club



## **Galway Lioness**

In lieu of the usual hot breakfast we give to our graduating seniors, this year with Covid-19 it became bagged lunches with all items pre-packaged - Smuckers PB&J uncrustables, rice krispie treats, toasted cheese crackers and a bottle of water.

Our 26th annual Memory tree will be held on Sunday November 29th. We will definitely light the tree but due to Covid-19 we are not yet sure whether the reading of the names and the carol singing will be done inside or outside.

We are doing our Christmas raffle again this year with \$500, \$300 and \$200 being paid out to the winners.

Due to Covid-19, we are not holding dinner meetings until at least January but are inviting all members to our board meetings being sure to wear masks and social distance.