



**Minutes of Lions District 20-W –Virtual Meeting
Third Cabinet Meeting Zoom
Saturday, February 20, 2021**

Action Steps to follow up:

1. 2VDG 21-22: DG Rick Brisee asked anyone interested in becoming 2VDG for 20-W please contact him.
2. Read the GAT message in this month's newsletter.
3. All clubs should have slate of officers for next year ready in March for April elections. PU101 must be filled out by all secretaries by April 15th for next year's officers in MyLCI.
4. If someone is interested in starting a Leo's Club, please contact Lion Joe Wagner at 518-791-9575 or jwagner@saratogaspringslions.com.
5. Is your Club's secretary/or a member reporting membership new/deleting members monthly on MyLCI and service activities on MyLCI and or MyLion.
6. Look for Zone Chair training in the coming months this spring and Club Officer training in June.
7. The Cabinet Meeting will be moved from April 10 to April 24th Lions World Induction Day.

Attendance:

ZC Florence Brisee, DG Rick Brisee, Lion Elizabeth Callaghan, Lion Laurie Eaton, Lion John Griffin, Lion Jim Hadjis, Lion Dennis Hulbert, Lion Priscilla Laurin, 2VDG Rick Laurin, Lion Cheri Mackey, Lion Robert Maxam, RC Holly McConchie, ZC Bill O'Mara, VDG Michele O'Hare, Lion Terry Ostrander, Lion James Pulsoni, Lion Rita Pulsoni, Lion Karen Rager, PDG Joan Scott, PDG Jim Shaw, PDG Ed Stano, RC Bob Tougher, Lion Sherri Voya, Lion Joe Wagner, Lion Bob White, PCC Mark Whitney, ZC Jim Winkler, and Lion Meg Wood.

Meeting Called to Order: DG Rick Brisee called the meeting to order at 9:36 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance and Lion's Prayer: All Lions in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of the Fall Conference 20-W Saturday, November 14, 2020: VDG Michele O'Hare to accept the minutes. Seconded by RC Holly McConchie. Motion unanimously passed.

Approval of the Treasures Report: CT Eric Unislawski's treasurer report was presented. A motion was made by 2VDG Ricky Laurin to accept the report. Seconded by ZC Florence Brisee. Motion unanimously passed.

Nomination for District Governor 20-W 21-22: PDG Joan Scott read the attached resolution from the Bethlehem Lions Club nominating VDG Michele O'Hare for District Governor 21-22 motion was made to accept the nomination of VDG Michele O'Hare for DG for 20-W 21-22. Seconded by ZC Bill O'Mara. Motion was passed by ZC Florence Brisee, DG Rick Brisee, Lion Elizabeth Callaghan, Lion Laurie Eaton, Lion John Griffin, Lion Jim Hadjis, Lion Dennis Hulbert, Lion Priscilla Laurin, 2VDG Rick Laurin, Lion Cheri Mackey, Lion Robert Maxam, RC Holly McConchie, ZC Bill O'Mara, Lion Terry Ostrander, Lion, James Pulsoni, Lion Rita Pulsoni, Lion Karen Rager, PDG Joan Scott, PDG Jim Shaw, PDG Ed Stano, RC Bob Tougher, Lion Sherri Voya Lion Joe Wagner, Lion Bob White, PCC Mark Whitney, ZC Jim Winkler, and Lion Meg Wood. Abstained by VDG Michele O'Hare.

Nomination for Vice District Governor 20-W 21-22: Lion Priscilla Laurin read the attached resolution from the Chazy Lions Club nominating 2VDG Ricky Laurin for Vice District Governor 21-22. A motion was made to accept the nomination of 2VDG Ricky Laurin for Vice District Governor for 20-W 21-22 by VDG Michele O'Hare. Seconded by RC Holly McConchie. Motion unanimously passed.

2VDG 21-22: DG Rick Brisee asked anyone interested to please contact the leadership team.

PROGRAM: LIONS LEADERSHIP WHY STEP UP (PCC Mark Whitney moderated and asked questions and so did other lions throughout the presentation. The discussion between the panel and the lions on the virtual call are summarized under each panelist name)
Moderator: PCC Mark Whitney, Panelist: ZC Florence Brisee – Club President, Lion Terry Ostrander –Vice President, Lion Karen Rager – Secretary, RC Bob Tougher- Treasurer, Lion Joe Wagner – Leo Chair and 2VDG Ricky Laurin – District Volunteer.

2VDG Ricky Laurin – District Volunteer: Lion Ricky became a lion in the Chazy Lions Club in 1976 and left for a little and rejoined in the 1980's. He started as a member and then joined many committees. For 4 to 5 years, he chaired the Children's Christmas Party. When he returned to the Club, he was Vice President and then served as President for several years. Then he served as a Zone Chair. PDG Dona Ober Smith asked him to be a board member for the Lions Eye Institute, where he has served for several years. He took the Lions Advanced Leadership course in Chicago and highly recommended it. He also worked on the State Conventions when they were in Lake Placid. He was then asked by VDG Michele then DG to be the 2VDG but it was not the right time, so he committed to be 2VDG in 20-21. He believes in mentoring and training for all Lions. He is working on a Lions library to assist in this area. 2VDG said he spends 2 to 4 hours as 2VDG a week.

Lion Joe Wagner – Leo Chair: Lion Joe became a lion in the Saratoga Springs Lions Club in 2017. He served on club committees. In his second year, he served as Treasurer and Lion Tamer. This year he is serving as Leo Advisor. It is hard for school Clubs to meet during Covid. He feels that at this time it is easier for Clubs to form community Clubs rather than school Clubs, where you need to get an approved moderator from the school. Lion Joe said the Albany Troy Lions Club under Lion Preem started a new Albany Leos Club this year. He said it is important for the lions Club that sponsor the Leo Club assist them with projects, meeting space, etc. 2VDG Ricky said his club works very closely with both their Leo Clubs in Chazy from prom to winter weekend. Lion Joe stated in our District, we have both Alpha Leo Clubs 12 to 18 year-

old Leos and Omega clubs made up of Kindergarten through 6th grade. If someone is interested in starting a Leo's Club, please contact Lion Joe Wagner at 518-791-9575 or jwagner@saratogaspringslions.com.

Lion Karen Rager – Secretary:

She also serves as the District Newsletter editor. When her husband, Lion Scott became President of the Glens Falls Lions Club she became secretary and served for three years. She said it was a team effort between the two of them. Everything used to be reported by paper and now through my LCI and MyLion. She said it is the most important role in the Club, because it is the glue that keeps everything together. She is responsible for: reporting membership, taking minutes, reporting delegates for conventions, filling out the PU101s in April after the Club elections by April 15th, preparing award applications, writing thank you notes, etc. She also stated that before they were Lions, they had met past Lion Sandy Clarke at a chamber meeting. Karen and Scott were training a guide dog at that time. She spoke to us about the Glens Falls Lions Club and why we should join. She invited us to one of the club's service activities – Saturday Supper at a church. It was a great experience. Lion Karen said she spends 2 to 3 hours a week as secretary of her Club.

Lion Terry Ostrander –Vice President: Lion Terry joined the Galway Lions Club in 2018. He is also the club's Leo Advisor. He said his role and due to the mentoring of such as IPDG Ed Pike, RC Holly, Lion John Sutton, and Lion Rita Ware. When he joined, he became third vice president of his club. He worked with his club on setting up a hotline for the Galway Community. Lion Bob Pandori has a cell phone on 24 hours a day for calls. He wishes he became a lion 10 years ago. He stated that the mentorship from all the Galway Lions has taught him many ways and has assisted him throughout his Lion experience. We joined the Club the next day. Lion Terry said he spends 2 to 3 hours as Vice President of his Club.

ZC Florence Brisee- President/Zone Chair: ZC Florence joined the Waterford Lions Club 7 years ago. The current President of the Club did not want to be President again. Her first year she was asked to be Vice President. Then the President moved out of town and she became President. She received on the job training from the long time members. They assisted her with agendas, meetings, etc. She served as President for 5 years, three years as Zone Chair, and 1 year as Region Chair. She has received training to become a Guiding Lion, Multiple 20 Regional Leadership training, training to be a President by the Galway Lions Club, and District Meetings. Training is very important and team efforts have assisted in her many lion's roles. It was through lions like Lion Gail a 40 year lion that she has learned many skills. Her first year she was uneasy with people she really did not know, but it was through her fellow lions in her club that she was made to feel comfortable and learned a great deal from them. She said as Zone Chair, she is responsible for checking and working with all Clubs in her zone. She reminds them and assists them to report membership in and taking old members out in MyLCI and activities/service projects in MLCI and MyLion. She reports the 6 clubs in her zone activities for district meetings. For example, members of The Greater Ravena Club assisting NABA blind consumers reading their mail or a book to them. A great project that can be done from home during these times. The Zone Chair is the gateway for communicating grants to Clubs. She reminded lions to be a Zone Chair you need to have been a President of your Club. She said she spends 15 hours a week on her Lions work.

RC Bob Tougher- Treasurer: He is also the President of the Bethlehem Lions Club. You don't have to be a CPA or an accountant to be a Club Treasurer. You need to manage the check book for both the administrative and activities accounts. You need to make all deposits timely to the bank. The treasurer develops the Clubs budget. Manage the dues paid that are used for scholarships needs to remember to back up everything on your computer. You need to prepare a report of all transactions in your treasurer's report for both the activities and the administrative account. The treasurer keeps the list of who, and what amounts of donations the Club makes to the community and or individuals. If a club member needs something, you can do a separate collection within the Club or use administration funds – never the activities funds. Lion Bob spends 2 to 3 hours as Treasurer of his Club.

PCC Mark Whitney- Moderator: In addition to comments and questions throughout the discussion, He stressed the value of membership and team work on the District and Club level are so important. He stressed the importance of LCI courses offered and LCI's excellent resource the Lions Learning Center online for all lions. In this month's newsletter, the GAT message talks about the Lions Learning Center. It is free training that can assist you in your leadership roles as a lion and your own life. He also said that it could be helpful first to be secretary and then President of Club for the team building experience. We must remember that orientation and service drive membership new and old members. He believes in lifetime for learning for all lions. He stated we would be having Zone Chair training in the coming months.

Other Lions Statements about their leadership experiences:

Lion Michelle Theisen – Raquette River Lions Club: In 2015, she married a lion who has been a member of the Potsdam Lions Club for thirty years. It started as something they could do together. Not long after PDG Donna Ober Smith said she needed to be secretary for 4 years and she took on the position and then became. She feels the President and Secretary are responsible for guiding the members to keep them moving and changing with the times and community needs. In her Club a good community project that reflects this is the Park they refurbished and placed a lion's monument to their past Lions and the merger of two Clubs to form the Raquette River Club.

Lion Meg Wood- Town of Schroon: Lion Meg is the King Lion/President of her Club. She has vast experience in serving the North Country in the area of social services and has been a member of the Town Board for 12 years. Her Club is currently having zoom meetings. Was her first district meeting and thought it was very educational and taking notes to share with her members. Her Club works very closely with their Leos Club. They are working on a project moving furniture into a new church that was burnt down two years ago. She realizes how much the lions can give back their communities.

Lion Dennis Hulbert- Plattsburgh Lions Club: He is currently the President of the Plattsburgh Lions. Lions has to fit into your life and be the right time. In the past there wasn't a 2VDG and VDG. He has been a lion for 45 years and started in the Peru Lions Club. He has served as District Cabinet Secretary. He has been asked many times to think about becoming District Governor. He couldn't do it then and now doesn't fit, but that does not mean he cannot serve in other leadership roles.

DG Rick Brisee closing Remarks: Our first virtual cabinet meeting was a success. Look for Zone Chair training in the coming months this spring and Club Officer training in June. The Cabinet Meeting will be move from April 10 to April 24th Lions World Induction Day. He thanked PCC Mark and the entire panelist and all the lions who participated in great discussion. He congratulated VDG Michele and 2VDG Ricky. DG Rick asked anyone interested in becoming 2VDG for 20-W please contact him.

Meeting Adjourned 12:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
VDG Michele O'Hare for CS Barbara Bentley

**Michele Puleo O'Hare
Bethlehem Lions Club #8260
District 20W
New York State & Bermuda**

Resolution

Be it known that, the Bethlehem Lions Club Board of Directors at the meeting held on February 3, 2021 approved the nomination for Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare as District Governor for the term 2021-2022:

Whereas, she served as Club Member, 2009 to present

Whereas, she served as a member of the Club Board of Directors, 2010-2014

Whereas, she served as Club First Vice President, 2012-2013, 2019-20

Whereas, she served as Club President, 2013-2014

Whereas, she served as District 20-Y2 Zone A Chair, 2014-2015

Whereas, she served as Cabinet Secretary District 20-Y2, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

Whereas, she served as SVDG 20-Y2, 2016-2017

Whereas, she served as FVDG 20-Y2, 2017-2018

Whereas, she served as DG 20-W, 2018-2019

Whereas, she served as 2VDG 20-W, 2019-20

Whereas, she served as VDG 20-W, 2020-21

Whereas, she received The International President's Award, May 2019

Whereas, she received the Multiple District 20 Organization of Past District Governors, Membership Growth Award, May 2019

Whereas, she received the MD-20 New York State & Bermuda, Presidents Trophy, May 2019

Whereas, she received the MD-20 New York State & Bermuda, Past Directors Award, May 2019.

Whereas, she received the International President's Certificates of Appreciation for GAT Honors, 2018-19

Whereas she became a Progressive Melvin Jones 20-W Melvin Jones Fellow, May 2019

Whereas, she received the International President's Certificates of Appreciation, October 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19

Whereas, she became a Knight of the Blind, May 2018

Whereas, she received The Multiple District 20 Past District Governors Leadership Award, April 2015

Whereas, she received the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award June 2015

Whereas, she received the graduation certificate for MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute, October 2015

Whereas, she attended District 20-Y2 Fall Conference, 2015, 2016, 2017, and District 20-W 2018

Whereas, she attended the New York State & Bermuda MD-20 Convention 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Whereas, she attend the US/Canada Leadership Forum, 2018

Whereas, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Whereas, she serves as the President of the Lions Hearing Conservation Society of New York State (LHCS), 2019-2021

Whereas, she serves as a Director of Lions SEE, Inc. 2017-2021

Whereas, she serves as District Director for the Multiple District 20 Organization of Past District Governors, 2019-2021

Whereas, she serves as a board member for the NYS Bermuda-Lions Foundation 2020-21

Whereas, she serves as an advisory board member for the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation 2020-21

Whereas, she serves as a board member for Lions Eye Institute at Albany, NY, Inc. / Lions Foundation at Albany, NY, Inc. 2021

Whereas she serves/d on the following community boards:

Board Memberships:

Current:

- Capital Region CA\$H (Executive Board Member, Chair of Marketing and Outreach)
- Capital Region Caregivers Association (Chair of the Marketing Committee, 2010-Present)
- Lifepath of Albany, formerly Senior Services of Albany (Board Member, 2016-Present)
- Lifepath of Cohoes, formerly Senior Services of Cohoes (Secretary 2017-Present)
- Ladies of Charity Albany Diocese (Member, 1983-Present); (VP 20-22) (Corresponding Secretary, 2015-2021)
- Catholic Charities Senior and Caregiver (Treasurer, June 2019-Present); (Treasurer, 2015-June 2019)
- Association of Fundraising Professionals

Past:

- Northeast Health Foundation Board
- Albany Boys and Girls Club
- Junior League of Albany
- Albany Country Historical Society
- NYS Statewide Council for Seniors

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Lions Club of Bethlehem, hereby proudly present the Lions of District 20-W, Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare, as a candidate for the above mention position. The Bethlehem Lions Club does hereby pledge to actively support aid and assist Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare in her endeavors as District Governor 2021-2022.

President:

Print/Signature/Date:

ROBERTA Tougher 2/4/21

Secretary:

Print/Signature/Date:

Liza Zandri Tougher
Liza Zandri Tougher
02/04/21

**Ricky H Laurin
Chazy Lions Club
District 20-W
New York State & Bermuda**

Resolution

Be it known that, the Chazy Lions Club at the meeting held on January 19, 2021 Approved the nomination for Ricky H Laurin as First Vice District Governor for the term 2021- 2022.

Whereas, he served as a Club Member, 1976 – 1981 & 1995 – Present

Whereas, he served as Club First Vice President, 2007 – 2008

Whereas, he served as Club President 2008 - 2009

Whereas, he served as Club President 2012 -2013, 2013 -2014, 2014 – 2015

Whereas, he served as District 20W Zone A Chair, 2015 – 2016 & 2016 – 2017

Whereas, he served as a member Board of Directors for the Lions Eye Institute 2017 – Present

Whereas, he graduated from the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Chicago, IL Nov. 2019

Whereas, he assisted at two state Conventions, in Lake Placid

Whereas Ricky Laurin served a 2nd Vice District Governor in 2020-2021.

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Lions Club of Chazy, hereby proudly presents Lions of District 20 – W, Lion Ricky H Laurin, as a candidate for the above mention position. The Chazy Lions Club does hereby pledge to actively support, aid, and assist Lion Ricky h Laurin in his endeavors as 1st Vice-District Governor 2021-2022.

President:

Print/Signature/Date:

Thomas A. Pepper Thomas A. Jr 1/19/21

Secretary:

Print/Signature/Date

Karen Russell Karen Russell 1/22/21

GMT Report

February 20, 2021

Hello Members of District 20W,

Well, it looks like things may be getting better for the future, although our environment is getting somewhat worse than it was in September. Please report your membership every month whether you had any changes or not. We need to know this so that we may concentrate efforts on those of you that need it most. If you are having trouble reporting at LCI, please contact your Zone chair or me and we will help you. Also, please hold your meetings anyway that works for your club. That may be virtual or in person or a combination of the two. It is important to keep your members involved. There are still projects and service that can be done.

Continue to work on new members and retaining our existing members. Although we will be working on both of these, 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. Our driving principle 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. Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Governors leadership team with any problem. Please try to continue as good lions and don't become discouraged.

YIL,

PDG Ed Stano

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New Voices Report

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 or to hmconchie@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 following Lions took the time to respond to the questions and we totally appreciate the time they spent in participating the following are the responses we have received:

VDG Michele O'Hare responded in December;

The 2nd response to the questions comes from 1st VDG Michele O'Hare of the Bethlehem Lions;

When did you join Lions and what made you join?? [I joined in October 2009](#)

What officer positions, if any, have you held? [President of my Club, Board Member, Membership Chair, see attached resume](#)

What fundraisers/service projects that your club holds do you enjoy and participate in? [Selling Christmas Trees, Selling Chocolate Bunnies, Food Drives, etc.](#)

What would you like to see your club do that it presently does not? [More service projects for youth in the community](#)

Some of Michele's other affiliations are:

Board Memberships:

Current:

- Lions Clubs International (1st VDG 20-21) (2nd 20-W Vice-District Governor 19-20); (20-W District Governor, 2018-2019); (1st 20-Y2 Vice District Governor, 2017-2018); (2nd VD Governor 20-Y2, 2015-2017); (20-Y2 Cabinet Secretary); (Lion See Board Member, 2017-Present)
- Hearing Conservation Society of NY (President, July 2019-Present)
- Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation (Strategic Planning Member, July 2019-Present)
- Bethlehem Lions Club (Member)
- Board member of New York Bermuda Lions Foundation (June 2020 – Present)
- Board Member of NYS Lion See Program (2018-Present)
- Capital Region CA\$H (Executive Board Member, Chair of Marketing and Outreach)
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- Albany Country Historical Society
- NYS Statewide Council for Seniors

Awards:

- The International President's Award (2nd Highest Award given out by Lions Club International, May 2019)
- Lions International President Appreciation and Leadership Award Lions Club (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)
- Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation – Global Action Team Honors (2019)
- The N.Y. State Lions Multiple District MD-20 PDG Organization Membership Growth Award (May 2019)
- The N.Y. State Lions Multiple District MD-20 Presidents Trophy (Recognizes the District that has achieved the highest % of new member growth, May 2019)
- The N.Y. State Lions Multiple District 20 Past Director Director's Award (Recognizes the District that has achieved the highest % of new member retention, May 2019)
- 2019 Progressive Melvin Jones 20-W Melvin Jones Fellow
- 2018 Knight of the Blind, Awarded by District 20Y-2 from the N.Y. State Sight Society
- District 20Y-2, Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award (NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Lions NYS Past District Governors Association Leadership Award)
- Lions District 20-Y2 President Award

Lion Pricilla Laurin responded in January;

This month's response is from Lion Pricilla Laurin, the wife of 2nd VDG Rick Laurin, and a recent new Lion

What made you choose to join now? I had been encouraged for years as Ricky has changed roles as a Lion - Now that I am closer to retirement - the time was right.

How do you think attending as a non-Lion will be different than attending as a Lion? As a Lion i will need to find my role & participate.

What are you looking forward to as a Lion versus being a non-Lion? Being part of the team.

Do you have any suggestions for changes or improvements within your club or the District? Not yet still learning

Do you plan on taking on a leadership role in your club and or the District? I hope to - however I feel 1st I need to support Rick in his role

What would you like to see changed to make it easier for new members?

Please add anything else you might like to share

As a new member I am learning - I need more time - I am hopeful that DG Brisee orientation will be helpful.

**CLINTON LIONS CLUB
CABINET MEETING REPORT
FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

□ **COMMENTS:**

- Our ability to serve our community and normal fundraising efforts remain challenging.
- Monthly meetings have been reduced from two to one. We are now utilizing the District 20-W Zoom account to conduct them... things have changed, but we keep going as best we can.
- Two major club fundraisers lost last year appear to be in serious jeopardy as we close out this Lion year.
- We're trying to "think outside the box" by exploring various new fundraising methods and attempting to keep the club visible in the community.

□ **ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:**

- Continue to assist on a monthly basis distributing food to our needy neighbors at our local *food pantry*. Between seven and thirteen club members participate monthly. Distribution continues outside in the parking lot with clients remaining in their vehicles in a "drive-through fashion". We join other community volunteers in placing pre-packaged food staples, produce, meats and personal hygiene items in vehicle trunks and hatchbacks. Over 400 vehicles pass through each month providing nourishing food to more than 2,000 people. In addition, we made a donation of \$1,250 to procure food for the Christmas distribution.
- We continue *collecting used eyeglasses* from containers we've previously placed at locations in and around the community. On a monthly basis more than 250 eyeglasses are collected and sorted to be passed on for usage in third world countries. We are currently awaiting word from the District on where to deliver our cache since the work shop in Albany has been temporarily closed as a result of the virus.
- Club contribute \$2,000 to the purchase of *hearing aids* for a needy child suffering from a unique type of hearing loss and tinnitus in both ears.
- At the Holiday season we made the following *contributions*: \$350 to the local unit of the *Salvation Army*, \$100 to the *Utica Rescue Mission*, \$350 to the *Central Association of the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI)*, \$50 to *Hospice Light up a Life Campaign*, \$350 to the local unit of the *Bloodmobile*, \$100 to the *American Cancer Society*, \$200 in support of the *Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation* and \$150 to the *Hearing Conservation Society*.
- To support a portion of the travel and temporary living expenses for the mother a local seven-year-old boy undergoing stem cell transplantation in Boston as a result of *leukemia*, we donated \$175.
- We purchased *1,000 pencils* for distribution free of charge to the community in an effort to remain visible during the pandemic and boost the morale during the pandemic. The pencils contained our club name, "We Serve" and "Kindness Matters". Our local Chamber of Commerce assisted us in distributing them in the community.
- To keep our club foremost in the minds of the community, we again sponsored a *Dasher Board* at the Town of Kirkland Hockey Arena for a contribution to the Town of \$300.
- In support of the *Lions Eye Bank at Albany*, we purchased 20 raffle tickets @ \$20 (\$400) and ordered a *Vision of Hope Award* for \$300 to be presented to our retiring Town Police Chief. We were also the lucky winners of the second-place prize of \$1,000 – not a bad return of our investment.

**CLINTON LIONS CLUB
CABINET MEETING REPORT
FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

- Late last fall three club members joined many other members of the community to pack 32,823 ready-to-eat meals in one morning as part of the community's annual assist to the *Rise Against Hunger* Movement in the World. Our club also donated \$500 along with other community organizations to purchase the supplies required to prepare these meals.
- We placed an order for 21 cases of chocolate rabbits from the *Lions Eye Institute* at a cost of \$1,575 for sale before Easter. With successful sales, we should realize a profit of \$945.
- Prior to Christmas we were asked to once again organized and staff the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive for the Community. We cut back the number of hours and concentrated on high traffic areas and specific times on weekends. Twenty club members rang the bell for 48 hours between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Surprisingly, we collected 83% of what we did last year which will go a long way in helping the needy in our area.
- Because our two major fundraisers were canceled last year and appear in serious jeopardy this year, we composed a *letter* outlining our service accomplishments in the community since our establishment in 1958. At the same time, it explained the difficulty we were experiencing in conducting our established fundraising events to support these services because of the current health crisis. On January 28th the letter was *mailed to all addresses in our town* (two zip codes with a combined total of 5,500 addresses) through a direct mail house in Utica, NY. We continue to be pleasantly surprised by the community's response and donations we've received.

Lion Jim Winkler, Secretary
Clinton Lions Club

Galway Lions Club report

The Galway Lions have been doing everything possible to help where needed.

We have not been having in person meetings but have held some member meetings and Board meetings via Zoom to try to keep everyone in the loop. We have also been trying to keep in touch with our members via emails, newsletters and postings on our facebook page and our web site to let everyone know what's going on, get their opinions and check on the welfare of our members.

As with most clubs most of our fundraisers have been cancelled/postponed so we are trying to do some non traditional ways to raise some funds; presently we are in the process of doing a mailing to our community. This will hopefully also make the community more aware of the Galway Lions club. It's our hope that within the next few months we might be able to get a little closer to our normal activities.

The Galway Lions club is participating with the County Fair "Lions Den" project that is being spearheaded by Lion Ed Moore by purchasing a table and a bench

Utica Lions Cabinet Report 2-20-21

Thanksgiving 2020 Utica Lions donated 10 Turkeys with two cases of canned food to The Utica Recue Mission to feed families in need.

Utica Lions donated \$3,000.00 to CABVI on 12-6-20 for Focus on Future Initiative, to support the vision rehabilitation which helps for CABVI make it possible to nearly assist 1,800 people of all ages.

A donation of food and soda were donated on 12-15-20 to our essential workers of St.Elizabeth's Hospital to thank them for their service.

Preparation of food was prepared by The Pizza Box of Utica and delivered it to the hospital .

On behalf of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation Utica purchased three tickets of \$100 each to support the Foundations super raffle.

Utica Lions participated in Sauquoit Lions annual Holiday Raffle.

Lions respectfully supported Leo Multiple District 20 for the purchase of raffle tickets for their fundraiser.

Assisted five people to receive eye glasses.

On going bottle and can drive.

Future Activities :

More donations for essential workers and families in need.

Nick Poccia Memorial Scholarship for six 12th graders of Proctor and Notre Dame High will be in discussion.

Discussion of future Fundraisers : Possible

Drive threw Chicken BBQ

Raffle ticket Fundraiser :

A Grill with a food gift card basket filled with grilling helpers