

3rd LIONS DISTRICT 20W CABINET MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, February 11, 2023

Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Attendees: DG Ricky Laurin, 1st VDG Priscilla Laurin, 2nd VDG Holly McConchie, CS Gayle Woodruff, IPDG Michele O'Hare, Lion Sue Labelle, Lion Karen Russell, Lion Scott Rager, Lion Karen Rager, Lion James Cypher, Lion Alexander Guilmette, Lion Megan Guilmette, Lion Thomas Kevlin, Lion Valerie Kevlin, Lion Diane Lange, PDG John McDonald, Lion Ed Moore, Lion Michael O'Brien, Lion Timothy Pehl, Lion Andrea Penamora, Lion Verna Plumber, PDG David Ramsey, PDG Joan Scott, PDG Milledge Smith, PDG Edward Stano, Lion Elizabeth Stano, Lion Robert Townsend, GLT Mark Whitney, PDG Ed Pike, Lion Chuck Eafrato

DG Ricky Laurin call to order: 10:02 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: 1st VDG Priscilla Laurin

Lions Prayer: Lion Robert Townsend

Lions Toast: Lion Ed Stano

Introductions.

Welcome – Saratoga President Timothy Pehl: Saratoga Lions is celebrating 100th Anniversary. On 5/28/23 had a 5k run. Provided \$26000 annually in scholarships, hurricane relief, Camp Abilities, and other projects. Eye Bank donation: \$100,000 and Lions foundation \$58000.

DG Ricky's Welcome – Presentation - Listen to All Lions New & Old: From Steven Coveys 7 Habits of Highly Successful People. Listening is one of the best ways to communicate with people. To build people! Sinergy is just Teamwork. We have challenges, together we can get an answer. Every time you think there is a problem, that very thought is a problem. It's your paradigm of what's out there. Change how YOU see things. Life is not about accumulation, it's about contribution. Proactive people carry their weather with them, bring sunshine. How you choose to see things makes a big difference. Admission of ignorance is often our key to education. Lions present many learning opportunities. If we keep doing what we're doing, we'll keep getting what we get. See a problem as a challenge. Look at it from every side. Seek first to understand and be understood. Actions speak louder than words. Key to success is lifelong learning.

Lions Eye Bank - Vicki Adler from the Eye Bank Albany, NY - Donate Eyes.

– Vicki has been the Executive Director and with the Eye Bank for 25 years, tissue director, etc. New brand: Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast Learn about the Eye Bank Albany - Donate Eyes. Taking a new look at what we can do for eye donation. Recover ocular tissue for donation: cornea, sclera, also for research and education. Background: First World Lions Eye Bank. Donations through DMV. Organizations that keep it open: NYSDOH, Eye Bank of America, and FDA. Service 50 counties in NYS, 1 in Mass., 6 in VT and other Lions Clubs in other countries. 2022 we had 584 donors, 1000 transplants, in 20 states and 13 countries. Discussed who can be a donor, and the many regulations. Encouraged sharing your eye donation decision with family. 2/14/23 is national donor day. March is eye donor month, get involved with the Eye Bank.

Secretary's Report – Lion Gayle Woodruff, meeting minutes sent, and on LCI website. RMHC & Camp Badger thank you notes. Motion to accept by IPDG Michele O'Hare, seconded by 2nd VDG Holly McConchie.

IPDG Michele O'Hara – Thanked Lions for support of St. Catherine's \$5347 in gifts for residents. As you know Chazy lost WeatherCock and with that all their charter, bell and memorabilia. IPDG motioned for district to support with a \$500 donation for new banners and supplies. Seconded by PDG Edward Stano. Requested a moment of silence for Lion Rita Ware who passed away. St Catherine's received grant of \$15000 for Lions Project. Lions Quest Project. The Lions grant program will provide training. Everything is all set to go. On 4/22/23 (also Earth Day), training for new clubs, encouraging all clubs to do projects that day and have press release, for what we do and why to be used for video.

Lion Ed Pike's resolution for 1st VDG Holly McConchie, 2023-2024. Lion Holly has served very many offices for Galway and served District 20W from 2006 to present.

IPDG Michele O'Hare: Presented Lions Andrea Penamora as the PDG leadership award winner.

IPDG Michele O'Hare Resolution for 1st VDG Priscilla Laurin, 2022-2023. Served in several offices for Chazy and served District 20W from 2021 to present.

PDG John McDonald – Shared 2023 Visionary Gala for NABA, commemorating 115 years providing programs for visually impaired, on 4/27/23 at Franklin Plaza. Great fundraiser. Projects follow up on Sat. 4/22/23 will follow the Saratoga Lions Club at the Brewseum. Room block set up at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga. Tickets are online. Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation founded 2009 – expressed purpose for focus on Lions related projects through multiple districts. Money comes from raffles (Superhero raffle). Cash prize. Go online to purchase tickets on Brandel Murphy.org before next 24 hours. Grant committee meeting. First grant approved for Duane Lions club for a visually impaired student for sports equipment. Second grant approved matching for the district. Grant approved for matching \$2000 for District 20W coloring book. PDG John presented Check to DG Ricky Laurin with Lion Karen Rager for all her instrumental work. DG Ricky presented PDG John McDonald Chevron for 25 yrs.

GMT Ed Stano: Membership Report – need help as younger members are needed, request someone to help with new memberships challenge. Every club needs to have a Membership Chairperson. See attached report. IPDG Michele O'Hare suggested to send information when a Lion passes to send out to all Lions clubs that has deceased. CS Gayle to send mail blast to all clubs to report deaths to CS Gayle Woodruff.

GLT Mark Whitney – 15% of clubs have participated in online training. Training Information on the new database coming in the spring. Workshop to be held Saturday 4/22/23. Workshops will be held on Sunday 4/23/23 at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs for club members and officers. Lunch provided and RSVP required. Lions can also go online on courses.

12:00 Lunch

Lion Karen Russel Chazy Club Secretary thanked everyone for their donations to replace the resent loss for the Chazy Lions club.

Lion Lori Reiger on LCIS. Asked if anyone ever donated to Melvin Jones, or have made at least \$1000 donation to LCIS. Important as when we need funds, we go to LCIS. Reasons to donate, Turkey quake, Buffalo NY, snow. It is important that we all do. We have given out over \$20,0000 in grants and emergencies, specific disaster relief. All districts have received money in one form or another. Ways to donate: Used credit card payments for a certain amount, write a check and send it in, put money in the envelope provided. Raffles. 15% will come back to you, credit for DCG – District Club Grants, good for 15 years. Grants: they are very specific about what they are asking, more specific the better, for what, for impact, humanitarian purpose, must be submitted 90 days before in months: 1st of Aug, Oct, Jan. Timing is important. Can only have 2 open grants in the district at any given time. Very specific instructions to follow, not difficult, there is helping to complete. The process is different for Lions Clubs. 11 different types of grants. It is very important to follow guidelines and to close grants when completed. Go to Lions Clubs.org, grants. Clubs must work with another club for a grant, the exception is the DG Grant. There are options and LCIS is very generous.

Reports:

Lion Diane Lange: Childhood Cancer: Think about where your club is and how to raise awareness for childhood cancer. Going to RMHC and will need Gas cards, wrapping paper, any money donated. Jan 13th is cancer awareness day. Ronald McDonald house brings meals to Melody Center. Pray for Porsha and all families at Melody Center. Love is served by RMHC requesting groups to donate money. \$250 up will provide meals. Different restaurants will help. Also asking paper plates, bowls and take out containers, no Styrofoam/ no peanuts. Julia Gazzele contact person.

PDG John McDonald: Diabetes. Currently working on a MD Grant. Offering 3 courses Galway, Albany Troy, Chazy, all participated in course as Diabetes Community Care Coordinators. Will pull districts together. Lion Barbara Bentley will be presenting at LDUN: Lions Day United Nations

Lion Robert Townsend: Public Relations. For coloring book initiative and videos. Secured money from Lions foundation, Thanked everyone for their help. In December Lion Gayle sent out a request for videos. Have received updates from many clubs. PDG John McDonald met with Joe Pep for video production. With focus on food banks and backpack program. Send info to Lion Robert and PDG John: Pictures, interviews, narratives. Lion Robert suggested that all clubs should have a Marketing person.

Lion Milledge Smith: Service, we all do it and doing a fabulous job! We failed to do is the communication part of it! If we have a project large enough if we should share, partner. Service is a great recruiting tool. Report your service as it helps our district. Need training for Leos to put things in. See attached Report.

Treasures Report: CT Eric Unislawski: 1st VDG Priscilla Laurin presented. See report.
Motion to accept by CS Gayle Woodruff, 2nd by Lion Bob Townsend

Closing Statement DG Ricky Laurin: We need a motion to apply to NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation with a match for the \$4500 we have in our treasury. Motion is needed to match Brandel/_Murphy and District 20W so we can take the money we have which is \$4500 and apply for the NYS&BLF matching grant. 4/1/23 is our next NYS&BLF meeting. A motion to apply for NYS Bermuda Lions foundation for \$4500 was made by 2nd VDG Holly McConchie, seconded by Lion Ed Moore. 20W has \$4500 to match the NYS&BLF grant. We scheduled printing of the coloring book for 1st week of April. Lion Mike O'Brien will assist for the blind project. We are promising 4-500 books to other districts for donations to support the next grant. We will share the books with MD20. We want to get a \$1500 to \$2000 for a long-term plan. Which would be to apply for another grant from LCIF with a 10% match. 1st VDG Priscilla Laurin thanked everyone for her position. Just returned from Chicago and will put together individuals to be with her through the year, past PDG's. We need to fill other positions: Dist. Zone & Region chairs. Working with DG Ricky Laurin to keep clubs alive.

DG Ricky: Focus on adding to membership, invite people to your events. Tri fold brochures to be sent out to team. Lion Karen Rager stated it is important to keep brand identity. Logos. Put what your club does for activities, request names, address, phone #'s. Important for clubs to communicate. Lion Karen Russell on \$50/50 raffle: total of \$130 for 50/50. Lion Lori Reiger donated her 50/50 money in DG name. Seven more draw winners: Lion Verna Plummer, Lion Ed Pike, Lion Ed Moore, Lion Ed Pike, Lion Dave Ramsey. CS Gayle Woodruff, IPDG Michele O'Hare, Lion Ed Pike.

2:00 Motion to adjourn meeting by Lion Robert Townsend, 2nd by Lion Milledge Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
CS Gayle Woodruff
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585 704-7422

Lions District 20-W Treasurer's Report

For the period 7/01/22 through 2/11/23

Income and Expense details for the period from 7/01/22 through 2/11/23 are attached (last column), checking account balance \$31,620.03. Budget and actual totals for the prior years are shown for comparison.

- There are several additions and unbudgeted items since the Fall Conference to note: (1) in December 2022, a grant application was submitted to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation for assistance with the coloring book project; and (2) a grant request from Lions Quest Community Partnership for assistance with St. Catherine's M&E May School project.
- Within our checking account balance 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.
- 45 of 50 clubs have submitted their district dues, \$3,534.00 collected of \$3,974.00 expected, report attached.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Eric Unislawski
Cabinet Treasurer

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W
BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORT

	2020/21	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23
	Approved	Actual thru	Approved	Actual thru	Approved	Actual thru
	<u>Budget</u>	6/30/21	<u>Budget</u>	6/30/22	Budget	<u>2/5/23</u>
Beginning Balance		19,555.79		18,241.32		15,050.42
Income						
Lions Clubs District Dues	4,518.00	4,290.00	1,318 members 3,954.00	4,026.00	1,319 members 3,957.00 \$	3,534.00
MD20 Dues Rebates	5,808.00	5,728.20	5,272.00	5,473.00	5,276.00	1,916.00
ICI District Restructuring Grant	1,452.00					
NYS & BLF Incentive Award		1,000.00		1,000.00		
MD20 PDG Scholarship Leader Training	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
GLT Funds from LCI	400.00		250.00	333.34	250.00	
GMT Funds from LCF	500.00		250.00	333.33	250.00	
GST Funds from LCI	500.00		250.00	333.33	250.00	
District Convention/Fall Conference	1,500.00	1,360.00	1,500.00	2,720.00	2,500.00	1,020.00
Program Advertising Conference/Testimonial	200.00		200.00		200.00	
District Cabinet Meetings	2,700.00	520.00	2,700.00	3,300.00	2,700.00	700.00
Pins Sold	250.00	350.00	400.00	994.00	400.00	484.00
Misc - Raffles, Peace Posters	1,000.00	340.00	500.00		500.00	
50/50 Tickets	400.00	158.00	300.00	464.00	300.00	193.00
Testimonial Tickets	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,920.00	4,000.00	
District KOB - Club Donations	200.00	200.00	200.00	50.00	200.00	
District MIF Club Donations	450.00	600.00	450.00	100.00	450.00	
District RJU - Club Donations	200.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	200.00	
DG Gift Club Donations	500.00		500.00	1,062.00	500.00	
Leo's Grant			1,000.00		1,000.00	
Public Relations					2,250.00	
Marketing • Video					750.00	
Marketing Coloring Book					2,000.00	1,510.00
Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant						15,000.00
Other Income/Donations	500.00	200.00	500.00	110.00	100.00	50.00
DG Project - Club Donations						

Total Income	25,178.00	16,160.20	27,526.00	\$ 23,769.00	28,133.001 \$	24,507.00
Expenses						
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG			1,000.00		1,000.00	
1st VDG Expenses		1,210.52	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
2nd VDG Expenses	500.00	400.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
USA Canada Forum			750.00		750.00	
Mb-)Convention	f,600.00	493.50	-1,600.00	1,200.00	-f,600.00	
	2,500.00		2,875.00	i,400.00	i,400.00	950.00
GLT Expenses	750.00	866.90	i50.00		500.00	149.90
GMT Expenses	750.00		750.00		500.00	1
GST Expenses (incl. Diabetes brochures)	650.00	597.52	750.00	926.60	500.00	
Hospitality Suite	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	
District Leadership Training	750.00		500.00	2,157.73	1,350.00	
District Directory	1,275.00	1,255.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)	1,500.00	1,037.50	1,000.00	1,670.00	1,000.00	1,430.00
District Convention/Fall Conference	2,000.00	2,258.84	2,000.00	4,270.46	2,000.00	2,209.05
International Director Visit Expenses	500.00	373.00	500.00	366.14	400.00	279.69
District Cabinet Meetings	2,400.00	80.25	2,400.00	2,015.24	2,400.00	1,317.88
Cabinet Supplies - badges, postage, etc	300.00		300.00	297.63	300.00	101.87
Minor Equipment & Zoom	300.00	813.14	500.00	1,063.74	500.00	
Peace Poster	275.00		275.00	155.00	175.00	
Testimonial - Meal	3,500.00	3,915.73	3,500.00	3,429.60	3,500.00	
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts	500.00	56.71	500.00	82.18	500.00	
Website		204.00	210.00		210.00	264.00
District MJF Award	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
District KOB Award	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
District RJU Award	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Vision of Hope Award	500.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
DG Gift	60.00		500.00		500.00	
Banking Expenses			60.00		60.00	
Leo Leadership Conference		352.00	215.00		215.00	
New Leo Club Startup Expenses (3)			600.00		600.00	
MD-20 Diabetes Grant				767.00	2,250.00	
Public Relations Expenses					750.00	
Marketing Video					4,000.00	
Marketing - coloring Book					,140.00	
Cyber Security			440.00			
Lions Quest Grant - St. Catherine's R & E May School						
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	50.00	460.06	100.00	323.58	100.00	200.00
Total Expense:	25,460.00	17,474.67	27,910.00	26,959.90	34,102.00	1,937.39
Net Income/(Loss)	282.00	1,314.47	384.00	3,190.90		1
Ending Balance (should match check book):		18,241.32		15,050.42	\$	31,620.03
			\$1,125	Ck		returned

	Membership as of: 7/1/22		FY 2022/23 Amt Paid	Ck Date		Deposit Date
Albany & Troy	34	34	102.00	8/26/2022	521	9/2/2022
Ballston Spa	33	33	99.00	9/7/2022	1746	9/20/2022
Bethlehem	20	20	60.00	8/30/2022	1602	9/2/2022
Broadalbin-Perth	27	27	81.00	8/25/2022	1209	9/2/2022
Cambridge	13	13	39.00	9/21/2022	1571	10/7/2022
Chazy	42	42	126.00	10/3/2022	120	10/21/2022
Clifton Fine	22	22	66.00	8/26/2022	2091	9/2/2022
Clinton	25	25	75.00	9/5/2022	1838	9/20/2022
Deerfield	5	5	15.00	11/3/2022	1087	12/31/2022
Duane	23	23	69.00	9/25/2022	1346	10/7/2022
Edwards	23	23	69.00	9/11/2022	2110	9/20/2022
Fonda & Fultonville	17	17	51.00	8/25/2022	2692	9/2/2022
Galway	73	73	219.00	8/31/2022	2497	9/20/2022
Glens Falls		40	120.00	8/29/2022	4398	9/2/2022
Gouverneur	41					
Greater Amsterdam - 4 years	1					
Greater Herkimer	29	29	87.00	8/25/2022	1145	9/2/2022
Greater Johnstown	43	43	129.00	9/12/2022	1903	9/20/2022
Greater Ravena	17	17	51.00	9/19/2022	1110	10/7/2022
Greenwich	37					
Hadley-Luzerne	34	34	102.00	8/25/2022	1904	9/20/2022
Heuvelton	12	12	36.00	1/13/2023	212	1/23/2023
Holland Patent	14	14	42.00	9/24/2022	1235	10/7/2022
Lake Placid	29					
Lisbon	21	21	63.00	1/10/2023	1271	1/23/2023
Long Lake	13	13	39.00	9/15/2022	157	9/20/2022
Louisville	8	8	24.00	9/21/2022	497	10/21/2022
Malone	16	16	48.00	8/28/2022	5395	9/20/2022
Marcy Telephone	9	9	27.00	8/25/2022	1057	9/2/2022
Mechanicville-Stillwater	29					
Newcomb	50	50	150.00	8/26/2022	1617	9/2/2022
New Hartford NY Mills Whitestown	13	13	39.00	8/26/2022	1004	9/2/2022
Northville-Sacandaga	17	17	51.00	9/13/2022	2478	9/20/2022
Ogdensburg	41	41	123.00	8/29/2022	5551	9/2/2022
Peru	26	26	78.00	8/26/2022	2101	9/2/2022
Plattsburgh	35	35	105.00	1/9/2023	2045	1/23/2023
Raquette River	23	23	69.00	9/6/2022	172	9/20/2022
Saranac Lake	5	5	15.00	9/6/2022	2129	9/20/2022
Saratoga Springs	87	83	249.00	9/24/2022	2266	10/7/2022
Sauquoit Valley	34	34	102.00	9/21/2022	739	10/7/2022
Schuylerville	19	19	57.00	9/1/2022	1120	9/20/2022
Scotia-Glenville	22	22	66.00	8/24/2022	4290	9/2/2022
Speculator	14	14	42.00	8/25/2022	2266	9/2/2022
Town of Greenfield	35	35	105.00	8/28/2022	1293	9/20/2022
Town of Hoosick	31	31	93.00	9/1/2022	1225	9/20/2022
Town of Schroon	39	39	117.00	9/4/2022	142	9/20/2022
Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley	11	11	33.00	8/26/2022	1325	9/2/2022
Tupper Lake	35	35	105.00	1/25/2023	2271	8/27/1935
Utica	13	13	39.00	9/1/2022	5275	9/20/2022
Waterford	19	19	57.00	9/2/2022	39544171	9/20/2022

	50		3,534.00

District Global Service Team

PDG Smitty GST Coordinator explained how to obtain information using the MY Lion, MyLCI, and Insights and the importance of reporting service activities. While clubs are completing many activities they are not reporting them in MyLion.

The benefits of reporting activities are:

Telling the club's story, communicating with the public letting the public know the benefits of having a lions club in the community. We should tell the community that the lions club provided food for 100 families and it took 1,500 volunteer hours to accomplish the mission.

Marking the club's service and recruiting members are important for growth. Letting the public know what we do and how we do it may attract new members. The public needs a reason to participate in a venture therefore we need to offer something of interest and with an opportunity to serve.

We should look to partner with other organizations the Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, VFW American Legion etc when doing large service projects. The club service report provides evidence of your club's effectiveness and may help persuade others to join with your club to complete the mission.

It will enlighten future leader of the club's service history. Provides valuable information to Lions around the world who may want to do a project similar to the one your club is doing.

Two service projects were mention:

Recycle dry cleaner hangers, take the wire hangers back to your local dry cleaner.

Place the soap, shampoo, lotion, hair conditioner, mouthwash etc into a sandwich bag and donate to a local shelter.

Below are the steps to follow to obtain information from Insights.

Log into member log in on MyLion.

Click on Insights - button next to MyLCI

Select Service Activities - on the line above the charts

On the left hand side of the screen you will see Filter By

Look down the column and select CA US and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas, Multiple District 20 then District 20 W

In the next column you will see a "+" US and Affiliates. Open the folder by clicking on the "+"

Next you will see "+" MD 20 and then the specific District 20 W. Open the MD 20 folder first and then the District by clicking on their "+"

If you have opened the District folder, you will see all the Clubs listed and all the projects they have entered. You can scroll down and to the right to show all the data.

Directly above the service headings on the right side you will see symbols. The one on the far right is three dots "...". It is more options. Click on this and you will have an option to export data.

Next select Data with current lay out and hit the export button. Then you may print the charts.

<https://app.mylion.org/activities/explore#:~:text=Support,0,-Service%20Activities>

With the above report you will find the activity, people served, volunteer hours, funds raised, funds donated for your club. There is a report form there for you to fill out. This report lets the world know what your club is doing. Click on the item listed under activity and you will get the history of that activity.

To find what your Leo club is doing go to MyLCI and click on find a club and then click on active Leo clubs

□ ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Club members continue supporting our local **food pantry on monthly distribution day** by volunteering with other community members loading food items into client's vehicles in drive-by fashion. We also collect food staples at our club meetings, which are delivered to the pantry.
- We recently recognized **Lion Gabe Martini** as a **Melvin Jones Fellow**. Lion Gabe has been a Lion for 34 years, transferring into our club 13 years ago. He's been an integral part of our continuing service to our community and his visibility in other local organizations exemplifies a Melvin Jones Fellow. ty
- Collect between 100 – 200 pair of **used eyeglasses** monthly from previously established locations.
- Organized and club members heavily staffed the Salvation Army **Red Kettle Campaign** in our village the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas, accounting for \$1,990.
- Participated in the annual **Shopper's Stroll** the day after Thanksgiving in our village where we distributed popcorn (for donations) to shoppers & revelers coming to see our annual Holiday Parade.
- Sold **Christmas wreaths** for the first time with our club realizing almost \$500. (Will no doubt repeat it next year – another tradition established by the Lions?)
- Continued hosting the family of a senior designated as our **Student of the Month** at one of our monthly meetings. Recommended by the Guidance Office, a picture of the student receiving this recognition is publicized in a local newspaper.
- After receiving e-mail notification through LCI, the club sponsored the replacement of **eyeglass frames** for a student in a bordering school district
- Support of the local hockey & figure skating programs through **advertising on a backerboard** at our town arena.
- Ordered and paid for 30 cases of dark & milk chocolate bunnies from **Lions Eye Institute at Albany** in support of their annual fundraiser.
- Purchased \$100 worth of tickets in the **Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation** (BMYF) annual raffle.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Will be participating in our annual **Community Collection Day** on May 13th. We will join other organizations cleaning up the winter debris from around the village; recycling used electronics, cans & bottles, old books, jewelry, and shredding of documents (we sponsor the commercial mobile shredder). Our major responsibilities, in addition to the rental of the shredder and unloading of documents to be shredded, are traffic control and collection of food and monetary contributions for our Country Pantry.
- Conduct a **"donation only car wash"** in early May at our local Stewart's Store.
- Hold a **Membership Recruitment Night** the end of March after inviting specific individuals to attend and learn more about Lions and how our club serves the needs of the community.

- Attempt a new fundraiser - **Mother's Day Potted Plant Sale**. Work is underway to purchase the plants locally and sell them in a "high traffic" area the week prior to Mother's Day.

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NEW HARTFORD/NEW YORK MILLS/WHITESTOWN
LIONS CLUB

February 6, 2022

CABINET MEETING #3 REPORT

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Met monthly during the months of September, October, November & January
 - DG Ricky and 1st VDG Priscilla joined us for **DG Ricky's visitation** at our September meeting
 - Guest Speaker at our January meeting was Rich Synek, Founder of our local **Feed Our Vets** program. He gave us an overview of the program, including its history, operational funding, number of volunteers, their responsibilities and number of clients served through the program. At the conclusion of his presentation, the club presented him with a contribution toward the operating costs encountered on an on-going basis.
 - Conducted **White Cane Days Fundraiser** in partnership with the Utica Lions. The fundraiser was held at a local Super Market – Chanatry's – locally owned and operated for the better part of a century. Conducted at various hours on October 14 -16. We collected \$700.
 - Club members sorted, counted and boxed 276 pair of **used eyeglasses** for recycling purposes. They were delivered to the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI) in Utica to eventually be shipped to the Lions Recycling Center in New Jersey.
 - **Donations** were made to the Albany/Rochester Eye Bank, Sauquoit Valley Lions and the above-mentioned organization – Feed Our Vets
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 - Lions Club of Utica President Antonetta Panuccio delivered their yearly donation to the Utica Fire Dept. which consist of 25 turkeys ,cases of canned goods corn, green beans, yams, cranberry sauce, also a friend of Lion Antonetta's donated fruit ,mandarin oranges and bananas for Thanksgiving families in need. Food will serve 25 families of 6 people .
 - Lions presented their yearly donation of \$3,000 to CABVI in the month of 12-16-22
 - Purchase of yearly raffle ticket to the Sauquoit Lions .Ticket purchase of \$50
 - New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation yearly raffle 3 tickets @ \$100 each were purchased.Drawing to be held 4-29-23.
 - Lions purchased glasses for a woman in need.
- Lions Club of Utica have donated to various organizations a total of \$1500.00
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Freedom Guiding Dogs,Camp Badger, PDG Mary Ann Lynch Literacy Program,Proctor High School JROTC Cadets .
 - Nick Poccia Memorial Scholarship applications are going out to counselors of Proctor High School and Notre Dame.
 - Lions continue to collect eye glasses.
 - Lions continue to have a bottle and can drive @ a local redemption center.
 - Fundraiser projects are still in the workings.

District 20W
Region I – Zone A
2/11/2023 Club Report

On 2/26/23 our second Zone Meeting was held. All clubs were present. The primary topic was the Zone Social. Final results:

1. Ballston Spa will host the event on Weds 4/19 at the Hideaway Restaurant. 6:30 – 7:00 social half hour, 7:00 call the meeting to order. The cost will be \$35 to include a buffet dinner of Salmon, sliced sirloin, chicken Marsalais, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert.
2. Saratoga Springs to provide the program.
3. Greenfield will prepare invitations to be sent out and provide a tail twister and 50/50 raffle.
4. Galway will also provide a tail twister and assist in the 50/50 raffle.
5. Scotia-Glenville will provide a member to assist Ballston Spa with registration.

Also general discussion of upcoming events and fund raisers for the clubs. I did encourage the clubs to think about visitations to other clubs.

Club Reports

Ballston Spa: Since the last report the club donated 20 full Thanksgiving Dinner to a local annual church food drive to gather components for dinners to the needy for Thanksgiving. Also donated 20 hams to each of the three food pantries for Christmas. Adopted two children through the county Social Service Dept and bought each child \$200 worth of clubs. The membership gathered hats, mittens and scarves that were placed at the three food pantries, Inducted one new member and will be inducting another member on 2/18. Members continue to volunteer at one of the local food pantries weekly. Members also assisted Galway in Christmas tree wrapping at Bob's Trees. Mike Yates our membership chairman also invited other Saratoga County membership chairs to a meeting to discuss membership and ways to attract and retain new members. The Governor, 1st VDG and a member of the Chazy Lions also attended. The county attendance due to illness was not that good but all agreed that it was a worthwhile endeavor and a second meeting will be held in April. We will be doing three visitations in Feb: Greenfield on 2/8, Galway on 2/13 and Scotia on 2/21.

Saratoga Springs:

ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

- In December, the club participated in the "Battle of the Bells" against the Saratoga Springs Rotary, ringing the bells to raise money for the Salvation Army.
- Provided a catered meal for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Albany, along with \$1,000 in Stewart's gift cards, split between the Ronald McDonald House families and the Melodies Center at Albany Med.
- Participated in the District Diabetes Awareness Campaign, and between November and January had 788 individuals take the Pre-Diabetes Risk Assessment test.
- Held the club's annual food drive on Saturday, January 14th and collected over 3,400 pounds of food and \$458 in cash & gift cards that was distributed between three local food pantries.
- The first session of Skating Stars 22nd year was held on January 21st. The Skating Stars program brings together physically challenged kids, youth volunteers and members of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club in a program that helps physically challenged kids learn to skate.
- The Camp Abilities Saratoga board, a service project of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club, is gearing up for their 10th Annual Camp Abilities the first week of August on the Skidmore Campus.
- Continue to collect eyeglasses, sorted by our Leos club.

UPCOMING FUND RAISERS:

- February 10, 2023 – Trivia Night
- April 21, 2023 – 10th Annual Night at the Brewseum
- June 14, 2023 – 8th Annual Dave Carr Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament

Greenfield Lions:

Nov 19th– Our Christmas Trees and wreaths were delivered. We ordered 400 trees and 6 dozen wreaths. The trees were sold for \$50.00 a tree.. Wreaths were sold for \$12.00 without bow and \$15.00 with bow. All trees and wreaths were sold. The club profited \$4464.

Dec 3rd & 10th– We held Christmas Pop-up on both dates from 10-5pm. We sold food items as well as having a variety of different vendors. We profited in approx. \$90 in food sales and \$375 in vendor sales.

Feb 18th– We are holding a Mardi Gras event again this year. Tickets are \$30 per person. There will be silent auction items that will be sold as well as 50/50 tickets.

Galway Lions:

Wrapped Christmas Trees at Bob's Trees. Had a Christmas time club get together.
Community Breakfast to be held in March.

Scotia Glenville:

The Scotia-Glenville Lions completed their annual Christmas Wreath sale bringing in about \$2500 after expenses. We inducted two new members (Deborah Christopher and Ravi Lekhrum) into the Club in the month of December with the help of DG Rick and presented a Melvin Jones award to Lion Doug Salisbury.

We also had a daily raffle draw for the month of January, sold 233 tickets and raised \$1165 and had 6 winners for the month paying a total of \$150 with a profit of \$1015.00. The funds were ear-marked for Diabetes awareness.

January 14, we had our first food drive at Hannaford market in Glenville, NY to help re-stock the local food pantries after the Holidays. We raised in donations \$861.00, had 500 loaves of Freihofer bread donated, and over 50 bags of groceries of which all was spread out to the SG Food Pantry, Galway Food Pantry and SICM pantry.

We have brought in another new member in this month of January, Michael Pandori. We are now holding our first Tuesday meeting of the month at 562 Saratoga rd, Glenville and the second meeting at Pizza Works in Burnt Hills for more of a social casual meeting.

Our next project is our annual Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at the First Reformed Church in Scotia.

REGION O LIONS REPORT 2/5/23**ALBANY TROY CLUB:**

In January, they had a guest speaker- Rifit Filkins, Community Development Director of the Capital District YMCA. She highlighted two programs that she felt would be of interest to the Lions Club which are circle of Champs and Black and Latino Achievers.

They CDYMCA Circle of Champs is a special program dedicated to improving the quality of life for families who have children battling life threatening illnesses. All program activities are free to families.

The CDYMCA Black and Latino Achievers program welcomes students from all backgrounds and helps them develop skills, raise their academic standards, graduate from high school and focus on career goals. The end of the school year is celebrated with the Annual Black and Latinos Achievers Gala.

Ms. Filkins also discussed facilities that will be opening up in Albany.

Because of the continued absence of a number of Lions at the meetings, there was no meeting in February. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1.

The CLYNK bottle-recycling project is in process.

This month, Lion Tom shipped another 2000 used eyeglasses to the NJ recycling center, bringing the total since July 1 to 8070

They are still working on the Warm Woolen Wishes project. If anyone has yarn or fabric they want to donate, contact the Albany Troy Club so they can make more warm items to keep people in need warm.

BETHLEHEM:

They are going to be having a pancake breakfast and themed basket raffle. This will take place at Swifty's in Delmar, April 22. At 8 to 10:30 AM.

Meetings are regularly held.

GREATER RAVENA:

The club has been meeting once a month in January, February and March. In April they will resume their regular 2 meetings per month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

They had a raffle in December. They made \$1200. They raised this for scholarships for seniors in the high school.

They will be deciding what their next raffle will be in the coming months.

TOWN OF WRIGHT/SCHOHARIE:

They are working on the mint project.

Also, they are selling pecans.

They have not had any meetings in January or February due to the bad weather in the winter.

They are loaning out hospital/medical supplies as needed. This week they had 2 calls from people in need of equipment.

They have been working on recycling/returns. This brings in \$2200 to \$2400 per year.

Also, they are working on helping the Joshua Project that helps with food for backpacks, baskets and lunches.

Their last meeting was in December.

Meetings will start back up on 3/6 and 3/20.

WATERFORD:

The joint fundraiser with the Building on Love was a success. The joint fundraiser brought in \$1546 for the club.

On January 16th Bingo night was held at McGreivey's restaurant. Members donated prizes for the winners. You could eat and play bingo at the same time. It was a lot of fun. We raised about \$500. You would get 2 cards for \$10.00. A second bingo night is planned at McGreivey's restaurant February 6th at 6PM.

A donation of \$100 was made to the Lion's Eye Institute.

The backpack program need in the Waterford School is increasing. 24 Children are in need now of the backpack program. Due to the increasing need in the Waterford back pack program, it was voted on spending \$2000 to help with this food insecurity issue. To help out more due to all the major increase in food cost, it was also decided to go for a Brandel Murphy Matching grant. The grant request will be processed in February.

We will be doing another garage sale. Everyone is saving up their items for the fall.

Members are putting their bottle returns in the CLYNK program for the club.

Meetings are held the 1st. Wed. of the month at McGreivey's in Waterford at 6PM.

IPDG/ZC Michele Puleo O'Hare

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Long Lake Lions Club

The Long Lake Lions continue to attend community events to contact the youth and families of Long Lake. On October 31st, we attended Trunk or Treat for the first time, providing treats and games at the school.

The Lions Club donated two books to the CVW Long Lake library related to diabetes for Diabetes Awareness in November.

On December 17th the Lions Club paired with the local parent group for a Cookies and Crafts event. The Lions provided craft activities for approximately 15 children.

The club donated money to provide holiday meals for some residents of Long Lake. Lion Camille helped put the meals together for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors project at the Adk Hotel. Lion Laura also assisted with meal preparation.

The LL Lions will be hosting a skating event for youth on February 6th to provide information on community service and Leo's Clubs. Activities will include skating, crafts, games and refreshments. We have one new member joining in February, with two others interested in joining.

Newcomb Lions Club Report

10/01/2022- 12/31/2022

☑ Newcomb Lions Club has Fifty members, one of the largest in the North Country.

☑ We had 2 Service Activities reported in this period. Total of 17 completed for the year, 313 + volunteer hours.

☑ 12/21/22 We delivered 130 Fruit Baskets to our Seniors and Health Care providers. These baskets were assembled in 17 minutes a record for us!

☑ 12/24/22 Several Holiday meals were delivered to folks in need and seniors in our town. This was a group effort with Long Lake Lions Club- Neighbors to Neighbors activity.

☑ Donations were made to the following:

1-Guide Dog Foundation

2- Thanksgiving meals for shuts ins in town

3-Operation Santa Claus (Christmas gifts for towns kids 12 and under)

4-Sight Society of Northeastern NY

☑ 10/12/22 Cancelled

☑ 11/09/22 We honored with a plaque and dinner our Charter member. James Montanye for his 56 years of dedicated service to our community and club. He was accompanied by his wife Phyllis and son Paul and daughter Melissa and her husband Mark.

☑ 12/14/22 Our annual Holiday Party was held at the Lake Harris Lodge several Long Lake Lions Club Members attended.

Norma Taylor CS

Town of Schroon Lions Club

Our members have been busy selling Ice out tickets as a fund raiser. Again this year we did Holiday Baskets. 43 families receive a basket of on December 23 filled with all the goodies for a Christmas feast.

The sight screening team was busy in December and January. They visited 6 school in the surrounding area and screened 251 children and had 32 referrals.

This week we had a gentleman in town who had been living in a one room motel room that had been converted to a full time living space but was having to leave as the building was going to be torn down. He basically had nothing but the shirt on his back. He was able to get into senior housing so the club had in storage many items for our annual garage sale. We were able to pretty much furnish his apartment with furniture, kitchen supplies right down to pictures on the walls.

We continue to work hard through social media make people aware we are here to serve.

District 20 w Zone Report

Region S zone B

The clubs in the zone have been busy with many different activities.

CHAZY LIONS: *Completed eye screening for 5 area schools,

*They hosted the annual Turkey night – with great success.

*Donated money to the annual Candy Cane Lane project.

*Donated money to several projects including the hockey rink, school, Alert Bucket, for someone in need of medical travel expense & the local food shelf

*The club worked with other community organizations to provide holiday baskets & gifts for those in need.

- *The current program is preparing for the Chazy Student Winter weekend
- * The club sanctioned a Leo Club in January

LAKE PLACID: *Held there major yearly fund raiser on November, it was the annual radio auction. They raise just under \$10,000.
 *On December 18th they hosted the annual children's Christmas party at the Palace Theater. 60 kids enjoyed a free movie & popcorn. The club provided each child a chance to visit with Santa & to receive a goody bag of fruit & candy

MALONE: *Malone lost Lion Ken Cring in a tragic accident just prior to Christmas. Many of the club members felt he was the glue that held them together.
 *The club has rallied & will host a golf tournament in his name. They recently added 2 new members to the club.

PERU: *Hosted a Turkey Trout on Thanksgiving Day.
 *Donated money - \$500.00 each to JCEO food pantry & Keeseville food pantry.
 *Donated \$200.00 to the food & nutrition program of the Salvation Army.
 *Donated \$300.00 to the Peru School Backpack Program.

PLATTSBURGH: *The Plattsburgh club has made donations to North County Veterans Assoc. , JCEO, salvation Army, Interfaith food shelf, Hospice, Autism Alliance and the United Way.
 *Fund raisers: They held the annual Cabot cheese sale which raised \$1,250.00.
 *The annua internal Christmas Auction raised \$895.00.
 *Service: Highway clean up, volunteer 2 times for the Clinton County Bureau And 3 times for Hospice of the North Country's annual Light Up A Life fund raiser in December.
 *They have obtained 3 new members during the last quarter & anticipate 2 more this quarter.
 *There currently preparing for the 5th annual Bowl-a-thon Bowling to strike out Blindness.

SARANCA LAKE: The club remains small but mighty. There current project is the TREX program. The goal is to raise 500lbs. of plastic with a goal to obtain a free bench from the program.

TUPPER LAKE: Hosting the Lion's Club Fire & Ice golf Tournament. They are selling 50/50 raffle tickets as part of the event the drawing will be 2/22/2023 – if anyone wants a ticket, please contact a member of the club. Many of the clubs participated in the Multiple District Glasses Drive that was held in November. DG Ricky Laurin & PDG Rick Brisee collected glasses & drove them to N.J