



Cabinet Meeting Minutes

November 4th 2023

Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs

232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Call To Order: PDG, James Griffith 10:00 AM

PDG James thanked District Governor Pricilla for the opportunity to to MC today's meeting

Pledge: PDG Dick Nason (Glens Falls)

Lions Prayer: PDG Bette Manley (Town of Schroon)

Lions Song: PDG Ed Stano (Town of Greenfield), Lion Elizabeth Stano (Town of Greenfield), Lion Jim Cypher (Glens Falls)

Introductions:

Those in attendance: (52 Lions)

Lion Eric Unislawski (Greater Johnstown)

(District Treasurer, Treasurer – Greater Johnstown, Treasurer of The Hearing Society)

Guest Speaker: Lion Kitty Kelly (Millersport Ohio)

Guest Speaker: ID Ron Keller (Millersport Ohio)

(Lions Club International - International Director)

DG Pricilla Laurin (Chazy)

(Chazy Leo's Club Ambassador – Chazy Lions Club, Lions Eye Institute Board Member)

PDG James Griffith (Cambridge)

(District 20W Facebook Administrator, DG Advisory Council, Lions Eye Institute Board Member, Secretary – Cambridge Lion Club, Treasurer – Cambridge Lions Club)

Lion Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa)

(District Secretary, President – Ballston Spa Lions Club)

Lion Holly McConchie (Galway)

(First Vice District Governor, District Administrator, Co Secretary – Galway Lions Club)

IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

(District LCIF Coordinator, DG Advisory Council, Organization of Past District Governors – Vice President, Region N Chair, Region S Chair, Region S – Zone B Chair, Lions Eye Institute President)

Lion Jim Cypher (Glens Falls)

(Region N-Zone A Chair, Lions Eye Institute at Albany + Lions Foundation at Albany Board Member, MD20 ALERT Foundation Board Member, Information Technology & Cybersecurity Chair)

Lion Megan Guilmette (Ballston Spa)

(Ballston Spa 2 Year Director)

Lion Diane Lange (Ballston Spa)

(District 20W Childhood Cancer Chair, Ballston Spa Childhood Cancer Chair)

PDG Michele Puleo-O'Hare (Bethlehem)

(GMT 20W, Region O Chair, DG Advisory Council Member, MD20 Organization of Past District Governors - 20W Director, Lions See Board Member, Lions Eye Institute Board Member, Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Board Member, Lions Advisor, New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation Trustee, Peace Poster/Essay Co-Chair, St. Catherine's Center for Children Foundation Executive Director)

PDG Milledge Smith "Smitty" (Gouverneur)

(GST 20W, District 20W Administrator, DG Advisory Council Member, Multiple District GLT, CEO of The Northern Sight Society, Brandel Murphy Foundation Board Member)

PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne)

(Peace Poster/Essay Contest Co-Chair, DG Advisory Council Member, District 20W Administrator, Brandel Murphy Foundation Board Member)

PDG Paula Flisnik (Holland Patent)

(Holland Patent Membership Chair, Lions See Board Member)

Lion Margo Walrath (Galway)

(Galway Secretary)

Lion Jim Winkler (Clinton)

(Secretary – Clinton Lions Club, Northern Sight Society Board Member, Region L Chair, Region L – Zone A Chair, Region L – Zone B Chair)

Lion Willaim O'Mara (Clinton)

Lion Bob Maxam (Clinton)

(President – Clinton Lions Club, District 20W Hunger Chair)

PDG Ed Stano (Town of Greenfield)

(Global Membership Team Chair, District 20W Diabetes Chair)

Lion Ed Balaban (Broadalbin-Perth)

(Vice President – Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, Marketing Chair – Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club, Region I Chair)

Lion Florence Brisee (Waterford)

(Waterford Secretary, District 20W Zone O Chair, Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS Secretary)

PDG Rick Brisee (Waterford)

(Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS President, Lions Eye Institute at Albany + Lions Foundation at Albany Board Member, MD20 Alert Foundation Secretary)

Lion Eva Bass (Albany-Troy)

(Albany-Troy President)

Lion Diane Latimer (Clifton Fine)

Lion Joe Latimer (Clifton Fine)

(Region S-Zone A Chair, President – Clifton Fine Lions Club)

Lion Micheal O'Brien (Albany-Troy)

(Albany-Troy Sight Chair)

Lion Gerald Gordon (Albany – Troy Lions Club)

(Albany-Troy Secretary, Website & Directory Director)

PDG Richard Nason (Glens Falls)

Lion Tom Kevlin (Broadalbin-Perth)

(Lions Camp Badger Board Member)

Lion Valerie Kevlin (Broadalbin-Perth)

(Broadalbin-Perth Secretary, Lions Camp Badger Board Member)

Lion Pam Wright (Hadley-Luzerne)

(Hadley - Luzerne Secretary)

Lion Dawn Grant (Hadley-Luzerne)

Lion Megann Andrew (SUNY Albany)

(SUNY Albany Treasurer)

Lion Merideth Beringer (SUNY Albany)

(SUNY Albany President)

Lion Logan Beringer (SUNY Albany)

(SUNY Albany Secretary)

Lion Barbara Bentley (Saratoga Springs)

(Saratoga Springs Membership Chair, New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation Trustee)

PDG John McDonald (Saratoga Springs)

Lion Verna Plummer (Town of Greenfield)

(Town of Greenfield Secretary, Town of Greenfield Marketing Chair, Town of Greenfield Social Media Chair, Town of Greenfield Membership Chair)

Lion Andrea Penamora (Town of Greenfield)

(Town of Greenfield President, Guiding Lion)

Lion Mary Gereau (Town of Schroon)

Lion Bette Manley (Town of Schroon)

(Town of Schroon Secretary)

Lion Karen Russel (Chazy)

Lion Russel Terping (Saratoga Springs)

(Saratoga Springs President)

Lion Charles Efrato (Saratoga Springs)

(Saratoga Springs First Vice President)

Lion Elizabeth Stano (Town of Greenfield)

Lion Dr. Nancy Capiello Larson (Scotia Glenville)

(Scotia Glenville President)

PDG Loretta Isaheim (Mechanicville-Stillwater)

Virtual Attendees:

PCC Mark Whitney (Town of Schroon)

(GLT 20W, DG Advisory Council Member, Lions See Board Member)

Lion Ed Moore (Ballston Spa)

(Region I – Zone A Chair)

Lion Richard Fallis (Galway)

(Galway First Vice President)

Lion Patricia Lewis (Raquette River)

(Raquette River Secretary)

Welcome: Saratoga Springs Lions President, Lion Russel Terping

Cabinet meeting attendees were welcomed to the Saratoga Springs area. Lion Russel recounted his time with local law enforcement and how he became a lion while part of the local police force. He also described how the 28 founding members of the Saratoga Lions Club helped the Holiday Inn in Saratoga choose its current location in the city. He told attendees of the current status of the Saratoga Lions Club, the Saratoga Leos Club and encouraged everyone to visit the stores and restaurants downtown after the Cabinet Meeting.

Secretary's Report: District Secretary Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa)

Correspondence: None

Approval of last Meetings Minutes:

Motion – Region I, Lion Ed Balaban (Broadalbin-Perth)

Seconded- Region L – Zone A Chair, Lion Jim Winkler (Clinton)

Approved?: Yes

Lion Alex and IPDG Ricky Laurin are looking into ways to provide simultaneous e-mails from the district cabinet to the membership regardless of recipient size.

Treasurers Report: District Treasurer Lion Eric Unislawski (Greater Johnstown)

For the period 7/01/23 through 11/04/23

- Income and Expense details for the period from 7/01/23 through 11/04/23 are attached (last column), checking account balance \$24,294.70. Budget and actual totals for the prior two years are shown for comparison.
- Within our checking account balance, we still have \$10,708.00 remaining in the Lions Quest grant for St. Catherine's, \$2,849.13 remaining in the Lions Quest grant funds from several years ago and \$272.73 remaining in the MD-20 Centennial Service Program Grant Funds.
- 34 of 47 clubs have submitted their district dues, \$2,916.00 collected of \$3,801.00 expected, report attached.
- Form 990-N Postcard has been filed and accepted, copy attached.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Eric Unislawski
Cabinet Treasurer

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W									
BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORT									
		2021/22	2021/22		2022/23	2022/23		2023/24	2023/24
		Approved Budget	Actual thru 6/30/22		Approved Budget	Actual thru 6/30/23		Approved Budget	Actual thru 10/30/23
Beginning Balance			\$ 18,241.32			\$ 15,050.42			\$ 25,195.94
		1,318 members			1,319 members			1,267 members	
Income									
Lions Clubs District Dues		\$ 3,954.00	\$ 4,026.00		\$ 3,957.00	\$ 3,744.00		\$ 3,801.00	\$ 2,916.00
MD20 Dues Rebates		5,272.00	5,473.00		5,276.00	4,285.00		5,068.00	2,002.00
LCI District Restructuring Grant		-	-		-			-	
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		250.00	333.34		250.00			250.00	
GMT Funds from LCI		250.00	333.33		250.00			250.00	
GST Funds from LCI		250.00	333.33		250.00			250.00	
District Convention/Fall Conference		1,500.00	2,720.00		2,500.00	1,020.00		2,000.00	
Program Advertising - Conference/Testimonial		200.00	-		200.00			200.00	
District Cabinet Meetings		2,700.00	3,300.00		2,700.00	2,140.00		2,500.00	870.00
Pins Sold		400.00	994.00		400.00	680.00		650.00	89.00
Misc - Raffles, Peace Posters		500.00	-		500.00			500.00	
50/50 & Other Raffles		300.00	464.00		300.00	405.00		300.00	100.00
Testimonial Tickets		4,000.00	2,920.00		4,000.00	1,186.35		2,500.00	
District KOB - Club Donations		200.00	50.00		200.00	50.00		100.00	
District MJF - Club Donations		450.00	100.00		450.00	100.00		200.00	100.00
District RJU - Club Donations		200.00	50.00		200.00	50.00		100.00	

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		Approved Budget	Actual thru 6/30/22		Approved Budget	Actual thru 6/30/23		Approved Budget	Actual thru 10/30/23
DG Gift - Club Donations		500.00	1,462.00		500.00	1,065.00		1,000.00	
Leo's Grant		1,000.00	-		1,000.00			1,000.00	
Public Relations		5,000.00	-		2,250.00	2,000.00		2,250.00	
Marketing - Video		-	-		750.00			750.00	
Marketing - Coloring Book		-	-		2,000.00	7,160.00		3,000.00	1,650.00
Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant		-	-		-	15,000.00		-	
Other Income/Donations		500.00	110.00		100.00	69.00		100.00	
DG Project - Club Donations		-	-		-	-		-	-
Total Income		\$ 27,526.00	\$ 23,769.00		\$ 28,133.00	\$ 40,054.35		\$ 26,869.00	\$ 7,727.00
Expenses									
International Convention Incoming 1st VDG		\$ 1,000.00	-		\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	
1st VDG Expenses		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	
2nd VDG Expenses		500.00	500.00		500.00	509.43		500.00	
USA Canada Forum		750.00	-		750.00			-	
MD-20 Convention		1,600.00	1,200.00		1,600.00	400.00		1,600.00	
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference		2,875.00	1,400.00		1,400.00	750.00		1,400.00	1,260.00
GLT Expenses		750.00	-		500.00	149.90		200.00	
GMT Expenses		750.00	-		500.00			200.00	
GST Expenses (incl. Diabetes brochures)		750.00	926.60		500.00			200.00	
Hospitality Suite		500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00	
District Leadership Training		500.00	2,157.73		1,350.00	1,370.24		1,350.00	
District Directory		1,235.00	1,235.00		1,235.00	1,235.00		1,010.00	1,010.00
Pins (DG, MD 20, International)		1,000.00	1,670.00		1,000.00	1,430.00		2,000.00	1,952.50
District Convention/Fall Conference		2,000.00	4,270.46		2,000.00	2,209.05		2,300.00	
International Director Visit Expenses		500.00	366.14		400.00	279.69		300.00	
District Cabinet Meetings		2,400.00	2,015.24		2,400.00	3,752.87		3,000.00	1,100.50
Cabinet Supplies - badges, postage, etc		300.00	297.63		300.00	200.86		300.00	87.10
Minor Equipment & Zoom		500.00	1,063.74		500.00	299.80		500.00	518.14
Peace Poster		275.00	155.00		175.00			175.00	
Testimonial - Meal		3,500.00	3,429.60		3,500.00	1,320.00		2,500.00	
Testimonial - Awards/Gifts		500.00	82.18		500.00			500.00	
Website		210.00	-		210.00	367.13		375.00	
District MJF Award		1,000.00	2,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
District KOB Award		500.00	500.00		500.00	300.00		500.00	
District RJU Award		300.00	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00	
Vision of Hope Award		300.00	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00	
DG Gift		500.00	-		500.00			500.00	
Banking Expenses		60.00	-		60.00			-	
Leo Leadership Conference		215.00	-		215.00			-	
New Leo Club Startup Expenses (3)		600.00	-		600.00			-	
MD-20 Diabetes Grant		-	767.00		767.00			767.00	
Public Relations Expenses		-	-		2,250.00			1,000.00	
Marketing - Video		-	-		750.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Marketing - Coloring Book					4,000.00	8,442.86		-	
Cyber Security		440.00	-		440.00			440.00	
Lions Quest Grant - St. Catherine's R & E May School					-	1,592.00		13,408.00	2,700.00
Misc costs not captured elsewhere		100.00	323.58		100.00	700.00		100.00	-
Total Expense		\$27,910.00	\$26,959.90		\$34,102.00	\$29,908.83		\$40,725.00	\$ 8,628.24
Net Income/(Loss)		\$(384.00)	\$(3,190.90)		\$(5,969.00)	\$10,145.52		\$(13,856.00)	\$(901.24)
Ending Balance (should match check book)			\$15,050.42			\$25,195.94			\$24,294.70

Club	Membership as of: 7/1/23		FY 2023/24 Amt Paid	Ck Date	Ck #	Deposit Date
Albany & Troy	33	33	\$ 99.00	8/28/2023	533	9/18/2023
Ballston Spa	37	37	\$ 111.00	8/26/2023	1763	9/18/2023
Bethlehem	21	21	\$ 63.00	8/28/2023	1617	9/1/2023
Broadalbin-Perth	31	31	\$ 93.00	8/30/2023	1228	9/18/2023
Cambridge	14	14	\$ 42.00	8/26/2023	1598	9/1/2023
Chazy	42	42	\$ 126.00	10/12/2023	130	10/30/2023
Clifton Fine	21	21	\$ 63.00	9/8/2023	2107	9/18/2023
Clinton	25	25	\$ 75.00	8/20/2023	1915	9/1/2023
Deerfield	5	5	\$ 15.00	10/11/2023	103	10/30/2023
Duane	23	23	\$ 69.00	9/28/2023	1360	10/11/2023
Edwards	27	-				
Fonda & Fultonville	18	18	\$ 54.00	9/27/2023	3007	10/11/2023
Galway	62	62	\$ 186.00	8/28/2023	2554	9/18/2023
Glens Falls	36	36	\$ 108.00	8/22/2023	4429	9/1/2023
Gouverneur	37	-				
Greater Herkimer	30	30	\$ 90.00	8/19/2023	1219	9/1/2023
Greater Johnstown	44	44	\$ 132.00	8/31/2023	1960	9/18/2023
Greater Ravena	15	-				
Greenwich - 2 years	36	-				
Hadley-Luzerne	16	16	\$ 48.00	8/22/2023	1953	9/1/2023
Heuvelton	9	-				
Holland Patent	15	15	\$ 45.00	8/19/2023	1262	9/1/2023



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Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
- **EIN:** 911937957
- **Tax Year:** 2022
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 07-01-2022
- **Tax Year End Date:** 06-30-2023
- **Submission ID:** 10065520233027133207
- **Filing Status Date:** 10-29-2023
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

MANAGE FORM 990-N SUBMISSIONS

Guest Speaker: - ID Ron Keller (Youngstown, Ohio)

ID Ron Keller greeted the attendees with a friendly “Good Morning Cousins!”. ID Ron spoke of our Lions family and the joy it is to see the differences between Lions throughout the world. He told attendees of visiting the racetrack hall of fame among other local sites.

ID Ron went on to bring greetings from International President Dr. Patti Hill. He described International President Dr. Hill’s theme for the year “Changing the World”. He described change the following with the following speech:

“Everyone can change the world individually through our actions but if we work together, we can change the world even more. Change doesn’t happen all at once; it happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions/Leos Club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world. So, I ask you, Are you part of that change?

There’s an old saying that it’s saying the journey not the designation. “Changing the world is a journey where there is no middle and no end, however, is only a beginning.” So, I ask again, are you part of that change?

With every act of service, you contribute one small step towards change. It’s up to each of us, all of us, to begin the process. We are changing the world with every decision we make. We strive to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others to put good into the world. I’ll tell you, there’s not enough of that in the world today. We all know, we see it every day. It’s all over the news. If each one of you can make good choices make a difference, we can put more goodness into the world.

Lions have been doing their part in the world for 100 years and, as I found out at a luncheon with you all, this district is home to a PDG who has met Melvin Jones. I’ve not encountered that in all of my travels.

With every service project we do and every donation we make, we promote change in our communities. We saw that so much when Lions Liz, Diane, DG Pricilla and IPDG Ricky were able to get a tour with us of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Albany.

What impressed me was this: As soon as the Lions introduced us, the staff could not stop talking about how much the Lion of 20W have helped them.

I've been in the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in Columbus Ohio and I am sad to report it did not feel as homey as yours is. The RMH was in operation for eight years before it was taken down due to the insurance company wanting its name on the building. The building was knocked down and a new glass and steel structure was built near the hospital and you would not want to stay there. So, you are doing really well in 20W.

In every project you do and every donation you make you invoke change. The place is here, the time is now for us to make positive change. From here on, every day, lets all serve in a world and make it a better place.

So how can you make change?

First, share your story of being a Lion. That's a good way to get new members. Tell them who you are and what you've done so they can see Lionism. If you're are a happy Lion for 15 years, 30 years or even 65 years, you want others to experience that too.

Second, help clubs keep Lions service going. Stagnant clubs do not bring change to the communities. We all know a stagnant club or two. A stagnant club is a dying club. As Lions family, friends and neighbors we really need to work together as a team. That's what Lions is, it's a team effort.

One of your local Lions legends Douglas Alexander has said "Happy Lions lead Lions clubs" and it is so true. If we keep our members happy, they aren't going to leave. Another saying of Doug's is this: "If we keep Lions happy, they will stay".

So, when was the last time your club met with the mayor, town council, school board or even the business owner's association? Have you asked: "What do you need and how can we help you?" Finding that need is important but, you also inform those organizations/people what you do. We have to figure out ways to tell everyone in our communities that Lions are the global leaders in service. The ID director's business cards have a message on the back that says we are the leader in global service and it leaves people saying "wow" when they read it.

President Dr. Patti wants us this year to work on creating a cleaner and greener environment. Protecting our environment is a great way to meet our communities. I'll tell you we have to protect our natural resources and we have an abundance of them up here. We've seen that, and were taken aback, with the debris along the road in Egypt and Kenya. We thought "This is so sad". Even the road that leads up to the pyramids is very sad. So, did you know that environmental projects are the leading cause for service hours? They are year after year because those projects are so popular with young Lions. We have a range of ages among our Lions, use that to help your clubs.

The next thing to do is to help empower the Lions Foundation to do good. While LCIF does big projects and makes big impacts around the world we are also local with our Lions. Lion Diane Lange, what you do for the Ronald McDonald House and childhood cancer events are wonderful and eligible for grants should you need them.

There is a misconception among American Lions "I'd donate more if LCIF funds weren't spent overseas" and I respond "no, no, no, more money is spent in the United States on natural disasters than is raised." India is one of the biggest givers to LCIF and they give more than they get back. So, some of India's money is being used here in the US. We also need money for emergency response for the clubs themselves. You never know if there will be a fire or issue with facilities we run. Each year LCIF awards 1,200 grants. You can look up online the yearly grant totals. To help the LCIF you can become an individual donor to the LCIF.

A lot of people have said "My club gives, that means I give", and while that's true, individual donors are important as well. You can donate \$5 per week/month/year and have a big impact on the LCIF. The reason I am saying that is: back when I was on the board, Douglas Alexander was giving a presentation and stopped on a slide that read "The US is the lowest contributor individually to the LCIF in the world". Those from the US on the board felt pretty bad. While you are on the board you have 100% giving because it's expected. The thing that floored me was the lions club presidents in the US compared to the Lions Club Presidents around the world. They had 80% of their presidents individually giving to the foundation. We had 2% of our presidents giving individually. How sad, if we could give it a shot to do better. How many Melvin Jones Fellows are in the room? Oh, my MD20!

Almost everyone, tremendous! LCIF Supports you and your communities just like you support it.

Another way to illicit change is to reach out for your service potential. When was the last big project you have done? When you finish one big project you can step back and say "Wow, we can do another!" Change starts with big ideas. I've seen some big idea people in this room and who knows what your district can do. Don't shy away from taking an idea that you think is too daring. I liked the talk this morning about the transformation of the downtown area of Saratoga Springs, anything is possible.

I'd like to read to you an epitaph from the tomb of an Anglican bishop in the crypt of Westminster Abby. Its' title is "Start with Yourself" and it reads "When I was young, free and my imagination had no limits. I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change. So, I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country. It too seemed immovable. In my twilight years, in one last attempt, I settled to change only my family. I wanted to change those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it. Now as I lay here on my deathbed, I've come to a sudden realization. If I had changed my life first and been an example, I could have changed my family. I could have changed the county. Who knows maybe that could have changed the world.""

ID Ron continued on to talk of membership and how he is currently the Lions International Membership development chair. He mentioned that over the past four months of the year The United States has had a net +1,258 members. This is very good but, the United States has not been positive in membership. The Constitutionary 1 (USA, Bermuda, The Bahamas and a few Island Countries in the Caribbean) has not been positive in membership at the end of a year within the last 40 years. He then began his second speech on membership and club health.

"I'm going to ask you where your club stands. It's okay if you don't have an answer. Is your club the best kept secret in town or are you the talk of the town? As I read from a list of first impressions, please rank in your mind each one whether you would give is five stars; four stars; three stars; two stars; one star or no star. Just think of the person that comes to your first project or their first meeting. What is their first impression of you? This is how you get someone to say "I want to be part of your team". When was time you evaluated your own club? Let's get started and see how you rank.

Do you have an eye appealing and up to date website? I've seen too many clubs where their website is out of date and they have moved the location they are meeting and they need help letting people know where they are at.

Are the members and club officers using social media?

Do you circulate a newsletter? Communication is so important these days.

Do local businesses and organizations provide a place for your club brochure, fundraising announcements and recruitment drives? If I came into your town, would we know where the Lions are at and what they do? Think about that.

Do you utilize a text distribution list to contact members? Isn't that what your district secretary Alex is going to work on? That is so important.

Is your Lions signage up to date on major highways? When I have to go to a district to give a presentation and I see a rusted sign, that's what my first impression of the club is and it's really sad.

Are your meeting place and club facilities handicapped accessible? We have got to think about that mobility issue and it was kind of sad at the forum in Reno this year. The facility was not good at accommodating people with mobility challenges, and well, the elevators could not handle us. There were people who had to use the freight elevator and there were two of those people who had accidents outside of Lions.

Is there parking nearby?

Is the meeting site clean, safe and reliable? These are all you clubs' first impression to people.

Does your meeting facility have wifi capability? If not, I don't think those three back there: Megan, Meridith and Logan would stay a Lion.

Do you have hybrid and/or virtual meetings? Our club does both. We meet in person and zoom every meeting and we do the same thing when we do anything meeting like. You have to take care of people who aren't there.

Do you provide food and if so, are guests expected to pay? We do and in fact after covid we found our lions wanted food dropped off at their door. So, we use a delivery service which solved that problem and they give us a percentage of their sales for our projects.

Are guests introduced to all the members at your meetings?

Are they recognized for their involvement in meetings and projects?

Do you accept young parents bringing children to meetings and projects? Now that's one where I get reactions like "We do not want children at our meetings". Well, Family membership is a big piece now and not just that. We have many clubs, and our own club is starting it right now, starting cub programs. LCIF has completely redid family membership in march of this year. If you go to the Lions International website and look under family membership you will see a whole lot more documentation and resources for family members.

Will your club accept people of diverse cultures, backgrounds and sexual orientation?

Would you be willing to change the time you meet or the day you meet? We meet on the same day at 7 every meeting but for members with children that may not work.

Are you willing to accept new members and new idea?

Are you willing to change?

Now, if you were to average those numbers for your club would you have averaged five stars or are you down to a one or two stars. Then you can see how your club is really doing. I'd like to read to you an anonymous letter. It is titled "The member that never came back".

“It amuses me to now think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members, but I was there the whole time. Do remember me? I’m the person who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then was asked to be a loyal and faithful member. I’m the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried sometimes to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk to and sit with at every meeting. I sat between some unfamiliar faces several times, but they did not pay attention to me. I hoped that somebody would ask me to join a committee or ask me to participate in a project so I could give my time, but no one ever did. Finally, because of illness I missed a meeting. The next month when I came back no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn’t matter very much if I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was. You might say that I’m a good person, a good worker or that I love my community. You know what else I am? I’m the member who never came back.”

I’ll just give you a few things about membership retention that is so important. If we could retain our members, we would not have a membership problem in the US and that’s big. We are in the same boat as Canada and Europe. We are the three constitutionaries in the world in which membership has really fallen off. Keep people active. Do you have an official greeter for your meetings? Do you remember members birthdays and special occasions? Do you send cards when members are ill or missed? Do you make personal phone calls when meetings are missed? Do you offer transportation to and from meetings or projects? Do you undertake home visitations? Do you offer to run errands for homebound members? Do you send cards out as a club for the holidays? Do you make your projects fun and engaging?

People ask “Why did Melvin Jones create a tail twister? It’s so out of date”. It isn’t. Think of this, Lions was started in the height of World War I. They had rationing and things like that. It was overall tough times. He wanted people to go to meetings and forget about the struggles or challenges at home. He wanted Lions to be a good time with friends. That describes the atmosphere of the world today. We need to commit to having meetings that revolve around having fun with friends.

Don't expect all members to be on social media, the need to be periodically informed about what's going on at your meetings, events and district meetings in a way that suits their needs. As your membership evolves change your news."

ID Ron concluded with the Lions Creed and its importance to Lions Clubs today.

"The Lions Creed is what each of us believe in, do and carry out. It's the purpose of us being Lions.

"I believe that hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character. I believe the best things in life are free; the sunrise, the autumn color and the beauty of spring. I believe that happiness comes from the joy of doing things for others with no thought of personal gain. I believe that through my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it and the world is a little better for me having passed through it. I believe my life will be measured by what I have done for my fellow man and by this standard I fear no judgement. I believe when a person grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he has lived. I believe a person plants a tree knowing they will live long enough, but others will enjoy its shade and beauty. I believe with the help of about one and a half million Lions I can do my part to make the world a better place for future generations."

That's why we are Lions everyone and we should follow that"

ID Ron ended with a heartfelt thank you to DG Pricilla Laurin for her invitation to come with his wife Kitty to see the area and learn about our district.

Induction of members and creation of the SUNY Albany Lions Club:

- ID Ron Keller (Millersport, OH) and DG Pricilla Laurin (Chazy)

ID Ron and DG Pricilla Inducted three new Lions into our district forming the SUNY Albany Lions Club. The new members and founders of the new club are:

Lion Logan Beringer

Lion Merideth Beringer

Lion Megann Andrew

Their sponsor is 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Fran Beringer from the Bay Share Lions Club in District 20S.

Logan, Merideth and Megann were each given the International Presidents Pin and a plastic sword to remind them of their commitment to being knights of the blind by Lion Keller.

Congratulations Logan, Merideth and Megann and best wishes for your new club!

Robert Uplinger Presentation: - DG Pricilla Laurin (Chazy)

DG Pricilla presented PDG Lion Loretta Isaheim (Mechanicville-Stillwater) with the Robert Uplinger Award on behalf of the officers and the members of the New York State and Bermuda Foundation for her generous service as Zone Chair for multiple years.

Congratulations PDG Loretta!

Lions See Talk: - PDG Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Michele thanked all the clubs who have been giving vision screenings and reporting to Lions See on behalf of all the board members of Lions See. She especially thanked Chazy and the Albany-Troy Lions Clubs for the vision screening programs they have in schools within their service areas. She also mentioned a new club which will be conducting vision screenings, Bolton Landing is trying to form a Lions club and Lions See will use vision screenings to help foster their growth. St Catherine's Center for children has also inquired about the vision screenings and PDG Michele is working with them to start a Lions Club there.

Michele and the board want to encourage anyone who is screening to report. PDG Michele mentioned a training program which will be available in early 2024 for any Lions who wish to be certified for Lions See.

Lions Foundation Talk #1: - PDG Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Michele spoke on the Foundation and the task to make changes they received from the council and Past International Director Gary Brown. The task was to figure out how to make more money for the foundation so the foundation can give out more money. An ad-hock committee formed, which PDG Michele chairs, to oversee and implement changes to the foundation to make this happen.

The committee has created a new application and is working on creating an investment policy committee. They will be sending out the application to all of the district governors if any are interested in a position on the board.

Presentation of New York State and Bermuda Foundation Grant check:

- Lion Barbra Bentley (Saratoga Springs)

Lion Barbara Bentley presented the Cambridge Lions Club with the check for their grant. This check was accepted by PDG James Griffith and will help to restore the villages gazebo which is used for many activities throughout the year.

Lion Barbra also mentioned that anyone who wants a grant can apply and the Foundation and they match up to \$5,000.

District 20W Convention Award: - PDG Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Michele informed the attendees that the Council of Governors meeting has awarded District 20W with the New York State Bermuda Convention for 2026. She and PCC Mark Whitney are co-chairs of the convention and if you would like to help with planning the convention or more information on the convention contact PDG Michele or PCC Mark.

New York State and Bermuda Convention 2024: - DG Pricilla (Chazy)

DG Pricilla told attendees of next years convention. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of Lions International. The convention will take place on the first weekend in May in Binghamton NY. We will celebrate two Lions 100th birthday. Convention registrations have begun already and rooms are going fast. If you are interested in attending register and book rooms soon.

DG Pricilla called for volunteers to help with the 2024 convention. Some Lions volunteered during the meeting, but there are more volunteer positions that need filling. If you are interested in helping out with the convention please reach out to DG Pricilla.

Camp Badger Update: - Lion Tom Kevlin (Broadalbin-Perth)

Lion Tom talked of how he and his wife Lion Valerie Kevlin are board members of Camp Badger. He told of the camp's goal to provide life skills and memories for those who camp there.

Lion Tom went on to explain the Lions Camp badger is run by the Empire State Special Needs Experience LLC, Lions International MD20 and explained the history of the camp.

The program has its roots in a summer speech program began in 1940 by Ralph W. Jones, a speech therapist with the Ithaca City School District. Mr. Jones was asked by the State Education Department to start a summer program for children with speech and hearing difficulties. The program began with 12 students and 3 staff members. They rented a classroom from Ithaca College which was then located in downtown Ithaca. The students were housed in nearby homes. In 1942, a dormitory was leased from the College to house the program. Beginning in 1945, the program leased space from Ithaca College at their summer camp located where Lions Camp Badger is today. The College had leased the property (about 600 acres from the federal government). The camp had been built in 1929 by the Department of Forestry and during the 1930's was used as a C.C.C. camp.

Mr. Ed Badger joined the staff of what was then known as the Ithaca College Speech Clinic in 1947. He had been a college roommate of Ralph Jones and was a speech therapist in the Binghamton City School District. In 1955 he became the director of the program after Dr. Jones had a heart attack. By 1955 the summer program had grown to 75 students and a staff of 15-20. It was the second oldest program of its type in the nation.

The program continued to grow and in 1964, Mr. Badger, along with 4 others incorporated the program as the Ithaca Speech Clinic, Inc. In 1972, Mr. Badger was able to purchase land in Vermont for \$45,000 which was swapped with the federal government for what is now Lions Camp Badger.

The first Lions involvement with the camp came in 1974 when PDG James Dormady represented the Ithaca Lions Club. He became the Building Chairman and was authorized to solicit financial assistance from the "friends of the Ithaca Speech Clinic". Other Lions who became involved in the camp were Clarence Nichols and Vincent Hawley, Jack Collins, Emmet Quackenbush, Robert Way, Howard Conroy, John Fleming and Robert Uplinger.

During the late 1970's there were efforts to be accredited by the State Education. There were also efforts to affiliate with the University of Texas at Houston where Dr. Walter Carlin, an early supporter of the Clinic and the organizer of the Ithaca College Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, taught.

In 1980, the name of the Clinic was changed to the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic and Ed Badger sold the property to Multiple District 20 of the Lions Clubs International. Over the years many improvements were made to the camp and program. Enrollment many years was over 100 campers.

By the early 2000's the State Education Department no longer recognized Speech and Hearing as a disability for which they would support summer programs. The campers became more severely disabled. The State decided that it would no longer support the maintenance of the campers for the six weeks. They also required that the camp buildings become handicap accessible. The number of campers declined significantly. In 2008, the name of the program was changed to the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

By 2010, it was obvious that the 6 week school based program was no longer viable and the Board made a decision to close the school program and begin a regular camping program of one to two week durations. The first week long program was held in 2011. In the same year the camp was awarded a 5 year family support grant by the Broome Developmentally Disabled Service Organization (DDSO), a division of the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The first session of this program was held in 2012 for young adults aged 16 to 26.

The Board of Directors of the Empire State Special Needs Experience is committed to expanding the camping programs for the Special Needs population. The Board also hopes to expand the use of Lions Camp Badger by other groups and encourage other organizations to operate programs at the camp. One such group, Project New Hope, operates several weekends for returning veterans and their families.

Lion Tom reiterated *"This is our camp. No outside party is affiliated with the camp"*. He talked about renovations and construction projects which have occurred at the camp. He thanked the Lions Clubs for their help with those projects. However, he stated *"The reality of the camp is that it is 3 hours from Albany. How do you help? Financially. Donations help the camp function and the camp welcomes any support you can give"*.

In 2024 the camp will expand its experience to include families. The campers vary in age from 6 to 69+. They want to make the camp available for anyone who needs it.

The camp recognized two clubs for their outstanding service to the facility. One was the Spencer-Candor Lions Club and the second was the Town of Greenfield Lions club. The Town of Greenfield Lions Club has a weekend every year where some volunteer drive down to the camp and work on whatever the camp needs at the time.

Congratulations to the Town of Greenfield Lions Club on your outstanding Service!

If anyone wants to go down to provide service to the camp, they have a lake house which has a kitchen which you can stay in.

Winter Cabinet Meeting Announcement: - DG Pricilla Laurin (Chazy)

Lion Pricilla informed the attendees that the next cabinet meeting will be the second Saturday in February and it will be in Saratoga Springs at the Holiday Inn. More information will follow. If you are going to the next cabinet meeting, please RSVP to the upcoming invitation to the cabinet meeting.

Thank You: - DG Pricilla Laurin (Chazy)

DG Pricilla thanked all attendees for signing cards at the sign in table for the soldiers. Her holiday card bag will be sent out after the meeting by PDG Milledge Smith.

Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

ID Ron Keller Presentations: - ID Ron Keller (Youngstown, Ohio) and DG Pricilla (Chazy)

ID Ron and DG Pricilla presented three Lions with the ID Certificate of Appreciation. Those Lions are: Lion Gerald Gordon (Albany-Troy), Lion Jim Winkler (Clinton) and Lion Eric Unislawski (Greater Johnstown).

Congratulations Lions Gerald, Jim and Eric!

Childhood Cancer Committee Update: - Lion Diane Lange (Ballston Spa)

Lion Diane greeted the attendees by stating how proud she is to be the childhood cancer chairperson for our district. She is even more proud of the Lions of 20W. We have sponsored 3 families to go to Krantz Cottage so far this year. To sponsor a family, it is \$500. If you are interested contact Lion Diane. She thanked the three clubs that have helped sponsor families so far.

We have a Lion in the district who has made a make-a-wish come true. The wish was from a little girl. She wanted to ride a unicorn. This Lion had a white horse and he made it a unicorn for the girl to ride.

We have two clubs who adopt families during the holidays. Lion Diane will have another list of families soon.

Numerous clubs have helped provide gas and food cards to the Melody Center and Ronald McDonald House.

We have had some Lions knit scarves and hats which are greatly appreciated

So far this year we have raise \$4,235 for the Ronald McDonald House alone.

Lion Diane asked us to remember February 13. This is childhood cancer awareness day. She challenges clubs to do something special on February 13th. See what fits your community. Our communities are all different. We can make whatever we do stand out by noting those differences.

Lion Diane mentioned kids sight programs. She urged Lions to make sure we help out getting vision screenings to preschools to help our youth. She mentioned a boy who had a vision screening from one of the clubs in 20W and found out he had eye cancer.

She went on to mention blood donations through blood draw organizations and how important they are for some patients. Clubs are asked to consider blood drives to help support those people who need blood.

Lion Diane recommended fundraisers at local restaurants to help fund places like the Ronald McDonald House.

Clubs were asked to get their tail twisters involved in childhood cancer to raise awareness.

Lion Diane mentioned the need for hotel size toiletries and gift cards at the melody center.

She mentioned a little girl named Avery who has a brain tumor that she is keeping in her prayers, Jazzy (another young girl who was a Ronald McDonald house patient) is home and doing well and JJ (a little boy who is a patient at the melody center) proudly has a 100% in his spelling class and is still eager to receive mail. If you would like to know how to send JJ a card, please contact Lion Diane.

Clubs are asked to remember Logan from Logan Strong in Scotia-Glenville. This is a fundraiser to help a little boy who has been on a feeding tube for seven years. The pediatricians believe it is a good time to introduce him to nutrition. The problem with this is the closest place to have this done is in Georgia. To make this happen, they would need to stay there a month. Insurance doesn't cover that. The family needs help and is asking for Logan. Lion Diane asked clubs to contact her if they would like to reach out to help Logan and his family.

Lion Diane concluded by thanking everyone for all they have done and continue to do to help against childhood cancer.

Lions Eye Bank: - Lion Elizabeth Stano (Town of Greenfield)

Lion Elizabeth thanked ID Ron Keller for his visit and the new Lions from SUNY Albany for creating their club.

She then updated attendees on November being eye donor month. This has made the month busy for the eye bank and they have had many events to raise awareness. The lions eye bank has been able to provide 1,000 corneas for transplant this year alone. We have donated \$87,000 in macular degeneration research.

The eye bank is changing the rules to eye donation. Eyes can be donated regardless of race, color, creed or age all eyes can be accepted because the health of our eyes has improved and the cell count has gone up.

Our eye bank is now able to service 21 other countries. Other countries are now accepting our cornea donations.

The eye bank is having its holiday raffle and tickets are \$20. If you are interested in tickets contact Lion Elizabeth.

Lion Elizabeth Mentioned the Vision of hope award. She hopes clubs will buy one for a deserving Lion to help the eye bank.

New Lions Website: - Lion Gerald Gordon (Albany – Troy)

The new website is in the tail end of the process to make streamlined and consistent sites across multiple sites. The new site will be NorthernNYLions.org.

This process will also create an e-mail for district officers which can be transferred to the next officer rather than using our own personal e-mails. Lion Gerald will keep the district apprised of the changes to the site and e-mails as they come up.

Lions International Foundation talk #2: - IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

IPDG Ricky talked about the importance of supporting the lions eye institute. Grants are more likely to go to you if the foundation is familiar with you. Also, all overhead is paid by interest on the Foundation account. All money put into the Foundation is used by Lions in grants. Legacy Lions and donating Lions are important to the sustainability of the Foundation. Become a donor or a set yourself up to be a legacy donor. IPDG Ricky went on to tell attendees of the 50/50 raffle tickets he is selling for \$10 a piece or six tickets for \$50. If you are interested in the raffle or the Foundation contact IPDG Ricky.

Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation: - IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

IPDG Ricky told attendees the Brandel Youth foundation is the same way as the International Foundation. Support the foundation and the foundation is more likely to support you. To learn more about the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation you can look up the Foundation online though our site.

Lions Eye Institute Albany Foundation – IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

IPDG Ricky talked on the cutting-edge nature of the eye institute and how 5,000 people apply to be resident doctors at the Institute and only three residents are chosen.

New York and Bermuda Lions Foundation: - IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

IPDG Ricky talked on the matching grants which the foundation has and how they will match up to \$5,000. If you would like more information on this contact IPDG Ricky.

IPDG Ricky Laurin's Brochure request: -IPDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy)

Lion Ricky mentioned his request to clubs to update their brochures. He had a wonderful response from 10 clubs and is hoping to get more.

Addition to Lions International Foundation – PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne)

PDG mentioned to the attendees the best way to donate to LCIF is to donate under empowering service. This way the donation goes to the area of most need rather than sitting in account for one project.

Lions Hearing Conservation Society – PDG Lion Rick Brisee (Waterford)

Lion Rick talked about a cornerstone project of the committee which is the affordable hearing aids unitive. This is the way the Society orders the hearing aids at discount and helps the clubs which request hearing aids get the hearing aids which they need to have to answer hearing requests. With the end of hearing aid recycling the Society lost one of the biggest sources of income to pay for the hearing aids. They have created an award to be given to leaders in the community who hear a need and answer the need in a community. This award is \$300 and is called the PDG Joan Scott Leadership Award.

Congratulations PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne)!

Lions NY Alert Foundation: - PDG Rick Brisee (Waterford)

PDG Rick informed the attendees the 20W Alert Foundation is in Novembers Lions Magazine and the article describes how the Alert Foundation helped Long Lake Ny in the flooding which occurred there earlier this year. This is a great way to learn how the Alert Foundation works.

Grant Application from Lion Eva Bass: - Lion Eva Bass (Albany-Troy)

Lion Eva has a mentorship program for disenfranchised families in Albany-Troy area. She has applied for a grant for Lions Quest to be part of the mentorship program she runs through a partner organization called "Bridge the Gap".

Lion Eva explained how the Lions Quest program would help the mentorship program and recommended the Lions Quest training to any Lion who is interested as it helps with social, emotional and family support skills for those organizations who provide direct service to the public.

Camp Abilities Saratoga Update: - PDG John MacDonald (Saratoga Springs)

PDG John informed the attendees of what the camp is. He explained how the camp help visually or hearing-impaired campers to have a summer camp experience and to enjoy athletics they may not otherwise. He mentioned how the camp is a Saratoga Springs project but any club can help to whatever degree they can help. He mentioned campers and their successes after attending the camp. The club is planning it's eleventh year currently. If you would like to help with the camp or want more information, contact PDG John.

Special Announcement: - PDG Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Lion Michele announced that the PDG Association has nominated DS Lion Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa) for the PDG Leadership Award at the New York Bermuda Convention in Binghamton NY.

Congratulations Lion Alex!

Special Speaker and Partner in Service: - Kitty Keller (Millersport, OH)

Lion Kitty told Attendees of how Lionism has changed her from a shy person to the leader that she is today. She explained how her Lions offices, such as president of her club, prepared her to be the spouse of an ID. Lion Kitty concluded by stating how happy she is that she is a Lion.

GET Report: - PDG Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Michelle welcomed the new SUNY Albany Lions Club to the district. She went on to describe more clubs who are ion the process of being created.

PDG Paula Flisnick (Holland Patent) is working on creating a Parkinson's specialty cub.

In January the district will be training 42 Lions in St Catherines Childrens Center for the Lions Quest Program they are implementing there. There will be a faculty Lions Club for the organization.

Lion Al is making a specialty club to deal with his ministry

Bolton Landing residents have requested information on Lions and would like to start a new club.

GMT Report #1: PDG Lion Michele Puleo O'Hare (Bethlehem)

PDG Michele talked to attendees about the Mission 1.5 membership drive. She spoke of not only attracting new members but retaining existing members.

PDG Michele will be sending out a club satisfaction survey in 2024 to all district members to check why people are happy any why they are not. Lion Michele is going to ask that all members submit the survey back to her upon completion. This process was created because retention is a big problem for us as a district and we need to be better about retaining our members.

If you just lost members and still have their contact information, you can send the survey to them as well. Their input can be extremely important because they left for a specific reason.

PDG Michele is also asking clubs that have not done a community needs assessment in the last 5 years to do an assessment either this year or next year. This is to keep our clubs up to date with the community around us.

PCC Mark Whitney could not make it to the meeting in person and asked Michele to let the district that he has officer and District training programs coming up soon. He will also be running a training course for PDG mentors as well. If you are interested, contact PDG Michele or PCC Mark.

GMT Report: PDG Lion Ed Stano (Town of Greenfield)

Nov. 4, 2023

Hello Members of District 20W,

As of Oct, 30, 2023 the District is showing a net loss of 16 members. We did add 17 new members but lost 33. We all still need every club to try to end the year with a plus 1 or be unchanged from the start of the year.

We still need every club to appoint a membership chairperson.. This is an extremely important position and it needs to be filled to help you be successful. The second step is the retention of our existing members. Historically, we lose more members than we bring in to be Lions. You need to work to make sure all members are energized in your club to accomplish more service to your community. Service is why we joined Lions. The third step is to utilize the help of your district leadership team. Reach out to your Zone Chairs or to me to help you. When your Zone Chair contacts you, please cooperate with him or her. Attend zone meetings. They are the first leadership link to the clubs. But as I mentioned, you may reach out directly to me and I will work with you to get you whatever help you need to increase your membership and keep your members.

More clubs need to try to use the Global Membership Approach. I'll be calling some of the clubs to hopefully meet with you and discuss the SWOT process. This should provide you with a means to assess your clubs performance.

I hope to accompany the Governor on visitations to get to know more of you personally. There are more steps we need to take, but if everyone can consider the issues I have cited, we can make sure we finish the year in a positive fashion! If anyone thinks they can help start a new club, please contact me and we will work together to make that happen. We are currently working on two prospective clubs.

YIL,

PDG Ed Stano

Home phone – 518-893-7150

Cell phone – 518-879-5757

Email – estanojr@nycap.rr.com

District 20W Diabetes Update: - PDG Ed Stano (Town of Greenfield)

PDG Ed explained that there are certified diabetes aides (not doctors) throughout the district and he is one of them. Though every club should have a diabetes chair, some don't. If you are interested in diabetes information, contact PDG Ed and he can put you in contact with your local diabetes guide.

GST Report: - PDG Milledge Smith (Gouverneur)

PDG Milledge talked to the attendees on the importance of reporting. He reiterated the importance of reporting in our Leos clubs. Lions international doesn't know what our Leos are up to we need to change that. LCI uses our reporting to get funds from other partner foundations. Those organizations need to see how we use our money.

The reporting is also how our communities learn who we are and what we do. Don't forget your reports.

Presentation of bags, flags, pins and banners:

- ID Ron Keller and Lion Kitty Keller (Millersport, OH)

ID Ron and Lion Kitty Keller handed pins and flags to some Lions who impacted their visit to our district.

Congratulations to those who received bags, flags, pins and/or banners.

Presentation for ID Ron Keller: - DG Pricilla (Chazy)

DG Pricilla presented ID Ron Keller with a bag of New York Themed items to remind him of our district. She also announced that district 20W has made a donation in ID Ron Kellers name to LCIF.

50/50 and Auction: - DG Pricilla (Chazy)

The meeting closing began with a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle.

After the basket raffle there was an auction for several more baskets. The money for the raffle helped to offset the cost to the district of the meeting.

Peace Poster Winner 2023: - PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne)

PDG Joan announced the winner of the peace poster contest is the poster from Hadley-Luzerne.

Congratulations to the winner!

DG Pricilla's Closing Remarks:

1. DG Pricilla thanked everyone for being at the meeting
2. DG Pricilla thanked ID Ron and Lion Kitty Keller for being at the meeting
3. DG Pricilla thanked PDG James Griffith for being the MC for the event
4. DG Pricilla shared a quote from Og Mandino *"Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."* She encouraged us to reach out to other communities and create more clubs.
5. DG Pricilla asked for volunteers to step up and fill the open positions at the district level.
6. DG Pricilla took a minute to recognize DS Lion Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa), Lion Megan Guilmette (Ballston Spa) and Lion Jim Cypher (Glens Falls). These Lions completed the Lions Leadership Institute a week prior to the cabinet meeting. Congratulations DS Alex, Lion Megan and Lion Jim! DG Pricilla went on to tell the district that they can nominate more candidates next year if they see a Lion or Lions who are active in leadership roles.
7. DG Pricilla reiterated that the convention for New York and Bermuda is in Binghamton in May. If you are interested, book rooms soon. They are selling fast.
8. DG Pricilla let attendees know more information about the 2026 convention will be shared as it develops.
9. DG Pricilla shared the word Growth. She spoke to attendees about the need to continually grow and how important it is to allow growth to happen.

Meeting adjourned: - PDG James Griffith

With no other business to come before the board James Griffith adjourned the meeting a 4:00pm

Supporting Documentation: - DS Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa)

Starting on the next page, I have attached the following documents:

The flyers for the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Cruise.

MD20W NY Alert Foundation Bucket Sponsorship Form

MD20W NY Alert Foundation Informational Trifold

Lions Camp Badger Trifold

The application for becoming a New York Bermuda Lions Foundation Trustee

New York Bermuda Lions Foundation Information Packet

Region and Zone Report: - DS Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa)

The region and zone report follows the supporting documentation



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Additional \$500 is due **before** February 28, 2024.

Final Payment: Due before May 15, 2024. All Payments are **non-refundable** after May 15, 2024.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
BRANDEL-MURPHY YOUTH FOUNDATION

For more information or to print the registration form, visit us online at:
BrandelMurphyFoundation.org
or email:

WeCare@BrandelMurphyFoundation.org

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New Jersey

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Orlando (Port
Canaveral),
Florida

→ Cruising →

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CocoCas,
Bahamas

→ Cruising →

Nassau,
Bahamas

→ Cruising →

Cruising →

Cape Liberty,
New Jersey



Dear Friends and Family,

Our 2022 Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation CRUISE was a huge success!
Now we are very excited to announce our **2024 BMYF Cruise** on the
beautiful Royal Caribbean Ship...



"Symphony of the Seas"



This ship is a "sailing resort"!

Sailing will be on October 13, 2024 for 7 nights, departing out of Northern
New Jersey, combining great ports with days at sea. This cruise is as much
about what this incredible SHIP has to offer as it is about the PORTS
where it docks!

Please review the information on this flyer so you can register. Invite your
family and friends to sail with us. It will be an amazing getaway!

Additional information and the registration form can be found on the
Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation website:

<http://brandelmurphyfoundation.org>

Please print the registration form and mail it with your check to:

PDG Terri Oster
139 Broadway
West Hempstead, NY 11552

Any questions, contact us at:
845-489-1578

Wecare@brandelmurphyfoundation.org

We look forward to your joining us on board the

"Symphony of the Seas."

BMYF LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thank you for your support of the Alert Foundation.
If you have any questions please contact us. kclarkmd20@gmail.com



Lions of MD 20 Alert Foundation

7643 Park Ave.
Lowville, NY 13367



Sponsor a cleaning bucket

Your club can sponsor a cleaning bucket. These buckets are filled with cleaning supplies and will be sent out to disaster areas as needed. Your club can have their name on a bucket or two or ten and then anywhere that we send it, people there will know that your club is supporting them in their time of need.

We just need your club name and district as you want them on the label along with your payment of \$40 per bucket.

Club Name: _____

District: _____ **Paid:** _____

**Check payable to: Lions of MD20 Alert
Foundation**

Mail check and this form to:

Kelly Clark 7643 Park Ave., Lowville, NY 13367

Kentucky Tornado Relief Effort



Loading in NY



Mayfield, KY devastation
Unloading in Kentucky



Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation exists because of the members of MD20 and LCIF. To volunteer with us please contact PDG Rick Brisee rbrisee@hotmail.com. Please consider a donation from your club to the Alert Foundation. The work we do is important and could make a difference in your community in the future.

Donations may be made by sending a check payable to:

Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation
7643 Park Ave.
Lowville, NY 13367



Lions of MD20 Alert Foundation





The shelves are full right now. Don't they look organized?

Volunteers filling the shelves.



Loaded for Kentucky.
Loading up with supplies



We have been lucky that our services have not been requested in NY but we did deliver generators to South Carolina a few years ago and then supplies to Mayfield, Kentucky last December after tornadoes ravaged the town.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion"



Finding all the supplies

Loaded and ready for delivery



Kentucky Lions at drop off



...for Special People!



CONTACT US

Lions Camp Badger is operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc., a 501c3 not for profit corporation and a project of the Lions Clubs of New York State and Bermuda



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LIONS CAMP BADGER



A Special Place...





Lions Camp Badger is a residential summer camp for individuals with special needs. We offer individualized camper-centered programming through a wide-array of activities. We believe in the capabilities of our campers and use a positive approach to help them reach their fullest potential.

LIONS CAMP BADGER 2024 SESSIONS

June 30-July 5	Young Adult Badgers (ages 18-25)	This session for our youngest adults is full of action and includes activities such as music, swimming, fishing, boating, arts & crafts, athletics, and evening programs.
July 7-12	Buddy Badgers 1:1 (ages 6 - 55+)	This program offers 1:1 staff support for campers who benefit from maximum physical or behavioral assistance. The pace is slower and the environment quieter, allowing campers who find larger groups challenging to succeed in this smaller, supported setting.
July 14-19	Senior Badgers I (ages 18+)	Recommended for ages 26-40, but all over 18 are welcome. Our "middle" adults enjoy all of the traditional camp activities, plus more opportunities for individual choices in programming. Social events are a big part of our week!
July 21-23	Family Camp 1 For families with children mostly under 18	Bring your family to camp! Each family has their own cabin and we provide staff support for activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, etc.
July 24-26	Family Camp 2 For families with children mostly under 18	Family Camp is fully inclusive and open to person(s) with a disability, their siblings, parents/caregivers and an additional support person if needed. Enjoy networking with other families and an opportunity to bond with yours!
July 28-Aug 2	Junior Badgers (Children's Camp) (ages 6-17 only)	Our youngest campers will be placed in cabins by age, and the program is carefully structured to keep them busy and engaged. They will enjoy all things "camp", such as swimming, boating, cookouts, music, arts and crafts, social time, and athletics.
Aug 4-9	Senior Badgers II (ages 18+)	Recommended for ages 41-60+, but all over 18 are welcome. Our oldest adults enjoy all of the traditional camp activities, plus more opportunities for individual choices in programming. Quite often, they enjoy assisting with community service projects and planning their own social activities. The pace of this group tends to be a bit slower as compared to the younger groups.
1) July 7-12 2) Aug 4-9	Vocational Food Service Program (18+)	Returning campers ages 18+ may join us to learn employment and food service skills. Campers must be able to function within a 4:1 camper to counselor setting. Campers will receive food service instruction and training during the day in addition to regular programming in the afternoons and evenings. Spots are limited.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled individuals.

PROGRAMMING

We offer sessions to meet the needs of campers with intellectual and functional differences.

Our campers enjoy swimming, arts & crafts, music, athletics, boating, fishing, cooking, clubs, hobbies and special events.

Some favorite special events may include: Dance, Magician, Yoga, Archery, wildlife lessons from DEC.

TESTIMONIALS

"Thank you to the staff at Camp Badger for making it possible for my son to simply enjoy being a kid! This is an amazingly beautiful camp, where my son had the support and encouragement to both be himself and also grow as a person."

"My son had a ball! He loved every minute of his experience! Well organized and extremely well run. The staff members were extremely well prepared!"





NYS & BLF NOMINATION FORM

YOUR NAME _____

District 20- Club Name _____

Years as a Lion: _____ years

To help identify qualified, committed Lions to serve on the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, current Trustees may submit nominations for consideration.

In addition, any Lion in MD20 in good standing in a club in good standing may complete an application to be considered for one of the **11** open positions for the 20__ - 20__ Lion's year. Paperwork must be completed and submitted by February 1, 20__ to Trustee _____ at _____.

Attach the following documentation/information to your application:

- Business or Professional and Lion Background
- List Foundations served on and title held

Please complete the following:

Rate yourself in the following areas:

COMPETENCY	MINIMAL	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXPERT
Budget Development					
Financial Record Keeping					
Audit Procedures					
Evaluating Grants					
Strategic Planning					
Marketing (PR)					
Not-For-Profit Governance					
Experience Writing Bylaws/Policy Manual					
Legacy/Memorial Programs					
Computer Skills					
Fundraising Knowledge/Background					
Investment Policy Development					
Comfort with Social Media & Websites					

Why are You interested in being a member of the board of trustees?

Trustees are expected to attend four Foundation meetings per year and the annual meeting at the MD20 convention (if in attendance). Can you commit to this? _____

Trustees may be required to dedicate sufficient time outside of Foundation meetings to move the Foundation forward. Can you commit to this? _____

Are you willing to promote the New York State and Bermuda Foundation in your district (club visits, cabinet meetings, district convention, newsletters, etc.)?

PLEASE NOTE: I certify that I am not endorsed or serving as an International Officer or currently serving as District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor.

I further agree that I support the goals and philosophy of the NYS & BLF, especially the strategic and planned growth of the Foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print Name of Applicant

Date



NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOMINATION ENDORSEMENT

1. A candidate for Trustee needs the endorsement of five (5) Lions Clubs in the District the Trustees will represent. Complete the petition form below and have it certified by the President or Secretary of those Lions Clubs. The candidate must be an active, dues paid member of a Lions Club in the District that they are to represent. A Lions Club can only endorse the number of candidates to fill the open positions of Trustee in any given year.
2. The nominating petition may be submitted in an electronic mail format. Each endorsement, a total of six (6) (of which one (1) must be the home club secretary,) must be attached to the candidate's original petition form, which lists the candidates name, address, phone number, club name and district. The candidate's email address shall be evidence of, and serve as the signature of the candidate. The date and time on the submitted electronic mailing shall be accepted as proof of time of submission.
3. Any active Lion may submit a petition to the Nominations and Elections Committee for verification and placement on the appropriate Sub-District ballot. There will be no limitations on the number of candidates that may submit petitions.
4. The entire Nomination Packet, including this petition must be completed and returned by the deadline to be considered for presentation on the ballot at the next MD20 convention.
5. Nomination packet, hard copy or electronic mail, shall be submitted to the current nomination and election committee chair, and must be submitted by the candidate two months (60 days) before the annual MD20 convention.

ENDORSEMENTS

SIGNATURES

PRINT: TITE & ENDORSERS NAME

Club Name

Date

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I, Lion _____, residing _____
with phone number _____, Candidate for Trustee of the New York State and Bermuda
Lions Foundation, Inc., have read and complied with the Nomination Procedures above. I assert that
I am an active and dues paid member of the _____ Lions Club
of District 20- _____

Signature of the Home Club Secretary

Signature of the Candidate

Print Name of Home Club Secretary

Print Name of the Candidate

Return this form no later than March 4, 2024 (60 days before the annual State Convention) to:



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A NYS&BLF TRUSTEE

- I. Educate yourself about the Foundation by reading and understand Foundation materials
- A. Constitution & By-Laws – which will be emailed to all trustees by August 1st and will also be available on the NYS & BLF website.

- B. Policy Manual
- C. History of the Foundation
- D. Brochures and Pamphlets
 - 1. RJU Distinguished Service Award
 - 2. MD 20's Service Multiplier
 - 3. Grant Application
 - 4. Shared giving
 - 5. Understand grant procedures

- II. Fulfill a Trustee's fiduciary responsibilities to the Foundation, the Lions and the Public it serves.

Information for Directors of NYS Not-For-Profit corporations is presented in the NYS Attorney

General's Guidance Document 2015-6, the 1.0 (May 15, 2015) "Right from the Start: Responsibilities of Directors for Not-for-Profit Corporations"

- A. Be familiar with and understand the NYS & BLF mission
 - 1. Confirm that the mission statement corresponds to the purpose described in its certificate of incorporation and application for tax exemption.
 - 2. All actions by the Board of Trustees shall conform to the mission and mission statement.

- B. Understand and perform a Trustee's legal duties. A synopsis of document 2015-6, V1.0 follows.

- 1. DUTY OF CARE: The duty of care requires a Trustee to be familiar with The Foundation's finances and activities and to participate regularly in its governance.
 - a. Assuring the Foundation is operating in compliance with the law.
 - b. Attending and participating in Board and Committee meetings.
 - c. Reviewing all minutes and reports.
 - d. Ensuring processes for approval of major obligations are in place.
 - e. Ensuring quarterly financial reports are available.

- 2. DUTIES OF LOYALTY: Trustees are charged with the duty to act in the Interest of the Foundation.
 - a. Disclose conflicts of interest (real or possible).
 - b. Sign annually a statement that identifies entities in which you serve as an officer, director, trustee, member or employee and with which the foundation has a relationship as well as any transaction of a non-profit in which the trustee might have a conflict of interest.

- 2. DUTY OF OBEDIENCE: A trustee has a duty to ensure that the foundation complies with applicable laws and regulations, its mission and its internal governance documents and policies including:
 - a. Dedicating the Foundations resources to its mission.

- b. Ensuring that the Foundation carries out its purpose and not engage in unauthorized activities.
- c. Complying with all appropriate laws, including registering and filing annual financial reports with the NYS Attorney General's Charities Bureau and filing required financial forms to the IRS.
- d. Providing copies of the Foundations applications for tax exempt status (IRS Form 1023), Federal reports (IRS forms 990, 990 E-Z) and its financial reports filed with the Attorney General's Charities Bureau to members of the public.

C. Document 215-6 Version 1.0 is available for review at

<https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/directors-notforprofit-corporations.pdf>

III. Educate Lions and others about foundation

A. District

- 1. Make presence known to DG & VDGs.
- 2. Have names in directory
- 3. Place articles in District newsletter
- 4. Attend cabinet meeting
- 5. Make presentation at each cabinet meeting
- 6. Be aware of grant proposals in your district
- 7. Explain grant procedures to District
- 8. Assist in grant check presentations.
- 9. Assist in RJU Presentations

B. Clubs

- 1. Visit clubs
- 2. Show videos and make presentations
- 3. Distribute pamphlets

IV. Promote the foundation financial fundraisers - such as, but not limited to:

A. Spring Raffle

B. Planned giving program

- 1. Bequest
- 2. Memorial Gift
- 3. Honorarium

C. Memberships

- 1. Foundation Member Club
- 2. Contributing Member

D. RJU Distinguished Service Award

V. Physical role in Foundation

- A. Attend foundation meetings regularly.
- B. Know committee duties and responsibilities
- C. Perform jobs assigned to you.
- D. Have new ideas
- E. Know political structure of Foundation
- F. Help in the management and transacting of Foundation business
- G. Assist the Officers and Executive Board when needed

VI. Grants

- A. one of the three district trustees shall review grant applications from their district and confirm proper applications and completeness. The trustee's signature on the grant application is required to confirm a correct and complete application

Types of Standard Grants

Humanitarian Grants:

Humanitarian Service Grants may be issued for permanent communal programs or institutes which satisfy humanitarian needs in harmony with the objectives of Lionism.

Vocational Assistance Grants:

Vocational Assistance Grants may be issued for programs meeting a broad range of educational and training programs which provide a means for people to become self-supporting or to improve upon their economic and social well-being. Funds shall not be granted to individuals for such purposes.

Operational Grants:

Operational Grants will provide supplemental funding for day to day operational needs of supported activities. These grants need 75% approval of the duly constituted Board of Trustees.

Please note

Not all of the grant regulations are listed in this brochure. It is highly recommended that applicants work closely with their District Trustees to help insure a successful grant application.

Grant Proposals

Grant proposals may originate from any Foundation Trustee on behalf of any club or district in MD20. The proposal must certify the significance of the need, the social value and the operational feasibility of the project.

Cabinet certification is required for all standard grants applications and is to be evidenced by the submission of the minutes of the cabinet meeting at which the application was certified.

All standard grants require matching funds.

The completed grant application must be received by the Foundation 30 days in advance of the next Foundation meeting.

No more than one grant will be made per sub-district at any given trustees meeting.

NYS&BLF grant funds are intended for projects in the development stages or for projects in progress. NYS&BLF grant funds are not intended to repay loans or establish reserve funds.

The grant application must be reviewed and signed by one (1) off the three (3) district NYS&BLF Trustees.

The grant recipient must close the grant by submitting a thorough report upon the completion of the project to the Secretary of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation.

NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION



Standard Grant Application

New York State and Bermuda Lions Found
P.O. Box 445
Glen Head, NY. 11545

www.nysblf.org



New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation Standard Grant Application

Standard Grant Application This grant application is to be fully filled out and all questions answered or the grant will be sent back as incomplete. Attach additional page where required. The grant application must be received at the Foundation office at least 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting. Grants received after the 30 day deadline has passed will be reviewed at the next following Board of Trustee meeting.

The signed and fully completed grant application along with all attachments including one (1) copy of the complete cabinet minutes must be submitted in one package. If the cabinet minutes will not be available to permit a timely submission of the completed application to the Foundation, the Cabinet Secretary may submit a form to affirm that the grant application has been certified by the Cabinet. This form still is subject to the 30 day rule and must be included in the application package. The form is available for download on the NYS&BLF website (<https://www.nysblf.org>). Please note: The full cabinet minutes must still be submitted when available. Checks for successful grants will not be released until the full cabinet minutes are received.

1. District or Club applying for grant: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Name of contact person: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
4. Name of Club President or District Governor: _____
5. Other Club Officers/District Officers: Attach additional sheet.
6. What project will the grant be used for? Attach a description and detailed plan of the project. Describe existing conditions and give detailed reasons justifying the project. Include description of the project, blueprints, brochures and photographs.
7. Total cost of the project: _____
8. Grant amount requested: _____
9. Amount of matching funds available: _____
10. Estimated number of individuals to be served by the project: _____
11. Geographical area to be served: _____
12. Impact on community if the project is not implemented: Attach additional sheet.
13. Timetable for implementation: _____
14. Describe how the project will be identified as a Lions supported program. Describe promotional plans. Attach sheet.
15. Cabinet meeting minutes in their entirety showing certification of the grant application must be submitted. Attach sheet.
16. If approved, who should grant check be made payable to? _____
What address should it be mailed to? _____

Signature of District Trustee: _____ Date: _____

A grant may not be open more than 180 days without grants committee approval and there can only be two (2) open grants from each district at one time. Grant applications must be sent via USPS and addressed to:

New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation
P.O. Box 445
Glen Head, NY, 11545

Office use only: Grant number: _____ Date received at office: _____

Emergency Grants may be issued in response to documented natural disasters, caused by significant mortality, injuries, property damage and loss, population displacement or any substantial combination of these.

Full description of the emergency and needs shall be included with the request. You should document the nature of the emergency by including media descriptions (newspaper clips etc.) It is important that you describe the needs as best as possible and how you plan to spend the money.

Sitting District Governors may apply for an emergency grant.

The maximum amount that may be applied for is \$2500.00.

Net certification and matching funds are not required.

The completed grant may be mailed to the address on the front or emailed to: nysblf@gmail.com

MISSION STATEMENT

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that assists in the support of charitable efforts of Lions Clubs throughout New York State and Bermuda. The Foundation solely or in conjunction with Lions Clubs, foundations and other organizations, provides its assistance through a grant process or through direct or indirect programs and services with an emphasis on sight, hearing and humanitarian services.

NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION



Emergency Grant Application

New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation
P.O. Box 445
Glen Head, NY 11545

www.nysblf.org



New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation Emergency Grant Application

Emergency Grant Application

This grant application is to be fully filled out and all questions answered or the grant will be sent back as incomplete. Attach additional pages where required. The request for an emergency grant must be submitted by the sitting District Governor within 30 days of the disaster.

District applying for grant: _____

District Address: _____

District Governor's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Full description of the emergency and needs. Document the nature of the emergency by including media descriptions (Newspaper clips etc.). It is important to describe the needs as best as possible and how the funds will be spent. (Attach additional page)

Amount of grant requested (\$2,500 max): _____

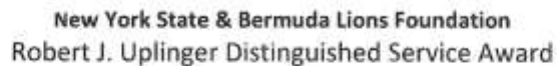
It is understood that a final report of grant completion must be submitted by the District Governor to the Secretary of the Foundation within 180 days of receipt of the grant funds.

District Governor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Office use only

Date received by office: _____



Please engrave the plaque as follows (**Please clearly print the text you would like to appear on the plaque, in 20 words or less**).

Date of Your Event: (MM/DD/YYYY) RJU # if known:

QUESTIONS: Call 516-445-4144

Date Received: _____ Date Ordered: _____ Deliver by: _____

**For information on our clubs by Region and Zone see the
“Region and Zone Report” which begins on the next page**



Cabinet Meeting

November 4th 2023

Region and Zone Report

Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs

232 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

November 4, 2023

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 20-W

2023- 2024

REGION "L" SUMMARY

CABINET MEETING #2 REPORT

CLINTON:

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Between 8 – 11 members continue to volunteer in all types of weather with other community members at our local food pantry loading donated & procured food into client's trunks in drive-by fashion.
- Collected 45 pounds from members attending second club meeting of October at hunger service request of District Hunger Chairman. Items were delivered to our local food pantry. This service effort will continue throughout the year.
- Club supported Eye Bank at Albany through purchase of 20 tickets (\$400) for annual fundraising raffle.
- Four club members joined other community volunteers at our local chapter of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* for two hours in building 28 beds for needy kids so they don't have to sleep on the floor.
- Collected 450 pair of eyeglasses and gave them to IPDG Ricky for transportation to recycling center in New Jersey.
- Presented local optometrist (Towpath Vision Care) with RJU Distinguished Service Award for professional eyecare services provided to residents of Mohawk Valley at their Utica & Ilion locations. They also assist local Lions provide evaluations & eyeglasses to needy people in their areas.
- Twelve club members attended DG Priscilla's Joint Club Visitation with us, Utica, Deerfield and Sauquoit Valley where she inducted four new members – two into our club & two into Sauquoit Valley.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Continue collecting food staples for country from members attending bi-monthly meetings.
- Continue monthly assistance at local food pantry.
- Organize Salvation Army Holiday Red Kettle Campaign & recruit community bell ringers (Campaign commences on Thanksgiving).
- Begin recognizing local high school Student of the Month in November.
- Conduct annual club White Cane Drive the week end before Christmas at two locations in village.
- Commence collecting numbers for ordering Lions Eye Institute Chocolate Bunny sales (Easter's early).

DEERFIELD:**ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:**

- Attended DG Priscilla's Joint Visitation with the Clinton, Utica and Sauquoit Valley Lions at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit, NY on October 12th.

GREATER HERKIMER:**ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:**

- Held very successful Golf Tournament in September – top three financially in 37-year history of event. This is major fundraising activity of club for entire year.
- As result of Golf Tournament proceeds, club made over \$4,000 in community donations including \$500 to CABVI, \$150 to CABVI's Dining in the Dark Fundraiser, Mohawk Valley Challengers (flag football program for individuals with special needs), Family Life Recovery (area program aimed to prevent suicide in youth & young adults) and the Abraham House (local respite residence for terminally ill).
- Participated in Lions Eye Bank at Albany annual fundraiser.
- Donated to local Rotary for purchase of turkeys for Thanksgiving for the food insecure families in their area and to the local Elks for sponsorship of their annual Car Show Fundraiser in support of the area-wide Thanksgiving Feast.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Will be making annual donation of \$150 to Hospice Holiday Fundraiser.
- Will be procuring raffle tickets for the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation that they recently received
- Contributing \$1,000 to Gram Lorraine Society for the purchase of Christmas gifts & winter clothing for the needy children of the community and assist in the wrapping of the purchased gifts for delivery.
- Looking into spearheading state/local project to paint CSX overhead bridge leading into village from the south (will attempt to affix some type of Lions signage to repainted bridge).

HOLLAND PATENT:

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Have been accessing needs of community to determine future areas to concentrate their activities & recruitment efforts.
- Have welcomed seven new members into club over the last two years (three of whom will be inducted by DG Priscilla at her upcoming visitation to the club).
- Continue to distribute Coloring Books locally at all club functions and around the community.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Looking to help needy area families enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season.
- Will welcome DG Priscilla at her upcoming Club Visitation on November 7th.

MARCY TELEPHONE:

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Recently installed club officers for upcoming Lions year.
- Continue to mourn the loss of very active member Barb Kirwin).
- Individual members have been carrying out their own service projects personally assisting people in need in their own residences and areas of employment.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Attendance at the upcoming Cabinet Meeting via Zoom.
- Welcoming two new members from the Rochester, NY area.
- Holding their annual Christmas Fundraiser.
- Donating to LCIF, earmarked for Disaster Relief.

NEW HARTFORD/NEW YORK MILLS/WHITESTOWN:

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Held regular meetings and welcomed DG Priscilla & IPDG Ricky to their first September meeting for the DG Priscilla's Club Visitation.
- Made \$100 contribution to LCIF earmarked for the wild fires in Maui.
- Held White Cane Days Fundraiser in concert with the Utica Lions at local supermarket. Club proceeds from their morning shift for two days in October amounted to \$760.
- Made donation to Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI) Winter Campabilities.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Will be once again be returning to Jay-K Lumber Company in November to increase their visibility by handing out club brochures/cards and selling tickets for a club raffle on a propane heater.
- Will conduct drawing for donated propane heater at club meeting on December 12th. Heater has been donated to club by Jay-K Lumber. Second & Third place winners will receive \$75. Tickets are \$5 each and can be obtained by contacting the club. Secretary will also be contacting regional Lions Clubs requesting support of raffle.
- Pursuing locations for eyeglass collection sites.

SAUQUOIT VALLEY:

ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Hosted DG Priscilla's Joint Club Visitation for Clinton, Deerfield, Utica and themselves on October 12th.
- Eleven club members joined other community volunteers at the local chapter of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* on October 17th to build 28 beds for needy children throughout the surrounding community. Held periodically throughout the year, these "bed builds" are part of a national organization whose motto is "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town".
- Enjoyed presentation from Sauquoit Community Foundation President at recent meeting explaining how organization assists many parts of the community & school district and made a donation to the cause.
- Initiated Peace Poster competition at local school district through Art Teacher. Club members selected top three posters by hidden ballot at recent meeting. These posters will be presented at Cabinet Meeting on November 4th to compete against other entries from around the district. Club will honor three local contestants at upcoming meeting.
- Club drew winner of annual "Where's the Beef" raffle at second September meeting Proceeds used to fund charitable donations & service projects throughout the year.
- Club made the following donations: Sponsorship of Tee at Herkimer Golf Tournament; Wounded Warrior in memory of Dan Bigos; LCIF (\$250); purchase five (5) Eye Bank at Albany raffle tickets @\$20; purchased three (3) NYS&BLF raffle tickets.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Food Drive for Thanksgiving for Friends & Neighbors (local organization providing food & clothing to needy).
- Lottery Tree for fundraising for Early Childhood Cancer Contribution at November Craft Show at local high school.
- Shop for homebound families for Christmas Holidays.
- Recognize/honor local Peace Poster Contest participants at bi-monthly meeting in December.
- Will assist Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to needy and contributing food to this cause.
- Promote sales of tickets for Lottery Ticket Tree at Sauquoit valley Fine Arts Craft Show (11/17 – 11/19). Tickets for the tree are supplied by individual club members with proceeds going to Golisano Children's Hospital for Early Childhood Cancer Research & care.
- Conduct and draw annual Holiday Raffle (limited number of tickets sold/9 winners - \$1,000 - \$50/price - \$50).
- Conduct Christmas Party on January 13th. Complete with guests, awards & Holiday Raffle Drawing.
- February begins planning for annual Palm Sunday (03/24/24) Pancake Breakfast.

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ACTIVITIES/DONATIONS:

- Representatives attended DG Priscilla's visitation to our region – some with the New Hartford/New York Mills/Whitestown (NH/NYM/Whit) Club and some with the Clinton Deerfield, Sauquoit Valley Lions Club.
- Shared time slots with NH/NYM/Whit. Lions in doing the White Cane Days Fundraiser at a local supermarket. Assisting them were volunteers from the Proctor High School Junior ROTC program and a non-Lion.
- PDG Ricky's Coloring Books were distributed during the White Cane Days Fundraiser along with club & International brochures and many used eyeglasses collected as well.
- Ongoing bottle & can redemption campaign at local redemption center continues.
- Continue collection of used eyeglasses from various locations throughout the community.

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES:

- Annual financial contribution and food staple donations the North Utica Senior Center at the holidays.
- Donating twenty-five (25) turkeys, canned goods and fruit to the Utica Fire Department at Thanksgiving for the food insecure in the area.
- Donation to the Utica Fire Department to purchase turkeys for the food insecure of the community at Thanksgiving.
- Will be making annual \$3.000 donation to the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired.
- Commence planning for the Centennial Charter Night Celebration in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Jim Winkler, Region Chair

Lions Club International Region I Report

Ballston Spa

Membership: 37 Lions

Activities Completed:

Our club has delivered snacks to the Ronald McDonald house to fill their snack closet.

We took part in the “The Way We Were Car Show” in the Village of Ballston Spa. There we sold hotdogs and drinks to the public attending the car show.

We worked with the Rotary on two projects to foster good will between our clubs. First, we had a joint project where both clubs took down bird houses for the town so the DPW could decorate for the holidays. Second, we worked with the Rotary to repaint fence posts at Kelly Park in the Village.

We have had our music park repaired by boy scouts for two Eagle Scout Projects. First, the stage was fixed so the performers at our park have electricity and a new railing along the back of the stage. Second, the spring basin was fixed to make tasting the mineral water from the spring easier. This same Eagle Scout created trash can covers with the Lions logo on it for our events.

We have worked with the Village Historical Society, Business Association and boy scouts to greenlight an Eagle Scout Project which has been completed. The village’s original sign board on Front Street in Ballston Spa had fallen into disrepair. The project was to restore the sign to what it was when it was first created. It’s completely redone and being used as it was when it first was created to leave information for the Village.

We gathered donations of hats and gloves from our members and handed them out to local churches for distribution to those who badly need them.

We have resurfaced our village signs at the three entrances to the Village to make them more visible.

We had one request for glasses which we forwarded to Lens Crafters to answer the need for glasses.

Upcoming events:

We have started planning for our 75th anniversary next year

We will begin gathering toys to give away locally to needy families in December.

We are planning our annual world service turkey dinner give away for local food pantries, which will be completed later this month.

Report for District Meeting

From: michael61sweet (michael61sweet@yahoo.com)

To: bklynbrn@att.net; rtownsen@nycap.rr.com

Date: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:50 AM EDT

I'm unable to use the reporting form that was emailed, but the reporting info is noted below.

Fonda-Fultonville members total 17.

On 9/14/23 we parked cars for the Fonda Speedway race.

On 10/11/23 we picked up garbage along a 2 mile stretch of STHWY 5S.

No further activities are currently planned.

Michael Sweet
Secretary, FFLC

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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LIST Service Activities started and/or completed since September 1, 2023:

- Concession Stand in support of Broadalbin Youth Commission Fall Soccer Program thru 10/28.
- Dedication of wishing well on grounds of Perth Town Hall on 10/28.
- Held Lions Orientation session at regular meeting of 10/26. In attendance: 11 Lions.
- Received \$145 from Pic-N-Nickel, ongoing container recycling program.
- Mayfield Backpack Food Pickup on 10/20.
- Conducted annual Coin Drop in Village of Broadalbin on 10/14; nearly \$1500 collected.
- Sorted 1600 pairs of eyeglasses on 10/10 for collection by PDG Ricky Laurin later that week.
- PDG Dick Ralston inducted Linda Swietlicki as the Club's newest Lion on 9/28.
- Sponsored fundraiser at Panera's in Amsterdam on 9/12.
- Club Golf Team participated in Johnstown Parent Teacher Student Association annual tournament on 9/9. Fundraiser supports activities of JPTSA and Johnstown School District.

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2023-April 2024):

- Fundraiser at Panera's/Amsterdam on Friday, 11/3.
- Mayfield Backpack Food Pickup on 11/20.
- Christmas Tree Wrapping Fundraiser at Bob's Trees, Galway on Saturday, 11/25.
- Participation in annual Broadalbin Christmas Parade on Monday, 11/27.
- Christmas Wreath Sale
- Food Bank Donations (Broadalbin and Mayfield) for Thanksgiving and Christmas = \$800
- Eye Screening at Broadalbin Elementary School scheduled for 12/7 & 12/12.
- Trex Recycling Program to run through 9/2024.
- Hoffman Helping Hands Car Wash fundraiser is ongoing through 12/2024.
- Continuing discussion re: Art Show (date TBD), Spaghetti Dinner (Jan or Feb 2024) at Perth Volunteer Fire Co., Chicken BBQ (Mar or Apr 2024).
- DG Visit scheduled for 3/28/2024.

***Submit to Zone Chair and Region Chair
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023.***

**Saratoga Springs Lions Club
Cabinet Meeting Report
November 4, 2023**

Please find below the activities of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club since the past Cabinet Meeting at the end of August.

ACTIVITIES:

- Kidsight screenings at the Salvation Army Back to School Bash at the beginning of the school year
- Saratoga Springs Lions collected eyeglasses and hearing aids the beginning of October at SPAC for redistribution
- Club attended the Saratoga Chamber Business to Business Expo in October
- Club is “ramping” up membership outreach on social media each Tuesday through the end of the year and attending chamber mixers.
- Planning has begun for the 11th Annual Night at the Brewseum fundraiser to be held in April 2024
- Planning has begun to hold a Trivia night in 2024
- Planning has begun for the 11th Camp Abilities Saratoga in the summer of 2024

Respectfully submitted by,
Lion Barbara Bentley
Club Administrator

Cc: Lion Dave Carr, Jr.
Club Secretary

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Verna Plummer <vplummer122@gmail.com>

Fwd: Club Reports for NOV 4 District Meeting in Saratoga Springs

1 message

Edward Moore <emoore4@nycap.rr.com>

Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 1:50 PM

To: Nancy Cappiello-Larson <ejnalarson@msn.com>, Cheryl Stewart <cstewart6734@aol.com>, Dave Carr <dcarr@thelagroup.com>, Verna Plummer <vplummer122@gmail.com>

Please see below from the region chairperson. Please send your reports directly to him and a copy to me. I am away for a month and not really in a position to work on these.

Thanks

Ed

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Edward Balaban <bklynbrn@att.net>

Date: October 23, 2023 at 8:01:12 PM CDT

Cc: Priscilla Laurin <lionpriscilla2324@yahoo.com>, Ricky Laurin <rickylions15@outlook.com>, Holly McConchie <hmcconchie@aol.com>, Milledge Smith <pdgsmitty@gmail.com>, Michele Puleo O'Hare <mapohare@gmail.com>, Mark Whitney <md20pccmark@gmail.com>

Subject: Club Reports for NOV 4 District Meeting in Saratoga Springs

Fellow Lions,

Just a friendly reminder to those who have yet to respond.

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Food Pantry Assistance - Franklin Wmm Center, Greenfield
and Corinth Community Churches,
Plastic Bag Recycling Ongoing,

Kids Eye Screening- Sept 9, Screened 3 Kids
One was flagged with eye issue,

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2023-April 2024):

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sales - Nov 18 thru Christmas
Trees \$50, Wreaths \$20 with Bow, \$15 Plain

Mardi Gras - Feb 10th - Location & Costs to be
determined

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September 1, 2023:

Rosie's Walk for Diabetes – September 16, 2023
Vintage Camper Rally & Car Show at McConchie's
Campground – September 29 & 30, 2023
Blood Drive at Ambulance Corp – October 10, 2023

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2023-April
2024):

Memory Tree Lighting at Galway Village Park – November 26,
2023

Tree Bagging at Bob's Trees – December 3, 2023

Community Breakfast at Bob's Trees Ski Lodge – March 2024
(date not yet determined)

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Reports not received for Regions O, N and S