



Cabinet Meeting GST, Region, and Zone Report November 2, 2024

Fort William-Henry Resort

48 Canada Street Lake George, NY 12845

DISTRICT 20 W

GST REPORT

November 2, 2024

To date there have been four (14) clubs that have reported service activities Chazy, Clinton, Duane, Galway, Glens Falls, Greater Ravena, Long Lake, Newcomb, Saratoga Springs, Sauquoit Valley, Speculator, SUNY UAlbany Campus, Town of Schroom and Tupper Lake. The reports have included Chicken BBQs, meetings, clean ups, food distribution, vision screenings, camp abilities, adopt a platoon, backpack program and many more projects . Not all clubs have appointed a service chair the position coordinates service projects and reports the start and finish of the project in the lion's portal. The reports help us obtain grants for future improvements, and Lions International with partnering with other large Organizations.

Lions Portal training is ongoing and should help in our efforts to report service projects.

District 20 W Cumulative totals

57 Lions and Leo Clubs

14 Lions and Leo Clubs reported

14 Lions Clubs reported

0 Leo Clubs reported

25% of all clubs reported

29% of Lions clubs reported

People served 15,982

Volunteer hours 2,593

Service projects are one of the best recruiting tools we Lions have its important that we report them and tell the community the activities we contribute to in support of the needs of the community.

Meeting our community needs through service projects such as:

Vision Screening Fund raiser

Trunk or Treat Balloon Festival

Student of the month Partnering with local

Organizations

Food Pantry Community Clean up day

Purchasing of Eyeglasses Luncheon for first responders

Community Picnics Purchasing coats for the needy

Awards of RJUs and MJFs to non-Lions

Invite the media, local newspapers, TV, radio and take lots of pictures ensuring you have permission to publish them of the club members, Leos and especially the new candidate. We want to print a positive quote with a picture of the candidate and veteran members working together for the betterment of the community while having fun.

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Lion Milledge Smith, PDG

District 20 W, GST

Coordinator

Why report service



By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



*Photo by: Lion Ottmar Fetz,
The LEO Book*

Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.



STEPS TO CREATE A SERVICE ACTIVITY ON LION PORTAL
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Login: LION PORTAL <https://account.lionsclubs.org/Account/Login>

Select: **SERVICE**

Select: **MY ACTIVITIES**

Select: **CREATE SERVICE ACTIVITY**

Select: **SEARCH FOR CLUB OR DISTRICT OR SELECT FROM MY SPECIFIC AREA**

Select: **NEXT**

Select: **YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT**

Select: **NEXT**

Enter: **A TITLE FOR THE SERVICE ACTIVITY**

Select: **THE ACTIVITY TYPE (SELECT ONE CHOICE):**

- Donation**
- Fundraiser**
- Meeting**
- Service Project**

Select: **NEXT**

Select: **EDIT OR THE PENCIL - To input the Required, Optional Metrics or Additional Details.**

INFORMATION (MUST FILL OUT THIS SECTION)

1. Select **CAUSE**
2. Select **PROJECT TYPE**
3. Write **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE ACTIVITY**
4. Enter **START DATE**
5. Enter **END DATE**
6. **STATUS: IS DETERMINED BY THE DATA INPUTTED FOR THE SERVICE ACTIVITY**
PLANNED - FUTURE SERVICE ACTIVITY
READY TO REPORT - PAST SERVICE ACTIVITY

Select: **REPORT COMPLETE** - Check once the end date of the service activity has passed and all required metrics have been entered. The Status will change to **REPORTED** when the service **REPORT COMPLETE** box is checked. The only authorize users that can report a Service Activity as Complete are the following in Lion and Leo clubs. In **Lions Clubs**, **CLUB SERVICE CHAIRPERSONS** are responsible for **SERVICE REPORTING**. Although many **Lion clubs** choose to have the **CLUB SECRETARY** or **CLUB PRESIDENT** report. In **Leo clubs**, the **CLUB PRESIDENT, SECRETARY** or **LEO CLUB ADVISOR** can check **REPORT COMPLETE**.

Select: **SAVE** when you have added all metrics or details for this service activity. The **Service Activity Report Status** will remain in **DRAFT** until the report has been checked **REPORT COMPLETE** by the designated **Lion or Leo Club Officer**.

**STEPS TO CREATE A SERVICE ACTIVITY ON LION PORTAL
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REQUIRED METRICS (MUST FILL OUT THIS SECTION)

- PEOPLE SERVED
- TOTAL VOLUNTEERS (TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- NON-LIONS PARTICIPATED (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- NON-LION FAMILY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS (NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS X NUMBER OF HOURS-OF-SERVICE ACTIVITY)

OPTIONAL METRICS (FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE)

- SELECT CURRENCY
- TOTAL FUNDS RAISED (FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TOTAL FUNDS RAISED (USD)
- TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (DURING THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TOTAL FUNDS DONATED (USD)
- ORGANIZATION BENEFITED (NAME OF ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE DONATION)
- DONATION TO LCIF (CHECK WHEN LCIF WILL RECEIVE THE DONATION FROM THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- TREES PLANTED/CARED FOR

ADDITIONAL DETAILS (FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF APPLICABLE)

- SIGNATURE ACTIVITY (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- FUNDED BY AN LCIF GRANT (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)
- VENUE (NAME OF LOCATION FOR THIS SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- START TIME
- END TIME
- VENUE TIME ZONE (SELECT TIME ZONE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (SELECT COUNTRY OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (STREET ADDRESS OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (CITY OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (STATE/PROVINCE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)
- VENUE LOCATION (ZIP/POSTAL CODE OF SERVICE ACTIVITY)

Select: SAVE when you have added all metrics or details for this service activity. The **Service Activity Report** will remain in **DRAFT** until the report has been checked **REPORT COMPLETE** by the **designated Lion or Leo Club Officer**.

CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL)

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CAUSE: CHILDHOOD CANCER

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Child and Family Tutoring
- Entertainment and Recreational Activity
- Family Assistance
- Organization of Facility Assistance
- Professional Training and Support
- Other

CAUSE: DIABETES

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Diabetes Retreats and Symposiums
- Diabetes Support Group
- Healthy Eating for Gestational Diabetes
- Healthy Living for Type 2 Diabetes
- Recreational Facility Improvement Event
- Strides for Diabetes Awareness
- Type 2 Diabetes Risk Awareness and Screening
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- Other

CAUSE: DISASTER RELIEF

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Recovery and Reconstruction
- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency Response
- Other

CAUSE: ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Environmental Clean Up and Restoration
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Other

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PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Environmental Clean Up and Restoration
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Other

CAUSE: OTHER HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

PROJECT TYPE:

- Assistance to an Individual
- Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Event
- Community Improvement
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Other Health Service Activity
- Other

CAUSE: HUNGER

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Community Gardens and Agriculture
- Food Collection and Food Banks
- Meal Preparation and Distribution
- Other

CAUSE: VISION

PROJECT TYPE:

- Adult Vision Screening
- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Eyeglass Collection and Recycling
- Lions Eye Banks
- Support Services for the Blind or Visually Impaired
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other

CAUSE: YOUTH

PROJECT TYPE:

- Awareness, Education, and Advocacy
- Education and Literacy
- Lions Quest
- Peace Poster and Essay Contests
- Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE)
- Youth Diabetes Camps
- Youth Vision Screening
- Other

DISTRICT 20-W – REGION “L” – ZONE “B”

CABINET MEETING REPORT

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 LAKE GEORGE, NY

UTICA

☒ ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

- ☒ Inducted a new member at the 100 th Charter Night Celebration of Lions Club of Syracuse
- ☒ Donated \$500 to Rome Lions Club to assist with cleanup after July 16 th tornado struck city
- ☒ Sponsored quarter page advertisement (\$180) in program for Greater Herkimer Golf Tournament
- ☒ Contributed \$250 for “Blue Flag” in annual Flags for Heros tribute in honor of deceased Lion Bill Corrigan –
a former Marine
- ☒ Collected 510 pair of used eyeglasses
- ☒ Currently in process of determining annual donations to NUSC, NRJROTC Cadets at Utica’s Proctor High School, Salvation Army and American Diabetes Association
- ☒ Club members attended the annual Dark Dining fundraiser for the Central Association for the Blind &
Visually Impaired (CABVI) on October 26 th
- ☒ Held annual White Cane fundraiser jointly with the New Hartford/New York Mills – Whitestown Lions at
local grocery store in early October

FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

- ☒ Will be donating \$500 to LCIF for victims of hurricanes in the southeast
- ☒ Will be sponsoring the annual Holiday Party for the clients of the CABVI in early December, at which time
they will make their most generous donation to the agency

MARCY TELEPHONE LIONS

☒ ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

- ☒ Made donation of \$100 to Addie’s Research Foundation for Childhood Cancer research
- ☒ Donated \$450 to LCIF for Disaster Relief
- ☒ One member assists in the transportation of food to local pantries on monthly basis

☒ Investigating additional methods of fundraising

☒ Members contribute “Happy Dollars” additional funding to supplement charity fund

☒ FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

☒ Will be collecting articles for Children’s Hospital & Christmas gifts

NEW HARTFORD/ NEW YORK MILLS – WHITESTOWN

☒ ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

☒ Members toured Freedom Guide Dog Facility in Cassville, NY

☒ Attended joint DG Visitation on October 10, 2024 in Sauquoit where new member was inducted by DG Holly

☒ Two members volunteer Fridays at Mother Marianne’s Soup Kitchen in Utica, NY

☒ Participated with Utica Lions in recent White Cane Drive at local grocery store.

☒ Collected 160 pair of used eyeglasses & delivered them to CABVI for further shipping to recycling center

☒ Made donation to Make-a wish foundation in name of John Lloyd

☒ Conducted recent Boscov’s Friend Helping Friends fundraiser

☒ FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

☒ Will be conducting fundraiser at local lumber company before Holiday season

☒ Club will have annual Christmas party toward end of December

SAUQUOIT VALLEY

☒ ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

☒ Held annual “Where’s the Beef” Raffle – drawing held in late September; club realized \$900

☒ Planned & held first annual Cornhole Tournament at Lincoln Davies Lumber Festival on weekend of

September 21 st & 22 nd – proceeds realized were \$2,643

☒ Donated \$180 to Greater Herkimer Lions Club for quarter page advertisement in their program book

☒ Members donated service hours at Rome, NY fundraiser to assist in July tornado recovery

☒ Member assisted in recent “community build” of beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)

☒ Multiple club members assisted at chicken BBQ during Cornhole Tournament event

☒ Membership conducted linen, blanket & comforters for donation to SHP to be delivered complete with beds

to needy area children – donation made to SHP representatives at DG Visitation on October 10 th

☒ Hosted joint DG Visitation for Clinton, Utica and New Hartford/New York Mills – Whitestown clubs

☒ Donated \$500 to LCIF for Disaster Relief and \$250 to Rome Lions Club for July tornado cleanup efforts

☒ Sponsored Lions Peace Poster Contest for Sauquoit Middle School students – the eight (8) entries submitted

to the club were silently judged, winner selected & will be brought to Fall Conference on November 2 nd .

☒ FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:

☒ Will have a booth at Sauquoit Valley School District Craft Show in late November; at the booth in addition to

Lions information, will be a “lottery ticket tree” of which raffle tickets will be offered; proceeds from sale of

raffle tickets will supplement club’s annual contribution to Childhood Cancer research

☒ Will hold annual Christmas Raffle selling limited number of tickets for \$50; grand prize \$1,000 with nine additional monetary prize categories; for additional information or to purchase a ticket, contact a club member

Respectfully Submitted.

Lion Jim Winkler – RC/ZC Chairman

District 20W

Region I – Zone A

November 2024 Report

Zone Project

The 5 Lions Clubs of Region I Zone A (Ballston Spa, Galway, Scotia-Glenville, Saratoga Springs and Town of Greenfield) joined for a Zone Service Project at The Charlton School for Girls on Saturday 10/5/24.

The school is a non-profit therapeutic learning community for high school girls with various mental health issues. As part of their high school curriculum they have a large “Pollinator Garden” used in science classes. Over the years portions of the garden have become overgrown and need of some “TLC”. Fourteen Lions representing all 5 clubs of the Zone united to work on a portion of the garden removing weeds, roto-tilling, adding 5 yards of topsoil (purchased by the clubs), replanting perennial plants, adding mulch that the school had and rebuilding part of the gravel walkway dividing the beds. It took approximately 5 hours of hard work to complete the section we selected. A couple of Lions expressed interest in coming back next year to work on another section.

An interesting note is this is not the first time Lions have stepped up to help the school’s needs. In the mid-60’s a 20Y2 District project raised funds to help build a swimming pool. That pool is still being used.

Galway Lions Club

Membership – 58

Activities completed:

September 14th was our 25th and last Rosie's Walk for Diabetes. We had a community thank you after the walk with food and a DJ (Lion Jim Cypher) for dancing, which is a fun form of exercise, the afternoon away.

The weekend of September 27th – 29th was our 9th annual Vintage Car & Camper Rally at McConchie's Heritage Acres Campground. It was a beautiful weekend weather wise, many vintage campers and cars. 69 baskets were raffled off and a 50/50 drawing was held. The Galway Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary took care of the food on Saturday for breakfast and lunch and then a pot luck dinner Saturday night.

The club assisted the zone with a project at Charlton School on October 5th.

Upcoming Activities:

Possible table at Town of Galway's Fall Festival (Halloween in the Park).

Tree bagging at Bob's Trees on Saturday, November 30th.

30th annual Memory tree lighting will be on Sunday, December 1 at 5:30 PM.

Scotia – Glenville

No report

Town of Greenfield

The Greenfield Lions Club activities are listed below.

Fundraisers:

Greenfield Farmers Market: 3-7 pm on the following Thursdays (8/1, 8/15, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19). We had a core group of 5 members who participated.

Concessions

Town wide Garage Sale Sept 6-8 (had 15 club members who participated) Silent Auction &

Concessions

Greenfield Soccer League meets from 4 to 7 p.m. every Monday (9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21 & 10/28). Five or six members help serve concessions each week.

Greenfield Elementary School Family Night, we provided concessions We had 5 members participate.

Lasagna Dinner 4-7 pm Tuesday 10/15. Pre-sold dinner tickets for dine in or pick up.

All hands on deck, selling tickets in advance, baking cookies, preparing salads and packaging dinners.

Over 150 dinners sold.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales Nov and Dec (until Trees are gone)

Christmas pop-up store event Dec 14 8-5 pm. Vendor fair and concessions

Service Projects:

Plastic recycling project

Food pick up and delivery to the the Franklin Center every week.

Camp Abilities on 8/9 worked with Saratoga Lions Club to provide dinner for the Campers and staff. (over 75 people)

Zone Project on 10/5

Saratoga Springs

ACTIVITIES:

☑ The largest service project of the Saratoga Springs Lions, Camp Abilities Saratoga, celebrated our 11 th camp this year. The camp was held on August 4 th – August 10 th with 18 campers there for the weeklong sports camp for children and teens who are blind and visually impaired.

☑ Assisted NABA with KidSight Screenings at the Salvation Army Back to School Expo in Saratoga on August 27 th .

☑ The club held their 9 th Annual Dave Carr Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

☑ Participated in Sustainable Saratoga Recycling Day on October 19 th at the Spa State Park.

☑ We continue to do sight screenings in collaboration with NABA and provide assistance to those in need of hearing aids.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

☑ The club will be looking to do community outreach in November during diabetes awareness month.

☑ The club has started working on the 12 th Annual Night at the Brewseum fundraiser being held in April.

Ballston Spa Lions

Activities and Projects 9/2024 to present and beyond:

- YETI cooler raffle completed and successful.
- September 8th the club had a food booth at the Curtis Lumber Annual car and truck show.
- September 28th members from the club served hot dogs at ACE Hardware in Clifton Park for an event they were having.
- October 5th, the club along with other clubs completed a ZONE project at The Charlton School, repairing/replacing one of their gardens.
- Our 75th Anniversary dinner was held on October 12, 2024 at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs. The event, emceed by Mark Mullholland of Channel 13 news and featured past Lions international president Douglas X. Alexander. A great evening was had by all.

**Club/Zone/Region Report for District Cabinet Meeting
2 November 2024**

Club membership figures are from LCI as of 10/01/2024. Please correct if necessary.

CIRCLE your club/members:

Ballston Spa/38 Broadalbin-Perth/30 Fonda & Fultonville/16

Galway/62 Greater Johnstown/43 Saratoga/77

Scotia-Glenville/22 Speculator/14 Town of Greenfield/32

LIST Service Activities started and/or completed since September 1, 2024:

- None
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2024-February 2025):

- 11/13/24 - DG Visitation
- 12/11/24 - Visitation from FFCS Superintendent to
- discuss potential Tech Dept project.

**Submit to Zone Chair and Region Chair
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024.**

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- **Children's' Halloween Party at Lake Pleasant School Oct. 25**

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2024-February 2025):

- **Promotion / Recruiting at "Holiday Stroll" November 29 pending application approval see <https://www.speculatorchamber.com/events/holiday-stroll?theme=speculator>**
- **Snowmobile Poker Run February TBD, pending membership availability and commitment. Help from nearby clubs welcomed. Fun event.**

20W Region O Report - November 2024

Submitted By Lion PDG Michlele O'Hare Region Chair

ALBANY TROY LIONS CLUB

Membership = 28

Since Sept:

Sent 5600 used glasses to NJ recycling center

Had an info table at, and financially sponsored, St Catherine's Ice Hockey Tournament, held to benefit Lansingburgh Connects, a collaboration between Lans CSD, St Cath's and Rens County Mental Health.

Supported Albany HIVE, a new community space in West Hill, with an info table where we gave out Lions coloring books and crayons, diabetes lit, etc. Several Lions (Sheldons, Eva, Queen) also made presentations about their own 501(c)(3)s that benefit West Hill.

Installed our first Little Free Library near the Produce Pick-up area run by Lions Greg & Jody Sheldon.

Working on establishing Lansingburgh Branch Club.

Nov-Feb:

At our Nov 6 meeting, we will host DG Holly, who will induct 3 new members.

Annual fund-raising letter will go out in Nov.

Dec 4 meeting will be our holiday party.

Will distribute Toys for Tots to Lans B&G Club

Will install another Little Free Library at Lans B&G Club

Hope to have Lans Branch up and running (or at least be on the way).

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Membership:

The Bethlehem Lions club has 19 current members, as of 10/30/24.

We recognize that we need to attract additional members, as many current members are less able to participate in meetings and activities than in previous years.

Upcoming Fundraisers/Activities

Sat, Nov. 23rd & Sat Dec. 14th, 10AM-4PM—Annual Craft Fair Fundraisers at Tools

Restaurant, 283 Delaware Ave, NY 12054. Silent Auction items, Raffle Baskets and many craft items handcrafted by local Lions will be available!

Annual Bethlehem Lions Holiday Party to be held at Tools Restaurant on December 4th, 6:00PM. We will also be celebrating the 70th ANNIVERSARY of OUR CHARTER in 1954!

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Sun, April 27th 8AM-11AM at My Place & Company Restaurant, 241 Delaware Ave, Delmar NY 12054. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and under. Raffle Baskets and door prizes available!

Hoffmans Car Wash Tickets for sale at Craft Fairs, Pancake Breakfast and at meetings - overseen by Lion Steve King

Lions Chocolate Bunny Sales- overseen by Lions Liza and Bob Tougher. Orders will be placed in early January 2025.

Themed Raffle Baskets during months of Feb-June-displayed and sold at Tools Restaurant- overseen by Lion Liza Tougher

Coin Drop Collection boxes at Tools and Swifty's Restaurants, Delmar, NY

Bottle & Can deposit receipt collection. Members donate their can/bottle receipts or cash from deposits to biweekly meetings for deposit into Activities Fund.

Annual Fund Drive/Save the Date Letter to be given to local businesses to remind of upcoming fundraisers.

Activities/Charitable Events Since September 2024

Community Betterment

Food Pantry Donations-Lion Colleen Bonacci is tracking pounds of food donated to the Bethlehem Senior Services Food Pantry per year. Currently at 67 pounds of food and toiletry items donated.

Stamps for Veterans-large parcel of canceled stamps donated by Bethlehem Lions and given to the Albany VA for veterans projects-overseen by Liza Tougher & Rick Rudofsky

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Liaison-Lion Gerry McAvoy and Lion Colleen Bonacci working more closely with the Chamber to increase our visibility in the greater Bethlehem community.

Sight Conservation, Lions Eye Institute & Eyeglass Collection-Chair Lion Dan Ryan-

Bethlehem Lions Club collects used and salvaged eyeglasses from various collection boxes placed in businesses and buildings throughout the Bethlehem area. Currently, Lion Dan Ryan has over 600 pair of glasses collected.

Hearing & Speech, Hearing Aid Collection & Recycling-

Lions Greg Morris & Colleen Bonacci chairs—are working with 2 local senior citizens to financially assist with costs not covered by personal insurances. We have made arrangements with the Albany Medical Center Speech & Hearing clinic to use donated hearing aids and hearing aid batteries in their clinic and for training purposes.

Communications & Marketing-Lion Steve King chair

Website-Lions Steve King & Colleen Bonacci have created a New Email address!!

bethlehemlionsclub@gmail.com

Bethlehem Lions Facebook page- is maintained by Lion Liza Tougher Membership-Chairs
King Lion Matt Wilcenski

King Lion Matt Wilcenski has participated in online training focused on increasing membership and/or starting new Lions Clubs. Those interested in membership can contact us at our new email, bethlehemlionsclub@gmail.com which is posted on our website <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bethlehemny/index.php>

We hope to plan activities in the Spring/Summer that will increase our VISIBLE presence in the community & interest in joining.

DUANE LIONS CLUB

Please confirm your club count as on 10/31. Advise Count 21

LIST Service Activities started and/or completed since September 1, 2024:

- ☑ Volunteer every Wednesday at the Lighthouse Ministry Food Pantry.
- ☑ Participated in White Cane Day raising \$526.73 at NBT Bank - 10/4-10/5
- ☑ Donated 150 pairs of Reading Glasses to NABA
- ☑ Donated \$1,000 to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance for their new Wellness Center which will offer services to the community.
- ☑ Donated \$1000 to the Hurricane Relief Fund for victims in North Carolina and Florida for the most recent two Hurricanes.

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (November 2024 – February 2025):

- ☑ Work on our 3rd Annual Duane Lions -Duanesburg Rocks Blindness Chicken BBQ at Back Barn Brewing to be held in June 2025
- ☑ Assist the Leos in their annual Wreath Making

☐ Eye Screener Project – We will be visiting area schools in November working to coordinate vision pre-screening programs.

☐ Annual Basket of Cheer fundraiser

GREATER RAVENA Area LIONS CLUB – see marketing and new member plan with GET Report

Lion Theresa Shear purchased gift cards for two families supported by St. Catherine's to purchase clothing and other school supplies. We will confirm that these have been sent to St. Catherine's before the next meeting — if not, they will be added to the Thanksgiving Gift Baskets below.

The club members agreed to provide food donations for Thanksgiving baskets for two families supported by St. Catherine's to the November meeting. Members in attendance identified items they would bring to ensure all typical holiday foods will be provided. The club will also provide gift cards for the families to purchase turkey/ham/other protein.

Lion Michele O'Hare contacted the local grocery store to request dates for a Lions Club food drive. Dates will be discussed once they are available.

Lion Michele O'Hare sent a club marketing plan to Lions International as part of a request for funding to support Membership recruiting activities. She will create an email so members can outreach local organizations. Part of the membership recruitment will be identifying needs of current and potential members to feel included and validated as members.

Bookmarks will be available for distribution at the Library and other events to describe what the club does in the community. At the November meeting, we can add club-specific information.

Club members have been invited to the Bethlehem Lion's Holiday party on Wednesday December 3 at Tool's in Delmar. No later than November 2, please let Lion Michele know if you will be attending.

Club members decided to change the December meeting date/holiday party to a date earlier in December than the third Wednesday due to its proximity to the holidays. After reviewing member availability, the club landed on Tuesday, December 3rd. No later than November 2, please let Lion Tricia know if you will be attending and/or bringing guests, so she has a headcount and can contact restaurants for availability. The club expresses a preference for the Pegasus restaurant, if they are able to accommodate the group. There will be a grab bag of \$10.

The club celebrated Lion Bob Riccardo's 90th birthday with a cake provided by Lion Betty Nolan. Photos from the event will be shared on the Facebook page and with the News Herald.

King Lion Michele provided the following announcements:

The District Governor's visitation will be on March 19, 2025.

The Bethlehem Lions will invite members of the GRALC to their holiday party in December. Bookmarks with information about the club are being printed and will be available at the Library as handouts to patrons.

Since the last meeting, the club assisted one person in maintaining their vision coverage and will provide two \$100 gift cards to St. Catherine's to assist families with school aged children to purchase clothing and other school supplies.

The following items were discussed:

Members should provide contact information for any organization that we would like contacted to gather community need information and she will conduct outreach. An electronic format will be shared so members can do independent outreach, if comfortable. The goal is to identify specific community need while providing information about the Lions.

Community Service Projects:

Club members are interested in supporting the Trunk or Treat event at Halloween at Pieter B. Elementary. Lion Theresa will provide information to the club so the level of participation can be determined. This will be handled by email to the club, if needed, due to the short turnaround time to prepare for this event.

The club members agreed that the club should adopt one or two families served by St. Catherine's by collecting food for Thanksgiving. Lion Michele will solicit specific information from St. Catherine's.

There was discussion around a service event with another service organization, such as the scouts. One suggestion was for the Lions to purchase trees and work with the other organization to have the trees planted.

There is a "Kindness Cabinet" on Thatcher Street in Selkirk run by Lisa Rielly Janeke.

Members agreed to bring food items, paper products, hygiene items, etc. to the next meeting to be donated to this location as a service project for the club.

There were other ideas proposed for a service project later in the year, including preparing small packages to be distributed to the homeless, \$1 haircuts for children around the holidays, sponsor Santa Clause and/or a holiday party at the Library (or other location), etc. If you have an idea, or a preference for activity, please attend the next meeting or send ideas by email to Lions Michele and Tricia.

GRALC members discussed having a holiday party in December and what date it should be held, since the scheduled meeting date is only a week before the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays. Members are asked to check calendars so a date can be finalized at the next meeting and a location can be determined. Members agreed that this will be a dinner meeting at a restaurant and members should bring guests.

Additional items:

Lion Sharon D'Ambrosio is in recovery from a recent operation and Lion Ron Selkirk is recovering from a recent illness. The club sends their well wishes and hope to see them at the Holiday party, if not sooner.

As a reminder, please let us know if you volunteered or provided support to someone in the community. This information will be reported to LCI to estimate the hours of activities and support that Lions provide in their communities.

At the next meeting, scheduled for October 16, members should bring their own food and drink.

**REPORT
MALONE LIONS CLUB
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2024**

Membership: We are proud to announce we currently have 16 members

Activities: 1. We finished & closed our booth at the Malone Fair Grounds.
2. We hosted the zones interclub on 10/3/2024. It was a successful night.

Plans for the next 3 months: 1. We will continue to donate to our community.
2. We will host a Christmas Party for the 1st time in years.
3. We will continue to work on membership.