



Cabinet Meeting Minutes February 8, 2025

Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn

232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

10:00 AM – **Meeting called to order:**

District Governor Holly McConchie

Pledge- Lion Bob Maxam

Prayer – Lion Jim Winkler

Toast – All Attendees

Welcome:

District Governor Holly McConchie formally welcomed Vice District Governor Barbara Bentley of the Saratoga Lions Club. Vice District Governor Barbara Bentley welcomed the attendees to Saratoga and explained the history of Saratoga and the Saratoga Lions Club.

Lion Dr. Nancy Cappiello-Larson: (Scotia-Glenville Lions Club President)

Lion Dr. Nancy gave an award Shalom High School student Eliza. She is captain of her varsity cheerleader team. She holds a national title in pageantry, is miss military star national team, she has received the Presidential Volunteer Gold Award five times. At 9 years old she founded an organization to help people with vision difficulties. She is a supporter of LCI and the Northeast Association of the Blind and The One Sight Organization by fundraising thousands of dollars for those causes and donating 2,500 pairs of glasses to the communities these organizations service.

PDG Michele Puleo-O'Hare: (Bethlehem Lions Club, Greater, Greater Ravina Lions Club President, 20W GET Coordinator, Region O Chair, DG Advisory Council Member, Brandel Murphy Lions Youth Foundation Legacy & Endowment Committee Chair, Lions Hearing Conservation Society, Lions Eye Institute at Albany Inc. – Lions Foundation at Albany Inc 20W Board Member, Lions See, Inc. Board Member, New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation Inc. Trustee, St Catherine's Center For Children Executive Director of the Foundation, District Governor's Advisory Council Member)

PDG Michele informed the district of her new personal phone number: (518) 817 6804.

PDG Michele informed attendees of the closing of the Ashton Hepburn Diabetes Grant in 2019. This was used to make a suite in Ogdensburg NY for diabetes education. This needs a district motion to close out the Grant.

Motion: PDG Ricky Lauren (Chazy Lions Club)

Seconded: IPDG Priscilla Lauren (Chazy Lions Club)

Motion passed unanimously

PDG Michele continued to give the attendees an update of the Ad Hock Committee for the New York State Bermuda Lions Foundation. The committee is working with the lawyers of NICON (a legal counsel of not-for-profits) to dot their I's and cross their T's on the wording for the new Foundation bylaws.

PDG Michele also informed the attendees of the Duane Lions Club. They have applied for grant from the district to help get a vision screening device. They district needs to have a motion to accept the Lions See Grant they have been awarded.

Motion: Lion Dr. Nancy Cappiello-Larson (Scotia-Glenville)

Seconded: Lion Bob Maxam (Clinton Lions Club)

Motion passes

PDG Michele continued by telling attendees of the importance of donating to the Lions Club International Foundation and Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation. She told attendees of the option to become a legacy member by leaving an endowment to the foundation.

PDG Michele concluded her talk by telling attendees about club development and membership retention. She mentioned how as the GMT she will be reaching out to clubs to see how the district can help them retain, gain and support members.

Raffle: District Governor Holly McConchie held a raffle for a basket of gifts. The money from this raffle supports the cost of the meeting. Congratulations to our winner.

Brandel Murphy Update: PDG John MacDonald (Saratoga Springs Lions Club, Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Board Member, Camp Abilities Board Member, Lions Eye Institute Board Member)

PDG John talked of the foundation and how it supports the district and its endeavors. As examples he mentioned the Duane Lions Club, The Speculator Lions Club and the Clinton Lions Club. PDG Jon mentioned the superhero raffle which is one of the largest fundraisers the Foundation does. It takes place around Superbowl weekend every year and he encourages all Lions to take part in this fundraiser when they have the chance.

Cabinet Secretary Motion: District Governor Holly McConchie (Galway Lions Club)

Holly McConchie requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes for both August and for the current meeting minutes. Lion Alex is in the emergency room having something removed from his eye.

Motion: Lion Dr. Nancy Cappiello Larson (Scotia-Glenville)

Seconded: PDG John McDonald (Saratoga Springs Lions Club)

Motion passes unanimously

Peace Poster Award: District Governor Holly McConchie (Galway Lions Club)

District Governor Holly gave the Schuylerville Lions Club an award for the peace poster winner who is from the Schuylerville area Addison Seargent. Congratulations to our winner. Good luck in the international contest.

Lions Eye Recycling Center: Lion Ed Moore (Ballston Spa Lions Club Member, Zone I Region A Chair)

Lion Ed Moore told attendees of the Lions Eye Recycling Center. Lion Eric Carson and Lion Ed Moore have returned from their delivery of eye glasses to the eye bank in New Jersey. The Recycling Center would like it known that they accept all glasses (readers and sunglasses). They do not want cases for glasses. If you have glasses in packaging do not remove the packaging, they give the packaging protects the glasses. Finally, If you have metal glasses with defects send those to the Recycling Center. The metal is used as a source of income for the recycling center.

Lion Ed Pike mentioned that the Galway Lions have the capabilities for indoor storage if that is needed for the storage of glasses.

Announcements from Immediate Past District Governor Priscilla Lauren:

Lion Priscilla informed attendees of upcoming grants, which, The Chazy Lions Club was applying for. The Chazy Library needs to replace the contents of the building which had a fire recently. The library had some grants helping with computers but needs help getting books. Lion Priscilla asked for a motion for the grants so she can apply for them and for the \$5,000 dollars of District support for the library.

Motion: PDG Michele Puleo-O'Hare (Bethlehem Lions Club, Greater, Greater Ravina Lions Club President)

Seconded: Lion Bob Maxam (Clinton Lions Club)

Motion Passes

Announcements from PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne)

PDG Joan Scott announced to the attendees that she will apply for a grant next meeting which will benefit the construction of a playground in Lake Luzerne.

Announcement from PDG Ricky Lauren (Chazy) :

PDG Ricky talked of the importance of hope and how LCIF brings hope to whomever they help. He told attendees they can add to that hope by donating under disaster relief or area of most need. Your money will go to those who need the most hope if you donate in this way. The area of most need is something that can change in time. If a project receives a donation which is tagged for that cause and that cause has been resolved/completed., the money cannot be used.

PDG Milledge spoke to attendees of the importance of reporting and how that impacts our District in the eyes of LCI. We do a lot of service in a lot of different areas, reporting it only benefits us. The reported service helps us with grants and LCI partnerships. Non Lion organizations also use our reported statistics to determine whether they help us or partner with us.

“Don’t make Lions the best kept secret in your community. Promote, Grow, Serve! Be your own advocate and show the community what Lions do. People do not see everything Lions do in a community but reporting lets people know what Lions have done. “

GLT Talk:

PCC Mark Whitney (Town of Schroon Lions Club, 20W GET Coordinator, Lions See, Inc 20W Board Member, District Governor’s Advisory Council Member)

PCC Mark Whitney talked of the importance of education in Lions leadership. The more education we have the better we are equipped are to deal with situations which may arise within our district and clubs. This in turn, leads to longevity. He spoke of the impotence of Lions Learning Institute and Lions Portal are to this process.

PCC Mark also mentioned the upcoming PDG Meeting and how important it is to the district leadership for the information exchange and training which can come out of the meetings.

Lion Ed Balaban is being inducted into the second vice district governor position the and a vote will be carried out at a later date. Please see the e-mail from PCC Mark Whitney to the PDGS for more details.

GST Report: PDG Milledge Smitty (Gouverneur Lions Club)

PDG Milledge spoke of the importance of reporting service to LCI. It is the reported service clubs do which is seen by International and the District. These reports help inform their decisions on Grants. Report your service and help your future projects get support.

Having facts about our service helps us grow. We can share information on past projects to help those interested in service to pick Lions.

Don’t make Lions the best kept secret in your community. Be proud of your service.

Announcement from Lion Diane Lange (Ballston Spa Lions Club):

Lion Diane would like the membership of the District to remember February 17 is childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Lion Diane challenges clubs to do something to raise awareness or support causes to fight childhood cancer.

Announcement from PDG John McDonald (Saratoga Springs Lions Club):

Lion John McDonald informed attendees of several events which are upcoming for the Saratoga Springs Lions Club.

Camp Abilities will be coming up in the summer and can always use help. If you would like to help, please contact PDG John.

The Night in the Brewseum is Friday April 25th 2025. If you are interested in tickets please contact PDG John

The Saratoga Springs – Albany – Troy Charter Night is Saturday October 11th 2025 at the Gideon Putnam. RSVP with PDG John if you are interested in attending.

Announcement from Schuylerville Lions Club:

Schuylerville Lions Club invited all Lions to the Tasting on the Hudson event. Advanced tickets are \$30 and tickets are \$50 dollars at the door. This event is September 16th 2025. If you are interested contact the Schuylerville Lions Club.

LCIF Diabetes Grant: Vice District Governor Barbara Bently (Saratoga Springs Lions Club)

Vice District Governor Barbara informed attendees of the current state of the LCIF Diabetes Grant. The Grant was used for Diabetes awareness education and there is still 7,000 dollars left in the grant. The LCIF does not want the money back so the remained will still be used for education and diabetes projects.

Lion Barbara talked of Lions Diabetes Support personnel and how they help spread diabetes awareness in our Lions Communities. There is a Lions Diabetes Awareness website which is upcoming for a future resource. For any questions on Lions diabetes please contact Lion Barbara.

PDG Ricky Lauren (Chazy) Grant questions :

PDG Ricky Lauren asked attendees about the multiple district grants and if another coloring book grant was possible in the future.

PDG Michele Puelo-O'Hare mentioned that the grants that are currently open and suggested the coloring program waits until these grants are closed. Once closed the Chazy Lions Club can look into the publication grants the multiple district has to offer.

PDG Milledge Smith added that you can only have one grant at a time from the multiple district and to keep that in mind if applying for it.

Announcement from Lion Margo Walrath:

Lion Margo shared with attendees the date of the Galway Lions Club the date of the pancake breakfast. The date is March 29th 2025. For more information contact District Governor Holly.

Treasurers Report:

District Treasurer Eric Unislawski Share the following treasurers report VIA E-mail:

Lions District 20-W Treasurer's Report
For the period 7/01/24 through 2/08/25

- Income and Expense details for the period from 7/01/24 through 2/08/25 are attached (last column), checking account balance \$16,036.77. Budget and actual totals for the prior two years are shown for comparison.
- The \$2,849.13 from the Lions Quest grant funds from 2017 was returned to LCI in December 2024 along with a closing report, however the check has not been cashed, and no correspondence has been received to determine if anything else is required for close-out.
- 44 of 48 clubs have submitted their district dues, \$3,597.00 collected of \$3,810.00 expected. Clubs that have yet to pay: Heuvelton, Lisbon, Mechanicville-Stillwater, and SUNY Albany. Report attached.
- Form 990-N Postcard for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was filed timely in November 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Eric Unislawski
Cabinet Treasurer

LIONS DISTRICT 20-W
BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORT

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24
	Approved Budget	Actual thro 6/30/23	Approved Budget	Actual thro 06/30/24	Approved Budget	Actual thro 12/31/24
Beginning Balance		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,194.94		\$ 15,332.04
Income						
Lions Club District Dues	\$ 3,817.00	\$ 3,744.00	\$ 3,801.00	\$ 3,914.00	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 3,907.00
MD20 Club Awards	1,275.00	5,205.00	1,058.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,440.00
NYL & NYL Incentive Award	-	1,000.00	-	500.00	-	-
MD20 POC Scholarship Leader Training	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
GLT Funds from LC	250.00	-	250.00	-	-	-
GLT Funds from LC	250.00	-	250.00	-	-	-
GLT Funds from LC	250.00	-	250.00	-	-	-
District Convention Fall Conference	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,700.00
Program Advertising - Conference/Regional	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-
District Cabinet Meetings	1,700.00	1,140.00	2,500.00	2,175.00	2,500.00	900.00
Free Mail	400.00	980.00	400.00	493.00	400.00	510.00
NYL & Other Affiliates	800.00	400.00	800.00	831.00	800.00	872.00
Testimonial Tablets	4,000.00	1,189.34	4,000.00	875.00	4,000.00	-
District KOB - Club Donations	200.00	50.00	200.00	70.00	200.00	-
District MIP - Club Donations	400.00	100.00	200.00	124.00	500.00	200.00
District NYL - Club Donations	200.00	50.00	200.00	70.00	300.00	-
NYL Club - Club Donations	800.00	1,063.00	1,000.00	-	400.00	-
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference (check not cashed)	-	-	-	1,200.00	-	500.00
Lion 1 Signs	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-	-
Public Relations	2,250.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	-	2,250.00	-
Marketing - Sales	750.00	-	750.00	-	750.00	-
Marketing - Coloring Book	2,000.00	7,100.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant	-	13,000.00	-	300.00	-	-
Other Income/Donations	100.00	89.00	100.00	85.92	100.00	-
NY Project - Club Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	\$ 18,114.00	\$ 45,094.11	\$ 16,859.00	\$ 20,289.50	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 8,276.00
Expenses						
International Conventions Accounting Lit VDR	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00	-
Lit VDR Expenses	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,117.14	1,100.00	-
Lit VDR Expenses	100.00	100.43	100.00	-	100.00	-
NYL Canada Forum	750.00	-	-	-	-	-
MD 20 Conventions	1,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
MD 20 Leadership Training Conference	1,400.00	750.00	1,400.00	1,340.00	1,400.00	475.00
GLT Expenses	100.00	148.83	100.00	149.84	100.00	-
GLT Expenses	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-
GLT Expenses (incl. Districts conference)	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	-
Headship Sale	500.00	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
District Leadership Training	1,100.00	1,310.14	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	-
District Directory	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Free Mail, MD 20, International	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	-
District Conventions/Fall Conference	2,000.00	3,200.25	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,862.84
International Director Visit Expenses	400.00	278.89	400.00	442.17	400.00	768.74
District Cabinet Meetings	2,400.00	2,752.87	2,400.00	2,245.24	2,400.00	1,204.44
Cabinet Supplies - Badges, Postage, etc	800.00	200.84	800.00	87.00	800.00	-
Minor Equipment & Tools	300.00	200.80	300.00	318.14	300.00	900.50
Peace Poster	175.00	-	175.00	-	-	-
Testimonial - Meet	3,100.00	1,300.00	3,100.00	1,300.00	2,000.00	-
Testimonial - Awards/Signs	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	-
Website	100.00	107.13	100.00	115.00	100.00	875.00
District MIP Award	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
District KOB Award	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
District NYL Award	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Team of Hope Award	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
John M. Scott Hearing Award	-	-	-	148.71	-	300.00
NY GLT	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	-
Training Expenses	80.00	-	-	-	-	-
Lion Leadership Conference	113.00	-	-	-	-	-
New Lion Club Startup Expenses (L)	600.00	-	-	-	-	-
MD 20 Districts Grant	787.00	-	787.00	-	787.00	-
Public Relations Expenses	3,150.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Marketing - Sales	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Marketing - Coloring Book	4,000.00	6,414.84	-	-	-	-
Cyber Security	440.00	-	440.00	-	472.00	-
LION 100th Charter Sign	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	2,848.13
Lions Quest Grant - St. Catherine's/Star 9000	200.00	700.00	100.00	207.50	100.00	51.36
Misc costs not captured elsewhere	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	\$ 34,333.00	\$ 29,208.81	\$ 42,723.00	\$ 38,204.40	\$ 33,072.00	\$ 8,785.11
Net Income/Loss	\$ 15,881.00	\$ 18,345.52	\$ 11,836.00	\$ 10,285.00	\$ 11,888.00	\$ 886.71
Ending Balance (should match check book)		\$ 33,339.54		\$ 15,122.04		\$ 10,228.77

Club	Membership as of: 7/1/24	FF 2024/25 Amt Paid	Ck Date	Ck #	Deposit Date
1 Albany & Troy	26	25 \$ 78.00	8/20/24	543	8/29/2024
2 Ballston Spa	38	38 \$ 114.00	8/19/2024	1777	9/30/2024
3 Berkshire	20	20 \$ 60.00	8/20/2024	107	8/29/2024
4 Broadbalkin Perth	30	30 \$ 90.00	8/23/2024	1239	8/29/2024
5 Cambridge	11	11 \$ 33.00	12/23/2024	1225	12/31/2024
6 Chazy	40	40 \$ 120.00	9/12/2024	137	9/30/2024
7 Clifton Fire	23	23 \$ 69.00	9/1/2024	2127	9/30/2024
8 Clinton	24	24 \$ 72.00	8/23/2024	2239	8/29/2024
9 Deerfield	5	5 \$ 15.00	8/19/2024	1996	8/29/2024
10 Duane	23	23 \$ 69.00	8/30/2024	1393	9/30/2024
11 Edwards	27	27 \$ 81.00	9/1/2024	2163	9/6/2024
12 Fonda & Fultonville	16	16 \$ 48.00	12/13/2024	3018	12/31/2024
13 Galway	61	61 \$ 183.00	9/2/2024	2624	9/6/2024
14 Glenn Falls	32	32 \$ 96.00	8/17/2024	4453	8/29/2024
15 Gouverneur	39	39 \$ 117.00	9/8/2024	542	9/30/2024
16 Greater Herkimer	35	35 \$ 105.00	8/16/2024	1113	8/29/2024
17 Greater Johnstown	43	43 \$ 129.00	8/26/2024	2033	8/29/2024
18 Greater Ravens	12	12 \$ 36.00	1/17/2025	1210	2/3/2025
19 Greenwich	34	34 \$ 102.00	8/17/2024	1841	8/29/2024
20 Hadley Luzerne	15	15 \$ 45.00	8/26/2024	1361	9/6/2024
21 Inverton	5				
22 Holland Patent	17	17 \$ 51.00	8/17/2024	1295	8/29/2024
23 Lake Placid	33	33 \$ 99.00	8/26/2024	197	12/23/2024
24 Lisbon	20				
25 Long Lake	20	20 \$ 60.00	8/19/2024	178	8/29/2024
26 Malone - 2 times 15x12	12	27 \$ 81.00	8/19/2024	6997	8/29/2024
27 Marcy Telephone	3	3 \$ 27.00	8/15/2024	1107	8/29/2024
28 Mechanicville Stillwater	28				
29 Newcomb	52	52 \$ 156.00	8/31/2024	1711	9/6/2024
30 New Hartford NY Mile Whitestown	12	12 \$ 36.00	8/16/2024	1396	8/29/2024
31 Ogdenburg	38	38 \$ 114.00	9/2/2024	9524	9/6/2024
32 Peru	27	27 \$ 81.00	9/2/2024	104	9/30/2024
33 Plattsburgh	37	37 \$ 111.00	8/21/2024	2079	8/29/2024
34 Raquette River	23	23 \$ 69.00	8/22/2024	234	9/30/2024
35 Saranac Lake	4	4 \$ 12.00	12/21/2024	2144	12/31/2024
36 Saratoga Springs	77	77 \$ 231.00	8/16/2024	2316	8/29/2024
37 Souquet Valley	33	33 \$ 99.00	8/24/2024	909	8/29/2024
38 Schuylerville	17	17 \$ 51.00	8/21/2024	1180	8/29/2024
39 Scotia-Glenville	22	22 \$ 66.00	12/2/2024	4449	12/23/2024
40 Speculator	14	14 \$ 42.00	8/16/2024	2118	8/29/2024
41 SUNY Albany Campus	27				
42 Town of Greenfield	32	32 \$ 96.00	8/23/2024	1602	8/29/2024
43 Town of Innesick	34	34 \$ 102.00	8/27/2024	1305	9/6/2024
44 Town of Schroon	41	41 \$ 123.00	8/16/2024	157	8/29/2024
45 Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley	10	10 \$ 30.00	9/12/2024	1158	9/30/2024
46 Tupper Lake	40	40 \$ 120.00	12/13/2024	2150	12/23/2024
47 Utica	11	11 \$ 33.00	8/19/2024	5347	8/29/2024
48 Waterford	17	17 \$ 51.00	12/16/2024	46717349	12/23/2024
	48	1,770	1,199	3,507.00	44
	2/2/2025	3,810	324	Remaining	

Auctions:

District Governor Holly held several auctions. The money from this auction is used to offset the cost of the district meeting.

Lunch

50/50:

Congratulations to our winner Lion Barbara Bentley!

Attendees:

Lion Alexander Guilmette (Ballston Spa) – District Secretary

District Governor Holly McConchie (Galway)

Lion Margo Walrath (Galway) – Galway Lions Club Co-Secretary

Lion Karen Rager (Glens Falls) – District Newsletter Editor

Lion Scott Rager (Glens Falls) – Glens Falls Lions Club Membership Chair

Lion Jim Winkler (Clinton) – Clinton Lions Club Secretary, Region L Zone B Chair

Lion Bob Maxam (Clinton) – District Hunger Chair

Lion Bill O'Mara (Clinton) – Region L Zone A Chair

IPDG Priscilla Laurin (Chazy) – Organization of Past District Governors 20W Vice District Governor, New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation Inc. 20W Trustee, Lions Hearing Conservation Society Board Member, District Governors Advisory Council Member

PDG Michele Puleo- O'Hare (Bethlehem Lions Club, Greater Ravenna Lions Club) – Greater Ravenna Lions Club President, 20W GET Coordinator, Region O Chair, DG Advisory Council Member, Brandel Murphy Lions Youth Foundation Legacy & Endowment Committee Chair, Lions Hearing Conservation Society, Lions Eye Institute at Albany Inc. – Lions Foundation at Albany Inc 20W Board Member, Lions See, Inc. Board Member, New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation Inc. Trustee, St Catherine's Center For Children Executive Director of the Foundation, District Governors Advisory Council Member

PDG Milledge Smith (Gouverneur) – 20W GST Coordinator, Brandel Murphy Lions Youth Foundation 20W District Coordinator,

PDG Ricky Laurin (Chazy) – Region S Chair, Region S Zone B Chair, LCIF Coordinator, Lions Eye institute at Albany Inc – Lions Foundation at Albany Inc, Board Chair, MD20 Organization of Past District Governors 20W Director, New York Bermuda Lions Foundation Inc 20W Trustee

PDG Loretta Saheim (Mechanicville – Stillwater) – Region N Chair, Lions Eye Bank Board Member

PDG Joan Scott (Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club) – 20W Peace Poster Chair, Hadley Luzerne Lions Club LCI Coordinator

PDG John McDonald (Saratoga Springs Lions Club) – Camp Abilities Board Member, Lions Eye Institute Board Member, Lions Club International Foundation Board Member

PDG Ed Pike (Galway Lions Club)

Lion Barbara Bentley (Saratoga Springs Lions Club)

Lion Dr. Nancy Cappiello-Larson (Scotia-Glenville Lions Club President)

Lion Doug Salisbury (Scotia-Glenville Lions Club)

PDG Loretta Sahiem (Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club)

Lion Ed Moore (Ballston Spa Lions Club) Region I Zone A Chair

District Treasurer Eric Unislawski (Greater Johnstown Lion Club)

Lion Chuck Eafrato (Saratoga Springs Club President)

ZOOM Attendees:

PCC Mark Whitney (Town of Schroon Lion Club) – 20W GET Coordinator, Lions See, Inc 20W Board Member, District Governor’s Advisory Council Member

Lion Ed Balaban (Broadalbin – Perth Lions Club) – Region I Chair, 2nd Vice District Governor

Meeting Adjourned:

1:30 PM



Cabinet Meeting GST, Region, and Zone Report February 8, 2025

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District 20 W GST REPORT - February 2025

Many of the District clubs have completed service projects that involve hunger insecurity, supporting local food banks with monetary donations as well as with food drives. There are clubs supporting the backpack program through monetary donations or a food drive within the community ensuring children have food when school is not in session. Many are collecting eyeglasses and sending them to the recycle center and numerous eye screenings are taking place in schools and day care centers.

Clubs have donated to child hood cancer facilities as well as written individual letters of encouragement to those with cancer. Clubs have provide transportation to individuals who needs rides to doctors, supermarkets, and other necessary appointments such as for parents to visit their child in a cancer center.

There are clubs that have adopted a highway or are cleaning up a roadside rest area, to planting trees which is one of the International President's goals to improve the environment.

Service Project Ideas

In addition to LCI's service programs and project planners, there are many ways that clubs can serve within our global causes. Below are links to project ideas, as well as ways to get started learning more about each cause.

- [Diabetes](#)
- [Hunger](#)
- [Vision](#)
- [Childhood Cancer](#)
- [Environment](#)

DISTRICT CLUBS REPORTING SERVICE PROJECT TO LIONS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 20 W CUMULATIVE TOTALS:

57 LIONS AND LEO CLUBS

38 LIONS AND LEO CLUBS REPORTED

36 LIONS CLUBS REPORTD

3 LEO CLUBS REPORTED

68% OF ALL CLUBS REPORTED

IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT REPORTED PLEASE DO SO IT HELPS US OBTAIN GRANTS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT

The following Lions clubs have not reported:

Bethlehem

Cambridge

Clifton Fine

Deerfield

Edwards

Greater Herkimer

Holland Patent

Marcy Telephone

Ogdensburg

Raquette River

Town of Wright/Schoharie Vly

Waterford

The following Leo clubs have not reported:

Albany

Galway

Greenfield

Saratoga Springs

Schroon

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Who can report:

Leo club, President, Secretary and Advisor or

the sponsoring club.

Some of the above Lions and Leo clubs have started and completed service activities for the lions year July 2024- June 2025, but have not reported any activity. It is important that LCI know what the Lions and Leos are doing. LCI informs the world of the activities, volunteer hours, and the number of people served by the Lions, the information is used to recruit members and obtain partnerships and grants from other organization. As well as providing vital information on the service projects.

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 Othmar 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 PAGE 1

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
PAGE 2**

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)

PAGE 1

CAUSE: CHILDHOOD CANCER

PROJECT TYPE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness, Education, and Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Family Tutoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of Facility Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment and Recreational Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Training and Support |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

CAUSE: DIABETES

PROJECT TYPE:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness, Education, and Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Facility Improvement Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Retreats and Symposiums | <input type="checkbox"/> Strides for Diabetes Awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Support Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Diabetes Risk Awareness and Screening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Eating for Gestational Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Diabetes Camps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living for Type 2 Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

CAUSE: DISASTER RELIEF

PROJECT TYPE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness, Education, and Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Recovery and Reconstruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

CAUSE AND PROJECT TYPES (LION PORTAL)

PAGE 2

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

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”
NOVEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025 SERVICE ACTIVITY
REPORT

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

➤ **UTICA**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Held Regular Monthly Meetings for months of November, December, January & February
- Contributed \$1,000 to LCIF for Disaster Relief (hurricane victims in southeast & Ca. wildfires)
- Donated \$3,000 to Rehabilitation Department’s Blind Youth Independence Program at the CABVI
- Purchased three (3) NYS&BLF raffle tickets for drawing at Convention & five (5) Lions Eye Bank raffle tickets
- Collected 130 pair of eyeglasses to be recycled
- Donated \$200 toward emergency medical transportation for a local child
- Contributed \$250 each to local high school NJROTC community service efforts, the Utica Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Utica Senior Center and the Utica Public Library
- Supported Sauquoit valley Lions through purchase of \$50 Holiday raffle ticket
- Santa & “elf sidekick” (two club members) visited local nursing homes distributing candy & calendars to approximately 120 residents before Christmas
- Purchased six (\$100) Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation (BMYF) Super Bowl raffle tickets

➤ **MARCY TELEPHONE LIONS**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- One member assists in the transportation of food to local pantries on monthly basis

➤ **NEW HARTFORD/ NEW YORK MILLS – WHITESTOWN**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Honored veterans at monthly meeting in November
- Conducted fundraising event prior to Thanksgiving at local lumber company realizing \$253
- Two members continue volunteering at Friday lunches at Mother Marianne’s Soup Kitchen in Utica, NY
- Held Holiday Party as part of December monthly meeting
- Continue collecting used eyeglasses for recycling
- Purchased six (\$100) Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation (BMYF) Super Bowl raffle tickets

➤ **SAUQUOIT VALLEY**

□ **ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Two members attended District's Fall Conference in Lake George, NY
- Organized & staffed food collection & packaging for 256 Greater Utica homebound residents
- Held annual Holiday Raffle Fundraiser realizing \$3,500 profit
- Purchased 12 (\$200) Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Super Bowl Raffle tickets
- Held sale of raffle tickets for chance on Holiday tree full of Lottery tickets at local convenience store & High School Craft Fair – realize profit of \$2,013 which was donated to Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse to benefit early childhood cancer research & treatment
- Donated \$400 to Sauquoit Valley Friends & Neighbors for purchase of Christmas gifts for marginalized seniors in the community
- Made Thanksgiving donation of \$384 for purchase of fruit for disadvantaged in the community
- Contributed \$300 to benefit community member recently injured in an industrial accident
- Donated \$500 to LCIF for Disaster Relief resulting from recent hurricanes in the southeast
- Donated \$250 to the Rome Lions to be utilized in the restoration of their community resulting from last summer's tornado

□ **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIVITIES & DONATIONS:**

- Will be conducting annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the Willowvale Fire Department from 7:00AM – 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Lion Jim Winkler – RC/ZC Chairman

District 20W

Region I – Zone A

February 2025 Report

Zone Project

Delivered to the Lions Eyeglass recycling center in Trenton, NJ a truck load of eyeglasses from Scotia, Galway, Saratoga, Ballston Spa.

On 1/23 a meeting was held with the clubs in the Zone on a joint service project to be held on 5/3 – National Fitness Day. It will be a walk on the 5 mile Zim Smith Trail from Ballston Spa to Round Lake. All clubs are participating. Details still be working out.

Galway Lions Club

Membership – 58

Activities completed: Manned a table at the Town of Galway's Fall Festival / Halloween in the Park. Ruffled off a large, stuffed lion for the children. Also, distributed our membership tri-fold to parents. Saturday, November 30th we bagged trees at Bob's Trees as a fundraiser for the club. We get a portion of every tree that is bagged as well as keep any tips given to us. Sunday,

December 1 we lit the 30th annual memory tree and read all names sent in to be remembered. Listing is hanging in Galway Public Library for anyone who wants to see those to be remembered. Held our 2nd annual Christmas raffle, drawing was December 18th . Sorted 5 bags of eyeglasses for Lion Ed Moore, who will be making a run to the NJ recycling center.

Upcoming Activities: Galway Lions Community Breakfast, Saturday, March 29th from 7 – 11 AM at Bob’s Trees Ski Lodge. Adults \$11 / children 10 and under \$6. Menu to include: pancakes, French toast bake, syrup, home fried potatoes, ham, sausage, eggs

Scotia – Glenville

Scotia-Glenville/22 members

- __ Food
Drive hanaford_11/30/24_____
- __hung Christmas Wreaths at Socha Plaza Apartments
11/21/24_____
- ____sale of 250 Christmas
Wreaths_____
- ____Daily Draw Raffle
tickets_____
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UPCOMING Special Events with dates (February 2025 - April 2025):

- __Easter bunny
Sales_____
- __Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund
Raiser_____
- __Daily Draw Raffle
Tickets_____

Town of Greenfield

The Town of Greenfield Lions Club has been busy.

October:

Fall Festival Participation - Community outreach event (8 Lions - 32 hours)

November:

Veteran's Day Flag laying at local cemeteries (10 Lions- 20 hours)

Leo's assisted with yard cleanup for an elderly resident. (2 Leos, 2 Lions - 8 hours)

Christmas Tree sales All hands on deck, the sale lasted from Sat Nov 30 through December 24 (15 Lions -100+ hours)

December:

Christmas Pop-Up Shop (8 Lions- 40 hours)

Ski Rack construction for the community ski rental shop. (2 Lions - 16 hours)

Future Events:

February-Mardi Gras event

Spring Soccer- concession sales every week

Saratoga Springs

ACTIVITIES& DONATIONS:

- Our Saratoga Skating Stars service project, now in its 24th year, opened our 2025 season on January 11th and will continue for 10 Saturdays through March. The Saratoga Skating Stars service project brings together physically challenged kids, youth volunteers and Saratoga Lions in a program that helps physically challenged kids learn to skate.
- On January 18th we held our annual food drive in connection with several grocery stores in Saratoga Springs where Lions were present to receive food donations from shoppers. In total we collected over 5,000 pounds of food and over \$900 in cash donations that was shared among five of our local food pantries.
- In November for Diabetes Awareness month, we worked with the Saratoga Library to do a display with the prediabetes risk test and other information for the community.
- We continue to do sight screenings in collaboration with NABA and provide assistance to those in need of hearing aids.
- We will be holding a Trivia Night fund raiser on Friday, January 31st.
- We will be holding our 12th annual Night at the Brewseum Fundraiser on Friday, April 25th.
- The club is working on our upcoming Camp Abilities Saratoga program, our largest service project, to be held the week of August 3rd 2025.
- The club donated \$50,000 for the Lions Eye Institute Albany Medical Center Ophthalmology Residency program.
- The club donated \$600 to Wreaths Across America and several Lions attended at Saratoga National Cemetery to help lay the wreaths on veterans graves.
- The club donated \$550 to Life Works for Thanksgiving baskets.

Ballston Spa Lions

Annual donation to the Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving meal food drive. Donated 20 Full Thanksgivings Dinner Boxes to the Church.

Collected hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves and donated to the 3 food pantries.

Donated toys to Toys for Tots campaign

60 Christmas hams (20 hams to each of the villages food pantries) will donate the same quantity for Easter along with Chocolate Easter bunnies from the Lion Eye Institute fund raiser.

Purchased Christmas cloths, toys and books for 5 children through the Dept of Social Services.

One new member inducted and a second will be inducted prior to the Cabinet meeting.

Set up an information booth during at the Ribbon Café during their fund raiser for a child with cancer.

Also will set up a booth during a village Chowderfest.

The Ballston Spa Lions Club continues to participate in local events and keep a presence in our community. Members continually volunteer at the local food pantries as well as donations to The Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Club/Zone/Region Report for District Cabinet

Meeting 8 February 2025

Club membership figures are from LCI as of 01/12/2025. Please correct if necessary. CIRCLE your club/members:

Ballston Spa/38 Broadalbin-Perth/28 Fonda & Fultonville/16 Galway/58

Greater Johnstown/40 Saratoga/77 Scotia-Glenville/22

Speculator/15 Town of Greenfield/33

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

- 11/2/24 Bowling Tournament
- 11/13/24 Hearing Aids Purchased for four individuals
- 11/15/24 Donation to local fire victim

12/2/24 Participation in the Holiday Parade

- 12/12/24 Christmas Gifts for local families in need

UPCOMING Special Events with dates (February 2025 - April 2025):

- 1/8/24 Began Process for "Flowers on Main Street"
- Ordered Bunnies for Lions Easter Bunny Sale

Began Process for Annual Golf Tournament - May 17th 2025 _____

Submit to Zone Chair and Region Chair

NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025.

Region O Report –

Respectfully Submitted by PDG Michele O'Hare

20-W Cabinet Meeting – February 8, 2025

Albany Troy Lions Club

- **Membership:** 28 members
- **New Meeting Location:** Margarita City Mexican Restaurant, 1118 Central Ave, Colonie. Meetings held on the **1st Wednesday at 5:30 PM.**

- **Recent Service Activities:**
 - **Vision Assistance:** Shipped **2,800 used eyeglasses** to New Jersey for redistribution.
 - **Community Support:** Donated **\$1,000 to Guardians of Al-Fitrah** (501(c)(3), led by Lion Queen Ghaffar-Adjei) to support their “**Love Thy Neighbor**” holiday celebration in Albany.
 - **Youth & Literacy:** Partnered with the **Scripps National Spelling Bee** for the first time; the inaugural event is set for March.
 - **Education & Outreach:** Installed a **Little Free Library** at the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club.
 - **Housing Assistance:** Contributed **\$500 to Eden’s Rose Foundation** (501(c)(3), led by Lions Greg & Jodi Sheldon) for **boiler repairs** at a residence for homeless migrants.
 - **Fundraising:** Raised **\$1,300** through a **seal-campaign letter initiative**.
 - **Vision Screenings:** Conducted screenings at **Turnpike Elementary School** and planning another at **Rensselaer Park Elementary**.

Bethlehem Lions Club

- **Membership:** 17 members (1 recent resignation, 1 member transitioning to emeritus status). Seeking ways to boost membership.
- **Past Activities (Nov 2024 – Jan 2025):**
 - **Annual Craft Fair Fundraisers:** Held on **Nov 23rd & Dec 14th** at Tools Restaurant, featuring silent auctions, raffle baskets, and handmade crafts.
 - **70th Anniversary Celebration:** Hosted at Tools Restaurant on **Dec 4th**, attended by DG Lion Holly McConchie, Lion Margo Walrath, and members from Ravena Lions Club.
 - **Community Fundraising:**
 - Coin drop collection boxes placed at Tools & Swifty’s Restaurants.
 - Bottle & can deposit receipt collection continues.
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- **Upcoming Activities (Winter 2025):**
 - **Community Betterment:**
 - **Food Pantry Donations:** 117 lbs of food & toiletries donated to Bethlehem Senior Services Food Pantry.
 - **Stamps for Veterans:** Collecting canceled stamps for Albany VA craft projects.
 - **Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Liaison:** Increasing club visibility.
 - **Fundraisers & Events:**
 - **Hoffman’s Car Wash Ticket Sales** (Ongoing).
 - **Chocolate Bunny Sales:** Orders placed in January.
 - **Annual Pancake Breakfast: April 27th (8:30–11 AM) at My Place & Company Restaurant, Delmar, NY.** Tickets:

\$12/adults, \$8/children (under 10). Raffle baskets & door prizes available.

- **Raffle Baskets:** Displayed at Tools Restaurant, Feb–June.
- **Vision & Hearing Assistance:**
 - **Eyeglass Collection:** Nearly **800 pairs of glasses collected**—storage space is needed.
 - **Hearing Aid Assistance:** Supporting a local senior with insurance co-pays for bilateral hearing aids. Collaborating with Albany Medical Center Speech & Hearing Clinic for hearing aid donations.
- **Marketing & Membership:**
 - New email: **bethlehemlionsclub@gmail.com**
 - **Website & Facebook page maintained.**
 - Membership Chair **King Lion Matt Wilcenski** is working on a **membership satisfaction & suggestion survey.**
 - Planning a **Spring/Summer community event** to increase visibility and membership.

Duane Lions Club

- **Project: Purchase of Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener** for expanded vision screenings.
- **Background:**
 - 10 years ago, the club purchased a Spot Vision Screener for **Duanesburg Schools**, used for Pre-K and elementary student screenings.
 - A second unit would **expand screenings** to surrounding school districts.
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- **Impact:**
 - Expected to **benefit 1,500–2,000 children** in Duanesburg, Schoharie, Middleburg, and Berne-Knox-Westerlo school districts.
- **Funding & Grants:**
 - **Total cost:** \$8,190 (includes carrying case & 5-year protection plan).
 - **Applying for:**
 - **\$4,000 matching grant** from NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation.
 - **Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation Matching Grant & Lions SEE Grant.**
 - **Club contribution:** \$2,190, plus possible manufacturer rebate.
- **Sustainability:**
 - The first unit has required minimal maintenance over 10 years.
 - Additional **insurance coverage planned** for long-term sustainability.
- **Recognition:** NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation to be acknowledged in club materials, Facebook page, and community event announcements.

Greater Ravena Area Lions Club

- **Membership:** 12 members, with 3 new members being installed in February.
- **Service Projects:**
 - **September:** Donated **(2) \$100 gift cards** for school clothing to local families at SCCC.
 - **November:** Provided **Thanksgiving baskets** to two families.
 - **December:** Adopted children from the **Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District** for Christmas gifts.
 - **Food Donations:** Ongoing support to the local **food pantry**.
 - **Diabetes Awareness:** Provided educational materials to **Ravena Library**.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - **January 27, 2025 – Volunteerism Panel at RCS High School:**
 - **PDG President Michele** participated in a **panel discussion and small group presentations** on increasing volunteer engagement.
 - Plans to conduct a **community needs assessment** for volunteers.
 - Exploring **Leos Club formation**.

SUNY UAlbany Lions Club

- **Membership:** 24 members.
- **Recent Activities:**
 - Hosted **holiday card-making event** for local nursing homes.
 - Collaborated with student organizations for campus and community service.
- **Upcoming Plans:**
 - **Valentine’s Day event** (first event back this semester).
 - **Meetings:** Now scheduled **every other Wednesday** due to scheduling conflicts.
 - **Community Projects:**
 - Garden cleanups.
 - Potential **Albany Pine Bush Preserve cleanup**.
 - **Membership Growth & Funding:**
 - Seeking funding through university channels.
 - Working on securing the next **E-Board**.
 - First meeting back will include **brainstorming session for future projects**.

Town of Wright-Schoharie Valley Lions Club

- **In Memoriam:** The club mourns the passing of **Past President and longtime Lion Georgia Van Dyke**.

Waterford Lions Club No report submitted.

REGION N: No Report Submitted

Report – Region S – Zone B 2/8/2025

Chazy: The club hosted its annual Turkey Night. Continue collecting plastic for the Trex project & received a second bench. Continues to meet twice a month, donated to LCIF, provided a donation to Santa Night, provided the Turkeys for the community Holiday Baskets. Received a new Eye screening camera thanks to the help from Brandell-Murphy, NYS& BLF, kid sight & 2 local Lions Clubs. Plans for the next quarter include hosting Winter Weekend for the students at Chazy Central School.

Lake Placid: Held the annual Christmas radio auction in November.

Malone: Hosted the zone's annual interclub- DG Holly was the guest, DG also inducted new members into the club. Completed eye screening for a total of 1191 students. Assisted Chazy in purchasing the new eye screening camera. Purchases raffle tickets for Lions eye bank, purchased from LCI raffle ticket. Meeting monthly & continue with the club's nuts & bolts projects. Plans for the next quarter include purchasing Life Vac & donating to local schools, fire departments & anyone who would benefit from having them. Hosting a food & drink booth at the Franklin Count Fairgrounds for the snow mobile races.

Peru: Hosted the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Completed their 4th eye screening for this year. Continue to meet monthly. Held the annual club Christmas party. Donated to the following: gifts to the Clinton County Christmas Bureau, \$500 gift cards to JCEO food shelf in Peru & another \$500 gift card to food shelf in Keeseville. Addition donations include \$500 to Peru Fire Department, \$500 to Hospice, \$300 to LCI, \$500 to Salvation Army, \$300 to CVPH Foundation, \$300. Assisted the Chazy Lions Club purchasing the new eye camers.

Tupper Lake: No report