

Lions and the Coronavirus: Feeding the Hospitals

MD20 received a \$200,000 grant from LCIF specifically for feeding the doctors, nurses, housekeeping, janitorial services, and other front-line hospital personnel who are working with COVID-19 patients. About half of that went to the NYC area, where the need is greatest.

District 20W formed a committee to apply for a share of this grant. The western and northern portions of our district experienced relatively few cases and the clubs in those areas instituted various programs to address their local needs. Those clubs agreed that the Capital Region should be the sole beneficiary of the 20W grant.

On 4/25/20, the 20W committee received a \$10,500 grant to provide 2100 individually-wrapped meals to Albany Medical Center, St Peter's, Albany Memorial, Samaritan, and Ellis Hospitals.

Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen, which has locations in Albany, Troy, and Schenectady, agreed to provide the meals, all of which were sealed with an LCIF label, but they could not deliver them. Albany & Troy Lion Jerry Gordon set up a delivery schedule to provide meals to one hospital per day at either 11:30 AM or 4:30 PM from May 1 through June 8. Lions from eight clubs stepped forward to make these deliveries and 2VDG Michele O'Hare was present for many of the presentations. A number of Lions made several deliveries.

Albany & Troy: Irv Ackerman, Preem Cabey, Dennis Fagan, Jerry & Maryanne Gordon, Carol and PiS Paul Quantock, Ruth Sano, Greg & Jodi Sheldon

Ballston Spa: Eric Carson, Ed Hersch, Ed Moore

Bethlehem: Dan Ryan, Bob & Liza Tougher

Galway: Ken Perez, Martina Ross

Glens Falls: Kassey Granger

Greater Ravena: Bruce & Beth Stott

Scotia-Glenville: Kermit Ackley, Eric Buskirk, Josh Poupore

Town of Greenfield: PDG Ed & Elizabeth Stano



On April 28, 2020, Peter Semenza, Vice-President of Philanthropy at St Peter's Health Partners, called Jerry Gordon, who managed the meal-delivery program for the Lions. Peter profusely thanked Jerry and all the Lions for the wonderful service they are providing by delivering meals. It is appreciated not only by him, but especially by the staff that are the direct beneficiaries. (St Peter's Health Partners includes St Peter's Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital, and Samaritan Hospital.)

Jerry also received several emails from Rob Saba, Director of Development for Albany Medical Center:

On May 1:

Hi Lion's Club Friends!

Just wanted to let you know the first round of Popeye's Chicken lunches went off flawlessly!!! Right on time, arrived hot and ready for distribution! Thanks to your generosity, several areas within Albany Med enjoyed a delicious thanks to our kind friends at the Lion's Club, including the Massry Family Children's Emergency Center, the Adult Main Emergency Department, our Albany Med Social Workers, Security officers and the Incident Command Center teammates!

Thank you so much! What a treat to have our Albany Med family take a break, enjoy a delicious meal knowing it came from people in our community that care.

Stay well, Rob
Director of Development
Albany Medical Center Foundation

On May 8:

Hi Folks! Right on time and into the hungry hand of our front line caregivers! Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness! Have a great weekend!
Rob

On May 13:

Hi Gents,

Irv [that day's driver], thanks so much for your efforts with today's delicious delivery of Popeye's chicken meals! Once again we were able to spread the Lion's Clubs generosity to several areas of the med center including our Children's Hospital team (shown here), our Sterile Processing Center (where our masks, shields, equipment is cleaned), our operating units as well as our emergency departments.

So grateful, so appreciative of your kindness and generosity! Thanks again. See you soon. Best, Rob

And on May 23:

Hi Jerry!

Meals arrived hot and right on time! Thank you! Our teams came a-running when they heard Popeye's was in the house! We are so grateful for the support of the Lion's Club! Have a safe but fun holiday weekend! Rob



The Popeye's crew busily at work



May 1, 2020. Albany & Troy Lions Preem Cabey and Irv Ackerman, 2VDG Michele O'Hare delivering to Albany Medical Center



May 4. 2VDG Michele O'Hare and A&T Lion Preem Cabey at St Peter's Hosp.



May 5. A&T Lion Preem Cabey delivering to Albany Memorial Hospital



May 6. A&T Lion Preem Cabey (on right) delivering to Samaritan Hospital



May 7. Beth Frear, Ellis Foundation; Ballston Spa Lions Eric Carson, KL Ed Hersch, ZC Ed Moore; 2VDG Michele O'Hare delivering to Ellis Hospital



May 12. Galway Lions Ken Perez and Martina Ross on the left, 2VDG Michele O'Hare on the right, delivering to Ellis Hospital



May 13. A&T Lion Irv Ackerman delivering to Albany Medical Center



May 19. A&T Lion Ruth Sano delivering to St Peter's Hospital



May 21. A&T Lion Jerry Gordon loading his car for delivery to Samaritan Hospital



June 3. A&T Lion Ruth Sano delivering to St Peter's Hospital



May 20 (left) and May 25. Town of Greenfield Lions PDG Ed Stano & Elizabeth Stano delivering to Albany Memorial



June 8. Bethlehem Lions Liza (center) and Bob Tougher at St Peter's



June 5. A&T PiS Paul Quantock delivering to Samaritan Hospital

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<i>Drop-off location></i>		<u>Albany Med</u> Between adult and pediatric Emerg Depts				<u>St Peter's</u> Main entrance (where valet parking is)			<u>Alb Memorial</u> Main entrance (where valet parking is)			<u>Samaritan</u> Main entrance (close to ER)			<u>Ellis</u> Main entrance. Ring buzzer; security will take meals		
<i>Contact-just in case</i>		Rob Saba C: 518-810-3001; Office: 518-262-0897				518-482-4433			518-482-4433			518-482-4433			Beth Frear, 518-878-3236		
Date		Del time	Drvr*	Meal	Qty	Del time	Drvr*	Meal	Qty	Del time	Drvr*	Meal	Qty	Del time	Drvr*	Meal	Qty
Fr	1-May	11:30 AM	IA	SAND	75												
Sa	2-May																
Su	3-May																
Mo	4-May					11:30 AM	PC	TDR	75								
Tu	5-May									11:30 AM	PC	CKN	35				
We	6-May													11:30 AM	PC	TDR	60
Th	7-May															11:30 AM	EM SAND 35
Fr	8-May	4:30 PM	PC	TDR	75												
Sa	9-May					4:30 PM	KG	CKN	75								
Su	10-May									4:30 PM	DF	SAND	35				
Mo	11-May													4:30 PM	BD	CKN	60
Tu	12-May															4:30 PM	EM TDR 35
We	13-May	11:30 AM	IA	CKN	75												
Th	14-May					11:30 AM	DR	SAND	75								
Fr	15-May									11:30 AM	DR	TDR	35				
Sa	16-May													11:30 AM	PQ	SAND	60
Su	17-May															11:30 AM	EM CKN 35
Mo	18-May	4:30 PM	BS	SAND	75												
Tu	19-May					4:30 PM	RS	TDR	75								
We	20-May									4:30 PM	ES	CKN	35				
Th	21-May													4:30 PM	JG	TDR	60
Fr	22-May															4:30 PM	EM SAND 35
Sa	23-May	11:30 AM	PC	TDR	75												
Su	24-May					11:30 AM	PC	CKN	75								
Mo	25-May									11:30 AM	ES	SAND	35				
Tu	26-May													11:30 AM	PQ	CKN	60
We	27-May															11:30 AM	EM TDR 35
Th	28-May	4:30 PM	BS	CKN	75												
Fr	29-May					4:30 PM	GS	SAND	75								
Sa	30-May									4:30 PM	ES	TDR	35				
Su	31-May													4:30 PM	PQ	SAND	60
Mo	1-Jun															4:30 PM	EM CKN 35

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Su	7-Jun	4:30 PM	BS	TDR	70												
Mo	8-Jun					4:30 PM	BLT	CKN	70								
Meal totals					595				595				245				245

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BLT	Bob & Liza Tougher, Bethlehem, 518-376-0209

Popeye's Meals w/b Approx. 70% MILD and 30% SPICY

SAND	1 CKN SAND, 1 SIDE	Sandwich
TDR	3 TDR, 1 SIDE, 1BISC	Tenders
CKN	3PCS, 1 SIDE, 1 BISC	Bone-in chicken
<i>Meals will be picked up 1/2 hour before Deliv Time</i>		
M	Marrello's (Only if no driver is available)	

Pick up meals at Popeye's 1/2 hour before Deliv Time

For **Samaritan** 220 Hosick St, Troy, 518-271-9112
 For **Ellis** 112 State St, Schenectady, 518-372-2301
 For **all others** 900 Central Ave, Albany, 518-454-9320
 OWNERS: Tom (c: 518-461-1783) & Peg (c: 518-461-1817)
 Pick up meals inside; they will help you load them.



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Meals for hospitals

1 message

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Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 2:04 PM

To: Tom & Peggy Savchik <pegsavchik@gmail.com>, tsavchik@aol.com

Cc: "PDG Michele (Lion Chuck) O'Hare" <dgmichelehare@gmail.com>, PDG John McDonald

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Dear Peg and Tom,

On behalf of all the Lions of District 20W, I would like to thank you and the crews of all your Popeye's Louisiana Kitchens for participating in our recent effort to feed the staff at Albany Medical Center, St Peter's Hospital, Albany Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Hospital, and Ellis Hospital. You always had everything ready in a timely fashion, and your staff was very helpful in getting our cars loaded. We heard several times from the hospitals how much they enjoyed the meals and how much they appreciated our bringing them.

We fed not only the doctors and nurses who are working with COVID patients, but also housekeeping, janitorial, and other related personnel. They all face the same problem of not having enough PPE to allow for a complete change of gowns, caps, masks, etc., every time they go to the cafeteria. They really appreciated having the food brought to them.

Again, please express our gratitude to the wonderful folks who work behind the counters and in the kitchens of your Albany, Schenectady, and Troy outlets.

Jerry Gordon

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