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DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Fellow Lions:

First, I would like to congratulate and thank Lion Diane Chanowsky from Peru and Lion Walt Williams from Plattsburgh for their recent graduation at this year's Lions Leadership Institute in Binghamton. I'm proud of both of you and am excited for the new ways you will continue to serve. We had a great turnout at the second cabinet meeting and fall conference in Watertown last Saturday. It was wonderful to see all of you who could make it on Friday night and/or Saturday. We were pleased and thankful to have the opportunity to welcome fellow Lions in districts Y1 and Y2 as well as International Director Lion Don Noland and his lovely wife Lion Betty from Missouri. We enjoyed presentations on diabetes awareness from Council Chair Lion Kelly Clark, new member orientation from PDG Liz Walker and from Larry Storie, the new director of the Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York. ID Don spoke to us about service, the power of we and the importance of living our lives in the dash between our birth dates and dates of death, to live fully and to live well. November is National Diabetes Awareness Month so why not consider hosting a Strides Walk or other activity to raise awareness for diabetes?

I'm having a lot of fun visiting each of your clubs so far this year. Sometimes, I walked in as a stranger but I've left every club as a friend. I appreciate the way each of you have welcomed me into your clubs when I've come to visit and I want you to please extend that same warm hospitality to each other and to nonLions who may become potential

new members. Thank you for giving me the privilege and honor to induct new members in some of your clubs. I'm also very honored when you allow me to present awards at my visits. I love hearing about and I'm fascinated by all of the unique ways each of you serves your communities. And remember: your clubs play a vital role to your communities. The work that you do as Lions does make an impact on the lives around you. Please don't forget to share it with me in your monthly activity reports on MyLCI and here in the Northern Lion. I enjoy keeping up with what you're doing even when I can't be there in person. If you need help with your activity reports, please let me know and I can get you some help. Please remember too that it's very important to pay all of your dues and other bills in a timely manner so that your clubs can continue to function and serve.

This month is also a time for Thanksgiving. And with that in mind, I want to take a moment to celebrate and remember by giving thanks for each one of you. I know that several of you have made financial donations to LCIF or directly to clubs in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico to assist with hurricane survivors. I also know that some of you have even collected much needed items to send to Florida and Puerto Rico. Thank you for your generous donations.

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Thank you Cape Vincent Lions for designing and implementing a new meat raffle fundraiser.
Thank you Carthage Leos for participating with the Carthage Lions in a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness.
Thank you Chazy Lions for hosting a week long winter carnival every year for the whole town.
Thank you Clayton Lions for hosting a fun International Night.
Thank you Clifton-Fine Lions for always attending the cabinet meetings and taking an active interest in the activities of the district.
Thank you Croghan Lions for conducting vision screenings.
Thank you Edwards Lions for hosting a free dinner to honor our veterans on Veterans Day.
Thank you Gouverneur Lions for donating 100 cases of bottled water to hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico.
Thank you Heuvelton Lions for encouraging the Heuvelton Leos and signing Christmas cards to send to our service men and women.
Thank you Indian River Lions for welcoming a new member to your club this year.
Thank you Lake Placid Lions for conducting your annual auction.
Thank you Lisbon Lions for raising and donating \$2,000 for hurricane relief efforts.
Thank you Long Lake Lions for providing food baskets to people in need at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.
Thank you Louisville Lions for selling raffle tickets in the wee hours of the morning at an ice fishing derby.
Thank you Lowville Lions for doing a fantastic job with your clock and town square revitalization legacy project.
Thank you Malone Lions for conducting a new Random Acts of Kindness service project.
Thank you Massena Lions for hosting your annual Election Day Breakfast fundraiser.
Thank you Newcomb Lions for hosting a youth picnic.
Thank you Norfolk Lions for conducting your yummy pizza fundraiser.
Thank you Ogdensburg Lions for participating in the peace poster contest.
Thank you Peru Lions for your annual Turkey Trot fundraiser.
Thank you Plattsburgh Lions for your work with Peppy the dog who is blind to help educate children and adults alike.
Thank you Potsdam Lions for hosting a peace poster exhibition and appreciation night for middle school students and their families.
Thank you Quad Town Lions for conducting many vision screenings.
Thank you Saranac Lake Lions for partnering with NCC campuses to try to begin campus Leos clubs.
Thank you South Jefferson Lions for providing food and visiting people who might otherwise be alone for the holidays.
Thank you South Lewis Lions for conducting vision screenings.
Thank you Town of Brownville Lions for running a food truck at General Brown Days.
Thank you Town of Schroon Lions and Leos for reaching out to a Leos club in Florida to help provide disaster relief.
Thank you Tupper Lake Lions for growing your club in a relatively short amount of time.
Thank you Watertown Lions for collecting and donating over 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses.

These are just a few of the many ways that you all serve your communities. I wanted to let all of you know that I'm thankful for all that you do as Lions and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside you as your District Governor this year. I wish each of you and your loved ones a warm and wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Northern Lion Holiday/Winter Edition

We will be combining the December and January Editions of the Northern Lion for this year. I will be collecting articles and pictures for the Holiday/Winter Edition through Friday, January 5, 2018 and will be able to publish by Friday, January 12, 2018.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Safe & Happy New Year.

Lion Mike Murtagh
District 20-W Editor



Club Anniversaries November



Clifton Fine Lions Club	69 Years
South Jefferson Lions Club	67 Years
Town of Brownsville Lions Club	59 Years

Peace Poster Info

Hi everyone:

Due to the increase in the number of clubs participating in the peace poster contest, we will NOT be judging them at the fall conference next week. Some clubs are not able to get them to me until after November 4th & I want to make sure all of the clubs that want to participate have a fair chance at winning. You can either bring the poster(s) to me at the fall conference or mail them to me at: 6843 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY 13676. Please note that if you mail it, it MUST be postmarked by November 15th in order to qualify. Again, please let me know if you plan to participate & a good estimate of when I can expect to receive your poster. I will put together a small committee of impartial, knowledgeable individuals to judge the posters. I would like to judge the posters by Thanksgiving. Please let me know if you have any questions & I'm sorry for the confusion. PDG Smitty was right: I was hoping to judge them at the fall conference & show them off & choose a winner with a larger audience but that's ok, we'll wait instead. I'm excited to hear about all of the clubs who are participating & don't forget to put it in your monthly activity reports on MyLCI! Thank you everyone!

DG Donna

Diabetes Awareness Message



Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes November 12–18, 2017

Join the Fight Against Diabetes

Why We Need to Join the Fight:

642M people will have diabetes by 2040

422M adults are currently estimated to have diabetes

6th leading cause of death in the world, and the sixth leading cause of death among women

1 person dies every 7 seconds from diabetes

5M people die annually from diabetes

50% of people with diabetes don't know they have it

77% of people with diabetes live in low- and middle-income countries

Diabetes Affects Us All

Chances are you know someone with diabetes. Visit fightdiabetes.lionsclubs.org for an exercise that lets you reflect on those personal connections with fellow Club members.

Diabetes Awareness Message



Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes November 13-19, 2017

How You Can Fight Diabetes in Your Community

Even small service activities can make a big difference in the fight against diabetes. Try one or more of the activities below, or use this list to inspire your own ideas based on the specific needs of your community.



Donate a diabetes magazine subscription or diabetes-related books to your local library.



Invite a role model with diabetes to a local school to talk about healthy lifestyle choices.



Provide an organized physical activity to promote healthy exercise for children who are in after-school programs.



Organize a weekly walking club at your place of work and share a healthy snack afterwards.



Write about healthy lifestyle choices in your community or school newspaper.



Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes and pre-diabetes.



Develop a list of diabetes patient resources and services and distribute them in your community.



Bring fresh produce to a local pantry or food bank.



Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community.



Volunteer for a day at a diabetes camp. Visit www.diabetescamps.org to find a camp near you.

Lions Leadership Institute District 20-W Graduates



Congratulations to the newest graduates of the Lions Leadership Institute from District 20-W pictured above with DG Donna Ober in the center is Lion Walt Williams from the Plattsburgh Lions on the left & Lion Diane Chanowsky from the Peru Lions on the right!

We are all so proud of you both & the things you accomplished this past weekend! We just know we'll see great things to come from you both in the next few years! Keep up the wonderful work!!

Lions Eye Institute/Foundation at Albany NY Message

Lions Eye Institute/Lions Foundation at Albany

by Lion Karen Rager (20Y2)

Your Lions Eye Institute today is testimony to the financial generosity made to the Lions Foundation at Albany, NY Inc. by countless Lions in our region. Since the area Lions first became involved in 1987, millions have been raised to build and equip the Lions Eye Institute.

Ways You Can Help!

Become a Knight of the Blind. The Lions Eye Institute took the phrase "Knights of the Blind" from Helen Keller's 1925 speech to the Lions and made it a part of their fund-raising efforts. It has become a Lion favorite-over 700 area Lions have become Knights of the Blind!

For a pledge of \$500, which can be paid over a five-year period, an individual or business can become a Knight of the Blind. Upon completion of their pledge, they will receive a Knight of the Blind pin and a personalized certificate. Also, their name will be added to the Wall of Honor at the Lions Eye Institute.

While clubs can become Knights of the Blind, they can also name a Knight of the Blind. This is a great opportunity for a club to honor a current or former member or friend. You can also upgrade an existing KOB to a Bronze, Silver or Gold KOB!

Chocolate Bunny Sales. Every year the Lions Foundation sponsors a Chocolate Bunny Sale to raise funds for the Lions Foundation. Orders are placed through participating Lions Clubs. Look for our Flyer here around the end of each year for information on how you can purchase Chocolate Bunnies!

Other Ways to Give. There are multiple ways to convey your LEI gift:

- Cash gifts made by check or money order.
- Credit card gifts made via your Visa or MasterCard account.
- Gifts of securities made by transferring stocks, bonds, and other marketable securities.
- EASIEST!!! USE the Paypal button on our homepage.

All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Gifts should be made payable to the "Lions Foundation at Albany" and be sent to:

LIONS FOUNDATION AT ALBANY, INC./LIONS EYE INSTITUTE AT ALBANY, INC.

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Lions Camp Badger News

Lions Camp Badger offers two-week long summer programs for campers with functional differences (such as intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, etc.). Campers are grouped by age (12-20 year olds in one session, 21+ in another). We welcome nonverbal campers and encourage the use of communication devices! We also work with families whose campers may need to bring 1:1 support with them. It is recommended these families start the registration process very early, as it takes some time to make arrangements to best meet the needs of their campers.

One of the “perks” of our beautiful location is its close proximity to recreational and respite opportunities for families. We are just 20 minutes from Ithaca, NY <http://www.visitithaca.com/> and 35 minutes from Tioga Downs Casino <https://www.tiogadowns.com/>. Families from further away can “recharge”, knowing that their camper is safe and having a great time with their friends.

Lions Camp Badger is staffed by certified special education teachers, skilled medical professionals, and dedicated, energetic college students. Prior to camp, they have all undergone extensive training in safety, CPR/first aid, special needs, behavior management, and communication support. Staff and volunteers who work directly with campers undergo extensive security checks per American Camping Association guidelines. Parents may choose to receive frequent updates on their camper throughout the session. We understand how difficult it can be to put your loved one in the hands of others, and we do everything possible to assure they receive exceptional care and attention while they are with us.

We strive to help each camper recognize his or her individual potential, and encourage them to develop their talents and abilities to their fullest extent. The wide variety of activities offered provides the perfect setting for personal growth and exploration. We offer:

*Swimming
Arts & Crafts
Boating
Yoga
Social Skills
Hiking*

*Cooking
Life Skills
Sports
Running
Nature*

*Vocational
Experiences
Surprise Events
Animals
Clubs
Cookouts*

*Fishing
Journaling
Woodworking
Campfires
Gardening
Drama*

*Recreational-Reading
Goal-setting
Music
Nutrition & Wellness
Communication Support*

Lions Camp Badger News

New for 2018 will also be a five-day camp program for individuals ages 13-17 with behavioral/emotional disabilities!

Our new emotional/behavioral program will offer a small group of campers the opportunity to experience camp in a relaxed, safe setting. The day will be structured in a similar manner to include many of the activities as listed above. Added to this will be relaxation and coping strategies, problem solving and goal setting, therapeutic art/music/drama, dance, and team building. There will be a low staff to camper ratio in order to provide the best support possible. Priority for enrollment will be given to campers in our immediate area.

ANTICIPATED PROGRAM DATES FOR 2018:

Session 1 (ages 13-20) with Functional Differences:

Saturday, June 30-Thursday, July 12

Session 2 (ages 13-17) with Behavioral/Emotional Differences:

SUNDAY, July 15-THURSDAY, July 19

Session 3 (ages 21 to Seniors) with Functional Differences:

Saturday, July 21-Thursday, August 2

For More Information about Lions Camp Badger:

www.LionsCB.org ~ 1-800-232-7060/607-589-4800 ~ lionscampbadger@htva.net ~ Facebook: @CampBadger



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE

20-W GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO 2ND CABINET MEETING
11/04/17

We have 31 clubs; 2 reinstated members and 9 new (total of 11 new) members, BUT we dropped 18 leaving us with a total of 814 and a net loss of seven.

Reasons given for the dropped 18: 3 passed; 5 moved; 5 for non-attendance and non-payment of dues; 4 resigned in good standing and 1-other reason.

No new clubs-I am still in contact with the North Country Community College about a non-traditional student LEO Club. I am still trying to connect with Lisbon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chazy for 1 new member; Gouverneur-3; Lisbon-1; Newcomb-3.

Are our clubs Healthy? 18/31 are-CONGRATULATIONS!

13/31 have membership at 19 and below and 8/31 have membership at 15 and below. If you are one of these Clubs, you are NOT healthy. Please call for help with strategies to build membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Liz Walker, 20-W GMT Coordinator



District 20W Centennial Challenge Project

20-W CENTENNIAL REPORT TO 2ND CABINET MEETING
11/04/17

Clubs participation rates in 2 or more Centennial Projects by year:

- 2014-15, 15/33 (45%)
- 2015-16, 21/33 clubs (54%);
- 2016-17, 23/32 (72%);
- So far in 2017-18, 12/31 (39%).

Our goal is to increase our club participation rate to 31 clubs/100 %.

This project is all about SERVICE! Remember that the five service projects are: Diabetes; Environment; Hunger Relief; Vision; Pediatric Cancer.

We know almost every club is doing at least 2 service projects in their communities. THEY ARE NOT BEING RECORDED. Please record!

The 20-W Legacy Project status is that 14/31 clubs have sent me their history's.

Those clubs who have not sent in their history will be contacted by me soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Bob Walker, 20-W Centennial Coordinator



“WE SERVE”

Global Leadership Team Message

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Club Leadership Development Chairperson

Term	One year automatically fulfilled by the current club vice president.
Position Overview	The club vice president is the GLT club leadership development chairperson. As GLT club leadership development chairperson, you will bring Melvin Jones' dream to life – that every need can be met by a Lion or Leo. By ensuring members develop the skills needed to be effective leaders, you will ensure your club has strong leadership to serve your community and the world. You will impact lives!
Actions for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborates with your GMT and GST club chairpersons and Global Action Team chairperson (club president) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service. • Supports member retention by creating a harmonious club atmosphere. Makes members feel part of the Lion family while serving the local community. • Ensures new members are provided an effective member orientation, in collaboration with the club membership chairperson. • Encourages members to participate in leadership development training offered by the district, multiple district and LCI. • Identifies potential leaders and encourages their development as future leaders. • Participates in region, zone and district meetings and events. • Shares successes, opportunities and needs with the club officers, GLT district coordinator and other Global Action Team members.
Measuring Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming club officers participate in club officer training. • Increase the total number of club members participating in leadership development training events by 10%. • New members participate in new member orientation.
Reporting Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GLT club leadership development chairperson reports to the GLT district coordinator. • The GLT club leadership development chairperson, club membership chairperson and club service chairperson report to the Global Action Team chairperson (club president).

Presidential Appreciation Award Winners

On Friday, November 3rd District 20-W Presidential Appreciation Award Winners were presented with their Certificates by ID DonNolan at the International Directors Meet & Greet Dinner in Watertown, NY .

Pictured below are District Governor Donna Ober, Award Winners CST Gail Murtagh, Partner in Service Lion Paul Smith and CC Kelly Clark and International Director Don Nolan

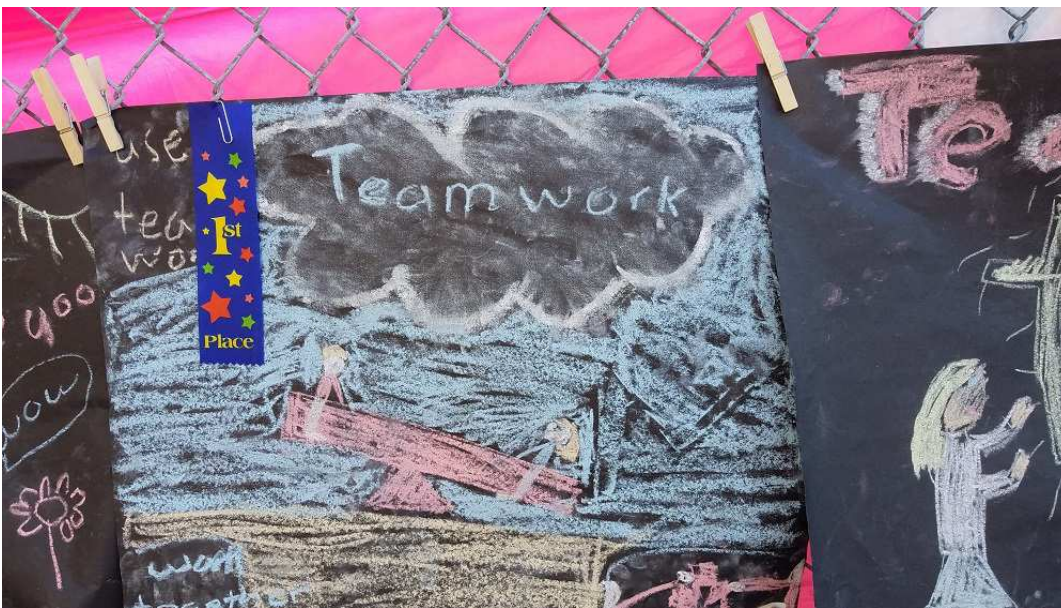


Around District 20-W

From Saranac Lake Lions Club

On Thursday, October 5th the Saranac Lake Lions Club hosted the 5th Annual Sidewalk Art Poster Contest & Art Show at St. Bernard's School. Students created their own "sidewalk art" using chalk and black paper. During a gallery-style art show, students, parents, families and community members were treated to a festive evening of art and refreshments. The students at St. Bernard's School chose "TEAM WORK" as this year's theme.

Pictures from the event appear below and on the next page



Pictured at left is one of the winning pieces of art

Pictured at right are members of the Saranac Lake Lions Club serving refreshments



Around District 20-W

From Saranac Lake Lions Clubs



Pictured above (L-R) Zone Chair Ricky Laurin, Susan Steen, Lauralee Kunath (event chairperson), David Martin, Therese Martin, Kathy Munn and Ken Kunath.



Pictured above are St. Bernard's Students creating some "real sidewalk art" outside the evening of the event.

Pictured at right is Art work hung gallery-style



Around District 20-W

From Gouverneur Lions Clubs



GOUVERNEUR LIONS CLUB



SPAGHETTI DINNER

includes Meatballs, Salad and Rolls
Sunday, November 19, 2017
@ Mullin's Restaurant in Gouverneur

SERVING FROM: NOON-4:00PM

TAKEOUTS ARE AVAILABLE

**AUCTION AT 4:00PM WITH ITEMS INCLUDING:
DESSERTS, DINNERS, AND MERCHANDISE**

Donation: \$10.00

Around District 20-W

From Gouverneur Lions Clubs

On July 22, 2017 The Gouverneur Lions Club held a golf tournament at Gouverneur Emerald Greens Golf Course.



The Gouverneur Lions members in the first picture are Lion Tom and Betsy Cummings, Lion Audra Schwelnus, Lion Alan Betrus, Lion Nicole Shippee, and also Lion Chuck Audet. Lion Audra was a huge part of the successful outcome of this tournament!

A captain and crew format was played and included 36 golfers. It was a day filled with fun, including: hole contests, a putting contest, and a Chinese Auction and more. John and Mary Cunningham, owners of the golf course and also Lions Club members, provided a DJ for entertainment after the tournament was done. Net proceeds from the event were \$1957.17. Everyone that attended the event enjoyed themselves and it was a good turnout. The money raised will help people in need in the local community.



Around District 20-W

From Peru Lions Clubs

On Tuesday evening, November 8th, the Peru Lions Club served their 16th annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner to over 100 local voters at the Peru Community Church fellowship center. 17 Lions, 4 Boy Scouts, 2 scout masters and 2 high school Honor Society students cooked and served areas residents to a delicious meal of spaghetti w/special sauce, garlic bread, salad, brownies and apples provided by an area orchard. Entertainment was provided by the Peru High School band and chorus.

Below are a couple pictures from the event.



Around District 20-W

From Peru Lions Clubs

In October, the Peru Lions performed their annual vision screenings at four different school districts. These schools were Peru Primary, Saranac Elementary, Keeseville Elementary and AuSable Forks Elementary. A combination of 6 Lions screened a approximately 125 students at the kindergarten level. Results of our efforts yielded close to the average of 10% children referred.

Below are a couple picture from the taken during the annual eye screening.



Around District 20-W

From Ogdensburg Lions Clubs



Pictured above Ogdensburg Lions Club President Phil Mitchell and New York State and Bermuda Lions Trustee PDG Jim Shaw are presenting Sue Jacobs a donation to the Ogdensburg SnackPack Program.

The Lions Club matched a \$2,500.00 grant from the Foundation.



Pictured above Quad Town Lions Gail Murtagh and New York State and Bermuda Lions Trustee PDG Jim Shaw are presenting Terry Passon a donation to the St. Lawrence Central Pack Program.

The Lions Club matched a \$1,000.00 grant from the Foundation.

Around District 20-W

From Ogdensburg Lions Clubs



Pictured above Lions Marsha Snyder, VP Chris Lowery, President Spencer Hockey and New York State and Bermuda Lions Trustee PDG Jim Shaw are presenting Wendy Jacobs a donation to the Lisbon BackPack Program.

The Lions Club matched a \$500.00 grant from the Foundation.



Pictured to the left Lion PDG Milledge "Smitty" Smith, Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation District Officer is presenting Ogdensburg Lions Club President Lion Phil Mitchell and Secretary Lion PDG Jim Shaw a check that the Club secured through a grant awarded by the Foundation. This check will be used towards the purchase of a new Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener.

Around District 20-W

From Edwards Lions Clubs

The Edwards Lions Club did a walk-a-thon and Trick or Treat for Food on October 28. They walked around the village of Edwards dressed up for Halloween and collected food for the Edwards food pantry. They collected walk money ahead of time for the club. It was a beautiful day and a great time. The back ends of two trucks were filled with boxes of food collected. There were some who gave monetary donations for the food pantry. Because of the success of this it may become an annual event.

Pictured below (L-R) Lions Lynette Denesha, Vickie Luther, John Holly, Jim Whitford and Crystal Whitford. Missing from the photo is Lion Donna Whitford.



Around District 20-W

From Quad Town Lions Clubs

The Quad Town Lions met at Scotty's Diner in Moira, NY for a dinner meeting on Thursday, October 26. We had a very good turn out of Lions and we were also about to present a \$2000.00 donation to the St. Lawrence Back Pack Program. The Quad Town Club partnered with the Ogdensburg and Lisbon Lions Clubs to apply for a matching grant from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation for their respective schools back pack programs. The Quad Town share of the grant was \$1000.00 and they raised monies to match for a total donation of \$2000.00.

Below are a couple pictures from the meeting.



Around District 20-W

From Long Lake Lions Clubs

Diabetes kills. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 29.1 million Americans have diabetes and 8.1 million are undiagnosed. November 14th is the day that Lions Clubs around the world will focus on Diabetes. Everyone knows someone who has been affected by this silent killer. Lions clubs' members have always focused on eyes and diabetes robs people internationally of their eye-sight, so this year Lions are focusing on diabetes to educate and raise awareness.

This year's theme is especially meaningful to the Long Lake Lions Club chapter since one of our members, Robert Keough, suffered a severe diabetic incident because of his pancreatic surgery last winter. Robert has been attending a series of classes designed to educate him about how to cope with this devastating disease. He now has his diabetes under control by changing his lifestyle and with medication. Robert will be sharing his diabetes journey with the club on November 28th. at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about how to prevent diabetes from affecting them.

Please educate yourself about what you can do to prevent or minimize this horrible disease that is on the rise nationally and internationally because of poor lifestyle choices. Common to all the major complications of diabetes is the fact that they are not inevitable – they can be prevented by good control of blood glucose levels, as well as good control of blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It is never too late to help yourself and those you love to make the changes that will help keep them healthy. Start by educating yourself.

Check out the Long Lake Lions Club Facebook page during November for informational postings about diabetes and plan to attend on Tuesday, the 28th.

Additional resources:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad312.pdf>

<http://www.idf.org>



2017 - 2018 District Governor Visitation Schedule

Notice: Club Presidents and/or Secretaries, please check the schedule below for the date your club will be visited and confirm with DG Donna Ober that this date is OK.

Email: kdclark@frontiernet.net **Phone:** 315-771-1817

Date	Club	Confirmed		Date	Club	Con- firmed
7/12/17	Malone	YES		10/18/17	Carthage	YES
7/13/17	Quad Town	YES		10/24/17	Watertown	
7/18/17	Lisbon	YES		10/25/17	Croghan	
7/24/17	Clayton	YES		10/26/17	Lowville	
8/14/17	Clifton-Fine	YES		11/1/17	Edwards	
9/6/17	Town of Brownville			11/7/17	Heuvelton	
9/7/17	Saranac Lake			11/8/17	Gouverneur	
9/11/17	Lake Placid			11/9/17	Norfolk	
9/18/17	Town of Schroon			11/15/17	Massena	
9/21/17	Tupper Lake			11/15/17	Louisville	
9/25/17	Cape Vincent			11/16/17	Ogdensburg	
9/28/17	South Jefferson			12/11/17	South Lewis	YES
10/2/17	Plattsburgh			TBD	Long Lake	
10/3/17	Chazy			TBD	Newcomb	
10/12/17	Peru			TBD	Potsdam	
10/16/17	Indian River					



District 20-W Schedule of Events 2016-2017



District 20-W Events

Cabinet Meeting #3

April 28, 2018
Plattsburgh, NY

District 20-W Awards/Testimonial Banquet

May 20, 2018
Potsdam, NY

MD-20 Events

MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute

Thurs., October 26 thru Sat. October 28, 2017
Riverwalk Hilton Double Tree
Binghamton, NY

95th Annual MD20 NY & Bermuda
Lions Convention

May 4 - 6, 2018
Rochester, NY

International Events

101th Annual Lions Club International
Convention

June 29 thru July 3, 2018
Las Vegas, NV.

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District 20-W 2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

**Nov. 4th, 2017
The Best Western
300 Washington St .Watertown NY 13601**

Meeting called to order by DG Donna Ober @9:05AM
Welcomed & thanked all Lions present for coming.

Pledge led by: PCC Mark Whitney
Prayer led by: VDG Paul Burnett
Toast led by: DG John McDonald
Moment of silence for all ill and deceased lions.
Tail Twister: Lion Joe Latimer

Introduction of all guests present, including ID Don and wife Betty Noland, and guest from Y1 and Y2 & Larry Storie from Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York.
Self-Introductions of all Lions present

Copies of the minutes were emailed to all attendees from the last meeting. Copies were available to be read. Motion to accept minutes by PDG Smitty 2nd by PDG James Shaw –All approved.

Reading of communication: None

Copies of the treasurers reports were emailed to all attendees and copies were available for viewing. Motion by PDG Nina Kelly to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by PDG Smitty - All approved

Redistricting Update: CC Kelly Clark -The ID's are meeting next week hoping that the redistricting will be approved for July of 2018.

District Governors Report: Two Lions from district 20W attended the Leadership Institute which was well attended this year 35 lions were there. Council report- Delinquent dues must be paid and good standing can be acquired up to 15 days any time prior to the close of credential certification, for either a district or state convention. Which means you will not be able to vote if your dues (state, district or international are not paid in a timely manner).

The 2020 state convention will be in Buffalo @ the Hyatt Regency

The council endorsed past ID Brian Sheehan from Minnesota for 3rd VP to be elected at the international convention in Las Vegas. Candidate Gary Brown has had a few meetings with the executive officers and has been very well received. The MD20 family thinks he will be picked up in Las Vegas but he still needs our support. Lions Day at the UN tentatively scheduled for Mar 4th. GMT coordinator is PDG Ed Stano.

Please have all peace posters postmarked by Nov 15th to DG Donna

Visitation are going great 15 clubs done so far. DG Donna would like to thank all the clubs who have donated money, food, water or anything to help aid in disaster relief for the southern states.

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Old Business: None

New Business: Done

PDG organization - PCC Mark Whitney -They will be giving a \$100 scholarship to all the districts that sent a participant to the leadership institute. PCC Mark has the PDG Leadership Award applications.

GLT Report – PCC Mark & PDG Smitty have been doing conference calls with all the GLT coordinators throughout the districts and the council chair trying to identify potential leaders. Nov 11th in Denver ALLI will be taking place still looking for a potential student.

GMT Report – PDG Liz Walker - 31 clubs, 9 new member, 2 reinstated members BUT dropped 18!!!! Total 814 members in 20W no new clubs. Need to find out why the dropped member left. All clubs should have a membership chair & check your health report... Report Attached

Zone meeting - Lion Sheree Vora has had one meeting 4 out of 5 clubs came. All clubs struggling drawing new members from their areas.

Committee reports: LCIF report – Still looking for clubs to donate. Make sure you buy tickets when sent.

NYS & Bermuda Foundation – PDG James Shaw- \$100 tickets will be coming out soon please buy all 3 for an Uplinger Award. The foundation gives out between 3 and 4 grants per year. If any club is looking for a grant this year there are only 2 meetings left Jan & Apr must be in 45 days prior to their meeting.

VSP voucher program – VSP has partnered with LCI to give eye exams and glasses to low income families. There are adult and children vouchers. Contact PGD Jim Shaw for any information and vouchers.

All clubs need to keep up with their membership reports and their service activities reports.

Lions See: Partnered with KidSight USA almost 10 years ago, state wide 40,000 kids have been screened 11-14% referrals rate... If you are screening children you need to report to Lions SEE so numbers can be recorded.

RAP Programs- Just 2 clubs have reported, you need to put it in a service activity so PDG Nina Kelly can report at the PDG meeting.

Centennial Report- Clubs participation rates in 2 or more Centennial Projects by year:

2014-15, 15/33 (45%)

2015-16, 21/33 clubs (54%);

2016-17, 23/32 (72%);

So far in 2017-18, 12/31 (39%).

Our goal is to increase our club participation rate to 31 clubs/100 %.

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You need to keep reporting the service project to LCI and check the box on which one it pertains to. We would like to get all clubs participating. The 20-W Legacy Project status is that 14/31 clubs have sent me their history's. Those clubs who have not sent in their history will be contacted by me soon. Report Attached

DG Donna was awarded a service patch for district 20W at the council meeting. It was for a least 50% of the clubs did 2 or more of the service challenges areas. Only 9 districts received them. Lion Sheree Vora gave a brief report on their legacy project in Lowville, which got them a beautiful corner with a clock, lion statue, and paver with clubs names. If any club still wants to purchase a paver for \$100 please contact Sheree Vora.

Camp Badger: They are looking for clubs to adopt a building to repair, paint and keep up. If interested please contact CC Kelly Clark

All Clubs gave a brief summery on what's going on in their clubs.

Tail Twister: \$34.00

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10.30 by PDG Jim Shaw - 2nd by Lion Walt Williams All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
CST Gail Murtagh

50/50 was won by Lion PDG Brent Rueffer \$82.00

Raffles won by: Lion Barb Golas, PDG Marlin Nohle, Lion Steve Bingle, PDG Nina Kelly, Lion Sheree Vora Lion Gary Mack, Lion Joe Latimer Collected \$76.00

Here is a leo report that I forgot to give!!!!

Heuvelton Leos

The Leos have begun their weekly meetings. I currently have 21 Leos. We have collected over 150 pairs of eye glasses during the month of October for Sight Night. They will be sorted, checked for broken pieces, boxed and taken to Center For Sight. On November 1st signed cards for the Troops for Christmas. They will be given to Senator Ritchie next week at our Veterans' breakfast. We are expecting approximately 78 veterans, their spouses, elected officials and the Leos. On November 15th the Leos will make 65 pies for the Heuvelton Food Pantry to be placed in Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. During the month of December the Leos will partner with the Heuvelton Lions to sponsor a horse drawn hay wagon ride, sugar cookie decorating, craft and movie event for the Heuvelton Central School after school program. There will be approximately 60 kids served with this. Then they will once again partner with the Heuvelton Lions to deliver over 75 fruit filled stockings to shut ins and the elderly of the greater Heuvelton area.

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Schroon Lake Leos

The Leos in Schroon Lake did a bake sale to raise money for hurricane relief efforts. They will also be partnering with a Leos club in Florida to collect items for hurricane relief.

Carthage Leos

Carthage Leos recently participated in the Carthage Lions Strides for Diabetes Walk.

Some abbreviations you may need to know or you hear and don't know what they are!!

LCI- Lions Clubs International

LCIF- Lions Clubs International Foundation

NYS & BLF- New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation

GMT- Global Membership Team

GLT- Global Leadership Team

CGL- Certified Guiding Lion

PCC – Past council chair

DG District Governor

PDG- Past District Governor

ID- International Director

PID- Past International Director

CEP- Club Excellence Process

PCC-Past Council Chair

RAP-Reading Action Program

DGL-District Global Leadership

DGM- District Global Membership

LLI- Lions Leadership Institute-

ALLI-Advance Lions Leadership Institute