

District 20Y2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2010 at Evan's Public House, Guilderland

Submitted by CS/T Lion Verna Plummer

Attendance: District Governor Edward Stano, Partner in Service Lion Elizabeth Stano, VDG Lion John Samples, Sr. , VDG Lion Rick Quick, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Verna Plummer, Past District Governors: Lion Dick Nason, Lion Dick Ralston, Immediate Past District Governor Lion Joan Scott, Lion David Harris, Lion Joseph Jarvis, Lion Lettie Saheim, Lion Surnoff Judy, Lion Roger Swartfiguer, Lion Harry Peterson, Lion Michael Obrien, Lion Steve King, Lion Valerie Kevlin, Lion Tom Kevlin, Lion Bill Suchy, Lion Bonnie Keller, Lion Paul Gemmit, Lion Mary Grimm, Lion Bill Grimm, Lion Adam Pandori, Lion Bryan Larkin, Lion Steve Johnson, Lion Sheila Nason, Lion Karen Rager, Lion Scott Rager, Lion James Clark, Lion Linda Walsh, Lion Fran Mezza, Lion Rick Brisee, Lion Roseanne Lauria, Lion Norma Cozzolino, Lion Stephen Lynch, Lion Marianne Lynch, Lion Sheila Comar, Lion Fred Emery, Lion Fred Koch, Lion Stephanie Pack, Lion Mary Claire Noakes, Lioness Becky Beatty, Lion Nancy Nevins, Lion Steve Trudell, Lion Anthony Miller, Lion Kevin Miller, Lion Peter Church, Lin Glenn Swalm, Lion Tim Brown, Lion Peter Weiss, Lion Tom Snowdon, Lion Neila Nowicki, Lion Dan Malmburg, Lion Sue Schipe, Lion Christine Judy,

President of the Guilderland Lions Club Lion Stephanie Peck welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by District Governor Lion Ed Stano at 9:05am. Flag Salute was led by Lion Steve King. Lion's prayer was led by Lion Tom Snowdon. DG Lion Ed Stano introduced the candidates for International Director – PDG Lion John Wargo and PDG Lion Douglas Alexander.

Secretary's Report – Accepted on a motion by Lion Mary Claire Noakes, 2nd by Lion Linda Walsh, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Accepted on a motion by Lion Fred Koch, 2nd by Lion Joan Scott, motion carried.

Region and Zone Reports were submitted prior to the meeting.

Region L: Lion Timothy Brown Sr. –

Zone A: Lion Timothy O'Conner

Zone B: Lion Michael Stark

Region I: Lion Valerie Kevlin

Zone A: Lion Adam Pandori – Galway: Attended zone mtg. 11/16; Collected 3 large boxes of toys for "Toys for Tots" at Dec. meeting; Celebrated our 30-year charter night on 11/20; Participated in Christmas basket project for needy families (98 total) - unloading food and delivering baskets; Delivered 12 computers to Galway school on 12/10; Made 3 trips to Regional Food Bank to get food for our local pantry; Conducted tree wrap at Bob's Trees on 12/6; Presented check to NABA from our walk-a-thon on 12/21; Participated in spelling bee at GHS and gave out 25 dictionaries and 5 Barnes and Noble gift certificates to winners in each of 5 grades. Started getting the vision screener active in our zone. Lost 1 member and inducted 4 new members. We have been diligently working on the addition to the food pantry building since August and had our 1st board meeting there on Monday 2/1. We have spent many hours and over \$40,000 on the renovations received through a local grant. The pantry will now have a much larger and more efficient space to serve the needs of our community. Many hours of volunteer time have been provided to accomplish this endeavor. 2/6 Songfest with the McKrell's.

Greenfield: During December the Greenfield Center Lions Club was involved with our annual Christmas tree & wreath fundraising sale. At our January 13th meeting, by unanimous decision, we made a \$500 donation to LCIF for relief efforts in Haiti. This month we have been establishing our 2010 -2011 budget, fundraising activities, and slate of officers.

Amsterdam: Amsterdam had a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the month of January with the help of Bosco's restaurant in January. Amsterdam sent a mailer out through the Amsterdam Recorder asking for contributions to the club. The largest fundraiser of their year. Also the club has started laying the groundwork for a Leo Club.

Ballston Spa: Donated 25 Complete Thanksgiving Dinners to 25 needy families through the local churches; Donated 40 Christmas Hams to 40 families through local churches. Marine Toys for Tots - donated enough toys to fill the back of the recruiters SUV; Donated \$1,000 to 4-H Cooperative Extension, Ballston Area Community Center and the Glens Falls Association of the Blind; Donated \$250 worth of mugs to the Saratoga Drug Court for awards to participants in the program; Donated 10 grocery bags of food to the Methodist Church Food pantry; Several members donated time the day before Thanksgiving preparing food for the free Village wide Thanksgiving dinner.

Scotia-Glenville: In December; Participated in a very wet Holiday on the Avenue in Scotia, manning the Bouncy-Bounce for the kids. Christmas Wreath project completed: sold 343 wreaths and donated seven to City Mission Inducted 5 new members to the Club (another member unable to attend the induction/Christmas meeting). Held a project discussion meeting to go over potential new or revisited projects including the following but not limited to: Blood Drive; A Walk For Sight, Chili Cook Off, Pancake Breakfast, Sight Screening, Wine or Beer Tasting Helping With Canal Fest by running a Food Booth, An Ice Cream Social, A Casino Night, A Child Safety Event, An Ice Cream Social For Pets, and Helping Out With Food Distribution for The Village Food Pantry. Future Events: Chocolate Bunny Sales – Beginning Shortly; Spaghetti Dinner – April 17; Adopt-a-Highway – April 24

Zone B: Lion Linda Walsh – Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club –Sold football tickets for the Giants, had a booth at the Broadalbin Youth Home Shelter, Participated in the Christmas Parade, had a concession stand to have pictures taken with Santa.

Gloversville Lions Club – Celebrated 70th Anniversary, collected stuffed animals and beanie babies for x-ray and emergency room at local hospital, donated x-mas CD's to local infirmary and extended care/nursing home.

Northville –Sacandaga Lions– Sat January 30th Lions of Northville Sacandaga hosted a snowmobile Fun Run to benefit their Lions Club Charity effort.

Johnstown Lions – Collected toys for tots, collected for food pantry, bought a child glasses, bought one hearing aide and bought two families Christmas gifts.

Central Mohawk Lions – worked at Manna House, held a variety show in November.

Fonda –Fultonville Lions – Very active, has had a few visitations, donated to Freedom Guide Dogs.

Speculator Lions – to host a poker run on Feb 6th to benefit Lions Club charities.

Region O: Lion Mary Grimm

Zone A: Lion Steve King –

Zone B: Lion Thomas Snowdon – **Duane Lions Club**, Membership Currently at (30) members, Donations and Activities: Canned food for local food bank, Toys for Toys for Tots; \$500 for local Adopt a Families gifts, \$200 Adopt a Families Food, \$100 Camp Badger; 960 pair eyeglasses recycled, 50 pair of Hats / Mittens for City Mission; Wrapping paper, tape, scissors, cards – for Leos for Adopt a family and Soldiers projects; Worked together w/Leos making 70 wreaths; Christmas Tree Fundraiser- 80 trees - \$450 profit; 2nd Annual Superbowl TV Raffle (in process).The Club will be celebrating its 55th anniversary in June 2010. A cleanup at the Vacation Camp for the Blind will be done in the spring 2010. DG, Lion Ed Stano, wife Lion Elizabeth and VDG Lion John Samples visited the Club on Dec.16th. Annual Holiday Christmas Party/Fundraiser was held on Wed. Jan. 6th; Club reports are being submitted on line. Most recent District MMR is for Jan 2010.

Richmondville/Cobleskill Lions Club Membership: Currently at (18) members; Donations: Donations totaling \$400 and 30 work hours were made in December. These benefited the disabled, food banks, eyeglasses as needed, support services for the visually impaired, as well as contributions to LCIF and other Lions organizations; Activities: Eyeglasses (150 pairs) were given to a doctor making a trip to an underdeveloped overseas area. All were reported to have been put to use. Sales of Easter Bunnies are planned for the spring. A Chilli Cook-off is planned for Feb. 21st. Club reports are being submitted on line. Most recent District MMR is for Dec 2009.

Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club Membership: Club currently has (20) members. Membership Chair duties have been transferred to Lion Jessica Fagan, who was the 2007-2008 Club President. Donations and Activities: The Club hosted a Zone meeting at Borealli's Restaurant on November 11, 2009. A Veteran's day program was included after the business meeting with a WW II Navy veteran as speaker. VDG John Samples also attended. The Club will celebrate its 35th anniversary in April 2010. Club donations are budgeted totaling \$2800 to various agencies, Christmas Bureau, American Cancer, eyeglasses, medical assistance and local groups. The loan out program for medical equipment continues to grow and several hospital beds were acquired, All are quickly put in service. Club reports are being submitted on line. Most recent District MMR is for Jan 2010.

Zone B activity Zone Chair attended the Fall Conference and Cabinet meeting on Nov. 7' 2009. A Zone meeting was held at Borealli's Restaurant, on November 11, 2009, hosted by the Town of Wright-Schoharie Valley Lions Club.

Region N: Lion Karen Rager

Zone A: Lion Scott Rager –

Zone B: Lion Loretta Saheim –

Conventions & Meetings – Lion Mary Claire Noakes: 4th Cabinet Meeting is April 24th at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown. Agenda will follow via internet.

News Editor – Lion Stephen Lynch: Spread the word about the district newsletter.

Camp Badger – PDG Lion Joseph Jarvis: Camp will accept General Mills Box Tops for Education, are expanding the camp to include a military family retreat week in May, a diabetes camp in August, and will add conference center capabilities.

LCIF – PDG Lion Dick Nason: We have enough funds to select one District Melvin Jones. Will have a meeting after lunch to make the selection.

Lioness Clubs – Lioness Becky Beatty: Galway Lioness: Held a Gold Buying Event in September to benefit community fund. With the assistance of Northeast Fine Jewelry the community fund was increased by

\$1,250, participated in the Lions Peace poster contest in October, held the lighting of their annual memory tree in December, donated soup to the community food pantry through Souper Bowl of Caring; inducted three new members since September. Upcoming Events – Easter Egg Hunt for children on March 27th, Began work on their 2nd Annual Appraisal Event on April 24th, and are also working on plans for their 25th Charter Anniversary this fall.

Granville Lioness- Collected socks, hats, underwear, sweat pants and mittens for area schools, provided 10 Thanksgiving Baskets to the community, adopted a Christmas family and provided gifts for 4 kids and 2 adults. Upcoming Events- they will collect and donate personal items to the Granville Food pantry, are planning a joint meeting with the Granville Rotary Club on the 4th Tuesday in March, beginning to plan for their annual race of the Community on Saturday May 1st, they will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on Saturday May 22nd.

Hadley-Luzerne Lioness – Held their annual Christmas wreath at the end of November and raised \$1,310, they also collected hats, mittens, socks and winter apparel to donate needy families in the community in conjunction with Santa Sprint and the Lions Christmas Food baskets, participated in the holiday vendors fair at the Hadley Luzerne High School, installed one new member in January and will install two in February. Upcoming Events – taking orders for and selling Lions Easter Bunnies, Selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society in March, planning a Health Fair for the community in May.

Lions Foundation at Albany – PDG Lion Dick Nason:

Lions Eye Institute – Lion Bill Suchy: They are working on getting the Knight of the Blind boards updated. The chocolate bunny sales have begun for any clubs interested.

MD20 Magazine – PDG Lion Dick Ralston: Due to some major computer problems encountered in January, the latest issue of the MD20 magazine was not sent out on time. Members will be receiving a hard copy in the mail very shortly. Due to the high cost of printing and distributing the magazine, there may be some changes coming in the future. I will keep you informed on these changes. For now, keep sending me articles and photos for publication.

MERL Team – VCG John Samples Sr., Lion Bill Suchy, Lion Tom Kevlin and PDG Joan Scott: They are going to be sponsoring a district wide orientation program, possibly in May for retention; Would like to see one new club in the district; Global membership team will be coming in to do their three day event.

Publicity and Promotions- VDG John Samples, Sr.:

Sight & Hearing Team – PDG Lion Surnof Judy: **SIGHT:** For those that did not get the e-mail correspondence, LCI has entered into an agreement with Wal-Mart to collect used eyeglasses from the public at specified Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Stores throughout the United States. Commencing January-February 2010, co-branded collection boxes, bearing the LCI, Walmart and Sam's Club logos will be available in the 2,500 US Wal-Mart stores along with 500 Sam's Clubs, with vision centers. These new boxes will replace Lions collection boxes currently in place. For those stores without a vision center your box will remain with the store manager's approval. Wal-Mart will ship the collected eyeglasses to their distribution centers, where they will then be delivered to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center for sorting, cleaning and processing. My concern with this program is we have labels on the boxes stating we collect used hearing aids and now if a hearing aid is put in the box we will not get it, unless maybe we talk to the manager and ask him if hearing aids show up if they would save it for the Lions or could we have a box just for hearing aids.

HEARING: The Lions Hearing Conservation Society continues to provide assistance to clubs who are purchasing hearing aids for children and adults. We ask that you use the affordable hearing aid from LCIF when ever possible. Eight Loan Out Centers are active and reporting regular. LHCS will continue with the Lions Hearing Awareness Program. We need more club members to volunteer in order for us to cover more fairs, races and other events. This is not only a great project but a great P R for Lions. Clubs can display their banner along with LHCS banner and wear club or LCI vest. We are still pursuing the HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM and as soon as all the details are worked out you will be the first to know. There have been a lot of emails flying around on our group mailing list so I am asking any one that is interested in this program whether it be pro or con to contact me in order for us to see if we would have enough Lions to call a special meeting so everyone will be on the same page. I would like to hear from you by February 22nd, by phone or email. If I get enough interested then I will set a date, time and place. LHCS next meeting is March 22nd, 7pm at the RCIL Building, Rt 5 Amsterdam, NY.

NYS Bermuda Foundation – Continue to sell the raffle tickets for convention.

VCB –Lion Michael O’Brien: Visions Center for the Blind, www.vcb.org; In August 5th thru the 11th the camp will sponsor an employment camp, Spring work day at the camp in June 5th, Family Day is August 1st.

USA/Canada Forum – Lion Christine Judy: Lion Christine passed our brochures regarding the “Road to Milwaukee” USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum on September 23rd thru 25th, 2010. She recommended that any one that could attend, should. It is a good way to experience Lionism, fun, leadership and fellowship.

MD20 Foundation- MD20 LCIF Chair PDG Lion John Wargo thanked us for our Campaign Sight First Phase II donations and gave a brief report on the Relief for Haiti. The entire country was devastated in only 30 seconds of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. Lions Club International is there now, providing immediate care and arranging a long term commitment to the relief effort. Currently they are providing basic necessities and 200 temporary housing tents.

Nominations: Nominations for District Governor –The Broadalbin Perth Lions Club put forth a resolution to nominate Lion John Samples Sr. as District Governor, presented on a motion by Lion Steven Trudell, 2nd by PDG Lion Lettie Saheim.

1st Vice District Governor –The Scotia Glenville Lions Club put forth a resolution to nominate Lion Richard Quick as Vice District Governor, presented on a motion by Lion Steve Trudell and 2nd by PDG Lion Joan Scott, motion carried.

2nd Vice District Governor: The Gloversville Lions Club put forth a resolution to nominate Lion Linda Walsh as 2nd Vice District Governor, presented on a motion by Lion Norma Cozzolino and 2nd by Lion Richard Quick, motion carried.

The secretary cast one vote for Lion John Samples, Sr. for 2010-2011 District Governor; Lion Richard Quick for 2010-2011 Vice District Governor; and Lion Linda Walsh for 2010-2011 2nd Vice District Governor.

Diabetes Report- Lion Linda Walsh: Is available to visit your club to give a modern updated diabetes presentation. We will have a Diabetes Diplomat update in the spring.

Membership: DG Lion Ed Stano: Since last Decembers report, we have added 35 new members. Everyone is doing a great job, we just have to keep going. Youth is where it lies. We have several clubs that have not paid their district dues, but no club is late on MD20 or International dues.

MD20 Foundation New Grant Request: We heard a presentation from Lion Steve King regarding a \$5,000 grant application to the Foundation on behalf of the Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany. The grant request is for funds to purchase an additional sewing machine and metering system to keep up with the current projects they have for employment of the blind and visually impaired. They currently have a contract with the Navy, using recycled materials, to create haz-mat suits. This will provide additional employment for 15 people. They have gotten \$20,000 in additional funds from various organizations. The grant request is for only 20% of the total cost. On a motion from Lion Tom Snowdon, and 2nd by Lion Scott Rager, the district membership in attendance adopted a resolution to go forward with the grant request. There were no abstentions.

Candidates for International Director: PDG John Wargo and PDG Douglas Alexander spoke for a few minutes on their campaign. We will elect one of them at our convention in Buffalo.

The District Governor made a presentation to Peace Poster winner Heather Emricks and her parents. DG Ed presented a check for \$100 and a certificate to Heather. She is a student at the Stuart Townsend Middle School in Hadley Luzerne.

Public Relations presentation: By Galway Lion Bryan Larkin. He went over several sites on the Lions website to use as a tool for public relations. Try to get youth/younger people more involved in Lions. We viewed a message on the Lions International Website from International President Eberhard Wirfs.

Youth want to be seen – have their 15 minutes of fame using Facebook, Twitter, My Space, etc. Communicate your activities; use brand renewal including the new Lions logo; use downloadable ads, pamphlets from Lions website; use the 30 marketing ideas for your club to target your market; use the PR guide and assign a specific person to handle PR; use social net-working tools like linked in to get your message across.

Leos Presentation: By Duane Lion Paul Gemmiti. He showed us several keys to organizing and maintaining a successful Leo Club. Benefits of sponsoring a LEO Club include: community exposure, attracts potential new members to your Lions Club, energize and inspires your existing Lion Members, you get the satisfaction of helping youth become better citizens, Work together on joint projects, and help Leos gain confidence and leadership skills they will use their entire lives.

To start a Leo club you will need the support of your school superintendant and Board of Education. You will need to have an initial meeting to assess student interest and follow all procedures listed in the Lions Website in regards to the creation of a Leo Club.

District Governor spoke the blessing before lunch. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm and lunch was served.