

The Lions' Roar



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The Official Newsletter of the Lions Clubs of District 20-Y2

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FROM THE DESK OF JOHN SAMPLES SR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We find ourselves ready to embark on another new year in Lionism. For some Lions this may be your 40th year or more, for others this may be your 2nd or 3rd year. For all of us, it is an opportunity for another year of service to our community, State, and the world. Let's all make this the best year of our service to others.

It is no secret that the most important thing facing all of us is MEMBERSHIP. Why are new members so important to the future of our Clubs? Without new members we will not be able to continue the community service projects we have been doing. Without new members our fund raising efforts will decline. All Clubs are going to lose members for various reasons, and these members must be replaced if we are to continue our service to others. "Many hands make light work."

DG Ed has informed me that our first cabinet meeting, which will be September 12th in Canajoharie, will be devoted to membership. Each Club will be asked for a "game plan" for recruiting new members and share the ideas that work with the District. As Lion Bill Suchy says "there is not a little blue pill to solve the problem", but together we should have some good answers. Each Zone Chair has been asked to contact their Clubs regarding what plan they have put in place, and share these ideas at the meeting. DG Ed has set a goal of one (1) net new member per Club and one new Club for the District. Working together we can all reach this goal.

If your Club has not filed your PU101, please make sure it is done ASAP. This information is vital to the operation of the District, MD20, and International.

I am looking forward to a great year in District 20Y2 and every Club in the District. If I can be of assistance to you or your Club, do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 518-883-5727 or email BR549@nycap.rr.com.

VDG John

Minneapolis Convention



International President Al Brandel with his wife, Maureen

MD-20 New York & Bermuda Lions

The MD-20 office has moved to its new location yesterday. The new office is larger and most importantly it is saving the Multiple approximately \$400 per month in rent this year alone. Maria is unpacking and setting up computers, etc. Her first priority will be to mail out the tickets and invitations for the 1st night party in Minneapolis. Please give Maria time to get organized. The office is located a few blocks from the old one. Please make note of the NEW mailing address

MD-20 New York & Bermuda Lions Inc.

1215 James Street

Syracuse, NY 13203

Phone, fax and email remain the same

PCC Tim Jachlewski
MD-20 Lions, New York & Bermuda
Secretary/ Treasurer

News from Zone A



Zone Chair Lion Karen Rager, with District Governor Joan Scott, presents a check for \$2550.00 to Ray Agnew, Executive Director of the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation. The \$2550.00 is a result Zone A's 2008 - 2009 "Zone Project", to support the purchase of the Alcon Accurus Vitreo-Retinal surgical machine at Glens Falls Hospital.

Dr. Amjad Hammad, who is the Clinical Assistant Professor of Vitreo-Retinal Surgery at Albany Medical College, and the Attending Physician and Consultant of Vitreo-Retinal Surgery at Glens Falls Hospital, gave two wonderful presentations at the first two Zone meetings. His obvious enthusiasm and dedication to his profession touched on all of us there, making us realize what a worthwhile endeavor this will be for our community.

I would like to thank the Hadley - Luzerne Lions and Lioness, the Granville Lions and Lioness, and the Glens Falls Lions for participating in this worthwhile project, as this benefits not only members of our immediate community, but outlying areas as well. This was a perfect opportunity for the Lions of our Zone to SERVE.

District Governor's Testimonial



The District Governor's Testimonial was a great success with lots of fun for all and many good wishes for now Past District Governor Joan Scott, seen here with PDG Dave Harris.



Outgoing District Governor Joan Scott with incoming District Governor Ed Stano Jr.



Outgoing District Governor Joan Scott w/ new Vice District Governor John Samples

HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY of DISTRICT 20-Y2

The Society met in May and PDG/President Surnoff provided an update on the Society's mission to educate the public to the damages of loud noise to a persons' hearing. During the summer, Lions will be handing out brochures and earplugs during tractor pulls at area fairs and at race tracks. Lions from the Society arrange with people in authority of the events to conduct this hearing conservation activity.

PDG/President Surnoff had a booth at the Health Fair in Amsterdam on April 14th. He reported it was extremely successful and that he educated many people in regards to the activities of the Lions Hearing Conservation Society.

Lions Volunteers will be needed to assist in distributing earplugs and brochures at the Albany/Saratoga race track and the following Fairs: Altamont, Fonda, Herkimer County, Schaghticoke, Saratoga County, Cobleskill Sunshine and Washington County. Lions volunteers from the Fonda area will be contacted for the Fonda race track. Any Lion wanting to volunteer a few hours at the Fairs and Race Tracks contact PDG/President Surnoff Judy at scjudy2@frontiernet.net

VDG Ed Stano installed the following 2009-2010 Officers for the Lions Hearing Conservation Society:

President - PDG Surnoff Judy

Vice President - Joe Grono

Secretary - DG Joan Scott

Treasurer - Eric Unislawski

Excerpts from Lion Sandie Clark, Secretary

Northeast Pin Swap

Fellow PTCNY&B Members,

Have you made your reservations yet for the Northeast Pin Swap to be held, this year, in Dedham, MA hosted by the Massachusetts Pin Trading Club on August 6, 7 and 8, 2009?

Our friends from Massachusetts are planning a great event and are working hard to see that we have great accommodations and a great swap.

Trading starts at noon on Thursday, August 6th with a hospitality room opening at 6:00 PM. The trading continues at 8:00 AM on Friday, August 7th, with a luncheon at noon, a hospitality room is available at 5:00 PM with their famous lobster stew followed by a Pin Auction at 8:30 PM. The final period of trading is 8:00 AM until noon on Saturday, August 8th.

Swap registrations are \$40.00 which includes one trading table, one registration pin & badge, hospitality room for both nights, an auction bidding number, Friday luncheon and a swap pin. Provisions have been made for additional tables at a cost of \$15.00 and additional luncheon buffets at \$20.00.

For hotel reservation, please contact the Hilton Dedham Place Hotel directly (718) 329-7900. The rate is \$79.00 plus tax per night. I advise you mention the Lions Northeast Swap when calling to insure you get this great rate. Please make your reservation prior to July 18th. The special rate can not be guaranteed beyond that date.

Dedham, MA is only about 30 minutes from Boston. Sign up, come and enjoy the swap and stay to enjoy the sights of the historic city of Boston. The hotel rate is available for those who want to come early or stay later.

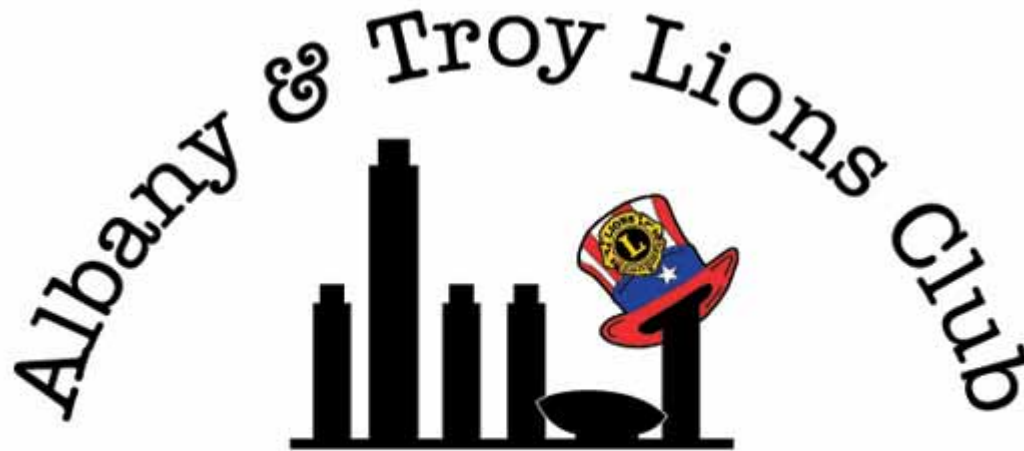
Hope to see you there.

Gerry Minkler

President, PTCNY&B

PS: Bring a friend and introduce them to the great fellowship we all share at these swaps, especially the Northeast.

Announcing the July issue of *Rare Meat*
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Greetings, Lions, potential Lions and friends,

To read the July issue of *Rare Meat*, just [click here](#). (You can read any of the last 12 issues when you get there, if you're so inclined.) Here's what you'll find in this month's issue:

- What happened at the two meetings in June
- Who got awarded what
- What's due
- July birthdays and upcoming July events
- Visiting Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- A little of YrEd's humor
- And more...

And after you read the Rare Meat, feel free to wander around our web site; you might learn something.

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Bethlehem Lions Club

From Rick Rudofsky

Michael Durant, owner of the Durant Funeral Home in Delmar, has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is awarded in recognition of a commitment to humanitarian and community service. Durant has been a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club for more than 30 years.

The Bethlehem Lions Club supports several community projects such as the collection and recycling of eyeglasses and hearing aids, the File-of-Life program, and by awarding of two annual scholarships to high school seniors residing in the Town of Bethlehem. In addition, the club participates in various LCIF programs such as blindness prevention and disaster relief.

The Bethlehem Lions Club in collaboration with the town's Senior Services Office will host the annual Lions Senior Citizen Picnic at the town park on August 20. A group of about 140 seniors will receive the traditional topnotch food and service that the Lions provide.

July 1 the Bethlehem Lions Club 2009-2010 officers slate assumed their duties. After a summer recess, meetings will resume on the first and third Wednesday on September 2 at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar, NY.

PRESIDENT	STEVE KING
1ST VP	PAUL KELLY
2ND VP	DAN RYAN
3RD VP	JACK ELLIOTT
SECRETARY	ROB O'MALLEY
TREASURER	GARY TEBBETTS
LION TAMER	BOB TOUGHER
TAIL TWISTER	JOHN KOENIG
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	RICKRUDOFKY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	BOB MORTON
MEMBERSHIP	MIKE MURPHY
DIRECTOR 1-YEAR	ED KUTA
DIRECTOR 1-YEAR	DICK CLARK
DIRECTOR 2-YEAR	MIKE DURANT
DIRECTOR 2-YEAR	JOHN TREVETT

Granville Lions Club

The Granville Lions Club won the District Governor's Contest for clubs with 40 or more members.

PDG Roy Litts received the award on behalf of his club from DG Joan Scott and VDG Ed Stano



Over 60 members and guests attended our recent Installation Dinner at the Trak-In in Lake Bomoseen, VT. PDG's Roy Litts, Dan Morris and Dave Harris performed the Installation ceremony for the incoming club officers. We were also honored to have as our guests, current District Governor Joan Scott and Cabinet Secretary Mary Claire Noakes in attendance. Lion Ken Harrison was presented with the Melvin Jones Award and Lion Rick Roberts received the prestigious Robert J. Uplinger award. Congratulations to both deserving recipients.



Granville Lions Club Officers and Board for 2009-2010: L-R; Marianne Lynch, Secretary, Harry Haldt, 2 Year Director, Stephen Lynch, 2nd Vice President, Jim Roberts, 1 Year Director, Darrell Beebe, Immediate Past President, Wes Perry, 2 Year Director, Sheila Comar, President, Nancy Hughes, Membership Chair, Ron Barrett, Treasurer, Mary Ann Niles, 1 Year Director, Roger Ellis, Tail Twister and Matt Rice, 1st Vice President.

FURNITURE SALES EVERY WEEKEND!

Friday 5 to 8pm and Saturday 10 to 2pm, just behind the Main Street Post Office.