

The Lions Roar

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A Message from District Governor Rick Quick

With the year underway it is time to look at how we perform in our communities. We need to do a community assessment to see if we are meeting the needs of our areas. With the events of the last couple of days we need this now more than ever. If any area that was hit hard and the need is there, LCIF has funds that can be used. If the need is there please contact me and we will get the help.

We also need to do a club assessment to see how your club is doing. Is it active, is membership growing, are you trying new ideas or just the same thing year after year, not that that's a bad thing, but try some new ideas and see what else can be done. Try to pick 1 new service project this year that will

promote your club in your community.

The more you promote your club the better your chances to recruit new members and that will assist you in serving your community better.

In closing I hope everyone is ok after the weather and flooding that has occurred and remember help is not far away and I'm sure if you need them other clubs that were more fortunate will be there to lend a helping hand.

Remember we have our first cabinet meeting in Sept, and I hope to see you there.

See You Soon

DG Rick

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Don't See Your Club in This Newsletter?

Submit Your Club's News and Photos to Lion Karen by the 28th of each Month!

karen@deuxflutes.com

Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 17

Open Kennel at Freedom Guide Dogs from Noon-4pm. All are encouraged to come and tour the facility, meet clients, puppies and puppy raisers, observe the training obstacle course, and enjoy free refreshments.

October

Pennies for Puppies throughout October- Local elementary schools collect pennies to support Freedom's breeding program to ensure strong, healthy future guide dogs. Call or email to participate: (315) 822-5132, nicole@freedomguidedogs.org

Thursday, April 12, 2012

20th Anniversary Banquet Dinner, - Join us at Daniele's to celebrate 20 years of guide dogs, amazing clients, volunteers and the wonderful people who started the whole thing! Great food, great people, a silent auction and a raffle. Don't miss it!

Check the website for updates!
www.freedomguidedogs.org

Be Sure to Check Out Up to Date Information at These Websites:

District 20Y2
20y2lions.org/

Multiple District 20
www.md20lions.com/

Lions International
www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php

Johnstown and Central Mohawk Valley Lions Club



Joint 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 22, 2011

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Social Time/Cash Bar

7:15 pm Dinner

Patricia's Restaurant

32 South Perry Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

Special Guest Speaker Lion Don Williams

Buffet Dinner ~ \$25.00

Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables
(Vegetarian Plate Available)

RSVP by October 10, 2011

Make Checks Payable to Johnstown Lions Club

Mail to Johnstown Lions Club

P. O. Box 305, Johnstown, NY 12095

From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Can you believe summer is almost over and we are beginning our meetings and fundraisers again?

It has been a fun summer for me as I was invited to two club picnics, one in Amsterdam, and the other Central Mohawk. What a nice bunch of Lions and what parties they are!

I attended the first council meeting in Corning last month. I met my council and it will be a great group for next year. We had a tour of the Corning Glass Works with dinner at the V.I.P. lounge at Watkins Glen. However, no one told me my initiation into Vice District Governor would be a race car ride around Watkins Glen all strapped up, wearing a helmet going 154 mph!

Many new projects are in the making, Global Leadership being one of them. This will take the place of the MERLE team. I hope to be going to a meeting in Stanford, CN, to get more information with other VDG's, Zone and Region chairs. I will share the information with the District when I come back.

Also I am looking forward to attend the US/Canada Forum in the middle of September in Anchorage, AK. This will be my first forum and I've heard some wonderful things about these gatherings. Our first cabinet meeting will be held on September 17th, at NABA

Glens Falls Lions Club

If you are planning on attending the 36th Annual Adirondack Balloon Festival September 23 - 25 at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, then why not stop by the Glens Falls Lions Club Food booth and support their club.

They will be serving their usual fare of Cider Donuts, Hot Chocolate and Coffee for the morning launches, and Pizza, Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, and Hotdogs throughout the day. This year will be a special tribute to founder and organizer, Walter Grishkot. For more information, and the this years schedule, go to www.adirondackballoonfest.org/



Twin Bees from the 2005 Adirondack Balloon Festival

Our club would like to welcome Lion Mary Claire Noakes and PDG Joan Scott to our club, transferred from Hadley-Luzerne Lions.

in Albany. I hope to see as many as possible in attendance. Let's give DG Rick our full support and let's have a great District year!

Yours In Lionism,

VDG Linda Walsh

Zone B ~ Region I Donations for Hospice

Zone B of Region I recently finished up a Zone project from earlier this year. They donated \$250 to Mountain Valley Hospice of Gloversville to buy bereavement books for children in the area. These books will be for the Hospice Library



Pictured from left: Cynthia Gates Truox, Hospice Marketing Coordinator, Donn Diefenvacher, Hospice CEO, Kim Lare, Hospice Support Services Coordinator, Frances Mezza, Zone Chair, and Linda Walsh, Vice District Governor and Zone co-chair.

Town of Greenfield Lions Club

Town of Greenfield Town Wide Garage Sale will be held September 10th and 11th with sales throughout the town, vendors at the corner of Rt 9N & Wilton Road as well as Lions Food Concession, Greenfield Community & Business Assoc. Silent Auction, etc.

Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club

Hadley Luzerne Lions Club Builds a Needed Food Pantry

After more than a year long project, the Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club has completed funding and building a new Food Pantry for their area. Opening on July 20, 2011, the new Food Pantry building which replaced a closet, will serve four towns and over 700 families!



This project was made possible with funds from Hadley Luzerne Lions members, money raised from their Annual Duck Race, and with many man-hours from the Club's commitment to "Serve". The project was headed by Hadley-Luzerne Lion Don Sebald, who served as project manager. Not only did the club have fun during this construction project, they also gained a new member, Mike Pataki, who volunteered his time many days.

This is one of the many projects the Hadley-Luzerne Lions can look at and take pride in that has helped so many!

The Lions Prayer

*Where Lions meet, be present Lord,
to weld our hearts in one accord.
To do thy will Lord, make us strong,
to aid the weak and right the wrong.*



Save the Date
September 21-22, 2011
Bristol Harbour Golf Club, Canandaigua, NY

Make all donations out to Lions Camp Badger & mail to:
Lions Camp Badger c/o M&T Bank
Attention: Lion Mike Shaver
5226 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086

From Diabetes Chair PDG Dick Ralston

As District 20-Y2 Diabetes Chairperson, I will be contributing articles on diabetes throughout the coming months in the district newsletter.

The following data was taken from the 2011 National Diabetes Fact Sheet (released Jan. 26. 2011).

Total Prevalence of Diabetes

25.8 million children and adults in the United States-8.3% of the population-have diabetes.

- ✓ Diagnosed: 18.8 million people
- ✓ Undiagnosed: 7.0 million people.
- ✓ Prediabetes: 79 Million people.
- ✓ New Cases: 1.9 Million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 20 years and older in 2010.

Complications

- ✓ Heart disease and stroke
- ✓ High blood pressure
- ✓ Blindness
- ✓ Nervous system disease (Neuropathy)
- ✓ Amputation

These statistics and additional information can be found in the National Diabetes Fact Sheet 2011, the most recent comprehensive assessment of the impact of diabetes in the United States, jointly produced by the CDC, NIH, ADA, and other organizations.

Hearing Conservation Society

Throughout the Summer area Lions volunteered their time to distribute ear protection to people who were attending loud, noisy events.

The Lions Hearing Conservation Society of District 20-Y2 meets five times a year to organize and promote hearing health projects. The next meeting is September 26th. at the Resource Center for Independent Living, 347 Main Street, Amsterdam at 7:00 p.m. All Lions are welcome to attend.



PDG Joan and Kassey Granger hand out the earplugs and brochures at the Washington County Fair Tractor Pull..

Granville Lions Club

The Granville Lions Club lost a wonderful, caring man on August 22nd, Dr. John Glennon was a Lion since 1961. He was a past president and a Melvin Jones Fellow. John served his local community and beyond in a quiet although very generous manner. Our deepest sympathies and continued prayers are extended to his wife, Lion Anita, and Lion John's family.

Nineteen Lions attended the cruise and dinner, everyone had a wonderful time. We even experienced a "little" downpour at the very end of the cruise!

Lion Cindy Teller is organizing a Granville Lions Zumbathon for Diabetes. We are still in the planning stages; but it will most likely take place on a Saturday in October. If you are not into Zumba there will be several other ways to help out. All proceeds will benefit The Diabetes Association. More information will be sent out in the near future!

District 20-Y2 recently awarded 2nd VDG Steve Lynch a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations Lion Steve!

www.GranvilleLions.org.

www.facebook.com/pages/Granville-Lions-Club/169389293132493?sk=wall

Brandel-Murphy Youth Fund Caribbean Cruise

To Book Passage or For More Information Please Contact
PCC Angelo Purcigliotti at 845-216-0379; ajp5@comcast.net



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on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas!

1ST ANNUAL WINE & MICROBREW TASTING CRUISE September 10, 2011



Come sail away on the Canandaigua Lady while enjoying a taste of the Finger Lakes!

Sample wines & beers from
Casa Larga ~ Dr. Frank ~ Rohrbach Brewing Company
and more!

Afternoon cruise: 4:30 pm ~ Sunset cruise: 7:30 pm
Anyone 21 and over may attend.

Tickets are \$30 and are available through the event's landing page:
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?PRALID/d619ca3154/9bbed307d2/daa3270035>

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through PRALID and the

Empire Special Needs Experience

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