

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club

Since the day before Hurricane Irene, many vacation-boaters suffered total losses, while the “lucky” have been stranded within the NY State Canal System. The staff of the NY State Canal Corp. have done a superlative job at protecting boaters during this difficult time, directing boaters to safe moorings within the flight of locks in Waterford, and the docks in Schuylerville, Fort Edward, and Comstock. Mechanicville is not a safe haven for boaters because the city dock submerges under the massive outflow of the Hoosic River, and offers no protection from floating debris. Except for members of the local Lions Club, few noticed the three transient trawlers tucked safely above Lock 4 outside of Stillwater.

At their first fall meeting last Monday, the Lions discussed the weather-related predicament of these weary boaters, and formed a delegation (Fred Donovan, P.J.Baker, Kim Dumar, Tamar and Ray Martin) to offer a tour of Stillwater and Mechanicville on Tuesday, including lunch at The End Zone. All of the boaters gladly accepted, and for several hours thoroughly enjoyed the Lions’ hospitality. Even though they were just recuperating from some harrowing rain, flood, and wind experiences, they were so impressed with the friendly gesture that they insisted on contributing to the Lion’s flood-victims fundraiser. As bad as these visitors had it, they recognized that many permanent inhabitants had it much worse.

Two of the ships were from Canada, and one was from Connecticut. The Champlain locks and buoys were restored to passable condition on Tuesday of last week. The thankful captains and crews of The Ginger Snap, The Cleo, and The Irresistible III, are once again underway, a mere 18 days since their journey was interrupted. They all plan on coming by the area again over the next few years, and hope that next time they can tie-up at the Mechanicville City Dock to renew the acquaintances they made on this unplanned lay-over. As they continue their boating journey, we can be sure they will pass along the warm welcome and care they received from the very gracious NY State Lock personnel, and local Lions.

The Lions flood-victim fundraiser was well supported by the community with wonderful attendance at the chicken and biscuit dinner last Friday. Many enjoyed a delicious and hearty meal while contributing to this worthy cause. President Kim Dumar especially thanks the event co-chairs Lettie Sahiem, Poppy Shannon, and Tamar Martin for their efforts. If you are interested in just contributing a donation to this flood-victim fundraiser, or would like to serve the commu-

nity with the Lions, contact Kim Dumar at P.O.Box 244, Mechanicville, NY 12118. We have many more community-focused events planned for the upcoming year.



King Lion Kim Dumar with some of the stranded boaters at Lock 4, Stillwater

Town of Greenfield Lions Club

Town of Greenfield Lions are sponsoring a Kids Halloween Party on October 29th at the Greenfield Fire house on South Greenfield Rd, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be a magic show, costume awards, crafts and games.

Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club

Hadley Luzerne Lions Club reports 1400 hours working on the new food pantry; \$300 donated to School Back Pack Program (provides food to underprivileged children); \$100 to Glens Falls Lions to help with their equipment loss; provided one eye exam and one pair of glasses; awarded Senior Scholarships total \$2,250.00; also held a “dictionary” project, where they provided dictionaries and atlas’ for 6th grades.

We held our annual duck race and free community thank you picnic (146 in attendance); worked 610 hrs on rodeo parking, our biggest fund raiser; added two new members.

Fort Edward Lions Club

The Adirondack Drums fundraiser was a great success this year; the club is working with their local government to plant trees; a Membership Drive is being planned for later this year.

From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am so sorry to learn that some of our district members are in trouble because of the hurricane, tornado, flooding, mud slides with loss of homes and cars. But I am proud of our District Governor Rick for stepping up to the plate and getting grants to be handed out to victims. Many unsung heroes in our district have come forward with help both monetary and physical. God bless you all doing what Lions do best... "We Serve".

I hope more members will be attending our next cabinet meeting in November in Albany. We will be having a past international director as our guest. We really need club presidents and secretaries attending our cabinet meetings so they can keep up with new things and keep their clubs updated.

Keller Johnson will be here in October visiting our schools and I hope to have dinner again with her this year. She is Helen Keller's grand niece.

I would personally like to thank PDG Lettie for putting together a great luncheon after the cabinet meeting on September 17th. It was very enjoyable.

Also, I have raffle tickets for the State Band. Prizes will be awarded at the State Convention next year in Syracuse. Please help support the "future" of the Lions Clubs by helping out with this great project. I would hate to see it at the Conventions. Each club will be given tickets to sell. Many were handed out at the Cabinet Meeting. If you need more please let me know.

Thank you for all you do, especially at this difficult time. When our fellow Lions have been touched by an "Act of God"

Linda Walsh

Storm Updates

Any Lions Club or Lion individual who has not donated and would like to do so, please send checks to District 20-Y2 in care of PDG Dave Harris, 1032 19th St, Watervliet, NY 12189-1732.

The Schoharie County Community Action Program has provided a list of supplies they need (see below), but each community's needs are different. To find out how your club can help, please contact one of these Lions:

Lion Tom Snowdon, Town of Wright Lions Club
tpsnowdon@msn.com; H: 518-872-1091

Lion Wendy Fox, Fonda/Fultonville Lions Club
DWfoxfollowfarm@gmail.com; H: 518-853-4994

Lion James Murphy, Duane Lions Club
H: 518-895-2320; C: 518-368-6007; W: 518-471-4259

Lion Bob Montenaro, Greater Amsterdam Lions Club
fwadsworth@nycap.rr.com; H: 518-883-3939

Lion Pete Slover, Scotia/Glenville Lions Club
Pete@mp-comp.com; H: 518-393-0118

Lion Tom Snowdon reports that in addition to the items on the following list, towels and bedding are needed. They should be new. Full size and twin size sheets and blankets are most in short supply.

1. Disposable diapers all sizes.
2. Baby wipes, adult wipes/waterless wash cloths.
3. Infant formula new only cans, with valid expiration dates.
4. New personal hygiene items including tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, soap, face cloths, bath towels, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper.
5. New only clothing: t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, socks, underwear, sweat pants, shorts, flip flops, and baby clothes.
6. Non-contract cell phones with minutes.
7. Store gift cards.
8. Gas gift cards.
9. New household items bleach, buckets, sponges, paper towels, large garbage bags, rubber boots, face masks, bug spray, and rubber gloves.
10. New everyday items: can openers, storage totes, coolers, and laundry products.

For more information:

<http://www.townofwright.com/>

On the black tab, click "WEATHER", then "FOR HURRICAN IRENE UPDATES..." , then scroll down to "SHELTER & HUMAN NEEDS"

Granville Lions Club

Lion Kerri Thomas spoke to the club at our September 6th dinner meeting about the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. Kerri is currently in her second term as President of the Chamber.

Lion Roger Ellis gave a presentation at the September 20th dinner meeting about his adventures to Liberia as a member of Veterinarians without Borders.

We also enjoyed a New Member Induction on September 20th, Lion Chris Bessen. Welcome Chris!



Left to right are King Lion Marianne Lynch, PDG Dan Morris, New Lion Chris Bessen and her sponsor Lion Tamme Taran.

The Granville Lions made a donation of \$5000 to help 13 local families including 30 adults and children affected by Hurricane Irene. I would like to thank the committee members: Lions Ron Barrett, Jim Peterson and Steve Lynch for their work and organizing the relief. Thank you also to Loins Phil Weaver and Cindy Teller for their help in dispersing the funds.

Our new event, The Zumbathon, to benefit diabetes will be held on Saturday, November 5th at the Forum. The event runs from 2-4 pm with a cost of \$10.00 per participant. Chairperson Cindy Teller wants everyone to know that all are welcome that day. There will also be basket raffles for various prizes. Cindy and Chris Bessen are looking for donations for the baskets, if you would like to donate. Please contact Cindy @ 642-9684 if you can help on November 5th with set-up or take down.

Club Web Sites

If your club does NOT have one, visit
20y2Lions.org/ClubWebSites.htm

to learn how your club
can easily and inexpensively
set up and maintain a web presence.

If your club DOES have one,
please keep it up to date.
There's nothing more discouraging
to a visitor, than to find out your
"Upcoming Events" happened 6 months ago.

The link above has some useful suggestions
for maintaining your site's content.

If you need any help,
contact Jerry Gordon, 20Y2 web master, at
jerrygordon@juno.com or (518) 235-8232.

Gloversville Lions Club

The Gloversville Lions Club recently hosted "Friday's Table" on Sept. 2nd at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Gloversville, NY.

This is a free soup kitchen for low income families in the Gloversville area.



Our talented kitchen staff from left to right: Mark Ford, King Lion Matt Trainor, Fran Mezza, Marina Miller, Rick Brisee, Dave Miller.



Rock The Vest!

Lions and non-Lions everywhere are talking about the newly-debuted Lions rap video "Rockin' the Vest." In the video, real Lions members dance and sing along with an original rap song while they perform community service. Our hope is to make this rap video go viral, to expose as many people as we can to the great work that we do and excite them about serving their communities. Partnered with four new and fun public service announcements, this rap video is designed to have potential members view us in a new way.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M&feature=youtu.be

Hearing Conservation Society

The Lions Hearing Conservation Society continues to distribute earplugs to adults and loan-out children's earmuffs at various loud events as a way to educate the community to protect their hearing. With recent donations, the Society was able to purchase more earmuffs for children.



Please keep collecting used hearing aids and send them to Lion Jim Clark, 15 Pine Road, South Glens Falls, NY 12803. We accept any style hearing aid, no matter what the condition. We collect ALL hearing aids.

Two local not-for-profit organizations, Hearing Loss Association of Albany and Association for the Hearing Impaired in Queensbury, will participate in the National Walk4Hearing to increase awareness about the causes and consequences of hearing loss and to raise funds to provide information and support for people with hearing loss. The walk will take place on October 15th at Bowdoin State Park in Wappingers Falls, NY. You can donate the following ways:

Association for the Hearing Impaired

website www.afthi.org

(click the link on the home page)

...or make checks payable to AFTHI

71 Glenwood Avenue, Queensbury, NY 12804

(by October 12th)

Hearing Loss Association of Albany

<http://hlaa.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=walkk>

(Mid Hudson Walk and click on the Albany All Stars)

...or make checks payable to "Walk4Hearing"

Donna Wayner at 37 Grandview Drive, Latham, NY 12110



Glens Falls Lions Club

Thirty one Lions worked the Balloon Festival with sixteen family and friends as helpers. Even though the weather did not always cooperate, the Club grossed over \$8,000 and enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

Two new members were inducted into the Club during the month of September; Kassey Granger and Tom Sliva.

The Club donated \$500 to the Lions District Irene/Storm Clean Up fund.

Lions Scott & Karen Rager planted 4 fruit trees for the International Presidents Plant A Tree Campaign.

Lion Al Fredette, father of Jimmer Fredette, will be our guest speaker at the Glens Falls Lions Club's October 11th. Luncheon meeting (NOON) at the Queensbury Hotel. The cost for lunch is \$12.00 and the topic is "The Jimmer Experience". Area Lions and guests are welcome to attend, but **PLEASE RSVP** to King Lion Sandie Clark, hearingclark@hotmail.com or 518-744-4433.



Lion Tom Sliva, with his sponsor Lion Jim Clark, and VDG2 Steve Lynch.



Lion Kassie Granger, with her sponsor Lion Sandie Clark, and PDG John Samples.

Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind Calendar of Events

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


Central Mohawk Valley Lions Club

Think You Have What it Takes?

The Central Mohawk Valley Lions Club will be presenting the **13th Annual Variety Show** on November, 4, 2011.

We are looking for some new acts, especially young or old stand-up comedy or comedy acts to perform at this year's show.

We ask all clubs to pass the word to your members and area schools or post this notice, and have anyone interested contact Lion Tom Armistead, poge54@hotmail.com or PDG Surnoff Judy, scjudy2@frontier.net 673-1065.



THE CENTRAL MOHAWK VALLEY LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS
A VERY SPECIAL EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

NOVEMBER STARS
Local bands- Vocal groups- Dance Teams- Solos- Many More Acts
Laugh N Again and Thriller by CMV Lions

AT THE **13th**

ANNUAL Variety Show

November 4, 2011-7 PM
Canajoharie High School

Adults \$7.00 - Students \$4.00- Under 5 Free
Chicken and biscuit dinner in cafeteria 5PM- \$7.00
Purchase Advance Tickets from Lions Members
Tickets Also sold at Door

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!

2011 Low Vision Technology Fairs



Presented by

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

301 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12206 ~ Phone (518) 463-1211 ~ www.naba-vision.org

ALBANY, NEW YORK

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2011 ~ TIME: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: BELTRONE LIVING CENTER, Six Winners Circle, Albany, NY

KINGSTON, NEW YORK

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2011 ~ TIME: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: KINGSTON HOLIDAY INN, 503 Washington Avenue, Kingston, NY

Third Annual "Low Vision Technology Fairs" are informational opportunities to showcase the latest in low vision technologies and to provide resources for the visually impaired as well as family, friends, educators, caregivers and technologists.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC! Featuring...

- The latest in low vision technologies for reading, computers & more!
- Medical experts on the latest in eye disease research & treatments
- Education speakers on low vision, vision rehab therapy and more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHERYL LAWYER,
NABA Outreach Coordinator at
(518) 463-1211 x234 or via email at clawyer@naba-vision.org

Join us on Facebook
"NABA's Low vision Technology Fairs 2011"

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

Lions Foundation at Albany

Bunny sales were down for 2011. The board will be working to increase our bunny sales. This is a good fundraiser for the foundation and for Lions clubs from our district and from other districts. We are presently investigating the purchase of bunnies from Saratoga Sweets in Clifton Park, which has a better delivery program.

Knights of the Blind were up in 2010-2011, and the board will be working to increase the KOB Program and to encourage current KOBs to become Bronze Knights, which requires just another \$500.

We also are looking for Lions to join our board as committee members.

The members of the MD-20 PDG Association will be visiting the Lions Eye Institute on Oct. 22, 2011 during their fall meeting.

PDG Richard G. Nason
President, Lions Foundation

Sunday, October 16
A graduate sommelier, Italian wines, and puppies

Register now for a wine tasting like no other, led by Guiding Eyes graduate Amy Dixon. Amy will lead you on an exploration of the senses as you sample seven special wines from Italy's Piedmont region chosen by Zachys Wine & Liquor of Scarsdale, the region's premier wine purveyor.

Before the tasting, take the opportunity to explore our facility and meet Guiding Eyes staff and volunteers. You'll learn how guide dogs are trained to help blind and visually impaired people travel safely and independently, and how Heeling Autism service dogs are changing the lives of local families. And of course - puppy cuddling is always encouraged!

This is a unique way to support Guiding Eyes and learn about wine from a true master. The event is sure to sell-out; reserve your seats now! Contact Nancy Lothrop at 914 243 2211 or nlothrop@guidingeyes.org.

Sunday, October 16th 2011

3:00-4:00 pm - Tour of the facility with training demonstrations

4:00-5:30 pm - Wine tasting led by Amy Dixon and her guide dog Elvis

Guiding Eyes Headquarters and Training Center
611 Granite Springs Road

TICKETS

\$100 per guest:

Take home guide to wine selections.

\$150 per guest:

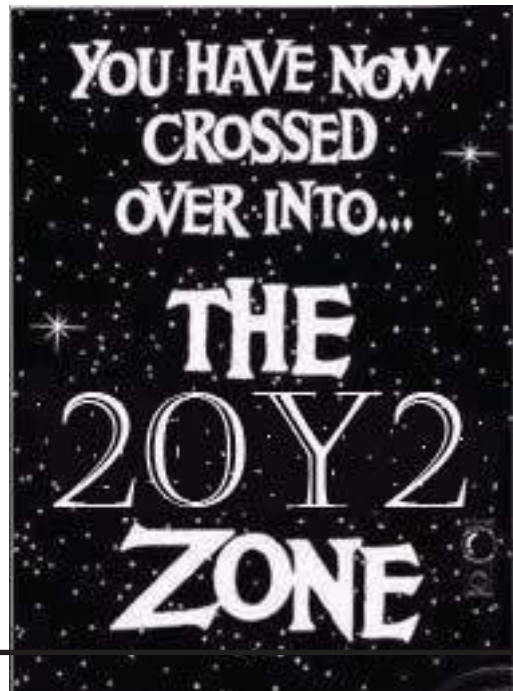
Take home guide to wine selections; and one bottle of wine - "Amy's Pick."

\$250 per guest:

Take home guide to wine selections; and one bottle of wine - "Amy's Pick."

Plus a personal wine consultation with Amy. Get to know Amy before the event - watch "Stories from Guiding Eyes." -

www.guidingeyes.org/phplist/lists/lt.php?id=YUVXBV0HWwkBGgpTRFcAVVBc



Zone Chairs!

This is your spot to let us know what is going on in your Zone, above and beyond what is reported by your clubs.

Have a Zone project you want to update us on?

Have particular Lion you would like to highlight?

Report on a Zone meeting?

Let the District KNOW how special YOUR Zone is!

Region I

Zone A

Zone B

Region II

Zone A

Zone B

Region III

Zone A

Zone B

Region IV

Zone A -Held their first Zone meeting September 27, in Glens Falls. Their Zone Project will be a repeat of last year - Work Week-end at Camp Badger! Next Zone meetings: 11/16 (Ft. Edward), 1/17 (Granville), 5/2 (Hadley-Luzerne)

Zone B