

The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



November 2011



A Message from District Governor Rick Quick

Fellow Lions,

As I return from our council meeting in Binghamton I realize that the recovery from the disasters we have had over the last couple of months is far from over. The recovery efforts will need to go on for a long time with more needs in the future.

As I drove on I 88, I went past a parking lot that could be seen from the road that was filled with trailers from FEMA waiting to be taken to the people that have no home to live in for the winter as they have no place to go to. I would like to thank all the Lions that have stepped it up to do the best they can to help those in need.

This past weekend we had our 2nd Council of Gov. Meeting where we covered many important issues for the multiple districts so I will share some of the high lights with you.

The 2014 state convention will be held in Lake Placid where they will be looking forward to seeing all of us and will help make it a great time for all.

We will continue to have the youth band so if you have anyone that would like to participate the forms will be out soon. But to maintain this in the future they need your help to support them.

We will have more activities for our Leos as we want this to be their convention also.

If interested, we are trying to sell more ads for the state magazine to help with the cost of printing.

A major problem that we face is that there are many clubs that have not paid their dues so our outstanding receivables is close to eighty thousand dollars so please make sure you club is up to date with state and international dues.

So in closing you can see we were very busy and look forward to our next meeting in February.

Remember our fall conference is 11/5 and we will have International Director David Hajny and his wife. They would like to meet you and learn more about our clubs.

See you there,
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

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**

2011 FALL CONFERENCE

It's Not Too Late!

Get Your Reservation in by Wednesday!

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Fall Conference, on **Saturday, November 5th** at the **Desmond Hotel, 660 Shaker Road, Albany, New York.**

We are requesting all clubs, and local Lions organizations set up a display with information and club projects, to share with other members and our visiting International Director. Tables will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the best presentation! Please come and have a day of fun and entertainment with the District 20-Y2 Lions!



Registration begins at 1:45 P.M.
Club Display 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Cabinet Meeting 3:00 - 4:45 P.M.
Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.
(Cash Bar)
Banquet Served 6:00 P.M. followed by program

Breast of Chicken Normande

A roasted boneless breast of chicken with an herb apple stuffing and sauce supreme, served with roasted rosemary new potatoes

or

Herb Basted Salmon

Fresh Atlantic salmon fillet drizzled with a green peppercorn chardonnay sauce, accompanied by dill risotto.

Pear William Cake

Vanilla chiffon cake layered with pear Bavarian mousse and sliced pears, topped with a caramel glaze and toasted almonds.

All selections include a fresh vegetable, relish tray and freshly brewed coffee and teas

Please forward your reservation at \$45.00 per person (checks payable to "District 20Y2") to Cabinet Treasurer:

PDG Dave Harris
1032 19th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189-1732

Name _____ Choice _____ Amount _____

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Total _____

From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Dear Fellow Lions,

As the summer fades and the beautiful fall is upon us, the Lions Clubs are deep into full activity and fund-raising.

I would like to congratulate Lion Jerry Gordon of the Albany-Troy Lions Club for obtaining "Senior Master Key" and bringing in 25 members. Way to go Jerry! Nicely done.



I handed out State Band raffle ticket as the last cabinet meeting. Please return as soon as possible as we need a count for the upcoming council meeting where we will vote to try to keep the band afloat. Thank you.

Congratulations are also in order for the Johnstown and Central Mohawk Valley Club on their 50th Anniversary coming up at the end of October. They will be having a joint celebration, with our author Lion Donald Williams of the Gloversville Lions Club, as speaker. He has written many books on the Adirondacks.



Above: VDG1 Linda Walsh with a view of Prince William Sound.

Right: VDG1 Linda Walsh with International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong.



Finally, I just returned from Anchorage, AK, where I attended the 35th USA/CANADA Forum. Words cannot describe the wonderful

experience I had. I learned so much about Lionism and the future of this wonderful organization. I met many international directors as well as our new International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong. Many thanks to the Gloversville Club for sending me. Next year it will be a lot warmer in Tampa, FL.

I hope to see you all at the Cabinet Meeting November 5 at the Desmond, in Albany, NY. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in Lionism,
Linda Walsh

"Through Their Eyes — The Gift of Sight" 2012 Calendar



For more information call:
Lions Eye Bank at Albany
www.lionseyebankalbany.org

\$8.00 Per Calendar / No Tax Due / Shipping Included

Make checks payable to:
Lions Eye Bank at Albany
6 Executive Park Drive
Albany, NY 12203

VCB

Thirty one families with blind infants, attended a regularly scheduled special session for this group at VCB during the summer 2011 season, the largest number of participants in this category to-date.

Session three was mixed, including a twelve day camping session for active and independent blind participants, held in conjunction with the annual week-long Access Technology and Employment institute during the summer. This session had two hundred twenty one participants, the largest ever, sixty two of whom attended the Access Technology and Employment Institute.

Two hundred fifty Lions and guests attended VCB's 85th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, August 7th.

The Fall VCB Workday was held Saturday, October 15th, along with a regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting, and a weekend activities session. Fifty eight campers attended, participating in apple-picking, a Halloween party and other activities, designed to improve their independent living skills.

Normally, this session would have fifty participants. Fifty eight additional were on the waiting list, since there are fewer cabins available for fall and winter sessions, so it was at capacity.

Ninety five Lions worked, including five from 20Y-2, cleaning up debris, and repairing Flood and other damage to the property from Hurricane Irene.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Mike O'Brien,
VCB Chair

Granville Lions Club



Left: Mayor Brian LaRose was our guest speaker at the October 4th dinner meeting. He talked about the recent flood relief efforts and commended the Lions for their contributions to the victims locally. He has also volunteered to DJ our upcoming Zumbathon.

Right: Colleen Bates, Lion Gordie Smith's sister, spoke at our October 18th dinner meeting. Colleen works at the Mettowee Valley Family Health Center. She was very informative on the early warning signs of diabetes. Remember diabetes awareness month is November. Come out and support Juvenile Diabetes at our November 4th Zumbathon.



Left: Our newest Lion was inducted by 2nd VDG Steve Lynch at our October 18th dinner meeting. New Lion Pat Harrison is also a Charter member of the Granville Area Lioness Club. Lion Pat was very generous during our recent furniture donations for the area flood victims. Welcome to Lions, Pat!

Donations made during at our October Board Meeting: \$400: Ken Harrison Memorial Lions Wrestling Tournament; \$100: Granville American Legion Christmas Basketball Tournament; \$100: MD20 Youth Band Raffle; \$2700: Granville Lions Kid's Christmas.

Upcoming Events:

- Dinner Meeting: November 1st Guest: DG Rick Quick
- Zumbathon: November 5th @ The Forum 2-4 pm
- 20Y2 Fall Conference: November 5th @ The Desmond

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.

- Board Meeting: November 8th, K of C
- Dinner Meeting: November 15th Leo Installation
- Zone Meeting: November 16th Anvil Inn Fort Edward
- Lions/Leos Blood Drive: Monday, November 21st Granville HS Library 12-5 pm
- Kid's Christmas: December 3rd Meet @ Scotties
- Christmas Party: December 6th @ The Barn

www.GranvilleLions.org.



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

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

Camp Badger

We are very sad to report the loss of another member of our Board of Directors and supporter of Lions Camp Badger. PDG Karon Lancto has been on board since 2008, having been husband, Lion Ed, representatives to our Board. PDG Karon's support and insight will be missed.



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Dave Noteboom likes to keep track of how many folks pass through Lions Camp Badger each year, whether they are here to work, like a Lions Club working on their cabin or other work project; or here to play, like the local youth sports leagues having their end of season picnics. I thought you'd like to see for yourself what goes on here at LCB. Here is a summary of the activity since last January....

Various Lions Clubs workparties	127 people
Leos clubs workparties	30
Non-Lion Workparties:	
- IBM	75
- Honor students	7
Lions Appreciation Day	150
Rentals:	
- Project New Hope	34
- SVE School Volunteer Appreciation Banquet	31
- Youth Softball picnic	175
- Youth Baseball picnic	80
- Ithaca Youth Bureau	13
- Rainbow Girls	31
- Faith Bible Chapel Picnic	35
- SVE Elementary School Field Days	430

Glens Falls Lions Club

The Glens Falls Lions has had two very interesting Club meetings in October. First, Glens Falls Lion Al Fredette spoke at the luncheon meeting about Jimmer's journey to become the successful basketball player he is today. Then at the dinner meeting, Lion Tom Kevlin presented an excellent Lions Orientation training session for several new Lions and for some who have been in the Club for many years.

Also Club members, under the direction of Chairman Harold McAfee, cleaned up the highway on Ridge Road.



Glens Falls Lion President Sandie Clark poses with Lion Al Fredette, who is holding a picture collage of his son, Jimmer Fredette.

Brandel-Murphy Youth Fund Caribbean Cruise

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

**2nd Annual
Brandel-Murphy Youth Fund
Caribbean Cruise Extravaganza!**

January 3 - 8, 2012

Sail With Your Fellow Lions Upon the Largest, Grandest Cruise Ship in the World!



Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind Calendar of Events

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

Ballston Spa Lions Club

On October 5th The Ballston Spa Lions Club King Lion Bob Farrell presented a check to the Anne Clothier, Education Director and Joy Houle, Executive Director of Brookside Museum so the Museum can



Club Contribution To: Brookside Museum, Recipient Anne Clothier, Education Director and Joy Houle, Executive Director and Presenter King Lion Bob Farrell.

continue their great work for the community As home of the Saratoga County Historical Society, Brookside Museum promotes a deeper understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Saratoga County's past for people of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of interest through

educational programs, innovative exhibits, ambitious web programming, personal experiences, and enduring relationships.

The museum contributes to the cultural life and prosperity of the county by preserving and enhancing collections, programs, and our historic structure. In addition to being a regional attraction, the museum conducts and publishes research in the field of Saratoga County history through exhibits, programs, publications, and an interactive web site. Brookside also fosters research through access to its library and collections and by providing educational programming at the museum, in the community, and online.

Schuylerville Lions Club



Schuylerville Lions Rt. 4 Road Clean-up Crew.



Above: Coach Lisa Schwartz, with a couple of players, presenting Vice Pres. Maggie Chiperno, with a plaque from the team the Schuylerville Lions sponsored this past season.



Left: Lion James Weed inducting Terry Izzo into the club with Lion Larry Alheim as sponsor

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.*

Guiding Eyes for the Blind
www.guidingeyes.org/

Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany
www.naba-vision.org/

Association for the Hearing Impaired
www.afthi.org/

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
www.cabvi.org/

Lions Eye Bank at Albany
www.lionseyebankalbany.org/

Diabetes

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

On this special year for diabetes make sure to **go blue** for diabetes and show your support for the diabetes cause on World Diabetes Day. Here is an inspiration: Blue Friday: An initiative launched in the USA by diabetes advocate Cherise Shockley and aimed at drawing attention to World Diabetes Day and the millions of people living with diabetes around the world.

The principle is simple: Everyone should wear blue on each Friday during the month of November and on the 14th of November. Show your support for Cherise and help spread the word.

Use the LCI on line Service Activities Report to share Service Projects, Photos or Lions Stride Walks to commemorate Diabetes Awareness Month or World Diabetes Day (November 14th).

STOP DIABETES

**Don't forget to check out the
Lions International Site
for FREE resource material!**

www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/index.php

