

The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



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A Message from District Governor Rick Quick

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I know I have a lot to be thankful for.

I know one of President Tam's themes is "My club, My family" and from the visits I have made so far I see some great families. They work together looking out for each other as well as their communities.

I want to thank everyone for the great hospitality I have received in all the visits I have made, and making me feel like part of your club. We have had some great meals, wonderful friendships, great conversations, and a good education on how Lions really work. It will be memories that will stay with me forever and I just glad to be a small part in it. The more clubs I visit, the more I can't wait to get to the next one and see what great things they are doing as a team and as a family.

This month there will be many Christmas parties and events so please everyone be safe and be responsible for everyone around you. If they need a ride home take them, they will thank you later. So please make sure we keep our holidays safe for everyone. Besides he knows who has been naughty or nice so please be good.

That's all for now so please be safe and have a wonderful holiday season and keep up all the good work all the Lions in our District, do for their communities, and each other.

Have a happy holiday and we will see you soon.

DG Rick

Attention Club Presidents & Secretaries District Dues

A reminder that 2011-2012 District Dues of \$2.00 per Club member are now due. If you have not as yet done so, please make club checks out to "District 20Y2" and send to:

PDG Dave Harris, Cabinet Treasurer
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at These Websites:**

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20y2lions.org/

Multiple District 20
www.md20lions.com/

Lions International
[www.lionsclubs.org/EN/
index.php](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php)

From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Dear Fellow Lions,

It was with great sadness to learn of the death of Past District Governor Roger Swartfiguer. He held the post on two seperate occasions and was one of our fine PDG's, showing our District "We Serve". My condolences to his close friends and family.

The Winter Conference was a great success! Special *Thank You* to PDG Lettie Saheim for putting it all together. Our visiting International Director and his wife were an inspiration to us all. The District members shared many questions which he will take back to President Tam. We were also entertained by Sandy Clark's group "The Fabulous Friends with Flying Fingers", who sang and signed songs for us and handed out American flags to Cabinet Officers.

I will be attending a District Governors Leadership Seminar on December 3, in Syracuse.

And finally, *Thank You* to all the clubs in the District who are helping the less fortunate this holiday season. Clubs are having food drives, stocking food pantries, having turkey and dinner give-a-ways, buying coats and gloves, and buying CD's and DVD's for nursing homes and hospitals. One club is also planning on caroling at a local hospital.

I've been invited to a couple Lions Clubs Christmas parties and am looking forward to attending them.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Years. I hope Santa is good to each one of you.

Yours in Lionism,

Linda Walsh

Granville Lions Club

Donations made during at our November 8th Board Meeting:

- \$100 Rachael Everts; People to People
- \$50 Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
- \$1500 Granville Food Pantry
- \$50 Zone Project; donation toward a sound system for The Friends with Fabulous Flying Fingers, associated with the Association for the Hear Impaired

- Donation of a table, 4 chairs, umbrella and stand to the Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp
- Diabetes Chair, Cindy Teller organized a very successful Zumbathon on November 5th. The event raised \$856 for the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Thank-you Lion Cindy and Lions Sheila, Lee, Val, Chris for volunteering your time and efforts for this great cause.

Rev. Jerry McKinney spoke the Lions on November 15th. He was looking for volunteers to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army at the Granville Price Chopper. If you are interested, please contact him or Lion Jim Peterson. Everyone that attended the November 15th dinner meeting was treated to a special surprise. PDG Roy Litts took us all for a ride down memory lane. He reminisced about a Variety Show in Granville to benefit the Rescue Squad. A large photograph of several dancers was revealed. Lion

Gordie Smith is pictured prominently wearing yellow!



PDG Roy Litts (center), our newest Lion Kathy LaRose (right), and her sponsor Lion Cindy Teller (left), at our November 15th dinner meeting.



Leo Club advisor Tamme Taran installed the new officers of the Leo Club for the 2011-2012 year. This year's officers include President Katarina Thomas, Vice President Jordan Harrison, Secretary Andrea Kibling and Treasurer and Cyber Rep. Rachel Kristoff. PDG Roy Litts inducted all the member of the Leos that attended the dinner meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Kid's Christmas: December 3rd Meet @ Scotties 7:30 am
- Christmas Party: December 6th @ The Barn 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th, 6:30
- Mountainview Commoms Christmas Dinner: Wednesday, December 14, 5pm
- Dinner Meeting: Tuesday, January 3rd; Lions Scholarship Recipients

Check out the Granville Lions Club website at www.GranvilleLions.org.



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

Central Mohawk Valley & Johnstown Lions Club

13th Annual CMV Lions Club Variety Show Fundraiser

About 15 acts by local performing arts groups entertained a crowd estimated to be over 500, at the Canajoharie High School auditorium, (the Arkell Performing Arts Center), on Friday evening, November 4th for the 13th Annual CMV Lions Club Variety Show Fundraiser. The Central Mohawk Valley Lions appeared in two skits, one celebrating the club's 50th anniversary, and the other a rendition of Michael Jackson's thriller, with a cast of Lion Zombies.



Fran Dybas and Frank Topliff, both in their 90's, perform.

Johnstown and Central Mohawk Lions Clubs Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The Johnstown and Central Mohawk Valley Lions Clubs recently celebrated their 50 years of service at Patricia's Restaurant in Johnstown. A total of sixty Lions and guests attended the October 22 fete. The combined celebration was appropriate because the Gloversville Lions Club sponsored the inception of both clubs in 1961.

Master of Ceremonies Past District Governor Orville Curtiss introduced present District 20-Y2 District Governor Richard Quick of the Scotia Lions Club introduced Johnstown Lions' president Michael Bowman and Central Mohawk Valley Lions' president Jeff Jones as well as several Past District Governors in attendance.

Vice District Governor Linda Walsh of the Gloversville Lions commented on her recent attendance at the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. She then reviewed a brief history of the two clubs. Lion Linda continued by noting some of the activities of each club and by presenting each club with a check from the Gloversville Lions Club. Past District Governor Lettie Saheim presented the clubs with a check from the Mechanicville Lions Club.

After dinner, the program continued with Johnstown's president Mike Bowman and Central Mohawk Valley's president Jeff Jones elaborating on their respective club's activities. In addition to the Lions' mission to the blind and deaf, the Johnstown club services the Harry Wilson Nature Trail, works with the Glebe Street school in the

Rail Trail cleanup, and has contributed to flood relief to victims of the recent storms. The club holds "Radio Days" fundraiser and barrel drive. Additionally the Johnstown club sponsored the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and has had two members become District Governors.

The Lions Club of Canajoharie was chartered on December 1, 1961, with Deo Young serving as the first president. His widow, Mrs. Bonnie Kerr, and his daughter, Paige Young, were guests of the club. The club expanded its service area to surrounding communities in the early 1970's, changing its name to Central Mohawk Valley. Along with adhering to the Lions' mission of helping the blind and the deaf, president Jeff Jones pointed out the club is a major sponsor of the Recycle Regatta, and sponsors the annual fundraising activities such as the Ramble Run, the Variety Show, and the White Cane Sale. Club community service activities include the annual Easter Egg Hunt for area children, participation in the Fort Plain Manna House community dinner program, and annual scholarships to the three school district it services.

Gloversville Lion Don Williams was the event speaker, addressing the participants on his writing career, and explaining through demonstration the function of several old fashioned tools no longer used in modern society. The tools included implements used in Adirondack logging and housekeeping in the 19th century. Lion Fred Chambers of Central Mohawk delivered closing remarks, noting that Lion Don's



Gloversville Lion Presenter Don Williams, CMV Lion of the Year Sally-Jean Taylor, and DVG Linda Walsh.

presentation reminds Lions that while their collective efforts are what make their efforts significant, individual members have great talents as well.

Immediate Past President of the Johnstown Club Greg Leibowitz presented three awards to club members: fifteen year chevron to Lion Dan Malmburg, Lion of the Year to Michael Ionnotti, and a service award to long time treasurer, Mary Ann Hathaway. President Jones of Central Mohawk Valley presented Lion of the Year Award to Sally-Jean Taylor.

District Governor Rick Quick presented the two clubs with Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam's congratulations.

Town of Greenfield Lions Club

Greenfield Lions Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales will start shortly. Trees are \$30. There are two tree locations to "Serve" you better - the corner of Rt 9N and Wilton Road, and Agape Farm B&B in Corinth. Wreaths start at \$12. For homemade wreaths - Contact Lion Verna Chandler Plummer, various sizes are available. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help in unloading the trees!

Town of Wright-Schoharie Lions Club

Effective November 7, 2011, the Town of Wright - Schoharie Valley Lions Club has changed its meeting days to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month and will continue to be held at the Apple Barrel.

Ballston Spa Lions Club

On November 2nd the Ballston Spa Lions Club held their annual meeting at the 4-H Center on Middleline Road. The Ballston Spa Lions Club has been a supporter of the 4-H for decades. The club has provided annual donations to their general fund and over the years have donated funds for special projects. King Lion Bob Farrell presented the Lions Club annual donation of \$1,000 to Mary Fairley, Extension Issue Leader.



Presenter: King Lion Bob Farrell, Recipient : Mary Fairley, Extension Issue Leader, Cornell Co-Operative Extension

Glens Falls Lions Club

District Governor Rick Quick inducted two new Lions, Rhonda Sullivan and Maria Nowotny into the Glens Falls Club on November 22, 2011. Rhonda is a brand new Lion, but Maria is a former club member who was a past



Above: District Governor Rick Quick with new Lion, Maria Nowotny, sponsor King Lion Sandra Clark and new Lion Rhonda Sullivan. Left: SFC (ret.) Art Coon receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the Glens Falls Lions during the Adirondack Balloon Festivals, from Lion 1SG (ret.) Scott A. Rager at the Queensbury Hotel, November 8, 2011.



president and secretary of the club. We are glad to have her back, and we welcome them both!

The club held their annual Seal Drive on November 21, 2011.

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

Brandel/Murphy Youth Foundation Super Bowl Raffle 2012 Ticket

Tickets are (1) for \$20 or (6) for \$100

For tickets and information, contact: PDG Lettie Saheim (518) 753-7867; Lsaheim@nycap.rr.com

PDG Dave Harris has posters that clubs can use to advertise the event. Contact him at: PDG Dave Harris (518) 273-1266; dharris2@nycap.rr.com



Make your checks payable to the "Brandel/Murphy Youth Fund" All proceeds will go to the fund.

Super Bowl XLVI, INDIANAPOLIS 2012 February 5, 2012

First Prize: 2012 Super Bowl Package for Two:

Includes 4 days, 3 nights accommodations during Super Bowl 2012 at the Marriot Courtyard Indianapolis Carmel. Free round-trip airfare from anywhere in the Continental US on February 3 along with two Corporate Level tickets to Super Bowl XLVI. Plus transfers, breakfast, on-site concierge services, welcome gifts, and much, much more!

Second Prize: \$2,000 Cash

Third Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Fourth and Fifth Prizes: \$500 Cash

Sixth thru Eleventh Prizes: \$250 Cash

Only \$20 per Ticket!

Drawing will be held Saturday, January 21, 2012 (Location TBD) We are a 501c3 charitable organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Gloversville Lions Club

Gloversville Lions served over sixty people on November 4th at Friday's Table - a local soup kitchen where The Club prepared and served the entire meal using our "World Famous Meatloaf" as the entrée.



Above: Friday's Table. Right: Friday's Table "Crew". From L to R: Lions Roseann Lauria, Mark Ford, Fran Mezza, Jessica Zimmerman.



New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation

The New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation held their meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12 in Binghamton. PDG Ed Stano is serving a three year term as a trustee from Y-2. Ed and Cary were on the same Council of Governors. PDG Joan Scott is serving a two year term. Lion Mary Claire Noakes is on the Executive Committee of the NYS&B Lions Foundation Board of Directors.



PDG Ed Stano being congratulated by PRGCary Smolen, Sec. of New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation.

Schuylerville Lions Club

Lion Maggie Chiperno (VP) welcomes our Nov. 2nd Guest, Barbara York, from the center of Donations and Transplants. Speaker Barbara gave a very interesting speech about donating and lives that can be saved by doing so.



The Schuylerville Lions Club will be busy Sat. Dec.3rd, organizing and handing out plastic bags with battery operated candles in them, depicting lanterns and then marching down the length of Broad Street, with St. Nicholas, all singing Christmas Carols. This Duch tradition is carried on each year, followed by St. Nicholas telling the children a story, and

then the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. Then Santa Clause arrives on the fire truck and the party begins.

The Lions will hold their Christmas Party on Dec.7, bringing with them canned good items for the food pantry, and gifts for children in the school program.

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/

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.**

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[Lions International Site](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/index.php)
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