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The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



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A Message from District Governor **Rick Quick**

I hope everyone's holidays went well and Santa was good to all, I know all the Lions were on the nice list.

As we go into the New Year and the more I visit the clubs in our District I get a better understanding on why we are so good at what we do. We have so many dedicated and hardworking Lions that identify a need, step in, and then make it happen. We have great fund raisers that are very successful netting a lot of money that goes back into our communities. We also have many service projects to help our community and some that will make our area a better place to live.

As we go forward this year I will be out more and see the great things we do and, meet the great Lions that make it happen.

Remember, Feb 4th is out next cabinet meeting so plan to attend. We will have a guest speaker and we will also have the two candidates for International Director to tell us a little about themselves.

Put in your spring plans, a service project for planting trees, and do your best to include the youth of your community. This will increase awareness of Lions and add to the beauty of your community.

We will see you soon and keep doing the great things you do.

DG Rick

Attention Club Presidents & Secretaries



District Dues Reminder

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 **1032 19th Street** Watervliet, NY 12189-1732

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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

Granville Lions Club

In Memorium

By King Lion Marianne Lynch

Laway on December 23rd. Leo and his wife Theresa just lost their son Daniel in late October.

Leo held several club positions including Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, Director, 2nd Vice President and Sunshine Committee. Leo was a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Leo always tried to join us for our annual Clam Bake and 4th of July Kid's Day to serve watermelon!

Our deepest sympathies and prayers are sent to Theresa and Leo's family.

Trivia Night

The Granville Rotary will be holding their Trivia Night on January 28th.

We are hoping to once again put together a team of Lions to compete. Teams may have up to 6 members. This always proves to be a fun night for a great cause.

Granville Lions Club P.O. Box 4, Granville, NY 12832

www.GranvilleLions.org



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

Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Karen Rager

The Glens Falls Lions Club adopted a family of four, (two adults and two children), for Christmas, providing gifts and money.

Other activities included raising over \$1,300.00 to date in their annual Seal Drive; fourteen members helped the Salvation Army as Bell Ringers in front of the Rt. 9 Walmart; twelve Lions helped serve over one hundred seventy five people in the Annual Christmas Breakfast at Christ Church United Methodist, which our very own Lion Beth Russell organized; and the club earned a "Plant a Million Trees" patch, for members who planted trees this fall - the club has also been approved to plant a flowering tree in Crandall Park this spring.

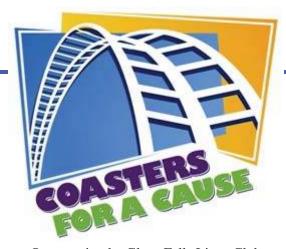
Check out our new website: www.glensfallslions.org.

Glens Falls Lions Club P.O. Box 528, Glens Falls, NY 12801

www.glensfallslions.org email contact on website



www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Glens-Falls-Lions-Club/299180695661



Once again, the Glens Falls Lions Club is participating in the Great Escape/Splashwater Kingdom's "Coasters for a Cause" Fundraiser.

COST of TICKET \$22.50

(a \$27.50 off of the main gate admission price!)

VALID DATES

May 19 & 20, May 25 - 28, May 30 - June 3, June 6 -10, & June 13 - 17

UPGRADE POSSIBILITIES

- ~ A special "C'mon Back!" ticket to revisit the park any day during the 2012 season for just \$20, plus tax
- ~ Opportunity to upgrade to a season pass for only an additional \$34.99, plus tax

Tickets will be available AFTER March 7, but you can pre-order now!

Our club will recieve \$5.00 for every ticket sold!

Pre-order forms are available on our FB page and our Website, email me for more information at karen@deuxflutes.com

Flood Relief Efforts Update

by PDG Dave Harris, Cabinet Treasurer

With the onset of winter, clubs in our district continue to provide relief to those who suffered from the devastating effects of storms and flooding last summer, particularly in the Schoharie Valley and Rotterdam Junction areas. The work continues and there is much left to be done.

As you know, through the efforts of District Governor Rick Quick, we received a restricted LCIF Emergency Grant of \$10,000 in early September. To date, funds have been distributed to:

Fonda - Fultonville Lions Club \$400
Amsterdam Lions Club \$400
Duane Lions Club \$2000
Scotia Glenville Lions Club \$400
Town of Wright – Schoharie Valley Club \$4000
Granville Lions Club \$400

There remains \$2000 additional designated for the Duane Lions Club and \$400 unclaimed reserve in the LCIF account. Clubs receiving funds from the LCIF grant are reminded that a report describing distribution of funds along with receipts and any publicity generated as a result of their work must be provided for LCIF. Any information and reports should be sent directly to me so that I may complete and submit a report from our district.

We have also received unrestricted funds through generous donations from our own clubs as well as an unrestricted NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation Emergency Grant as shown below:

NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation \$2500
Town of Greenfield Lions Club \$1000
Gloversville Lions Club \$500
Glens Falls Lions Club \$500
Town of Hoosick Lions Club \$100
Lions Club of Deerfield \$500

To date, we have distributed \$700 to the Scotia Glenville Lions Club and \$2000 to the Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club from this unrestricted fund. A balance of \$2400 remains.

In addition to programs coordinated at the district level, many clubs have developed projects and contributed funds directly to affected areas on their own. Some of these which have been reported to me include: Granville Lions Club: Provided \$5000 additional monetary relief to 13 families who lost property through flooding of the Mettowee and Indian Rivers. Coordinated replacement furniture and appliances with lightly used donations.

Albany & Troy Lions Club: Donation of \$1500 during visitation to Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club for purchase of small denomination gift cards from Price Chopper and WalMart.

Mechanicville/Stillwater Lions Club: Held a special Chicken & Biscuit Dinner fundraiser, coordinated by PDG Lettie Saheim, resulting in over \$1000 being sent to the affected area.

Bethlehem Lions Club: Club donation of \$1000 matched by King Lion Dan Ryan and his wife and additional donations from club members for a total of \$2250 in the form of gift cards delivered to the Town of Wright/ Schoharie Valley Lions Club.

Central Mohawk Valley Lions Club: Donation of \$1000 to assist clean up for a family in Schoharie Valley.

I know that many Lions from throughout our district traveled to affected areas to deliver needed supplies and aid to victims of the flooding. Thank you to members of the Galway Lions Club and PDG Orv Curtis in this regard and especially those clubs and individuals whose important efforts remain unreported. My apologies.

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club

Long time member, past officer, and past zone chairman Frank Peter Izzo passed away 12/7/11, after a long illness. The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions attended the wake as a group.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to several charities, including the Mechanicville~Stillwater Lions Club at P. O. Box 244, Mechanicville, NY 12118.

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club King Lion Kim Dumar kdumar@nycap.rr.com

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

~ Helen Keller

Broadalbin Perth Lions Club

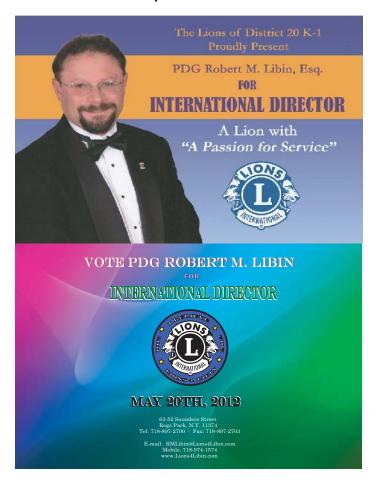
By PDG John Samples, Sr.

The Broadalbin Perth Lions Club participated in the Broadalbin Christmas Parade, presenting children with a gift and a photo with Santa.

Other Club activities included the adoption of five families for Christmas, providing the children with gifts of clothing and toys, and a gift certificate for the families for food, the approved sponsorship of one each tenth grade student from Broadalbin-Perth and Mayfield High Schools, and the collection of 3,000 pairs of used eyeglasses which will be sorted and given to three groups of Doctors and nurses going on mission trips this summer.

The Club will be meeting temporarily at the Broadalbin Hotel beginning Jan 12 as Vandeline's has been sold and will be closed for about three months.

> **Broadalbin Perth Lions Club** P.O. Box 331, Broadalbin NY 12025-0331 **BPLIONS@HOTMAIL.COM** bplions.com



Ballston Spa Lions Club

by Lion Marco Cuozzo

allston Spa Lions Club presented SSGT James Bolen USMC, Toys For Tots Operations Manager, toys for their U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. at their December 7th meeting, which filled SSGT Bolen's car.

On December 21st Lion VP Harry Petersen inducted Cory Custer into the club.Contact information for the

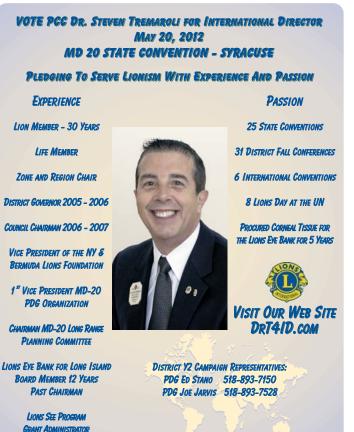
Ballston Spa Lions Club.



Above: 1st VP Lion Harry Petersen presents SSGT James Bolen USMC, Toy For Tots Operations Manager, donated toys from the Ballston Spa Lions Club on December 7, 2011, at the Finish Line Restaurant, Ballston Spa, NY. Below: Lion



Ballston Spa Lions Club P.O. Box 242, Ballston Spa, New York 12020 info@BallstonSpaLionsClub.org www.BallstonSpaLionsClub.org





Saturday ~ February 4, 2012

Cohoes Senior Center, 10 Cayuga Street, Cohoes, NY 12047

9:30 AM Coffee 10:00 AM MEETING 12:30 PM Lunch

Cost \$12.00

PLEASE CALL OR E-MIAL YOUR RESERVATION PRIOR TO Isaheim@nycap. rr. com or call 518-753-7867

Money will be collected at the door. Please note directions. (If lost, call 518-669-9873)

Directions

From the North: 87 South; at Exit 7, take Route 7 east to 787. Take 787 NORTH TO END (red light). Continue STRAIGHT across on to New Cortland St. At first red light, turn left on to Mohawk Street and a right into the Parking lot. Additional parking across the street.

From West: Thruway to 87 North to Exit 7/Route 7 east; come straight across to 787. See above.

From East: Route 7 Troy, across bridge, keep right on to 787 North. See above.

From South: Off thruway at 787 (Exit 23) head North. See above.

Lions Camp Badger

Fire Extinguisher Request

By PDG John Samples, Sr.

During 2012, Lions Camp Badger is required to replace 20 Fire Extinguishers around the Camp.

Cabin 1—5# ABC	Cabin 23—5# ABC
Cabin 2—5# ABC	Cabin 25—5# ABC
Cabin 4—5# ABC	Infirmary—10# ABC
Cabin 6—5# ABC	Lake House Kitchen—5# ABC
Cabin 8—5# ABC	Lake House Laundry—5# ABC
Cabin 11—5# ABC	McCabe Front Office—5# ABC
Cabin 12—5# ABC	Staff Hotel East Door—5# ABC
Cabin 14—5# ABC	Staff Hotel West Door—5# ABC
Cabin 15—5# ABC	Uplinger Pavilion—20# ABC
Cabin 22—5# ABC	Wright Pavilion—5# ABC

5# Fire Extinguishers are \$44.00 each. 10# Fire Extinguishers are \$75.00 each. 20# Fire Extinguishers are \$119.00 each.

I would like 20-Y2 to take on the project and purchase these fire extinguishers. If each club purchased (1) 5# Fire Extinguisher, we would collect enough to purchase all of the extinguishers needed for this year. You may mail checks to me or directly to:

Lions Camp Badger
725 LaRue Road
Spencer, NY 14883
Please mark your check
"20-Y2 for Fire Extinguishers."

Thank you for supporting this worthy project.

Camp Badger Newsey Notes

By Cynthia Reuter

This month we thought we would express our gratitude by recognizing a few of the businesses that support Lions Camp Badger with yearly donations of time/service or money. Listed in no particular order are:

IBM Tioga State Bank Verizon

University Support Service in Bay Shore, NY Exxon Mobil Retiree Matching Grant Program.

The Exxon Mobil Retiree Matching Grant Program is an example of a good reason to check with your employer to see if they offer a comparable program. Some of the larger corporations or even smaller businesses will match employees' monetary donations or even your volunteer time with a monetary amount to a valid not-for-profit of your choice.

The Empire State Special Needs Experience at Lions Camp Badger is a valid 501c3. Contact the office for more info. The Empire State Special Needs Experience is also a charity of choice through the United Way Campaign. If your employer participates in the Annual United Way campaign, you may be able to designate your contribution through easy payroll deductions.

And remember, your donations to the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc. located at Lions Camp Badger are ALWAYS tax-deductible.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar! 1st Annual Camp Badger Golf Classic September 20, 2012

Empire State Special Needs Experience Inc. at Lions Camp Badger Ph: 607-589-4800 Fx: 607-589-6181 www.lionscb.org

Lions Eye Institute

By Lion Sheila Nason

Linstitute (LEI) in Albany, has received his first request for desperately needed eye surgery that is beyond the ability of the LEI to pay. It is the first such request that he has received in his more than three years as president, but he fears that if some way is not found soon to raise more money, it will not be the last.

The Lions Foundation at Albany, headed by PDG Dick Nason, raises money for the Eye Institute, which was established as a joint effort of Lions Districts O, W, and Y2. Most of the funds raised by the Foundation pay for the care of patients who do not qualify for Medicaid, have no insurance, and have no other way to pay for their care. They must be referred by local Lions Clubs. Foundation money also provides some support for the Ophthalmology Residency program through Albany Medical Center, and for educational programs such as the visits of Keller Johnson, the great grandniece of Helen Keller, to area schools.

With the needs of patients growing rapidly beyond the ability of the Lions Eye Institute to pay the bills, an enhanced fund-raising campaign is now under way. The Foundation raises money in primarily two ways – through the sale of chocolate Easter bunnies and from contributions to support the Knights of the Blind (KOB) program.

This year's Easter bunny orders are due by January 24, 2012, with milk chocolate and white chocolate bunnies available. Lion Mary Fleming, chairman of the bunny program, urges clubs to increase sales this year. As part of this year's campaign a new banner patch will go to every club that sells 25 or more cases. Information on the pricing and ordering details will be going out to all clubs both electronically and by hard copy to the club's secretaries. Clubs are encouraged to think outside of the box when conducting their sales, by using methods such as selling at malls or outside big box stores and/or by publicizing the cause in local papers. Leo Clubs also can be asked to help.

The KOB program will be receiving the attention of both the Lions Eye Institute and Foundation boards as members will be visiting individual clubs in Districts O, W, and Y2 to answer questions about the Eye Institute and to publicize the KOB program. Both clubs and individuals can make contributions toward KOB awards. While it takes \$500 to achieve a KOB award and another \$500 to move up to a Bronze KOB status, contributions can be

made over time. Clubs are encouraged to contact PDG Dick Nason at snason@nycap.rr.com with any questions about contribution options.

Anyone with other fundraising ideas is asked to contact a member of the Foundation. Ideas or comments also can be sent directly to PDG Dick.

Since July 1, 2011, the LEI has paid for the care of 12 patients at a cost of \$26,323. Since 2004, Lions have helped 42 patients at a cost of \$106,350.

These costs would be far higher without the cooperation of the doctors who practice at the LEI. To show their gratitude for Lions support, the doctors in each of the four groups at the Institute donate \$10,000 worth of services annually to patients the Lions have referred. PDG and District O Second Vice Governor Wilfred Roehe, chairman of the boards, negotiates the bills for the remaining doctor, anesthesia, and hospital charges, often getting bills down to the Medicaid rate. Even so, the bills for major surgery can be very large and more fundraising is desperately needed.

Without the ongoing work of the Lions on the Foundation and Eye Institute boards, a number of desperate people would not have the opportunity to benefit from the state-of-the-art Eye Institute founded by area Lions and the exceptional doctors who practice there.

Lions Eye Institute at Albany, NY, Inc. 1220 New Scotland Road Slingerlands, NY 12159

Lion John McDonald, President (518) 882-6148 jmcdonald33@nycap.rr.com

Lions Foundation at Albany, NY, Inc. PDG Richard G. Nason, President (518) 793-6551 snason@nycap.rr.com

DEADLINE TO ORDER BUNNIES

Tuesday January 24, 2012





DISTRICT 20-Y2

Lion – Lioness – Leo of the Year Award / 2011-12



(please circle appropriate category above)

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Please mall to:

Hadley Luzerne Lions Club Town of Greenfield

State Peace Poster Contest Winner

By King Lion Peter Watts

or the sixth straight Year, a student from the Hadley-Luzerne Lions has won the District 20Y2 Peace Poster Contest. We have been notified that Remi's poster has also won the state Lion's contest.

For the 62nd year the have sent Christmas baskets to those in need. This year we prepared one hundred twenty nine baskets with turkeys, potatoes, carrots, milk, eggs, bread, canned and boxed goods and toys for children.



Above: Lion Michelle Mayhew, our Peace Poster chairperson, Middle School Principal Pat Cronin, Peace Poster contest winner Remi Hadley-Luzerne Lions Baker and art teacher Maya Puchoff. Below: Past President Mo Wright and Lions Roger Williams getting the baskets ready to distribute.



Hadley Luzerne Lions Club P. O. Box 158, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846

www.hadleyluzernelionsclub.org

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

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

Lions Club

by Lion Verna Chandler Plummer

Tishing everyone a prosperous and safe New Year! Thank you to everyone that purchased a tree or wreath - thanks for your continued support of our club.

The Greenfield Lions Club is sponsoring a New Member Drive on January 11th, 7 pm at the Middle Grove Fire House. If you are interested in serving your community, meeting new people, networking with key people in the town, and are able to donate a few hours a month to any fundraising activity or community project, please contact Membership Chair Lion Verna Plummer at 885-0349 to RSVP. We hope to see you there!!!

Town of Greenfield Lions Club PO Box 188, Greenfield Center, NY 12833

The Lions International Pin Trading Club

is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of \$2,500 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters



of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2012.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/ grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship

For more Information and to download applications, go to:

http://www.litpc.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

INDIANAPOLIE	Super Bowl XLVI, INDIANAPOLIS 2012 February 5, 2012 First Prize: 2012 Super Bowl Package for Two: Includes 4 days, 3 night seconmodetions during Super Bowl 2012 at the Marriot Courtyard Indianapolis Carnel. Fiee "ound-tip airfare from anywhere in the Continence US on February 3 along with two Corporate Leve forcets to Super Bowl XLVI Plus transfers, breakfast, on-site conclerge services, seconce gifts, and much, much invoice.			ate:	ddress:
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Make your checks payable to the 'Brandel/Murphy Youth Fund' All proceeds will go to the fund.	Drawing will be held Seturday, January 21, 2012 (Location TBD) We are a 501c3 that itable organizator. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.	5519	5519		

ATTENTION DISTRICT 20Y2 LIONS CLUBS Please take a look below to see the status of your Club info with Webmaster Lion Jerry Gordon. If your Club is listed in the Far Left Column...BRAVO! If it is listed in any of the other three...PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your updated information to Lion Jerry SOON!!! jerrygordon@juno.com Greenwich Hedlew/Luzeme Hadley/Luzeme Lioness **Holland Patent** Hoosick Johnstonn Mech'ville/Stillnater N Hartford Lionese N Y Mils/White Northwile/Suc Revene Richmonthille/Cohl Sandoga Springs Sauguoit Valley Schuylerville Wright/SchoVel 15.7% 15 7% 3 8%

Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind

It is an especially Happy New Year for \Freedom Guide Dogs, as 2012 marks our 20th year of service to the blind and visually impaired community!

We could not have gotten this far without the support from all our friends, volunteers and donors.

Thank you to all who have helped us make it to 20!!!!

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

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.

"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

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/