

The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



February 2012



A Message from District Governor Rick Quick

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter we are having so far. This has made my visits much easier as I do not have to fight Mother Nature.

Each week I get to enjoy the company of many lions in our district. I have a new perspective on how important we are to our communities and to each other. One of our president's theme is "my club my family" and I believe that is very true in all our clubs.

Each club I go to I leave with something new and a better idea of what we do. I recommend everyone try to go out and do visitations to other clubs around the area to meet new and old friends and get a better understanding of Lions.

As we get closer to spring let's support our president and make plans to plant trees in your area and involve as many youth in this activity as you can.

I look forward to seeing you everyone at our cabinet meeting and other events as we finish out my year.

Thank you for all your support and all that you do.

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

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

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

From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Happy New Year to all Lions, Leo's and Lioness. I hope you are getting rested from all the Holidays and raring to go for the "up and coming" year.

There are a lot of upcoming events which we need to try and attend, like the cabinet meetings, council meetings and anniversary parties, (just to name a few). Keep the date open for the Annual State Convention in May in Syracuse.

Also, Easter Bunny Sales will soon begin. Please support this great project by either selling them or, if your club doesn't sell them, buying them for yourself and your families.

The State Band raffle tickets are moving fairly good. It will be nice to have the band again this year at the state meeting. Also thank you to all the clubs and Lions who bought Super-Bowl tickets.

It was with breat sadness to learn of the death of District Governor Marg Jane Madoo from 20-R2. She was a wonderful Lion and great friend with lots of energy and a future at the conventions.

Again please keep the dates open for our State Convention in Syracuse, May 18-20.

I will be helping DG Rick with noon day visitations, and I am anxiously awaiting meeting new members and old friends on these visitations.

See you all at the Cabinet Meeting in February.

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Linda Walsh



It is with a heavy heart to learn that our district's "Golden Girl", Lion Frances Mezza, of the Gloversville Club and a great friend and Lion, is very ill and has become a Hospice patient.

You all know Fran as our District "Lion of the Year" two years ago; the gal who danced with Keller Johnson, and the "Tail Twister" and Good Will Ambassador at our Cabinet Meetings. She would love to have a phone call, visit (at home), or a card.

You can send cards to:

Lion Frances Mezza
48 Montgomery Street
Gloversville, NY 12078
518-725-7381

Please keep her in your prayers.

Thank you,
VDG Linda



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

Glens Falls Lions Club

By King Lion Sandie Clark

Lion Scott Rager provided an inspirational, informative program on the Lions Eye Institute at the Club's luncheon meeting. He encouraged Club members to become Knights of the Blind. Presently, there are thirteen Knights of the Blind from the Glens Falls Club.



Above: Lion Bill Crawshaw (sponsor), and new Lion Dr. Paul Gancher

Lion Scott Rager, membership chair, inducted Dr. Paul Gancher into the Glens Falls Lions Club at the January 24th dinner meeting.



Left: from foreground, Lions Scott Rager, Shaun Rivers, Sheila Nason, Kim Pike, Marilyn Rivers, PDG Joan Scott, and Peggy Parker.

Chairmen Shaun & Marilyn Rivers coordinated January's "Last Saturday Supper" at Christ Church, where twenty one Lions shopped, cooked and served a delicious meatloaf meal for seventy two people from the Greater Glens Falls Area. Sixty two volunteer hours total were provided for this project.



Below: Lion Beth Russell, who tirelessly organizes all of the Last Saturday Suppers for Christ Church.

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

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www.facebook.com/#1/pages/Glens-Falls-Lions-Club/299180695661

Granville Lions Club

By King Lion Marianne Lynch

The Granville Lions Scholarship winners were our guests at the January 3rd meeting. We heard from Alyssa Scott, Meghan O'Brien, and Alyssa Martel, shown above with their parents. We wish them continued success in their future studies.



Lion Jim Peterson sent us an update photo from Tajikistan. Dr. Brian Zerbe, from Hebron, is shown at a ribbon cutting for a new eye clinic. We have supported Dr. Zerbe's work; he spoke to our club at our Installation Dinner last June.



We held our 3rd Zone Meeting in Granville on January 17th. It was well attended by the Granville Area Lioness, Hadley Luzerne Lioness, and the Glens Falls Lions Club. It always is a great opportunity to learn what is going on in our district and local clubs. Our Zone Project this year is a work day at Lions Camp Badger scheduled for May 5th. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

GRANVILLE Lions Club
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www.GranvilleLions.org



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

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 Program. **Application @ www.litpc.org/**

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club

Print and Photo Magnifier Available

by Lion Ray Martin

Do you know someone who has trouble reading regular sized print or even photographs? The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club have placed a unique viewing machine at the Mechanicville Senior Center. This magnifier allows people with low-vision or poor vision to easily enlarge printed pages, photos, or even written letters up to 40 times their regular size.

This expensive device was donated to the Lions Club, and the members along with the senior center decided to make it available to the general public. The Telesensory Magnifier allows someone to view regular pages enlarged on a regular television screen. Center president Joe Coppola quickly learned how to use the device and said that the

Center's staff will be able to easily show anyone how to operate the simple system.

Low vision people can read their mail, enjoy

books, magazines, photographs, fine-print, prescription labels, and newspapers. Senior coordinator, Mary Kelly is excited that people can even use the machine to help them write letters, fill out forms, or write checks.

Vision-related projects are a primary mission for the Lions Clubs. Lions President Kim Dumar said, "this is just another way our 70 year old organization continues to work with our local communities." To help us, we would like everyone to mark your calendars for our mid-winter fundraiser. There will be a delicious Ziti and Meatball Dinner starting at 4:30 PM on Friday February 17th at the former Peters Purcell Post. Proceeds from this event will help the Lions other goal to assist local hunger relief programs. Eat with us to feed others.



Lions Ray Martin and Bob Chase show Joe Coppola, president of the Senior Center how to use the Magnifier

SAVE THE DATES

FEBRUARY 17

4:30-7:00 pm

Pasta Palooza

Ziti & Meatball dinner.

Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Children \$5

127 Saratoga Ave., Peters Purcell Post Building,
Mechanicville, NY

For the benefit of Local Food Programs.

Eat with us so we can feed others.

MARCH 10

6:00 -11:00 pm

70th Anniversary Banquet

The Century House Restaurant, Rte #9, Latham, NY
Keynote speaker, Hon. Anthony Paradiso PDG (20-K2)
\$35 per person. Discounted hotel rooms available.

Invitations will be sent out soon.

Seating is limited, RSVP quickly.

May 18

All Day

Lion Frank Izzo Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet

Put together a four-some; or just come for the Banquet.
Prizes, raffles, lunch provided; Ford for a hole-in-one.
Classic Mechanicville Golf Club Proceeds to benefit our
Signature Activities: Sight & Hearing, Youth,
and Food Programs

July 14

Family Day Raffle

More info about the prizes coming soon

**For more info on the
MECHANICVILLE-STILLWATER Lions Club,**

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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/


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Ballston Spa Lions Club

Lions Help Hunger

by Lion Marco Cuozzo

Globally Lions Clubs are addressing hunger in their community, and the Ballston Spa Lions Club has been helping for many years. In 1999 the Ballston Spa Lions started a small program helping with that need. Lion Karl Avernarius and Lion Philip Imbarro were Co Chairs of the committee giving a local church sets of complete groceries needed for a family Thanksgiving Dinner. Lion Karl would report to the club on the status of the sets of complete groceries for Thanksgiving Dinner by saying that the committee had delivered the "soup to nuts dinners." Still today after Lion Karl's passing Lion Philip reports the status of the "soup to nuts dinners" to the club. Thanksgiving 2011 The First Presbyterian Church, Ballston Spa distributed the dinners for the club.

Over the years the program has grown now to include hams for Christmas, given to three Ballston Spa Food Pantries; Christ Church, United Methodist Church and The First Baptist Church. Christmas 2011 the Ballston Spa Lions Club supplied over sixty hams and we encourage

other community organizations and individuals to help the local food pantries.

To learn more about the Ballston Spa Lions Club community service or information on joining visit www.BallstonSpaLionsClub.org or email info@BallstonSpaLionsClub.org

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Town of Greenfield Lions Club

by Lion Katrina Plummer

The Town of Greenfield Lions Club rents tarps for all occasions. Keep us in mind for you summer events.

Various size party tarps available for weekend rentals at reasonable prices!



contact Lion Doreen emery at 587-2378 for available sizes, prices and available dates.

TOWN OF GREENFIELD Lions Club
PO Box 188, Greenfield Center, NY 12833

"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

Boiler Request

By Lion Mike O'Brien

Due to to substantial damage to the center from an October Storm, VCB canceled its December 9th, through 12th General Session, but will run a makeup one in May of this year, the weekend of the 18th, through the 21st.

A family session ran January 13th through the 16th, with a holiday theme, during which donated gifts were presented, and various craft projects were undertaken by the participants. Unfortunately, A boiler malfunctioned in Dorm 1, the last night, but was temporarily restored to operating condition. *Separate, more detailed information about the boiler issue is below, which also appeals to Lions for funds to replace both boilers in the effected dorm.*

District and club sponsorship of a funding application to the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation is being sought, and replacement of both boilers will happen when the funding is in place, and the bidding is complete.

The pre-vocational program for Teenagers 14 through 21 years of age, will run at the center, February 20 through 23rd, and will teach them various pre-vocational skills. On January 3rd, Visions began a specialized senior center in Manhattan that will serve the needs of New York City seniors with severe vision loss. Its located at Selis Manor, a housing complex primarily for low income residents who are legally blind. It now serves a total of 250 residents.

Participants generally must be 60 years of age to use this program, except if they live in Selis Manor, which makes them eligible at 55. It operates Monday through Friday, and includes a meal program, serving 150 participants.

Lions,

As some of you know, VCB had suffered great Damage from the snow storm in October that we are still recovering from. As a result we have canceled the December weekend and we have replaced it with another one in May. It was a challenge to clear all the debris for us to run a safe weekend from January 13 - 17, only with some of the help we've gotten from the Lions and the community.

However, the last day of the weekend, during one of the

really cold nights the boiler responsible for the heat went out for Dorm 1 side A. We managed to get a contractor to come and look at it around 10:00 PM and were able to get it going for the time being. He stressed to us that same night that it might not hold, and we should have it replaced ASAP, especially because it is so old and he can not get replacement parts for it. Thank god it held for that night and we went home the following morning. In the middle of that night we were thinking about sending a lot of participants home, because we didn't want to risk the health and safety of most of the people we serve and especially the ones that reside in that dorm.

I am reaching out to Lions who expressed interest in helping out in applying for a grant from the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation and I have been in touch with the Yorktown Lions Club, because they want to help. One member of the club has asked other clubs to join him since one club can't get the matching funding by them selves. This is a critical need. The bids we have gotten range from \$ 3,000 and \$ 4,000 for one boiler for that dorm. The dorm takes 2 of them one for side A and one for side B, thus we need to replace both of them for a total of \$ 7,000 to \$8,000. We need to proceed on this as soon as possible, and I am not sure if the foundation would allow us to do the work and get the money later. We can hold off on it till February 14, because the weekend in February is during that weekend. Let me know how to act on it? Should one club take it on and try to galvanize a few clubs to help, or should we do it with the district like we did when we applied for the Air Conditioners grant last summer.

I am reaching out to the committee to help us out in seeing if we can get the matching donations. Just keep in mind, I don't want to take away from the clubs yearly scholarship funds. The participants that attend depend on those donations from Lions clubs. Any money spent on capital projects likethat would directly affect the number of people we can serve at VCB who are blind. If you can find clubs that give a little more than their usual contribution, it would be better. But if they can't, it is fine as long as the district is still committed to funding people to attend at the usual level.

Thank you and look forward to your quick response in this matter.

Khaled Musa, VCB Co-Administrator
VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
500 Greenwich St., 3rd Floor, NY, NY 10013
Phone: 212-625-1616, ext. 130

Fax: 212-219-4078



facebook.com/visionsvcb

Diabetes

By PDG Dick Ralston

Most likely you have a relative, neighbor, or co-worker who has diabetes. According to the World Health Organization, 120 million people in the world have diabetes.



In the USA alone, there are 10.3 million persons with diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association, there are another 5.5 million Americans who are unaware that they have diabetes. You – or someone you love – may be among that unaware population.

DIABETES RISK FACTORS

- ♦ more than 45 years old overweight
- ♦ a person with high blood pressure (at or above 140/90)
- ♦ from a family with a history of diabetes
- ♦ a woman who has given birth to a baby weighing more than nine pounds (four kilograms)
- ♦ lacking in regular exercise?

If you answered “YES” to one or more of these questions, you may be at risk for diabetes.

Millions of people are unaware that they have diabetes. Often, they do not experience any symptoms. However, see your health care professional if you experience:

unusual thirst
frequent urination
a weight loss without trying

Diabetes Projects for Lions Clubs

Throughout the world Lions clubs sponsor local service projects that aid persons with diabetes. Before selecting a project, Lions should learn about the needs of persons with diabetes. Inviting a speaker to a club meeting is one way of become more informed about diabetes. Local health care facilities or diabetes associations often have speakers available for this purpose.

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

~ Helen Keller

Gloversville Lions Club

By Lion Rick Brisee

On January 20th, the Gloversville Lions Club prepared and served fifty local residents at Friday's Table - a free dinner held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Gloversville, NY.



Menu consisted of: tossed salad, rolls, meatloaf, mixed vegetables, yams & dessert - all prepared & served by our Club.

L-R: Dave, Donna & Yolanda-church volunteers; Dave Miller, Marina, King Lion Mark Ford and Dave Roy-a Gloversville HS senior and volunteer. Taking the photo is Lion Rick Brisee.

Missing from the photo are Lion Jessica and Lion Ron.

This is the Club's fourth time hosting this event.

GLOVERSVILLE Lions Club
P. O. Box 8, Gloversville, NY 12078
gloversvillelionsclub@gmail.com

2nd ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Hosted by the Galway Lioness Club



Saturday March 31st
10 - 4

Free Admission
Galway High School
5317 Sacandaga Rd (Rt 147)
Galway, NY 12074



NORTHVILLE/SACANDAGA LIONS CLUB

Annual Raffle

to Benefit Sight, Hearing
and Diabetes Projects

1st Prize: Kindle Fire

2nd Prize: \$100.00

3rd Prize: \$50.00

Tickets

\$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00



Drawings April 4th, 2012

For Tickets Call or email PDG Dick Ralston

518-25-8417

rralston001@nycap.rr.com

Galway Lions Club

Brooke Martin Wins Spelling Bee for 2nd Time

by PDG Orv Curtiss

Seventh grader Brooke Martin was declared the spelling bee champion after correctly spelling the word “altricial” in round 26 of Galway’s local spelling bee competition, sponsored by the Galway Lions Club.



The champion spellers stands with the top spellers from each grade level.

Brooke also won the bee when she was in fifth grade.

A total of 19 students in grades 4-8 participated in the bee based on the rules and words of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Four students from each grade level participated, except for 8th grade, which had three participants.

Students were identified to participate in the Lions Spelling Bee by their classroom teachers based on student performance during classroom “spell offs.”

The winner of the Galway Lions Spelling Bee goes on to

participate in a regional competition with students from other schools.

Pictured to the right are: 4th grader Nate Urban, 5th grader Hannah Thompson, 7th grader Brooke Martin, Galway Lions Representative Orv Curtiss, 8th grader Antoine Comissiong, and 6th grade Roger Temoshok.

The Galway Lions Club has sponsored this event at Galway Central School for 13 years. This year, the Galway Lions Club provided an electronic dictionary to each of the 19 participants. Also, the 5 grade level winners each won a \$15 gift card purchased from Barnes and Noble Booksellers. The grand prize winner, Brooke Martin, also won a \$50 US Savings Bond purchased by the Galway Lions Club. Brooke is the granddaughter of PDG Orv and Lion Judy Curtiss.

Editor’s Note:

al-tri-cial, [al-trish-uhl] adjective Zoology . (of an animal species) helpless at birth or hatching and requiring parental care for a period of time (opposed to precocial.)

~ source: dictionary.com

On January 23rd, Galway Lion Don Pandori presented gift cards in the amount of \$2000.00 to Schoharie Elementary School Principal, Maryellen Gillis. Galway Lions



Club president, Lion Phil Putnam (L), and John Gillis (R) observe the event. Here is a summary of the \$8,207 raised by the Galway Lions and Lioness Clubs:

Lions Club donation	\$3,000
Lioness Club donation	\$1,000
Private donations	\$3,518
Auction proceeds	\$ 687
<u>Bank interest</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>
Total	\$8,207

We spent \$7,201 which is broken down as follows:

School Supplies	\$1,000
Contractor bags	\$ 96
Gloves	\$ 40
Food	\$ 46
Cash donation to RJVFD	\$1,000 (Rotterdam Junction Vol. Fire Dept.)
Misc. household items	\$1,000
<u>Gift Card</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total	\$7,182

\$1,025 remains in the account for disbursements in other flood victim areas.

GALWAY Lions Club
P.O. Box 244, Galway, NY 12074
galwaylionsclub@juno.com
galwaylionsclubny.org

Northeast Pin Swap XXIV

August 15-16-17, 2012

BPO Elks Lodge #2110,
4400 Sweden Walker Road, Brockport, N.Y. 14420

See the Event Schedule and Registration Form
on the 20Y2 website.

20y2lions.org/Dates/Lions%20Pin%20Swap.pdf

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

Status of club info on the 20-Y2 web site (20Y2Lions.org/clubs.htm) as of
November 16, 2011

Clubs with 2011-2012 info	Clubs with 2010-2011 info	Clubs with 2009-2010 info	Clubs with NO info
Albany & Troy	Bethlehem	Waterford	Ams'dam Lionettes
Amsterdam	Duane		Gloversville Aux.
Ballston Spa	Ft Edward		Utica Auxiliary
Broadalbin/Perth	Galway Leos		
Cambridge	New Hartford		
Cent Mohawk Vall	Scotia/Glenville		Clinton Leos
Clinton	Speculator		Duanesburg Leos
Deerfield			Herkimer Leos
Fonda/Fultonville			Saratoga Leos
Galway			Shenendehowa Leos
Galway Lioness			
Glens Falls			
Gloversville			
Granville			
Granville Leos			
Granville Lioness			
Greenfield			
Greenwich			
Hadley/Luzerne			
Hadley/Luzerne Lioness			
Herkimer			
Holland Patent			
Hoosick			
Johnstown			
Mech'ville/Stillwater			
N Hartford Lioness			
N Y Mills/White			
Northville/Sac			
Ravena			
Richmondville/Cobl			
Saratoga Springs			
Sauquoit Valley			
Schuylerville			
Utica			
Wright/SchoVal			
35	7	1	8
68.6%	13.7%	2.0%	15.7%

If your club is listed in the 11-12 column, congratulations! Your cyber-rep is on the ball. If you're in the 10-11 column, that's not too bad, but it's time to update your info. If you're in the 09-10 column, your cyber-rep hasn't responded to any of my 3 (or more, every year) requests for updated information. Contact me at jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232 and I'll tell you who your cyber-rep is. If you're in the right-most column, shame on you! Contact me to learn how to fix this situation. You can see your club's info at 20Y2Lions.org/clubs.htm

**VOTE PCC DR. STEVEN TREMAROLI FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
MAY 20, 2012
MD 20 STATE CONVENTION - SYRACUSE**

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EXPERIENCE

LION MEMBER - 30 YEARS

LIFE MEMBER

ZONE AND REGION CHAIR

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BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION

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PDG ORGANIZATION

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

LIONS EYE BANK FOR LONG ISLAND
BOARD MEMBER 12 YEARS
PAST CHAIRMAN

LIONS SEE PROGRAM
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

PASSION

25 STATE CONVENTIONS

31 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCES

6 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

8 LIONS DAY AT THE UN

PREPARED CORNEAL TISSUE FOR
THE LIONS EYE BANK FOR 5 YEARS



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Amsterdam Lions Club

By Lion Robert Montenaro

The Greater Amsterdam Lions Club has just completed its annual fundraising drive to support its community service activities. We have raised \$ 3,830 during 2011.



Santa, (Lion Robert Montenaro), visited the Amsterdam Lioness' Annual Christmas party at Boscoe's Restaurant December 10. Pictured is Santa along with Mary Rose DeSorbo, 95, and her sister Carmela Corvene, 99. This is their first Christmas party with the

Lioness of Amsterdam. Members of the Amsterdam Lions Club were also on hand to help serve Christmas Dinner. A raffle was held for gifts that were donated by Amsterdam Print, Price Chopper, Hannaford, Stewarts and Target.

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Schuylerville Lions Club

Celebrates 50th

by Lion Larry Alheim

The Schuylerville Lions Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 9th at the American Legion in Schuylerville. Please mark your calendars for this great occasion. More details will be following in other Lions Roar issues.

King Lion Russ Hanson of the Schuylerville Lions Club, presenting a donation to President Richard Behrens of the Schuylerville Hose Company.



King Lion Russ Hanson presenting a check to Donald Ormsby Jr., Chief of the Quaker Springs Fire Department.



King Lion Russ Hanson presenting a check to Brian Baker, President of David Nevins Fire Department.



King Lion, Russ Hanson, presenting a check to James White, Assistant Captain of the Schuylerville Rescue Squad.



SCHUYLERVILLE Lions Club
King Lion Russell Hanson
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New Hartford Lions Club

by New Hartford Town Crier, submitted by King Lion Harold Klein

We are sad to report the passing of Lion Roger Swartfiguer. Not only was Roger the pillar of our club, he forgot more than most of us know about LIONISM. Roger was past District Governor twice and served on countless committees. He devoted many long hours to the betterment of the LIONS movement. He was a rare person indeed and will be sorely missed, not only by the LIONS Club, but the many people he touched. He was truly a wonderful man.

Our club has reorganized and the new President is Harold Klein. Serving as Vice President and Membership Chair is Nick Montesano and serving as Secretary is Doug Berry.

This fall we continued the tradition of our White Cane Days. Collections occurred in the fall at &T Bank and at Jay-K Lumber and a \$500 donation was made to the LIONS Eye Bank in Albany. this was LION Roger Swartfiguer's favorite charity. He wished for money to be sent to the eye Bank in lieu of flowers. We thank anyone who contributed!

There is a tremendous need for Cornea Transplant Donors. Thousands of people lose their sight each year. In many cases, sight can be restored by receiving a corneal transplant. There is no substitute for human tissue. For over 50 years, the LIONS Eye Bank at Albany has served 29 counties throughout Northeastern New York and Great Barrington, MA. With the dedicated efforts of area hospital professionals, the Eye Bank has been responsible for more than 10,000 eye tissue transplants since the program began in 1952. In 2010, the LIONS Eye Bank at Albany provided tissue for 406 corneal transplants, which restored vision to men, women, and children of all ages. There were over 48,000 corneal transplant surgeries performed worldwide in 2010, more than 95 percent were successful.

We are actively looking for new members who are interested in helping give the gift of sight and hearing as well as other worthwhile community projects. For more information and to attend a meeting, contact LION Nick Montesano at 732-0411 or 797-2415.

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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 Lion Jerry Gordon, 20Y2 web master, at jerrygordon@juno.com or (518) 235-8232.