

The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



April 2012



A Message from District Governor Rick Quick

Here we go, another month is in the books. I don't know where the time has gone, but I will tell you it's been very enjoyable.

The more places I go, the more great Lions I meet. I now know why we are the biggest and best service organization in the world. Our members do look out for our communities and the world.

As for membership, we need to try things we haven't tried before, whether it's a new service project or maybe a booth at a college open house or home show. Remember, if you do not ask people to join, they will not know the true feeling of being a Lion.

Retention is also a large part of our declining membership, some of which we cannot control, but we need to look closer at the ones we can make a difference with.

Get your members involved and make them welcome in your club, as we are all part of a very large family. If they do not feel wanted, appreciated, or feel their ideas mean something, then they will not want to stay. Remember, "My club, My family." Each one is an important part of the family.

Finally remember to make your plans for planting trees. The contest is less than three feet = one point, over three feet = two points. If a youth group participates with you, add one additional point. There will be three categories for Lions, one for Lioness, and one for Leos. So let's get going and then send you reports on how many trees your club planted to 2ND VDG Steve Lynch.

Thank you for all your hard work and making me welcome wherever I go.

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

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



From the Desk of 1st VDG Linda Walsh

Dear Lions,

Happy Easter and Springtime to all my fellow Lions, Leos and Lioness. I do hope the snow is behind us and we can start raking instead of plowing.

How did the "Bunny Sale" go? Clubs, please send in your money as soon as possible. This is the one fund raiser that the Lions Foundation at Albany, NY has, and we all need to support it.

Club Secretaries, just a reminder to send me your new slate of officers ASAP, so I can put the finishing touches on the upcoming directory.

I will be attending two upcoming events in the Month of April, the Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc. 60th Anniversary Celebration and the 2012 Visionary Gala for NABA, (Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany). Hope to see some of you there. I also will be visiting the Huntington, Long Island Club for dinner Easter week while I'm in the area visiting my family for Easter. It's PCC Dr. Steve Tremaroli's club and he and Marianne have welcomed me.

Clubs!!! Are you caught up on your dues? If not send them in ASAP and clubs send in your delegation forms so they may vote at the convention.

Just a note to jot down for future reference. I will be having a pre-cabinet meeting the first or second Saturday in August. And the first Cabinet Meeting of the District for my year will be September 8th, at the Winner's Circle in Fonda, NY.

Have a wonderful Easter Lions!

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Linda Walsh

Gloversville Lions Club

By VDG Linda Walsh

As you know we lost our District's "Golden Girl" and "Tail Twister" at the end of February. I also lost my best friend and partner in crime.



Late Lion Bernie Schmerhorn, VDG Linda Walsh, and late Lion Fran Mezza at the Central Mohawk Christmas Party.

The family would like me to convey to all Lions in the District who sent cards, attended the wake and/or funeral or silently

said a prayer, a deep thank you for all your kindness and prayers. I will certainly miss her and I know the District will indeed miss her. She exemplified the Lion Slogan, "We Serve".

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**VOTE PCC DR. STEVEN TREMAROLI FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
MAY 20, 2012**

MD 20 STATE CONVENTION - SYRACUSE

PLEDGING TO SERVE LIONISM WITH EXPERIENCE AND PASSION

EXPERIENCE

PASSION

LION MEMBER - 30 YEARS

25 STATE CONVENTIONS

LIFE MEMBER

31 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCES

ZONE AND REGION CHAIR

6 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2005 - 2006

8 LIONS DAY AT THE UN

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2006 - 2007

PROCURER CORNEAL TISSUE FOR
THE LIONS EYE BANK FOR 5 YEARS

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NY &
BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION

1st VICE PRESIDENT MD-20
PDG ORGANIZATION

CHAIRMAN MD-20 LONG RANGE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

LIONS SEE PROGRAM
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR



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DISTRICT Y2 CAMPAIGN REPRESENTATIVES:
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Glens Falls Lions Club

By King Lion Sandie Clark

Glens Falls Lions once again participated in our biannual community project which helps Christ Church United Methodist's Mission of Saturday Suppers, on March 10. Seventeen Lions provided thirty six hours of volunteer time creating a wonderful dinner of Spaghetti and Meatballs for those in need.

Ten Lions also once again stepped up to the plate to volunteer as traffic marshals, ensuring the safety of runners as they competed in the annual Shamrock Shuffle. This five mile walk/run is hosted by the Adirondack Runners Club as a fund raiser for Special Olympics.



SAVE THE DATE! For our 9th Annual Golf Tournament at Airway Meadows, Saturday, June 2, 2012. Shotgun start is at 1:30 pm, Registration at 12:45 pm; \$400 1st Place Team, plus prizes and raffles; \$85/per person; Soda/Beer/Hotdog at the Turn; Steak/Chicken Barbecue following the tournament. Sponsor a Hole/Tee for \$100!

For more information contact Lion Scott Rager at rager@roadrunner.com or Lion Jim Clark at jimclarksgm@verizon.net.

COASTERS FOR A CAUSE! See our flyer in this newsletter for a way to save on Great Escape tickets AND help our club!

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Like our Facebook pages:

Glens Falls Lions Club & Glens Falls Lions Duathlon

Holland Patent Lions Club

By Lion Doug Churcher

Our family has been vacationing on the Caribbean Island, Bonaire, for several years. We enjoy the warm



Sandy MacLean and Doug Churcher, Holland Patent Lions Club presenting a plaque to the Lions Club of Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean, at the Club's 50th Anniversary.

weather and clear Caribbean water. Last year, we discovered the Bonaire Lions Club. Immediately and excitingly we wanted to connect with our fellow Lions. After a few phone calls, we were able to

find where the club met. Lion John (Sandy) MacLean and myself, Doug Churcher, introduced ourselves and subsequently was invited to join the meeting. Language was a minor problem because the meeting's conversation was conducted in Papiamentu language. Even with the language barrier, surprisingly, we were able to communicate quite well. Towards the conclusion of the meeting, we were informed that 2012 was the Bonaire's Lions Club 50th Anniversary. We were invited to join them for their celebration. Lion Sandy and Lion Dough decided to present the club with a congratulatory plaque. They were very pleased. Needless to say, we plan to make the meeting next year.

HOLLAND PATENT Lions Club
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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

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club

by Lion Ray Martin

SAVE THE DATES

May 18

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

MECHANICVILLE-STILLWATER Lions Club
King Lion Kim Dumar
kdumar@nycap.rr.com



Although the world
is full of suffering,
it is full also
of the overcoming of it.

~ Helen Keller

“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

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/**



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 receive \$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

Schuylerville Lions Club

by Lion Larry Alheim



You are cordially invited to the

Schuylerville Lions Club 50th Anniversary Banquet Saturday ~ June 9, 2012

Schuylerville American Legion
6 Clancy Street ~ Schuylerville NY, 12871

6PM Cocktail Hour - CASH BAR
w/ hors d'oeuvres and music
7PM - Greeting & Opening Ceremony

Dinner: \$20 per person

Your choice of entrees: (check choice on RSVP card)
Stuffed Chicken Breast ~ Hot Roast Beef ~ Fish

Please R.S.V.P. w/ payment by May 16, 2012:

Schuylerville Lions Club c/o Lion Jim Weed, Treasurer
1075 Route 29
Schuylerville, NY 12871

SCHUYLERVILLE Lions Club
King Lion Russell Hanson
russellahanson@gmail.com

The Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.
cordially invites you to attend the

"60 Years of Vision" Anniversary Luncheon

April 29, 2012, 12:00 pm

at the Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

Cost: \$25 per person

Checks made payable to: "Sight Society of NYNY, Inc." and dinner selection (CHicken Teriyaki/Slice New York Sirloin/Grilled Salmon)

Lions Eye Bank at Albany, NY, Inc.
6 Executive Park Drive, Albany, NY 12203

The Lions of District 20 K-1
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PDG Robert M. Libin, Esq.

FOR

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

A Lion with
"A Passion for Service"



VOTE PDG ROBERT M. LIBIN

FOR

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



MAY 20TH, 2012

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Invitation
22nd Salute to the Lions
Saturday, July 14, 2012
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This is our tribute to Lions Clubs and Members

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL MISSION:

"TO CREATE AND FOSTER a spirit of understanding

among all people for humanitarian needs

by providing voluntary services

through community involvement and international cooperation"

Guiding Eyes salutes the Lions Club members for their dedication to our mission and their undertaking to raise thousands of dollars for the Canine Development Center Construction and for children on the autism spectrum

Witness first-hand the impact you have had on blind college-bound youth, U.S. military veterans, seniors, poets, athletes, the Deaf-Blind and hundreds of blind persons; and families with children on the autism spectrum

Your Special Day includes:

Awards, Luncheon, VIP Tours, Door Prizes

A Family Friendly Event

Last year a capacity crowd attended!

Make your reservation today to ensure your place in this very special salute.

First 20 to register will receive a free raffle ticket for the door prize drawings.

Lions Eye Institute/Lions Foundation

By Lion Scott Rager

Watch the NEW VIDEO from the Lions Eye Institute

www.youtube.com/embed/tqwPMbH1WhQ

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Saratoga Lions Club

By Sheila Riley

The annual Duathlon to benefit the Saratoga Springs Lions Foundation will be held on Sunday, May. 27. This year's 5K Run, 30K Bike Ride, 5K Run, will be based at Saratoga Casino and Racing. For online registration, go to www.SaratogaLions.com/duathlon. This year's raffle prizes are a \$4,000 Serotta bicycle, \$800 Southwest Airlines tickets, a \$500 Mirror Lake Inn package including a one-night stay for two plus a round of golf at the Whiteface Club, and a \$600 iPad 2 or iPad 3 (if available). Raffle tickets may be purchased from any member of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club either before or on the day of the Duathlon.

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Camp Badger Lions Camp Badger Fire Extinguishers

By PDG John Samples, Sr.

A big "thank you" to all Clubs who purchased fire Extinguisher for Lions Camp Badger. The Camp received enough money to replace the ones for 2012. However, they will need more funds to replace the ones expiring the first part of 2013. So, if you didn't send money, you can still do so.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 21 Big Flats Lions Club – work party
- 21 20-E2 Walk for Kids for LCB at Watkins Glen HS

APRIL/MAY

- ? Weather permitting Penn Yan Lions Club to work on Lagoon

MAY

- 5 20-Y2 Reg N, Zone A - work party
- 18-20 MD-20 Lions Convention – Syracuse
- 18-20 Lansing Cub Scouts community service weekend
- 26-28 Town of Greenfield Lions – work party

JUNE

- 1-3 Rainbow Girls – community service weekend
- 8-10 Project New Hope – Veteran's family retreat
- 13 Mamakating Lions work party
- 16 Spencer Van Etten Youth Baseball picnic
- 17-30 Community Connections Camp Session-ages
- 30 Wedding reception

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

Granville Lions Club

By King Lion Marianne Lynch

**FURNITURE SALES START APRIL 20TH
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE!**

Welcome to our newest Lion, Jennifer Dashef, an Art teacher at Granville Schools. Jennifer was inducted on March 6th by 2VDG Steve Lynch and she was sponsored by Lion Tamme Taran. Jennifer is very enthusiastic about the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Thank you, Jennifer for taking on that project!



On March 13th, Pat Imbimbo a local businessman and beekeeper gave a very informative presentation about the trials, tribulations and joys of beekeeping. He kept us well entertained!



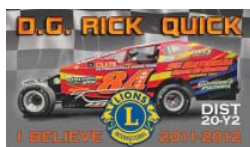
District Governor's Contest Tree Planting

Get 1 point for every tree under 3 feet tall.
Get 2 points for every tree over 3 feet tall.
Get an extra point for every tree planted by a youth other than a Leo.

There will be five categories:

Lions (Small, Medium and Large Clubs),
Lionesses and Leos

Club Presidents must submit your results no later than May 15th to 2nd VDG Stephen Lynch at Stephen@SheldonMansion.com



Furniture Sales start on Friday, April 20th. There is one less weekend this year; therefore the last few teams don't have the extra half weekend. Please be courteous to your teammates and find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your duty.

Arbor Day chairperson, Lion Nancy, has once again organized a planted project with the 2nd graders. The students will be planting seeds that will hopefully sprout for Mother's Day gifts. Great idea Nancy!

**GRANVILLE Lions Club
King Lion Marianne Lynch
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www.GranvilleLions.org**

**Like our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/pages/Granville-LionsClub/169389293132493?sk=wall**

Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind

by Nicole White

Hey everyone! Nearly 3 weeks ago, Freedom Guide Dogs welcomed its newest litter of Labrador puppies, courtesy of second-time mom, Ice T. There are 8 all black pups, 4 boys and 4 girls, all very healthy, perhaps a little too healthy as their bellies drag on the ground when they try to walk! Below is a link to more photos on our Facebook page. Enjoy!!!



www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150618458731720.381935.102404381719&type=1

PS. You can still reserve your tickets for Freedom's Platinum Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, April 12 from 6-9PM at Daniele's Banquet Specialists on Seneca Turnpike in New Hartford.

Visit www.freedomguidedogs.org to get yours today!

Check the website for updates!

**nicole@freedomguidedogs.org
www.freedomguidedogs.org**

Special Pricing for All Lions! Granville Lions Club Sale



Various Styles

Large inventory of Telescope casual furniture including strap chaises at Below Wholesale Prices!

Bring your Lions membership card for an extra 10% discount on our entire inventory!

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			
Mechville/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

Granville Lions Club *Since 1960*

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

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

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

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/

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