

The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



August 2012

[Editors note: Due to vacations and club inactivity during the summer months, the August Roar is being issued late. As usual, submissions for the September Roar, will be accepted until the 28th of this month! Hope you had a great summer!]



A Message from District Governor Linda Walsh

Dear Lions,

After recovering from that long trip to Korea, I'm off and running!

Lots of things are on tap for our District and Multiple this year. I will be discussing them at visitations. The major problem is Clubs owing back dues. PLEASE CLUBS, pay up your dues. We don't want to lose anyone, our membership is declining, and we don't want the Multiple in the red - we want them in the BLACK! This loss of revenue is across the state in the Multiple level as well. I will keep you posted on the finances, but take this very seriously.

Visitation schedules are now on the 20Y2 website. (<http://20y2lions.org/Directory/DG%20visits.htm>). If you have a conflict with your date, just let me know and I will work it out with you.

The Council in Corning was very productive and a lot of issues were addressed. VDG STEVE AND MARIANNE and I work well together so you are in good hands.

I would like to thank the Granville Club for the lovely Director's Chair they recently presented me at their picnic.

I have a new computer and am up and running. My email is lionlinda@frontier.com, if there is anything I can do to help a club or get information for you, I'm an email away. See you at the picnic!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Linda

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Don't See Your Club in This Newsletter?

This is YOUR Newsletter!

Feel free to submit news
of your club's activities and
announcements.

Be sure to include
fundraising events as Lions
like to support each other!

Lions LOVE PHOTOS!

Make sure to document
and share everything your
club does with photos!

(Digital Files PREFERRED
proofed and ready to Copy
and Paste!)



Submit Your Club's News
and Photos to Lion Karen by the
28th of each Month!

karen@deuxflutes.com



From the Desk of 1st VDG Steve Lynch

Greetings,

I hope that you all are enjoying your summer. DG Linda, 2nd VDG Marianne and I recently returned from the first Council of Governors meeting in Corning. It is clear that these difficult economic times are impacting our efforts. There is a greater need than ever coupled with a decline in giving. We must pull together to make a difference.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 1st Cabinet Meeting in Fonda on Saturday, September 8th. It should be the beginning of another wonderful Lions year together. Please let CS Fred Chambers know whether you will be there at 518-993-2628 or fchambers1@roadrunner.com Meanwhile, District and club officers should make a special effort to take advantage of the valuable training being offered online.

We are all weary of the membership push but the stark reality is that membership in MD-20 has declined virtually every year since 1997 with a loss of about 25% over that period. We must turn this trend around to continue the exceptional work we hold so dear. The Council of Governors has just appointed PDG Alvin Brereton as the MD-20 Global Membership Team Chair. He has already been very successful as his district's chair. Our own Lion Tom Kevlin will continue his strong efforts as our District GMT Chair. PDG Alvin, Lion Tom and I are available to assist any club with their membership goals.

MD-20 Global Leadership Team Chair PDG Rich Kingman, District GLT Chair Lion Bill Suchy and 2nd VDG Marianne are working hard on leadership development and training. The MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute will hold its annual seminar in October and 2nd VDG Marianne will serve as a Mentor. Please contact her if you have an interest in attending this valuable training.

Hopefully you have all heard of the generous Five Million Dollar matching grant which Lions Clubs International Foundation has received from the Gates Foundation. A key factor in obtaining this type of support is the reporting of our own efforts at every level. Each year

our International President sets a goal and we track our progress through our reports. We also compile our cumulative efforts and are able to present an impressive succession of accomplishments. This all depends on the timely and accurate monthly reporting by some of the hardest working Lions, Club Secretaries.

Club Secretaries: please be aware that our ability to function properly depends on the timely filing of your reports. The annual PU-101 is essential for us to know who to contact in each club. The monthly MMR and Activity Reports are the primary communication to let us know how the clubs are doing regarding membership, activities and donations. DG Linda, CS Fred and I are happy to help you if you need anything to perform this essential part of your job.

Club Treasurers: I am saddened to report that ten of our clubs were over 90 days behind in paying their obligations to LCIF, MD-20 and/or District 20-Y2. This severely impacts our ability to perform. We all do our best to pay our bills and certainly Lions should not be neglected. If your club is unable to pay, please contact us so DG Linda or I can help you to work out a payment plan.

These are the times when it is most important that we join together in our efforts. If your club is healthy and vibrant, share your knowledge, ideas and fellowship with those that are struggling. If you are suffering from difficulties, reach out for help. In my experience, you will not find anyone more helpful and compassionate than a fellow Lion.

If there is any way which I can serve you, please call me at 518-642-0000 or e-mail me at Stephen@SheldonMansion.com

Yours in Lionism,
1st VDG Steve
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Utica Lions Club

The Utica Lions Club recognized and presented monetary scholarship awards to students from Notre Dame and Proctor High Schools at the club's annual award meeting. The recognition of outstanding academic achievement is presented each year in the memory of Lion Nicholas Poccia.

Notre Dame High School - Utica New York Academic Award Winners

Joseph Caldwell – George Washington University
Frank Tamburrino – University of Rochester

Proctor High School - Utica New York Academic Award Winners

Timothy Davis –Harvard University
Emily Potter – Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The following is a first time award category that recognizes outstanding community involvement and best exemplifies this important mission of Lions Clubs worldwide.

Public Service Award Winners

John Paul Salamy (Notre Dame HS) - SUNY IT.
Alexis Renee Walker (Proctor HS) - Mohawk Valley
Community College

UTICA Lions Club
King Lion John Bord
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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/

Greater Amsterdam Lions Club

By PDG Bob Montenaro



*District Governor
Linda Walsh with
Norma Cozzolino,
Roseann Lauria,
International Director
- elect Steve Trematoli,
and Mark Ford.*

*District Governor Linda Walsh
and International Director -
elect Steve Trematoli are shown
with Greater Amsterdam Lions
Club officers Tony Vecchio, left,
and Bob Montanero.*



*District Governor Linda
Walsh, in Busan, Korea.,
with Lions John Shaffer,
Clancy Burkawitz, both
from the Buffalo area,
and Doug Russell, from
Liverpool, Onandaga
County.*

*The Amsterdam Lions Club
recently presented Brandon
Giaquinto of Amsterdam with a
scholarship. He will be attending
Fulton-Montgomery Community
College. Lions President Anthony
Vecchio presents Brandon with the
scholarship.*



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**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

Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Sandie Clark

Summer's here and Glens Falls Lions are busy preparing for the 2012-2013 year with King Lion Beth Russell as our leader.

It may seem like Autumn is a long way off, but not really. Lots is happening this with the Glens Falls Lions Club. In September, the Club will be out at the Warren County Airport selling food and festival mugs at the 40th Anniversary Adirondack Balloon Festival. The Balloon Festival Committee is doing a fabulous job getting everything organized for the big weekend.

The Glens Falls Lions Inaugural Duathlon event is only two months away - October 7th.

at East Field. The Duathlon Committee is spending time this summer to attend area bike/run races, distribute posters to businesses, secure prizes, round up food to feed the racers, along with many other tasks to prepare for and promote this event. If you enjoy the excitement of watching athletes race, here is your opportunity. You may attend as a spectator or volunteer - we would certainly welcome the help :-). Contact King Lion Beth @518-361-6284 for details on how you can assist on day of the race.



King Lion Beth Russell, sponsor, and newly inducted Lion Bob Brilling, with VDG Steve Lynch at the June meeting.



VDG Steve Lynch presents Lions Jim and Sandie Clark with a Certificate of appreciation from district 20Y2, in recognition of outstanding District Leadership in furthering the programs of hearing preservation, awareness, and action, at the Club's June meeting.



Lions Jim Clark and Steve Johnson and the Glens Falls Lions Club Duathlon Banner.

SAVE THE DATE!

For our **1st Annual Duathlon**, Saturday, October 7, 2012, East Field, Glens Falls, NY. See our FB page and Website for more information!

GLENS FALLS Lions Club
King Lion Beth Russell

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District 20Y2 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Winners Circle
3293 NY 5, Fonda, NY

9:00 AM - Registration (\$5 fee)

9:45 AM - Meeting

Lunch (\$15; includes registration fee)

PDG meeting immediately after lunch

Guest speaker: Lion Sue Shipe on Unity Day

RSVP by Tues., Sept. 4 to CS Fred Chambers
at 518-993-2628 or fchambers1@roadrunner.com
or DG Linda Walsh
at 518-773-7845 or lionlinda@frontier.com

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Granville Lions Club

July & August

By King Lion Linda Ellingsworth

JULY

Installation Dinner July 2012

Even buckets of rain couldn't dampen the spirits at our Installation Dinner for new officers at the Trak Inn at Bomoseen.



Officers for 2012 - 2013 are: (Front row) Secretary Kathy LaRose, Director Cindy Teller, President Linda Ellingsworth, Director Sheila Comar, and Membership Chair Chris Bessen; (Back row:) Tail Twister Gordie Smith, Director Jim Roberts, Director Steve Lynch, 1st Vice President Val Baez, 2nd Vice President Lee Comar, and Treasurer Jay Niles. Absent from photo are Lion Tamer Mary Iannaccone and Honorary Director Roy Litts.

Melvin Jones

Although she couldn't attend the installation dinner, long-time Lion Jackie Litts was very excited to be honored with a Melvin Jones Award, presented to her at home by Immediate Past President Marianne Lynch. Roy was very proud of Jackie's recognition by the club!



Jackie Litts, with the Melvin Jones award, with her husband Roy.

Several awards were also given out at the dinner. Outgoing President Marianne Lynch received the Melvin Jones Award; Sheila Comar received the Robert J. Uplinger Award; Ron Barrett and Roger Ellis were each awarded Knights of the Blind; and 20 club members were honored for outstanding attendance. And the new president's gavel did turn up at the end of the dinner!

Furniture Sales

Ron Barrett reports that our Furniture Sales have been going exceptionally well this year. Thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication. Let's hope 2012 continues to be a banner year!

AUGUST

July 4th Kids Day

It was a glorious summer day on July 4, and the local youth turned out in droves to take part in the annual Granville Lions Kids Day, held at the Little League fields. Almost 90 kids participated in fun events like the balloon race pictured here. They were oh-so-cute and very enthusiastic as they did their best in competing. A big thanks to all the Lions who showed up to set up the games and keep them running smoothly!

Clam Bake

The Granville Lions and their guests enjoyed a scrumptious Clam Bake at the Granville Knights of Columbus on the evening of July 10, complete with steak and corn on the cob prepared by Lion Tom Scott, owner of Scotties. We had a great turnout and it was a pleasure to see old and new friends.

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Lions Prayer

*Where Lions meet be present Lord,
To weld our hearts in one accord,
To do thy will, Lord make us strong,
To aid the weak and right the wrong*

Diabetes

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PREVENT DIABETES

By PDG Dick Ralston

Take your first step today by getting your family and friends involved.

- Show the younger people in your life the dances you enjoy.
- Teach the grandkids how to plant and take care of a garden.
- Go for a swim together. Moving about in the water is a great activity that is gentle on your joints.
- Enjoy a walk with family or friends around a museum, zoo, or nature park.
- Help your family by eating right, choosing healthy foods, and most of all start now to get moving and have fun.

Status of club info on the 20-Y2 web site (20Y2Lions.org/clubs.htm) as of July 27, 2012

Clubs with 2012-2013 info	Clubs with 2011-2012 info	Clubs with 2010-2011 info	Clubs with 2009-2010 info	Clubs with NO info
Albany & Troy	Amsterdam	Bethlehem	Waterford	Ams'dam Lionettes
Ballston Spa	Cambridge	Duane		Gloversville Aux.
Broadalbin/Perth	Deerfield	Ft Edward		Utica Auxiliary
Cent Mohawk Vall	Gloversville	Galway Leos		
Clinton	Greenwich	New Hartford		
Fonda/Fultonville	Herkimer	Scotia/Glenville		Clinton Leos
Galway	Holland Patent			Duanesburg Leos
Galway Lioness	Johnstown			Herkimer Leos
Glens Falls	Mech'ville/Stillwater			Saratoga Leos
Granville	N Hartford Lioness			Shenendehowa Leos
Granville Leos	Utica			
Granville Lioness				
Greenfield				
Hadley/Luzerne				
Hadley/Luz Lioness				
Hoosick				
N Y Mills/White				
Northville/Sac				
Ravena				
Saratoga Springs				
Sauquoit Valley				
Schuylerville				
Speculator				
Wright/SchoVal				
24	11	6	1	8
48.0%	22.0%	12.0%	2.0%	16.0%

If your club is listed in the 12-13 column, congratulations! Your cyber-rep is on the ball. If you're in the 11-12 column, that's not too bad, but it's time to update your info. If you're in the 10-11 or 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