

# The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2



November 2012

PLEASE NOTE: A draft of the District 20Y2 Constitution and By-Laws proposal is located at the end of this newsletter, starting on page 10. Please review before the Fall Conference on November 10. The format ONLY has been condensed for space purposes in this newsletter. The actual document can be reviewed on the District Website. <http://20y2lions.org/Constitution&By-Laws.pdf>



## A Message from District Governor Linda Walsh

Greetings fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I am now greatly involved in our Lion year. Besides having wonderful and well received visitations, I have met Lions who are fully involved in their clubs and district.

Please sign up for the upcoming Fall Conference on November 10, at the Century House in Latham. We have a wonderful International Director, Harvey Whitley and his wife, for our guest speaker. Please try to attend, as this is one of our highlights of the Lion year. I met him recently at the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa and he will be an inspiration to all of us. There will be displays and exhibits for you to enjoy.

Remember there are representatives from the Eye Institute and the Lions Foundation at Albany who are willing to come to your clubs and speak about Knights of the Blind. Think about giving a Knight of the Blind as a Christmas gift to someone. You don't have to be a Lion to give one or receive one. Also we have a Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team who are available to come to your clubs or Zone meetings. Please contact them and make their services available.

The Past District Governors Leadership award nominations are due by January 2012. If you have a club member you feel deserves this honor, please submit a nomination to a Past District Governor or myself as soon as possible.

Remember we are holding a linen shower for Camp Badger at our third Cabinet Meeting, February 9th, in Cohoes. Beach towels, blankets, and single sheets, etc. will be welcomed.

I want to thank Lion Mary Clair Noakes for chairing the Peace Poster Contest not only for our district, but for the entire MD20 Multiple.

It was voted to discontinue the Lions Youth Band. We will have a local band from Buffalo for the flag ceremony and necrology sessions at the State convention in Buffalo.

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## Don't See Your Club in This 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  
or original photos. No  
newspaper photos please.)

Submit Your Club's News  
and Photos to Lion Karen by the



28th of each Month  
to make sure you are in the  
next month's issue!

[karen@deuxflutes.com](mailto:karen@deuxflutes.com)

Finally, PLEASE PAY UP your back dues. The multiple is losing money. If your club is having a problem, call me and I will help you work out some kind of payment plan to help you.

Just a reminder that on November 17, we are having a joint Leo meeting at the Galway Lions Club House. Response has been slow. I am trying to help the youth come together and be strong as possible as our next leaders, but I need the cooperation of the Leo Club advisors as well to make this a go. Get back to me one way or the other so I can order books, handouts and food. Lunch will be provided.

See you all at the Fall conference. RSVP as soon as possible

DG Linda



## From the Desk of 1st VDG Steve Lynch

Greetings,

As I write this message, Hurricane Sandy has hit the coast and we are already feeling the effects. It is hard to imagine yet another devastating storm. This reminds us that the work of the Lions will never be done and we must continually strive to help those faced with adversity. I am grateful to know so many wonderful, giving people.

2nd VDG Marianne and I have just returned from a very busy week in Binghamton. She served as a Mentor at the Lions Leadership Institute while I attended the second meeting of the MD-20 Council of Governors and also met with the members of my MD-20 Communication Subcommittee. I believe that progress is being made on all fronts.

As I look forward to hopefully serving as your District Governor, I am asking interested Lions to contact me regarding their desire to serve on my team at the District level. If you know someone who would like to be more involved, I would appreciate it if you would “name

names.”

Please take special note of the informal meeting “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Becoming District Governor, But Were Afraid to Ask” on Monday, November 26th at 7:00 pm at the Galway Lions Club Building. I am grateful to our PDGs for their efforts in organizing this.

Lion Mary Claire Noakes needs your entries for the Peace Poster Contest as soon as possible. Please ensure that the entries are complete including the necessary information. We will be choosing the winner for 20Y2 very soon.

I am anxious to see many of you at the 20Y2 Fall Conference at the Century House in Latham on Saturday, November 10th. Be sure to get your reservation in to District Treasurer PDG Lettie by November 5th.

2nd VDG Marianne will serve again this year as the 20Y2 chocolate Easter bunny sales coordinator to benefit the participating clubs and the Lions Foundation at Albany, which we are both Trustees of. Please look over the flyer here in the Roar and start planning. Easter is early next year. Note that the dark and no sugar added chocolates are back!

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  
“Friends in Deeds”

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind**  
[www.guidingeyes.org/](http://www.guidingeyes.org/)

**Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany**  
[www.naba-vision.org/](http://www.naba-vision.org/)

**Central Association for the Blind and  
Visually Impaired**  
[www.cabvi.org/](http://www.cabvi.org/)

**Lions Eye Bank at Albany**  
[www.lionseyebankalbany.org/](http://www.lionseyebankalbany.org/)

# Granville Lions Club

By King Lion Linda Ellingsworth

At the Granville Lions' October 16th dinner meeting, the club welcomed new member Laura Kamburelis. Laura was a member of the Lioness Club a few years ago, and decided to join Lions at the suggestion of her friend and sponsor, Jennifer Dashef.



King Lion Linda Ellingsworth, new Lion Laura Kamburelis, and her sponsor, Lion Jennifer Dashef

October 2 was Past Presidents' Night, and we had a full house for the dinner meeting. All of the Past Presidents in attendance spoke about the year they headed the club, with some great stories told. Thanks to all for attending and sharing your stories.

The club is beginning work on renovating the Welcome signs at the five entrances to the Village of Granville. Updates will be coming in future months.

Blood Drive Chairperson Mary Ann Niles will be looking for volunteers to make calls and to work at the drive on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the high school.

The October 16 meeting was also special because it was a surprise party for Lion Mary Iannaccone, who turned 90 that week. Mary was feted with wine, a Hawaiian lei, a beautiful lighted box made by Lion Ron Barrett's wife Linda, and even a tiara! Everyone enjoyed her delicious and beautiful birthday cake. It's hard to put one over on Mary, but we really did manage to surprise her.



**GRANVILLE Lions Club**  
**King Lion Linda Ellingsworth**  
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# Schuylerville Lions Club

by Lion Larry Alheim

The Schuylerville Lions Club welcomes new members.



Nancy and David Johanson, Stefan Drohobycky, their sponsors, PKL Russ Hanson, Treasurer Jim Weed, and Membership Chairman Dave Cummings.

Pictured below is King Lion Maggie Chipperno, Lion Sandie Clarke, of the default Glens Falls Hearing Association, (as a guest speaker), and Lion Marie Foster, (guest speaker provider)



**SCHUYLERVILLE Lions Club**  
**King Lion Russell Hanson**  
[russellahanson@gmail.com](mailto:russellahanson@gmail.com)

## District Dues Reminder

If you have not as yet done so, please make club checks out to "District 20Y2" and send to:

**PDG Letti Saheim, Cabinet Treasurer**  
117 Hansen Road, Schaghticoke, NY 12154



# Glens Falls Lions Club

By Immediate Past President Sandra Clark

The Glens Falls Lions Club held their Inaugural Duathlon Fundraiser on October 7, 2012. There were over 100 entrants, ages 13 to 66 competing for awards in several categories. We offered "King Lion" Awards, to both the Male and Female racers who



competed in both the Saratoga Lions Duathlon and the Glens Falls Lions Duathlon. The best overall combined time for the competitors was the criteria. The King Lion awards were won by John Noonan of Ballston Spa and Jill Gola of Slingerlands.

The Glens Falls Club received many compliments on how the race was organized, the food/drink provided, and especially the emphasis on safety for the entrants. The Club members served more than 1,100 hours on this event since July 2012 (not to mention the 60+ community volunteers, along with members from the Schuylerville and Saratoga Lions Clubs that came to help us man this event).

## Winners from the Duathlon Raffle

Disney Trip - Lion Maria Nowotny  
Week Stay @ Rosie's in Lake George - Kathy Brown  
Jade Jewelry - PDG Joan Scott  
\$1,500 Bicycle - Henry Chase (who donated it back to the Club).

We raised \$9,000 + on, this, our first Duathlon! Thank you to the all the Lions, Sponsors, Volunteers and raffle ticket purchasers from our community who helped make this event a success. Watch for the 2nd Annual Glens Falls Lions Duathlon on Columbus Day Weekend 2013.

**GLENS FALLS Lions Club**  
*King Lion Beth Russell*

P.O. Box 528, Glens Falls, NY 12801  
email contact on website ~

[www.glensfallslions.org](http://www.glensfallslions.org)



Like our Facebook page: Glens Falls Lions Club

# Hearing Conservation Society

by Lion Jim Clark

**November 26, 2012**

**January 28, 2013**

**March 25, 2013**

**May 13, 2013**

All meetings will be in Amsterdam, unless further notified.

**LIONS HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY**  
**OF District 20-Y2**  
*President Jim Clark*  
[jimclarksgm@verizon.net](mailto:jimclarksgm@verizon.net)

"Through Their Eyes  
- The Gift of Sight"

2013  
Calendar



**Each month showcases original artwork created by Capital District children expressing their appreciation for the gift of sight.**

**Every calendar sold benefits underprivileged children in need of eye care. This calendar is about children helping children.**

**For more information call:  
Lions Eye Bank at Albany  
[www.lionseyebankalbany.org](http://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**

TO THE LIONS IN D20-Y2

## THANK YOU

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IN MAKING THE LIONS CAMP BADGER  
2012 GOLF CLASSIC A SUCCESS!

"A SPECIAL THANK YOU  
FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE LIONS CAMP  
BADGER GOLF CLASSIC 2012 TO D20-Y2".

### LIONS CLUB RESOURCES

Lions are empowered to get the job done. There are downloadable Lions clubs member resources, including logos, program guides, brochures and forms to help you do so. View our resources:

- Finance •Insurance
- Lions Logos •Forms •Publications
- Instructions for Downloading •Contact Us

You can also use the "Search" box to locate a specific item. For example, search by name (fact sheet) or publication code (PR799).

## Lions Eye Institute/Lions Foundation

By Lion Sheila Nason

The Budget Committee of the Lions Eye Institute will discuss a new cap on spending for an individual patient as part of its efforts to put together a 2013-2014 budget.

At the Eye Institute's Oct. 13 meeting, it was noted that spending in calendar year 2011 was \$67,800 compared to \$37,600 in 2010. District O First Vice Governor Wilfred Roehe, who is chairman of the board for the Eye Institute and the Lions Foundation at Albany, said that part of the problem was that one patient had cost between \$12,000 and \$13,000. Requests for funding to underwrite the cost of treatment at the Eye Institute continue to increase, making it more difficult to meet all needs.

Districts O, Y2, and W support the Eye Institute. The Lions Foundation, which raises the money to fund the Institute, has two major sources of income. Clubs in the three districts are asked to sell chocolate Easter bunnies. Part of

the income goes to the clubs and part to the Foundation. In answer to requests, dark chocolate bunnies will be available in 2013 in addition to the milk chocolate and white chocolate bunnies.

First VDG Wilfred Roehe will be in charge of overall bunny sales this year as well as sales in District O. PDG Marlin Nohle will coordinate sales in District W, and Second VDG Maryanne Lynch will be in charge of bunny sales in District 20-Y2. PDG Joan Scott will assist on overall bunny sales.

The Foundation also receives funding from the Knight of the Blind (KOB) program. Lion Bill Suchy, vice president of the Eye Institute Board, said clubs like supporting the KOB program because it funds a local cause. The \$500 KOB awards can be paid over time, and they can be used to honor or memorialize a club member or a member of the community. Lion Bill asked that clubs paying for a KOB award make it clear whom the award is for, what is the correct spelling of his/her name, and whether the award is an honor or a memorial.

In other business, the Foundation received the resignation of its Secretary, PDG Orville Curtiss. 20Y2 DG Linda Walsh named Lion Sheila Nason to the Foundation Board, with the appointment to be confirmed at the next cabinet meeting. Foundation Board members then elected Lion Sheila the new secretary.

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**Status of club info on the 20-Y2 web site (20Y2Lions.org/clubs.htm) as of Oct 20, 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	Herkimer	New Hartford		
Fonda/Fultonville	Holland Patent	Scotia/Glenville		Clinton Leos
Galway	Johnstown			Duanesburg Leos
Galway Lioness	Mech'ville/Stillwater			Herkimer Leos
Glens Falls	N Hartford Lioness			Saratoga Leos
Granville				Shenendehowa Leos
Granville Leos				
Granville Lioness				
Greenfield				
Greenwich				
Hadley/Luzerne				
Hadley/Luz Lioness				
Hoosick				
N Y Mills/White				
Northville/Sac				
Ravena				
Saratoga Springs				
Sauquoit Valley				
Schuylerville				
Speculator				
Utica				
Wright/SchoVal				
<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
52.0%	18.0%	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](http://20Y2Lions.org/clubs.htm)

## ATTENTION Zone Chairs

**Please complete this form  
after your club visits:**

[http://fs3.formsite.com/20Y2/form622183715/  
index.html](http://fs3.formsite.com/20Y2/form622183715/index.html)

## 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*

**PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION**

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of above person

**Please supply as much information as possible to aid in the selection of this year's recipient.**

Club involvement: (include offices, chairmanships held, and dates)  
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

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Zone, Region, and District Involvement with dates:

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List awards received (e.g. Membership Extension, Rebuilding Lion, Guiding Lion, Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellowship, Robert J. Uplinger Award, etc.)

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Why this nominee is deserving of the Leadership Achievement Award:

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Personal information about the applicant:

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

The biography and picture of the recipient will be published in the State Convention Program.  
 A black and white photo of the recipient (full face, waist up) in the MD-20 uniform must be submitted to the

# Utica Lions Club

By Lion Leah Salem

The annual October White Cane Days weekend, held at the locally owned Chanatry's Market, netted the club \$1600.00.



*Pictured above is Lion Leah Salem.*



*Pictured above is Lion Fred Bledsoe.*

about the Lions Club and club's programs and services.

impaired.

This is an important fund raising event for the club and an opportunity to inform the community

The funds will support free eyeglasses for those in need ,and other programs for the blind and visually

**UTICA Lions Club**  
**King Lion John Bord**  
**jbsfixit@yahoo.com**



Be Sure to Check Out Up to Date  
Information at These Websites:

**District 20Y2**  
[20y2lions.org/](http://20y2lions.org/)

**Multiple District 20**  
[www.md20lions.com/](http://www.md20lions.com/)

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

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

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

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 10, 2012  
Fall Conference (2nd Cabinet Meeting)  
Century House, Latham. Details to follow.

Monday, November 26, 2012  
Special meeting for Lions interested in becoming  
District Governor. We need you!  
For more information, go to:  
[http://20y2lions.org/OddsEnds/Becoming\\_DG.htm](http://20y2lions.org/OddsEnds/Becoming_DG.htm)

Monday, November 26, 2012  
7PM: Hearing Conservation Society meeting at  
RCIL, 347 W. Main St, Amsterdam. All Lions in  
20Y2 are members of HCS.

Wednesday, January 2, 2013  
Deadline for submitting nominations for the  
PDG Leadership Award.  
For more information see page 7 of this newsletter  
or go to [http://20y2lions.org/HelpRunClub/  
PDG%20LEADERSHIP%20AWARD%20  
APPLICATION.pdf](http://20y2lions.org/HelpRunClub/PDG%20LEADERSHIP%20AWARD%20APPLICATION.pdf)

For up to date listings go to [20Y2Lions.org](http://20Y2Lions.org)

## Who's Who in 20Y2

### CABINET OFFICERS

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(Deerfield, Herkimer, Holland Patent,  
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(Amsterdam, Ballston Spa, Galway,  
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Speculator)

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(Cambridge, Greenwich, Mechanicville-  
Stillwater, Schuylerville, Town of Hoosick)

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The actual document can be reviewed at the District Website.  
<http://20y2lions.org/Constitution&By-Laws.pdf>]

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The International Association of Lions Clubs  
District 20-Y2 New York and Bermuda  
District Constitution and By-Laws  
Draft Revision for Presentation  
at the Cabinet Meeting November 10, 2012

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### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as District 20-Y2, Lions Club International.

#### ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this constitution is to provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes of Lions Club International and District 20-Y2.

#### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The members of this organization shall be the members of Lions Clubs of District 20-Y2 chartered by Lions Club International.

#### ARTICLE IV: District Organization

Section 1: CABINET AND OFFICERS: The District shall have an Executive Committee composed of the District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Region Chairs (if the position is utilized), Zone Chairs, and a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. The members of the Executive Committee shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District. The District Cabinet is composed of the Executive Committee plus the President (or Secretary, in the President's stead) of each Lions Club that is in good standing in the District.

Section 2: ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR/FIRST VICE/SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. The District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor shall be elected at the annual convention of Multiple District 20. The District Governor shall appoint by the time he/she takes office, a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, or Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer, Region Chairs (if the position is utilized) and one Zone Chair from each Zone in the district. The District Governor shall also

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establish committees and appoint committee chairpersons as he/she sees fit to assist in the administration of district affairs.

#### ARTICLE V: District Convention

Section 1: TIME AND PLACE: An annual convention of the district shall be held each year, to conclude no less than thirty days prior to the convening of the International Convention at a time, place, and date selected by a previous annual convention of the multiple district. A meeting of the registered delegates of the district in attendance at the annual convention of the Multiple District of which this district shall be a part may constitute the annual convention of the district.

Section 2: CLUB DELEGATES: Each chartered club in good standing at Lions Club International and the district, shall be entitled at each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International office. The major fraction referred to in this section will be five or more members. Each certified delegate shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each office to be filled, and one (1) vote on each question submitted to the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting shall be the act of the convention. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the convention.

Section 3: QUORUM: The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.

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#### ARTICLE VI: Amendments

Section 1: The constitution may be amended only at a district convention, by resolution of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the vote cast by the proper voting delegates, which consist of the Immediate Past District Governor, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Treasurer, Zone Chairs, and President of each club within district 20-Y2, or in the absence of the President, the club Secretary shall vote.

Section 2: No amendment shall be reported or voted upon unless each club has been furnished, in writing, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention, with notice

that the amendment will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which it was adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

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## BY-LAWS OF DISTRICT 20-Y2

### ARTICLE I: DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 1: CONVENTION SITE: The district convention will occur at a time and place designated by the District Governor and officers. (For information purposes only, the Fall Conference has been utilized as our District Convention)

Section 2: OFFICERS: The officers of the district cabinet shall be the officers as mentioned in Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Section 3: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: A convention sergeant-at-arms and assistant as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the District Governor.

Section 4: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: The Credentials Committee of the district convention shall comprise the District Governor, as Chair, the Cabinet Secretary, Treasurer, and non officers appointed by the District Governor. The Credentials Committee shall perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER.

Section 5: DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The District Governor shall appoint the chair and fill any committee vacancies during the district convention for these committees: Voting and Elections, Nominations, and Rules.

### ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 1: DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS: A regular meeting of the cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year, at a time, determined by the District Governor and officers of the cabinet. A thirty (30) day notice of the meeting, setting forth a date, time, and place, shall be given to members by the Cabinet Secretary.

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Section 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the District Governor at his/her discretion. Special meetings may be conducted in person, by phone or by e-mail. The Cabinet Secretary shall provide no fewer than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days notice by mail, email or fax of special meetings, setting forth the purpose and the date, time, and place as determined by the District Governor.

Section 3: QUORUM AND VOTE: The attendance of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for any special meeting or regular cabinet meeting. At cabinet meetings, the voting privilege shall be extended to Club Presidents of Lions Clubs within district 20-Y2 that are present; if the President is not in attendance, the voting privilege shall be assumed by the Secretary of the same Lions Club.

Section 4: REGIONS AND ZONES: The District Governor shall divide the district into regions of no more than twelve (12) clubs and no fewer than seven (7) Lions Clubs and each such regions, into zones with no more than eight (8) and no fewer than four (4) Lions clubs, giving due regard to the



geographical locations of the clubs. All such regions and zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor, when deemed necessary for the best interest of the association.

Section 5: REGIONAL MEETINGS: Meetings of the representatives of all clubs in a region (if position is utilized within a district), should be held during the fiscal year at times and places determined by the Region Chair.

Section 6: ZONE MEETINGS: Meetings of representatives of all the clubs in a zone shall be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chair.

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### ARTICLE III: DISTRICT NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS

Section 1: DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Nominations for District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor must be filed by March 1st, prior to the Convention date with the State Secretary/ Treasurer. A nomination for District Governor and/or First and Second Vice District Governor may be made from the floor of the convention only with the approval of the nomination committee of the convention, and only when a District reaches a convention without a qualified candidate for District Governor and/or First and Second Vice District Governor who has not previously filed a petition in the Multiple District Office.

Section 2: BALLOT: The election shall be by secret written ballot. When two or more candidates are placed in nomination, the candidate receiving the simple majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If, on the first ballot, no candidate received a majority, the voting will continue until one of the tied candidates is elected.

Section 3: DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND/OR FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor and/or First and Second Vice District Governor the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4: OTHER VACANCIES: Any vacancy in office except that of District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governor shall be filled by appointment from the District Governor for the unexpired term.

Section 5: REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON QUALIFICATION: Each Region Chair (if position is utilized) and Zone Chair shall be an active member in good standing in their respective region or zone; and have served or will be serving at the time of taking office, as president for a full term, and on the club board of directors for no less than two additional years.

Section 6: REGION/ ZONE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY: If any region or zone chair shall cease to be a member of a club or zone, the District Governor shall appoint

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a successor to the office.

### ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS/CABINET

Section 1: DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Under the direction of Lions International, the District Governors shall represent the association in their district. In addition, they will serve as the chief administrative

officer, with supervision over the First and Second Vice District Governor, Region and Zone Chairs, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and such other cabinet members as may be provided in accordance with this district constitution and bylaws. Their specific responsibilities shall be to further the purposes of the Lions Club International Association, supervise the organization of new Lions Clubs, and promote the Foundation and all service activities of Lions Club International. They will preside over cabinet and district meetings; endeavor to visit the district clubs within their district either separately or combined with other club meetings, zone meetings or gatherings; submit a current itemized statement of total district receipts and expenditures to their district cabinet meetings; deliver at the termination of their term of office, all district accounts and records to their successor in office; report to Lions Clubs International all known violations of the use of the associations name and emblem; and perform all other functions and acts as shall be required by the International Board of Directors through the District Governor's Manual and the other directives.

**Section 2: FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** These positions are subject to the supervision and direction of the District Governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to further the purposes of the Lions Club International Association, supervise the organization of new Lions Clubs, and promote the Foundation and all service activities of Lions Club International. They will preside over cabinet and district meetings; endeavor to visit the district clubs within their district either separately or combined with other club meetings, zone meetings or gatherings; submit a current itemized statement of total district receipts and expenditures to their district cabinet meetings; deliver at

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the termination of their term of office, all district accounts and records to their successor in office; report to Lions Clubs International, all known violations of the use of the Association's name and emblem; and perform all other functions and acts as shall be required by the International Board of Directors.

**Section 3: CABINET SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Cabinet Secretary/Treasurers shall act under the supervision of the District Governor. Their responsibilities shall be to further the purpose of Lions International. They shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the cabinet and forward copies to the club secretaries, cabinets members, and LCI; collect and receipt for all per capita taxes levied on members income and expenses required to run the district and clubs in the sub-district; deposit in bank as the District Governor shall determine, and disburse the same, with proper receipt; keep accurate books and records of accounts and minutes of all cabinet meetings; furnish all relevant records to the cabinet and clubs; and perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by directives of the International Board of Directors. If separate office of the Secretary and Treasurer are adopted, the duties listed are to be attributed to each of the offices according to the nature of duties.

**Section 4: REGION CHAIR:** Region Chairs (if position is utilized) are subject to the direction of the District Governor, and are the chief administrator officers of their region. Their specific responsibilities should be to further the purpose of Lions International; supervise the activities of the Zone Chair in their region; further the purpose of Lions International; play an active role in forming new clubs and strengthening weak clubs; visit each club in their zone at least once within the term; report findings to the District Governor; encourage clubs to partake in district, state, and international conventions; and any other duties that will promote Lionism within their Region. If this office for any reason is vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

**Section 5: ZONE CHAIR:** Zone Chairs, subject to the direction of the District

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Governor, shall be the administrative officers in their zone. Their specific responsibilities shall be to further the purpose of Lions International; play an active role in forming new clubs and strengthen weak clubs; supervise the activities of the zone; visit each club in their zone at least once within the term; report findings to the District Governor; endeavor to have every club within their zone operating under their club constitution; encourage clubs to partake in district, state, and international conventions; and any other duties that will promote Lionism within their Zone. If this office, for any reason, is vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

#### ARTICLE V: DISTRICT COMMITTEES/DUTIES

Section 1: DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE: In each zone, the zone chair and the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the zone shall compose a District Governor's Advisory Committee, with the zone chair as chairman. At a date, time and place called by the zone chair, this committee shall hold a meeting ninety days after the adjournment of the International Convention, a second meeting the month of November, a third in the month of February, and fourth, ninety(90) days prior to the State Convention. These meetings shall assist the zone chairs in an advisory capacity; procure recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism and the clubs in the zone.

Section 2: DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The District Governor may appoint an Honorary Committee composed of five PDGs who are members in good standing of clubs within the district. This committee shall meet when and as called upon by the District Governor. It shall act under the direction of the District Governor. The chair of this committee shall attend meetings of the cabinet when requested by the district cabinet.

#### ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND

Section 1: DISTRICT DUES: This levy is to provide revenue to defray the

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administrative and/or educational expense to operate the district. Annual district dues of \$2.00 are levied per District Lion member annually, as per July International membership report. Notice will be sent to district club secretaries and must be paid within 60 days of notice. An individual line item in the budget will be assigned to Education. On the 1st day of July, \$500 will be deposited in this standing line item and will be used for promoting leadership and education within District 20-Y2. Lions may request funds from this line item when necessary, in writing, and voted upon at the Cabinet Meeting by 2/3 vote. At the end of the calendar year, the fund balance will be returned to \$500.00, from the administrative account.

#### ARTICLE VII: RULES OF PROCEDURES

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, or in the rules of procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure in any district meeting or convention, any meeting of the district cabinet, region, zone, or member club of any group or committee of any one of them shall be determined by ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

#### ARTICLE VIII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS: The Cabinet or any member shall not incur any financial obligations in any fiscal year which will create an unbalanced budget or deficit during the fiscal year.

Section 2: COMPENSATION: The First Vice District Governor shall receive \$500 from District Administrative Fund to defray expense during the office of First VDG. Upon expenditures, the receipts will be provided to the Cabinet Treasurer for official record of the expense of the district.

Section 3: FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of this district shall be July 1 to June 30th.

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Section 4: DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The clubs in the district shall pursue all complaints, disputes or claims according to the terms and conditions of rules or procedures adopted, from time to time by the International Board of Directors.

Section 5: HONORS, AWARDS AND CONTESTANTS: The District Governors may, at their discretion, authorize and establish suitable honors, awards and contests. The costs of such shall be considered administrative expense.

#### ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: AMENDING PROCEDURE: These by-laws may be amended only by a district convention, by resolution reported by the Constitution and By-laws and adopted by a majority of the votes cast.

Section 2: NOTICE: No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing/email/fax to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which is adopted, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

#### ARTICLE X: EFFECTIVE TIME

This constitution and by-laws shall take effect at the close of the Multiple District Convention at which the same is adopted by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

#### ARTICLE XI: PRECEDENCE

Should any provision of this Constitution and By-Laws contravene or conflict with that of the Multiple District 20 or International Constitutions and By-laws and/or policies of the Association, the latter shall govern.



# VCB

by Lion Mike O'Brien

Districts 20R1, R2, and O paid for repair and replacement of several heating system components. One of the dorm's one's boiler was replaced, and the other one was repaired. The heating systems in Caufman, the main office building and staff residence, were also repaired.

During this year's VCB fall work day, The Duane Lions Club assisted with various maintenance projects.

Contributions from our district were down quite a bit. This past year, they were only \$500.00, compared to \$1,500.00, in previous years.

The executive board will shortly announce a fundraising campaign for construction of a new building at the center, to be used, year-round, for various employment and rehabilitation programs.

VCB served 583 participants this past year. Highlights included new and popular programs, such as:

- **Leadership Program** for college-bound high school students, 13, work readiness program for blind adults, 19, (replacing the employment and technology institute). **Children's Rehabilitation Program**, 125, ages 6 to 14 years.
- **Early Intervention Program**, 106, ages 0 to 5 years.

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## Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club

by Lion Ray Martin

### Lions Get Dose of Reality

In a recent meeting of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club, Reality Check (an outreach program of Cornell-Saratoga County Cooperative Extension), offered a compelling presentation. The group consisted of four Mechanicville High School seniors Shawna Mason, Emma Kirby, Gabi Dominguez, and Nate Butler, and their coordinator Lauren Rowland.

This articulate group outlined their concerns about limiting exposure of marketing tobacco products to minors. They

presented the Lions information about tobacco company strategies subtly designed to intrigue minors and instill a desire for using tobacco. These informed students shared their Mechanicville-based research, and effective methods used to reduce tobacco visibility. However they clearly stated that their primary mission was not to impact current tobacco users or businesses that sell tobacco products.

Based on their information, research, and solutions, the Lions Club adopted a statement that registers the Lions support of the Reality Check efforts. Specifically this support statement says that Reality Check and The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions agree that point-of-sale tobacco advertizing should be controlled, and kept out of consumer view inside all retail establishments where minors are allowed.

President Jim Smith says that "supporting health and youth initiatives are at the core of Lionism. We are pleased that the youth of our community chose the Lions as a leading community organization that will help them to reach their goals". If you have a initiative that you think would interest the Lions, please contact Jim at P. O. Box 244 Mechanicville.

President Smith would also like to remind people that the Fall is a time when many adults and students get new eye-glasses. Your old glasses and hearing aids can be used by many needy people around the globe. The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club have many local eyeglass collection locations including: Price Chopper, Shop-n-Save, the local libraries and food pantrys, M&T bank in Schaghticoke, Jack Byrne Ford, P.J.Baker Electric, and Post 91 American Legion. Now all types of eyeglasses, sunglasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids can be recycled.

### Lions Focus on Glaucoma

October is a month where Lions Clubs around the globe focus on vision. Jim Smith, the president of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club would like to remind people that glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness globally, and the blindness it causes is irreversible. Jim calls glaucoma the "Sneak Thief of Sight".

At first, there are no symptoms of glaucoma. Vision stays normal, and there is no pain. Glaucoma occurs when the normal fluid pressure inside the eyes slowly rises. Without treatment, people will slowly lose their peripheral (side) vision. Over time, straight-ahead vision may decrease until

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no vision remains. Glaucoma can develop in one or both eyes.

Like hypertension or high cholesterol, glaucoma is almost impossible for a person to detect themselves. But, a glaucoma test can be easily performed by eye care professionals. People at high risk for glaucoma should get a complete eye exam, including eye dilation, every one or two years. High risk groups include: people over 60, those with nearsightedness or high blood pressure, those with a family history of glaucoma, those who had eye injuries, and certain ethnic groups.

The good news is that once detected, the progression of glaucoma can often be controlled with simple medication.

If you are interested in free vision, hearing, or blood pressure screenings along with other health related information consider attending the 6th Annual Saratoga Springs Lions Club HEALTH FAIR Saturday October 27, 2012 • 10 am - 2 pm at the high school. More information is available at [saratogalions.com](http://saratogalions.com).

If you need assistance with vision problems or would like to help the Lions serve others in our community, they are accepting new members as they continue with their 70th anniversary year. Just contact the membership chairman Kim Dumar at 495-7982.

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## Camp Badger

By Cynthia Reuter

The Lions Camp Badger newsletter for 3rd Quarter of 2012 is now available. If you or someone you know is NOT currently receiving the Camp Badger Newsletter directly, and would like to, please let me know your name and current email address and I will be glad to add to my distribution. I will not share your email address with any outside parties.

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## Leo News

### Community Service Opportunity for Teens

**Reminder:** November 17, we are having a joint Leo meeting at the Galway Lions Club House. Lunch will be provided. Please contact District governor Linda Walsh for more information.

**International Leo Day:** On December 5, celebrate Leos worldwide by sponsoring a new Alpha Leo Club or planning projects in your community that engage local Leos and youth.

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