The Lions Roar

The Official Newsletter of District 20-Y2





A Message from District Governor Steve Lynch

Greetings,

Here we are together starting another year in Lionism. I am looking forward to supporting all of the wonderful efforts you are involved in as Lions. We have the potential for a fantastic year of doing good deeds while building strong friendships.

It has been very encouraging to see so many incoming leaders attend the training that we held on June 9th and 15th. The interaction was strong with many useful thoughts exchanged. We all appreciated the generosity of the Galway Lions in offering their building for those days and especially PDG Orv And Lion Judy Curtiss for arranging the food.

It was a special pleasure for 1st VDG Marianne and I to be involved in the Installations for the Galway Lions, the Granville Lions and the Hadley-Luzerne Lions and Lioness Clubs. It was also an honor to induct new members.

As we begin our efforts, I want to promote strong communication. I have developed the District Governor's Contest along that line and it is included in this newsletter as well as posted on the District 20Y2 website www.20Y2Lions.org It begins on July 1st so check it out soon.

You will also find the draft 2013-2014 District 20Y2 Directory on the website. It is not perfect. I am allowing the month of July as a comment period before updating it and sending it to print in time for distribution of the hard copies at the first District Cabinet Meeting in September. Please send your comments as instructed on the website. They will help us to have the best possible printed directory.

I am hoping to reestablish the chain of support that includes the members, clubs, zones, regions, district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International. We have an exceptional team of dedicated and motivated Lions now in place to help achieve much needed results. Please make good use of the resources available to you so we can accomplish even more by serving together.

Soon, I will be in Hamburg at the International Convention completing my path to becoming your District Governor for 2013-2014. It will be an honor to lead such a fine group of compassionate people determined to improve the lives of others.

If I may personally be of service to you, please contact me at: Stephen@SheldonMansion.com

Yours in Lionism, DG Steve



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Is your club in the **ROAR?**

Make sure we have news about what YOUR CLUB is doing!

Digital Files PREFERRED or original photos.

No newspaper photos PLEASE! (they do not reproduce well)

DEADLINE 28th of each Month

karen@deuxflutes.com



From the Desk of 1st VDG Marianne Lynch

Fellow Lions.

DG Steve and I are very excited to start our new Lions year.

As you read this we will be attending the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

I'd like to focus my message this month on some information from the Lions International website featuring marketing ideas. One idea many clubs have tried to promote their Lions club is: Pitch a Story. Is there a person in your club with amazing accomplishments as a Lion? Are there a series of Lions projects that are making an extraordinary difference in the community? If so, it's time to pitch your club's feature story idea to your local newspaper reporter or editor. A pitch letter can be sent via e-mail or over the phone to the reporter. Pitch letters do not recount or tell about the event; instead they attempt to interest the reporter in covering a story.

For more information on either news releases or pitching a story, contact the Public Relations & Production Division at (630) 571-5466, ext. 327 or email questions to: pr@lionsclubs.org.

Yours in Lionism, VDG Marianne

Utica Lions Club

By Lion Val De Visser

We recently awarded college scholarships to four high school seniors at two high schools in Utica. In addition, we recognized a senior for public service.



Above: The third photo is representative of the Award Ceremony. From the left is Lion President Christine Barnes, Lion Joy Tyco, Committee Chair, Erica with her parents and Past President Lion John Bord.

UTICA Lions Club

King Lion Christine Barnes

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Open Thru Labor Day!

Special Pricing for All Lions! Granville Lions Club Sale



Various Styles

from Notre Dame High

School.

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!

20Y2 District Governor's Contest COMMUNICATION

For the period of July 1, 2013 through May 15, 2014

A. Receive 1 point for each time your club exercises one of the following methods of communication.

	Tally
1. Hold a club meeting (Member or Board).	
2. Host a potential Lion at a club meeting, not including speakers.	
3. Provide orientation to a new member.	
4. Present a Lion of the Year Award to a member (include those ordered for June, 2014).	
5. Receive credit for each day of club events, including fundraising events.	
6. Publish an issue of your monthly club newsletter and distribute it to all members.	
7. Receive credit for each week you update your club website.	
8. Receive credit for each week you update your club Facebook page.	
9. Have a photograph with a caption published in a newspaper (print media).	
10. Have an article published in a newspaper or a story on radio or TV.	
11. Electronically submit your Monthly Membership Report, MMR, to LCI.	
12. Electronically submit your monthly Activity Report to LCI.	
13. Electronically submit your Annual PU-101 Report to LCI.	
14. Receive credit for each club member attending a meeting at another Lions Club.	
15. Receive credit for each club member attending a meeting or event at any of the organizations listed in the district directory, such as Camp Badger.	
16. Receive credit for each club member attending a Zone or Region Meeting.	
17. Each club in a Zone is credited when their Zone Chair electronically submits the Club Visitation Report to the District Governor	
8. Have an article or notice published on the district website, www.20y2lions.org	
9. Have an article or notice published on the district newsletter, The Roar.	
20. Receive credit for each club member signed up to electronically receive the district newsletter, The Roar.	
21. You may submit another form of communication for credit at the sole discretion of the District Governor. Please describe it thoroughly.	

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B. Receive 5 points for each time your club exercises one of the following methods of communication. 1. Present a Melvin Jones, Knight of the Blind, or Robert J. Uplinger Award to a member (include those ordered for June, 2014). 2. Receive credit for each club member attending a District Cabinet Meeting. 3. Receive credit for working on a joint project with another Lions Club in 20Y2. 4. Have a brochure for your club (you get this credit even if you already have one). 5. Submit a Peace Poster with documentation to the district. 6. Receive credit for each club member who will be attending the 2014 MD-20 Convention in Lake Placid. C. Receive 10 points for each time your club exercises one of the following methods of communication. 1. Sponsor a member to attend the MD20 Lions Leadership Institute. 2. Have a website for your club (you get this credit even if you already have one). [Follow this link for a free and easy way to build your website: http://20y2lions.org/ClubWebSites.htm] Total Points: _____ Club There will be 5 categories

- 1. Lions Clubs Less than 20 members
 - 2. Lions Clubs 20 to 40 members
- 3. Lions Clubs more than 40 members
 - 4. Lioness Clubs
 - 5. Leo Clubs

Club Presidents must submit their results to be received by 2nd VDG Paula Flisnik at paulaf@cabvi.org no later than May 12th, 2014.

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

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

District 20 - Y2 Financial Report

By PDG Letti Saheim

District 20-Y2 Financial Statement

7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013

Checking.....\$ 7201.65
Diabetes.....\$ 52.00
Education.....\$ 0.00
Emergency Relief Fund.....\$ 780.00
District Governor Project.....\$ 0.00
Total District Funds.....\$ 8178.65

This year has proven to be a very positive year for District 20-Y2. This year, over and above our regular operating costs, the district was able to provide additional funds to complete a Melvin Jones for our district, as well as \$1000 provided by clubs of District 20-Y2, from your generous donations to the District Emergency Relief Fund, to Lions International for Disaster Relief. We also purchased a Robert J. Uplinger, in the amount of \$300 in support of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and \$500 for a Knight of the Blind in support of the Lions Foundation at Albany. We want to thank the clubs of our district who continue to pay their State and International Dues in a timely fashion as this does reflect in our reimbursement from the state.

I want to personally thank DG Linda for all her hard work, travel, and giving of a year of her life, to be responsible for the betterment of District 20-Y2. She did a great job, and it has been a pleasure working with her throughout the year. I want to thank all the GREAT LIONS for you help and generosity, in making the job of treasurer this year a pleasure to work with . God Bless each and every one of you in your future endeavors and please continue to grow and share in your communities to again, make District 20-Y2 the BEST in the State!

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Lettie Saheim

LIONS CLUB RESOURCES

www.lionsclubs.org/EN/membercenter/resources/index.php

Diabetes The Eyes Have It

By PDG Dick Ralston



B e on the Lookout: If you have diabetes and develop any of the following symptoms, check in with an eye care professional.

- Your vision becomes blurry.
- You have trouble reading signs or books.
- You see double.
- One or both of your eyes hurt.
- Your eyes get red and stay that way.
- You feel pressure in your eye.
- You see spots or floaters.
- Straight lines do not look straight.
- You can't see things at the sides as you used to.

Retinopathy can develop without symptoms-which is why regular exams are important.

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013

NABA presents

"Aging Successfully with Vision Loss What YOU Can Do!"

Eastwyck Village, North Greenbush, NY 1-3pm

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

Play golf to benefit Lions Camp Badger

Bristol Harbour Golf Club, Canandaigua, NY Shot Gun Start 1:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013

Schuylerville Lions Club

Annual Wine and Food Tasting

(see their ad, page 6 of this newsletter)

For more information go to www.20Y2.org

Click on links for complete information about the above events



SCHUYLER YACHT BASIN

SCHUYLERVILLE, NY



Tickets: \$20 ea. - Available at the Gate*

Additional info and tickets: Old Saratoga Wine & Spirits 33 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, 695-6161

*You must be 21 to enter

JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Gloversville Lions Club

By PDG Linda Walsh

The Gloversville Lions Club recently had their installation celebration at Dick and Peg's Northward

Inn in Gloversville.

PDG Lettie Saheim did the installation of President PDG Linda Walsh, Vice President

Norma



New Gloversville Officers Secretary Roseann Lauria, President PDG Linda Walsh, Vice President Norma Cozzilino. absent Treasurer Ron Ferdico.

Cozzilino, Secretary Roseann Laurio and Treasurer Ron Ferdico. Elected to the Board were David Miller and Jim Handy.



Joanne Beach from the Albany Lions Eye Bank, Newly Elected President PDG Linda Walsh, and PDG Lettie Saheim, installer.

The guest speaker was Joanne Beach from the albany Lions Eye Bank. She spoke of organ donation especially

corneas.

Lion Betty
Long was
awarded a
Melvin Jones
Fellows,
Ron Ferdico
was chosen
as Lion of
the year and
Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Cerasia
were given
the Robert J.



Outgoing President Mark Ford presenting \$1,000 scholarship to Amanda Cabrera-Case.

Uplinger Service Award for all the help they have given to the club with the "Friday's Table".

The club will not meet in the summer except for the monthly board meeting.

Our recent club project is buying a wheelchair for the Fulton County Museum.

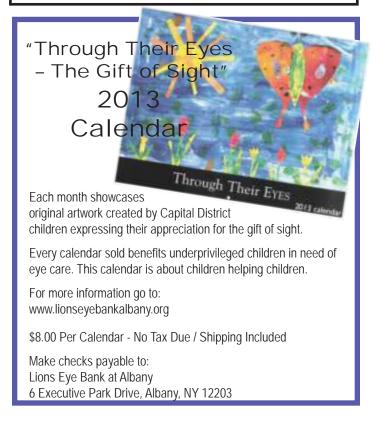
Gloversville Lions Club King Lion Linda Walsh lionlinda@frontier.com

Guiding Eyes for the Blind www.guidingeyes.org/

Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany www.naba-vision.org/

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired www.cabvi.org/

Lions Eye Bank at Albany www.lionseyebankalbany.org/



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Glens Falls Lions Club

By Lion Sandra Clark

Right: PDG Dick Ralstoni (left) inducts new Lion Al Cerny, (right),



Clark and Shaun Rivers: District Melvin Jones Fellows recipient Lion Karen Rager; Robert J. Uplinger recipients Lion Sandy Clark and PDG Dick Nason

Left: Newly installed officers. Front left to right: Lion Denise LaRose, PDG Joan Scott, Lion Jim Clark. Second row: Lions Karen Rager. Marilyn Rivers, Rhonda Sullivan, Linda Terjeson, and Sandy Clark. Third row: PDG Dick Nason, Lions Bill Crawshaw. Shaun Rivers, KL Mary Claire Noakes, Scott Rager, and Roy Steves.

SAVE the DATE! 2nd Annual Duathlon 10/13/13

GLENS FALLS Lions Club King Mary Claire Noakes P.O. Box 528, Glens Falls, NY 12801 www.glensfallslions.org

Like our Facebook page: Glens Falls Lions Club

Ballston Spa Lions Club

By Lion Harry Petersen

[Reprinted form the Ballston Journal. All photos by Marci Revette/The Ballston Journal]

The Village of Ballston Spa has a long history of a village pool, dating from 1954.

In 1949, when the Lions Club formed, the only swimming

available was in the Kayaderroseras Creek, which is right next to the current location of the pool in Kelley Park.

"Some of the young members, including Mayor John Romano, used to get together to swim," Ballston Spa Lions Club president



Harry Petersen said. "We had the south end of Ballston Spa and the north end and the boys used to fight."

The club decided in 1954 to build a pool. Petersen said the pool at that time was built on the current site on donated land, but it was really just a hole in the ground.

"It wasn't much of anything," Petersen said. "It didn't have the ladders, or all that."

Petersen said the club donated the pool to the village in 1974 and at that time the current pool was constructed. Many upgrades have been done to it over the years.

"All through the years, the Lions Club has supported the maintenance of the pool, as well as various other things that the village could not afford," Petersen said.

One of those things was the reason for the dedication ceremony on June 20. The Ballston Spa Lions Club purchased a new handicapped-accessible vertical lift for the pool.

"The Lions Club will always pitch in," Petersen said.
"When we heard the numbers of people who use this pool, it's a big asset to the village. It's a great device."

Petersen said the club had several fund-raising activities

for the new vertical lift, including hot dog sales, Saratoga County Fair parking and various donations received throughout the year.

"All different groups locally in the area," Petersen said.

The club also received a grant from the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation for \$1,900 to support the project.

Petersen said the lift cost \$5,500 and around \$3,000 to install it

"Everything has to be grounded, because the lift weighs 1,500 pounds," Petersen said. "And then there's all the safety rails that also have to be installed by federal government rules. So it was quite a bit of work that went into putting the whole package together."

During the dedication Romano said the village was fortunate to have the Lions Club.

"I think we're very fortunate that we have such an extraordinary volunteer service organization," he said. "Because of their efforts, thousands of kids have learned how to swim and learned water safety. None of this would have been possible without the contributions of our Lions

Club."



Last year the village learned about a new Americans with Disabilities Act regulation which stated a pool needs to have two access points if there is over 300 feet of linear pool wall. The two access points would have to comply with the ADA rules and regulations.

"Our village is facing difficult economic times and it was a struggle to come up with amount needed for the vertical lift," Romano said. "Once again the Lions Club found out about it, they stepped up to the plate."

- See more at: http://theballstonjournal.com/2013/06/21/ballston-spa-lions-club-dedicates-pool-lift/#sthash. qY8utkPg.dpuf

Ballston Spa Lions ClubKing Lion James Whittredge
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SIGHT SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, INC. LIONS EYE BANK AT ALBANY

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2013 LIONS CLUB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

At its inception and throughout its early history, the existence and initial success of our Sight Society of NENY at Albany, Inc., very much depended upon the financial and active support of Lions clubs in the service area of Districts O, Y2 and W. Although our basic mission, with the continued support of our clubs, remains the same, the services of our Lions Eye Bank have expanded to include our present state-of-the-art facility and programs maintained by an Executive Director and staff of nine.

Today, our not-for-profit organization finds itself in a position with the financial resources to help clubs promote our joint mission of sight conservation by providing matching funds to implement specific projects with that object in mind.

The kinds of projects or programs we wish to help support should not duplicate those already available from other sources. Programs that encompass broader, sustainable activities are most desirable; areas like "Diabetes and Sight," "Senior Sight Conservation," "Sight Conservation Education in Schools," "Nurse-Teacher Informational Programs," Health Fairs with Sight Conservation Components" among others which come immediately to mind.

Projects not eligible for consideration include services available through traditional Lions programs for individuals like (a). club programs which provide eye exams and eyeglasses through arrangements made with optometrists and/or optical companies (LensCrafters etc.)., (b). medical treatments / surgery referable for assistance from a Lions Eye Institute / Lions Foundation at Albany, NY.

Our matching grant program for each year will focus on a particular theme or area. For our first year in 2013, we are looking to support club projects with an emphasis on "Senior Sight Conservation."

- 1. Who is eligible to apply? Lions clubs, Lioness clubs, and Leo clubs in Districts W, Y2 and O.
- 2. Amount of Grant Variable grant requests for any amount up to \$500 will be considered.
- 3. Recipient clubs must agree to match, from other financial resources, the full amount of the grant as approved by the Grant Committee. Note that value of club members' donated time does not qualify as matching resources.
- 4. Grant applications may be submitted at any time and shall consist of a clear statement of the nature and purpose of the project along with any other details deemed appropriate by the applicant. A proposed budget of how grant monies will be spent consistent with our Lions Code of Ethics must also be provided as part of the application process.
- 5. It is expected that clubs will complete approved projects within one year of receiving the grant. Upon completion, submission of a comprehensive written report reviewing the outcome of the project is required from successful grant applicants. This will include a financial statement citing expenditures, payments to venders etc. incurred during the program. Arrangements to return to the Society, any unspent funds should be made by the club.
- 6. Clubs receiving awards through the grant program are urged to publicize their projects through club, district, state and international media.

Sight Society of NENY at Albany, Inc. Lions Eye Bank at Albany, NY LIONS CLUB GRANT APPLICATION 2013

Name of Club	Lions District	Date
Mailing address		
Contact Info: Phone	E-mail	
Amount of Grant Requested		
ing the expected results of your club's		club project along with a statement outlin- eem appropriate. You may attach addition- ent in meeting your objectives.
proved by the Grant Committee of the	of Ethics. The club also agrees to match	Inc. will be used for the purposes as stated
Signature of Club President		Date
Please return completed documents t	o: Lions Eve Bank at Albany	

Attr. Lions Club Grant Committee

6 Executive Park Drive Albany, NY 12203