As the summer winds down, fair seasons come to an end and school returns to session, take some time to reflect on the many great things our clubs have accomplished over the past few months. What an amazing summer we as Lions have had. We are so close to reaching our goal of 100 million people served by June 2018, a goal that will be realized by the end of this summer. Let's continue to serve our communities in every way possible.

August 20th was a big day for 20-Y2. We kicked off our leadership training that morning and celebrated our newest and most innovative club that night with the Marcy Telephone Lions Club (TLC). At the Galway clubhouse, we had a very successful club officer, zone and region chairperson training that helped to invigorate life into the upcoming Lions year. The goals of the 20-Y2 this year will be to...
focus on the Centennial Service Challenge. We want each club to complete and report a service for each of the four areas of focus: Engaging Our Youth, Protecting the Environment, Sharing the Vision and Relieving the Hunger. We will continue to emphasize the importance of reporting these projects throughout the year and Zone Chairpersons responsibilities will be to follow up with clubs to ensure completion. As well, Region Chairs will focus on solidifying our organization in our communities as we prepare Legacy Projects that will last for generations.

At the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Utica, NY, with many of our current district leaders and leaders from the deaf blind community, we installed a club with innovative thoughts and ideas to continue to serve. The Marcy TLC has a passion that burns as bright as any sighted Lion; these Lions continue to find alternatives ways under conditions beyond their control to give back. It was great to hear the club already completed their first service project, sending letters of appreciation to our armed service men and women abroad. Led by the guidance of IPDG Paula Flisnik and the progressive thinking of ID Jerome Thompson, these members truly exemplify the motto “We Serve”. Technology was a blessing as we were able communicate with ID Jerome Thompson via Skype, which for this club is not rare as all their meetings are held via teleconferencing. The night was capped with a heartfelt story from Sharon Giovinazzo, President and CEO at World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas. Sharon, a former medical specialist in the U.S. Army, lost her sight in 2001 to multiple sclerosis. In a blink of an eye her world changed and she had to adapt and balance that change. Sharon began her rehabilitation through the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) in Utica. Through the darkness Sharon saw the light and she continues to be an inspiration for all she comes in contact with.

We hope to see all at the first district cabinet meeting, which will be held September 17th at the Comfort Inn and Suites Albany/East Greenbush.

Sincerely Yours in Lionism,
Lion James S. Griffith, MJF
District Governor
Multiple District 20 Y-2

Right: District 20Y2 District Governor James Griffith’s pin.

Below: International President Bob Corlew’s pin.
lion Carol thanked the Vergonis, Gordons and Elena for working at the blood drive at NYS C&FS yesterday. Our next drive is on 9/12 at the East Greenbush Library.

Lion Elena has posted notices of our meetings on various community service cable TV channels.

Jerry & Tom talked about their meeting on 8/15 with Katherine Malle and her daughter, Alexandra Sipos. Alexandra is going into her junior year at Albany High School and wants to collect used glasses as a community service project. We gave her the kit that LCI has prepared for clubs that are just starting to collect them, and I have ordered 10 collection boxes for her. Katherine was also receptive to the idea of becoming a Lion.

We voted to participate again in NABA’s Low-Vision Tech Fair on Oct 19, and to donate $50 to help them defray expenses.

After considerable discussion, we voted to hold board meetings after regular meetings, which will eliminate one meeting a month.
2 Districts, 4 Clubs  
by Lion Karen Rager

Who would guess you would find Lions from two districts and four clubs at a private party? Well that was the case last Saturday, August 20, 2016, when Lion Scott and I (Glens Falls Lions), held our 8th annual Pig Roast at our home. I soon realized as I was taking photos, that we had Lions from two districts and four clubs as guests!

My highschool friend Lion Karen Russell made the trek from Chazy, (District W), and is a member of the Chazy Lions Club. Our friends Lions Deb and Dave Diehl (Town of Greenfield Lions), Lion Cheryl Lawyer (Saratoga Lions), and a crew of Glens Falls Lions also attended.

The selfie on page two is of my highschool friend Lion Karen and myself!

Camp Abilities Saratoga  
3RD CAMP ABILITIES CAMP  
by Lion John McDonald

The Saratoga Springs Lions Club and the Camp Abilities Board wishes to thank all of those who assisted in the tremendous success of our third camp. Our active sports camp for children and teens that are blind, visually impaired and deaf blind was held in August on the Skidmore College campus and at sport venue’s around Saratoga. The support of the following Lions Clubs, individuals and businesses allowed these young athletes the opportunity to experience the same thrills of a summer camp as those of their sighted peers!
The Hearing Conservation Society will be meeting at the Galway Lions Club Community Room, 2167 Galway Road, Galway, NY 12074 on Monday, September 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Hearing Conservation Society**  
OF District 20-Y2  
President Jim Clark  
15 Pine Road, South Glens Falls, NY 12803  
Home (518) 792-4185  
jimclarksgm@verizon.net

The Galway Lions will be holding their annual walk for Diabetes on September 17th starting at 10am at the Galway High School. Please see our Flyers on pages 14 and 15 of this newsletter.

**Galway Lions Club**  
By Lion Rita Ware

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**King Lion John Sutton**  
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johns147@aol.com  
www.galwaylionsclubny.org

On August 18th, the Bethlehem Lions Club continued its long tradition of service to the Senior Citizens of the Town of Bethlehem through the annual Senior Picnic, held at the Town Park. In all about 130 meals were served. This program is made possible in part through the Lions Club’s partnership with ShopRite Market, which provided hotdogs and hamburgers. The ShopRite team set up shop in the pavilion to dispense information about nutrition and healthy living. The Club was assisted by Bethlehem Central High School students earning credit toward the public service component of the school’s curriculum. The Picnic is held every year on the third Thursday in August. The Town of Bethlehem Office of Senior Services provides transportation for many of the attendees. The Picnic is a great example of the benefits that can be achieved when civic organizations and the public and private sectors work together constructively for the benefit of neighbors.

**King Lion Bob Tougher**  
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Hadley Luzerne Lions Club  
By King Lion Mark McLain

Hadley Luzerne Lions Club  
President Tink Wright  
presents one of 5 EDU’s to Mike Shaffer, three to be used by the Life Guards at the three town beaches and one for the Lake Luzerne Senior Center and the 5th one for the Town of Lake Luzerne town hall.

**King Lion Claude Wright**  
29 Third Avenue  
Hadley, NY 12835

**Back to School**

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**Clinton Lions Club**  
*SUMMER ACTIVITIES*  
By Lion Jim Winkler

July was a busy month. We obtained and placed a Centennial Bench in front of one of the businesses in the Village of Clinton. It contained a commemorative centennial plaque we ordered from LCI. We hope shoppers & visitors to our community will utilize the bench. The installation and dedication was attended by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and the proprietor of the shoe center where the bench was placed. Pictures were taken and have appeared in local newspapers to publicize the event.

We sponsored our annual picnic for the seniors in our community. Approximately 70 senior citizens gathered at the pavilion behind our local firehouse. They enjoyed a beautiful summer day complete with hot dogs, potato salad, beans, pickles and their choice of coffee or lemonade. Chocolate chip cookies were served for dessert. Everyone enjoyed themselves and no one went away hungry!

We continue to collect used eyeglasses at pre-established businesses in the community and volunteer at distribution day at our Country Pantry every month. In August, in addition to a “Kids Pack” filled with supplemental food items intended to replace the free & reduced food programs supplied during the school year, school-age children also received a new backpack containing school supplies for the start of the school year.

We held our Garage Sale for the fourth consecutive year. It was held the weekend of July 22 – 24. For the first time we were fortunate to utilize our town’s spacious Clinton Hockey Arena. This enabled us to hold the event indoors with ample space for patron parking adjacent to the building. This year the fundraiser was the largest and most financially successful one ever conducted! We began accumulating merchandise from various sources last November, temporarily storing it at multiple locations around our town and finally transporting and pricing it beginning July 12. Having use of the Arena for the first time greatly simplified our pre-sale preparation. All our hard work paid off and the community support was fantastic!

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Glens Falls Lions Club
GF LIONS SERVE UP A SCHOLARSHIP
AND DINNER FOR CAMP ABILITIES
By Lion Marilyn Rivers

The Glens Falls Lions Club proudly sponsored a dinner for a total of fifty folks composed of Camp Ability campers, counselors and the Saratoga Springs Lions Club members in attendance at the Saratoga Springs Weibel Avenue Ice Rink. The dinner was held on Wednesday, August 10th. A smorgasbord of delicious sandwiches was served alongside potato and egg salad, macaroni salad and fruit salad. Chips and cookies were also served…and lets not forget those favorite lollipops!

Good food and fun was shared by all!

Camp Ability folks spent the evening ice skating and learning all those moves envied by all of us when we watch figure skaters competitively skate. It was a joy to watch all the Lions lend a helping hand and work together to provide a memorable experience to everyone who participated.

The Glens Falls Lions raise funds throughout the year to support our missions of Sight, Hearing, Community and Youth. A portion of the funds raised have provided scholarships to sight and hearing impaired youngsters who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy summer camp. The Glens Falls Lions Club is proud to assist Saratoga Lions in sponsoring a youngster to enjoy the benefits of camaraderie, physical summer fun activities and crafts you could only make and enjoy in a camp setting.

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District 20Y2
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Saturday, September 17, 2016
Comfort Inn & Suites
99 Miller Road, East Green Bush, NY 12033

9:30 am Registration; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please either email me (mohare@naba-vision.org) or mail me this form if you are not attending by Monday, September 12th.

If you are attending, please send the form below with your check (“District 20Y2 Lions Clubs”) for $20.00 to: Lion Michele O’Hare,
8 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

The fee covers: Coffee, Soda and Water throughout, Pastries, Muffins and Donuts upon arrival.

LUNCH
Classic Caesar
Entrée: (Buffet Style), Chicken Piccata, Grilled Marinated Beef Kabobs, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almandine
Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies and Brownies for Dessert and Gratuity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-463-1211 x 241.

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Utica, NY 13202
Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm

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(708) 606-8507

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Make checks payable to: Galway Lions
PO Box 244
Galway, NY 12074

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TOTALS:
**ROSIE’S WALK/RUN FOR DIABETES 2016**
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**
**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL**
Registration 9:00 a.m.
WALK starts @ 10:00 a.m.
RUN starts @ 10:30 a.m.

NAME: ___________________________ EMAIL: ___________________________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________
CITY: __________________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ________________
PHONE (Day)____________________ (Evening) ________________

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(from all sheets) (from all sheets)(min. donation $25 to receive t-shirt)

T-Shirt Size: M  L  XL  XXL

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**TOTALS:**
Galway Lions Club
2016 Octoberfest
At the Cock 'n Bull in Galway

October 11th 6:30 - 9PM

$25 Ticket Includes Food and Beer Sampling!

There will also be 50/50 raffle and a silent auction at the event.

Contact Adam Pandori (518)528-3654 for Tickets
ARE YOU A KNIGHT OF THE BLIND?

Did you know that over 5,000 children and 30,000 adults are treated every year at the Lions Eye Institute at Albany?

BECOMING A KNIGHT OF THE BLIND is one way you can support this mission.

For more information:
jmcdonald33@nycap.rr.com
www.leialbany.com

SAVE THE DATE!

“Dinner in the Dark” ~ Sept. 19, 2015
Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY

Proceeds benefit the Capital District Chapter of the

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

HEY LIONS!
Inquiring Lions want to know what YOUR CLUB is up to!!!

IT’S EASY AS 1-2-3

Submit an article and pictures of your clubs past activities.

Send a flyer of upcoming fundraisers and events.

1. Send copy in word or .pdf
2. Send pictures in .jpg
3. Send by the 28th to karen@deuxflutes.com

Detailed info is on page 16 of this newsletter
Is your club in The ROAR/MD20Magazine?

Let the District and the State know the GREAT THINGS YOUR CLUB IS DOING!

Below are the specifications for each publication.

**MD/20 MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS**

December 23, 2016 ~ May 26, 2017

**ONLY TWO ISSUES** will be emailed and include district news.

I will submit everything I receive by the deadline, however submission does not guarantee publication.

I am not the editor of the MD20 magazine.

**THE ROAR SUBMISSIONS**

**Deadlines: 28th of every month**

Everything received by the deadline will be in the next issue. Publication will be the 1st of every month.

**ARTICLES**
- Digital submission **preferred** in upper/lower case format.
- Microsoft Word, PDF, or text embedded in an email are acceptable.
- If it is handwritten, it MUST BE LEGIBLE.
- No scanned newspaper articles. Newspaper articles will be accepted IF they are in digital format, and with written permission from the originating publication.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

**PHOTOS**
- Digital submission **preferred** in JPEG or TIFF format.
- Hard copies are acceptable (Please do not write on the back).
- Newspaper photos are not acceptable.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE CAPTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CORRESPONDING PHOTOS!**

**EVENT FLYERS (THE ROAR ONLY)**
- Original documents saved in PDF format or Microsoft Word are acceptable. No scanned documents.
- Flyers may be “reworked” due to space requirements.
- SPELL CHECK everything, particularly names, titles, club name, etc.

Submissions can be made to karen@deuxflutes.com
or Lion Karen Rager, 82 Hunter Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804.
LIONS WEBSITES

DISTRICT 20Y2
www.20y2lions.org

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20
www.md20lions.com

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
www.lionsclubs.org

LIONS MEMBER CENTER
http://tinyurl.com/gs6bwcs

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS
tinyurl.com/jwewgvyk

CLUB OFFICER RESOURCES
http://tinyurl.com/hyzjvc2

PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS RESOURCES
http://tinyurl.com/hmrkzhc

CLUB SUPPLIES FORMS
http://tinyurl.com/zje6s5b

LIONS APPROVED LOGOS
http://tinyurl.com/ho7qrjd

These are VALUABLE resources! Take a look!
Lots of FREE PR!

Watch the video from the Lions Eye Institute at Albany
http://tinyurl.com/gopuypc
SEE WHAT WE DO!!!

HOW TO GET THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
FOR FREE!

PLEASE PASS THIS ON!

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LIONS ROAR

Go to www.20Y2Lions.org

Lower left corner/sign-up box

Fill in requested information

Respond to the request for confirmation from Vertical Response. NECESSARY!
LCIF is excited to announce the publication of the newest edition of Lions Quest social and emotional learning program for students from preschool through grade 12. There are new digital resources and updated course content to help address the issues facing today's youth. Visit www.lions-quest.org to learn more about the program and its effectiveness.
GROWTH RECEIVES COUNTRY'S PREMIER AWARD

The AIA (American Institute of Architects) of the Capital District has selected the green renovation of Growth Health Center in Troy as the recipient of its 2012 Regional AIA Design Award.

The award, presented Monday night, recognizes the architectural excellence of the renovation of the Health Center, a 7,500-square-foot facility located at 1568 New York Ave. The renovation was completed in 2011 by the firm of Smithgroup Architects of Troy.

“Growth Health Center is a shining example of the very best in green design. It is an emblem of the commitment to invigorating Troy and the surrounding Capitol District with a sustainable, patient-centered health-care paradigm that is also an inspiration to the rest of the world,” said Paul S. Boisseron, executive director of the AIA Capital District. “It is a huge honor to recognize Smithgroup Architects and their clients for the work they did to create a lasting architectural legacy in the Heart of Dixie.”

The center was designed to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification, with additional LEED points for the use of innovative and sustainable building materials and the incorporation of a solar photovoltaic panel system.

Growth Health Center is owned by Growth Health Foundation, a non-profit that operates one of the nation’s first integrated behavioral-health care facilities. It offers primary care and behavioral health services including counseling, crisis intervention, nutrition, and education.

“Growth Health will use the award to inspire our patients to continue leading healthy lifestyles,” said Dr. Paul V. Cartwright, the center’s medical director. “We are very excited to see how the award will motivate others to make conscious decisions about their health.”

The award presentation was held at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Troy, with more than 300 guests in attendance. The evening started with the presentation of the AIA Capital District’s Young Architects Design Award and the 50th Annual Honor Awards. The Regional AIA Design Award for Growth Health was then presented to Smithgroup Architects, who built the center’s original structure.

Kevin H. Jones, AIA, FAIA, of Smithgroup Architects, accepted the regional award in person. Jones said the award is “a recognition of the many different professionals who contributed to our project.”

The team responsible for this project included the client, Growth Health Foundation; the architect, Smithgroup Architects; engineer, Stantec Consulting Ltd.; contractor, Julius J. Marcellaro, Inc.; and a variety of support professionals from the region.

The AIA Capital District is the local component of the American Institute of Architects, the world’s oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to promoting the architecture profession. The AIA is committed to providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and to identifying opportunities for the profession to promote the public good.

The AIA Capital District has more than 1,500 members in 20 chapters throughout the region. The Capital District includes the counties of Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Montgomery, Fulton, and Greene.

For information on the AIA Capital District, visit aia-capitaldistrict.com.