



# The ROARING TWENT-E1



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The Genesee District of the Empire State

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## District Governor's Message:

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

I hope everyone is doing well. I know many of our Clubs are starting to gear up for another busy spring & summer with tent rentals, festivals, and serving in their communities. Last year many of our Lions told me that once our Fall Conference was over that it would be much easier and things would calm down. Wrong! I am spinning with so many things I want to do and so little time left! I am still working hard on a few Branch Clubs, our Sight First II Walk, getting ready for Conventions, and our Lions Night at the Zoo. So many of you are helping me and I truly want to thank all those that are stepping in and giving a hand! We are truly a District that works together for the good of Lionism.

March 21st was the best I have felt on the state level. The District Governor's (11 of the 12 were represented) as well as our Council Chair were all invited to the Senate in Albany. The Senator's read a Legislative Resolution of the State of New York that took about five minutes to read commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Lions Clubs International, and naming April 21, 2007, as New York State Lions "Walk for Sight" Day. Senator Volker then went on expressing what Lions mean to New York State and the world. He expressed how proud they were to have Lions Clubs in New York and thanked Lions for all they do. I wish every one of our Lions could have been there to hear the gratitude that our state leaders have for us. I am very happy to say that each club will be receiving a copy of the Resolution very shortly.

I have been training on my treadmill and can tell you – I am a slow walker. I average two miles per hour and am now up to over 4.8 Miles per day. I have probably done close to the 70 miles already just to be sure I can do it. I will tell you two weeks ago I was worried if I could achieve it. My legs started swelling up and retaining water the more I walked. My doctor has now given me a new water pill that I take after training each day that Thank God It Works!

April 21st 2007, will be a day I will remember forever. At 9:00 a.m. I will be shaking hands with District Governor Kim Stribing from District N. We will meet on the Erie Canal on North Main Street in Middleport, New York. It is along Rt. 31 where Rt. 31E splits to the East and Rt. 271 goes north. There will be other Lions there from District N as well as Lions from Medina, our Vice District Governor Terry Bliss, and hopefully many Lions from our District Clubs! You are all encouraged to get Sponsors and walk. Please contact Lion Greg Lund to Register: (585) 964-2774 or email: [lunddargreg@aol.com](mailto:lunddargreg@aol.com). Please be sure to let Lion Greg know that you will be walking because when we arrive in Medina at the Lift Bridge Park the Medina Lions Club will be there with beverages and hot dogs as well as driving us back to our starting point to pick up our cars. Therefore, we will need an approximate count.

## Walk for Sight Jackets and Shirts



### Dress for Walk for Sight Success!

For walkers, the shirts are \$4.50 and windbreakers are \$20.00  
For non-walkers, shirts are \$10.00 and windbreakers are \$26.00,  
with the difference going to Sight First II.

Please contact Lion Greg Lund at (585) 964-2774 or email:  
[lunddargreg@aol.com](mailto:lunddargreg@aol.com) to order.

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# Around the District...

## Attica Lions Update

This past Christmas season, the Attical Lions Club manned the Red Kettles for the Salvation Army Needy Fund. The Lions have been ringing the bells for several years and this year raised over \$2,000 for the Attica community. The sad part is that there have been requests for help that reached over \$4,000. The club had help from several Attica Central students from the Angel in Action Program. Family members of Lions also donated their time to help the community. Lion Russ Johnson has been the chairman for several years. Many thanks to everyone that gave their time to help the needy in this community.

## Chili Lions Traveling Bell

The Lions of Chili are interested in finding the present location of their Traveling Bell. The last news about it placed it at the SUNY at Brockport Lion Club. Any information about this collectors item bell will be highly appreciated. Please contact incoming President, Lion Tom Platt (247-2958) or Secretary, Lion Enrique H. Miyares, Jr. (247-4007).

## Batavia Lions Activities

The Batavia Lions Club recently added two more members, raising their total membership to 58. Welcome to new Lions Ann Palone and Nancy Forsyth. The club made donations to support the

Batavia Little League, the Batavia Minor League, the Batavia Girls Fast Pitch Softball and the Batavia Youth Bureau. They also purchased a TV set for the Infusion Unit of United Memorial Medical Center, and collected 251 pairs of glasses for recycling.

## Dansville Lions Update

The Dansville Lions Club was very active in March, starting the month with their Minstrel Show, then sponsoring a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, and finishing up the month with a Chicken BBQ. The club is organizing their first Jack Welcher Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held on Friday, June 22 at Woodlyn Hills Golf Club in Nunda.



## WAR AGAINST BLINDNESS

Enrique H. Miyares, Jr.

By the year 2020, 51 million people in the world will lose their sight. Every minute, one child and eleven adults go blind. These are horrible numbers, but all are based on fact. What can we do about it? The International Association of Lions Clubs has the answer.

In 1925, keynote speaker Helen Keller challenged Lions gathered at their International Convention to become her "Knights of the Blind". Accepting the challenge, and making sight their primary quest, Lions have worked all over the world to help people deprived of vision with White Canes, Guide Dogs, special schools for academic and vocational training, Braille libraries, funding treatments, supplying eye examinations and glasses, sending used prescription eyeglasses to Third World countries, and the list goes on and on.

In the 1990's, Lions International established Campaign Sight First, a worldwide fund raising drive to create a fund of 150 plus million dollars, designated to prevent and cure all preventable and curable eye ailments in the whole Earth. In the Third World, people had cataracts operated by Lion surgeons who worked gratis; people suffering from eye diseases unknown

to our country received medications and, to make the long story short, fifteen years later 28 million had their sight restored.

The funds were very well administered, but eventually they ran low. Responding again to the challenge, the "Knights of the Blind" set another campaign, Sight First II, to raise 150 million more dollars, in order to keep the humanitarian work on track.

So far, \$68 million have been raised towards that goal, but that is less than half of what is needed. The Lions International officials have urged Districts, Clubs and individual Lions throughout the world to contribute to this fund, and make it possible.

Our Genesee Valley Lions District 20-E1, which includes all of Monroe County and some adjacent towns, has planned a "Walk for Sight", from APRIL 21ST To August 11th, 2007, covering 71.5 miles from west to east, beginning at Middlesport and ending at Palmyra, divided into ten segments, each one run by the Lion Club of the area, involving Lions, Lionesses, Leos, friends and public at large.

Plans and pledge sheet will be provided, as well as transportation back to the starting point of the marchers for every segment.

We may not have in our society those eye diseases with strange names that afflict the Third World. But we have glaucoma, cataracts, diabetes retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, and the list may go on, affecting the sight of our American people in all ways of life. Those able to afford the treatment through personal funds or insurance are a lucky minority, but the Lions are faithful to their original commitment, and will take care of the rest. That costs money, and money has to be raised.

I invite all my readers and friends to join this Walk for Sight. Details and pledge forms will be available. Walk if you can, or sponsor a walker at your highest possible level, and make the miracle of curing or preventing blindness possible in our country and the world.

*This article appeared in the April 4th Democrat and Chronicle Our Town section for the Southeast part of Monroe County. Lion Enrique is a regular contributor to the D&C.*

## Message from DG JoAnn

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Thanks to PID Howard Conroy for arranging the following: PID Howard will be there as well as IPID John Rabideau, PID George (Mick) Barrus and Past International President Kay K. Fukushima! We will then end the evening with a very fitting celebration of PID Howard M. Conroy with his Sixty Years of Devoted Service to Lions! What a day to remember for all!

The Testimonial Dinner was another challenge! Your Club has probably received the invitation finally. I would have liked to have had it out last week but had final arrangements to make since Wild Wood Banquet Hall is now under new ownership! New food, new prices and quite a few hours of going back and forth to get a good meal for a good price! I originally planned on a sit down dinner and unfortunately the new owners only do buffet.

The new owner Joe Montesano really worked with me to try to come as close as he could to our original agreement. So, with that said I truly hope to see as many of you as possible on May 18th for a great evening of Lion's Fellowship.

God Bless You All,  
Keep On Doing What You Do Best, "We Serve."  
District Governor JoAnn

## Scio Lions Sponsor Flag and Patriots Day

The Scio Lions Club recently sponsored a Flag and Patriots Day Program to honor our Flag. We discussed our flag and its importance to all of us. Each student received a flag plus a wood base to set the flag in. They also were presented to a flag lapel pin from the Lions Club. The day completed with cake and punch for all. A cake was provided by the Ag Tech Bakery Department.



# SAVE THIS DATE MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007

## D20-E2 - FAMILY GOLF OUTING @ HOLLYBROOK COUNTRY CLUB, SPENCER NY 4 PERSON - CAPTAIN & CREW - 18 HOLES

**SHOTGUN START - 9:00AM - PUTTING & CHIPPING CONTESTS - HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

**GREEN FEES/GOLF CAR/LUNCH & BBQ \$65 PER PERSON**

**JOIN IN FOR LUNCH & DINNER \$26 OR BBQ \$20 OR LUNCH \$6**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS - GOLFERS \$7/LUNCH & BBQ \$3/BBQ ONLY \$3**

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 14, 2007**

**NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST CONTESTS --- LUNCH IS FREE --- CALL BOB MIZZONI**

**SPECIAL PRIZES TO 1-2-3 PLACE WINNERS & \$25 DONATION IN YOUR NAME TO CSFII**

**JOIN IN THE FUN - NET PROCEEDS TO CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II**

**MEMBERS PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS' BUY AN AD. SPONSORS & CLUBS BUY AN AD**

**TEES - GREENS - FAIRWAYS - GOLF CARS - SCORE BOARDS @ \$24 EACH/CHOOSE**

**GOLFERS MULLIGANS FOR SALE \$24/TEAM - INDIVIDUALS @ \$6 EACH**

**SKINS (POT OPENS WITH \$200) - \$24/TEAM . WINNERS WILL SHARE 60%.**

**CLUBS ARE URGED TO SOLICIT GIFTS FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS AND CLUB**

**MEMBERS TO BE USED AS PRIZES AND FOR THE AUCTION.**

**OFFICIAL APPLICATION - [WWW.20E2LIONS.COM](http://WWW.20E2LIONS.COM) REGISTER BY MAY 12, 2007**

**CALL BOB MIZZONI 607 535 7279 FOR FULL DETAILS.**

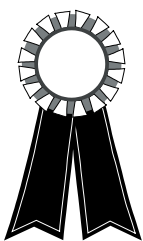
# MERL News

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Greeting Fellow Lions !

As we anxiously await the arrival of Spring, we look forward to new beginnings and growth. This applies to Lions as well as the greenery in and around our homes and gardens. I know many clubs will be participating in environmental cleanup . This is a perfect opportunity to engage perspective new members in a community service activity and provide them with additional information about Lions. The cleanup may include other Service organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts , and you may be able to speak to some of their parents about Lions, as well.

Last month I had the pleasure to induct 3 new members into the Hilton Lions Club. I know Batavia had a very successful membership drive and inducted 8 new members . Thank you and congratulations for a job well done. If any of you have similar success stories in your clubs, please let me know so I can pass them along. Speaking of communications, Club Secretaries – don't forget to send me your PU-101 forms for next year's officers. I would also appreciate a list of your clubs events for next year so I can publish them in the district directory. One of my goals is to increase club interaction, and attendance at each other's fundraisers is a great start. Don't forget you can also send any upcoming events to PDG Leo LeJeune (LEJEUNL@ALREDSTATE.EDU) and he will spread the word.



Many of you will be holding your officer installation meetings in the next month or two. Please remember to recognize those who have done a good job as everyone wants to know their efforts are appreciated. It's always nice to formally recognize members contributions in a setting or event

which makes them more visible. Just a reminder that if you intend to order any awards from LCI, (especially Melvin Jones Awards) you should do it soon as they are very busy this time of year. Please note you will also have the opportunity to honor a Melvin Jones Fellow or Robert J. Uplinger recipient before our District at the Fall Conference in November as we did last year.

Lions Training seminars on a variety of topics will be offered at the State Convention in April. Free Club Officer training sessions will be held throughout the district in the month of May (1 each in the North, Central, and Southern zones). The Region and Zone Chairpersons will be communicating the specifics to the clubs in their respective areas soon. The State MERL Team will be conducting Membership seminars in some Regions. Another joint session between districts 20N and 20E-1 will be held in Batavia and is being planned for early Fall. I encourage anyone interested (particularly membership chairs) to watch for flyers in upcoming newsletters. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan Sept. 5-8, 2007. Those who have attended past forums will tell you they have seen the best motivational speakers and Lions seminars at these events. I would recommend you check out their website ([www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org)) and see what they have to offer.

Yours in Lionism,  
VDG Terry

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST for 2007-2008

It isn't too late or too early to order Peace Poster Contest kits. Although they will be on sale until October 1, 2007, NOW is the time to talk to the school Art Teachers and Youth Leaders about your club sponsoring a contest. What better way to get our youth, age 11 to 13 years of age interested in world peace and Leo/Lions Clubs. Schools will be planning their curriculums for this coming school year soon. Why not get on their agenda.

It is easy to order the kits by sending in the order form from the Lions Magazine or by ordering on line at [lionsclub.org](http://lionsclub.org). Each kit costs \$7.95 plus S&H. Each kit contains all the material needed to sponsor one contest including contest rules, a flyer and information for the school or youth group leader, a sticker to identify the winning poster, a district governor notification postcard, publicity ideas and award certificate. This past year 2006-2007 our district clubs sponsored more than 8 contests. Was your club a sponsor? For more information contact Lion Nancy Neidrauer at 585-293-1195 or email [peter.neidrauer@gmail.com](mailto:peter.neidrauer@gmail.com).

If your club is not sure they want to participate in this worth short term project, go to [lionsclubs.org/youth](http://lionsclubs.org/youth) programs and checkout the beautiful posters from around the world. Our youth and future leaders are very talented.

Lion Nancy Neidrauer

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**Save The Date:**  
**DG JoAnn's Testimonial Dinner**  
**Wildwood Country Club in Rush**  
**Friday, May 18th**

(see Page 6 for more information)

## **On the Ballot in Saratoga...**

Dear Lions

The Council of Governors has voted to place on the ballot, at the State Convention in Saratoga Springs, a proposal to increase the State Dues by \$5.00. The new dues rate would be \$18.00 per year. The purpose of this letter is to explain the reason for the dues increase and to encourage your club to support the proposal by voting yes.

It was a difficult decision on the part of the Council to ask the membership for this increase. No one likes to increase the cost of being a Lion, however it has now come to the point where this is necessary for the financial health and stability of the Multiple District. A dues increase has been recommended by the long range planning committee and the finance committee to the Council of Governors for consideration since 2003.

Our last dues increase was in 1997. Projections at that time showed that the increase would carry the Multiple District for at least five years. We are now ten years since the last increase. Increasing costs and inflation have now made it necessary to ask for a \$5.00 increase. At face value this appears to be a 38% increase. However, when you factor in that dues have not been increased for the past ten years, this increase amounts to 3.8% per year or approximately the rate of inflation.

As we have all experienced with our personal living expenses, the cost of doing business for the Multiple District have been steadily rising. Rent, insurance, salaries, equipment, telephone, electric, heat, postage and convention costs have been increasing. Councils past and present have worked very hard to close our budget gaps by cutting costs where ever possible. For example, salaries at the state office have been frozen for next year, less costly health insurance has been obtained, more printing responsibilities have been shifted to the Governors and Vice Governors by providing them with disks for manuals, council meeting minutes and other documents. A less costly office copier lease has been obtained.

In addition to inflationary pressures, Lions International has shifted some services (and costs) previously provided by them down to the Multiple District. A major example of this is training provided to the Vice District Governors as they prepare to assume their roles as District Governors. We are now required to provide a three day training program here on the State level that was previously given by International. Our Multiple bears most of the cost of this training.

Some Lions have raised the concern that the Multiple has reserve funds that should be used instead of asking for a dues increase. Like any other fiscally prudent and responsible Corporation, the Multiple maintains Long Term Reserves and Working Reserves in case of unforeseen emergencies. Currently our Long Term Reserves are \$228,954, the level our CPA has advised is absolutely necessary. Our working reserve is at \$15,982 Our CPA has advised us that should our working reserve fall below \$25,000 we need to take action to bring it back up to the \$50,000 range.

Despite cost cutting measures it has been necessary to dip into our reserves the last three years to meet our financial responsibilities. Obviously, this can not go on for long before we put ourselves in a dangerous situation.

You should know that I and all my fellow District Governors have been working very hard to collect back dues from delinquent clubs. Our Council will not tolerate clubs who refuse to pay dues when other clubs live up to their responsibilities. It's just not fair. We have been quite successful in collecting back dues and this has been helpful in the short term but does not address our long term financial concerns.

Please understand, the Council of Governors did not arrive at this decision lightly. It would be a lot easier for us to ignore this problem and leave it for next year's Council to deal with. However, it is our responsibility to do what's right for the Lions of Multiple District 20.

A presentation was made at the PDG Association Meeting in Owego on March 18<sup>th</sup>. After hearing the facts and asking hard questions, the PDGs present unanimously voted to endorse the increase in dues.

We will be conducting an open forum at the Convention in Saratoga Springs to address the questions and concerns of our fellow Lions and each District will be conducting a caucus as well.

On behalf of myself and my fellow District Governors I ask you to please take into consideration the information in the letter and I encourage you to consider voting yes in Saratoga.

As always, feel free to contact me anytime if you wish to discuss this issue personally.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours In Lionism,

DG JoAnn

*THE IRONDEQUOIT LIONS CLUB*

Invites You To:

*District 20 - E1 Testimonial and Awards Dinner  
Friday, May 18, 2007*



1201 Rush West Rush Road  
Rush, NY 14543

*Guest Speaker Immediate Past International Director  
Lion John Rabideau*

*6:00 p.m. Cash Bar*

*7:00 p.m. Dinner*

Tossed Green Salad  
Relish Tray, Rolls & Butter  
Carved Prime Rib of Beef  
Chicken Imperial  
Greens & Beans  
Pasta with Sauce  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Coffee, Tea or Milk

*Dress: Black Tie Optional  
\$27.50 per person*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club/District \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if Diabetic Desserts needed & number \_\_\_\_\_

R.S.V.P. by May 8, 2007 to:

CS Tom Pomodoro

P.O. Box 12728

Rochester, NY 14612

Checks Payable to: Irondequoit Lions Club. Questions: 585-467-0311

## NEWS YOU CAN USE:

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### Lions Past Present and Future Night at Seneca Park Zoo

On Saturday June 23, 2007 we will again have a Lions Night at the Seneca Park Zoo. This will be a "Past, Present and Future Lions Family and Friends Night.

Please check your rosters for past members to invite as well as perspective new members. DG JoAnn should receive prices in April and we will pass that information along as it becomes available. We have been assured that they will be able to give us even better prices than our original event.

This will be a fun family event as well as a District Membership Drive!

### District Public Speaking Contest A trial competition sponsored by the PDG Association

Next year 2007-08, the State PDG Association will sponsor a state-wide public speaking program for high school age students.

In order to prepare for this, District 20E-1 will offer a trial program this year. Prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$75), 2nd (\$50), and 3rd (\$25).

The winners will be selected at the March Cabinet Meeting. The topic is *Service to the Community*.

For a copy of the contest rules contact: PDG Ray Ernenwein  
2106 Kendall Road  
Kendall, NY 14476  
rj2106@yahoo.com

# EVENT CALENDAR

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ISSUES IS THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.**

Plan at least two months ahead in announcing your event dates.

#### April 2007

21: Walk for Sight First II Begins  
21: PID Howard Conroy Tribute  
22: Camp Abilities Auction  
27-29: MD20 Convention  
28-29: Wellsville Trout Derby  
1-30: Geranium Orders - Gates

#### May 2007

5-6: 20E1 Work Weekend at  
Lions Camp Badger  
11-12: Clarendon Geranium Sale  
12: Gates Geranium Sale  
18-19: Clarendon Geranium Sale  
18: DG JoAnn's Testimonial Dinner  
22: Spencerport Lions Drive Thru  
Pork BBQ

#### June 2007

19: Gates Lions Sausage Roast  
22: Dansville Lions - Jack Welcher  
Memorial Golf Tournament  
23: Lions Night at Seneca Park Zoo  
24-30: Camp Abilities

#### July 2007

2-6: 90th Annual Lions Club  
International Convention  
21: Brockport Cruise In

#### August 2007

18-19: Churchville Country Fair

#### September 2007

8: Brockport Cruise In

### For the Latest Information and More Detail:

For DG JoAnn's visitation schedule, the latest new events, or for more information on these events, please visit [www.lions20E1.org](http://www.lions20E1.org)

If you have an event you wish to add to this calendar or to the district website, please go to [www.lions20E1.org](http://www.lions20E1.org) and fill out the Event Submission Form. All events should also be submitted to District 20E1 Activities and Special Events Committee Chair PDG Leo Lejeune at [lejeunl@alfredstate.edu](mailto:lejeunl@alfredstate.edu)

## Publicity - Easy, Fast and FREE! *Publicize your events and fundraisers to the Lions of District 20E1 - and beyond!*

Want an easy and fast way to publicize your events and fundraisers to other Lions Clubs without worrying about making copies, stuffing envelopes or buying stamps? Use the new EVENT SUBMISSION form at [www.lions20E1.org](http://www.lions20E1.org) to enter all the information for your event, attach forms or flyers if available, and with just a few clicks this will be posted to the website. Information from this will also be used to put your event into the Roaring-TwentE1 newsletter, so you only have to submit it once.

This form allows:

- one-step entering of events
- reducing errors due to retyping of information
- easy attachment of forms and flyers
- updates to information that are quick and easy
- FREE publicizing of your events to the Lions of 20E1, and beyond!
- Linking to your own club website if desired

If you have questions about using the EVENT SUBMISSION form, please contact Lion Matt Arlauckas at [webmaster@lions20e1.org](mailto:webmaster@lions20e1.org).