



The ROARING TWENT-E1



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The District Governor's Message:

The Roaring Twent-E1 Is Going Electronic

*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy
Holiday Season!*

DG Pete and Lion Nancy Neidrauer

Questions that clubs have asked the District Governor

1. We have not had a Zone Chairperson visit our clubs in several years, have their duties been changed?

NO. Their duties have not been changed and they are requested to visit each of their clubs twice during the Lion year. We do have one or two very large zones where making these visits would be very difficult, so in those cases I'm allowing the Zone Meeting to meet the visitation schedule. We have to do the best we can with what we have.

2. Who pays for the International President when he visits all these countries?

We do out of our dues money. All the flights are paid and I hope the host Lions do pick up some of the local cost when the president is visiting.

Effective January 1, 2005 distribution of the district newsletter the *Roaring Twent-E1* will be done electronically through the district website at www.lions20E1.org. After January 1st, your club will no longer receive printed copies in the mail.

How will this work? Individual Lions will receive email notification when the newsletter is posted to the website. They can then go to the website and read the newsletter, or print additional copies if desired.

What do individual Lions need to do? Each Lion in the District should go to the website at www.lions20E1.org before January 1, click on the button that says "Subscribe Now!" and enter the information it asks for.

What do Clubs need to do? Each club needs to be sure that at least one person in their club has an email address and signs up to receive the email notification.

What if I don't have e-mail? If each club has one person receiving the email notification, that person can be sure that others in the club who don't have email can see a printed copy.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

2nd Council Meeting Highlights

11/1/2004

Churchville Lions Club

In November, the Churchville Lions Club distributed over 25 food baskets for Thanksgiving, and will deliver again in December. The club continues to participate in supporting Project Hats From Home, and recently donated funds to assist in postage costs for this project. The club will be distributing candy canes in the village of Churchville on December 18, and will hold their Kids Night at their December 14 Dinner Meeting. Planning for the February 13 Skate Races, Chicken BBQ and Winterfest are underway.

Cuba Lions Club

The Cuba Lions Club held a Toys for Tots Monte Carlo Night on November 27. Club members are ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 17 and 18. The Club is currently distributing their Community Birthday Calendars for 2005.

Hamlin Lions Club

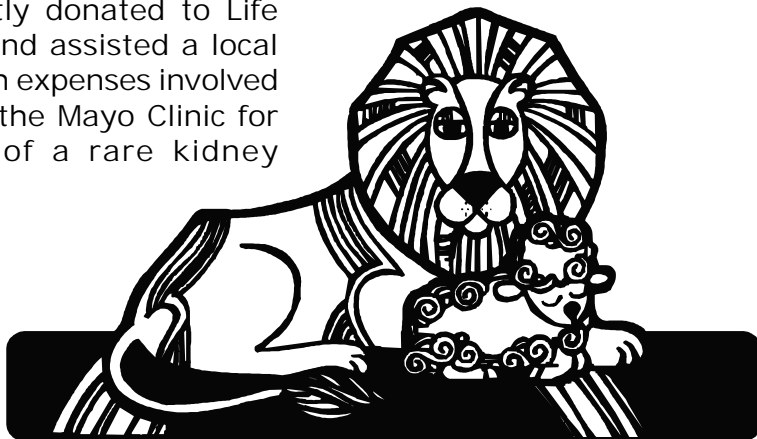
The Hamlin Lions Club is in the process of acquiring a concession stand for the recreation fields in Hamlin. They recently donated to Life Solutions, and assisted a local resident with expenses involved in going to the Mayo Clinic for treatment of a rare kidney disease.

Spencerport Lions Club

More than 100 colleges were represented at the October 4 Spencerport Lions Club College Night on the Mall, and over \$4,000 was raised at this event. The annual Dinner Dance for the Batavia School for the Blind was held on October 13. The club held a Pumpkin Carving on October 30 and 25 kids participated. The club will hold their Breakfast with Santa on December 4, deliver Christmas Food Cartons on December 5, and hold their Craft Show on December 11. On December 18 they will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army and on December 19 they will be caroling at Wedgewood Nursing Home.

Walworth Lions Club

The Walworth Lions Club will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on December 11. They are currently planning spring events, including a Las Vegas Night with the Penfield Lions Club and a picnic with the Penfield Village Nursery School.



2nd International VP Campaign:

International reduced the numbers to 3 candidates and PID Al Brandel is still in the running. Final decision may be in January.

Emerging Leadership Institute

for 2004-5 will be held in Rochester, prior to the State Convention with a \$350 cost per student. We would like 20-E1 to send at least 3 students. *Please submit their names to DG Pete Neidrauer.*

Emerging Leadership Institute

for 2005-6 will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Council Meeting in Binghamton, NY next October. Classes will start Thursday afternoon, continue Friday, Saturday and conclude with lunch on Sunday.

Constitution and By-laws

Committee: Sent back to the committee for revision in proper terminology issues that will be voted on at the State Convention:

1. Provide clear, concise wording to allow any qualified International Director or 2nd VP candidate to be listed on the same ballot. The Lion getting the majority of the vote is the winner. The majority vote would be the position MD-20 would send on to International.

2. City selection process in selecting the convention sites has to be changed. The convention bureaus' no longer can afford to put on the parties as we have had in the past. (This year we only have one city bidding because of this). The bureaus recommended that the Council of Governors invite all the cities to their Council Meeting, review the bids and make a decision. A Hospitality Room will be provided by a host city one year prior to hosting the Convention in its city.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Casey Mac Claren

A 10 year old friend of the Brockport Lions Club – and Lions everywhere



One of the major thrusts behind what Lions do is to help people around the world who suffer from vision impairment. These efforts include everything from purchasing sophisticated medical equipment necessary for delicate eye surgeries to collecting used eyewear. Collection stations around the area are in several locations.

At the first meeting of the Brockport Lions Club in November, they were visited again by a special friend, Casey MacClaren, aged 10, who brought with him a special gift of 151 pairs of used eyewear. Each year Casey and his friend Harlee Ziegler and brother Rob visit their collection stations to pick up the spectacles – and each year they raise their quota. Next year they are hoping to eclipse over 200 special gifts.

Casey is special not only to the Brockport Lions but also to many other people around the community. Casey's Mom, Mary Beth, states that depending on the season Casey can be found helping others. During the fall Casey rakes the elder neighbors' leaves and during the winter he shovels snow for people and need. On a whim Casey recently mailed several letters to the Veterans Hospital in Batavia hoping to find a pen-pal. One response came in the mail, and the rest is history.

Since then Casey and his Mom visit Mr. Seeman once a month and learn about the life of Casey's new friend. During one visit Casey learned that Mr. Seeman was shot down over France during WWII while on a bombing mission. Each visit is looked forward to with great anticipation because Casey has found a new friend who is a source of historical knowledge.

Needless to say the Brockport Lions Club looks forward to Casey's visit next year, and for the help he also gives the club during Max's Mardi-Gras Parade and Festival.

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Peace Poster Contest Winners Chosen

Over 10 clubs participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest by obtaining the kits, and 7 club winners were submitted to the District Peace Poster Contest Committee for consideration.

The following winners were selected from District 20E1:

1st Place:

Churchville Lions Clubs
MacKenzie Martin
Churchville Jr. High

2nd Place:

Lions Club of Chili
Shauna Jordon
Gates Chili Middle School

3rd Place:

Churchville Lions Club
Jessica Lovering
Churchville Chili Intermediate School

Congratulations, and thanks to all who worked on this project and special thanks to Lion Nancy Cunningham for chairing the District portion of the contest.

Did you know???

LCIF OKs US\$6.3 Million in Grants

LCIF approved US\$6.3 million in grants in October. The 62 grant projects will enable Lions worldwide to preserve sight and assist the blind, promote health, counter disability, serve the elderly, nurture youth and otherwise address vital humanitarian needs.

The grants consist of:

- **39 standard grants** for US\$1.7 million. Standard grants are matching grants for large-scale service projects that meet urgent humanitarian needs. **Among the standard grants are US\$29,659 for New York Lions (District 20-E1) to equip the eye surgery unit at Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, N.Y.;** US\$75,000 for Brazilian Lions (LC-5) to expand a vocational training program for disadvantaged youth in Sao José dos Campos, and US\$75,000 for Australian Lions (201-N1) to establish the Coffs Harbour Cancer Patient Lodge.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

MD20 CONVENTION PINS

The MD20 Pins for the 2005 International Convention in Hong Kong are now available. The pins are \$2.00 each.

SIGHTFIRST

Let's blow out 24 million candles for SightFirst during its 15th anniversary year. That's how many people have been given the precious gift of sight thanks to SightFirst. The next time you put on your Lions' vest, attend a club meeting or perform a community service as a Lion, go ahead and take an extra measure of pride in being a Lion. We are the world's greatest champions of sight.

PHOTO CONTEST

Lions International has started an Environmental Photo Contest with the theme of "Sharing our World." Lions can submit their original environmental photo and negative to their districts and multiple districts for judging. One winning photo from each district or multiple district will then be forwarded to be judged at the Lions International Convention.

For more information please send email to: executiveservices@lionsclubs.org or fax: 630-571-1692

The contest entry deadline is January 1, 2005.

EVENT CALENDAR

(NOTE: Be sure to remember that news submitted the 1st of the month will get to the clubs around the last week of the same month, so **plan at least two months ahead in announcing your event dates.**)

JANUARY

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 1: **DEADLINE FOR MD-20 ARTICLES**
- 18: Hands Across the Border
- 31: Hamlin Lions Club Annual "Free Dinner"

FEBRUARY

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 13: Churchville Lions Club Chicken BBQ/Winterfest
- 18-19: MD20 Council of Governors
- 25: 20E1 Cabinet Meeting
- 24-26: Dansville Lions Club 33rd Annual Minstrel Show
- 25-26: Wellsville Lions Club 60th Annual Minstrel Show
- 26: Greece Ridge Lions Club Snow Golf Tournament

MARCH

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 1: **DEADLINE FOR MD-20 ARTICLES**
- 5: Walworth Lions Club 31st Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- 11: Lions Day with the UN
- 19: Walworth Lions Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 16-17: Camp Badger Work Weekend

MAY

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 12: MD20 Council of Governors
- 13-15: MD20 Lions State Convention in Rochester**

Council Highlights

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Budget shortfall: Every suggestion resulted in being a dues increase. We defeated the \$5.00 per lion, state convention registration fee. No dues increase on the ballot this year.

There will be several resolutions on the ballot to clear-up terminology and outdated terms.

Long Range Planning: Suggested changing the International Convention Committee to two persons; creating a 2-year term. As it stands now, this is a 4 people, 4-year term with each member attending every convention. Too many International Conventions are out of the country and the cost is too high for many Lions.

Looking into taking part in the Lilac Day parade; with floats, bands and busing to and from Highland Park.

Convention:

Approved- Churchville Lions Club to run store.
Approved- Selling of non-lion related items in the store.
Approved - Allow Commercial Venders to sell non-lion items at the convention.
Approved- Convention committee's

State Convention website: www.lionsroc05.org

