



The ROARING TWENT-E1



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The Genesee District of the Empire State

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District Governor's Message

We are now almost half way through the Lions year. Our Sub District conference was a great success. Many of the club members attended and left with great ideas about why there is a problem with getting younger members and a method for each club as a group to negotiate member recruitment ideas.

Happy Holidays!

May I wish each of you and yours a VERY HAPPY, JOYFUL HOLIDAY filled with love and kindness. Let us look forward to a great NEW YEAR knowing that together we can make a difference.

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I am ever grateful for the privilege of being your Governor

Lion Joan

At this time I would like to congratulate each of you and every Lions Club on your efforts making the coming holidays a time to remember for those we serve. Many clubs are busy doing food baskets, setting up Christmas parties, having breakfast with Santa, ringing the bells and the many projects you are all involved with. Thank you.

Also I believe you will accept the challenge for the coming year which will include starting a Photo Screening project for our youth, Sight First II to help preventable blindness, supporting a new District Governor at our State Convention and of course the excitement at our International Convention in Boston.

USED EYEGLOSS COLLECTION

Many clubs are taking used eyeglasses directly to our center in Kendall and others are giving them to Lion Rich Giali, our Sight and Life Chairman.

Please contact Lion Rich with the number of glasses you are taking to Kendall so that he can add those to his total. It is important we get credit where credit is due and an account of our good work on the International Record.

Lion Rich can be reached at (585) 395-0482.



SIGHT FIRST II NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The Sight First II Program is a follow up of the 1991 Sight First I program which included preventable serious vision loss for 24 million people, provided 65 million treatments for river blindness, restored sight to 4.6 million with cataracts, improved eye care services for hundreds of millions, awarded \$175 million in 86 countries plus much more.

Our district is looking for 5 to 6 Lions to help on this project over the next three years. Basically it would include coordinating the project in a small section of our district. PDG Pat Butler is our District coordinator.

Are you a Lion with a few hours to pick up the "CRUSADE AGAINST BLINDNESS"

PLEASE CONTACT:
PDG PAT BUTLER

(585) 261-8057 or e-mail at sarg94@aol.com

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Alfred Lions

The Alfred Lions Club kicked off the holiday season by erecting a Christmas tree at the Box of Books on December 1st. The tree has been donated to the club by Kent Tree farm. The club is presenting yearly gifts to children provided by Social Services. Selected Lions are personally buying gifts for twenty children. The Wrestling Tournament is December 17th. The club has gathered generous support from the selling of advertisements from local business.



Pictured are members of the Alfred Club putting up a Christmas Tree at the Alfred Box of Books on December 1st. Left to right are Lions Phil Phillipson PDG, Chuck Shultz, President Sheila Foreman, Jon LeGro PDG.

Andover Lions

The Andover Lions Club held their first solo photo screening on November 17 at the Wellsville Head Start, and expected to screen approximately 80 kids. The club held a Halloween Party on October 28, and approximately 68 kids showed up in costumes. Christmas Baskets and Toys for Tots are scheduled to be delivered on Saturday Dec. 17th.

Cuba Lions Club

The Cuba Lions club recently purchased the materials and provided labor for a handicapped access ramp for a cuba resident. The resident cares for an aging parent who was in the hospital and could not come home until the ramp was constructed. The club also contributed finances and labor to the Toys for Tots program, and will be bell ringers for the Salvation Army on December 16 and 17.

Spencerport Lions

The Spencerport Lions Club held a Drive-Through Chicken BBQ on a rainy and cold Tuesday night in November, selling 300 chicken dinners despite the weather. Their annual pancake Breakfast with Santa was Saturday, December 3, and their Craft Show is Saturday, December 10 at Terry Taylor School in Spencerport. They also delivered Cartons for Christmas on December 3, held their



Irondequoit Lions President Bill presenting a check for \$279.00 to Tracy Schleyer from the Association for the Blind at the November 28th meeting to purchase a Parrot Voice Mate which is very similar to a Palm Pilot, PDA device.

club Christmas Party on December 3, and will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 10. They will conclude their December activities with caroling at Wedgewood Nursing Home on December 19, as well as passing out gifts to the residents.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Fire Department Benefits from Golf Tournament

A check for \$6,400, the proceeds from the first joint golf tournament held by the Churchville Lions Club and the Churchville Fire Department was presented to the Churchville Fire Department at the Lions monthly meeting on November 8.

The tournament, held September 17 at the Churchville Golf Course, was co-chaired by Mark Leibeck, a Churchville fire fighter and Jim Lamica, past president of the Lions Club. "We hope to make this an annual event with the proceeds going to a different community organization each year," Lamica said.

The tournament had 119 golfers participating and 20 local businesses and several individuals donating towards prizes. The money will be used by the fire department to update their radio dispatch equipment.



President of the Churchville Lions Club, Jim Van Hosen (center) presents a check for \$6,400 to Churchville Fire Chief Scott Flagler (left) and Churchville Fire Department President Steve Gulvin (right).

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Walworth Lions

This year marks the Walworth Lions 16th Annual Breakfast with Santa, taking place on Saturday, December 10 at Freewill Elementary School. The club's annual assistance at the Eastern Service Workers Children's Christmas Party will take place the following Saturday, December 17. Planning continues for our Friday, January 27 Las Vegas Night fundraiser, to benefit the Wayne County Red Cross, at Carey Lake. Advertising and tickets sales by the Red Cross are fully underway. The club has been asked to prepare the dinner for Walworth Boy Scout Troop 113's latest Eagle Scout banquet.

Project "Help a Fellow Lion"

The Alfred Lions Club project to "Help a fellow Lion" in Mississippi is going to happen! The club has been in touch with the president of Woolmarket Lions Club in Woolmarket, Mississippi, and he has selected a Lion, Kathy Duval, whose home was devastated.

Kathy's insurance does not provide for major appliances, which she is cannot afford in the near future. She is currently living with a friend and awaiting a FEMA trailer.

The Hornell Sears has graciously offered to provide a refrigerator/freezer, washer and dryer to the Alfred Lions for this project at cost. The club has asked other area Lions Clubs to join in this effort, and so far the Maple City Lions are also contributing.

Kathy will be presented with a surprise certificate for these items, and a Sears in her area will deliver them when she is ready for them.



Who me, attend a Sub District Convention?

Have you ever attended a Sub District Convention? It is a chance for the any Lion to meet other Lions from neighboring clubs and find out what is going on in surrounding towns. It also provides you with an opportunity to learn some lifetime skills that can be used at home and work as well as your Lions Club. The mission of the convention is to provide attendees with social, educational and informative programs that can provide a change of daily scenery.

Sub District Conventions vary from year to year, and this year the leadership did some innovative things in trying to entice everyday Lions to attend. **Conventions are for all Lions.**

For a number of years the District 20-E1 Sub District Conventions have been two day affairs, with the convention on Saturday, Banquet Saturday night and the 2nd Cabinet Meeting following Sunday's breakfast.

This year the whole Convention and Cabinet Meeting was held on one day. For the first time in many years the Convention started off with a breakfast, honoring the Melvin Jones Fellowships and Robert J. Uplinger Award recipients. After breakfast the Lions had a chance to visit the vendors that were in attendance and to socialize with other fellow Lions before the morning session began.

A sitting ID or a PID is invited to be the guest speaker. This year, PID Mick Barrus from Cody,

EVENT CALENDAR

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ISSUES IS THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.
Plan at least two months ahead in announcing your event dates.**

DECEMBER

- 10: Spencerport Lions Craft Show
- 17: Alfred Lions 5th Annual Wrestling Tournament

JANUARY

- 27: Las Vegas Night at Cary Lake -Walworth Lions

FEBRUARY

- 26: 20E1 Cabinet Meeting, Clarendon

MARCH

- 2-4: Dansville Lions Minstrel Show
- 10: Lions Day at the UN
- 16-20: Emerging Lions Leadership Edmonton, Alberta Canada

APRIL

- 22: Camp Abilities Auction
- 22: Alfred Lions Hot Dog Day and Chicken BBQ
- 28-30: ESS&HC (Camb Badger) Work Weekend
- 29: Lioness Spring Conference

MAY

- 5-7: MD20 Lions State Convention Buffalo
- 19: DG Joan Brien's Testimonial Dinner

JUNE

- 25-July 1: Camp Abilities Lions Clubs International Convention Boston, MA (NEW LOCATION)



Wyoming began the Convention with a workshop: Problems Solving. We were using the Lions Clubs as subjects, but it could apply to home or work problems also. PID Mick broke us into groups that generated many ideas, prioritized them and then listed what we should do first to get our clubs moving.

At the afternoon session our groups learned more about problem solving. At the end of the afternoon seminar we knew that if we stayed for dinner PID Mick would be saving the best for last.

Next was the 2nd Cabinet Meeting, which is open to all Lions. This gave non-cabinet members a chance to see how the District functions. Once the Cabinet Meeting was adjourned, we had time to socialize, meet new faces and enjoy the



Irondequoit Lions filling 35 Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army at the November 28th meeting.

conclusion of the day before dinner. PID Mick did indeed save the best for last!

It was a long, wonderful day and I recommend all Lions to consider attend at least one Sub District Convention in their first 5 years of joining their Lions Club.

A thought from PDG Pete