



The ROARING TWENT-E1



We Serve

The Genesee District of the Empire State

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District Governor's Message:

Seasons Greetings !

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving Holiday and took a moment to reflect on the things for which they are most thankful.

As I travel throughout the district, there is a flurry of activity in every club preparing for Christmas. There are certainly a wide variety of projects ranging from Salvation Army Bell Ringing to clothing and can drives. There is caroling and tree lighting, food baskets, flowers and gifts for those in need and those in hospitals and nursing homes. *Bring along the new and perspective members with you.* This is the perfect opportunity for them to see and feel what it means to be a Lion.

Some of you may have noticed I truly enjoy inducting new members during my visitations. To those clubs I have not yet visited, please keep this in mind.

It was my pleasure to induct 5 new members into the Angelica Lions Club on Nov. 28th. Congratulations to our new Lions Cari Zobrist, Carli Medina, Hugo Medina, Sharon Rader, and Richard Straka.

It was my privilege to present the Dansville Lions Club with a congratulatory letter and friendship banner on behalf of our International President Mahendra Armasuria in honor of their 66th anniversary on Nov. 29th.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Melvin Jones Fellow - Lion Bob Infantino

Robert J. Uplinger - Walter Pfuntner (not a Lion - member of the community)

Career Lion - Lion Bob Infantino

Lion of the Year - Lion Larry McKinney

Awards and Recognitions



Dansville Lions presented the following awards at their 66th annual charter night:

Melvin Jones Fellow
Lion Bob Infantino

Robert J. Uplinger
Walter Pfuntner
(not a Lion -
member of the community)

Career Lion
Lion Bob Infantino

Lion of the Year
Lion Larry McKinney

Congratulations to the 5 newly inducted members of the Angelica Lions Club:

Cari Zobrist
Carli Medina
Hugo Medina
Sharon Rader
Richard Straka

Editor's note: This information was provided by DG Terry. If you have new members or award recognitions to share, please send them in a message to news@lions20e1.org. Information contained in club newsletters will be used when possible, but a separate message will ensure inclusion. Thank you.

Around the District ..

Batavia Lions Club:

The Batavia Lions made recent donations of \$250 to sponsor a youth football team, \$250 to sponsor one of the Batavia Concert Band's 2008 concerts, \$2,000 for increased Christmas lighting for downtown, \$100 toward a tent for Camp Abilities, \$200 for Salvation Army during the Christmas Kettle drive, and \$1,700 for a portable reader for a woman with vision problems. The club also made commitments of \$100 for the Big Buddy Program's Christmas Party, \$200 for glasses for a local resident, and \$1,000 for toys to be distributed at their Christmas Dinner at T.F. Brown's restaurant. They also processed a request for hearing aids and forwarded it to the Finger Lakes Speech and Hearing Foundation.

Wellsville Lions Club World Service Day

Local senior citizens were honored at the annual Wellsville Lions Club World Service Day event held on Oct. 10th. The event took place at the Trinity Lutheran Church and 115 seniors enjoyed a free dinner prepared by the Lions. Entertainment for the event was provided by honorary Wellsville Lion Carol Aldrich.

The Wellsville Lions have been putting on the dinner for decades, but in 2004 it was designated as the local World Service Day event in response to a Lions International decree making Oct. 13th of that year, and every year hence, World Service Day. This is a day set aside by Lions Clubs the world over to uphold their motto, "We Serve".

One hundred and fifteen served. Local senior citizens enjoyed a free dinner put on by the Wellsville Lions Club on Oct. 10th in support of World Service Day.

You want a tomato with that!? Wellsville Lion Gary Balcom prepares salads with the help of fellow Lion Mark Finn. Other Lions pictured, from left, Vice District Governor Terry Loucks, Vong Boussa and Clint Gilkey and 1st Vice-President Roger Moyer.

Walworth Lions Club:

The Walworth Lions Club recently approved the following donations: \$200 to the Walworth Food Pantry, \$200 for Eastern Service Workers back to school supplies, \$100 to the Gananda/Walworth Red Ribbon Task Force, \$250 for Sight First II, \$100 pledge for Bill Boyd's Alzheimer's Walk participation, \$100 to the Open Door Mission, \$100 to Scarlet Thread Ministries, \$100 to Compass Care Pregnancy Services and \$150 for toys and holiday food for the Eastern Service Workers.

The club also provided eye exams and glasses to two Ontario Elementary School students and one at Gananda.



by PDG Jon LeGro,
20- E1 District Coordinator

This month's message is directed to all 20-E1 Lions. As we prepare to celebrate the holidays, I wish you all the best and thank you for your generosity. We are moving along, though slowing this fall. Our district total recorded at the campaign office is now \$42,593 with about \$3,000 more on the way. 75% of our clubs have committed to a donation or pledge and 55% of those club contributions are \$1,000 or more.

BUT (a big but here for the bad news) we are nowhere near the \$197,000 goal set for us by the campaign, or near the \$165,000 we raised for the first campaign and we only have 6 months to go.

So Lions of 20-E1, I have a quiz for you. You could e-mail your answers to me but I ask instead that you discuss them with others in your club. Here are the questions: 1. How much has your club contributed to CSFII? 2. Does your club have a goal? 3. Have you been asked to make a personal contribution? 4. Have you made a donation or a pledge? 5. Has your club established a special fundraiser for the campaign?

The number of blind people in the world will increase by 37 million without the work of Lions SightFirst and other organizations such as the Carter Center. We are part of this worldwide Lions service organization so that together we can do great things. We serve our local communities in many ways but how many cases of preventable blindness can we handle alone?

I urge you and your club to make a three-year pledge and be billed by CSFII. I have heard the concern that a club is not to create indebtedness for future boards. However, with a pledge each year, payment will still require board approval.



Irondequoit Lions Club

The Irondequoit Lions Club has had a very busy fall schedule this year starting with a mint sale that benefited the two libraries in the town. Also we had two vision screenings at local day care centers where approximately 30 children were tested. Several of the children were found to have vision issues and the day care and parents were notified.



We hosted a bingo night at the Shire at Culverton, an assisted living center, manned a table at Pinegrove Senior Center Arts and Craft show through the town of Irondequoit promoting Lionism, volunteered at the Irondequoit Food Cupboard Walk and will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Getting out in the community and creating awareness of what Lions are all about both in the local community and world wide is the objective of our club. Increasing membership would be a great side benefit of all this exposure.



The club recently received two awards. The first one was from the County of Monroe titled the Outstanding Asset Builder Award for our work with the youth of the town, which was presented by Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. The second award was presented to the club by the town supervisor, Mary Ellen Heyman called the Supervisor's Good Neighbor Award for the club's service to the community.

The pictures show Lion President Bill Davis, Lion Scott Davis and Lion Treasurer Tim Gertz manning a table at Pinegrove Senior Center and the other picture is of Lion President Bill Davis and Lion Sal Cutaia with the awards the club has received.

Oakfield Alabama Sight Night a Great Success

The Oakfield Alabama Central School Leadership Class, in conjunction with the Oakfield Alabama Lions Club, held a Sight Night program on Halloween. They planned and carried out the program, netting 670 glasses. The 16 members of the class worked 3 weeks planning and conducting the Sight Night program, totaling 160 man hours. Classrooms competed to bring in the most glasses, with the winning classroom collecting 66 pairs. Combining this collection with the local Lions collection boxes, the Oakfield Alabama Lions will be turning in about 1000 pairs of glasses to the region.

Dansville Lions Club

In addition to the activities of their 66th Charter Night mentioned in DG Terry's message, the Dansville Lions recently held a Monte Carlo Night, sold 70 trees in a Christmas Fantasy of Light fundraiser, committed to sponsoring 2 students to the MD20 Lions Youth Band, and screened 45 pre-school students at a Photo Screening at the primary school.



Why We Serve

The Cuba Lions Club recently received a thank you card from a youngster for whom they purchased an eye exam and glasses. The card had a photo of a little girl holding a bouquet of flowers, and she hand drew glasses onto the little girl on the card, drew a happy faced little girl with glasses and added this message:

"Thank you for my new glasses. My old ones had a lot of scratches and they did not work. But now I can see the bord better! Thanks Alot!"

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

WISHING
EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND
HEALTHY
HOLIDAY
SEASON,
AND A
VERY HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

Editor's Message: The MD20 Lions Magazine

By now many of you have received your fall issue of the MD20 Lions Magazine and have noticed that there are no articles included for District 20E1.

There was a change in publishers for this magazine, and due to an oversight on my part, our articles were not submitted in a timely manner to be included in this issue.

Please note that all news must still be submitted through the District Editor, and direct submissions to the MD20 Lions Magazine will not be accepted.

Articles submitted for inclusion in the Roaring Twent-E1 are also edited and submitted to the MD20 Lions Magazine, particularly those that illustrate the success of various projects. Club activities are summarized for the Around the District section which is used by the MD20 Editor as space permits.

If you have further questions regarding the MD20 Lions Magazine, or the Roaring Twent-E1, please do not hesitate to contact me at news@lions20e1.org or by phone at 585-704-7208.

Your in Lionism,
Lion Regina Arlauckas - Editor

EVENT CALENDAR

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

No activities have been submitted for January or February.

**For the Latest Information
and More Detail visit
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 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

Nominations for the **PDG Association Leadership Award**
are now being accepted.

Forms are available at www.lions20e1.org in the
RESOURCES section.

Deadline for submission is January 21, 2008

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Just a few reminders :

- Our January – June dues period is upon us. Please see your club Secretary if you have not already done so.
- Club Nominating Committees - It's not too early to start thinking about next year's officers. They are due in to Lions International by mid April, 2008.
- The "Triple T" membership/extension program will be held at the Batavia School for the Blind on Feb. 2, 2008.
- Camp Badger work weekend - April 12 & 13, 2008
- CSFII Activity – April 19, 2008
- Our State Convention will be held May 2-4, 2008 in Niagara Falls.
- The International Convention will be held June 23-27, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Cookie and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Terry