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District Governor's Message:

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness & Leos;

I hope all of you are staying warm now that winter has really set in! I have been back on the road again with my annual visitations and I have to say God has really been good to me in regards to driving conditions. I only had one night that I was concerned about the weather. Fortunately, I had a good driver and half way there, it cleared up! I pray my luck continues.

I am currently working on our **District Walk for Sight First II**. I will be walking from District N to Medina on the morning of April 21, 2007. I am looking for Lions to walk with me as well as Sponsors. Sponsorship can be individual, club, corporate etc.

If you are interested in walking with me and would like Sponsor sheets, please let me know. The walk will continue to Palmyra and will end in District Governor Terry's year. I also will be doing additional walks to raise money and awareness for Sight First II such as in Region 5 in their Journey for Sight.

On March 3, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the Avon Village Hall, we will be holding our next Leadership Meeting. We are asking all Lions interested in the Lions Alert Program to please attend this meeting as well as District Leadership.

Did you know that you can give to LCIF through your Workplace campaigns including: United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, and State Employee Fund Appeal or Share America?

Your contribution can be credited to an individual Lion member and their club. It can also be used towards an initial or progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. And, you can designate your donation to SightFirst II !

To receive credit, please follow these steps:

- 1) Designate Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Agency number 2809 as the recipient of your workplace donation.
- 2) Give the workplace campaign permission to release your name to LCIF for recognition. The donor form usually provides a check box for donor release. This allows your employer to provide your name, address and/or email. Without the donor release, LCIF is unaware that you have made a pledge.
- 3) Send a separate written or electronic letter to LCIF, indicate your desire to have your workplace campaign credited towards you and your club (be sure to provide name of club).

If the donation is to be used towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship, indicate if it is for you, another individual, to be designated by your club or determined at a later date. If it was a SFII donation include statement.

4) Tell LCIF your donation amount. Federal regulations and campaign guidelines prohibit the release of your donation amount.

5) When your pledge is fulfilled, send LCIF confirming evidence that the donation has been made (for example, a year end check stub with salary information blacked out). Again if it was a SFII donation remind them.

6) If your company matches, doubles or triples your donations, request a matching gift form from your employer, complete it and send it to LCIF.

Again, I hope you all stay warm. If I can be of any Service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless You,
Yours truly in Lions, DG JoAnn

**Lions
Past Present and
Future Night at
Seneca Park Zoo
Saturday June 23, 2007**

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for more information.



Around the District...

Batavia Lions

The Batavia Lions Club held the annual Lions Club Holiday Basketball Tournament for four area schools.

The club is also helping to sponsor a Genesee County Youth Conference Coalition conference on "Myspace.com," is financially helping two people for eye exams and glasses, is helping to provide vision therapy and glasses for an eight-year-old boy whom they'd helped earlier, collected and sorted 168 pairs of glasses for recycling, and served Christmas Dinner, with the help of T.F. Brown's Restaurant, to 175 people and distributed toys to 90 children in attendance.

Chili Lions

The Lions Club of Chili recently contributed \$9,000 towards additional equipment for a new playground on Davis Park, Chili, accessible to handicapped children.

On December 16 the club delivered Christmas baskets to 46 households in the town of Chili. The Peace Poster Contest was sponsored at the Gates-Chili Middle School and Saint Pius X Elementary School. Winners were, respectively Korina Bergado and Ashley Y. Fallone. Each one received a \$100 U.S Savings Bond and a certificate. All other 40 entrants received certificates of participation.

Wellsville Lions

The 62nd annual Wellsville Lion's Club Minstrel show will be taking place on March 2 & 3 at 8:00 pm in the Wellsville High School auditorium. The theme for this year's show is "Motown Madness", and it have all of the jokes, skits, music and surprises that have become a trademark of this show, and which make it a highly anticipated event every year in Wellsville, NY. The proceeds from the show go to support numerous local, national, and international programs and to provide funds for civic improvement, health and welfare, speech, hearing and sight, and youth activities.

Tickets are \$6.00, and can be reserved or purchased by calling Lion Jim Moreland @ 585-593-6026 / (cell) 585-307-8318/ email jimm6026@aol.com



IN THE NEWS:

Spencerport Lions Wheels for Erika campaign a success

It was a cold day with a raw wind blowing across the Spencerport Gazebo area on Saturday, December 23, but there was a warm feeling in everyone's heart at the presentation of the Wheels for Erika event. Chaired by Lions Club member Sue Marino, the event happened because, after a two-and-one-half year effort, the Spencerport Lions Club raised \$15,868, and the remainder of the \$23,000 van purchase price came from fundraisers sponsored by various local organizations, school groups and individuals. This was truly a community effort.

About 30 people, including area media, were present as the wheelchair-adapted van wheeled into the Gazebo area. Erika was lowered out and down on the built-in elevator platform to the smiles and welcome of the spirited volunteers who made it all happen. After appropriate remarks, Sue Marino presented the keys to the van to Dan Daugherty, accompanied

by applause from the attendees. It was a Christmas come early and much appreciated by the family. Other supporters and donators to the project included: The Lions Clubs of Webster, Greece Ridge, Churchville, Hamlin and Penfield, the Amerks Booster Club, The Constantine/Moss Memorial Golf Tournament, AutoCrafting in Henrietta (who donated a TV and DVD player in the van), Celebrity Tours of Rochester, The Sports Connection in Macedon, St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester Italian Charities, Doan Dodge, Barton's Parkside Hots, B&G Services, McGinnity's Restaurant, local bands: Johnny Bauer & The Great Escape, Retroactive and Trailer Jam and many local organizations and hundreds of individuals who gave donations ranging in size from pennies at the schools to \$250 each.

Below: the Daugherty family, David, mother Enza holding Jonathan, Erika, father Dan and members of the Spencerport Lions Club pose for a celebration picture to end the presentation. "We're just overwhelmed and amazed that it happened!" Dan said.



Right: Kathy Hare, a past president of the Spencerport Lions Club, hangs a "Wheels for Erika" T shirt on the railing of the gazebo.



MERL News

Greeting Fellow Lions!

On January 27th, four members of the State MERL Team braved the Western New York weather to conduct a joint seminar between districts 20N and 20E-1. CC Steve Tremaroli, PCC Grant Curtis, PCC Richard Kingman, PDG Earl Williams, and PDG Wilfred Roehe provided some very useful information about Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership to 15 attendees from our district.

The format of the workshop was information sharing, and we were able to hear the concerns of other clubs throughout our district, as well as those of 20N. A number of common problems were identified resulting in the creation of a brief questionnaire (that is similar to the one provided by Lions International PRC-5 EN 7-01). A self-assessment can help identify and address problems that hamper a club's growth and effectiveness.

Club Presidents – please conduct an anonymous membership survey consisting of the following questions:

- Does your club warmly welcome new members?
- Does your club immediately involve new members in activities?
- Do you seek new members who can provide skills your club needs?
- Are "important" activities & responsibilities "reserved" for certain members?
- Have the same club members held the same positions for a number of years?
- Do you encourage members to actively voice their opinions?
- Do you know your members interests and skills?
- Do you encourage them to become involved in activities that interest them?
- Are all your members actively involved in your club?
- Are your members excited & enthusiastic about performing their duties?
- Do any of your members seem bored or restless?
- Has meeting attendance dropped?
- Has participation during your service activities dropped?
- Is there friction between club members?
- Does your club communicate effectively?
- Does your club feel like a unified group?
- Does your club have common goals?
- Do all your members know your club goals?

Compare the member's survey results to your own assessment.

What trends do you see?

Which areas need attention?

Were you surprised about the responses?

Was there a big difference between your assessment and that of club members?

Once you have reviewed the results, develop an action plan to attack the problem areas (and don't be afraid to enlist the help of the members (their comments on the survey are a good place to start). Remember – the worst thing you can do is ignore the results and do nothing. Your members are looking to turn things around and you must take advantage of the opportunity.

VDG Terry Bliss

Youth Band Applications

The deadline to submit applications for the 2007 MD 20 Youth Band is February 15th, 2007

This past November club secretaries should have received a mailing through the state office. It included a cover letter from Lion Bill Gaillard, band director and PDG Royal B Sheldon, Committee Chairman., an application form and Medical Form. If this has been misplaced or you need to access more copies go to the MD 20 website and click on Youth Band. The application form needs to be filled out by your local band director, returned to your club and then all forms are mailed to Lion Bill Gaillard, MD20 Band Director, 662 Wilson Hill Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

The cost to sponsor a student is \$225.00 payable after you receive an acceptance letter from the band. This will be around March 15th, 2007. At that time a check made payable to MD20 Youth Band should be mailed to the MD20 Lions Office, 526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203. Be sure and include the name of the band member.

If your club is not able to sponsor a band member please consider purchasing the raffle tickets that were included in the November mailing. Today's band members could be future Lions...lets give them a chance to find out what Lionism is all about.

If you have any further questions contact Lion Leslie Rheinwald, NY State Youth Band Committee Member (LeslieRheinwald@yahoo.com) or 585-293-2108.

To our Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers,

Are your club reports and dues in on time?

It is becoming more and more critical to get these reports done monthly and dues paid on time.

In July 2006, the Board of Directors of International Lions approved a new policy. Effective July 1, 2007 a club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 150 days will be suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club for a period not to exceed 90 days. Clubs may request a payment plan with the Finance Division to fulfill its obligation to reach good standing within the 90-day suspension period. If not fulfilled their charter would be automatically canceled. With the monthly membership reports not done on time, your club sometimes gets charged incorrectly due to International not having the correct number of members.

Our Lion State dues are equally important. If a club is behind for 90 days on there state dues after being contacted by the District Governor and arraignments not being made for payment, those clubs are now going to be listed in the MD 20 magazine as well as notification of dues past due sent to International. I am happy to say the next MD 20 magazine will not list any of our clubs for state dues!

DG JoAnn

Tribute for PID Howard Conroy Planned

On Saturday, April 21, 2007 the Medina Lions Club will be hosting a dinner tribute for Past International Director Howard Conroy to celebrate his sixty years of service to his club, our district, Lions Camp Badger, and Lions Clubs International. They have a Past International President coming as a guest and this would be a great time to have a spouse's night out and try to show how much we appreciate what Lion Howard has done.

Zone Chairman John McElwain can answer specific questions on how your club can participate in the event. 585-798-0366 domone@aol.com

Information will be sent to each club soon but now save the date and plan to attend.

YIL, PCC Jim Schiebel

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



WALK FOR SIGHT FIRST II TO BEGIN APRIL 21

I have been talking too many of our Region and Zone Chairs, Leadership and Sight First Coordinators in our district to find no plans for our Walk for Sight First II. I received a detailed report from International showing that from 1/1/2004 to 12/26/2006 our district has given a total of \$6,139 to Sight First II. One club has given \$3,000 and another \$1,000. Four clubs and three individuals have donated the remaining \$2,139.

Sight First II is very important to me. Therefore, I am asking for your assistance in forming a committee to help organize a District Walk for Sight First II. I will be starting the walk on April 21, 2007 to coincide with the State Wide Walk and will be starting it in Medina in Honor of PID Howard Conroy and his 60 Years of Serving in Lionism. This will be the initial stage of the walk that will cross our District from West to East using the Erie Canal Way Trail from Medina to Fairport.

I am looking for Lions to help support me on this walk by either joining me in walking through their towns or regions, sponsoring me on the walk, and possibly helping me with meals and lodging along the route.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in helping in any way.

Yours in Lions,
District Governor JoAnn Rodgers



Past International Director Howard Conroy's 60th Anniversary!

The Medina Lions Club is proud and pleased to
invite you to a celebration honoring
P.I.D. Howard Conroy's
60th Anniversary in Lionism.

Please join us on
Saturday, April 21, 2007
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner—Prime Rib and Shrimp & Scallop Kabobs

The Apple Orchard Inn
11004 West Center Street
Medina, New York 14103



P.I.D. Howard & his
wife, Sylvia



P.I.P. Kay K. Fukushima
Keynote Speaker

Reservations: \$25 per person
RSVPs must be received no later than April 18, 2007

Please complete and return the form below and mail with your
check or money order payable to:

Medina Lions Club
PO Box 511
Medina, NY 14103

In lieu of gifts, Lion Howard has requested that clubs or
individuals may make a donation in his name to the
Lions Camp Badger.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NAME OF THE LIONS CLUB YOU ARE REPRESENTING: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS INCLUDED: _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF A VEGETARIAN MEAL IS REQUIRED.

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!

EVENT CALENDAR

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

February 2007

- 11: Winterfest - Churchville
- 12: Blood Drive -SUNY Brockport

March 2007

- 2-3: Minstrel Show - Wellsville
- 3: Spaghetti Dinner -Walworth
- 4: District 20E1 Cabinet Meeting - Kendall

April 2007

- 21: Walk for Sight First II Begins
- 21: PID Howard Conroy Tribute
- 27-29: MD20 Convention
- 1-30: Geranium Orders - Gates

NOTE:

For DG JoAnn's visitation schedule, or for more information on these events, please visit www.lions20E1.org.

If you have an event you wish to add to this calendar or to the district website, please contact us at news@lions20E1.org. We do make an effort to include dates that have been listed in your club newsletters, but cannot guarantee that all dates will be included unless submitted directly.

All events should also be submitted to District 20E1 Activities and Special Events Committee Chair PDG Leo Lejeune at lejeunl@alfredstate.edu



Lions, a Family Affair

On December 12, 2006, PDG Peter Neidrauer has the privilege of inducting his mother and sister into the Churchville Lions Club. They are Lions Ruth Wallace and Rev. Liz Meacham. Lion Peter has been a member of the club since 1984, His son Steven, joined the Churchville Lions Club in 1993 and his wife, Nancy joined in 1995. PDG Peter's soon to be daughter-in-law Danielle joined the club in 2003.

- **what is YOUR club's special story? Please share it with us by sending it to news@lions20E1.org**

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 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-TwentyE1 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.