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District Governor's Message:

Greetings!

The "Triple T" membership/extension/retention workshop was held at the Batavia School for the Blind on Feb. 2nd with 25 Lions from District 20N and 20E-1 in attendance. The facilitators were Mark and Retta Nelson from Utah.

In typical fashion, their flight arrived Friday in Buffalo 4 hours late and that night they also suffered a power outage at their downtown Buffalo hotel. Their alarm never went off and they were still sleeping when 20N DG Ken Butkowski arrived the next morning to pick them up for the seminar. We welcomed them to the wonderful winter weather of WNY !

Undaunted, they put on a very nice presentation that received high marks from those in attendance.

They stressed that we need to ask potential new members to join us in fundraisers and projects to learn more about what Lions do. This can be more beneficial than asking them to attend a dinner meeting because a "hands on" experience is more gratifying than sitting back and listening to what the club is doing. Don't be afraid to ASK if they'd like to join.

From a retention perspective, we need to ensure all our existing members are kept busy, not just the same few. Since time is a precious commodity, meetings should be conducted with agendas to en-

sure all points are covered quickly and efficiently. We also need to provide appropriate, meaningful recognition for a job well done. A timely thank you note, or small gift presented soon after an activity may be more appreciated than a large plaque at the end of the year. Throw in a good tail twister, a program director, and some fun and you have a winner every time.

All good advice for keeping members interested and our clubs functioning smoothly.

STRIKE UP THE BAND !

Starting in November, each club should have received a packet from the MD20 State Office containing forms needed to sponsor a student in the MD20 Lions Youth band. Students who are sponsored will participate at the MD20 State Convention in Niagara Falls beginning with a rehearsal on May 1, 2008. The deadline for applications is March 1st.

Additional forms can be obtained by accessing the MD20 Lions website and clicking on "Youth Band". The band makes a world of difference at our convention, and the students really benefit from the experience. If you will not be sponsoring a student, please consider purchasing the raffle tickets that were included in the packet. Sales enable the Youth Band Committee to function and provide students with this unique opportunity. Any questions can be directed to

Lion Leslie Rheinwald, State Youth Band Chairman, 6059 Buffalo Rd., Churchville, N.Y. 14428. E-mail: LeslieRheinwald@yahoo.com or phone 585-293-2108.

Reminder - We are very excited to be starting a new club in the Pittsford/Brighton/Henrietta area in March, and are looking for anyone interested in assisting with this endeavor. In order to accomplish this, an LCI facilitated extension workshop will be held March 6-8 that includes both classroom instruction and hands on field work. It promises to be a very exciting, rewarding experience, so please consider participating. Be a part of the formation of a new club. The knowledge and experience you gain could then be used to strengthen membership in your own club. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me at tbliss2715@aol.com.

Presidents - How are the club surveys going ? If you have used them, please let me know.

Don't forget that I truly enjoy installing new members and presenting awards . Please keep this in mind if I have not yet visited your club. Thanks to those Presidents who have allowed me this honor in their clubs.

YIL,
DG Terry



Around the District ..

The **Wellsville Lions Club** recently donated \$5,500 to the Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corps (WVAC) for the purchase of a cargo trailer for the WVAC Mass Casualty Response Program. In 2007, WVAC was successful in obtaining a large FEMA grant to purchase equipment, and part of that included equipment needed for responding to a Mass Casualty Incident, or any scenario involving 10 or more people injured. Examples include school bus accidents, industrial accidents and violent acts committed in a public place. The equipment and supplies include backboards, blankets, oxygen, trauma dressings and other items needed for treating up to 50 people. The trailer purchased with the Wellsville Lions Club donation will be dedicated to storing the equipment so it will always be ready for any response as needed.



The Wellsville Lions Charities Inc. presents a \$5,500 check to the Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corps to purchase a cargo trailer needed to support their Mass Casualty Response Program. Pictured left to right are Roger Moyer, First Vice President, Wellsville Lions Club, Bill Day, Sr. EMS Chief and Dan Martelle, Administrative Assistant, WVAC, and Robin Rhodes, Past President, Wellsville Lions Club.

The **Irondequoit Lions Club** members have been busy these past couple months. In December the members participated in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. (Pictured at right are Lions Earl Sweet, LuAnn Rodgers, prospective new member Mike and Lion Scott Davis.)



Members stuffed 40 Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army that were handed out to young children and also purchased a double 12 cup coffee maker for the group home that the club has supported for over 20 years.



The club sold entertainment books and raffled off a deceased members' Lions vest with pins at the Region Meeting, which enabled the club to purchase a Mars Sensitivity Kit for the Association for the Blind Low Vision Clinic. Winners of the vest were none other than Immediate PDG JoAnn Rodgers and Region Chair Dan Rodgers.

The club's big fund raiser is in the works. They are putting together placemats to be used at Keenan's Restaurant the week of St. Patrick's Day-starting March 15th through March 22nd. Approximately 3,000 placemats will be used. Ads are \$50 for a business card size. If anyone is interested in advertising please contact Lion President Bill Davis at 585-544-1853.

Also the club will be hosting their 50th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 22nd at Camp Eastman. This has become a tradition in the town where generations of families come back to participate.



by PDG Jon LeGro,
20- E1 District Coordinator

I have been asked what my strategy is for the last five months of this campaign. It is time to quit pulling my punches and hit home. It is to harass, shame and plead to build greater pride in being a Lion. As Lions we will fight blindness around the world in person and through the international association. If you and your club have not contributed, why not? As individual Lions, we should each include Lion foundations in our charitable gifts. As Lion Clubs, we are obligated by our charter to support international Lions activities. Tell me how you can disagree with this?

On February 20th a worldwide report of all donations will be assembled. This will include donations not yet recorded but reported by the coordinators as approved to be sent in. At present in 20-E1, \$54,707 has been approved and \$49,623 has been recorded by LCIF-CSFII. Total CSFII funds worldwide are \$132,037,659. There is good indication that the report will include that the initial campaign goal of \$150 million dollars has been exceeded.

If we are to be proud of our part in meeting this goal, it is very important that each club and each Lion in 20-E1 plan now to support CSFII this spring. Eleven of our 44 clubs or 25% of district clubs have not approved a contribution. Eight clubs are between \$50 and \$499, four between \$500 and \$999, fourteen between \$1,000 and \$1,999, four between \$2,000 and \$4,999 and three clubs have contributed between \$5,000 and \$10,049. As of last report, only 20 district Lions were known to have made individual donations or pledges.

Time now to get on board! Make a commitment, write that check, or pledge to pay over the next 3 years.

Welcome New Lions:

Congratulations to the "magnificent seven" new lions inducted into the Churchville Lions Club by DG Terry on Jan. 22nd.

Brittany Profit
(sponsor Lion Leslie Rheinwald)
Elaine Pommeening
(sponsor Lion Steven Neidrauer)
Pam Brunell
(sponsor Lion Bill Brunell)
Jim Gadshall
Debbie Campanella
Charles Campanella
Bill Maysick
(all sponsored by
Lion Jim Ehrmentraut)

Congratulations to the "thrilling three" new Lions inducted into the Medina Lions Club by DG Terry on Feb. 5th.

Earl Bell
(sponsor Lion Bob Winters)
Chris Keller
(sponsor Lion President
Jim Hancock)
Christine Limina
(sponsor Lion RC John McElwain)

Congratulations to another "thrilling three" recently inducted Cal-Mum Lions:

Mario Gianforte
(sponsored by Lion President
Harry Wolanske)
Rick Stone
(sponsored by Lion Sec. Joe Wild)
Dave Fisher
(sponsored by Lion Ken Fisher)



Churchville Lions Induction Ceremony
Back row:(L-R) Charlie Campanella, DG Terry Bliss, Jim Godshall, Bill Maysick, Brittany Profit, Pam Brunelle
Seated:(L-R)Elaine Pommerening, Debbie Campanella

Date:
Saturday April 5,
2008
Time:
5:00-9:00pm
Location:
SUNY
Broekport
New York Room
Cooper Hall
Price: Tickets \$50/
person

For More Information:
Contact:
Dean Bowen or
Lauren Evans
585-395-2629

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Dr. Lauren Lieberman
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Send check of \$50
payable to The
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to
Dr. Lauren Lieberman
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*A Loss of Sight
Never A Loss of Vision*

Camp Abilities Auction 2008

Camp Abilities is a non for profit week long developmental sports camp for children ages 9-19 who have visual impairments or who are deafblind. Our main purpose is to empower children with visual impairments or deafblindness to be physically active and productive members of their schools, communities and society.

5-6:30pm
Silent Auction

6:30-7:30pm
Dinner

7:30-8:30pm
Live Auction

Come support a wonderful cause!



How Webster Lions Camp Smile Can Help You

The Webster Lions Camp Smile Inc. would like to inform all District 20 E1 clubs about Camp Smile's desire to help with their charitable causes involving blind or visually impaired children.

If your club is raising money for a special cause involving a needy child, you can contact us to see how we can help.

In the past we have helped with Vision screeners and costs incurred from traveling to and from eye surgeries.

We will need general information about the need and contact information from the sponsoring Lions Club.

Contact us at websterlionsclub@aol.com.

The **Cuba Lions Club** presented the Cuba Circulating Library a check for \$2,000 in January to purchase large print books, audio tapes, and other devices to aid the sight and hearing impaired patrons who use the library.



This past Christmas season, the **Attica Lions Club** members were out ringing the bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Due to the generosity of shoppers, club members were able to raise just over \$1,800.



This past fall the **Varysburg Lions Club** held an eyeglass collecting contest between the fourth graders at Sheldon Elementary School. The winning class received a pizza party. The students collected over 400 pairs of glasses for recycling to the needy. They should be congratulated for their spirit of volunteerism.



The **Varysburg Lions Club** met recently to assemble food baskets for the needy of the community. Members put together 100 baskets to pass out. Meeting in the basement of Lion Ray Luce, there were boxes of food from one end of the basement to the other. Several Lions showed up to help.

The Varysburg Lions have been doing this project for over 40 years. It started out with 8-10 baskets and has grown to 100 this year. The Lions pay for all the food that is passed out.

Vision Screener Training Held

At a recent meeting of local Lions Clubs, a training session was held on a new camera, the Welch Allyn Vision Screener. This camera can now be used to detect some vision problems in young children. The camera is mainly for preschoolers, to catch a problem before the child enters school. It is a child-friendly instrument that automatically screens vision in just seconds, addressing an eye chart's compliance problems and making screening of young children easier for everyone. It will not diagnose the problem, but it will advise the family of a problem and then the family is directed to seek the advice of an eye doctor.

The camera will be used by Attica, Batavia, Oakfield-Alabama and Varysburg Lions Clubs. There is another camera that is being used by the Albion, Clarendon, Kendall, Lyndonville and Medina Lions Clubs. If necessary, either area can use both cameras to do a screening.

The camera was purchased by donations from the listed Lions Clubs and grants obtained through the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Camp Abilities Foundation and the District 20E1 Sight and Life Fund.



How to get your club's information in The Roaring Twent-E1

Send copies of your club newsletter or a note with information about your club's activities to news@lions20E1.org or to Editor Regina Arlauckas at PO Box 363, Churchville NY 14428. Electronic submission of articles and photographs is preferred, as it reduces processing time and potential errors in information.

For the latest information and more detail on events visit the district website at

www.lions20E1.org

If you have an event you wish to add to the Roaring Twent-E1 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

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

State Youth Band Reminder

March 1st is the deadline for submitting applications for the 2008 State Youth Band. Application and Medical forms are available at the MD20 website by clicking on *Youth Band*. All application, medical forms, and \$5.00 application Fee in the form of a check, made payable to MD20, should be mailed to William Gaillard, 662 Wilson Hill Rd., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

Once the Band is chosen the Lions Club will receive notification of acceptance. This is when \$225.00 per band student should be mailed to the state office. Make the check payable to MD20 Youth Band and include the name(s) of student(s) covered by the payment. Mail this payment to MD20 Lions Office, 526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203.

Also please remember to sell the raffle tickets included in the original mailing. This helps support the Youth Band Activities at the convention. Raffle tickets and money should be sent to the State office.

If you have any questions please contact Lion Leslie Rheinwald, State Youth Band Chairman, 585-293-2108 or LeslieRheinwald@yahoo.com.

Date Change:

Please note that Camp Abilities will be held June 29 - July 5, 2008 at the SUNY Brockport Campus.

More information on Camp Abilities can be found at www.campabilities.org

Please support the Camp Abilities Auction on Saturday, April 5th, 2008

EVENT CALENDAR

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

March

- 2/29 - 1: Wellsville Lions Minstrel Show
- 1: Horse Races - Hilton
- 1: Spaghetti Dinner - Walworth
- 2: Churchville Lions vs. Leos Basketball Game
- 6-8: Extension Workshop
- 8: Angelica 200 Club
- 9: Avon Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 9: District Cabinet Meeting
- 14: Lions Day with the UN
- 16: Dansville Lions Chicken BBQ
- 22: Irondequoit Lions 50th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- 29: Hilton Lions Horse Races

April

- 3-5: Dansville Lions Minstrel Show
- 5: Camp Abilities Auction
- 5-6: Andover Lions Maple Festival and Sportsman's Show
- 12-13: Camp Badger Work Weekend
- 19: CSFII Activity
- 26: Hilton Lions Club 40th Anniversary Dinner
- 26-27: Wellsville Lions Trout Derby

May:

- 2-4: State Convention - Niagara Falls
- 18: DG's Testimonial Brunch



Reminders of Upcoming Events:

Our January – June dues period is upon us. Please see your club Secretary if you have not already done so.

Club Nominating Committee meetings should take place in February. Nominations for 2008-2009 officers are due in to Lions International by mid April, 2008.

Extension Workshop – March 6-8, 2008
in Pittsford / Brighton / Henrietta area.

Camp Badger work weekend - April 12 & 13, 2008

CSFII Activity – April 19, 2008

State Convention: May 2-4, 2008 in Niagara Falls.

Officer Training workshops in early June (one session in Wellsville on June 3 and one in Kendall on June 9)

The International Convention will be held June 23-27, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Camp Abilities will be held June 29-July 5 at the SUNY Brockport campus. Donations are needed. Contact Lion Cindy Giali (585-395-0482) for more details.