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Welcome New Lions



The **Kendall Lions Club** welcomes new Lions Helen Unterborn (sponsored by Randy Unterborn) and Doug Urquhart (sponsored by Brett Ernenwein). We are all looking forward to serving with you !

The **Hamlin Lions** welcome new members Ron & Roberta Fey, and Don and Josie Rickert.

At a recent dinner meeting, the **Webster Lions Club** inducted two new members. Ken Newton was sponsored by Lion Bob McNeil. He joined after his daughter, a Lion in the Adirondack area, suggested he check out the Lions. Brian Wahl was sponsored by his grandfather, Don Dreher, who has been a member of the Gates Lions Club for over 56 years.



L to R Lion President Dave Bardusch,
New Lion Ken Newton, New Lion Brian Wahl,
Lion Don Dreher

Wellsville Lions Club Makes Doation to Hospital

At a recent meeting of the Wellsville Lions Club, 1st Vice- President Kevin Gildner presented a \$5000.00 check to Robert Bruckner, Chief Financial Officer of Jones Memorial Hospital. The money will go toward enhancing Ophthalmic Surgery Services already available at the Hospital.



For years the residents of Wellsville and surrounding communities have benefited from the quality and proximity of the Ophthalmic Surgery care available at Jones Memorial, but equipment and space limitations have prevented enhancement of these services. The money provided by the Wellsville Lions Club, along with others, will be used for the purchase of additional equipment and for the upgrade of an operating room used for ophthalmic surgeries.



Cuba Lions Support Salvation Army

From just before Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, 189 different people from churches, schools and service organizations in Cuba and Friendship made a "joyful noise" by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and raised about \$6,000 for people in need in the Cuba-Friendship area. 22 Lions, as well as members of their families, participated in this project.

In addition to their support of the Salvation Army, the Cuba Lions also gave financial support to the Cuba Holiday Assistance Program that gives food and purchase stipends to needy families in the area.

District Governor's Message:

Greetings...

First I would like to wish PDG Marv all the best on his recovery from surgery. I know I speak for all the District our hope for a speedy recovery and your return to Lionism.

Not that it will do any good but I'm tired of winter. I had my first cancelation of a visit due the weather. I thought by scheduling those close I would avoid the weather problem but last Wednesday's weather forced me to cancel a visit. We're now past the half way point in our year and there still a lot of work that needs to be done. Our next Leadership meeting will be held February 7 at the Town Hall in Avon. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. We start at 10:00 am and are finished by 12:00 pm.

On Feb 13 at Maher Lodge in Churchville there will be the initial training for camera coordinators of those clubs and regions participating in the Lion SEE program. Please contact me if you would like to attend but have not received notice. On the next day the Avon Lions with the help of many from around the district will be holding a free pancake breakfast in Mt. Morris. The purpose of this meeting is to show the people of Mt. Morris what Lionism has to offer their community and hopefully recruit more members. The Dansville Lions will be doing Pre-school eye screenings and there will also be diabetic screening available as well. If you would be interested in helping out please contact me and I'll direct you in the right direction.

Also mark you calendar. The next cabinet meeting is scheduled for March 15 in Avon. A social hour will begin at 9:00 am with the meeting beginning at 9:45. The meeting will be held in Avon at the town hall. Please have any reports to me that need to be copied one week in advance.

As you are reading this in this month's issue of the Roaring 20-E1, I encourage all clubs to send your news articles and pictures in on a timely basis. By getting your material in to the editor on time we can be sure of getting our newsletter out to the members of our district on time. We need you help! Remember we are looking

for photos of your club's activities. We can then share with others around our district and the state what great activities the clubs of District 20-E1 have.

During the next few month's lets not forgot about our membership goals. I have heard great news from many clubs in the District. Walworth has been going at great guns on new members! I had reports from Webster, Fairport, Cuba, of many new members. I have had the privilege to induct many new members. Keep it up. We are slowly gaining on the drop in membership that was recorded at the beginning of the year. If you club has not done so, try having a new member recruitment night. Invite prospective new members. Show them what Lionism is all about.

In his recent news letter our international President Al reminds us about the importance of increasing membership. As Al says...

"Are you...

- **Targeting young people, women or men if few in your club, and members of specific professional groups?**
- **A "family-friendly" Lions Club?**
- **Using marketing and public relations techniques to their best effect?**
- **Working closely with your district's MERL team?**
- **Making membership development a 365-day a year priority?"**

Check out the International website for many great resources for making you membership drives a success. Most of them are free. With the tough economic times finding new members may become more difficult but we must also realize that with these tough time there will be more individuals who will need our assistance. Lets work together to "Hook" those new members that will enable our clubs to continue to perform those "Miracles Through Service."

Around the District ..

Kendall Lions Club

On a cold and windy night in early December, the Kendall Lions sponsored a Town Christmas Tree lighting and carol singing at the new town park. Many community members and children participated. A reception followed, by the Kendall Town Board at the town hall, of a hot beverage and some sweets. This was truly a community event. This began years ago, and then halted for a few years, and now resurrected again. Many are hoping, that it will continue next year, and beyond.

The Lions also became bell ringers at the Sav-A-Lot in Albion for a day. There were many donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund and lots of Lion manpower.

At the Lions Christmas party, thanks to auctioneer Bob Ryan and many eager bidders, over \$125 was raised, which will be donated to the Kendall Food Shelf. Items were donated for decorations, and later bid on. Everyone had a great time socializing and relaxing before the arrival of Santa.

New this December was a Spirit of Christmas Decoration Recognition for home decorations in the community. Eleven families and their homes were recognized. Each received a framed certificate on Christmas Eve, and were very excited.

For January, a club visitation to the Hamlin Lions is planned. This follows the goals of the International Association of Lions Club President Al Brandel who urges clubs to make visitations. On Saturday, January 31 the club is having a take out chicken bar-b-que to benefit the Walter Rutland Family. For tickets see a Lion or call Chairman Phil D'Agostino of Kendall.

We also will be selling our February Lottery tickets for the Emergency Relief Fund at \$5 each; see a Kendall Lion for tickets. In our next several meetings we will be inducting several new members. Check out the club's website at: www.lionskendallny.org, for information on the Kendall Lions.

Batavia Lions Club

The Batavia Lions provided \$1,493 worth of food gift cards and blankets for Batavian who needed help at Christmas. The club hosted a community Christmas dinner, attended by 156 people, at which gifts were given to children. They raised over \$1,500 for Salvation Army when they manned the red kettles at Tops Grocery. The club sponsored a successful holiday basketball tournament, won by Batavia High. They approved spending up to \$200 for an eye exam and glasses for a Batavian in need and contributed \$50 to Camp Badger. Members also collected 467 pairs of glasses and 5 hearing aids.



Churchville Lions Club

The Churchville Lions Club has donated 100 walkers, 54 Porta Commodes, wheelchairs and other miscellaneous medical equipment from their Medical Loan Closet. This medical equipment will go to hospitals in Nigeria. Also donated were 8 hospital beds, mattresses and bed rails, which will go to hospitals in Cameroon.

Pictured below are members of the Churchville Lions Club.



More from Around the District ..

Catching up with... The Irondequoit Lions Club



Betty Sheridan has become the newest member of the Irondequoit Lions Club being sworn in at the October 27th. meeting by PDG John Rabideau, and sponsored by Lion Judy Davis. (PDG John and new Lion Betty pictured at left)

left to right are Lion Ed Bott, a recent transfer to the Irondequoit Club from Iowa, Lion John Rabideau, Lion JoAnn Rodgers and Lion Irv Confino.

Guests at the meeting included Terry Buford from the Irondequoit Library system who was presented with a check for \$150.00 to be used for the purchase of books on CD. Grace Scullen from Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan was also there and brought us up to date on the latest happenings at the school. She was presented with a check for \$150.00 for the school.

Staff members from the Low Vision Clinic at the Association for the Blind were presented with a check for \$260.00 to purchase a Victor Reader which will be demonstrated at a upcoming joint meeting in February at the Agency.

Over the past three months the club has held several vision screenings at area day care centers and about 30 children were screened. Other activities that the members have been busy with were hosting another bingo night at the Shire which is an assisted living community,

spent a Saturday morning in November helping to organize the Irondequoit Food Cupboard, and stuffing Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army. In lieu of a meeting in December members braved the weather (extremely cold and snowy) and rang the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Members enjoyed holiday fun at the Long Acre Group Home which the club has sponsored for over 25 years. The residents were presented with a new griddle so they could enjoy their own pancake breakfasts.

At our January 26th. meeting Lion Ed Bott was presented with the Key Award by President Barb Genier. Lion Ed brought in several new members while being a very active member of the Lions Club in Iowa. The award took several months to catch up with him because of his move to the Rochester area and the Irondequoit Lions Club is very proud to have Lion Ed as a new addition to our club.



Irondequoit Town Supervisor Mary Ellen Heyman will be our guest speaker at the February 9th. meeting and will be discussing the proposed changes to the Medley Center as well as the proposed changes to the town's senior center.

February 23rd. a joint meeting is planned at the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Goodwill Industries with Ruth Phinney from Reachout Radio as guest speaker and if time permits a tour of the Agency, along with the possibility of an update on expansion plans for the Agency.

As one of our fund raisers 2009 Entertainment books are still being sold for \$20.00. Contact Lion JoAnn Rodgers at 585-467-0311. The club also plans to again have our placemat with ads purchased from various businesses used at Keenan's Restaurant on Ridge Road in Irondequoit during the week of St. Patrick's day, March 14th to the 21st. Ads are \$50.00 for business card size and can be purchased by contacting Lion Bill Davis at 585-544-1853.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The Walworth Lions Club's thirty-fifth annual spaghetti dinner will take place Saturday, March 7 at Freewill School. This event funds our awards to graduating seniors at Wayne and Gananda High Schools and our Dollars for Scholars donations.

EVENT CALENDAR

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

For more details on these events, including times, locations, and contact information please visit www.lions20E1.org

FEBRUARY

- 8: Churchville Lions Club Winterfest Chicken BBQ
- 14: Lions Camp Badger Valentines Day Dinner Dance

MARCH

- 7: Walworth Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

APRIL

- 1-30: Gates Lions Club Geranium pre-sales.
- 2-4: Dansville Lions Club Minstrel Show

MAY

- 2: Clarendon Lions Club Spring Craft Show
- 9: Gates Lions Club Geranium Sale

JUNE

- 16: Gates Lions Famous Sausage Roast



Does Your Club have an upcoming event?
Are you selling something?
Would you like other Lions to be able to support **your** club's activity?

Send your event date and a short article to news@lions20e1.org **PLUS**

use the **Event Calendar** at www.lions20E1.org to provide information on ticket sales, who to contact, dates, times and locations. You can even attach your event flyer.

Camp Abilities Auction

Date: Sunday April 5, 2009

Time: 5:00-7:30pm

Location: SUNY Brockport
Cooper Hall
New York Room

Price: Tickets \$20/person

5-6:30 pm Silent Auction Open
7:00 pm Winners Announced

5-7:30 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar Available

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Never A Loss of Vision*

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YOUR
FRIENDS!**

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

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