



# The ROARING TWENT-E1



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The Genesee District of the Empire State

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## District Governor's Message: Giving the Gift of Sight for Christmas

I hope all of you had a Wonderful Holiday Season and are off to a Very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Thanks to many of you, your District Governor has now gone full circle. On December 18, the East Rochester Community Resource Center called the Lions Club phone number in the phone book, which is actually PDG Bel Swarts. As we do not have a club there, PDG Bel gave them my number as District Governor. A young man in East Rochester needed to get to The Beaumont Hospital in Michigan for surgery on December 20.

The Community Center has been working with this family that has had one misfortune after another. The dad is on Workers Compensation due to over a 1200-pound box falling on his back and crushing vertebrae. Their son was born with what they originally thought was a folded retina of the right eye (totally blind in the right eye same as my son Paul) and extremely near-sighted in the left eye. They now know he actually had a disease called FEVR that caused the blindness in the right eye and found out in November that he had the disease starting in his left eye and it had formed scar tissue that was ready to detach that retina.

The family needed to get to Michigan in two days with no money for the trip. I contacted the clubs in Region 3 Zone 6 in a few hours the four clubs had done an emergency vote to donate \$100.00 per club.

I then contacted the DG in Michigan and he gave me the name and number of the Secretary of the Royal Oak Lions Club. Their club met the family in the waiting room, brought the parents down for lunch during surgery, picked up the key for their hotel room and then went back to check on the family. The Pres. and Sec. of the club went back, brought the dad to dinner and brought back dinner to the mom and the young man.

Through all working together we were able to do exactly what was done in 1973 for my family when we were first introduced to Lions starting with PDG Bel Swarts and the Boston Lions Club. If I were not DG this year I would have never been able to see another young man receive "THE GIFT OF SIGHT" from our Lions for Christmas.

I talked to the family on Jan 5. He went that morning to his doctor in Rochester for his first eye check up since surgery. That doctor said, "They could not ask for anything better-he is doing great-no infections and the eye is healing fast. His eyesight is already better than before surgery but it will improve as weeks go on."

On January 25, 2007, he again has to go back to Michigan for a check up with his surgeons, Doctors Trese and Capone and then will have to go back again to check if the "oil bubble" they put in to protect the retina dissolved on its own or needs another surgery to remove it.

Talking with the Community Center and the Dad, I think when things settle down for the family and they get on their feet we may have them in our family of Lions. They still need our help financially for at least two more visits to Michigan. The Michigan Lions have told me to keep them informed and they will again be there.

The dad told me he could not explain how great it felt having "Support in Michigan" when he knew no one there. He felt like they were part of his family. Dan and I know because you did that for us in 1973!

By the way, the week before all of this I went to my son's new eye doctor with him. We found out that his eye is starting to weaken and is hanging on by a thread due to scar tissue. Paul may be going in the future to Doctors Trese and Capone since they are specialists on retinal diseases of premature birth and have saved eyesight of many individuals around the world that have been sent to them. Paul's new doctor - the same doctor that sent our young man to Michigan! This has now given Paul, Dan and I hope as well.

God Bless You All, Thank you for all you do and please, continue doing what you truly do best - "WE SERVE".

Yours in Lions,  
DG JoAnn

# Around the District...

## Brockport Lions Club

The Brockport Lions recently sponsored a pancake breakfast that raised \$3,000 which was donated in its entirety to the Debbie Hamlin Transplant Fund. Debbie Hamlin, a Brockport resident, currently is at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC awaiting a double lung transplant. Proceeds will be used to defray living expenses incurred by the family during their extended stay. 19 Brockport Lions were assisted by members of the Brockport Fire Department and coupled with the generosity of Ryan's Big-M which donated all of the necessary food made this a "We Serve" event for the Brockport Lions.

## Churchville Lions Club



On December 16, 2006 17 Churchville Lions stood in the middle of the highway at the lone signal light in the Village of Churchville, handing out candy canes to passers by. (see photo above)

This has become an annual Christmas gift to the community for its support of the many Lions projects. 700 candy canes and Thank Yous were given out in one hour without a penny collected.

## Gates Lions Club

Lion Cubs Trish O'Brian and Joe Burwick were inducted at the Gates Lions Club Christmas Party in an impressive ceremony led by Past International Director Lion John Rabideau, a Churchville Lion.

## Hamlin Lions Club

The Hamlin Lions along with the Hamlin Fire Dept. and Hamlin Seniors rang the bell in Tops Market before Christmas. Over \$8000 was collected. We would like to thank the community for their generosity. Picture above is Dave Soper who ran the program



## Walworth Lions Club

The Walworth Lions Club recently made a donation of \$100 toward a seventeen year old East Rochester youth's eye surgery to repair a detached retina. A donation of \$100 to Caring Friends of Wayne County was also made.

## Webster Lions Club

Although the Webster Lions Club lost one of their 30-year members and best pancake flipper, Rob Manning, this fall, the Club served 275 people at their FREE pancake breakfast with Santa for a net profit of \$880. The Club added the remaining \$120 to make an even \$1,000 donation to Christopher's Challenge. The purpose of Christopher's Challenge is to pay for the typing of samples for individuals



willing to become potential donors through the National Marrow Donor Program. Christopher's Challenge is also able to assist with patients' costs not covered by insurance, as well as the many amenities that have been added to the Bone Marrow Unit at Strong Memorial Hospital, such as cots, recliners, laptop computers, and DVD players.

Webster members also gathered to pack bags totaling \$1,000 worth of food at Halloween, Thanksgiving and again at Christmas to be given to 25 needy families chosen by the Holy Trinity Church in Webster. In addition, each family was given a \$25 gift card from Wegmans to be used for special items not included in the bags.



The Webster Lions Club donated \$5,000 to the Freedom Guide Dogs to defray some of the cost of training a replacement dog a local gentleman. At the December 11th meeting, the club heard a presentation by Eric Loori from Freedom Guide Dogs and Curt and his new dog, Kobe. Curt is legally blind and employed through the ABVI-Goodwill store in Webster. He walks from his home nearby to his job every day on a very busy road. The new dog will enable him to continue working and walking more safely.



# DISTRICTS 20-N & 20-E1 JOINT MERL WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2007

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration begins  
at 9:30 am

Lunch will be provided

**FREE TO ALL ATTENDEES!!!**

## NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

24 Richmond Ave.

Batavia, New York 14020

MD-20 MERL Team  
Members

(Membership, Extension,  
Retention and Leadership)  
are coming to town to show us  
how to grow our clubs!!!

## Interactive! Hands-On! Brainstorming!

EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE A  
FREE GIFT FOR ATTENDING!  
AND YOU WILL LEAVE WITH  
IDEAS THAT CAN BE PUT TO  
USE IMMEDIATELY!

### WHO'S INVITED?

ALL District MERL Team  
Members!  
Club Membership Chairs!  
ALL LIONS!

#### Please contact:

VDG Ken Butkowski, II (N) at  
(716) 583-9252  
or VDG Terry Bliss (E1)  
at (585) 659-2715  
to reserve your seat.  
**Space is limited.**

## 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:

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Kendall, NY 14476  
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## WALK FOR SIGHT FIRST II TO BEGIN APRIL 21

I have been talking to 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

## NEWS YOU CAN USE:

### Churchville Lions bring Circus to Town

The Billy Martin's Cole All Star Circus is coming to Churchville on Saturday, January 20th at 7:00p. m. in the Churchville High School Gym "A". Advanced sale tickets are available by contacting Lion Leslie Rheinwald (293-2108 or LeslieRheinwald@yahoo.com)

The cost for pre-sale tickets are \$8.00 which entitles one adult to bring two children for free. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00. Any additional children are \$5.00 each. These tickets will be sold at the door only, on show day.

Come enjoy a fun filled evening at the Circus.

# EVENT CALENDAR

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

### January 2007

- 16: Hands Across the Border Days In at the Falls Niagara Falls, NY
- 20: Circus - Churchville
- 26: Las Vegas Night - Walworth
- 30: Armchair Races - Hamlin

### February 2007

- 11: Winterfest - Churchville

### March 2007

- 4: District 20E1 Cabinet Meeting - Kendall

### April 2007

- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lejeunl@alfredstate.edu)



## Environmental Photo Contest

Every Lion (from a club in good standing) can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

The purpose of the photo contest is to showcase the beauty of nature. In 1972, Lions Clubs International made a commitment to protecting the environment.

Lions can enter photographs of their environment (without people) in one of the following five categories:

1. urban or natural landscape
2. animal life
3. plant life
4. weather phenomena
5. a special annual theme

Winning club-level photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Registered attendees of the Lions international convention will vote for the six (includes Best of Show) international photo contest winners.

The six photos will appear on this Web site and in Headquarters edition of THE LION Magazine. The six Lions photographers will receive an award.

- For Photo Contest Rules, [click here](#).
- For Photo Contest - Club Information, [click here](#).

Photos can be digital, print (with negative) or positive film (slide) photographs.

Entries in the **District 20E1** contest must be submitted to Environmental Photo Contest Chair Lion Nancy Neidrauer no later than **January 29<sup>th</sup>**.

In early February, a winner will be chosen from our district to be submitted to Multiple District 20, and the winner of that contest will be sent on to the Lions International Contest.

**For more information:** on how to submit your entry or hold a club contest, contact Lion Nancy Neidrauer at [peter.neidrauer@gmail.com](mailto:peter.neidrauer@gmail.com).