



The ROARING TWENTY-E1



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District Governor's Message



District 20-E1 did a great job hosting the State Convention May 12-14. All went very smoothly, with a fantastic Thursday evening, with food, games of chance and music. What a way to start a convention. The Opening session and Flag Ceremony proved that we are serving the world. New to the State Convention this year were the many vendors. We had many seminars to attend and they were well received.

Our guest speaker was Past International President Kay K. Fukusima. He provided incentive talks at the Trading Pin Breakfast, Melvin Jones Lunch, Lions Lunch as well as being the keynote presenter at the opening convention session. He and his wife, Denise, provide a wonderful presents at the Convention.

On Saturday, Lion Don Rutherford and his team (Gates Lions, Gates, Chile, Churchville and Penfield Leos) provided a world class float in the Lilac Parade. They made the Lions proud. Sunday Morning the float was on display in the convention center for all to see up close.

We (Lions) were on TV, on the radio and in the papers. The PR committee provided coverage of not only the convention, but also of many other lions' projects. Hats off to you on a job well done.

What a way to conclude a year by hosting the 82nd State Convention!

We also did many other things:

- 50,000 eye glasses recycled
- Camp Badger dining hall project, phase 2
- Photo screening started in the south area of our district
- Hundreds of local community projects that our lions club do so well

Thank you for a great, informative and wonderful year.

DG Pete



DG Peter receives a gift from his grandson at the Testimonial Dinner.



PID John Rabideau served as the Master of Ceremonies, as DG Peter's theme of Lions at Work was highly visible



Lion Rich Giali (Churchville) receives recognition at the dinner for his work as District Sight and Life Conservation Committee chair



SOMETHING GREAT IS COMING
NOVEMBER 5, 2005

Lions Buy \$4 million TV at Auction



During the Convention First Nighter, more than 20 Lions from Districts K2 and E1 pooled their casino night winnings to successfully bid on the big item for the night, a 20 inch TV, which was then donated to Lions Camp Badger.

Pictured are (L to R), Lion June Knapp (E1), Lion Cathleen Pinnella (K2), DG John Pinnella (K2), Lion Matt Arlauckas (E1), Lion Don Knapp (E1), Lion Regina Arlauckas (E1) and Lion Valerie Potocki (E1). The winning bid was \$4 million.

Thanks to all the Lions who contributed their winnings! Well Done!

AROUND THE DISTRICT

BATAVIA LIONS

The Batavia Lions Club and the Genesee County Bar Association held a joint dinner meeting on May 3 to celebrate Law Day and to honor students on Batavia High School's Mock Trial Team. About 75 people were present. The club sent a check for \$5,000 to the family of a former Lion whose grandson is fighting leukemia. The money was raised at a spaghetti dinner and a chicken barbecue held in February and March.



WALWORTH LIONS

On April 2nd, the Walworth Lions Club held their Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Freewill School in Walworth. This event raises funds for our scholarship program for graduating seniors of Wayne Central and Gananda high schools. The club also collected donations to send to LCIF in support of their Tsunami relief efforts and the club matched all donations received.

On April 23rd, the club held its Annual Environmental Clean Up Day, in conjunction with local Boy Scout Troops. In addition to driving trucks to haul away the trash collected by the scouts, the club served hot dogs and hamburgers to them in Ginewaw Park. Despite the weather, a great deal was accomplished and everyone had a good time.

Oakfield/Alabama Lions Club has a Successful Year

These are the accomplishments of the Oakfield/Alabama Lions Club 2004-2005:

- Sold Christmas Trees to supply monies for Project Funds
- Donated and kept at \$2000.00 scholarship fund at GCC for student who studies in the Humanitarian Field
- Donated \$500.00 for scholarship fund at the Oakfield/Alabama High School graduate.
- Donated \$500.00 to the 8th grade at the Oakfield/Alabama High School for their trip to Washington, D.C.
- Donated 100 Sunshine Baskets at Christmas
- Donate glasses to children who needed them
- The Club at has 4 new wheel-chairs for anyone who needs one
- The O/A Club has contributed to Camp Badger
- Presently working with the Oakfield Town and Village to sponsor a pavilion in the Park
- Turned in 200 pairs of glasses
- Joint plans with the Batavia Lions in June for a sausage booth at the Genesee County Fair
- Purchased lice kits for the Oakfield/Alabama High School
- Members rang the Salvation Army Bell at Christmas
- Members worked at the Diabetes Tour de Cure table at the State Convention.
- Bought the Boy Scouts a new banner for marching in their parades.
- Working on the Labor Daze Sausage Booth for the 2005 year.
- Inducted two new members
- A Lion and his spouse worked at Camp Badger Dining Hall

Dining Hall Project Raffle Results

The 2005 Dining Hall Project Raffle Winners were selected at the Testimonial Dinner on May 21. Due to ticket sales being way under the 1200 mark we turned it into a 50-50%.

We sold a total of 821 tickets in the amount of \$7,260.00, with expenses of \$60 (of the above, 388 tickets at \$ 3,635.00 were sold at Gander Mountain)

Winner # 2: **Brian Manchester of Pine City** received \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Gander Mountain (Brian is interested in becoming a Lion. He said Pine City is close to Elmira.)

Winner # 1 **Todd Kiley from Berkley Street in Rochester** received \$ 3,400.00 plus a \$ 100.00 Gift Certificate from Gander Mountain. (Todd is also interested in becoming a Lion and wants to look into the Rochester Host Club and Irondequoit Club.)

Our Lion Winner for selling tickets was Lion LuAnn Rodgers of Irondequoit.

Our District Dining Hall Project at Camp Badger will receive a total of \$ 4,057.10. This amount includes donations from Fairport Lions, The Region 3 50-50 from their Region Get Together in January. Lion Richard Sacco from the Walworth Lions Club won one of the prizes from our Lions Luncheon this past Saturday and donated \$ 97.00. The total donations separate from the raffle: \$557.10.

Thank You to all Our District Lions Clubs and Lions that helped in selling the Tickets for the Raffles and all those that Donated to our District Dining Hall Project this year. It was a District Effort that was truly a Success!

YTIL,
DAN AND JO ANN RODGERS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

WOW!! What a great exciting MD 20 convention last week. For all of you who attended, I think you will agree that it was the best. For you who did not, you missed a fabulous time. Congratulations and thanks to PCC Ray Ernenwein, to Lion Glenn Spellan for stepping in during PCC Ray's illness and the Convention committee for a phenomenal job.

In order for any organization to flourish it must have a growing membership. It is evident we are losing more members than gaining them. Since January 2005 until May 2005, MD 20E1 has gone from 1723 members to 1686. It is time we made serious effort to turn the scene around.

The MERL team was set up a few years ago to help save our organization from extinction. The team has four components. They are Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership. At the last Council meeting it was also decided to add another, Orientation. There is a MERLO chair on the international level, multiple district level, sub district level and should be on every club level. Over each district many workshops and meetings are being setup to help us attain our membership goal.

What can each club do? **Club Presidents** should plan to have someone from their club attend these MERLO offerings to gather ideas and information and carry them back to the club level. The Cabinet officers are also there to help. Call them.

Club Secretaries must send in their membership reports are in ON TIME AND ACCURATE. Electronic filing is the best and most effective way. If secretaries do not have a computer, a member of the club who is computer savvy should send it in after the secretary prepares it. This will show a true accounting of our members.

All Club Officers and Members should think out of the box and create new and exciting ideas to get and keep members. Take a survey to find out what you need to change. For you who don't like change remember change is inevitable and is needed for success. Search your areas for possibly starting a new club or having a branch club. Retain old members by not letting them get away. Call members who are not coming and find out why. Give them a special invitation to rejoin the group. If necessary offer to pick them up. Make sure new members are informed about our organization. Must of us joined to help, put them to work right away. Publicize about your club. Tell others why you joined and still belong. It is the responsibility of each of us to help in anyway we can.

My membership goal as your Governor for 2005 – 2006 is to recapture the losses and have each of the club have an average of +1 by next year. That would be a + 81. Please help...

"Overcoming the negative is the price of achievement — the price of greatness."

DGE Joan



NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Leader Dog Visitation

Just a friendly message from the Guide Dog Committee as you are getting ready to set up your schedules for the upcoming year. Grace Scullan is planning to make her yearly visit October 17th through the 22nd of 2005. She will be coming from Pennsylvania with her leader dog Myra and doing her presentation representing Leader Dog. If your club would like her to come to your meeting in October, please contact Lions Bev and Karl Bloss at b_bloss@yahoo.com to see what dates are still available on the schedule.

Journey for Sight In Allegany County

Each year the Lions and Lioness of Allegany County conduct a 5K walk or jog to raise money for use in the area. No money leaves Allegany County. The Journey For Sight Committee reviews needs in the county and dispenses the funds to anyone qualifying for assistance.

The Journey for Sight walk will take place on Sunday, September 18 2005. Pledge sheets will be available at all county schools and from any Lion or Lioness in Allegany County. The walk will take place in Wellsville beginning at 1:00 PM. Anyone with questions should call Lion Denny Culbert at 585-593-5550.

Does your club have pictures to share?

Digital photos can be submitted at news@lions20E1.org. Actual photos can be mailed to Lion Regina Arlauckas, PO Box 363, Churchville NY 14428. Please indicate if you need the photos to be returned. NOTE: photos printed in club newsletters, newspapers, on color printers or photocopies cannot be used as the quality is not clear enough. Only original photographs or digital files please.

EVENT CALENDAR

(NOTE: Be sure to remember that news submitted the 1st of the month will get to the clubs around the last week of the same month, so **plan at least two months ahead in announcing your event dates.**)

JUNE

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 11: Journey For Sight Golf Ball Drop
- 11: Batavia Lions Lawn Sale
- 11: Hamlin Lions Club Golf Tournament
- 21: Gates Lions Sausage Roast
- 27-7/1: International Convention

JULY

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 21-23: Walworth Lions "Festival in the Park"
- 25: Gates Lions Golf Tournament
- 25: Batavia Lions Club Night at the Ball Park (Dwyer Stadium)
- 30: Spencerport Lions Glo-Ball Golf Tournament

AUGUST

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES**
- 20-21: Churchville Lions Country Fair

If your club has not been in "Around the District" recently, or your club events are not being listed in the calendar, it may be because the District Editor is not receiving your club newsletter.

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. Please include contact information if other Lions wish to participate in your activity.

Please give 2 months notice for fundraisers and other events to be placed on the calendar.



Congratulations to Lion Terry Bliss of the Kendall Lions Club on receiving the PDG Leadership Award for E-1.



Lions of District 20E1 built, decorated, and manned a float for the Lilac Festival Parade in Rochester during the MD20 Convention.