



The ROARING TWENT-E1



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The District Governor's Message:

Where has the year gone? February is almost over with only a couple of club visitations left to do, the 3rd Council Meeting is over and the 3rd and last Cabinet Meeting is Feb 27. It has been a wonderful year meeting all the Lions and their clubs. The discussions and questions have made for a great time during the year.

Nancy and I are going south for most of March, catch a NASCAR race in Atlanta, GA and just trying to find some warm snow free ocean to walk along.

At the 3rd Council Meeting the major topic was the upcoming State Convention in Rochester. Registrations are down at this point so please get your reservation in and join us for some good Western NY State hospitality. IPDG Jim Rice has the roster of lions needed to host and welcome everyone. Please contact him to help out; we do need help for the whole convention jrice9@rochester.rr.com or 223-1958

There are going to be several changes to the MD-20 constitution and By-laws. Most are house keeping type items.

One item that is not part of housekeeping is visitor bureaus hospitality rooms. The constitutional change the visitor bureaus would like is to have the Council of Governors select the site following the guideline found in the MD20 policy manual. These guidelines create a fair and equal bidding process. The Council of Governors have been informed by the visitor bureaus of the cities we have convention in, that they can no longer continue to provide hospitality rooms during the convention to **buy votes**.

They are willing to provide a hospitality room the year ahead of when the convention will be hosted by their city. Example, if this were in effect Buffalo would have a hospitality room in Rochester this year. Letting the Council of Governors make the decision would be the same way that Lions International selects the International Conventions and the USA/Canada Forums make their selections. I know that many lions feel this is one the fun items to vote on and we are detracting from the convention by making the change, but the economics of today making it a necessary change.

Please elect your delegates and have them vote.

I would like to congratulate the Camp Badger Committees for their work. I asked them to develop long range plans for the camp for the physical part and for the camp programs and they have done a wonderful job. It looks like we have a plan and now we can continue working that plan to save our camp and serve our children very well.

Congratulations also go to our District Newsletter Editor Regina and husband Matt on the birth of their son.

NEWS from the traveling bell and gavel: *We have returned from our extended vacation- November to February. Our host was very good to us. They even shined me up so I will be ready for DG Pete's Testimonial on May 21st. So now we can be called world travelers but the gavel and I hope to stay in District 20-E1 during VDG Joan Brien's rein of as DG. Thank you, The Bell and Gavel*

I am proud of the work the Lions of District 20-E1 are doing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thought with you.

As always,
Lions at Work Creating the Spirit

DG Pete



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Batavia Lions Club

The Batavia Lions Club recently made a number of donations, including \$100 to hospice, \$100 to a local school production of Treasure Island, \$300 to the Batavia High School Varsity Softball Tournament, and \$190 to the Tonawanda Valley Girls Youth Fast-pitch Softball League. Approximately \$2300 was raised through a Super Bowl pool to aid a child with leukemia. Through individual and club contributions, members also donated more than \$3,000 to LCIF for Tsunami Relief

Churchville Lions Club

The Churchville Lions Club recently held their Winterfest Chicken BBQ, at which over 650 dinners were sold. Unfortunately, the skate races were cancelled due to lack of good skating ice. The club continues to support Project Hats from Home, and over 13,000 hats have been mailed to the troops so far. Five Wegmans gift certificates were purchased for Christmas gifts for families. Peace Poster kits have been ordered for the 2005 Peace Poster Contest. The club will be donating the use of the two Churchville club's Lions costumes to the Chestnut Ridge School Reading Celebration. The club renewed the charter fees for club sponsored Boy Scout Troop 133, and voted to take out a full page ad in the MD20 Convention Program. The club is also planning a Red Cross Blood Drive for April 25, and will assist in Scouting for Food and Clothing on March 19.

Walworth Lions Club

On Saturday, March 5th, the Walworth Lions Club assisted the Penfield Lions Club with a Las Vegas Night to benefit St. Ann's Family Resource Center. On Saturday March 19th, the Club will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Walworth Town Hall. Finally, on Saturday April 2nd, the club will be hosting its annual Spaghetti Dinner. This event raises funds for our scholarship program for graduating seniors of Wayne Central and Gananda high schools. In addition, this year the club will be seeking donations to send to LCIF in support of their Tsunami relief efforts. All donations from dinner guests will be matched by the Club up to a maximum of \$1,000. This is in addition to the \$1,000 the Club has already donated to LCIF in January.



Webster Lions Club

Since the majority of the members of the Webster Lions Club are men, they felt Valentine's Day should be celebrated as Sweethearts' Day to thank the wives and family members who help all year through. Lion Sandy Hollands arranged to have a group of local performers from the



nonprofit group STAGES to perform for the special evening.

Lion Sandy Holland's stepson is in the Army stationed in Afghanistan. He had told them about a refugee camp where people are freezing to death living in tents with the kind of weather we are now living in. She asked each Lion to bring with them some warm clothing that could be sent to Afghanistan for these people. Several large bags full of everything from children's sweaters to adult coats were collected.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

LIONESSE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Avon Lioness Club

Lions Peter Neidrauer, District Governor of District 20-E1, attended the February meeting of the Avon Lioness Club, accompanied by his wife, Lion Nancy and driver, Lion Nancy Steedman. Lioness Zone chairman for 20-E1, Alberta Butler, introduced DG Pete and spoke of his many accomplishments and the organizations in which he has headed or served. Avon Lioness President Andrea Krajka and the Avon Lioness Club were pleased to have Avon Lion and Zone Chairman Dick Corrigan at our meeting, lending support to his District Governor. DG Pete's theme this year is Lions at Work, which he has rechristened LIONS AT WORK CREATING THE

SPIRIT. The Lion spirit is DOING FOR OTHERS locally and throughout the world. The Lions Clubs of the world are making a difference and the Lioness Clubs are proud to be working with them. Avon Lionesses are particularly grateful to the Avon Lions Club and Avon Lion Rob Schweitzer for their sponsorship and support.

On Feb 23rd, the Avon Lionesses put on a Chili dinner at the Avon Village Hall. The March meeting will be a fashion show and fundraiser with "Weekenders" clothing on display.

Wellsville Lioness Club

The Wellsville Lioness have been quite busy with the Conference and Derby projects coming up. The club will be making a theme basket for the Spring Conference. The theme is "Sights and Sounds of Spring" and the basket will be a spring garden basket.



The Avon Lioness Club is holding a raffle on a beautiful USA Flag afghan, crocheted by Lioness Ann Bahrenburg of Avon, NY. It is done up with double Red Star yarn, for lasting beauty and superior shape retention. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00 and the drawing is to be on April 20, 2005.

Tickets may be obtained from any Avon Lioness, or you may email dameags@yahoo.com for info on purchasing tickets.



Veronica's Family Hair Style Salon at 17 Park Place, Avon, NY will also have extra tickets for sale.

Lioness Barb Vanderbilt (left) and Ann Bahrenburg are seen here holding up this patriotic afghan.

April 16-17: Camp Badger Work Weekend

Planned projects include:

- Repair and clean kitchen floor
- Lower ceiling fans in main dining room
- Re-screen vents in both peaks of main dining hall
- Run wiring and switches for new ceiling lighting
- Adjust doors/make lockable
- Paint/clean kitchen restroom
- Paint handrails, stairs, & ramp
- Install electrical receptacle for mixer
- Replace screening on porch with new screen inserts to be built on site.

**Many Hands Make Light Work
Please Plan to Come Join Us!**

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

20E1 Dining Hall Project Fundraiser Underway

A new raffle has been started to help raise funds for the renovation of the dining hall at Lions Camp Badger.

First Prize:

a 2005 Artic Cat 400 ATV (includes a 5' x 8' Carry On Trailer with a wood deck and 15 inch wheels, and a \$100 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.)

Second Prize:

a \$100 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

Tickets:

\$10 each or 3/\$25.

Drawing to be held:

May 21, 2005

Lions who are willing to help with this project by selling tickets will be entered into a competition. The Lion who sells the most tickets will also receive a \$100 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

If you are interested in buying or selling tickets, or in hearing a presentation on the Dining Hall Project, please contact Lion Dan Rodgers, Dining Hall project chair, at 585-467-0311 or at drodgers@frontiernet.net.

District 20E1 at the Zoo Save the Date April 9, 2005

District 20E1 plans to have a Booth at the Seneca Park Zoo and promote the WHALE Child Safety program and possibly another safety program for bicyclists during the day and collect donations for the Zoo.

Then at 5:00 the Zoo will be closing to all but Lions, their Families and Friends for our 2nd Annual Lions Evening at the Zoo.

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.**)

MARCH

- 19: Walworth Lions
Easter Egg Hunt
26: Irondequoit Lions
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR**
ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES
8: Greece Ridge Lions
Charity Gala
(Lodge on the Green)

16-17: Camp Badger Work Weekend

- All Month - Gates Lions Club
Geranium Presale
30: Camp Abilities Auction
Call Heidi Rollheiser
585-395-2629
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MAY

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR**
ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES
2-3: Spencerport Lions
Spring College Night
7: Gates Lions
Geranium Sale
12: MD20 Council of Governors
**13-15: MD20 Lions State
Convention
in Rochester**
21: DG Testimonial Dinner

JUNE

- 1: **DEADLINE FOR**
ROARING 20E1 ARTICLES
21: Gates Lions Club
"Famous" Sausage Roast

Greetings from VDG Joan Brien

It seems like just yesterday I was given the honor of receiving the title Vice District Governor of MD20-E1. Now I am busy planning my year as District Governor.

First I would like to share with you an overview of who I am and my experience in Lions and life in general. I was first introduced to Lionism in 1949 when my father, PDG Bill Brewerton, joined the Fairport Lions Club as a charter member. At that time my husband, children and I were privileged to help with all the club's various fundraisers. Over the following years my interest in Lions grew, as my uncle PDG Gordon Brewerton and my cousin PDG Ted Brewerton were both Lions. I was always impressed with the wonderful accomplishments of the organization.

In 1991 my personal commitments changed and I was able to join the Victor Lions Club, and transferred to the Fairport club in 2000. I have

held many titles in both clubs as well as a cabinet member in both District 20E1 and 20E2.

Professionally I am a nurse and have held positions in patient care, staff development, teaching, management and administration.

My late husband and I are privileged to have 6 sons and 3 daughters, 23 grandchildren and 3 beautiful great-granddaughters (so far).

I am proud to belong to an organization that has the power to help the blind see, the deaf hear, provide for the unfortunate people of our world a dedicated caring group of people to turn to in time of need.

I am looking forward to being your governor for the year 2005-06 and go forward by proving that we can do more because "together we care."

VDG Joan Brien