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District Governor's Message:

Greetings!

I know many of you have enjoyed great success with recent fundraisers and activities. Congratulations to VDG Terry Loucks and the Wellsville Lions on a very successful minstrel show, as well as the Brockport Lions for an amazing pancake breakfast. I had the pleasure to partake of both events and the public's participation was fantastic!

Speaking of great events, a few of us had the pleasure of working with two of LCI's finest during an extension workshop March 6th and 7th in the Brighton area. Lions Carl Burson and Jim Canon instructed Lions John Rabideau, Ken Lafferty, Joyce Newton, JoAnn Rodgers, Marv Hankinson Sr., Diane Hankinson, Jim Schiebel, Dick Ernst (20E-2), and me in the techniques of forming a new club. Lions Dick, Marv, Ken, and I also took the Certified Guiding Lions course. It was a very interesting and exciting 2 days (including the snowy weather). We put our skills to work and will be holding our first meeting with those interested in starting a club in the Brighton area at 6:00 PM at the Brighton Town Hall on March 13th. I'm optimistic that in addition to starting this new club, we should be able to apply what we learned to launch clubs in other areas and even strengthen our existing clubs. This workshop was a great experience and my sincere thanks to everyone who participated.

Our District CSFII 3-5K walk (2-3 miles) is scheduled for 11:00 AM on April 19th. At this point we are working on a location that can be used snow, rain, or shine (probably SUNY Geneseo). The exact location will be published as soon as it's known, but don't let that prevent you from getting sponsors. Remember, we would like at least one representative from each club to walk. Lion PDG Jon LeGro has ordered a special hat for everyone who participates. Please come out and walk, enjoy some refreshments, and help us get one step closer to our goal of 100% of the clubs in our District supporting the CSFII campaign.

All clubs secretaries should have received their delegate forms for our MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls. These forms are due into the State Office by April 15th. Please remember we have not had a dues increase in 11 years and really need it to maintain the budget and continue to provide training and leadership materials for our Lions. Please vote "Yes" for the \$5.00 dues increase that will occur over 2 years (\$3.00 and \$2.00, respectively). This is less than a penny a day.

Also note (3) NYS & Bermuda Foundation Raffle Tickets were sent to every club secretary. There are several prizes and if you sell all 3 tickets, it entitles you to present a Robert J. Uplinger award to someone in your club or community. The Foundation has provided generous grants toward the purchase of our vision screening equipment (among other things), so let's give back in return.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and good luck to those clubs with Easter Egg Hunts!

YIL,
DG Terry

A Note from our VDG:

Greetings from VDG Terry!

I am sure everyone is as eager for the arrival of spring as I am. It's been a long cold winter but with the arrival of Spring marks the beginning of a very busy season for Lions. I would like to first address Campaign Sight First II. On April 19 there will be state wide activities to help increase awareness to CSFII and to help raise more funds. Our District will be sponsoring a "walk" on that date at a location to be announced. It is our hope that there is at least one representative from each club there.

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Around the District ..

Brockport Lions and Region 2 clubs offer free Vision Screening

The Brockport Lions Club together with the other Region 2 Lions Clubs (Chili, Churchville, Hamlin, Hilton, Rochester Northside, Spencerport, Scottsville and the SUNY Brockport Lions Club) will be offering free vision screening to preschool age children in our area. The vision screening is being offered to preschool age children as they are the group that may not have had their vision checked and are also the group that if an abnormal reading is detected it may be corrected before it becomes permanent. The vision screening is performed with a Digital Vision Screener and only requires the child hold still for a few seconds while each eye is tested. The testing is harmless and will provide information about near and far sightedness and unequal power between the eyes.



Pictured are Lion Mary Ann Knapp, partner in service Cheryl Warner and a preschooler from Lakeside Daycare.

The digital screening is being used, as preschool age children are difficult to test with the standard eye chart testing. The digital screener is a Welch Allyn SureSight Vision Screener made right here in the USA and was purchased with the help of the NYS Lions Foundation and contributions from Lions District 20E1 and the Lions Clubs in Region 2. Contact Brockport Lion Mary Ann Knapp-964-3111 for vision screening in the Brockport area. Other Lions Clubs offering vision screening are Medina, Attica, Irondequoit and the Andover Lions Clubs.



by PDG Jon LeGro,
20- E1 District Coordinator
(607) 587-8133

We are in the midst of a very successful campaign. I received word on February 20th, World Wide Report Day, that the initial goal had been surpassed. At that time the total reported by over 7,000 Group Coordinators was \$157.9 million. This amounts to about \$120 per Lion. District 20-E1 continues to move forward and we are just under \$60,000 (maybe above now).

In the final four months we have one more goal to reach. CSFII calls this the "Challenge Goal" for another \$50 million to reach \$200 million. This is also the time for each Lion and Lions Club to consider what commitment we will make to support SightFirst.

Packets of material are being sent at this time with the theme: "Vision for All". All of the funds in the Challenge Goal will go to the "developed countries" of the world. In the USA, LCIF provides grants for many sight projects which will be enhanced and expanded with these funds. The flyer in your club packet lists major areas that could receive funding in your community.

I was shocked by a segment on 60-Minutes (3/2/08) about a free health clinic in Knoxville, TN set up by Remote Area Medical (www.ramusa.org). In two days they treated 960 people, uninsured and underinsured, for medical, dental and vision providing 500 pairs of glasses. Lions need to do more to help provide Vision for All in the United States. We need to be more aggressive in searching out the needs in our own community. LCIF-SightFirst can help.

It is up to us to make a commitment for SightFirst now. A "Commitment Card" was included in your packet asking what the Lions in your club will give over the next 3 to 5 years. This is serious business and we can help. Call me for a speaker.

A Note from our VDG:

Recently it was announced that CSFII had reached its original goal of \$150 million. To date more that \$158 million has been raised. Just because this goal has been reached does not mean that clubs in 20-E1 should stop. Any money raised over the \$150 million will be used I developed countries (US). Ways in which these monies will be used include: Early training for blind children and their families, regional information centers to produce Braille literature, major research initiatives to research ways to prevent macular degeneration, vision care for people with developmental disabilities, and mobile eye units to offer service for inner city and the working poor. As you can see much is being planned for this additional money. Without the support of all Lions Club this will not be possible. I urge all clubs to took another look at what it can do to help us reach this goal.

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I am looking forward to my year as your District Governor. In order for me to be successful I need a team behind me. I'm looking for a few individuals to help fill some positions on my cabinet, particularly in Region 4 and 5. If you would be interested in filling a position of zone chair or region chair please contact me. There are also a number of committees that could you some new members. In order for our District to be strong we need a strong cabinet.

Mark your calendars for November 7, 2008. This is the weekend of our Fall Conference. Plans are for the conference to be held in Geneseo. Watch for details! I am also looking for a couple of clubs to host cabinet meetings next year. If your club is interested please contact me.

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

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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 it to empower children with visual impairments or deafblind-ness 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!



Brockport Lions have "Huge" success with Pancake Breakfast



The Brockport Lions Club held a pancake breakfast on Sunday March 2nd to benefit the Jon Hess family. Jon Hess suffered a brain injury that required a lengthy hospitalization and rehab. The family also needs to modify some of the interior of their house to accommodate Jon's condition.

The pancake breakfast was held to raise money to help cover medical bills and work to be done at their house. Many people from the area pitched in to make the event a success. Local churches announced the event, newspapers donated advertising space and the Brockport Explorers helped serve at the event. Many donations were made and the cost of the food was donated by Jon and Lisa's church.

The Brockport Lions presented a check to Lisa Hess, Jon's wife, in the amount of \$4,500 at our March 5th meeting. Pictured is Lion Dave Moore, event coordinator, presenting the check to Lisa Hess.

Lion Wayne Moore Celebrates 55 years as a Brockport Lion

Lion Wayne Moore (left) is congratulated by his son Lion Dave Moore (right) for serving the community as a Brockport Lion for 55 years.

Lion Wayne has served the Brockport Lions Club as President, Secretary and was the club treasurer for 25 years. Lion Wayne is a Melvin Jones Fellow a valued member of the Brockport Community and a great neighbor on South Ave.





SUNY Brockport Lions Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

Top Left: Lion President Sean Schreiner looks on as Chairman Lion Dean Bowen numbers the chairs.

Bottom Left: Thanks to Lion John Hazen and the Hamlin Lions Loan Closet, the SUNY Brockport Lions were able to have a wheelchair basketball tournament with 20 wheelchairs.

Top Right: Lion Patrick Collier found a little tape worked well to cover the blisters.

Bottom Right: After all was said and done, the SUNY Brockport Lions Club team won the tournament in an overtime game



Welcome New Lions



The Irondequoit Lions Club recently inducted a new member. Michael Ngo was sworn in by District Governor Terry Bliss at his recent visitation to the Club. Lion LuAnn Rodgers was his sponsor. Lion Michael has participated in many of our functions as a guest and decided to become a member. Pictured above are Lion President Bill Davis, Lion LuAnn Rodgers, new member Lion Michael Ngo and DG Terry Bliss.



Churchville Lions 2/12/08 L-R ZC Bernie Rabideau standing in for PCC Ray Ernenwein and his new member Lion Maria Marseglia; new Lions Marilyn and Bob Kaiser and their sponsor Lion Bob deNormand; new member Lion Joe Steinwachs and his sponsor Lion John Rabideau, PID.

Student Collects Eyeglasses

Casey MacClaren of Holley collected over 150 pairs of used eyeglasses and presented them to the Brockport Lions President Scott Hunsinger at the Feb 20th meeting.



This is the 5th year Casey has collected used eyeglasses and has collected over 1000 pair since he started helping with this volunteer work. The Brockport Lions thanked Casey again for his efforts and presented him a token of their appreciation.

Community Works Together

The Churchville Lions Club, working together with the Churchville Chili Central School District, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church, and the Churchville Fire Department, held a chicken BBQ fundraiser on February 2nd to help with the medical expenses of Lion Jim Ehrmentraut and his wife Peg, who is battling cancer.



Lion Jim and Peg are very very active members in the community, and usually on the planning and serving end of such fundraisers. This event brought the community together. "It was an outpouring of love, a response to all the good they have done," said Charlotte Bruney, Pastoral Administrator at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Nearly 2000 tickets were sold for the BBQ, and so many people came to help with preparations the night before that all the work was completed in about an hour. The Churchville Chili School District provided the location when ticket sales quickly surpassed the capacity of the fire hall truck bays, and many community members contributed items for the bake sale and silent auctions. The bake sale alone brought in \$2,400.

In a Thank You published in the local paper, Lion Jim and Peg wrote "The Churchville Riga community should be so proud. In a day when all you hear are the bad things that happen in the world, it is a pleasure to see a community come together...We will be forever grateful."

Editors Note: We received word that Peg Ehrmentraut passed away March 11, 2008. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

The **Hilton Lions Club** packed fruit for holiday baskets, put displays in the town hall and town library windows, purchased books on a drug program for the school, purchased books for "Liberty Day", sponsored a blood drive, presented an AED unit to Lions Camp Badger, pledged \$1000 from their armchair horse race profit to Lions Camp Badger, sponsored a student in the PDG public speaking contest, and will have one member and one junior high student attend the Lions Day at the United Nations.

Medina Lions to fund Diabetes Foundation with the proceeds from their annual Chocolate Easter Bunny Sales. Co-Chairs Dave Hahn and Donna Bushover report that the club has sold 432 Bunnies. Approximately \$ 1,100.00 will be given to the Diabetes Foundation in March.

The **SUNY Brockport Lions** Club has had very successful Red Cross blood drives this year on campus. Over 140 attended the last drive. They are now selling candles and calendars as fund raisers.

100% ATTENDANCE PINS FOR SALE

The Chili Lions have a collection of about 100 perfect attendance pins, in a variety of years, that they no longer use.

Any club interested in purchasing them may contact papi_miyares@juno.com

They are selling them for less than 50% of their original cost, at 80 cents each, or \$70 for the whole set.

Years-Amount:

1-2	16-3
2-7	17-4
3-3	18-3
4-3	19-7
5-1	20-3
6-2	21-3
7-3	22-4
8-6	23-4
9-4	25-1 special silver anniversary
10-5	26-1
11-5	27-1
12-3	28-1
13-5	30 to 34-1 each
14-2	36-1
15-3	

If you purchase the whole set they will include: One 5-year special and one 15- year special, five 10-year, one 15-year and one 30-year chevrons free.

The **Walworth Lions Club** recently donated \$200 to the Walworth Food Pantry, \$200 for Eastern Service Workers back to school supplies, \$100 to the Gananda/Walworth Red Ribbon Task Force, \$250 for Sight First II, \$100 pledge for Bill Boyd's Alzheimer's Walk participation, \$100 to the Open Door Mission, \$100 to Scarlet Thread Ministries, \$100 to Compass Care Pregnancy Services and \$150 for toys and holiday food for the Eastern Service Workers. The club also provided eye exams and glasses to two Ontario Elementary School students and one at Gananda.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

REMINDER:

District 20E-1 Work Weekend at Camp Badger

April 12th & 13th, 2008

Many hands
make light work.
Camp Badger
Needs You!

Contact
Lion Marv Hankinson
for details and
accommodations
(585-964-5231)



The spring issue of the
MD20 Lion Magazine
is available for viewing
or download from the
MD20 Lions website:
www.md20lions.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

- 16: Dansville Lions Chicken BBQ
- 16: Scottsville Lions
Pancake Breakfast
- 22: Irondequoit Lions 50th
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- 29: Hilton Lions Horse Races
- 31: Region 2 AC Meeting #3

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

- 15: Gates Lions Citizen of the
Year Dinner
- 19: CSFII Activity
- 26: Hilton Lions Club
40th Anniversary Dinner
- 26-27: Wellsville Lions
Trout Derby

May:

- 2-4: State Convention
- Niagara Falls
- 17: Webster Lions Steak
Roast and Raffle
- 18: DG's Testimonial Brunch

June:

- 1: 4th District Cabinet Mtg.
- 23-27: Lions International
Convention



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.

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.