



The ROARING TWENT-E1



We Serve

The Genesee District of the Empire State

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District Governor's Message:

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

What a month! The Walk for Sight in our District has started, we celebrated PID Howard and Sylvia Conroy's Sixty Years of Service to Lions and we had our MD 20 Convention where we voted in District Governor Elect Terry Bliss and Vice District Governor Elect Terry Loucks. The PDG Leadership Achievement Award for 20 E1 went to Lion Richard Pucher. The Presidential Award was received by PDG Leo LeJeune and the Leadership Award was received by Lion Greg Lund. Their Medals will be properly presented to them at the Testimonial Dinner on May 18, 2007.



VDG Terry Bliss and Cookie, and Lion Dan and DG JoAnn Rodgers

The vote for the \$5.00 dues increase was defeated. We had 389 votes yes, 299 no, and we need 2/3 plus one vote to pass in our Multiple. The main reason it failed was poor communication as to why that amount of money is needed and how it will be used. As part of the Council of Governors I will have to say we did not take an increase lightly. We asked for information from Finance and Budget, we did many administrative cut backs and by the time the Council had all the information there was not enough time to give our Lion Clubs and their Delegates the information they deserved to vote for the good of the Multiple. I will have to say, we hear you and understand. District Governor Terry's Council is already working together to get all the information you are requesting and ways to trim the budget even more.

The media is just starting to cover our Walk for Sight. I am being told as we get closer to Rochester the media will expand. We have been in many local newspapers as well as the Democrat and Chronicle, Channel 13 and Channel 10 Television and WHAM Radio to date. The media loves a "story," working with them in the past with photography and video, Dan and I knew this. That is why the 72 plus miles and giving them the personal information. I will do what ever it takes to get the media to know not about "me" but about Lions and What We Do! What Lions did to help my son see and how you saved my daughter's eyesight. We have a little over \$2,000 for Sight First II with my goal being \$10,000.

The first contest for sponsoring the most Lions into your club this year is ending on May 10, 2007. Currently Lion David Saleh of Batavia Lions Club has Sponsored FIVE new Lions this year and is in the lead. I will notify the winner on May 11th and invite them to my Testimonial.



DG JoAnn Rodgers and Scio Lions Club President Rich Rawleigh. The Scio Lions presented DG JoAnn with a drawing by a local artist in appreciation of the dedication and hard work that she has done for the Lions Club.

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List of Accomplishments in 20 E1 2006-2007 Report by DG JoAnn Rodgers to the Council Chair

Several of our Regions have purchased or are in the process of purchasing cameras for vision screening.

Our Dansville Lions Club is in the process of final paperwork to Charter a Leo's Club.

Our District is now represented with members on the Board of the Rochester Chapter of The American Diabetes Association.

www.Lions20E1.org, our Lions District web site, has expanded to have several resources including capability for our clubs to post all their fundraisers and upcoming events and now includes forms that are needed by our clubs such as 100% President and Secretary Forms.

Our Sight Chairs have collected and delivered to Dr. Warren Riegel in Ridgeway, Pennsylvania approximately 6,000 pounds of glasses and cases – over 50,000 pair of glasses for missions.

Our clubs responded to an Emergency Need at Camp Badger with collecting over \$1500 for two way radio's for the counselors. The money was collected and radios purchased in just a few days!

The Dining Hall at Lions Camp Badger was named – Collins-Conroy Dining Hall.

Our District Project at The Collins-Conroy Dining Hall made great progress with insulating and finishing with blue board on the North and South Walls of the Dining Area as well as total renovation of the main restroom. Transforming it into a handicapped accessible, co-gender restroom. District 20 E1 is well under way of making this dining hall a three to four season structure. Enhancing the features of the building with-out taking away from its rustic charm. While the Dining Hall is our District Project our Clubs are continuing work on other buildings they have adopted such as putting a new roof on the Uplinger Building.

PID Howard M. Conroy has served our District, Multiple and International Lions for over Sixty Years.

District 20 E1's Campaign SightFirst II Walk started on April 21 with DG JoAnn Rodgers and DG Kim Striving from 20 N shaking hands in Middleport, New York with IPID John Rabideau, PID Howard Conroy, PID George (Mick) Barrus, PIP Kay K Fukushima as well as several Lions present. **(See photo below)** The walk will extend over the summer over a 70 Mile walk on the Erie Canal Trailway and will end on August 11, 2007 with DG Rena Haigh and Lions from 20 E2 walking the last stretch to Palmyra New York with District Governor JoAnn and Lions from 20 E1. District 20 E1 Goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for SightFirst II as well as awareness of Lions Clubs and who we are and what we do.

Lions Clubs in Region 3 helped DG JoAnn go full circle this year. We were contacted on December 18th that a young man in one of our towns with no Lions Club needed to get to Beaumont Hospital in Michigan for emergency surgery on December 20th. The family did not have the finances for the trip due to disabilities. Our Clubs raised the money for the trip including all follow-up visits and DG JoAnn contacted the Lions Club in Beaumont Michigan. The Lions in Beaumont met the family, brought them to lunch and dinner and were there for support for the family.

As District Governor this year I was able to see our Lions work together and do exactly what was done in 1973 for my son Paul, to "Give the Gift of Sight". I cannot explain the gratitude I have to all our Lions for this experience but to say, "Thank you for this opportunity of Serving and thank all our Lions for serving with me, you truly are the best Service Organization in the World. God Bless All of You".

District Governor JoAnn Rodgers



In the News: Shooting hoops for a cause



The Churchville-Chili Leo Club and Churchville Lions Club conducted their annual March Madness benefit basketball game to raise funds for the Grana family. The Leo Club edged the Lions 29-27 with the winning margin provided by two free throws by Ian Grana, whose younger sister, Fiona, has been diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma. See www.Fionas-fight.blogspot.com. Leo Club members Taylor Kolmer, who raised \$267, and Melissa DiSano presented a check for \$1,225 proceeds from the game to Hilary Grana who is a teacher at the Churchville-Chili Intermediate School.

April 15, 2007 Suburban News

Attica Lions team with Attica Schools to help students

The Attica Lions Club, working in conjunction with the Attica Schools, provides eye exams and eye glasses to students who cannot afford to pay for the exam. The School Nurse discovers the students that need eye exams, and contacts the Sight Chairman of the Club. The student is then sent to University Eye Center in either Batavia or Warsaw. The student is then taken care of. All information on the student and family is kept confidential between the nurse, Sight Chairman and the doctor. University Eye does give the club a discount in order to allow them to help out more students. The Attica Lions have also assisted a few adults who needed the help as well.

So far this year, the Attica Lions Club has paid over \$2,500 for these exams and glasses.

EVENTS...



BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB

Ninth Annual Golf Tournament



CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER AND SIGN UP

4 MAN SCRAMBLE
(PAIRS TO BE DRAWN FOR FOURSOMES SATURDAY MORNING)

SATURDAY MAY 12, 2007

BOLIVAR GOLF CLUB

10:00 a.m. SHOTGUN START

Please sign in by 9:00 a.m.

\$30.00 per person ...Golf Club Member
\$40.00 per person ... Non-Golf Club member
Includes Greens Fees – Cart-Ber- Pop- Hot Dogs on course

PRIZES ON THE COURSE AS WELL AS DOOR PRIZES

Prizes

\$180.00 First
\$75.00 Second
\$50.00 Third

CONTACT GARY MURRAY (814) 698-2394
Or RICK WHITNEY (585) 928-1001

This tournament is open to the public. Only the first 50 pairs.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB

Mail to:

Gary Murray
RR#1, Box 256,
Shinglehouse, Pa. 16748

Lions
Past Present
and
Future Night
at
Seneca Park Zoo
Saturday June 23, 2007



Tour de Cure
Bicycle Ride for Diabetes
Sunday June 10
Mendon Ponds Park

Our Team is:

Lions Against Diabetes

Team Captain:

Lion Ross Vasbinder

Registration fee is \$25.00

Call Lion Ross at

585-352-4662

for more information.

Please Sponsor our Team!

Make Checks Payable to:
The American Diabetes Association
and in memo put:
to sponsor
Team Lions Against Diabetes.

Send checks to:
Ross Vasbinder
2 Meadow Drive
Spencerport NY 14559

SAVE THIS DATE MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007

D20-E2 - FAMILY GOLF OUTING @ HOLLYBROOK COUNTRY CLUB, SPENCER NY

4 PERSON - CAPTAIN & CREW - 18 HOLES

SHOTGUN START - 9:00AM - PUTTING & CHIPPING CONTESTS - HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

GREEN FEES/GOLF CAR/LUNCH & BBQ \$65 PER PERSON

JOIN IN FOR LUNCH & DINNER \$26 OR BBQ \$20 OR LUNCH \$6

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS - GOLFERS \$7/LUNCH & BBQ \$3/BBQ ONLY \$3

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 14, 2007

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST CONTESTS --- LUNCH IS FREE --- CALL BOB MIZZONI

SPECIAL PRIZES TO 1-2-3 PLACE WINNERS & \$25 DONATION IN YOUR NAME TO CSFII

JOIN IN THE FUN - NET PROCEEDS TO CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II

MEMBERS PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS' BUY AN AD. SPONSORS & CLUBS BUY AN AD

TEES - GREENS - FAIRWAYS - GOLF CARS - SCORE BOARDS @ \$24 EACH/CHOOSE

GOLFERS MULLIGANS FOR SALE \$24/TEAM - INDIVIDUALS @ \$6 EACH

SKINS (POT OPENS WITH \$200) - \$24/TEAM. WINNERS WILL SHARE 60%.

CLUBS ARE URGED TO SOLICIT GIFTS FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS AND CLUB

MEMBERS TO BE USED AS PRIZES AND FOR THE AUCTION.

OFFICIAL APPLICATION - WWW.20E2LIONS.COM REGISTER BY MAY 12, 2007

CALL BOB MIZZONI 607 535 7279 FOR FULL DETAILS.

Irondequoit Lion Spearheads New Service at the Auditorium Theater

In October of 2005, Irondequoit Lions Club member Judy Davis was excited to hear that the Lion King was coming to Rochester, and would be performed at the Rochester Broadway Theater League's Auditorium Theater. Lion Judy's son, Lion Scott, is blind, and had previously experienced audio description for the visually impaired at the GEVA Theater in Rochester, so they inquired as to whether the RBTL also provided this valuable service. When Lion Judy was told that they had never heard of this service at the RBTL, she began to pursue establishing such a service.

The audio description service at Geva Theater was started 13 years ago by a young lady named Lisa Hoffman, who is also totally blind. Audio description enables blind and visually impaired to enjoy a play through the use of a tiny ear-plug with the detailed description being done by a describer. The describers are trained - it takes many hours of work on their part - they spend hours seeing the play, reading the scripts, learning as much as they can about the play, characters, etc.

Both The Rochester Broadway Theater League and Lion Judy approached many groups and companies and foundations for the funding but the initial response was limited. Ultimately, Simcona Electronics in Rochester donated the \$5,000 that was needed to get this up and started.

At the present time there are only 10 headsets/ear plugs that the blind use. The auditorium is in need of at least 20 more as their goal is to have 30. Lion Judy is continuing to work with the staff at the RBTL to secure funds for the purchase of additional sets.

Lions Judy and Scott attended the recent performance of Spamalot, and individuals using the headsets were throughout the auditorium. There is a staff member from RBTL who checks with each person prior to the performance and again during intermission to be sure everything is working properly. This staff member also told Lion Judy that two ladies came to the performance, one of them being visually impaired, and were told that there was equipment for them to use. They were thrilled to hear this because they were unaware of it.

The plays are finished for this season and will start up again in November. By that time it is hoped that the goal of 25-30 headsets will be met. Word is now spreading through Reachout Radio and other channels that this service is available.

The Irondequoit, Walworth and Churchville Lions Clubs have already committed to purchasing headsets. Please check below for details on how your club, or you as an individual can participate in expanding this valuable and much appreciated service.

How to Purchase a Headset for Audio Description at the Auditorium Theater:

Headsets are **\$110.00** Each

Send checks made out to:
The Rochester Broadway Theatre League
Attention: Shannon Struzik
885 E. Main Street
Rochester, New York 14605

Mark On Check For Use To Buy Headsets

When a club makes a donation, it will be acknowledged in the RBTL program

PEACE POSTER CONTEST for 2007-2008

It isn't too late or too early to order Peace Poster Contest kits. Although they will be on sale until October 1, 2007, NOW is the time to talk to the school Art Teachers and Youth Leaders about your club sponsoring a contest. What better way to get our youth, age 11 to 13 years of age interested in world peace and Leo/Lions Clubs. Schools will be planning their curriculums for this coming school year soon. Why not get on their agenda.

It is easy to order the kits by sending in the order form from the Lions Magazine or by ordering on line at lionsclub.org. Each kit costs \$7.95 plus S&H. Each kit contains all the material needed to sponsor one contest including contest rules, a flyer and information for the school or youth group leader, a sticker to identify the winning poster, a district governor notification postcard, publicity ideas and award certificate. This past year 2006-2007 our district clubs sponsored more than 8 contests. Was your club a sponsor? For more information contact Lion Nancy Neidrauer at 585-293-1195 or email peter.neidrauer@gmail.com.

If your club is not sure they want to participate in this worth short term project, go to lionsclubs.org/youth programs and checkout the beautiful posters from around the world. Our youth and future leaders are very talented.

Lion Nancy Neidrauer

NEW ONLINE FEATURE:

Visit our photo gallery at

www.lions20E1.org

then submit your photos AND captions to news@lions20E1.org



Lions Day



Rochester Red Wings
vs. Indianapolis Indians

Sunday, July 15, 2007
1:35 PM

Gates open at 12:30 PM



Join fellow Lions Club members for
an afternoon of summer fun.
Bring the whole club,
family, friends and neighbors
to promote Lions.



Replica Cal Ripken Jr. Jersey Giveaway (first 3,000 fans)!
After the game kids can run the bases with Spikes and Mittsy!
Table in the Concourse to help promote Lions!
50/50 Raffle throughout the game to benefit Lions projects!
Great opportunity to serve and promote Lions Club!

For tickets please contact:
Marvin Hankinson
Greece Ridge Lions Club
585-225-7104
mhankin1@rochester.rr.com

Last date to obtain tickets: Monday, July 2, 2007!

THE IRONDEQUOIT LIONS CLUB

Invites You To:

*District 20 - E1 Testimonial and Awards Dinner
Friday, May 18, 2007*



1201 Rush West Rush Road
Rush, NY 14543

*Guest Speaker Immediate Past International Director
Lion John Rabideau*

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Tossed Green Salad
Relish Tray, Rolls & Butter
Carved Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Imperial
Greens & Beans
Pasta with Sauce
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Coffee, Tea or Milk

*Dress: Black Tie Optional
\$27.50 per person*

Name _____ Club/District _____

Phone # _____ Number of Attendees _____

Please indicate if Diabetic Desserts needed & number _____

R.S.V.P. by May 8, 2007 to:
CS Tom Pomodoro
P.O. Box 12728
Rochester, NY 14612

Checks Payable to: Irondequoit Lions Club. Questions: 585-467-0311

**NOTE:
Reservations are due by
May 10th!!**

NEWS YOU CAN USE:



Happy 50th Anniversary to the Leo Club Program! Since 1957, when the first club was organized, the Leo movement has grown to more than 5,500 clubs in more than 130 countries with approximately 140,000 members.

Please visit www.lionsclubs.org to see some ideas on how Leos and Lions can celebrate this wonderful anniversary.

Walk for Sight

Walkers Needed

Sunday May 27th

at the

Irondequoit

Memorial Day Parade

to bring awareness to

Campaign SFII and Lions.

We would like representation from Lions all over our District carrying their Club Flags...!

Please Contact Lion Greg Lund if you wish to participate.

All Lions, Leos and Lioness clubs and individuals are welcome!

Congratulations

to

The Kendall Lions Club

for winning

\$500

from

the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation Raffle

EVENT CALENDAR

DEADLINE FOR ALL ISSUES IS THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.

Plan at least two months ahead in announcing your event dates.

May 2007

- 5-6: 20E1 Work Weekend at Lions Camp Badger
- 6: 20E1 Cabinet Meeting
- 7: Irondequoit Lions Bingo Night at the Shire
- 10: TESTIMONIAL DINNER RESERVATIONS DUE**
- 1-12: Clarendon Geranium Sale
- 11-12: Alfred Rose Sale
- 12: Irondequoit LRose Sale12: Gates Geranium Sale
- 18-19: Clarendon Geranium Sale
- 18: DG JoAnn's Testimonial Dinner
- 22: Spencerport Lions Drive Thru Pork BBQ
- 22: Churchville Regional Steak Roast
- 27: Irondequoit Memorial Day Parade

June 2007

- 10: Tour de Cure
- 11: Irondequoit Steak Roast
- 19: Gates Lions Sausage Roast
- 22: Dansville Lions - Jack Welcher Memorial Golf Tournament
- 23: Lions Night at Seneca Park Zoo
- 24-30: Camp Abilities

July 2007

- 2-6: 90th Annual Lions Club International Convention
- 15: Lions Day w/ Red Wings
- 21: Brockport Cruise In

August 2007

- 18-19: Churchville Country Fair
- 18: Spencerport Glo Ball

September 2007

- 8: Brockport Cruise In

For the Latest Information and More Detail visit www.lions20E1.org

If you have an event you wish to add to this calendar or to the district website, please go to www.lions20E1.org and fill out the Event Submission Form.

All events should also be submitted to

District 20E1 Activities and Special Events Committee Chair PDG Leo Lejeune at lejeunl@alfredstate.edu

Walk for Sight Jackets and Shirts



Dress for Walk for Sight Success!

For walkers, the shirts are \$4.50 and windbreakers are \$20.00
For non-walkers, shirts are \$10.00 and windbreakers are \$26.00,
with the difference going to Sight First II.

Please contact Lion Greg Lund at (585) 964-2774 or email: lunddargreg@aol.com to order.

Interested in Walking? Sponsoring?

contact Lion Greg Lund

at 585-964-2774 or email lunddargreg@aol.com

Your support can help us reach our Walk for Sight goal of \$10,000 for Campaign Sight First II.