



# The ROARING TWENT-E-1



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## District Governor's Message:

Greetings!

I hope those of you who attended the MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls May 2-4 enjoyed it. I know some of you tried your luck at the casino but probably weren't as fortunate as the Kendall Lion who won \$2,200 or the Wilson Lion who won \$27,000 (yes, \$27 thousand). Wow!

I think the convention was successful with 11 seminars offered throughout the day on Saturday. That evening's dinner and Theme party with the Caverners (a Beetle-mania group) was fantastic. It was a lot of fun seeing everyone dressed up in 60's and 70's attire.

Voting Results: all resolutions, amendments, bylaws and articles were passed. 654 Lions were certified to vote across the State. Our District had Lions from 21 of 43 Clubs represented. Our District had 53 Lions Certified and 13 PDG's = 66 certified to vote.

The dues increase passed by majority - \$3 now (from \$13-16) and \$2 in 2009 (from \$16-18). My thanks to all the delegates who voted and helped pass the dues increase (89% voted yes).

Please join me in congratulating our new DGE Terry and Laura Loucks from the Wellsville Lions Club and VDGE Marvin and Lion Diane Hankinson from the Greece-Ridge Lions Club. I know they are very committed to Lionism and

will do our District proud next year. Membership growth and club extension will be a key area of focus, so please give this initiative all your support.

Congratulations are also extended to PCC Jim Schiebel (Hilton) for a successful year as President of the MD20 PDG Association and to PCC Irv Confino (Irondequoit) who is the incoming President. PCC Jim's niece, Tracee Schiebel, was our District 20E-1 and MD20 PDG Association public speaking contest winner. She delivered a very nice speech about Diabetes at the Convention.

A huge congratulations and thanks to MD 20 Youth Band Chair Lion Leslie Rheinwald (Churchville). There were 66 students from across the state (15 from 20E-1) who participated in the band, and they did a fantastic job. They really worked overtime as they played for an additional hour on Sunday as we awaited the election results. This is a great experience for the kids and it really adds to the convention, so please continue to support the band next year.

My thanks to everyone who purchased the NYS & Bermuda Foundation Raffle Tickets. I'm happy to report district 20E-1 sold 100 tickets, which means our district will receive \$1000 which can be used for training, publicity, etc. The Foundation has been very generous in their grants for our vision screening cameras and I'm

very pleased we were able to give back.

I would like to extend my condolences to the clubs whose members passed away this year. Sadly, we lost 27 members from our District this year. It was an honor for me to place a rose in a vase in their memory during the Necrology Service at Convention on Sunday.

Special thanks to everyone below who helped out at convention (especially those who filled in at the last minute). I really appreciate your willingness to SERVE: Harry Wolanske, Niles Hickey, Joe Wild (Cal-Mum Lions), Regina Arlauckas, Matt Arlauckas, Leslie Rheinwald (Churchville), Keith Countermine (Attica), Jim Rice (Fairport), Don Knapp (Clarendon), June Knapp (Kendall), Greg Lund (Brockport), Randy Unterborn (Kendall), Irv Confino (Irondequoit)

I'm interested in any comments you may have about the convention, so please don't hesitate to pass them along. We want to continue to improve the seminars and events so please let me know what you think.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Terry



# Around the District ..

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## Brockport Community Service Award to Lion

On Wednesday, April 23, 2008 the Sweden Clarkson Recreation Community Awards Banquet was held.

Lion Leslie Rheinwald, Churchville, presented Lion Bob and Debbie Ryan with a 2008 Community Service Award for their 20 years of service to the Brockport community as owners of Ryan's Big M. In attendance to share in the joy of the evening were DG Terry Bliss and Cookie.



## New Lions for Brockport Club

The Brockport Lions inducted two new members into the Club on June 4th. Pictured from left to right are new member sponsor- Chuck

Switzer, new member Josh Brown, new member Jack Bowser, Brockport Club Pres. Scott Hunsinger and DG Terry Bliss



## Alfred Lions Club Installs Officers

The Lions Club of Alfred completed its Lions year with the installation of officers, installing Lion Jim Moretti to become the 43 president of the club. The ceremony conducted by PDG Charles Phillipson, congratulated outgoing President, Rob Riber, for the wonderful year the club enjoyed. Each of the new officers of the club were acknowledged for their service and time devoted to the volunteer work needed to do the fund raising and activities that have made this club so successful. For the more than forty years of service the Lions are well known for their chicken bbq's, wrestling tournament, birthday calendar and rose sales the profits of which have been used to fund the scholarships given each year to graduates of Alfred-Almond Central School, aid to needy, gifts to foster children, sight and hearing programs and Lions International Campaign Sight First which has raised Internationally millions of dollars to fund aid to third world countries in their fight to cure blindness and other diseases. Also recognized for their service to the club were Jon Legro, long time Treasurer and Leo Lejeune, long time Secretary as the Lions of the Year. Both of these great Lions have served as District Governors as well.

## Wellsville Lions Club Donate to Wellsville Police

At their regular meeting on May 15th, '08, the Wellsville Lions do-

notated \$4,230 to the Wellsville Police Department for the purchase of a police car dashboard video camera. A check was presented to Wellsville Police Chief Steven L. Mattison who said that, "the in-car camera technology not only protects citizens and police officers, but it serves as a reliable tool to gather evidence for investigative purposes." Chief Mattison added that the dashboard cameras are "a common sense measure that police officers nationwide are embracing," and he thanked the Wellsville Lions Club for its generous donation.



(CAPTION for picture: Wellsville Police Chief Steven L. Mattison receives a check for \$4,230 for the purchase of an in-car video camera, from Wellsville Lions Past-President Robin Rhodes, at a recent meeting of the Lions Club. Pictured (L to R) are Wellsville Lions Treasurer Walt Hodgden, Lion's 1st Vice-President Roger Moyer, Lion Rhodes, Chief Mattison, Lion's 2nd Vice-President Kevin Gildner, Lion Bruce Hand and Lion's 3rd Vice -President Bruce Thomas.)

## Kendall Lions Hold Steak Roast

On May 17, 2008 the Kendall Lions Club hosted their annual garage sale- steak roast, the event earned over \$1500.00 to benefit the Kendall Community. With the help of over 20 Kendall Lions Club volunteers, our steak roast could only be a great success. Thanks to Lion Bob and Debbie Ryan for all their time and effort to make this day what it was. The constant reminder of Mother Nature at our backs, with blowing winds and steady sprinkles, didn't keep Lion Marv from grilling up some sensational flat iron steaks. Speaking of flat iron steaks, did you know president Bush recently served flat iron steaks at his daughter Jenna's wedding? Bob Ryan says he got the idea from us. That ones still up for discussion. Even with the weather being not so friendly, didn't keep the Kendall Community from coming out to support us. This was the best year our Kendall Lions Club has seen. With the sale of over 150 steak dinners and winds strong enough to blow your popcorn machine to the ground, who could ask for a better day.



by PDG Jon LeGro,  
20-E1 District  
Coordinator

May is upon us and soon our campaign to bring "Vision to All" will be over. Now is the time to act as indicated in our new symbol for this month. But first let's review how we are doing in the district.

On April 19th, 22 district Lions met on the SUNY Geneseo campus to show our support for CSFII. It was a warm sunny Saturday morning and PDG Leo Lancer led us on a three mile trek around the campus. In addition, the clubs supporting these Lions contributed \$3,500 to SightFirst. PID John Rabideau took lots of pictures some of which you see in this issue. (Editor's Note - some technical issues with reading the photo files - we will try to bring these to you next issue)

Today, May 2nd, the CSFII website shows that \$160,349,365 has been received and recorded in their office. Likewise, their computer lists the amount of \$68,971.80 in contributions from 20-E1. However, we know that more is on the way for a total gift of \$89,060.80. Thus, we are moving toward that magic level of \$100,000.

Now back to the CSFII above. This is the time of year many clubs make contributions from their year of fundraising. This year you need to include CSFII at your next Board of Directors meeting. Discuss what your club can do over the next three to five years. Designate a new MJF for CSFII. Harness "The Power of 30"— each \$180 saves 30 people from blindness. Set up a fundraising activity for SightFirst for the next several years. Make a Club Commitment and send the card in to CSFII. Select one day, the week of May 11-17, to announce your plan to your club and send me an e-mail (jonlegro@juno.com). I would really like to know about your plan.

## A Note from our District Governor Elect

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Message from DGE Terry Loucks

I would like to thank DG Terry for an outstanding year as DG of 20E-1. There were many milestones during his year. I would also like to thank Cookie for her support of Terry during this busy year.

By the time you read this Laura and I will have made the seventeen hour flight to Bangkok, spent many hours in school and had the privilege to see a fellow Lion from New York State be installed as International President. Upon my return it will be time to start working on my goals for the upcoming year.

My theme for the year is "Hooked on Lions." Everywhere I go I've heard speakers talk about getting people hooked or set the hook when talking about Lions membership. "Hooked on Lions" focuses on membership. We need to gain new members and keep those that we have. In order to do so we need to find ways to get them hooked and once we do then they are ours for good. There are many ways to hook them. Get them active early, give them responsibilities, make them feel a part of the club, but don't over stress them or they'll become unhooked and we loose them!

International President AL as set his theme as "Miracles Through Service." Anyone of us who have been members for a while can remember a situation where our service has brought on a miracle. I urge you all to continue making these miracles happen.

Extension Chairman Joann is already hard at work trying to help DG Terry meet his new club goal and she is laying the ground work to help me meet my new club goal. IPIP Jimmy Ross challenged the DG's of Multiple District 20 to greatly increase the number of clubs in our State. In our district alone he has set a goal of five new clubs. Many people have raised an eyebrow over his challenge, but I know with Joann leading the charge we'll give it good shot.

I'm looking forward to serving as your District Governor. If there is anything I can do for your club or questions you may have please don't hesitate to contact me!



YIL,

DGE Terry

# Notes from the MD20 Lions Convention

## District E1 Student Wins Contest

Tracee Schiebel is this year's Lions Past District Governor's statewide speaking contest winner. The contest was open to all high school students in the state and they were asked to prepare their own six minute speech on one of six lionistic topics. Tracee chose "diabetes awareness". She was representing the Hilton Lions Club when she competed at the seven county district and then state level. Pictured with Tracee after she made her presentation is District Governor Terry Bliss who served this year from the Kendall Lions Club. Tracee Schiebel is the daughter of Keith Schiebel of Vernon and Lyn Schiebel of Vernon. She is a freshman in Vernon Verona Sherrill Central School where she also enjoys basketball, field hockey, dance team, skiing and swimming. Tracee adds this to her speaking accomplishments as she has previously won statewide recognition in a FFA Junior Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, an FFA People in Agriculture Contest and served a year as New York State Maple Princess.



Lion Leslie Rheinwald, New York State Youth Band chairman, Youth Band Member Carolyn Andolina, Kendall and DG Terry Bliss.

DG Terry and Cookie Bliss, DGE Terry & Laura Loucks, and VDGE Marvin and Lion Diane Hankinson.



## Obituaries

The following 20E-1 Lions have passed this year. Their names were read during the Necrology Service at the MD20 Convention. They are gone, but not forgotten.

## Lion Jim Schiebel Recognized

Lion Jim Schiebel of the Hilton Lions Club recently received his third "International President's Award" at the multiple district convention held in Niagara Falls. The international president's award is the second highest recognition presented for lionistic service. Previous awards were presented from Sten Akestam President from Stockholm, Sweden and Judge Brian Steveson President from Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Making the last presentation was Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross from Quitaque, Texas on behalf of President Mahendra Amarasuriya from Colombo 5, Republic of Sri Lanka. Lion Jim is now the immediate past president of the Multiple District Organization of Past District Governors, the immediate past president of the Lions International Trading Pin Club, the Guiding Lion for the Brockport College Lions Club and Chairman of the Board of Director for Lions Camp Badger, serving special education students. Jim is a retired teacher from the Hilton Central School District living in Hamlin with his wife Donna, and also serves a member of the Walker Fire Department and Hamlin Republican party.

- Almond: Lion Dale Lorow
- Attica: Lion Terry Pusch
- Batavia: Lion John Ebling,  
Lion John Findlay,  
Lion John McManis
- Brockport: Lion Thomas Heath,  
Lion Frank Warner
- Chili: Lion Glenn Johnson
- Churchville: Lion Gerald Smith
- Cuba: Lion Curtis Cleghorn
- Fairport: Lion Peter Depuy,  
Lion Lewis DiRisio
- Gates: Lion Edward J. VerWeire
- Kendall: Lion Scott Hardenbrook
- Lyndonville: Lion Richard Callard
- Medina: Lion Stanley Barry
- Rochester Northside:  
Lion Clifford McCullough,  
Lion Gerald O'Brien,  
Lion Harry Speck, Jr.
- Scio: Lion Denny Culbertson
- Scottsville: Lion John Arthur, Lion Jere Hoth
- Spencerport: Lion Roscoe Wolfe
- Wayland: Lion Richard Creason,  
Lion Carl Johantgen
- Wellsville: Lion Theodore McClure,  
Lion G. Robert Weigand

## NEWS YOU CAN USE:

### THANK YOU!!!

#### 20 E1 Work Weekend at Lions Camp Badger

I would like to thank the clubs who participated in the work weekend:

•Alfred •Attica •Clarendon  
•Greece Ridge •Hamlin  
•Irondequoit •Kendall  
•Medina •Walworth

A couple of individuals from the **Scotia-Glenville Lions Club** also joined us.

The weather was great on Saturday and we were able to complete quite a few jobs. To bring the camp to ADA compliance we worked on installing a new ramp, finished work in handicap bathroom, installed smoke detectors & installing doors. We also completed much needed electrical work, wood replaced on picnic tables, new screens on the porch, new lattice, cleaning of the dining hall kitchen. Also, it's quite a job to keep all of the hungry workers feed, so I would like to thank all of the women that helped in the kitchen and a special thanks to PDG JoAnn Rodgers.

Lion Diane Hankinson



#### 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](http://www.campabilities.org)

# EVENT CALENDAR

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

#### June:

17: Gates Lions Sausage Roast  
23-27: Lions International Convention

#### July

4: Fairport Lions Party in the Park  
4: Lyndonville Lions 4th of July Celebration  
26: Brockport Lions Cruise In

#### August

8: Avon Lions Golf Classic  
16-17: Churchville Lions Country Fair  
22: Lions Night with the Red Wings

UPDATED!

#### Lions Night With The Red Wings

Date/Time: 8/22/2008  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Location: Frontier Field

**CHANGE OF DATE:** It's a night of fun and fireworks at Frontier Field when the Red Wings take on the Pawtucket Sox at 7:05PM! A spectacular fireworks show to follow!

Organize your club and community and receive:

\* A welcome from the public address announcer \* Your club's name displayed on the Frontier Field video board \* 50/50 raffle throughout the game to benefit Lions projects \* Enjoy a great postgame fireworks show \* A great opportunity to promote Lions Clubs!

Tickets are \$6.00 each  
Last day to obtain tickets is Friday, August 15, 2008  
For Tickets Contact:  
Lion Marvin Hankinson Jr.  
585-225-7104  
[mhankin1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mhankin1@rochester.rr.com)



Congratulations to the Hilton Lions Club for 40 years of Service !

Congratulations to the Churchville Lions Club for receiving the MD20 PDG Membership Growth Award!

THANK - YOU ! THANK - YOU ! THANK - YOU !  
Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross and Velda, and 1st VP Al Brandel and Maureen for attending our MD20 Convention. We enjoyed your company and appreciated your comments.  
We wish you the best of luck next year.