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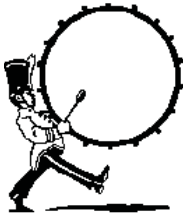
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Welcome NEW LIONS

The **Kendall Lions Club** is proud to welcome new members Don Harter, Pat Bolten, Becky Charland, and Karen Keller. We look forward to SERVING with you !

Bill Bastuk recently became the newest member of the **Irondequoit Lions Club**. PDG Irv Confino along with President/sponsor Barb Genier performed the induction ceremony. Lion Bill enjoys volunteering in many organizations, and his main reason for joining the Lions is that one of his family members' has vision problems.

The **Brockport Lions** Inducted new member Scott Waller on 10/7/09. Pictured are new member Scott Waller (L), 1st VDG Greg Lund performing the induction, and Club Pres. Scott Hunsinger (R).



District Governor's Message:

Okay, I know I have been late with all of my newsletter articles so far this year, at least this time I have a reason. I wanted to wait to comment on the fall conference.



The evaluation forms are all in and have been read. It seems the conference was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone on attendance. That is a testament to all the hard work put in by the "Fall Conference" committee. This committee was chaired by Lion Diane Hankinson; other members were Lion Bernie Rabideau, Lion Nancy Neidrauer, Lion Pat Peters, Lion Rosemary Plane, and Lion Leona Hankinson. Thank you very much to them for doing a great job.

PDG Thom Herman from Guelph Ontario Canada; presented a seminar on the importance of a lions clubs in their communities. His message was humorous and informative. It is amazing what a motivated club can accomplish!

Lion Matt Arlauckas presented a seminar about today's technology. More specifically social networking on the web. Sites such as facebook, my space, twitter, etc. I hope all who attended see the importance of this technology and use it to their advantage.

We also heard from a couple of people about how Lions Clubs have impacted their lives. You couldn't help but be proud to be a lion.

International Director Debra Wasserman and her husband Steve are wonderful people. Diane and I were extremely happy to host them for the weekend. She delivered a great message and I think she was an inspiration to all. In fact some comments from the evaluation forms indicate attendees wish she had spoken more.

The Hamlin Lions Club awarded Lion Dr. Michele Jameson a Robert J. Uplinger for her work at their health screenings. PDG Terry Bliss awarded a Robert J Uplinger to Lion Randy Unterborn. ID Debra and I presented three deserving Lions with International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Those recognized were Bob Infantino (Dansville Lions) and Dave Ras (Caneseraga) These two men have screened the vision of over 600 children in just the past year and a half. Of course they have had help I also presented Diane Hankinson with a certificate, not only did she put in countless hours working on the fall conference she has been my right hand this year. I don't know how I could do this job without her.

Thank you everyone who worked on or at the Fall Conference and thank you to all who attended.





News from Around our District

Three From Hilton Visit Rochester

The **Irondequoit Lions Club** has had a busy start to the 2009-10 year with two fund raisers, induction of a new member, choosing a Lion of the month, participating in walks for cancer and diabetes and collecting food for the Irondequoit food cupboard.

Money raised from the fund raisers will benefit the two libraries in the town of Irondequoit to purchase books on CD, and the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired to purchase equipment for their Low Vision Clinic/Rehab. Departments. One of the fund raisers, sale of "Enjoy the City" entertainment books is still going on and books can be purchased by contacting Lions Bill or Judy Davis at 585-544-1853. The books are \$20.00 and make great gifts.

Upcoming events for our Club will be hosting a semi annual bingo night at the Shire, an assisted living home in the town, filling Christmas stockings and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army annual drive and sponsoring families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. To help out our local food cupboard the members have designated the second meeting of each month to bring non perishable food items to the meeting.

A representative from Freedom Guide Dog School will be giving a presentation to our club at the last meeting in November. One of our members' daughter is interested in obtaining a dog. This particular school is located in the Binghamton, NY area and the training is done in the students' local neighborhood.

Vision screening is still on going for our club and local day care centers have been notified through letters sent out by Lion Dr. Janet Ross Comstock. Also approximately 500 pairs of glasses have been collected from the various drop off points in the town with Lion Earl Sweet coordinating the effort.

A very special topic for the members is planning of our 60th. anniversary for the Irondequoit Lions Club for 2010.

Halloween weekend, Honor Flight Rochester made its fifth trip this year to Washington, D.C. In June 2008 Rochester became one of 70 hubs that transport war veterans and guardians or a safe and memorable trip of a lifetime. About 270 veterans were on trips in 2009 from Rochester.



Pictured are Charles Waffle and Allan Blossom as honored veterans and Jim Schiebel as a guardian, all from Hilton. Forty male and three female veterans were on this trip with forty one guardians. We were greeted by Honor Flight volunteers at the airport in Baltimore and greeted by Senator Bob Doles at the World War Two Memorial amongst many others. The trip is a small community "thank you" for what these heroes did six decades ago. The air flight, meals, ground transportation and overnight lodging were all provided for each veteran at no charge. Although the guardians, often relatives, each pay \$300 toward their expenses, no money is every accepted from the honored heroes.

With 350 more on the waiting list for next year, only finances will limit those that will be honored. The mission of honor flight is more than timely; it is urgent. Last year the Hilton Lions Club donated \$1800, the equivalent to four veterans, from their profit on the annual armchair horse races. The Kendall Lions Club has also sponsored a veteran for next year. If individuals or other organizations want to honor more of the heroes amongst us, send a tax deductible contribution in any amount to "Honor Flight Rochester, PO Box 23581, Rochester, N.Y. 14692

...more News from Around our District

Approximately 160 senior citizens enjoyed a free dinner out on the evening of October 14th courtesy of the **Wellsville Lions Club**, as the Lions held their annual World Service Day event at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wellsville. About twenty-two club members prepared and served the dinner, which consisted of salad, roast chicken and stuffing, mashed potatoes and corn, coffee, tea and dessert. Local keyboardist Carol Aldrich performed on piano during the dinner, which added to the festivities. The Wellsville Lions began presenting the dinner to local seniors over 35 years ago in response to the Lions Club International's World Sight Day event held each year in October.

THE POWER OF PEACE



Congratulations to the Andover Lions Club for submitting the 2009 Peace Poster Contest winner. This year's contest consisted of 9 posters from Andover (2), Bolivar, Brockport, Chili (2), Churchville, Gates, and Wellsville.

The District 20-E1 winning poster was designed by Rebecca Gregory. She is in the 7th grade at Andover Central School. Her artwork will now go on to the State level to compete against the other 11 Districts in NY State. Our thanks and congratulations to Rebecca.

This is one of the simplest and easiest projects a club may undertake, which generates good will, school community involvement and, most of all, **VISIBILITY** for the clubs. The visiting International Director, Lion Debra Wasserman, keynote speaker at our Fall Conference at Batavia, Nov. 6-8, made a real emphasis on the increased participation of all clubs in this project.

The theme for 2010-2011 will be appearing soon in "The Lion". Consider taking the time for **YOUR** club to sponsor this contest in **YOUR** schools



The **Lions Club of Chili** honored the Town of Chili Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Curley, on November 4th, 2009, with a Robert J. Uplinger service award, the highest honor that may be bestowed on a non-Lion member of the community, for his dedication and consistent support to the Lions projects in their community. Lion President James Keenan, on behalf of the Club, made the presentation at Mr. Curley's office.

(Lion James Keenan, to the left, presenting the plaque, letter and pin to Mr. Curley, on the right)

The **Brockport Lions**, Treasurer Charlie Deacon, presented a check for \$750 to Monica Andrews of the Brockport Food Shelf at the Club meeting on Nov. 4th. Proceeds from the Brockport Lions mint candy sales are the source of the majority of the funds donated to this cause. Lions Mints dispensers are placed at over 25 local businesses in Brockport and these monies are part of the annual donation from the Lions Club to the Food Shelf.

The 3rd Annual **Medina Lions Club** Scarecrow Fest was held Oct. 17th at Roberts Farm Market. The club raised \$973 through scarecrow



sales and more selling hot dogs and hot chocolate. Kids and parents alike had a wonderful time. It is a fun event because everyone laughs and has fun and no two scarecrows are alike.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

"Are all the District Officers visiting my Club"?

You are probably wondering what you did to deserve all the attention your club is getting from our District Officers. DG Marvin has his official visits, and then there are visits from 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Region Chair and Zone Chair's.

So, let me try to explain. Our new Lion year started July 1st and with many clubs not meeting during the summer the visits by District Officers began in mid Sept. Our year was 25% over by this time and we had just got started. Cabinet meetings and AC Meetings began our chain of communications to the clubs and the passing on of District Directories. This year we have a new position of 2nd VDG (Keith Countermine of the Attica Lions Club). Both 2nd VDG Keith and myself, (1st VDG Greg Lund), are teamed with our DG Marvin Hankinson Jr. to help club presidents have a successful year so we visit to get to know you and you us. Then there are new member installations, all those steak roasts in Sept., club anniversaries, clam bakes and on to attend. We have some new ZC's this year; Forest Shaner, Virgil Garner, Randy Unterborn, Wally Kornow and one new Region Chair-John Stevens that are all trying to get to know the clubs in their Zone/Region.

So, be patient with us as the visits will smooth out and you will be getting on with club business. Our District Officers are a team and are working hard to help you have a great Lions Year.

1st VDG Greg Lund

EVENT CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

- 6 Brockport Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 6 Webster Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 12 Attica Lions Club Christmas Party

Cash for Causes at Tops

Tops Supermarkets has a program called "Cash for Causes" that will permit Lions Clubs and individual members to raise needed funds for "Camp Badger" special needs.

Everybody needs to purchase food and related items. By choosing this Tops program, which involves purchasing a \$500 credit card usable at any of the Supermarket Chain stores, your favorite charity --in this case, Camp Badger-- will receive a donation equivalent to 5% of its value.

The procedure is simple, but you need to submit the Tax Exemption Number of Camp Badger (ESSHC), which can be secured from PDG Marv Hankinson Sr. There is no time limit, and no extra effort required.

Visit your local Tops, or call 1-800-522-2522, option 4, or contact marv.hankinson@gmail.com

The **Brockport Lions Club** will be having a pancake breakfast on Dec. 6th at the Brockport Area Vets Club on West Ave. Proceeds from the pancake breakfast fundraiser will be used to create holiday food baskets for some of the needy families in Brockport. Support the pancake breakfast and help out families in need this season.

The **Webster Lions Club** will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 8 a.m. to NOON (or as long as food lasts). There is no admission charge but donations are graciously accepted with net proceeds to Webster Comfort Care Home. Santa may even stop by to say hello and have a free picture taken with your child. There will be vision screenings for preschoolers.

During the breakfast, the Webster Lions Club will also be presenting a donation to Mercy Flight to aid them in their service to the community.

The Webster Lions Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be at the Ridgecrest Recreation Center, 985 Ebner Drive, Webster. From the City, turn right at the Auto Zone store on Ridge Road between Holt Rd and Rt. 250.

For more details on these events, including times, locations, and contact information please visit www.lions20E1.org