



The International Association of Lions Clubs
District 20-Y1 Newsletter

APRIL 2008

District Governor David Rutkowski



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

We are down to three months left in our Lion's year and we have completed many of our service projects in our communities. In District 20-Y1 we have some unfinished business remaining.

Campaign Sight First II has reached its primary goal of \$ 150 million and now we are going to stretch our efforts and reach for a final goal of \$ 200 million US dollars. The extra dollars will enable Lions to reach out to more people in need throughout the world.

Together we can attain this goal. I am very happy with the results in our District as our Clubs are stepping up to the plate and making generous donations to this world wide cause. Lets keep up the good work. Thanks Lions for your support !

I am very happy to hear of the new members coming into our Clubs. As I have said at my visitations" We must do everything we can to stop members from going out the back door". We must make sure our members are participating in the good work we are known for. Be sure everyone is heard when they speak. Make sure every Lion is an active participant in your projects and activities and is thanked. Encourage others to step up and lead to future successful projects. I am very sad for the loss of Lion Jo Herfort. Lion Jo served her Club, the District and the International faithfully for many years. We will miss her very much. My condolences to her family and friends at the Oxford Lions Club.

In closing I am hopeful of great attendance at our last Cabinet meeting to be held in Syracuse at the Steak and Sundae Restaurant on April 13, 2008. Details can be found in this Newsletter. We will have news about Lions See and a demonstration of the latest Welch/Allen digital screener plus other news and reports.

Keep up the great work we do as Lions and remember WE SERVE !!!

Yours in Lions, DG Dave Rutkowski

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Dear members of District 20-Y1,

Here it is only 3 more months and I'll be your new District Governor. I'm very proud to be elected the leader of the greatest District in this State. I hope you will all support me as much as you have other District Governors in the past.

At this time I would like to congratulate DG Dave Rutkowski on his visitations and presentations for Campaign Sight First II. He has helped to eliminate a good many zeros in our CSF II District reports. For the rest of the Clubs that have not pledged or donated, please consider doing so. Send checks directly to the DG labeled CSF II at 246 State Rt. 38B - Endicott, NY 13760.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Thank you District Governor Dave and our Clubs that have made this Campaign a success.

I still need Zone Chair personell for 2008-2009. If you can help please let me know (315-697-8238. The Zones are, Region 1-Zone 2 (Central Square-Cicero/Mattydale-N. Syr.-Moyers Cor.-Baldwinsville-Phoenix) Region 2, Zone 1 (Syr. Eastwood- Syr. Host- Syr. N. Side) Region 3, Zone 1 (Homer-Marathon-McGraw), Region 3, Zone 2 (Jordan/Elbridge-Martisco-Skaneateles-Solvay/Geddess/Camillus) and Region 5, Zone 1 (Cooperstown-Richfield Springs-Walton-Oneonta-Downsville-Deposit).

There was a problem getting the Directory out this past year, so I am asking all Club Secretarys early to get their PU-101 forms filled out COMPLETELY and send them in to the District Governor (Duplicate Copy) so I can work on the Directory well before June. If possible, E-mail me a copy at (pdhay48@aol.com). Thanks ! I will be having an officer training session in August. There will be more on this later.

The State Convention in Niagara Falls is just around the corner and I hope to see you at my hospitality room at the Quality Hotel & Suites. In closing I will ask you all to keep up the great work you all do !

GOD BLESS AND AS ALWAYS REMEMBER
WE SERVE

VDG PAUL HAYNES

CABINET MEETING NO 4 - APRIL 13, 2008

The 4th and final Cabinet meeting for the Lions year 2007-2008 will take place at the Steak & Sundae Restaurant on Teal Ave on the east side of Syracuse. Maps will be found on the back pages of this newsletter. Registration will be at 8:00 AM and the meeting at 9:00. A reservation form will be found on the back page. A full explanation of the Lions "SEE" program will be given followed by a demonstration of the screening cameras. Don't miss this one !!!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PU-101 FORMS

Each Club Secretary should have received the annual PU-101 forms from Lions Clubs International. March is the month when each Club must elect its officers for next year starting July 1, 08. The completed forms should be in the mail to International by April 1. Club Presidents should remind their nominating committee and Secretary of these dates.

DISTRICT LCIF CHAIR

The District LCIF Chair this year is Immediate Past Governor Charles Wallace. Charles will be soliciting donations of \$ 20.00 from Lions during the year.

20-Y1 PDG ASSOCIATION .

The PDG Association will meet at the April Cabinet meeting at 8:30 AM to conduct business and hold officer elections. Give some thought to candidates for specific positions.

PEACE POSTER 2008 - 2009

Peace Poster Kits are already available at Club Supplies, Lions Clubs International. Get your kits now so that when you start up your fall meetings you do not have to scramble. Remember Schools start in early September and need their kits early. Have your Club Peace Poster Chair ready to go - order now !!!

DISTRICT 20-Y1 WEB SITE

The information age is making rapid changes in the way Lions information is sent to Clubs and individual Lions. Every single Lion can now have access to his/her copy of the News letter via the internet. This newsletter will be on the 20-Y1 Web Site within a few days. Club Secretarys are asked to give the access address to each of their members. The address is WWW.centralnylions.com

NYS - MD-20 - DUES INCREASE

The loss of membership across the state and the increase of expenses in the state office and Council of Governors programs for the past few years called for a \$ 5.00 increase in state dues at the last State Convention. The increase was narrowly defeated. The Council of Governors will be resubmitting a call for the increase in two steps starting with \$ 3.00 the first year and \$ 2.00 the second. Please support this request !

NYS LIONS MAGAZINE NEWS ARTICLES

All Club news articles must now be sent to Lion Helen Rutkowski for submission to the State Magazine. Helen is replacing Jo Herfort as the 20-Y1 District Reporter. The address is 246 State Rt. 38B Endicott, NY 13760. E-mail is HRutkowski5@hotmail.com

F.L.R.L.H.F. APPLICATIONS

If you are sending in an application for a hearing aid for someone in your community or you need an application form, the address to send it to has been changed to the following;

F.L.R.L.H.F.
% Donna Peck
PO Box 678
Horseheads, NY 14845

(Phone number 607-398-7216)

District 20-Y1 Clubs are asked to support the newsletter costs if at all possible. Costs of paper, printing and mailing have continued to rise. Clubs that can are asked to donate \$ 60.00 in support of 11 issues. Total expense for the year will run about \$ 1,650.00 or more.
Please send a donation to the District Governor or present a donation at a Cabinet meeting.

District Governor Dave Rutkowski
246 State Route 38B
Endicott, NY 13760

VISITATION SCHEDULE APRIL & MAY

Please notice the changes to the schedule. If you find a scheduled date will not fit your schedule please call DG Dave R. to reschedule.

April 1	Greene	May 1	MD 20 Convention
April 2	Camden	May 2	MD 20 Convention
April 3	Morrisville	May 3	MD 20 Convention
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Dist. Bowling Norwich</i>		
April 6	Lion SEE Binghamton		
April 7	Oneonta	May 5	open
April 8	Rome	May 6	Solvay-Geddes
April 9	Mt. Upton	May 7	Syracuse Eastwood
April 10	Sherburne	May 8	open
<i>April 13</i>	<i>Cabinet meeting Syracuse</i>		
April 14	open	May 12	Canastota
April 15	West Corners Lioness	May 13	open
April 16	Fremont	May 14	Deposit
April 16	Phoenix		
April 17	Downsville	May 15	Oswego
April 19	Walk for Sight		
April 21	open	May 19	open
April 22	Oneida-Sherrill	May 20	Central Square Lioness
April 23	open	May 21	Manlius
April 24	Cicero-Mattydale	May 22	open
April 26	Spring-Fling Baldwinsville		
April 26	Syracuse Host award dinner		
April 28	open	May 26	Memorial Day
April 29	Advisory meeting	May 27	Advisory meeting
		May 28	open
		May 29	open

CONVENTION NOTES -NIAGARA FALLS

Convention dates - May 2,3,4
All delegate forms must be in by April 1
Flag bearers are needed - volunteer at the Convention
All Convention hotels are full - find accomodations a few miles away

LIONS NIGHT - SYRACUSE STADIUM

The Syracuse Host Lions Club is inviting all Lions to once again "play ball" at the 20th annual Lions Night at the Ballpark. The event takes place on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 PM (Chiefs versus the Buffalo Bisons.

General admission seats (level 300) may be purchased at \$210 for 1000 tickets, \$170 for 500 tickets, and at \$85 for 300 tickets. Checks should be made payable to SYRACUSE CHIEFS and mailed to me at the address below no later than June 30. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment. Contact David Cheaka - 492-4202 (315)

117 Byrne Place - Syracuse, NY 13205

DISTRICT GOVERNORS CLUB CONTEST

The 2007-2008 Club Contest runs from 7/1 to 5/1/08. All Clubs are automatically in the contest. Clubs are catagorized as follows.

- Clubs with less than 20 members
- Clubs with 21 to 35 members
- Clubs with over 36 members

How to collect points;

Club represented at Fall Confrence.....	20
Club officer at Fall Confrence training school	25
Club represented at a cabinet meeting.....	10
Member in the Golf outing	10
Club represented at a Zone meeting	10
New Member in the club.....	50
Drop Member from Club.....	-50
Submitt a peace poster to the District	50
Start a Leo Club.....	100
Drop a Leo's Club	-100
Start a Lions Club	100
Start a Lions Quest Program	50
Club represented at Journey for Sight.....	10

Membership is based on the July 1 report.

2007 from Lions Clubs International.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

The Banquet will take place on June 1 at the Maplewood Hotel in Liverpool, NY. Details will be provided in the next newsletter.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Providing a leader dog for a blind person in your Clubs community used to be a very expensive proposition. Leader Dogs at Rochester, Michigan, has attained backing from Industrial and Business Corporations over the past years and will provide a leader dog cost free if needed. Of course any donation is appreciated as well. An applicant is flown to and from the facility cost free and the program of training takes 30 days. Should your Club or your zone need Leader Dog services call 1-313-651-9011 and inquire. The address for Leader Dogs is;

Leader Dogs For The Blind
1039 S. Rochester Road
PO Box 5000
Rochester, Michigan 48307

Directions to Steak and Sundae Rest.
1830 Teal Ave
Syracuse, NY
PHONE 315-463-6551

When traveling from the north or the south take I81 to I690 East to exit 14. Turn left off the ramp onto Teal Ave and follow to 1830 Teal Ave and the Steak and Sundae Rest. If you are coming in from the east or west use I690 to exit 14 and turn left off ramp onto Teal Ave to 1830 Teal and Steak and Sundae Rest. If you need help call the restaurant for further directions.

(Once you are on 690 E in the center of Syracuse - take the Teal Ave exit - turn left onto Teal - go about 1 1/4 miles north - Restaurant is on your right !)

RESERVATION FORM _ CABINET MEETING NO 4 - SYRACUSE, NY

CLUB NAME : _____

LIST MEMBERS ATTENDING AT \$ 15.00 EACH. TOTAL \$ _____



SEND TO:

Robert F. Caswell, PDG
NYS LIONS - 20Y1
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Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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