



The International Association of Lions Clubs  
District 20-Y1 Newsletter

MAY 2008



District Governor David Rutkowski

**WE SERVE**



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

We are on track for a successful conclusion to our Lions year. We have increased our number of CSF II participating clubs. We still have a few clubs who need to step up and make a pledge. I encourage every member to make a personal pledge. As Lions we need to participate with personal donations and match the monies donated by members of our communities. You will have the same three years to pay off your pledge. Remember with every \$1000 pledged and paid you will be entitled to a Melvin Jones Fellow award.

Lion SEE will kick off in the coming weeks. We have placed our order for our Welch/Allyn Sure Sight screeners. We will start training during May and June. Look further into this newsletter for information regarding payment of our matching funds.

The District Governor Testimonial will be held in Syracuse on June 1, 2008 at the Maplewood Inn in Syracuse at 7<sup>th</sup> North Street. Details are enclosed. I encourage all Lions to attend. We will have some exciting awards and a great time.

Let's conclude our year with a BIG push for new members. We are doing a good job but I know we can do better. As I have said during visitations there is no secret to obtaining new members. You only have to invite someone to a meeting. Show them the great things we do in our community and the world. Be sure to set up a table at your next function and ask people if they would like to become a member of the WORLDS largest and GREATEST service organization. Reach out to your community and invite them to your next meeting.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 20Y1  
DAVID W. RUTKOWSKI

## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

HELLO LIONS OF 20-Y1

Here it is, only 2 months left in the 2007-2008 Lions year. I believe we had a really great year with the donations to CSFII AND THE COMING AROUND OF Clubs showing their Club involvement with the District by attending the Cabinet meetings. Keep up the great work !

About the CFSII campaign, there are still a few Clubs that have not given to this great project so when you do your "end of year" donations please try to give something so the District can get rid of our District 0's on the record sheet.

DG Dave has done a good job as our leader this year so when you get your invitation to his Testimonial Banquet on June 1, show your support by coming to this event.

Some Clubs in the District will be getting a letter from me looking for Zone Chairpersons. I'm asking for your support in this matter. You have to be a Club Past President to qualify for Zone Chair. I,m not going to get into the next events in depth but there are two important dates I would like you to please give to your membership before the end of this Lions year (1) on August 10 I,ll be having an officer training/family picnic at Little York Park in Preble. (2) My first Cabinet meeting and District Golf outing will take place on October 5 at Rogue Roost Golf course in Bridgeport. After the Cabinet meeting we will have the District golf outing. There will be detailed info sent to each Club over the summer.

Also, please ask your Secretary to let me know when they have sent their PU101 forms in to Intn'l and the DG so I can get them for my directory.

Thank you all for the respect you have shown DG Dave and myself this year. Please make sure you pass this information on to your Club members at your next meeting. Thanks again !

VDG PAUL HAYNES

## REVIEW OF CABINET MEETING # 4

1. The 4th Cabinet meeting was held at " Steak & Sundae " Restaurant in Syracuse. The food was fabulous !
2. Our 20-Y1 Peace Poster winner, Laura Konieczko from the Morrisville Schools, was awarded a \$ 100.00 savings bond by District 20-Y1.
3. Lions Camp Hickory was formally adopted by District 20-Y1 as its project. The vote was unanimous.
4. A demonstration of the new screening cameras from Welch/Allen were given with participants given a chance to try them out ! Cameras for 20-Y1 have been ordered and the 20-Y1 Project SEE initiative will be in full swing within the next two weeks.
5. Clubs in 20-Y1 are asked to send a \$ 66.00 check issued to LIONS SEE to the District Governor as soon as possible to be registered for the Lions 2008-2009 year. (DG David Rutkowski, 246 State Rt. 38B, Endicott, NY 13760)

## PU-101 FORMS

Each Club Secretary received a PU-101 form notice from Lions Clubs International two months ago. The purpose of the form is to update your Club officer information with Lions International and District 20-Y1. The forms (two inclosed) are due at Intn'l and your District Governor by May 15. Club Presidents are asked to check with their Secretarys to insure that these forms are returned by the due date.

## FALL CONFERENCE 2008

The next Fall Conference will take place on the weekend of November 7,8,9. More information will be given in future Newsletters.

## MEMBERSHIP - DISTRICT 20-Y1

Since July 1, there have been 110 drops and 92 new Lions making a loss, so far, of 18 members. Several Clubs have indicated some new inductees so it is hoped that the District will come out near even June 30. Bring in some new members , Lions ! We need them !!!

## DISTRICT 20-Y1 WEB SITE

When the new District Governor takes office on July 1 there will be a change in Web Master. The Web address will stay the same and the District Newsletter will still be available to all Lions. Jennifer Servedio (Hamilton Lions Club) will be the Web Master.

## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-2011

The District and the PDG Association are looking for candidates for our District 3 years hence. Any candidate would have to file for Vice District Governor in 2009. If you would like to apply , get in touch with the current VDG Paul Haynes or the PDG Assoc Pres. Bob Caswell. Minimum qualifications are (1) have been a Club President and (2) have served as a District officer (zone chair, secretary or treasurer). PDG Stan Deminski can be contacted also.

## FINGER LAKES REGION LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

The Foundation needs your Club support through donations and used hearing aids. The Foundations only source of income is the 196 Lions Clubs stretching from Buffalo to Syracuse. Unfortunately less than 50% of the Clubs send donations. Remember, any Club can get a hearing aid for a needy person in their community. PDG Robert Caswell is the contact person for information and application blanks. He is the District Hearing Chair.

## HEARING AIDS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

If you have a low income person in your community that needs a hearing aid - call me at 315-638-0743 for an application and explanation - Bob Caswell.

*District Governor's Testimonial*

*District Governor David Rutkowski and Lion Helen wish to announce the annual Testimonial Dinner and Cocktail Party. All Lions, Lioness and friends are welcome.*

*Date; June 1, 2008*

*Place; Maplewood Inn  
400 Seventh North Street  
Liverpool, NY 13088*

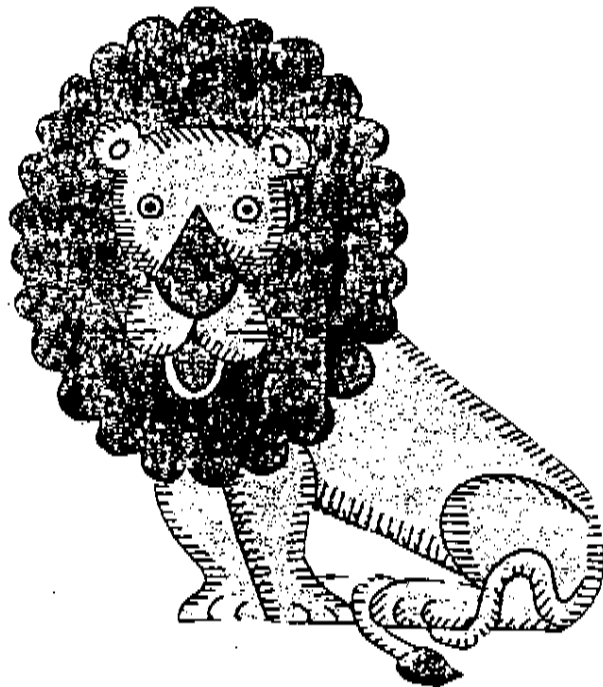
*Time; Cocktails at 1:00 pm  
Dinner at 2:00 pm  
Cash bar*

*Menu; Two choices, Chicken Marsala  
Prime Rib of beef  
Hors d' Oeuvres*

*Cost; \$35.00 per guest*

*Invitations to follow.*

*RSVP to  
DG David Rutkowski  
246 State Route 38B  
Endicott, NY 13760  
607-748-5199*



VISITATION SCHEDULE  
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.



May 1	MD 20 Convention
May 2	MD 20 Convention
May 3	MD 20 Convention
May 4	MD 20 Convention
May 5	open
May 6	Solvay-Geddes
May 7	Syracuse Eastwood
May 8	Phoenix
May 12	Canastota
May 13	Sherburne
May 14	Deposit
May 15	Oswego
May 17	open
May 19	open
May 20	Central Square Lioness
May 21	Manlius
May 22	Cicero-Mattydale
May 26	Memorial Day
May 27	Advisory meeting / SKANEATELES
May 28	open
May 29	open

## NYS LIONS MERL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of all MERL committee members in Districts E-2, Y-1, Y-2 and W. This event will take place within the next two months or in the fall. Watch for specific information in this newsletter.

## ARTICLES FOR THE NYS LIONS MAGAZINE

All Clubs in District 20-Y1 are encouraged to send articles and photos for the District Governors page in the State magazine. You can include articles concerning your fundraisers, guest speakers, awards presentations, DG visitations, etc. Advertise your Club for free. Send all articles to Helen Rutkowski, 246 State Rt. 38B, Endicott, NY 13760. Helen will be the District 20-Y1 reporter next year also ! Deadline dates for each magazine issue will be found in the state magazine.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING LIONS

David Cheaka - Syracuse Host Club - Melvin Jones Fellows Award  
Jennifer Servideo - Hamilton Lions Club - Melvin Jones Fellow Award

## 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

## MD-20 STATE CONVENTIONS

The following are the Convention venues for the next 3 years;

2008 - Niagara Falls May 2,3,4  
2009 - Binghamton  
2010 - Buffalo

***Lions Members Are Needed!***

**Sponsor  
A New  
Member**

## DISTRICT GOVERNORS CLUB CONTEST - TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

The 2007-2008 Club Contest runs from 7/1 to 5/1/08. All Clubs are automatically in the contest. Clubs are categorized 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 Conference.....	20
Club officer at Fall Conference 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
Submit 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.

## REVIEW - NYS LIONS PROJECT "SEE"

The NYS Council of Governors (MD-20) initiated a project in this State to screen young children in pre-school and Kindergarten to determine if they have Ambliopia or "Lazy Eye" which can if not discovered and treated, end up in blindness of one eye. The Council of Governors applied for a grant of \$ 200,000 to set up this screening program in the 12 Districts in MD-20. The grant was a Lions International that was approved. Each of the 12 Districts are to set up a committee that will supervise the use of the screening cameras (2 each) and train individual Club members in their use. The committee will also supervise the medical screening of the camera films and paperwork involved. There will be more information about this project in future newsletters.

The NYS Lions Committee to supervise the project in the 12 Districts has been formed and meets in Rochester. PDG Charles Wallace is on the State Committee and will head up the formation of the District 20-Y1 Committee which will receive the two screening cameras and monitor their Club use. The 20-Y1 "See" Committee will also aid Clubs in the paperwork and diagnostic parts of the project.