



DISTRICT 20Y1
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2009



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Happy Post Holidays Lions Of District 20-Y1

This Newsletter is dedicated to the Johnson City and Kirkwood Lions Clubs. I would like to thank all of the Clubs for their support of the newsletters. Though I have received more support than expected, and I've been told there is more on the way, I want to thank you all ! So that you know, all money left over will be donated to needy Lions organizations. Thanks once again. Well, we are on the down swing of the Lions year. I also want to thank all of the Clubs for your donations to my projects that I have chosen this year. I know that Clubs who haven't donated, will by the end of the year, as they have told me they want to see how their projects are going first. And, I would like to thank all Clubs I have visited for your kindness that you have shown me. The meals and kindness will not be forgotten as it really means a lot to me as your Governor. Now for some important dates that are coming up. First is the Lions See Training program on January 24 at the Welch Allen Lodge in Skaneateles Falls, NY. This program will show you complete training for the screening. It will show you how to use the camera, what paper work you need and you will be able to use the cameras to practice. If your Club is planning to do screening, this is a must as individual Clubs who want special training, might have to wait for instructors ! There is more in this newsletter on the location of Welch/Allen Lodge and time frames. The second date to note is the 3rd Cabinet meeting in Marathon, NY. This will be on Sunday, January 25, at the American Legion Post on Route 20. Registration will be at 8:15 AM with the meeting starting at 9:00. There will be more in this newsletter regarding directions and reservations. You might want to mark your calendars for April 19, for the 4th Cabinet meeting which will be at the Steak & Sunday Restaurant in Syracuse, NY. There will be a Quest Speaker and PDG Chris Kendall will cover legal matters with Lions and Lions Clubs. A Q&A session will follow.. At this time I'm going to close. I wanted to also thank all Clubs that have brought in new members to help get our District back up where it should be. We still have more to get but I have a lot of faith in all of you to bring them in !!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK YOU ALL DO
AND REMEMBER WE SERVE

THE GREATEST QUALITY IS SEEKING TO SERVE OTHERS

D G PAUL HAYNES

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year finds you refreshed and ready to meet head on, the challenges we will face.

I would like to thank all the Lions who gave up their Saturday to attend our MERL Symposium. Although fewer Lions showed up than we were expecting, I think all in attendance will agree that the Symposium was everything and more than we expected ! A special thanks was given to Past District Governor Millage Smith, Past Council Chair Rich Kingman and Council Chair Ken Butkowski for the time and dedication they gave in traveling long distance and leading the MERL Symposium.

For the next few newsletters I would like to share some of the ideas that came out of the MERL meeting.

The first question to be asked and answered with truthfulness and sincere thought is - how healthy is your Club membership ? Then, have you added new members this year ? In the past 2 years ? Has your membership grown or is it stagnant ? Worse yet, are you down in membership ? Look at your overall picture. You may have taken in a few new members, but how many have you lost ? If you have actually been fortunate enough to increase your membership, are you continuing to work hard at finding even more new Lions to strengthen your Club ? Every member of your Club needs to realize how important it is to your Club, District 20-Y1, and Lions Clubs International, to increase membership !

It is through membership growth that new ideas are born and you strengthen your ability to help your community !!

Before you jump into the fire to find new ways to get new Club members, be sure your entire Club is knowledgeable and committed to your need to grow the Club. Without every members dedication it will be a hard path to travel - one most of us have been delaying for to long !

Next month, some of the ideas on who and how to approach those new members and reel them into Lionism ! !

How is HOBY going ? Give me a call if you need help or a program. (315-697-3975)

Hope each Club has at least two Club members coming to our Cabinet meeting on the 25th - we'll talk about the MERL Symposium and toss out more ideas ! See you there !!!!

YOURS IN LIONISM,

VDG Kerry Brown

MEMBERSHIP PRINTOUT FROM LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Quartely printout (December) - 20-Y1 - loss of 10 members

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The District 20-Y1 Peace Poster Contest winner is Bradley Smalley from Morrisville Schools. Bradley will be awarded a \$ 50.00 savings bond at our April 19 Cabinet meeting at Steak & Sundae, Syracuse.

STATE AND DISTRICT GOVERNORS PINS

The state pins were delayed this year but are in the District Governors hands now. You can send the DG a letter and check and he will mail you your pins (for your whole Club if need be.) You can also buy them at the Cabinet meetings (State pin is \$ 2.00 and the Governors is \$ 3.00). Five dollars for a set.

CANASTOTA LIONS WILD GAME DINNER

The annual road kill dinner takes place on Monday, January 26 at the Rusty Rail Restaurant, south of Canastota, NY. To get there, take the Thruway east to the Canastota exit. Turn left and go all the way through town to Rt 5. Turn right onto Rt 5 and go about a half mile - the restaurant is on your right ! Bring some Lions with you - possible potential new members also. There will be lots of door prizes and regular food also if you don't care for wild game. See you there - Its a blast !! Starts at 6:00 PM.

ANNUAL LIONS PHOTO CONTEST

The annual Photo contest is back, sponsered by Lions Clubs International with a deadline for submission of March 1, 2009. The form and picture must be sent to Council Chairman Ken Butkowski at least a week prior to the deadline of March 1. Council Chairman Ken's address is;

CC Ken Butkowski
133 Kinsey Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217

DISTRICT GOVERNORS TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

The District Governor has selected May 17 (Sunday) at the Clarion Hotel for his Banquet. The Clarion Hotel is just off 690 north (north west of Syracuse). Reservations will be mailed out with detailed information.(early April).

2008-2009 CONVENTIONS

NYS Convention	Binghamton, NY	May 21 - 24
LCI Convention	Minneapolis MN	July 6 - 10

Reservations for Binghamton must be sent to the State Office at Multiple District 20 Lions Clubs, 526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 (Find the reservation form in the State Lion Magazine).

Reservations for the International Convention must be mailed to Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 (Find the reservation form in the LCI Magazine).

Do not wait till the last minute as hotels fill up fast !

President Al Brandel will be leaving office and a gala celebration will be in the works !!!!

DISTRICT 20-Y1 REPORTING TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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TO: DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 20 Y1 FROM: CLUB RECORDS & BILLING DEPT.
NON-REPORTING CLUBS AS OF December 05, 2008

According to our records, reports were missing for the following clubs:

LAST MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP
REPORT RECEIVED IN
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

CLUB NUMBER	DISTRICT	CLUB NAME	LAST MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT RECEIVED IN INTERNATIONAL OFFICE
008187	20 Y1	BALDWINVILLE	October 2008
008189	20 Y1	BRIDGEPORT	October 2008
008192	20 Y1	CANASTOTA	October 2008
008193	20 Y1	CAZENOVIA	October 2008
008197	20 Y1	CICERO-MATTYDALE	December 2007 ←
008201	20 Y1	DEPOSIT	June 2008
008202	20 Y1	DOWNSVILLE	July 2008
008203	20 Y1	EAST SYRACUSE	September 2008
008204	20 Y1	ENDICOTT	September 2008
008211	20 Y1	JOHNSON CITY	October 2008
008212	20 Y1	JORDAN ELBRIDGE L C	September 2008
008213	20 Y1	KIRKWOOD	August 2008
008215	20 Y1	MANLIUS	July 2008
008216	20 Y1	MARATHON	August 2008
008217	20 Y1	MARTISCO	June 2008
008219	20 Y1	MC GRAW	October 2008
008220	20 Y1	MEXICO	September 2008
008222	20 Y1	MORRISVILLE	June 2008
008223	20 Y1	MOUNT UPTON	August 2008
008225	20 Y1	NORTH SYRACUSE	October 2008
008228	20 Y1	ONEIDA-SHERRILL	September 2008
008230	20 Y1	ONEONTA	October 2008
008231	20 Y1	OSWEGO	August 2008
008234	20 Y1	PHOENIX	October 2008
008236	20 Y1	PULASKI	August 2008
008237	20 Y1	RICHFIELD SPRINGS	May 2008
008240	20 Y1	SHERBURNE	July 2008
008241	20 Y1	SKANEATELES	October 2008
008250	20 Y1	WALTON	June 2008
008251	20 Y1	WEST CORNERS	July 2008

NOTE: WHEN WE GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON IT IS EASY TO FORGET TO SEND IN THE "M" REPORT THAT LETS INTERNATIONAL KNOW YOUR CLUB IS ALIVE AND WELL !

CLUB PRESIDENTS, GET TO YOUR SECRETARY IF YOUR CLUB IS LISTED ABOVE ! LCI HAS TO TRACK 44,800 PLUS CLUBS ! GET THOSE M REPORTS IN TO LCI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - THANKS !

MD-20 NYS & BERMUDA LIONS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Each of the MD-20 Districts sent their peace poster winners poster to the contest at Niagara Falls International Airport. Two local artists aided in the judging and the results were as follows;

1st Place Veronica Choi (Age 13) District 20-R2
2nd Place Samantha Su (Age 13) District 20-K1
3rd Place Farah Mils (Age 11) District 20-O
Honorable Mention Courtney Kelbenburg District 20-N

Thanks to all for participating in the MD-20 Peace Poster Contest. The 1st Place entry will now be going on to compete in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.

Just a reminder - District Governors, please bring your District entries for the International Environmental Photo Contest to the February Council of Governors meeting. We will all be judging them at that time. Should you have any questions call me at any time (716-583-9252)

Council Chairman Ken Butkowski

DISTRICT GOVERNORS CLUB VISITATIONS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY & MARCH

JANUARY

NORWICH 6
CAMDEN 7
CAZENOVIA 8
BINGHAMTON 13
PHOENIX 15
MANLIUS 21
CHITTENANGO 22
EAST SYRACUSE 28

FEBRUARY

SYRACUSE EASTWOOD 4
POMPEY 5
MORRISVILLE 19
OXFORD 24

MARCH

RICHFIELD SPRINGS 17TH

If there is any Club that I missed please let me know as this list will finish up my visitations. If I did miss you I am sorry. 315-697-8238

DISTRICT 20-Y1 WEB SITE

Club Presidents are reminded that they are responsible for letting their members know that they can observe and/or download this newsletter at the 20-Y1 Web Site, the address is - www.centralnylions.com - Have them write it down.

DISTRICT 20-Y1 EVENTS TO COME

3rd Cabinet meeting - Marathon American Legion Post (Jan 25)
4th Cabinet meeting - Steak & Sundae Restaurant in Syracuse (April 19)
Testimonial Banquet - District Governor - Clarion Hotel, Syracuse (May 17)

NEWS (LCIF) LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation, a separate arm of Lions International, is launching an annual finance drive to be able to expand world wide projects. All Lions Clubs are asked to donate toward this expanded project. Club donations can be sent directly to Lions Clubs International % LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523. Reports on progress and world wide projects will be made through the Lion magazine.

LIONS PROJECT SEE - DISTRICT 20-Y1 TRAINING

Special training for all 20-Y1 Clubs that have signed up for this program will be taking place at Welch/Allen (maker of the cameras) on January 24 at their training lodge. See the next page for specific times and directions. Don't miss this session as it will be some time before another session.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEEDED

Kerry Brown is still looking for a VDG to follow him as District Governor for the year 2010-2011. The basic requirement to apply for this position is a) having been a Club President b) having served as a District Zone Chair or Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer. Call DG Paul Haynes if you wish to apply 315-697-8238 or Max Pepper at 315-478-7352 (he has taken on the task of making a search) Deadline for filing is April 20. Notice must be in the hands of the NYS Lions Secretary by that date. Maria Polson, 526 Oak St. Syracuse, NY 13203

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LOOKING FOR CABINET VOLUNTEERS

When VDG Kerry Brown takes office July 1 as District Governor, he will need Zone Chairs, Committee Chairs, and Cabinet Officers to begin right away. January through May he will be soliciting volunteers for these positions as he has to publish a Directory in June. If you can help him out please notify him at the next Cabinet meeting.

NYS LIONS MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Lion Nell Deminski, our District Reporter, needs articles to be sent to the Lion Editor for the next magazine issue. The deadline for submission to Lion Nell is March 1 and the last issue for the Lion magazine is May 15. Items for the magazine can be about Club service projects, awards received, Club anniversary, up-coming Club events, etc. Note the submission dates above !!!!

DISTRICT 20-Y1 PDG EVENT

The annual PDG Xmas Party took place at the home of Stan and Nell Deminski. A good time was had by all ! Thanks Stan and Nell !!!



You're Invited!!

SAVE THIS DATE!!

Lions SEE, Inc.

(Screening Eyes Early)

Vision Screening Training

Saturday January 24th, 2009

10am -4pm

The Lodge at Welch Allyn
4355 State Street Road
Skaneateles Falls, NY 13153

Breakfast & A Light Lunch will be provided!!

Reservations Required by Friday January 16th
To: Lion Jennifer Butkowski
(716) 881-7915 Office or md20lionsee@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE LODGE FROM AIRPORT AND NORTH

A: Due to construction scheduled for completion in 2009, take I-81 South and Exit to Bear Street (Exit 22). Turn Right and proceed for approximately 1 mile to I-690 West.

B: Proceed on I-690 West. Stay in Right lane for 2 miles and follow signs for Rte. 5 (Auburn). Follow Rte. 5 West towards Auburn as it becomes a 2 lane road.

C: At the second light, turn Left onto Rte. 321 and follow for 6.1 miles. Welch Allyn will be on the Right. Turn Right into entrance marked "Shipping/Receiving".

Follow road and The Lodge Entrance Road will be on your right. Continue to parking lots immediately beside The Lodge.

FROM EAST

Take I-90 (Thruway) West to Exit 36 for I-81 South. Then follow A, B, and C above.

FROM SOUTH

Take I-81 North to Exit 15 Lafayette, which is Route 20. Travel West until you reach Village of Skaneateles. Turn Right at Rte. 321 (State Street Road) Continue for 2.5 miles Welch Allyn will be on the Left. Turn Left into entrance marked "Shipping/Receiving". Follow driveway and The Lodge Entrance Road will be on your right. Continue to parking lots immediately beside The Lodge.

FROM WEST

Take I-90 (Thruway) East to Exit 40 Weedsport. Turn Right on Rte. 34. Continue on Rte. 34 into Auburn (aka North Street) past the Holiday Inn. At the fourth light, turn Left onto Rte 5&20 (aka Genesee Street). Continue East through Auburn into the Village of Skaneateles. At the second light in the Village, turn Left onto Rte 321 (State Street Road). Continue for 2.5 miles. Welch Allyn and The Lodge will be on the left

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING - LONG ISLAND

If you are planning on attending the LCI Board meeting and dinner to meet also with Al Brandel, call the NYS Lions Office, secretary Marie Polson, for reservations and directions. The last chance to make reservations is January 9. Call Maria at 315-478-3131.

RESERVATION FORM - MARATHON CABINET MEETING - JANUARY 25

Directions to the American Legion Post at Marathon: Go south on Rt.81 to the Marathon Exit - turn right at the end of the exit (Rt 20) and go approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or less to the American Legion Post on your right (up on a hill).

To make reservations for your Club call Bob Caswell (315-638-0743) or Paul Haynes (315-697-8238) or Max Pepper (315-478-7352) PLEASE make a reservation as the American Legion Post needs a head count for meals. Cost for meals is \$ 15.00 per person. The registration table opens at 8:15 AM and the meeting starts at 9:00 sharp !

