



# DISTRICT 20Y1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

April 2009



## DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to the Martisco and Morrisville Lions Clubs for their support of the Newsletters. By the time you receive this newsletter I will have all my visitations over with. I want to thank all of you for your kindness when I visited you. I would like to also thank you for your support with my projects. You still have plenty of time to donate to the "SEE" Program and make a \$ 100.00 donation to the NYS Lions Foundation. These can be sent to me and I will send them on to their destinations.

The next thing is the 4th Cabinet Meeting which will be at the Steak and Sundae Restaurant on Teall Ave in Syracuse, April 19, 2009 starting at 8:15 (registration ) and the meeting at 9:00. PDG Chris Kendall will be the guest speaker on legal matters that affect Lions. This meeting is open to all Lions, Lioness and Leos. Directions and a map will be found later in this newsletter.

Next is my Testimonial and Awards Dinner on May 17 at the Clarion Hotel on Farrell Road just north west of Syracuse. Directions and a map will also be found later in this newsletter.

The Testimonial Dinner will start at 12:00 noon. Each Club will receive an invitation in the mail. I ask you to please let your Club members know about this event. There will be awards given out and you'll also be able to meet the other 11 District Governors in the other Districts in this State.

Next, I ask all Club Secretarys to get an updated list into Lions International of all new members by the middle of April so I can get an update for the DG contest and awards at the end of April. The Testimonial Dinner is also open to all Lions, Lioness and Leos. Dead line for reservations to me with a check and a list of names of persons attending is May 11.

I would like to thank all Lions for recruiting new members in our District and getting our count up ! Last month I stated we were down 18 members and with all your hard work we are still down 30 ! If anyone has been told why these Lions have dropped out could you please let me know why and maybe we can fix this problem ! I know the Lions in this District can overcome this problem.

At this time I'm going to close. As stated before you are a great bunch of Lions, Lioness and Leos. Keep up the great work you all do. Keep your heads up and be proud to be a LION !

DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAUL HAYNES



## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Well, the robins are back, spring is trying to find its way back, and to say the least - time is flying ! I am going to side track from completing the thoughts on membership and retention to address a very important request and need. The time is fast approaching that District Governol Paul will become a PDG and I will be following in his footsteps. I have dreamed of this step in my Lions world for many years and the desire has never been stronger than it is today to step in and serve as your District Governor.

I am especially looking forward to visiting each of the Clubs and getting the chance to meet with old friends, make new friends and get to know the grass roots Lions that make 20-Y1 such a great District !

Now it is time to get down to business. I need the support of every Lion in our District to make 20-Y1 the best that we can be. By May 1st I need to have my Cabinet signed on and ready to go. I have ambitions and ideas of what we can do if everyone will do their part. At present we have a few of the Cabinet positions lined up as follows - 1st VDG (East Syracuse) Lion Scott Renner - District Recording Secretary (Rome) Lion Joe Defina - Region Chair ( Zone Chair Co-ordinator) Hamilton Lion Jennifer Servedio - Youth Committee Chair (Leos, HOBY, Peace Posters) Lion Rae Haynes from Chittenango Lions Club.

Now the rest of the story: I would like every Club President to look at their Club membership and ask them to take that next step in Lions and become involved on the District level ! I really want to see the grass roots Lions step up ! I am looking for a Cabinet Treasurer, a Responding Secretary (new position) - 10 Zone Chairs and 10 Co-Chairs. I would like to see if it makes it better if two Lions work together to bring the Zone Clubs together and help prepare the Co-chair to become the future Zone Chair. With 50 Clubs we should be able to find 20 Lions to fill these positions !

A list of Clubs in each Zone follows this article. District Committee Chairs include Convention Chair, Diabetes Chair, Tailtwister, MERL Committee (6 members), Reporter to MD-20 Magazine, Sight Chair, give me time, there will be more !!!

I will ask each Cabinet member that they take their position very seriously, that they complete their obligations of their position and that they attend the Cabinet meetings . I will have the dates for Cabinet meetings and proposed locations in next months news letter.

I am looking for Lions who want to lead and strengthen our District. Getting involved does not require that you have been a Lion for 100 years or that you know all of the PDG's, PID's, PIP's and you are destined for Sainthood; it requires that you are committed and that you want to be active and involved in Lions; that you truly care.

I will be calling each of the Club Presidents during the last two weeks of April, asking for 3 names of Lions and information for;

- 1) your Club incoming President
- 2) your Clubs incoming Secretary;
- 3) members who would like to step up to a Cabinet position.

NOTICE: PU101 forms are due in to LCI by April 15 - submit them ASAP. Lets all look forward to 2009-2010 together. I make this request with great sincerity and hope you will show the support that I feel

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE (Continued)

is out there - just waiting to surface and grow. Don't forget, the State Convention is fast approaching - May 22, 23 and 24 in Binghamton. Hotel applications and food applications are in the State Magazine. Come join your fellow Lions from MD-20 and see what Lions is all about. Hope to hear from new Cabinet members soon.

YOURS IN LIONISM - VDG Kerry Brown



NYS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS NEWS

Bringing in a new member to your Club is a great accomplishment but starting a new Club is even better. District K-1 in the New York City area has started 6 new Clubs this year. Its a project they started and will continue throughout the year. How about that !

DISTRICT GOVERNORS PROJECTS

The Governors NYS Lions Foundation project (\$ 100 donation from each Club). To date 22 Clubs \$ 2,200.00. Paul would like to see 100% contributors - over and above any raffle tickets !

Send donations directly to DG Paul - he will forward same to the foundation. 2646 Waterbury Rd. - Canastota, NY 13032

Lions Project See is the second DG project and is coming along but only 23 Clubs are participating so far. We can do much better. The 20-Y1 attendance at the Welch/Allen training session was good and shows a serious effort in Central NY communities. Give Paul a call if your Club would like a "SEE" training session. 315-430-6169

2009 PEACE POSTER DRIVE

Clubs are encouraged to purchase the Peace Poster Kits from the Supplies Dept at International as soon as possible as teachers need those kits at the opening of school in September.

PEACE POSTER CHAIR

The official Peace Poster Chair is Rae Haynes. She will be collecting posters at the next Fall Conference.

20-Y1 WEB SITE

Once again - the newsletter can be downloaded from the 20-Y1 Web Site so that all Lions can have a copy. The Web Site is given below !

[www.centralnylions.com](http://www.centralnylions.com)

