



DISTRICT 20Y1  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



JULY 2009

DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Our year 2009-2010 is about to begin. When you receive this newsletter Nickie and I will be at the International Convention in Minneapolis. As long as we have thought about this moment in our lives, it is hard to believe the time has finally arrived. We are looking forward to those 10 days at the convention with great anticipation - meeting with Lions from around the world, bringing our Council of Governors together to work for you, wishing International President Al Brandel good luck as he becomes Immediate Past International President and most of all, preparing for the upcoming year as your District Governor. We set many goals to reach for this year and I am sure the convention and meetings we attend there will add some and will probably delete some. The one, most important goal, I have is to work for you, the Lions of District 20-Y1 - that is a goal I will address every day I serve.

I ask you to remember that I can only work for you and help you if you speak up and let me know what we can do for the Lions of 20-Y1. We have 4 great Cabinet meetings scheduled, 3 of which will be workshop meetings to help you strengthen and build your Clubs and our District. We need to have our Club Presidents and Membership Chairs at these Cabinet meetings - this will be the first step to helping all the members of our District. Everyone will have both my phone numbers and E-mail address as well as VDG Scott Renners's and the MERL Teams. Contact us, were here to help as best we can.

Again, upon our return from the convention we will be sending out a letter to every member Lion and Lioness of our District. Please read it and keep it close at hand. It will have our goals and how we hope to achieve them. It will let you know of what we need from the Lions we serve.

I have dreams of what we can accomplish this year. I'm sure all true Lions have dreams of what they can do for their community and the world as Lions. I know that if we share those dreams and work together we can and will reach our goals. I hope you will come on board and make 20-Y1 and your Club the best in MD-20, the best in the world. Together, caring for Lions, we will serve and we will fulfill our dreams !

Yours In Lions DGE Kerry Brown





JUNE 25, 2009

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Fellow Lions,

I am writing to seek assistance for a fellow Lion. Lion Jan Sobeich and her family were recently victims of a fire to their home and business. Some of you may have read of the fire at Red's Kettle Inn in Johnson City. Lion Jan and her family resided in the upper floors of the restaurant. They have lost their clothing, furniture and family valuables. They are in need of help from our Lions family.

I have spoken with members of the MD 20 Foundation about an emergency grant for help. Time is short as the next MD20 board meeting is in August and papers need to be filed 45 days in advance. The paper work will need to be filed by July 1, 2009. I'll work to get those papers in order. I'm asking all of you to go to your club and ask your board to convene to make a donation to Lion Jan.

I'm asking all of you to convene a meeting of your board and provide whatever assistance you might be able to provide Lion Jan and her family. Please respond to my e-mail and let me know of any assistance. I'll work with Lion Meryl Deemie of the Johnson City Lions to coordinate receipt of assistance.

Yours in Lionism,

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Membership in our District is slipping and has been doing so for over a decade. Our Clubs need help in gaining new members, retaining those we have, starting new clubs and training new leadership.

Our District MERL Team is on board and ready to go ! If you have any Club needs in these areas do not hesitate to call our teams. This is the group that will be leading our Cabinet meeting workshops and working closely with our Zone Chairs and Club Membership Chairs.

This is a Team that is ready to work and help you - but remember we can not help you if you don't come to us and work with us. Here are your teams;

Chairman - VDG Scott Renner (East Syracuse Lions)  
315-471-8052 (E) arprinting2003@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP - Lions Angela & Don Rhodes (Hamilton Lions Club)  
315-447-8372 (E) 1bdwag@gmail.com  
PDG Larry Sanford (Windsor Lions Club)  
607-655-2548 (E) shadyrest@echos.net

EXTENSION - PDG Chris Kendal (Canastota Lions Club)  
315-684-7810

RETENSION - Lions Jennifer & Frank Servedio (Hamilton Lions)  
315-824-8291 (E) jservedio@mail.colgate.com  
PDG David Rutkowski (West Corners Lions)  
607-748-5199 (E) drutkowski@stny.rr.com

LEADERSHIP - Thomas Winner (West Corners Lions)  
607-785-7108  
DG Kerry Brown (Canastota Lions Club)  
315-697-3975 (E) lionkerry.brown@gmail.com

#### CABINET MEETING NO. 1

The first Cabinet Meeting in 2009-2010 will be held at Our own Camp Hickory in Baldwinsville, NY on September 20. It will be a combination training day for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone Chairs and Membership Chairs. The training session will be 9:00 to 10:00 AM and the Cabinet meeting 10:00 to 12:00. A Continental breakfast will be served and a luncheon at noon. A map and costs will be included in a later Newsletter. Plan for this event !! Bring the family !!!

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament is in the planning stages to help the District Governor with expences throughout the year. Lion Bruce McClean has volunteered to chair the tournament ! More on this later.

#### DISTRICT WEB SITE

The District Web Site address is still [www.centralnylions.com](http://www.centralnylions.com)

DG KERRY BROWNS PROJECTS 2009-2010

DG Kerry has 4 projects in mind for his year as Governor. The projects are as follows;

1. The NYS Lions Foundation - Helps Clubs with costly projects in MD-20.
2. Upstate Center For Vision Research - make progress in curing eye afflictions.
3. MERL - Increase membership in 20-Y1 to help maintain the required 1,250 members needed to remain a District.
4. Youth Programs - HOBY, to create new leaders - Leos, to create future Lions - Peace Poster Contests - to make young children aware of Lions and peace efforts. - Lions Project Quest - to help kids in school make good choices when confronted with drugs and alcohol.

DG Kerry Brown will be talking about these projects when he visits your Club. Give him a good welcome !

DG KERRY BROWN'S CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE - REVISED

Sept: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting

Th 9/3 Phoenix (or 11-5)  
W 9/9 Deposit  
Th 9/10 Martisco  
M 9/14 Bainbridge  
Tu 9/15 Jordan/Elbridge  
W 9/16 B'ville  
Th 9/17 Walton  
M 9/21 Kirkwood  
Tu 9/22 Rome  
9/24 -25 26 USA/Canada Forum  
M 9/28 Windsor

Oct:

10/1,2,3,4 Leadership Institute  
M 10/5 Oneonta  
Tu 10/6 Solvay/Geddes  
W 10/7 Johnson City  
Th 10/8 Central Square  
Tu 10/13 McGraw  
Th 10/15 Downsville  
Th 10/22 Fulton/Oswego @ Fulton  
M 10/26 Pulaski  
Tu 10/27 Sherburne  
W 10/28 Endicott

Nov:

11/6,7,8 Fall Conference  
Tu 11/3 Greene  
M 11/9 Homer  
Tu 11/10 Skaneateles

W 11/11 Bridgeport  
Th 11/12 Cicero/Mattydale  
W 11/18 Manlius  
Th 11/19 Marathon  
Fr 11/20 Syr. Host

Dec:

Tu 12/1 Mexico  
W 12/2 Freemont  
Th 12/3 West Corners  
W 12/9 Mt. Upton  
Th 12/10 Hamilton

Jan:

Tu 1/5 (noon) Binghamton  
Tu 1/5 Norwich  
W 1/6 Camden  
Th 1/7 Chittenango  
M 1/11 Canastota  
W 1/13 N. Syr / Liverpool  
W 1/27 E. Syracuse

Feb:

Sunday 2/7 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
W 2/3 Syr. North Side  
Th 2/4 Pompey  
Tu 2/9 Oxford  
W 2/17 Cooperstown  
Th 2/18 Morrisville  
Tu 2/23 Oneida/Sherrill

March:

W 3/3 Syr. Eastwood  
Th 3/4 Cazenovia  
Th 3/16 Richfield Springs

## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Al Brandel will become President of LCIF when he steps down as President of Lions Clubs International at the Minneapolis MN Convention.

PDG Stan Deminski will be the LCIF Chair for District 20-Y1. There will be a total of three on the 20-Y1 LCIF committee and each will serve a 3 year term.

## PROJECT "SEE" - 20-Y1

The camera that we use in the north sector of 20-Y1 has had some battery charging problems and has been turned over to Welch/Allen for repairs and recalibration. It will be ready for screenings in the fall in time for preschools and schools.

Clubs are reminded that their third payment of \$ 66.00 to complete their financial obligation to "SEE" is due this year. Checks can be mailed to the "SEE" treasurer, PDG Charles Wallace at 19 Onondaga St., Skaneateles, NY 13152.

## CLUB SUPPORT - DG NEWSLETTER

Clubs are asked to support the expenses of the monthly newsletter by sending a check \$50.00 to DG Kerry Brown, 230 Genesee St., Canastota, NY 13032. Many thanks for your Club support !

## WELCOME DISTRICT 20-Y1 - 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

We welcome Joseph Defina from the Rome Lions Club as our new 2nd Vice President. Joe is also our Cabinet Secretary and will become District Governor in 2011-2012. Welcome Joe Defina !

## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The International Convention takes place in Minneapolis, MN on July 6 thru the 10th. Reservations for the 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 party will be in the works !!

## CAMP BADGER NEWS

Summer camp is almost here and the camp still needs some fixing up. It's that time for Clubs to plan a day or weekend to work at the camp ! Please contact Lion Dave Noteboom at 607-589-4050 to set up a work project.

Lions service day is on July 26 and the raffle drawings will be on that day. First prize is \$1,000, Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Good luck to all Lions on Service Day. You need not be present to win !

## MD-20 STATE OFFICE HAS MOVED

The State Office has moved from Oak street, around the corner to 1215 James Street, 13203. Phone is still 315-478-3131 and E-mail is NYSLIONS@CNY.MAIL.com

