



DISTRICT 20Y1
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER
September 2009



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Finally, summer has made it to central NY. I hope this newsletter finds all our Lions and their families well and enjoying the warm sunshine.

I would like to thank the Chittenango Lions Club for their contribution in support of our newsletter and so dedicate our September letter to them ! This support is greatly appreciated as our costs have significantly increased with more newsletters being mailed out to improve our communications to our Clubs and Lions. My primary and most important communication for this month is our first Cabinet meeting to be held on Sunday, September 20th. I hope you have set aside that day and have made plans to attend. Our format is different and one of the many changes we will try this year. I cannot overemphasize the importance of this meeting to our Clubs and our members.

The first one hour of Officer training will be an excellent review for all participants (Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers). The Membership Chairs and Zone Chairs will be working with our MERL Team on the "Team Program" for communication and rebuilding that we are developing this year. This is a chance for the Cabinet Officers to refresh ideas and discuss ideas for the upcoming year.

The officer training will be followed by a special workshop put on by the Hamilton Lions Club (Club Rebuilding). This is an interactive workshop and will get everyone involved.

This will be the first of three Cabinet meeting workshops dedicated to help rebuild our District.

Throughout the Lions world and all service organizations we are seeing a decline in membership and as a result a decline in the help we can give in our communities.

It is a very important time for us to reverse that trend - a time to rebuild - a time to reach out and find the people who are waiting for someone to just ask! - would you like to become a Lion !! Presidents, your Zone Chairs will be calling you early in September to see how many members will be attending this meeting.

I hope you will have at least yourself, your officers and Membership Chair on your attendance count !

Its going to be a great "Kickoff meeting" for the year and I am looking forward to it with great anticipation !

Don't forget to bring the family - this is also a very special part of the meeting as we will conclude with a family picnic for all to enjoy

I hope to see a great turnout at our first Cabinet meeting on the 20th. Until then enjoy the rest of summer - good luck in getting your new year off to a great start.

Remember, "move to grow" - move forward caring for new Lions !

YIL DG Kerry Brown



Vice District Governor Message:

Attention MERL Team: Meeting on September 13th from 9am to 12 at Dr. Kerry's Vet Hospital in Canastota.

Club officers and members can attend the first cabinet meeting on the 20th and learn about expanding their club. If you are unable to attend, please call me or another MERL team member to set up an individual club MERL training session.

A reminder that each club send me their members email addresses. You can send this to me at arprinting2003@yahoo.com and call me at 315-403-2561 (c) or (315) 471-8052 (w) to confirm you have sent it.

As stated in my last message, I am here to help clubs add a Lion to their club, guide one Lion to higher office and leadership, and to take....One Step Up, VDG Scott A. Renner

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FAMILY FUN AT LIONS COMMUNITY PARK

The Lions Park is a 45 acre park with wooded areas and open fields as well. The Seneca river is next to the Lions Clubhouse and is great for fishing. Bring your fishing gear and bait is available at a nearby gas station.

Hiking the trails along crooked brook is a good time (Bring insect repellent) . Some trails run all the way to Baldwinsville. A Leo Club will provide entertainment in the form of games. Don't forget, pastry, coffee and juice will welcome you at 8:30 AM. See you there !! September 20, Sunday.

ANNIVERSARY COMING UP

Morrisville Lions Club will be celebrating its 40th year.
Congratulations Morrisville !!!! (10/8)

DRESS CODE FOR CABINET MEETING # 1

District Governor Kerry has called for casual dress for the entire event (No Uniforms) Enjoy !

RESERVATIONS FOR THE 1st CABINET MEETING

Your Zone Chair will be calling your Club for reservations. In the event contact is not made with you, Call Kerry Brown 315-697-3975 or Bob Caswell at 315-638-0743. All reservations must be made by September 15 ! Make your reservations early !! Include your family !

DISTRICT DIRECTORY READY TO GO

The new directory is finished and will be available at the Cabinet meeting on the 20th.

DG KERRY BROWN'S CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

Sept: Sunday 20th - 1st 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
 M 9/28 Windsor

OCT-Mon 10/5 Oneonta
 Tu 10/6 Solvay/Geddes
 Wed 10/7 Johnson City
 Thr 10/8 Central Square
 Tu 10/13 Binghamton (noon)
 Tu 10/13 McGraw
 Thr 10/15 Downsville
 Thr 10/22 Fulton
 Mon 10/26 Pulaski
 Tu 10/27 Sherburn
 Wed 10/28 Endicott

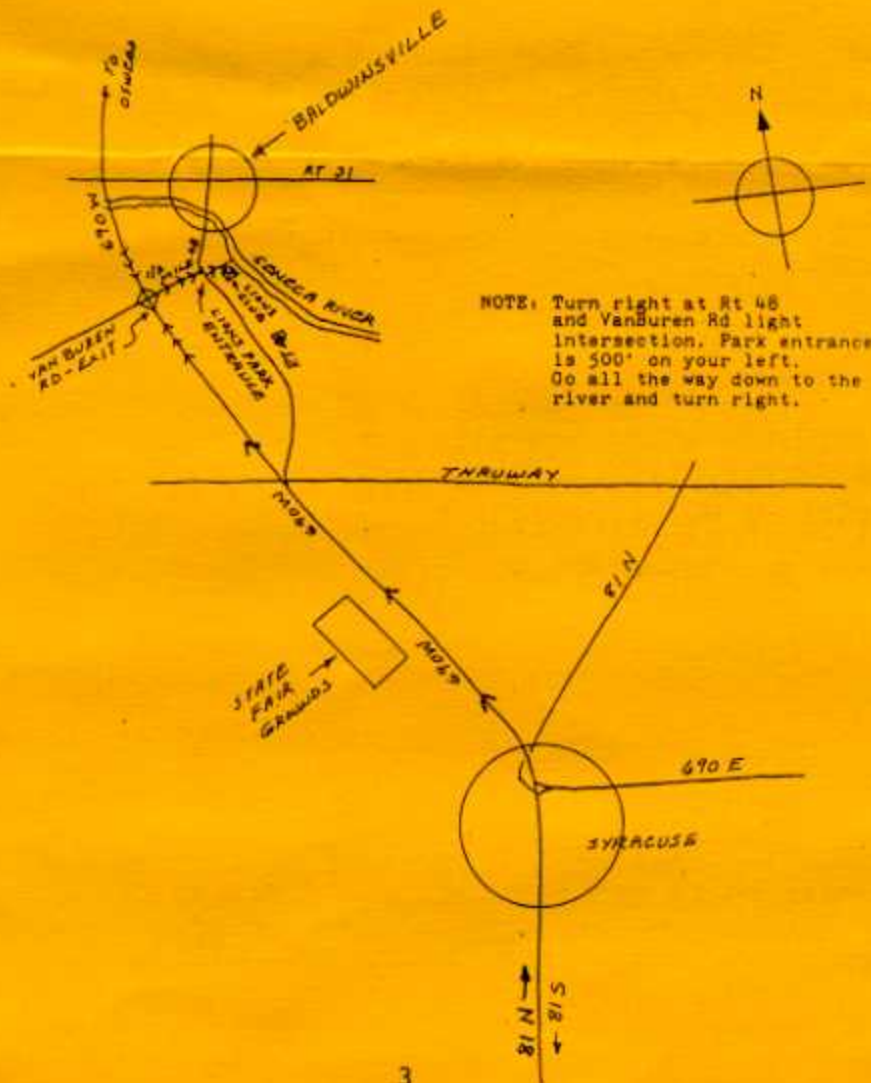
SPECIAL DATES TO THINK ABOUT

September 24,25,26 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum (Memphis, TN)

October 1,2,3,4 - NYS Lions Leadership Institute (Syracuse)

Contact Kerry Brown for more information on these events (315-697-3975)

MAP TO LIONS COMMUNITY PARK (CABINET MTG #1)



PROGRAM - CABINET MTG #1 - BALDWINVILLE

8:15 to 9:00 AM	Coffee and Pastries	
9:00 to 10:00	Officer Training	
	Presidents & VP's	Membership Chairs
	Secretarys	Zone Chairs
	Treasurers	
10:00 to 10:10	Break time	
10:10 to 10:30	District Business Meeting	
10:30 to 12:00	Club Rebuilding Seminar (Presented by the Hamilton Lions Club and the District MERL Team)	
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	

(Cost to spouses \$10.00 @ - Children are free)

PEACE POSTER INFORMATION

Schools are now closed and reaching art teachers will be very difficult. Your Club can still purchase the kits from Lions Clubs International and take them to the school Secretarys so that the art teachers will receive them just prior to school opening.

Finished peace posters must be returned to the District Governor by the Fall Conference November 8.

NEWSLETTER AND THE DISTRICT WEB SITE

Zone Chairs and Club Presidents please remind your Lions members to check the Web Site out. Web Master Don Rhodes will be working hard to keep it up to date and I'm sure very interesting.

We will leave the newsletter on it every month.

If you have information to add to the Web Site, please talk with Web Master Don at 315-447-8372

The web site address is (www.centralnylions.com)

SIGHT FIRST II REQUEST

Lions Clubs International is requesting that all Clubs make an annual donation to Sight First II. If all 40,000 Clubs added a donation annually much more could be done to eradicate causes of blindness throughout the world. Add LCIF to your list of annual donations !

The State MERL Team for MD-20 will be coming to train
our DISTRICT 20 - Y1 MERL Team in September
Clubs can contact our MERL Team for help in
Increasing membership * starting a club * retaining current members * making leaders

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CENTRAL SQUARE LIONESSE APPLE FESTIVAL (September 26 & 27)

Once again the Central Square Lioness Club will be putting on their famous Apple Fest with the Midway, apple booths and venders booths. Any way you can think of to prep apple deserts and goodies will be there. This is one you don't want to miss !!

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL - NEXT CONVENTION

The next International Convention takes place in Sydney, Australia June 28 to July 2, 2010. Start saving your sheckles for this one !!!

MD-20 - NYS LIONS CONVENTION

The next NYS Convention takes place in Buffalo, NY and the Convention Hotel will be the Hyatt. Reservation forms- State Mag.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS CLUB CONTESTS

DG Kerry Brown has a special Clubs Contest that you need to read in the Directory on page 22. Read it carefully !

ADOPTING A PLATOON AT FORT DRUM

The East Syracuse Lions Club has adopted a platoon at Fort Drum and buys and ships articles of use to soldiers in their chosen platoon. Any Lions Club can adopt a Platoon (there are lots of them) and can support our men in action. PDG Stan Deminski can be contacted at 315-656-2370 for more information and there will be a special program at the Fort on September 16 to be appraised of the program. Call Stan for details !!

