



# DISTRICT 20Y1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Wow! What a first cabinet meeting we had at Camp Hickory on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Before I talk about that, I want to thank the Lions Clubs of Martisco, Bainbridge, Baldwinsville and Syracuse Host for their contribution in support of our newsletter. This letter is dedicated to them as their support makes this newsletter for the district possible and is greatly appreciated.

I want to say congratulations and thank you to all the Lions that attended our first cabinet meeting. We had 70 Lions, 7 Leos and 25 of our 50 clubs represented. What a start to the year! The officer training went very well with good leadership and round table conversation. Answering the questions and outlining this years goals for our club officers. Thank you to the presenters, PDG Stan Deminski (presidents), PDG Robert Caswell (secretaries) past district treasurer Lion Richard Steinbeck (treasurer), VDG Scott Renner (membership chair and zone coordinator), Lion Jennifer Servedio (MERL and zone chairs). JOB WELL DONE!

The "Club Rebuilding" programs put on by Hamilton Lions Jennifer and Frank Servedio, Don and Angela Rhodes and subs PDG Paul Haynes and guest Miledge "Smitty" Smith was a huge success. I feel the number in attendance and club representation was an indication that we all realize we have a problem, and we are looking for help in solving our membership and service needs. This program was a great beginning to answering those questions. A fun program as well as a lot of serious conversation amongst the Lions at the "round tables" trying to come up with answers to the questions asked. I saw no one sleeping! I called MD-20 MERL membership chairman "Smitty" Monday evening to thank him for coming and being a great stand-in. His comments were all positive. This was an excellent presentation, and informative, productive workshop, and a lot of fun. He was especially impressed with the participation by everyone - not just a few. The Hamilton crew has been asked to, and will be doing this presentation at next springs MD-20 convention in Buffalo. That says a lot for our start! We will have a summation of the program and the results in the next few weeks and we will present them and have a hand out at the next cabinet meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. We will also get this 1<sup>st</sup> big step up on the website. A sincere thank you to all who put this program together, and led our first workshop on "district rebuilding".

A thank you also to Baldwinsville Lions Club and Camp Hickory for the coffee, donuts, great picnic lunch, and the use of their facility for our meeting. For most of us it was the first time we have seen Camp Hickory - what an impressive operation and facility. Lion Jack Osinski - the Leos were very impressed with your program.

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