



DISTRICT 20Y1
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Fall has definitely arrived as our time is passing quickly. I want to thank the McGraw Lions Club for sponsoring this month's newsletter. Again, I can not express how much we appreciate the clubs that help support the cost of the newsletter and get the district budget a little closer to the green side!

By the time you receive this newsletter our year will be 1/3 over – and we've only just begun to attack our goals. Our fall conference weekend with I.D. Anne Smarsh will give us a chance to accomplish one of those goals and that is to increase attendance at our cabinet meetings. We had 70 lions and 25 clubs at our first cabinet meeting. Here's our chance to show how great district 20-Y1 is by giving ID Anne a great welcome and showing her how much we "Care for Lions". She is looking forward to her visit with us and is excited about leading a brain-storming session on reactivating our inactive club members. Our second cabinet meeting will continue to build on our first and give us more information and ideas on how to rebuild our clubs. In our first two months of club visits we have visited 21 clubs – EVERYONE HAS THE SAME QUESTIONS. How do we get new, young, quality members? You come to our cabinet meetings and brainstorm with fellow lions. What is even better is we will be able to work with an international director at this cabinet meeting. Don't miss the opportunity. Come and join us on Sunday Nov. 8th, at The Clarion Hotel off 690 in Syracuse.

We will have a summation report of the 1st cabinet program and the ideas that came out of it at the second cabinet meeting. (It will also be on the website in late November).

Another goal we are working hard at is trying to get the website up – active – and current. Webmaster lion Don Rhodes is diligently working at making our site a much friendlier one and hopefully in the next month or two you will see a much different www.centralnylions.com. Keep checking it out and if you have suggestions send lion Don an e-mail at lion.don.rhodes@gmail.com.

I would like to congratulate the Fulton and Oswego Lions Clubs on the "Lions Loot Weekend". Nickie and I got a chance to stop in and see what a group of hard working lions can do. A fantastic turn out of people – there to support a great cause and just simply have fun and enjoy the company they were in. We didn't win any raffles – but we did win an appreciation for how much these lions do for their community and the love and respect their communities have for them.

As I visit our clubs it really enforces why I wanted to serve as your D.G... Every visit is a reminder of how much we do for the communities we live in but even more how great lions are – how many new friends I have made. Once in a while you get to do something special. While at my visit to the Windsor Lions Club I had the privilege of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion Rose Anne Sanford – a very hard working lion and very deserving recipient of this honor – a good friend. Nickie and I met Lion Rose Anne and PDG Larry 20 years ago – I was zone chair for PDG Larry and it was my first experience at the district level (look what it got me into)! We have been friends ever since. This is the best part of lions – the people you meet – the friends you make – and sometimes you get to do something special. Congratulations Rose Anne – an honor well deserved.

Nickie and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Take

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