



DISTRICT 20Y1  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2010



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and had time to spend with family and friends. Now, are you ready to start the New Year? I want to start by thanking the Cicero/Mattydale Lion Club for sponsoring this newsletter and dedicate the first newsletter of 2010 to them. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our year is now half complete. As I look back, each month brought new challenges, new accomplishments, new friends, new respect for what lions of 20-Y1 do for their communities. We have visited 34 clubs and I would like to thank each for your hospitality and your support. 22 of 34 clubs have supported my DG project, purchasing the \$100.00 club membership with NYS&B Lions Foundation—a great beginning to the foundation reserve account. 23 of 34 clubs have donated to my second DG project—supporting the Upstate Center for Vision research with a \$100.00 donation. All 50 clubs are paid up to date with LCI, only 4 have balances with our MD-20 office. We have added 40 new members, unfortunately we lost 48. But most important we are not only realizing we have a common problem with finding new and young members, retaining our present members and rebuilding the Lions of 20-Y1, but we are stepping up to answer those problems. We are showing we care for Lions. Our MERL team has started working with the Lions of Mt. Upton, Deposit and Downsville. We will be trying some new ideas and working closely with them to rebuild their membership. We have made some very positive steps, but we are still down in membership. We have four months to accomplish the challenge I have made to each Lions club in our district of 2 plus growth by the end of April—are you ready to dig in? A good start to your new year will be to be sure you make our next cabinet meeting on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> in Marathon. We have changed the program time to the afternoon (1:00-3:30PM) to give everyone the opportunity to make this meeting, and set the business meeting start time to later in the morning to allow those who need to be there and those who would like to be there to have a “more reasonable” wake up time. Presidents, your zone chairs will be calling by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January—be sure your club members are ready to go. We will need to know how many will be there for lunch and would like an idea of how many Lions will be in attendance.

Lions of 20-Y1, let's start our second half off right. There is so much to do and so little time—let's show we care for district 20-Y1.

Caring for Lions,  
DG Kerry

**KEEP THESE LIONS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Lion Nel Deminski—Get Well Wishes. Our MD magazine editor was recently hospitalized and should be home by Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Let her know we are thinking of her and have her in our prayers. GET WELL SOON NEL. (143 W. Kendall Dr. E. Syracuse, NY 13057)

Our sincerest sympathies to Lion Irma Cleary, President Deposit Lions Club, whose partner in life, John, passed away just before Christmas. Deposit and President Irma were my first visitation as DG—she has deeply impressed me with her love and dedication to her husband, and to Lions. I did not have a chance to meet John, but knowing Irma, it would have been a pleasure, and an honor, to have done so. You are in our thoughts and prayers Irma.

District 20-Y1 and the world of vision research have lost a very special friend. Lion Dr. Robert Barlow, director of Upstate Center for Vision Research, passed away just before Christmas. Bob leaves and epitaph in the vision research world that is unparalleled. On a personal note, our son Eric was fortunate to have worked with Bob for 3 years—learning and receiving guidance as he prepared to enter his PhD program. He touched lives of so many and like us, I'm sure we can not thank him enough. At present, we have a minimal details, but condolences to his wife Pat can probably be sent through SUNY Upstate Medical University, Upstate Center for Vision Research, Attn: Patricia Barlow/care of Dr. John Hoepner, 750 E. Adams St, Syracuse 13210. Pat, our sincerest sympathies. We shall miss Bob deeply. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

## DG VISITATION SCHEDULE JAN/FEB 2010

JAN			FEB		
Tu	05	Norwich	W	03	Syr. Northside
W	06	Camden	Th	04	Pompey
Th	07	Chittenango		Tu	09 Oxford
M	11	Canastota		W	17 Cooperstown
W	13	N. Syracuse/Liverpool	Th	18	Morrisville
Th	27	E. Syracuse		Tu	23 Onondaga/Sherill

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 20-Y1

- Total Clubs: 50
- Total Members: 7/09 – 1351      12/09 – 1343
- New Members: 40      Lost Members: 48
- To Date: -8

We are 108 new members from our goal of a growth of 2 plus members per club. Once again secretaries, it is very important that you file your MMR each month. Please get your membership information up to date. We have 11 clubs that are 4 months or more behind. See the article on filing your MMR electronically in this newsletter—it is a step-by-step procedure for getting on the LCI website, to the MMR, to how to submit. We have 4 months to achieve our goal—A Very Achievable Goal.

### MMR ONLINE

Calling all secretaries, this article is for you! If you're ready to stop sending paper forms of membership, activity, and officer reports, I'm here to show you that it can be quick and painless. No stamps, no paper, no fuss, no muss.

Logging in:

All reports that a secretary needs to submit can be found online at the Lions International Website: <http://www.lionsclub.org>. You should know this site, or know how to get to it. From this page, you will need to click on the link that says "Submit Reports" found in the top right portion of the page, next to the search box. This should take you to the Lions Clubs page, where you select to log in as a Lions Club. Once here, you will be asked to log in on the left side of the page using your membership number and your password. Your membership number is a consistent number that does not change. Your password changes every year, so even if you are the secretary for more than one year, you will be given a new password from Lions International. The membership number and password are mailed to secretaries at the beginning of the new year. If you have lost this mailing, but you know your member number, you can click on the link below the log in boxes that says "Need Your Password?". This will prompt you to enter your membership number, and your password will be sent to you via email. Once you're logged in, you should see a welcome page, with your club name at the top, and a menu bar of links to choose from.

#### Membership Reports

The first link in the menu bar is called "Membership." This is where you can submit monthly reports of your club's membership activity. Even if your club did not lose or gain any members, you still need to submit this to Lions International each month. From the drop down box, select the month that you wish to submit a report for. When the month is selected, you'll see options to ADD a member, UPDATE member information, REVIEW member information, TRANSFER a member, DROP a member, REINSTATE a member, or report NO MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY. At any point in time, you can change your membership activity for up to three months back, so if there's a member you forgot to remove, you can go back and fix it.

-If you inducted a new member for the month, simply select the "ADD" link, and fill out the form. Be sure to attach a Sponsor by clicking on the link below the form. This will bring you to your member roster so that you can select that sponsor member by name or member number. To create a family unit for a new member(s), you will need to go under "Club", and it is explained in that section. Be sure to save it, and you're done. Any changes to a member's name must be cleared by Lions International, so be sure not to make spelling mistakes before hitting the save button.

-If you need to drop a member, select the "DROP" link, and select the member to drop. You will be prompted to designate why the member was dropped, including deceased, moved, non-attendance, etc.

-If no members were added or dropped, simply click on the "NO MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY" link, and you're done.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> CABINET MEETING – SUN. JAN. 31

Place: American Legion – Marathon, NY  
Directions: Rt. 81 to Marathon Exit  
Rt. 11N approximately 1mi. on the right

#### Business Meeting:

This morning portion of the meeting welcomes all lions—all cabinet members, zone chair, and MERL team members should be present. All club presidents, treasurers, secretaries and membership chairs are certainly encouraged to attend.

- 10:00-10:30 Registration – Coffee/Donuts
- 10:30-12:00 Cabinet Business Meeting
  - District and committee reports
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Appoint committee to update district constitution and bylaws to conform with LCI
  - Possible NYS&B LF grant application review
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch (if you like) – Cost \$10.00 - \$12.00
- 12:00-1:00 Registration for afternoon program and meet the ID candidates

#### Meeting Program

- 1:00-1:25 Meet the Candidates for International Director – PDG Douglas Alexander and PCC John Wargo – Each candidate will be given a 2 minute introduction followed by a 5 minute talk by the candidate. A 5 minute Q & A session will follow the candidates talks.
- 1:35-3:30 Brainstorming

A continuation of our discussion on new membership, retaining our current members, how to rebuild our clubs and our district.

Program Presenters—MERL Team, DG and VDG

We have just two meetings left to move forward on helping our clubs to rebuild and strengthen lionism in district 20-Y1. We're stepping out and trying something new. Be a part of it—rejuvenate the lion in you and your club—show that you CARE FOR LIONS.

### 20-Y1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>: NYS & B Lions Foundation Board Meeting – Binghamton, NY
- Mon. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>: CANASTOTA LIONS GAME DINNER  
Place: The Rusty Rail – Rt. 5, Canastota, NY  
Time: 6:00 PM Doors Open \$12.00  
7:00 PM Dinner Buffet – All You Can Eat (Whatever We Find)  
7:45 PM Raffles Begin – This is an event you don't want to miss. For \$12.00 you will have the opportunity to taste a great variety of wild game prepared by the chefs of the Rusty Rail and done to perfection ("regular foods are also available). Win some raffle prizes one of which is a charter fishing trip for 4 on Lake Ontario – captained by DG Kerry. It's a wild event and evening of fun you will remember.
- Sun. Jan. 31: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
Place: American Legion – Rt. 11, Marathon, NY  
See article on 3<sup>rd</sup> CM for details – Every club should have at least 2 members at this meeting.

If you have a club event announcement, call DG Kerry Brown @ 315-697-3975 or PDG Bob Caswell @ 315-638-0743 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and we will get it in the newsletter. Webmaster Don will get it on the web site as well. Like so many things, we can only announce it if you get us the information!!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO HAVE ON YOUR SCHEDULE

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| Jan. 31: 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Cabinet Meeting<br>Marathon, NY                | May 12-16: MD-20 State Convention<br>Buffalo, NY   |
| Feb. 26-27: 3 <sup>rd</sup> MD-20 Council Meeting<br>Syracuse, NY                | June 18: District Governor's Testimonial<br>Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club<br>Cicero, NY |
| April 18: 4 <sup>th</sup> District Cabinet Meeting<br>Steak and Sundaes—Syr., NY | June 28-July 2: Lions International Convention<br>Sidney, Australia                        |

