



DISTRICT 20Y1
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER
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DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORT

We just finished with our third cabinet meeting and are now headed toward spring. The trial of a new format with a morning business meeting and the "cabinet" program in the afternoon seemed to be well received. We had 61 Lions from 25 clubs attend. Our international director candidates PDG Doug Alexander and PCC John Wargo presented their agendas and answered quite a few questions asked by our Lions. Both candidates commented that they were very pleased to have the number of questions and interest shown by our district. (Most previous meetings had few questions asked of them). Both candidates attended the business meeting, had lunch with us and then participated in our break out sessions. We divided into 7 groups and discussed the 23 areas that were brought up at our fall conference. Again we saw everyone getting involved and came up with many good ideas on membership, retention and reactivation of Lions. The Lions who attended had some good information and ideas to take back to their home clubs. Both ID candidates felt it had been one of the best cabinet meetings they had attended and were indeed going home with some good ideas. We will try to get a summary to the website but there is much lost in writing a summary. The real benefit comes from being involved and hearing the entire round table talk that happens and then being able to fit the important parts into your clubs puzzle. D G Kerry presented the host club with a NYS & B Lions Foundation grant check of \$5,000 for the Central New York Eye Bank Corneal Evaluation Microscope. This is your NYS & B Lions foundation working for you. The cabinet also approved a grant application from Mt. Upton Lions that will be submitted for the April foundation meeting.

We have one cabinet meeting left on April 18th. See the article in the newsletter. We need to make the 25 clubs represented grow to 50 clubs for this meeting. We need to see rather than 60 members, 100 or more. Club presidents you have 9 weeks to plan - I am hoping you will give this last meeting your full support.

Our membership pool is still leaking. We have inducted quite a few new members (52) in the past few months that I'm sure will be infusing great enthusiasm and ideas into their new clubs. I hope our only losses from now on will be those we have no control over. Remember Lions for retention and reactivation, we must take care of and nurture our own if we are going to take care of others. If you just ask, I think you will find there are more people realizing we need to come together to help each other in these times. People ready to become good quality Lions. Let them know what Lions are about and what you do (PR) then ask them to join and become a member of the largest service organization in the world.

Before I close I ask you to keep the people of Haiti in your thoughts. There is an article in this newsletter on how to donate to Haiti so you know they are receiving everything you send. The district presented two donations for Lions Hope for Haiti to LCIF representative PDG Stan Deminski. (\$450.00 presented to DG Kerry from the Village Veterinary Hospital staff and \$500.00 from the Binghamton Lions). District 20-Y1 has really responded and I hope to be able to give you a summation in the March newsletter.

Lions, our year is quickly passing-by. Plan for April 18th - strive for the challenge we presented to you, plus 2 by May. Now is our time to grow and show that we are caring for Lions.

Yours in Lionism, D G Kerry

N.Y.S. LIONS CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Credentials: 1.) Cab Sec / 2nd VDG Joseph DeFina
2.) Lion Wayne Cunningham
- Sgt. At Arms: 1.) PDG Doug Cook
2.) PDG Robert Caswell
3.) Paul Haynes
- Nominations: PDG Stan Deminski
- Flag Ceremony: Lion Rae Haynes
- Voting & Elections: 1.) Lion Christi Corrigan
2.) Lion Kathy Cunningham

HOBY UPDATE:

Have you checked with your local high school to see if they are sending a sophomore student to HOBY Central this year? If they don't have the submission form, please call DG Kerry at 315-697-3975. We can get these to the school within 24 hrs. If you need help or have questions of any kind please call me. Remember the three (3) steps are.

1. Check with your school to see if they are sending a student to HOBY.
2. Can you cover the cost, to the high school, of HOBY International registration of \$150.00
3. Can you cover the sponsorship fee to HOBY Central of \$175.00
 - * The cost to your club can be (1) \$0 (2) \$150.00 (3) 2+3=\$325.00

The payback: a sophomore whose life will be forever changed. A new and dynamic leader will be returning to their high school and your community. The feeling is unforgettable. **HOBY is an LCI supported youth program. It is what Lions are all about.**

Vice District Governor Message

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Our leadership should be planning ahead for the next few years; we need candidates for *2nd Vice District Governor*. If you have any interest in being District Governor, please get nominated by your club. With several candidates, we can plan ahead and line up leadership for our future. We should be voting for our candidate at the next cabinet meeting. This year has been exciting with our new training at each cabinet meeting, and I have seen many people well qualified to take ONE STEP UP!

Yours in Lionism, VDG Scott A. Renner (315) 471-8052 (w) • (315) 403-2561 (c) (315) 471-8057 (f)

During our next cabinet meeting you have the opportunity to nominate our next *2nd Vice District Governor; as well as Zone and Merl chairpersons.*

Person you would like to nominate _____

Your Name: _____ **What Position:** _____

Home Club: _____

*To qualify for 2nd Vice Governor position any Lion is eligible that has been President **and** served as a zone chairman, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer. Deliver nomination to DG Kerry Brown at 230 Genesee St., Canastota, NY 13032*

SECRETARIES SUBMITTING REPORTS ON-LINE

Angela Rhodes did an excellent step by step review of the MMR submission in the January newsletter. A refresher on the logging in 1st:

Logging In: All reports that a secretary needs to submit can be found online at the Lions International Website: <http://www.lionsclubs.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 Lions Club. Once you are there, 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. You may also call LCI to get your password. Call Clarence Ternoir @ 638-571-5466. You will need your club #, and member ID#.

Club Reports: PU101 officers & Family Units: The second link in the menu bar is called "Club". For secretaries, this is the only other link that will be activated in the menu, other than the "Logout" link at the end. If you are a Zone, Region, or District officer, these other links will be activated for you. It makes it easy since there are not many places to go for secretaries. When you click on the "Club" link you will see club info (enter when and where your club meets, when it was chartered, etc.) Club Officers, Family Units, Billing (for treasurers), review district officers, and reports.

- New club officers are usually elected in April. These must be updated for the New Year by clicking on the link for "Club officers". Simply select the coming year, and then select the officer position. This should bring up your membership roster, and you can select the appointed officer from the roster. Do this for at least your president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chairperson (this is your PU101). You can also add local officer positions by clicking on the drop down box for "local titles". You can create and add your own titles for each. After entering in this information, you have completed the submission of your new club officers to Lions International. Easy Peasy. This PU101 form is extremely important to your district governor and to LCI. Please complete all info on your officers, especially phone #s and emails. Also be sure your meeting day/time and places are updated.

Club Reports: Activity Reports

Submitting your activity reports is the only other portion that I will explain in this article. You can submit your monthly activity reports to Lions International by clicking on the link for "reports". You will see a lot of options and buttons on this screen, but most of the buttons will say "Print". These are just a way to print out various club reports if you so choose. You can print your club roster, an attendance sheet, directory, reporting history, view a document of your membership roster (great for copying and pasting into Excel), etc.

- The one button that you will use most often is the very last one in the list, the Lions club Activity Report and the button marked "Go!" You will see a home screen where Lions International has carefully laid out what the form is (it recently changed) and what types of activity Lions International wants you to submit (when and how much money you donated this month, how many Lions from your club put in how many hours of service, and how many people did it directly affect), as well as what the DON'T want (no fundraisers or club meetings, that is not activity). These must be done monthly. By clicking on "continue" at the bottom of the screen, you should now see the following options: enter a new activity report, update or correct and activity report, and print an activity report.

