



DISTRICT 20Y1  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2010



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

The first of the crazy robins have returned and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring is now just a few weeks away. As it happens every year, the life that has been stagnant and sleeping will awaken and regrowth will begin. What appeared to be dead will come to life, turning green - growing, gaining strength as the warm rain of spring nurtures them. Wouldn't it be nice if the Lions could do the same - just suddenly wake up and begin our regrowth? To see what appeared to be dead wood and lost, come back to life ready to help stabilize the new growth. Unlike Mother Nature, the regrowth of Lions will not just happen because the season has changed. Now is the time our regrowth needs to start and very much like Mother Nature it will take the energy of a few to start the change. Every club I have visited has had a core of strong concerned Lions. Lions that have asked how do we rebuild? That core is the energy of the spring sun that will start the re-growth. You need to look at the "old core" of the tree and bring it back to life - it is the base of the new growth and the stabilizing base that is connected to your roots. You may have to prune a little but have faith - it is not dead wood. You have the cabinet to rely on if you think you need some extra fertilizer and warm rain. The cabinet meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April could be that shot of warm rain that suddenly makes life jump. It won't just happen, it will take work - working together to rebuild your club and the Lions of 20-Y1.

Some of that regrowth has already started. On Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> the Host club completed their project with the CNY Eye bank specular microscope. A \$15,000.00 donation to the eye bank was presented by Host president Doug Russel. This was all made possible by donations from many of the clubs of 20-Y1. The \$5,000.00 grant from the NYS & Bermuda Foundation and the hard work and perseverance of the Host club. A special commendation to lion Ray Werts, who spearheaded this immense undertaking. He saw the need and with the help of many, organized the project and brought it to a fantastic ending. Congratulations Syracuse Host and the Lions of 20-Y1 - together you made a difference.

We have much to do in the three months that are left in this lionistic year. Spring is here - a huge opportunity with our next cabinet meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> is awaiting every club and lion in 20-Y1. It is time for regrowth to start. Time to show that the lions of 20-Y1 are CARING FOR LIONS. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Lionism, D G Kerry



MERL- EXTENSION GOING TO CORTLAND

Extension chair PDG Chris Kendal will be leading a 10 member extension team into CORTLAND on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. This will be the beginning of establishing a new club in Cortland. The McGraw and Canastota Lions clubs will be co-sponsors for the new club. This first day will be to get information into the community and hopefully find a good base of people interested in Lions. It will be used to set up a first round of informational meetings with the hope of chartering a new club before the end of our year. Hopefully we will have much more to report in the April newsletter. Wish us and Lions good luck.

## LIONS IN OUR DISTRICT

**PID BOB SEIBERT:** Bob says he is slowly healing. He's been told at least three months recovery time. His spirits are good and his mind clear (now that his drugs have been changed). He's getting "antsy" to get back into action so give him a call or card just to let him know we're thinking about him. PID Robert Seibert, 118 Hanover Ave., Liverpool, NY 13088.

**LION CHARLES "CHARLIE" GRAY:** The Eastwood Lions Club is very proud to announce that they have their first 50 year member – "Charlie Gray". Lion Charles will reach his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Lion in June. He has been a very dedicated and active Lion in the Syracuse Lions Club over the years and takes extreme pride in his affiliation with Lions. Congratulations Lion Charlie.

**LION RAE HAYNES:** Has been selected by the PDG organization to receive this years PDG Leadership Award. This award is given in recognition of her service, dedication and leadership in Lions at the club, district and multiple district level. Congratulations Rae, a recognition earned and well deserved.

Just a note: it feels good this month not to have to inform you of the loss of any Lions in district 20-Y1. I'd like to think that maybe we have taken the 1<sup>st</sup> rule of retention seriously and that is, **NO MORE LIONS PASS AWAY THIS YEAR.**

## LIONS HOPE FOR HAITI

Many clubs are wondering how they can send support donations to Haiti. LCIF has established the **Lions Hope for Haiti** fund. 100% of the dollars donated will go to Haiti. These contributions **will not** or can not be applied to your LCIF Melvin Jones credits, but that is not what this is all about. This is about what Lions do best – **helping those in need**. LCI has created a news release that I would like to complete and post for all clubs that have donated to release to their local papers. If each club would please let your zone chair or myself know if and how much you donated to the Haiti fund to allow us to get a district total – we will get this announcement completed ASAP. We will have a summation in the April newsletter, as well as the composed letter. The only information we can summarize is what we are given. Presidents and treasurers, before you put this newsletter down, call with your information NOW. DG Kerry Brown at 315-697-3975 or lion.kerry.brown@gmail.com. We need to let our communities know how much we do.

Make donations payable to: Lions Hope for Haiti  
Mail to: Lions Clubs International  
"LCIF" Lions Hope for Haiti  
300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

## NORWICH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Norwich Lions have mailed out their invitation to join them in their 39<sup>th</sup> annual district 20-Y1 bowling tournament. As most of us know, Norwich was unable to hold last year's tournament due to extremely low participation. They are hoping to get back on target this year. You can help by forming a team and responding ASAP. Lion Tracy McCumber is in charge, P.O. Box 812, Norwich, NY 13815. Phone: H-607-843-2476 or W: 607-337-4080. E-mail: pinkygr142@hotmail.com.

Date: Sat April 10<sup>th</sup>

Check in: 11.30am

Place: Plaza Lanes – Route 12 South, Norwich

Let's support Norwich -- district 20-Y1. This is your opportunity to come together with your fellow lions and have a great time in a relaxed and fun filled atmosphere.

## DISTRICT 20-Y1 UPDATES

### • CLUB VISITATIONS:

#### MARCH

- 3/3 - Syracuse Eastwood
- 3/4 - Cazenovia
- 3/9 - Homer
- 3/16 - Richfield Springs

#### APRIL

4/21- Bridgeport

ALL CLUBS WILL HAVE BEEN VISITED WITH THE VISITATION OF BRIDGEPORT ON 4/21/10.

### • DISTRICT GOVERNORS PROJECTS:

- NYS & B Lions foundation: 29 of 45 clubs // \$3,000.00 (\$100 club membership)
- Upstate Center for Vision Research: 33 of 45 clubs // \$3,675.00 (\$100 per club) in memory of Robert Barlow

### • MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- Total Clubs: 50
- Total Members: 7/09 – 1351      3/10 – 1343
- New Members: 69
- Lost Members: 77
- To Date: minus 8

We are only 108 away from our goal of 2 plus members for each club in 20-Y1 by The 1<sup>ST</sup> OF May.

### • CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

- Deposit – 55 years 4/18/1955
- Mexico – 50 years 4/1/1960

### • CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat): Cazenovia Lions Club "Easter Egg Hunt" for all ages up to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Time: 10am Place: Lakeland Park (Rte 20 & Braeloch Inn)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat): Norwich Lions Annual District 20-Y1 Bowling Tournament, Norwich NY
- April 18<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 4<sup>th</sup> district Cabinet Meeting, Elks Club, Cortland, NY.
- May 12-16<sup>th</sup>: MD-20 Convention, Buffalo, NY.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> (Fri): NYS Magazine Article Deadline (August issue) Lion Nel Deminski, 143 W. Kendal Dr., East Syracuse, NY 13057.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat): HOBY Chicken BBQ (20-Y1 prepares dinner for HOBY attendees), Camp Hollis, Oswego, NY
- June 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri): DG Testimonial Dinner, Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club, Cicero, NY
- June 28 – July 2: LCI Convention, Sidney Australia.

### • DG CONTEST

Just a reminder about the district governor's club contest as the year is rapidly coming to an end. Three club brackets: membership less than 20, 21 to 30, and 31 and over. A special recognition will be given at the DG testimonial on 6/18/10.

- 1 point (+ or -) for each new (+) or lost (-) member
- 2 points for club president and/or membership chair attending cabinet meetings
- 1 point for each club member attending cabinet meetings.
- 2 points for club participation in a zone meeting.

### • DUES / PU101 / MMR

Our January and February newsletters have prepared you for the upcoming April 15<sup>th</sup> PU101 filing date. March is here and you should be nominating your slate of officers for the Lionistic year 2010-2011. Election of your officers should then take place in early April to allow your secretary to file your clubs officers (PU101 form) with LCI. Don't lose your January and February newsletter. It's your step by step directions for filing on-line. Don't put this off – April 15<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it.

Peace Poster News from Lion Rae Haynes Dist. Youth Chair:

All Lions Clubs please be aware that the PPC kits are already available to order. Kits go on sale every year on Jan 15 thru Oct 1st. Kits can be ordered via E-mail to Club Supplies Sales Dept @ Lions Club International Headquarters @ [clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org) Fax (630) -571-0964 or call (630)-571-5466. Cost is \$9.95 each plus shipping, handling.

The future of Lions lies within our youth. What better way to reach out to our youth and encourage them to be creative. To think about world peace and to share their own visions with the world. If your club does not already sponsor the PPC then follow some simple suggestions and experience the thrill of interacting with young people in your community and at the same time your club can promote positive publicity.

The PPC is for youth ages 11, 12, and 13 years of age on or before Nov. 15th. Only a Lions Club can sponsor the contest. The contest can be held at your local school, youth groups w/out of the school ie: (Boys or Girls Scouts, YMCA, or church groups) as long as the Lions Club does not sponsor the youth group. Individual members may participate if the contest is held at their school.

Lions Clubs can sponsor multiple contests and even within the same school or youth group, (ie: one per grade level or different groups @ school) If multiple contests are being run the Lions Club must purchase a kit for each group. Please keep in mind the earlier you order the kit's the better. This allows each participant ample time to work on their entries. Every year the PPC theme changes so each year new kits have to be ordered. This years theme is "Vision of Peace".

Deadlines for the District judging are due at the first Cabinet meeting in November. Clubs should judge their entries by the 3rd week in Oct so that the winning poster can be forwarded to the district Governor. The District winner will then be forwarded to the International Headquarters by Dec 1st. Remember to publicize in local papers when awarding your clubs winners. Be sure to award the winners with a certificate and a prize. I suggest a cash prize as most youth groups rarely are awarded cash. Also a suggestion is to have a reception or art exhibit at the same time to get more PR.

Please keep in mind some simple and common errors in entries that can be avoided by reviewing your contest rules and conditions. Art work must be no smaller than 13x20 inches and no larger than 20 x 24 inches. Do not frame or mat artwork. Only one entry per year per student. Duplicates of artwork or laminations are not accepted. Nothing can be glued, stapled or attached to artwork. NO use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in ANY language. The artist signature should be on the back of poster. Art work should be on flexible material so it can be rolled and shipped.

International winners will be notified on or before Feb 1st. The international grand prize winner will be awarded an engraved plaque and \$2,500. Any questions or if your club would like me to visit and do a program on youth programs please feel free to call me, Lion Rae Haynes @ 315-697-8238.

MD-20 SPRING PDG MEETING

The Spring meeting will be on Saturday, March 20 at the Binghamton Regency Hotel starting at 2 PM. This will be a one day event with a special presenter (Doctor) from the Lions Institute in Albany, who will cover the latest advances in eye research.

There will be a PDG Business session also.

There will be a buffet dinner after the meetings.

Rooms are available at the Regency at a special Lions rate of \$ 84.00 for those who want to stay overnight. Call 607-722-7575, and ask for the special Lions price as authorized by Katrina O'Dea.

There will also be a hospitality room in the evening with entertainment.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

John Wargo ( [jwargo@yahoo.com](mailto:jwargo@yahoo.com) ) (Phone: 845-489-1578 )

PU-101 FORMS FROM International

The PU-101 forms have been sent to all 40,000 plus Lions Clubs in the 205 countries around the world. LCI needs to know who your officers are for 2010-2011 so that contact can be made and the International Directory can be published. All Clubs should have elections of their new officers by April 1 and the completed PU-101 forms should be in the hands of LCI by April 15. Secretaries, advise your Club of these dates !!!

NYS LIONS MAGAZINE

Articles for the next issue of the Lions magazine must be in the hands of our District reporter by May 20. Send pictures and info to our reporter !

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