



DISTRICT 20Y1
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER
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DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

How mother nature like's to play with us. But spring is officially here, the days are longer, and starting to get warmer. I've noticed the "snow birds" are returning from Florida. We have some special religious holidays, Easter and Passover, that I hope everyone enjoys and gets to spend quality time with their families.

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to the Lions of the KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB, the MARATHON LIONS CLUB, and the MORRISVILLE LIONS CLUB for sponsoring this newsletter (and several others). Your support for the newsletter is greatly appreciated. It has been several months since our last sponsors. As we have commented so many times the newsletters are a key part of our communication to the district. Without your help it would not be possible. From the bottom of my lionistic heart – THANK YOU! (P.S. we still have May and June to go).

I would like to congratulate Ralph Osterhoudt, secretary of the Richfield Springs Lions Club, on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. I have known Ralph as a friend and a lion many years. This was an award that he well deserved. He is a charter member of 41 years, a hard working and dedicated lion. I felt privileged indeed to have been able to present this special award, from his club, to Lion Ralph. This was another one of those moments in Lions that makes being DG something very special. Congratulations Ralph!

This is a last chance comment for our 4th cabinet meeting, to be held in Cortland on the 18th of April. I have been stressing how important it is to have a good showing by the Lions of district 20-Y1 for the past 2 newsletters. (See the fourth cabinet meeting article in this newsletter). PID Ted Fusco and the Lions of 20-Y1 have a great meeting awaiting them. I hope every club (your ever optimistic DG) will take advantage of this meeting. The ball is in your court – we can do better than the Syracuse orange – **we can finish #1 –it is now all up to you.**

We are making a rebound in membership. I do see a light (we are 7 down) at the end of the tunnel. I hope as my son Eric would say – it's not the train. Congratulations to Windsor +2, Syracuse Host +4, Pulaski +2, Pompey +5, Oneonta +3, Morrisville +4, Camden +2, Chittenango +2, and Cooperstown +2. Unfortunately we have 4 clubs that are -6, -8, -4, and -3. Again, we need all club secretaries to get the MMRs filed and your club memberships up to date. When you take in your new members, get it on your MMR ASAP. We can not express how important it is to have your MMRs & PU101s completed and current.

Our last 3 months will be passing us by very quickly. What I have looked forward to for so many years is approaching sunset. You, the Lions of 20-Y1, have made this year very special, more so than I ever thought possible. I thank you all for every minute. Now – a huge opportunity awaits you on Sunday April 18th. I hope to see all those I have visited this year – one more time. Let's show PID Ted and Lions that we are #1 in CARING FOR LIONS. See you in Cortland.

Yours in Lionism,

D G Kerry



"DEEGATE FORM MISMAILING"

A major SNAFU occurred with the mailing of the DELEGATE FORMS for the MD Convention in Buffalo. Unfortunately, many forms were mailed to the wrong clubs. All forms were mailed to club presidents. It is very important to get these forms back to the MD office no later than April 30th. Voting club members at the Buffalo convention can not be certified if the form is not received at the MD-20 office on time. Correct the errors as follows:

1. Can't find your delegate form – check with the president. Every club in the district should have received one.
1. If you received the wrong delegate form (check the club name), correct it by using the following steps.
 - a. Cross out the incorrect club name and write yours in.
 - b. Calculate the number of delegates that may vote for your club.
 - 1 delegate per 10 members (that have been a member for at least 1 year and 1 day).
 - Round up 1 delegate if your membership is 5 or more.
 - EXAMPLE:
 - 40 members = 4 delegates
 - 42 members = 4 delegates
 - 45 members = 5 delegates
 - * PDG's are bonus delegates (entered at the bottom of the form). Do not enter them as a regular delegate.

If you have more members attending the convention than voting delegates permitted, enter their names as alternates and fill in the number for alternates. These members will be able to register to vote if one of the primary delegates is unable to attend the convention.

- The president and secretary must sign the form.
- Mail completed delegate form to the MD-20 office ASAP.
- If you have any questions please call DG Kerry
@ 315-697-3975 ANY TIME.

DELEGATE RULES

The rules for the delegates at the convention are:

1. Your club dues and balances with both the LCI and MD-20 must be paid in full. **NO ACCOUNT CAN BE PAID UP AT THE CONVENTION. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Your clubs delegates form must be received at the MD-20 office **NO LATER THAN** April 30, 2010.
3. Registered delegates must be confirmed at the credentials room during the scheduled times. All hours are listed on your registration ID.
4. Voting is Sunday May 16th in the morning.

NYS & BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION – SPRING RAFFLE

As of 3/21/10 Lions Clubs in district 20-Y1 have purchased 48 tickets (\$4,800). Remember if you purchase 3 raffle tickets (for \$300) you will qualify for a Robert J. Uplinger award – the highest award in our MD that can be given to a worthy Lion or person in the community. If the district clubs purchase a total of 100 tickets -- the district will receive a "\$1,000 rebate".

WHY WOULD ONE ATTEND MD-20'S SPRING CONVENTION

For those who have attended MD-20 conventions, all you have to do is reminisce. For those who have never been to a convention – you need to go so you can reminisce. To come together with 1,000 other Lions and partners in service is an awesome and rewarding experience. If you're an early bird and arrive Thursday, be sure to make the ICE BREAKER – it's a fun, relaxing time. Friday's opening ceremony and flag procession will leave an impression on you and a feeling in your heart that you will never forget. You will be introduced to the incoming DGs as the 1st VDGs will be placed in nomination. This year's PDG Leadership Award winners will be introduced, a proud moment for all of us. The Lions youth band performance will amaze you. It is a memorable beginning to a great weekend. After the completion of the opening ceremonies – the walk thru District Hospitality Rooms begins. The stories told of years gone by are "for the most part" true. This is where memories are born as you get to meet the incoming District Governors, and talk to Lions from throughout the multiple. It is an inspiring time and fun beyond belief.

Saturday's programs are for learning. Diabetes seminar, reactivating your Lions Club (our own Hamilton Lions are the presenters), Lions use of the internet, Lions Leadership Institute, and seminars for club president elects, secretary and treasurers. All are excellent programs that will send you home with a wealth of information for your club. Saturday night's gala will be a Caribbean Experience – obviously no longer white dinner jackets, suits and ball dresses – but attire that is only limited by your imagination. Times are changing. Followed by the dessert tour of the DGE hospitality rooms.

If you have a Leos Club, MD-20 Leo chairs PDG Noni Crom and Lion Rae Haynes have put together a great Saturday program for them. They will be part of the flag procession for the opening ceremony, a ball game, and a Saturday night youth dance. Again, a great chance for Leos to get together and talk about what they do best. All youth attendees will be chaperoned closely (youth band members and Leos).

Sunday morning the 16th is voting. All Lions with validated credentials will be voting. Voting is routine for our DG, 1st VDG & 2nd VDG. However, this year we will be electing a candidate for International Director. As you know, we have two very qualified candidates in PDG Douglas Alexander and PCC John Wargo to choose from. This will be a hard choice and I'm sure will involve much campaigning throughout the weekend. The choice is ours – see the note on candidate information and their web-sites in the newsletter. Remember the Lion we choose will be **our representative**, affecting not only the Lions of MD-20 but Lions throughout the world as well.

You will also be voting on making the "SEE" program an MD-20 state project. If passed, this would then join our other two MD-20 state projects, Camp Badger (ESSNE) and NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation.

The closing ceremony will be the farewell to our current DGs and sitting council and the swearing in of the DGs and new council for the Lions year of 2010-2011. For those attending this year, take your memories and new ideas back to your clubs. Get them on board for next years convention in Rochester and then 20-Y1 can prepare for our year in Syracuse, 2012.

PU101 FORMS

All club secretaries – remember your PU101 forms are due in to LCI 4/15/2010. Your new club officers for 2010-2011 should now be elected. Please be sure to enter all the information (partners in service, phone#, e-mail addresses). If this form is not received at LCI they can not get mailings to your officers. Your incoming DG Scott Renner needs and relies on the information as well. He needs up to date PU101s to complete his directory. Please – get your club PU101 filed ASAP.

