



DISTRICT 20Y1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe Mother Nature continues to play with our minds. Even though it seems like the seasons are trying to go backwards – time is moving ahead and very quickly. There are but two months left to my year as District Governor and I know they will pass before we know it. I can honestly say that each month, as they pass, the year, the times, just get better.

First I would like to thank the Windsor Lions Club and East Syracuse Lions Club for sponsoring the newsletter. The club support has allowed us to send out over 250 hard copies every month. (including 4 to every club in the district). Hopefully the presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs have shared these newsletters and everyone has gotten the chance to read them. Again, for all the previous club support and Windsor and East Syracuse – a sincere Thanks.

I started out saying the year just keeps getting better and it surely did on the 18th. We had 92 lions at our fourth cabinet meeting. 32 clubs were represented, what a fantastic day. Our business meeting completed some very important business. We adopted a new district constitution and By Laws 4 to conform to the C & BL of LCI and the multiple. This will be submitted to MD-20 committee chair PDG Ann Smith-Young, and we will be in compliance with the multiple and LCI. We elected a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate Lion Doug Russell president of the Syracuse Host Club, completing VDG Scott's slate of cabinet officers for next year. (See the article on Doug in the newsletter). Two new grants were approved for presentation to the NYS & BLF for matching grant funds. From Norwich Lions Club for assistance in building a children's playground / to be presented in August, and one from Rome Lions Club to assist in providing a large print screen reader to be presented at the Oct/Nov meeting. A grant check from the NYS & BLF for \$3,750.00 was presented to the Mount Upton Lions Club which will allow them to proceed with their building of a community park basketball court. 20-Y1 has been very fortunate to have received approval of all 4 grant requests this year. This is how our supporting the club membership becomes so helpful. Remember to support the foundation by purchasing your raffle tickets. There are only 2 weeks left before the convention and the raffle drawing. So far 20-Y1 has purchased 70 tickets (if we reach 100 – the district will receive a \$1,000.00 return). Clubs if in 20-Y1 have been very fortunate to receive, don't forget to give back in return.

The afternoon program was something I wish everyone had been there for. PID Ted Fusco presented a program that everyone should have been able to take some information back to their clubs. He had a very unique ability to tell a joke or real life story – make you laugh and then weave it into the point he wanted you to take home. He talked about enjoying what you do and how to make lions fun. How important quality is and how important new quality lions are. How we need to realize that things in the world are changing and that we need to be willing to accept change and not afraid of making change. He also explained how we need to think "outside the box" when it comes to fund raising and taking on new projects. The jokes and the stories gave us all laughter, but if you really listened and paid attention it was the "rest of the story" that made PID Ted's program special. What I didn't know, and just found out, that makes Ted even more special is that he had a major stroke 5 years ago. He was left unable to talk. It was his love and passion for helping lions that drove him through recovery. His wife Rita commented that if it had not been for lions he would have given up – what a loss that would have been.

As I close this next to last newsletter, I will make a final plea to each and every lion club, to each and every lion of 20-Y1 – reach out, find and bring in those new – quality lions that we need. We have JUST ONE MONTH LEFT to get to the positive side of membership growth. If you have accepted new members get them in your MMR immediately, even if you have not inducted them yet. As of 4/1/10 we were down 11 again – that means we are 111 away from +2 for each club for the year. What seemed so simple in the beginning of the year now looks like Mount Everest. However, you know – Mt. Everest was climbed. Let's show we care for lions, let's get 20-Y1 in the green. See you at the convention in Buffalo.

Yours in lionism,

D G Kerry



With this year coming to an end, it is very important your CLUB SECRETARY send in your P101 forms to International. This can be done by mail or email. District Governor Kerry explains it pretty well below. Personally I need your club officers and meeting place and dates information for this upcoming district directory. I am putting together a visitation schedule and depend on this information to help our district on the state and club level.

To be sure I have this information, an officer from your club can call me at (315) 471-8052 (w) or (315) 403-2561 (c) or email this information to arprinting2003@yahoo.com

I will need: Club Name with President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman information.
This information includes Name, address, email, phone(s)

Your motivation to help me is appreciated!!!

Vice District Governor Scott A. Renner; ONE STEP UP

DUES / PU-101'S / MMR

All MD-20 and LCI dues for the 2nd half of the Lion year 2009-2010 are due. MD-20 dues have been billed electronically (e-mail) this second half. I have found that many treasurers have not received their club dues billing. Check with your president or secretaries if you do not have e-mail. If you need your balance call DG Kerry @ 315-697-3975(H), 1st DG Scott @ 315-471-8052 (C), 2nd VDG Joe @ 315-337-3523 or state office secretary Maria @ 315-478-3131. We will be calling all clubs in the next few days to get the dues caught up to date. 20 clubs owe MD-20 dues and 6 clubs have 90+ day balances with LCI. President and treasurers, please get your account balances paid ASAP.

Don't forget your PU-101 forms secretaries. I'm sure you get tired of hearing about these, but we can not over emphasize how important these are to LCI, your DG and your club officers. Without this information being received at LCI headquarters – there can be no communication to your club. Be sure the forms are as complete as you can make them. The PU-101 and your monthly MMR are your biggest responsibility. There is **NO OTHER LION** in your club that has this responsibility we are all depending on you. Look back at your January and February newsletter or give us (DG, VDG's) a call if you need any help – **THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR.**

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CAMPAIGNS

For the Lions of 20-Y1 that will be attending our MD-20 Convention in Buffalo, be sure to know your candidates for International Director. Remember, the candidate you support will be representing us and the quality of lions that MD-20 sends out to lead the world of lionism. If you missed PDG Doug and PCC John at our 3rd cabinet meeting – be sure to talk with them at the convention. Also, visit their websites – PDG Douglas Alexander: www.liondoug4id.com , and PCC John Wargo: www.wargo2010.com , make your decision by knowing the candidates.

20-Y1 District Governors Testimonial

All Lions of district 20-Y1 are invited to attend the DG Testimonial Dinner on Friday, June 18, 2010. Invitations have been mailed to all club presidents inviting all the lions from each club. This will be my last night as your District Governor. It will be my night to say thank you to the lions of 20-Y1 and those who have made this a year of memories.

When: Friday, June 18, 2010

**Where: Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club
8777 Lakeshore Rd., Cicero, NY**

Greeting: 5:30 - 6:00pm

Hors'd'oeuvres, wine sampling, and cash bar: 6:00-7:00pm

Introductions & Dinner: 7:00pm

Dinner: Plated first course (salads) followed by buffet. (complimentary Wine will be served with dinner).

Buffet Entrees: Grilled beef tenderloin filets, oven roasted sea bass, Stuffed chicken breast aurora.

Dress: Men - business attire

Ladies - cocktail dress or business attire

PDG and Council - white dinner jackets

Cost: \$35.00 per person (checks made payable to District 20-Y1). For Lions that are traveling a distance, a block of rooms has been Reserved at the Holiday Inn Express (9 miles / 15 minutes to the Testimonial). 5418 South Bay Rd.. N. Syracuse, NY (P) 315-454-

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(Fax) 315-454-4999, cost \$109.00 + tax / double queen or king Reservations must be booked by June 4, 2010.

If you would like to join us, please set the date and night aside on your calendar. We promise you great food and a special evening to add to your lions memories. I look forward to seeing many of the lions and friends I have met this year and celebrate an evening that will be a special end to my year as your District governor.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

Syracuse Host Club president Lion Douglas Russell was placed in nomination and elected as District 20-Y1's candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor for 2010-2011. Lion Doug has been a lion since March of 1979. He has served through the chairs in the Host Club and been president multiple years. He served on PDG Clayton Bagnick's cabinet as zone chair in 1990-91. Since joining lions, he has sponsored 41 new members. 2nd VDG elect Doug has been the recipient of the International President's Certificate of Appreciation award and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Congratulations to Lion Doug and the Lions of Syracuse Host Club.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NECROLOGY SERVICE

We would like to be sure that lions of District 20-Y1 who passed away this year (April 09 through March 10) are recognized at the necrology services at our MD convention. Following is the list of members that I have. If we have missed anyone please call me ASAP. We need the club, lion member and date they passed away.

Camden: Shawn Voorhies

Canastota: Carlo Raineri

Downsville: Tom DiBiasi

Fulton: Robert Stephens

Manlius: Angelo Albanese

Marathon: Albert Whited

Mexico: Robert Murray

Oneida-Sherrill: Donald Tubbs

Oxford: Willaim Fowlston

Phoenix: Frederick M. Converse

Ethel L. Converse

Pompey: Robert B. Barlow

Richard Sessler

Syracuse-Eastwood: Charles Gray

North Syracuse: Beverly Demeritt

Walt Wilkowski

I need to get any additional lions names to MD-20 secretary-treasurer Tim Jacklewski by May 7th. E-mail: lionkerry.brown@gmail , (H)315-697-3975 or (C)315-447-9899 (can leave a message on voice mail).

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- Total clubs - 50
- Total members - start: 7/09 - 1351 to date: 4/10 - 1340
- New members - 86
- Members lost - 97
- To date - minus 11
- * We are now 111 short of our goal.

LIONS DISTRICT FOOD DRIVE - MAY 8th

District 20-Y1, 20-S & 20-K2 will be holding a food drive across NYS:

When: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Suggested time: 10am - 2 pm

PURPOSE: 1. TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

1. TO HELP GAIN PUBLICITY FOR LIONISM

2. SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On behalf of the district, please consider participating in this activity. We can accomplish a great deal in these four hours. If you plan on participating, please contact DG Kerry @ 315-697-3975 or lionkerry.brown@gmail.com

STEPS REQUIRED:

1. Contact the manager of the location where you would like to collect food in advance.
 2. Secure the date listed above.
 3. You are covered by insurance through Lions International.
 4. Wear a Lions vest, shirt, hat, etc on May 8, 2010
 5. All foods collected are to be delivered to our local "Food Kitchens" on May 8th or May 10th.
 6. Hand out Lions pamphlets as part of a membership drive.
- ***Don't forget to include your Leo Clubs.

LET'S GET LIONS ON THE MAP WHILE PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE!

Remember to take some photos and let your local communities know that Lions of MD-20 held a food drive throughout New York State & Bermuda to help support local food kitchens. Again, all foods that are collected will stay right in your own community. What better way to serve and be part of a state wide Lions project. If you can't collect food, consider a \$ donation - **FOOD KITCHENS NEED HELP.**

DISTRICT GOVERNORS PROJECTS:

- NYS & B Lions Foundation: \$100 club membership - 34 of 50 clubs // \$3,500.00
- Upstate University Center for Vision Research: \$100 per club - in memory of Dr. Robert Barlow. 41 of 50 clubs // \$4,575.00 plus Cicero/Mattydale Lions Club donation of \$5,000.00.

DISTRICT 20-Y1 UPDATES

CLUB VISITATIONS

MAY:

We have visited all 50 clubs.

5/20 Morrisville Lions: PPC winner savings certificate presentation