



DISTRICT 20Y1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

June 2010



DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

It has finally happened; Mother Nature has settled down and is ushering in some beautiful weather along with new life. She also moves on the last month of our district governorship and the last news letter I will write as your DG.

As Nickie and I sat on the stage, at our MD-20 convention in Buffalo for the first time and probably last time, it really hit home how great it is to be a Lion. Watching the flag procession enter the convention hall – WE are present in 205 countries throughout the world serving the entire world. As we listened to the district summations of service read by CC Gary Brown you realize how many people and good causes WE have helped. When we met and talked with LCI's International President Elect Sid Scruggs, ID elect Douglas Alexander, Past IPs – IDs – DGs we realize WE are all grass root lions with one common goal – to serve and help mankind. **NOT ABOVE YOU – NOT BELOW YOU – BUT WITH YOU.**

At each club visit this year I mentioned the lions who serve on your district cabinet and how no one is there to be on a pedestal but rather to help every club and every lion in our district. This year has been about you – the grass root lions of district 20-Y1. All that happened this year was because of you. As you read through our summation report remember that it was the lions of 20-Y1 that made all of this happen – not one individual. As we get together at our fellow DG testimonials I hear the same message being repeated, it is not the DG or the district cabinet or I, it is the grass root lions. You are the lion's that have made our year successful.

I have a few regrets as our year ends. The first compares to fishing – there are so many lures and so little time to use them all. As I let my mind wander and listen to others there are so many things we could have done, should have done, could have done better for our lions - but just ran out of time. But, I have a lifetime to keep working on them and we will. I wish every lion had the chance and desire to experience what Nickie and I did this year. It was especially the people and lions we met that is the best part of lions. We were fortunate to be part of a Council of Governors with DGs and partners that worked together as one. That had the greatest respect and regards for each other. But most important we cared, we became close, we became a family. It doesn't get any better than that. The lions we would meet in 20-Y1 was what I was looking forward to most as I entered this year – I was not disappointed. You are very special lions! We fell short of our membership goal - I was really hoping for a PLUS at the end of the year. The year is not over – a 13 year old girl conquered the limb of Mount Everest last week, I'm sure we can accomplish the same. We still have four weeks. We know the new members we bring in must be good, quality lions, but I hope we all realize now that we must take care of ourselves. What we really need to do is stop the bleeding. Retention is as important as new. Don't lose members to simple things like non-payment of dues or poor attendance. **FIX THEM _ REACTIVATE THEM _ REMEMBER PID TED FUSCO'S WORDS**. My real regret – I wish we could do more. **WE WILL!**

We thank every club and lion that supported our projects this year. I hope you will place the \$100 NYS&B Lions Foundation club membership in your yearly budget now. It is your foundation, there to help you and every Lion and cause in MD-20. It can only survive and become a true foundation with your support. The Upstate Center for Vision Care and Research yearly support is the same. What your donations do is not measurable. I thank all who served on the cabinet. 20-Y1 had a good year and your guidance and help was all a part in what WE accomplished.

It is hard to express what I feel as this year ends. I hope you all attend the Testimonial dinner on June 18th so we can thank you face to face. I do feel we all can look back over the year and say WE gave it our all. **WE stepped forward, CARING FOR LIONS, CARING FOR MANKIND, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE.** For those of you who walked along side of us as our friends, **WE SHALL BE FRIENDS FOREVER.**

Yours in Lionism
DG Kerry L. Brown





Vice District Governor Message

June 2010

Secretaries, please send in your P101 reports - these should be sent to International and a second copy can be sent to me at Scott A. Renner, 431 Gaynor Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208. Thank you for your attention in this! My message continues on the yellow insert.

MD-20 PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS INFORMATION

The President of the MD-20 PDG Association for 2010-2011 is John Wargo from District O. John will be chairing the fall PDG meeting in the third weekend of October somewhere in the area of Newberg and Poughkeepsie. More accurate data in the future.

LIONS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

July 7 will come faster than you think ! The Chiefs will be playing the Buffalo Bisons starting at 7 PM.
Tickets to distribute in your community are as follows;

300 Tickets - \$ 85.00
500 Tickets - \$ 125.00

Checks should be made out to THE SYRACUSE CHIEFS and mailed to Lion David Chayka, Chairman, Syracuse Host Club, P.O. Box 229, Syracuse, NY 13201

FREE ADVERTISING FOR CLUBS

If you have a Club event coming up and would like other Lions to know about it (Like spaghetti dinners, duck races, etc.) get a copy of the event to the Newsletter editor 15 days before the event to be included in the next newsletter. Send To Bob Caswell, 112 Daywood Drive, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

NYS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS NEWS

The State Convention in 2012 will take place in Syracuse, NY. The Chairpersons for this Convention will be Stanley Deminski and Kerry Brown. Lions in 20Y1 will be needed to help in the operations of this Convention.

FINGER LAKES REGION LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

The Foundation is still in need of funding to convert from audio hearing aids to digital aids ! Grant applications sent to NYS businesses have not turned up funds. The Foundation has turned to Lions Foundations (NYS & National) and has not heard from them yet. Donations from the 4 District Clubs (194 total) could help stem the shrinking supply of aids for a while !
The old over the ear audio aids are still needed but audiologists are refusing to service over the ear patients as they have converted to digital already !

DISTRICT 20-Y1 UPDATES

CLUB VISITATIONS:

June: All 50 clubs have been visited

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/3 (Thurs) Phoenix: Induction of new members

6/4 (Fri): 20-R1 Testimonial

6/5 (Sat): HOBY chicken BBQ, lions of 20-Y1 prepare dinner for HOBY Attendees. (Camp Hollis, Oswego, NY) a final update in July N.L. 20-O Testimonial

6/6 (Sun): 20-R2 Testimonial

6/11 (Fri): 20-S Testimonial

6/12 (Sat): 20-K1 Testimonial

6/13 (Sun): 20-K2 Testimonial

6/18 (Fri): DG TESTIMONIAL DINNER (Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club, Cicero, NY) see article this newsletter.

6/19 (Sat): 20-Y2 Testimonial

6/22 (Tue): Skaneateles Lions Club: officer Installation

6/28 - 7/2: LCI Convention (Sydney, Australia)

6/29 Cicero/Mattydale Lions Club: Officer Installation

6/30 Endicott Lions Club: Officer Installation

DISTRICT GOVERNORS PROJECTS:

- NYS & B Lions Foundation: \$100 club membership - 35 of 50 clubs // \$3,500.00
- Upstate University Center for Vision Research: \$100 per club - in memory of Dr. Robert Barlow, 42 of 50 clubs // \$4,675.00 plus Cicero/Mattydale Lions Club donation of \$5,000.00.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- Total clubs - 50
- Total members - start: 7/09 - 1351 to date: 4/10 - 1334
- New members - 96
- Members lost - 113
- To date - minus 17
- ★ We are now 117 short of our goal.

THANK YOU TO ALL NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

I would like to say for one final time - Thank you to all clubs that sponsored our newsletters this year. I can not express how much you are appreciated. Lions Clubs of Chittenango, Martisco, Bainbridge, Baldwinsville, Syracuse Host & President Doug Russel, McGraw, Kirkwood (Twice!!), Canastota, Oswego, Camden, Cicero/Mattydale, Marathon, Morrisville, Windsor and East Syracuse. My deepest heartfelt Thank You.

I hope you will all give VDG Scott as much support in his year as DG as you have given to us this year.

FINAL DUES NOTICE:

As of April 20th only 9 clubs have not paid their MD-20 dues. Those clubs should have received a hard copy of your dues billing. Treasurers, if you have not paid your dues for the 2nd half of the year, do not know what your bill is or have not received your hard copy or electronic copy (check your JUNK mail). Please call myself at 315-697-3975 or email lion.kerry.brown@gmail.com or call MD-20 office manager Maria @ 315-478-3131. All balances should be paid in full by now.

Officers and especially treasurers, it will be extremely important that there is at least 1 email address listed on your PU101 forms this year. MD-20 will be using electronic billing again for 1st half dues billing of 2010-2011. If your treasurer does not have email, Maria will use the address for your president or secretary. Once again, the importance of the "FULLY COMPLETED PU101" form can not be stressed enough. It is essential to: the MD-20 office, LCI needs it to send all information to your officers, and DG elect Scott to keep close contact with you. See DGE Scott's information on PU101's in this newsletter.

INFORMATION FOR 20-Y1 TESTIMONIAL NECROLOGY SERVICE

Unfortunately several of our deceased lions were not listed and honored at our MD-20 necrology service. We would like to be sure that we honor all of our district lions whom have passed away this year at our testimonial necrology service. Following is the most up to date list I have. Officers please read this closely and if we have missed anyone, please call me ASAP. 315-697-3975 or email lion.kerry.brown@gmail.com.

Camden: Shawn Voorhies Lynn Prichard	Oxford: William Fowlston
Canastota: Carlo Raineri	Oneida-Sherrill: Donald Tubbs
Chittenango: Salvatore Matina	Phoenix: Frederick M. Converse Ethel L. Converse
Downsville: Tom DiBiasi	Richfield Springs: Richard P. Sessler
East Syracuse: Joseph Zesky	Mexico: Robert Murray
Fulton: Robert Stephens	Pompey: Robert B. Barlow Richard Sessler
Homer: John N. Henry	Manlius: Angelo Albanese
Jordon Elbridge: Kenneth Pickard	North Syracuse: Walt Wilkowski Beverly Demeritt
Syracuse-Eastwood: Charles Gray	
Marathon: Albert Whited	
Norwich: Jerry Parker	

Hopefully, a member from each of these clubs will be present at the testimonial to present the rose as each deceased member is recognized.

MD-20 CONVENTION – BUFFALO

Buffalo hosted a great convention this year. Our congratulations to District 20-N and to convention chair PDG Roger Haase on a job well done. District 21-Y1 had 28 certified delegates registered at the convention. If you read the April N.L. article on "Why would one attend MD-20's Spring Convention." You would have found it is what happened. The Hamilton Lions got great reviews on their presentation "Club Rebuilding". Thanks Hamilton, as always, a job well done. MD-20 Leo Chair PDG Nomi Crom and our own District Youth committee chair Rae Haynes had great Leo turnout with 26 Leos and 10 Leo advisors meeting in a round table discussion. They all want to return to a much bigger program next year. Lion Rae Haynes was presented with this years PDG Leadership Award. An award earned and well deserved. Congratulations Lion Rae.

An International Director was elected – PDG Douglas X. Alexander was the winning candidate. After they announced the winner, PCC John Wargo asked that all his votes be given to ID elect Doug making the MD-20 vote unanimous for Doug Alexander. PCC John also offered to be Doug's campaign manager for ID in Australia and Doug quickly accepted his offer. This was truly a well run campaign between two very respected and liked lions for MD-20. The winner: Lions of MD-20 and the world. Congratulations ID elect Doug Alexander. Your new slate of district officers were elected and presented DG Scott Renner, 1st VDG Joseph DeFina and 2nd VDG Douglas Russel. Congratulations to all of our new officers. The "SEE" program received a nearly unanimous vote to become a N.Y.S. & B. multiple district program joining the N.Y.S. & B Lions Foundation and Camp Badger (ESSNE).

I would like to thank our district lions that served on the convention committees.

Credentials: Lions 2nd VDG Joseph DeFina and Wayne Cunningham

Flag Ceremony: Lion Ray Haynes

Sgt at Arms: Lions PDG Doug Cook, PDG Robert Caswell, PDG Paul Haynes

Nominations: Lions PDG Stan Deminski

Elections: Lions Cathy Cunningham and Christi Corrigan.

We greatly appreciate your representing district 20-Y1 with a job well done. Thank You!