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SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE



Monthly Message from DG Frank

Greetings to all Lions,
Lioness and Leo's,

The Lions of the world are being called upon again to aid our fellow man with regard to another disaster. Yes by now you must have seen pictures of the massive amount of destruction this storm has caused and the number of deaths. Our prayers go out to all. Any club or Lion, private or otherwise who may want to donate, please send it to LCIF at Oak Brook and mark on your check or money order at the memo corner for Katrina storm relief. LCIF will move these funds to the areas needed most. It seems lately we just get over one disaster and we get hit with another. Please talk to your club members and see if you can get a check to LCIF as soon as possible.

Our convention date is rapidly approaching and more details will be shared with you by our Vice District Governor but I would appreciate it if you would at least save the date of November 6, 2005. Try to get as many Lions, Lioness' and Leos from your club to attend.

Just a short note to remind everyone to keep PDG Glynn Meggison in their prayers; he has had his share of illness and surgery. Lets all pray that his

road to recovery is a real short speedy one.

There are two workshops coming up for MERL information - October 1st and October 15th; the October 1st workshop will be held at Camp Badger and the October 15th workshop will be held at the D & H Canal Park Conference Center. Our Leadership Chair PDG Ted Blair at (845) 856-1638 is accepting reservations for D & H Canal Park and PDG Marv Hankinson at (585) 964- 2738 is taking care of Camp Badger.

They will be happy to give directions to any who may need them or whatever other information you may need. To all club presidents and club members, to all region chairs, to all zone chairs, to all Lions, Lioness' and Leo members through-out 20-0, please try to achieve our International President's Goal - **PLUS ONE NET** - you cannot imagine the impact that **PLUS ONE NET** will have until later in the year when we begin to see a net gain in membership. Let's show everyone that 20-0 can do it, we can show a net gain in membership. I have set up a schedule for my club visits and I will be notifying club presidents of when I would like to visit with them. I am

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extremely interested with each club and I will value any help that they may offer to me to make 20-0 the best in the US; I want 20-0 to go right off the charts when it comes to **MEMBERSHIP, EXTENSION, RETENTION, LEADERSHIP** and now **ORIENTATION** - lets give it a try. Please continue to communicate and always remember:

Membership & Involvement
Membership & Share
Information

Membership & Membership
DG Frank



VDG Joyce's Corner
20-0 Convention

This issue of the newsletter includes the **convention program** and **registration form**; therefore, I will not dwell on the content of the convention. I do, however, want to encourage you to make your plans now to attend the convention and to take advantage of the "early bird" **registration discount**. This is a great opportunity to network

with other Lions and to renew and make new friendships.

The **MERL Team** met recently to outline plans for the 2005-2006 year. The addition of **O** for **Orientation** will be made. The Team will now be called **MERLO**. No, this is not a wine. It is **Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership, Orientation**.

Zone and Region chairmen will be asked to play a more active role in promoting membership and retention at **AC Meeting** and club visits.

A **Membership PreDrop Form** is being developed. Clubs will be asked to use this form before dropping members in an effort to identify why the member is dropping from the club and to hopefully resolve the issue and retain the member. The form will be used as a tool for the 20-0 Retention Chairman to evaluate why members are dropping membership district side and to provide suggestions for resolution to the problem.

The **MERLO Team** is available to assist any club that needs help within their own club or to organize a new club. Please do not hesitate to call upon any of the team or myself, as chairman, with any membership concern or ideas.

Don't forget the three **leadership training opportunities** that are available this fall.

First is the **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** September 22-24, 2005 in Peoria, Illinois. At present there are 3 members attending.

Next is the **MERLO Seminars** October 1, 2005 at Camp Badge and and October 15, 2005 right here in District 20-0 at the D&H Canal Conference Center in Cuddebackville.

The **NYS/Bermuda Multiple District 20 Leadership Institute** is October 27-29, 2005 in the Binghamton area. Currently we have one member attending the institute, one serving as a mentor and one as an instructor.

VDG Joyce

Sight & Hearing *What We Do Best* *By Sight Chairman* *Rev. John Capen*

To See Clearly

Dear Friends of Sight,

Attendance at meetings is most vital to your club. Attendance at meetings is vital to your organization. Whatever you belong to, attendance at gatherings keeps everything from getting boring. A full gathering keeps the excitement level up.

I don't care if it's a County Sight & Hearing Meeting, or a Zone Meeting, or a District Cabinet Meeting, or the District Convention, or your own local club meeting, attendance and participation





are very important.

Lions meetings should be fun and informative. It is a major task of leadership to keep meetings on track and efficient. Part of being "on track" is to make the meetings so good that people look forward to attending.

It is important for everyone to be able to see clearly physically and philosophically. However, you should remember that you can't see clearly if you aren't in attendance.

Be present.

Presently yours in Lions & Sight,

Lion John Capen



**By Hearing
Chairman
Melanie
Wargo**

Thank you to the Lions Clubs of Sullivan County who are working together on a request from the Sullivan County Head Start Program for a new audiometer.

I encourage everyone to attend our District Fall Conference on November 6th. You will hear about the latest advances in technology, and how Lions are putting their talents to work improving their communities. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, gather new ideas, strengthen leadership skills, and have some fun!

This month's words of wisdom: "You can't get very far

until you start doing something for somebody else" (Melvin Jones)

See you on November 6th!

Lion Melanie Wargo

**Glasses and Hearing Aides Tally
WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS
PAST MONTH**

Glasses Collected

Cornwall	200
Hyde Park	10
Pine Plains	20
Port Jervis	14
Sunglasses	4
Stanford	35
Town of Ulster	42

Hearing Aides Collected

Cornwall	2
Hyde Park	3

Upcoming Related Sight/Hearing/
Diabetes Events or News Items

2005 Walk to Cure Diabetes

October 2nd Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie

Cornwall Lion Mike Cast and his family for caring for Esa, a black Labrador retriever from Guiding Eyes - thank you to club members for their support in purchasing the supplies to assist this family in such a worthwhile cause!



**Attention To
All Who Wish
to Hone Their
Lions' Skills**

By: PDG Ted Blair

The New York State M.E.R.L. Team will conduct two seminars in October.

The first seminar will be at Camp Badger on October 1st from 9 am to 2 pm.

The second seminar will be at D & H Canal Park in Cuddebackville, NY on October 15th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Both seminars will have lunch provided. There are no charges,

but reservations are required.

Do not miss this opportunity. The second seminar is right in our backyard! We may even have a tour at Canal Park and the Museum.

For more information, call PDG Ted Blair @ 845-856-1638.

PDG Ted Blair



**We Welcome
New Lions To
Our Clubs...**

Amenia: *Jesse Fontaine*

City of Newburgh: *Valerie McCloskey, Marsha L. Tenny*

Kingston: *Karen Gilbane*

Millbrook: *Thomas Hurley*
(reinstated)

Pine Plains: stated they reinstated 2 members and brought in 1 new member but did not give their names (please provide!)

Stanford: *Anne Collins, Dennis Pryzgod*

Town of Esopus: *PDG Ted Zager*
(transferred from Kingston)

Town of Woodbury: *Kim Bremer*

**And, We Say Goodbye
To Those No Longer
With Us**



None reported this month.



Hurley Lions Club finished Gazebo after its Dedication.





NYS Senator John Bonacic and Hurley Lions Charter Member Jack Gill cut ribbon opening the Gazebo for use by the community. Looking on is Past President Dino Sumerano and Gazebo Chair Dennis W. Robinson



Hurley Lions President Joseph H. Decker Sr., thanks Hurley residents for their continued support as Gazebo Chair Dennis W. Robinson reviews program

Congratulations to the Following Members Who Have Been Recognized Recently

Amenia: 100% Attendance Pins were awarded to Amenia Lions: PDG Wilfred, Patti, Jim, Alan, Barry, Pam, Lori, LJ, Anne, Brian, Norm and Patty Fontaine, Harry, Norm and Carol Cayea, Larry Havens, Jack, Linda, Bud and Ernie. President Appreciation Recognition Pins to Alan, PDAG Wilfred, Anne, Jim and Patty F. Chevron Pin to Lion Wayne for 25 years of service; Membership keys to Pam and LJ. John Macura was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award. (note: all last names were not given in the report by the Secretary)

Hudson: Lion Charlie Barnard was honored at a recent club meeting for his retiring and closing down of his business (Barnard Flowers) of 75 years (started by his dad).

Kingston: Lion Walter Maxwell has received the Republican Nomination for Town Supervisor in the Town of Ulster. President Charlet Wenzel and Past President Cheryl Alger received letters of commendation from International President Clement F. Kusiak for bringing in new members.

The District: PDG Ted Zager and PDG John Wargo have been recognized with Rebuilding Lions Awards from Lions International.

Comings & Goings Around The District By The Secretaries of District 20-0 As Provided in the Monthly Activity Reports

Amenia Lions were pleased with their profit from their summer golf tournament which netted \$5,672.43 and a certificate of appreciation was

The Lioness Column



By the Lioness Clubs of District 20-0

This Month's Column By: Lioness Joan Young, Immediate Past President, Catskill Lioness Club; Lioness Darlene Egger, President, Ellenville Lioness Club; and Lioness Rosalie Frasca, Mamakating Lioness Club

All Lioness' are encouraged to make reservations for the District Fall Convention held this year on November 6th; it is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones as well as to share ideas not only with other Lioness' but with the Lions and Leos as well. See the convention registration form and this year's program and make plans now to attend.

The Leo's Paw



By Columnist Leo Lauren Fitzgerald and the Leo Clubs of District 20-0

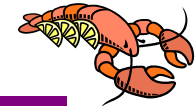
Amenia Leos are considering making their Leos a community-based club. The membership is in favor of going this route and will need to fill out a form to be sent into Lions International informing them of the change, their new club name and who their advisor will be.

Arlington High School Leos collected 210 pairs of glasses including 25 pairs of glasses for small children.

NYMA Leos are just gearing up as the new school year has just begun. **Lion Carl Bryde** will report more once the students settle in.

Greenwood Lake Lions are pleased to announce that **Leo President Colleen Dundas** was in the running for and won the District Award and will be invited to the November dinner meeting. Congratulations **Colleen!**





given to Silo Ridge for all their help with the tournament. Club members helped with manning the booth at the Dutchess County Fair in late August. Members are presently planning for their October Adopt-A-Highway Clean up.

Beacon Lions have started submitting their Monthly Membership Reports. Keep it up and provide us with your club activities so they can be reported here!

City of Newburgh Lions send their prayers for a speedy recovery to **PDG Glynn Meggison** who is recovering from complications from his heart surgery. God Speed, Glynn.

Cornwall Lions have slated their Fall Highway clean-up for the 1st Saturday of November. The club awarded a scholarship to CCHS senior **Dan Milich**; the club is now helping to support 1 student in each year of college; this spring their first recipient graduated. The club was pleased with the \$2,500 made from this year's lobster sale and \$8,400 from the club's Golf Tournament. The club reported they made donations to the International Foundation for Optic Nerve Disorders Golf Fundraising Tournament; Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Dreams Foundation Fundraiser, Local Citizen with Diabetes related-eye disorders; and expenses for sponsoring Brood with Guiding Eyes.

Florida Lions raised \$268 from a dunking booth event; \$130 from a 50/50 raffle.

Goshen Lions had their first Golf outing on August 1st and netted \$3,100. The club sent a

donation to a local mother with 3 children who lost everything in a fire.

Greenwood Lake Lions had to cancel their August 28th Flea Market due to inclement weather but vendors who paid a fee will receive a free admission to the next Flea Market. The club made donations to the American Legion for the Transportation Dept; the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County, the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District for the Bus of the Month Award. The club will host the next Zone Meeting on September 28th at the Breezy Point Inn and all members are encouraged to attend.

Hudson Lions volunteered their time manning the concession stand at the Greenport Community Day along with selling 50/50 raffle



tickets and offering information about the Lions to those in attendance.



Hyde Park Lions are sponsoring a puppy from Guiding Eyes. The club reported their first annual car show at the Hyde Park Theatre was a big success.

Kerhonkson Lions were kept busy with projects during the summer as 2 members and 1 spouse visited Camp Badger and brought a truckload of wishlist items which had been collected over several months. The members had an opportunity to tour the camp and will continue with this project. Club members have maintained their landscape project at the grammar school, pulling weeds and now have planted mums for the Fall school term.

Kingston Lions are pleased with their first breakfast meeting which had over 30 Lions in attendance including 3 from the **Town of Ulster Club**. The club will hold a Halloween Party on October 28th at LaMirage in Port Ewen for \$25.00 per person. The Kingston Lions Foundation made a grant of \$750 to Lions Camp Badger toward the purchase of a commercial dishwasher.

LaGrange Lions held their annual Lobster Bake and netted a profit of \$3,074. A \$500 check was sent to James Kelly, recent graduate of Arlington High School who received the LaGrange Lions Club Community Service Scholarship Award.

Lumberland Lions are continuing with their project of Used musical instruments to be collected and donated to the Eldred School. The club is pleased that the NYS Foundation and Bermuda Foundation granted the club's grant request for \$2000 to match the club's donation to Circle Park for a piece of Playground Equipment.

Marlboro-Milton Lions were pleased with a very successful senior picnic.

Middletown Lions will hold a Christmas Party at The Old Erie Pub from 4-7 pm on December 11th. The club's New Member Fundraiser brought in \$6628.28 and as a result the owner of Subway is willing to make this an annual event.

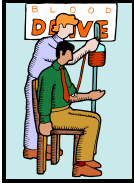
Millbrook Lions participated in Community Day and a raffle on September 10th.

New Paltz Lions will begin their second 1/2 of a century by holding their meetings at 10 am the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Plaza Diner.





Otisville Lions main fundraiser was a huge success and as a result the club will be able to send out contributions to various programs this fall.



Pine Bush Lions blood drive in August produced 31 pints. The club will hold Flu Shots in October and Christmas Tree Lighting in December.

Pine Plains Lions annual Beef Barbeque had over 500 in attendance and as a result grossed \$7,000.

Stanford Lions participated at the Dutchess County Fair by manning the sight and hearing booths. The club sent \$100 to the Stanford Ladies Auxiliary Fire Dept for their Community Day decorations.

Town of Ulster Lions donated \$100 to a Juvenile Diabetes fundraiser. The club has placed new signs seeking new members on their eyeglass collection boxes.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

Cornwall Lions will hold their Halloween Art Contest the morning of October 22nd with a rain date of October 29th. This is an "All Hands" event.

Florida Lions are holding a 6' Stuffed Lion Raffle during weekends in September at \$1.00 per ticket.

Greenwood Lake Lions have begun selling their tickets for the Fall Harvest Dinner Dance at the American Legion on November 5th. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be distributed to the Greenwood Lake Food Pantry (\$1000); the Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corps for a stair chair (\$1000) and \$1500 to the High School Scholarship Fund. If there are any funds left, they will go to

the Welfare Fund.

Hyde Park Lions will be involved on October 1st by participating in the Annual Flea Market at Regina Coeli.

Hurley Lions will have their Golf Tournament on October 3rd.

Kingston Lions members will be working at the Business to Business Showcase on September 30th at UCCC soliciting vendors for the Club's 57th Annual Expo in the spring which will be scaled down to a 2-day event.

Lumberland Lions continue Coins for Baby Carseats.

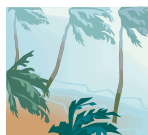
Millbrook Lions continue with their Raffle sales which ends in September.

New Paltz Lions are planning for their October White Cane Drive and the Halloween Parade.

Otisville Lions newspaper, the Otisville Voice is evolving each month; one of their members, **Tom Gilmore** has purchased a professional printer for use and is printing the paper as well. The club's next fundraiser will be annual Lions Calendar sale.



Tri-Valley Lions will hold their Annual Pumpkin Party on October 1st.



District 20-O Reports LCIF

by PDG Ed Budd

I am pleased to tell you that donations for Hurricane Katrina relief are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognition. LCIF's normal policy is that MJF recognition is not allowed for designated donations. To encourage donations for Katrina victims, the LCIF Board of Trustees amended this policy. Donations sent to LCIF for Hurricane Katrina relief from Aug.

29 to Nov. 30, 2005 (postmarked by Nov. 30), are eligible for MJF recognition. To count toward an MJF, the donation must be a single US\$1,000 payment from a donor. The Melvin Jones Fellow does not have to be named when the donation is made. For more information, e-mail LCIF or call LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 574 or 581. To follow is a list of those clubs that have contributed (as reported in reports to the Cabinet Secretary) to this fund and to note they need to contact Lions International to designate the funds for a Melvin Jones Fellow (if amounts are \$1,000 +): Cornwall-\$2,500; Greenwood Lake-\$1,500; Hudson-\$200' and Lumberland-\$100

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District 20-O Reports District Convention *by Region Chair Dave Bechtle*

Ads are now being accepted for the District Convention Journal. The Journal will help offset convention expenses. Camera Ready Copy is preferred. Make checks payable to District 20-O. Send copy and checks to: Region Chair Dave Bechtle, 105 Lake Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940 (845) 343-1355. Deadline-Oct. 14th.





**District 20-O Fall Conference
Our Guest Speaker
Bruce Schwartz
Past International Director**

Bruce Schwartz, of Bismarck, North Dakota was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the Association's 85th International Convention, held in Osaka, Japan, July 8-12, 2002. Past Director Schwartz is an insurance sales professional.

A Lion since 1962 and a member of the Bismarck Lions Club since 1983, Past Director Schwartz has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson and district governor. He is currently a district Leader Dogs for the Blind chairperson and district Leadership trainer.

In recognition of his service to the Association, Past Director Schwartz has received numerous awards, including six 100% Club Secretary Awards, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, the Membership Growth Master Key Award (22 members), four International President's Certificates for Appreciation and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the Association bestows upon its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Schwartz is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has been a member of the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus since 1977 and was inducted into the Northern Plains Fraternal Insurance Counselors Hall of Fame in 2002. Previously, Past Director Schwartz was selected as conductor of the Governor's Band of North Dakota and served as manager of the North Dakota All-State Music Festival for six years. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Young Educator Award and the North Dakota Fraternalist of the Year Award. He is the past president of the following organizations: the North Dakota Music Educators Association, the North Dakota Education Association, the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus, the North Dakota Fraternal Congress and the Northern Plains Fraternal Insurance Counselors.

Past Director Schwartz and his wife, Julie, also a Lion, have two children and four grandchildren.





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Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

The District 20 Magazine will have a new format - we are now limited to one page per District - therefore, we will be concentrating on your upcoming events and any photos you can provide of the successful fundraisers and events held in your area. The next information is due into me no later than October 15th for the November issue,

Also, note that all Lions in MD20 will earn a 10% Finder Fee for bringing ads into our MD-20 Publication. If you would like more information regarding this, please contact DG Frank Bartolotti who can give you the information from the Council.

Please make note of the following changes in the District Directory:

Sasso, Gus	gsasso@hvc.rr.com
Tansey, Susan	101 Berea Road
Tansey, Cyril	101 Berea Road
Johns, Earl	address listed is incorrect

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A new feature of the Monthly Newsletter - include your business card for a cost of \$25.00 and you will help District 20-O with offsetting newsletter expenses - or advertise an upcoming event! The possibilities are endless!

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