

**Monthly Message from  
DG Joyce**



**Dear Lions, Lionesses and Leos,**

The Council of Governors has voted to place on the ballot, at the State Convention in Saratoga Springs, a proposal to increase the State Dues by \$5.00. The new dues rate would be \$18.00 per year. The purpose of this letter is to explain the reason for the dues increase and to encourage your club to support the proposal by voting yes.

It was a difficult decision on the part of the Council to ask the membership for this increase. No one likes to increase the cost of being a Lion, however it has now come to the point where this is necessary for the financial health and stability of the Multiple District. A dues increase has been recommended by the long range planning committee and the finance committee to the Council of Governors for consideration since 2003.

Our last dues increase was in 1997. Projections at that time showed that the increase would carry the Multiple District for at least five years. We are now ten years since the last increase. Increasing costs and inflation have now made it necessary to ask for a \$5.00 increase. At face value this appears to be a 38% increase. However, when you factor in that dues have not been increased for the past ten years, this increase amounts to 3.8% per year or approximately the rate of inflation.

As we have all experienced with our personal living expenses, the cost of doing business for the Multiple District have been steadily rising. Rent, insurance, salaries, equipment, telephone, electric, heat, postage and convention costs have been increasing. Councils past and present have worked very hard to close our budget gaps by cutting costs where ever possible. For example, salaries at the state office have been frozen for next year, less costly health insurance has been obtained, more printing responsibilities have been shifted to the Governors and Vice Governors by providing them with disks for manuals, council meeting minutes and other documents. A less costly

office copier lease has been obtained.

In addition to inflationary pressures, Lions International has shifted some services (and costs) previously provided by them down to the Multiple

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District. A major example of this is training provided to the Vice District Governors as they prepare to assume their roles as District Governors. We are now required to provide a three day training program here on the State level that was previously given by International. Our Multiple bears most of the cost of this training.

Some Lions have raised the concern that the Multiple has reserve funds that should be used instead of asking for a dues increase. Like any other fiscally prudent and responsible Corporation, the Multiple maintains Long Term Reserves and Working Reserves in case of unforeseen emergencies. Currently our Long Term Reserves are \$228,954, the level our CPA has advised is absolutely necessary. Our working reserve is at \$15,982. Our CPA has advised us that should our working reserve fall below \$25,000 we need to take action to bring it back up to the \$50,000 range.

Despite cost cutting measures it has been necessary to dip into our reserves the last three years to meet our financial responsibilities. Obviously, this can not go on for long before we put ourselves in a dangerous situation.

You should know that I and all my fellow District

Governors have been working very hard to collect back dues from delinquent clubs. Our Council will not tolerate clubs who refuse to pay dues when other clubs live up to their responsibilities. It's just not fair. We have been quite successful in collecting back dues and this has been helpful in the short term but does not address our long term financial concerns.

Please understand, the Council of Governors did not arrive at this decision lightly. It would be a lot easier for us to ignore this problem and leave it for next year's Council to deal with. However, it is our responsibility to do what's right for the Lions of Multiple District 20.

A presentation was made at the PDG Association Meeting in Owego on March 18<sup>th</sup>. After hearing the facts and asking hard questions, the PDGs present unanimously voted to endorse the increase in dues.

We will be conducting an open forum at the Convention in Saratoga Springs to address the questions and concerns of our fellow Lions and each District will be conducting a caucus as well.

On behalf of myself and my fellow District Governors I ask you to please take into consideration the information in the letter and I encourage you to consider voting yes in Saratoga.

As always, feel free to contact me anytime if you wish to discuss this issue personally.

Thank you, Yours in Lionism,

*DG Joyce Maier*

## **Calendar of Events**

**April** is Gift of Life Month

**April 21** MD20 Campaign Sight First II State-wide Fundraising Day - White Cane Day at area malls in District 20-O

**April 24-25** International VP Mahendra Amarasuriya Visit to NY **April 27-29** MD-20 Convention, Saratoga Springs, NY

**May 12** 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting, 9 am, Rochdale Fire House, Poughkeepsie, NY

**June 2** Lions Work Day at VCB **June 16** DG Joyce's Testimonial Dinner

**July 2-6, 2007** LCI International Convention, Chicago, IL

**August 5** Lions Family Day at VCB

**October 11** World Sight Day



## *VDG John's Corner*

**Hello Lions,  
Lionesses and  
Leos,  
WE SERVE!!!**

Lions Club is a service organization. We are part of an international organization helping people in communities all around the world.

However, when you stop and think about it we are also a self-help organization when it comes to developing

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leadership. Lions International trains leaders. People who are willing to learn and/or accept responsibility have all the advantages and training that they need.

At the local club level it may be primarily a case of "monkey see, monkey do," but this **still** leadership development is a style all its own. Others of us might have been thrown into a sink-or-swim situation where it was a do or die baptism by fire. There also, leadership is developed. Necessity is the mother of invention.

Others of us may have been carefully mentored, nurtured, and trained by members of our local club in a sequential development program. If we availed ourselves to the opportunity we grew and our willingness to grow opened the door to self-help.

Others of us availed ourselves to leadership development beyond the local club at the zone or region level. We also have the opportunity to attend M.E.R.L. Training at the district and state level. Then we have our own Multiple District 20 Leadership Institute. This is exceeded in magnitude only by the USA-Canada Leadership Forum.

You also become a leader and develop as such when you make a personal commitment to Campaign SightFirst II

and then enthusiastically tell other people about the great works that Lions International is doing here and around the world. On the average of a little more than seven dollars you have helped a person to preserve or regain sight. If you accept the 91 cents per day challenge you will be helping an additional person in a little over a week. This is service and your enthusiasm is leadership.

We, as Lions, serve. In serving, we grow. In growing we develop leadership. Keep up the good work!

*VDG John*



*By SC Melanie Wargo  
and  
HC John Wells*

By now your club President should have received an important mailing with end of year forms to be filled out. PU101's, Annual Sight Summary, and Annual Speech & Hearing Summary were all due on April 15th.

Also included in the mailing to your president were sample copies for your club to use or adapt of a letter to school nurses, vision assistance referral form, directions to make a white

cane, an eyeglass collection box information sign, and CSFII information brochures. If anyone needs additional copies of any of the above, please contact Melanie Wargo.

Saturday, April 21st has been designated as Campaign Sight First II Marathon Day in Multiple District 20, New York State and Bermuda. All clubs are asked to participate by sending in a pledge or contribution by April 21st. As the date approaches, I will contact your club directly to update our records and hopefully send in a district report of 100% participation in the Campaign.

Updated CSFII contributions and totals from the Annual S&H reports will be listed in next month's newsletter.

See you in Saratoga,  
*SC Melanie Wargo*  
Greetings, Lions:

I would like to say that I have had a very busy month attending the hearing meetings of the District. I have three lions meetings to attend on the third Thursday of each month, so the downside is I must pick one and miss the other two. Please understand that I will rotate and attend your meetings. Please remember to attend your hearing committee meetings for your county. Orange County is the first Monday of each Month at

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Johnnie D's in Middletown. Sullivan is every other third Monday of the Month at Buster's. Dutchess is the third Thursday of the Month at Copper-field's in Salt Point and Ulster is also the same night at the New Paltz Diner.

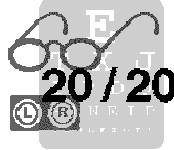
Did you know???

1. Ten million Americans have noise induced hearing loss daily, about 30 million Americans are exposed to dangerous noise levels?
2. Children with mild or unilateral (one ear) hearing loss have difficulty with their educational, social and speech development.
3. Hearing Loss is the most common sensory disability in the developed world.

Please consider making a donation or having your club make a donation to your local county hearing committee. Every dollar helps!!

Thank you for everyone who has welcomed me at your meetings. I have enjoyed meeting Lions that I have never met and making friends for a life time. Hope to see you at the State Convention at the end of the month.

*HC John Wells*



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

Glasses Collected

Amenia	13
Hudson	200
Middletown	380
Millbrook	71
Pine Plains	50
Port Jervis	45
Sunglasses	23
Stanford	8

Hearing Aides Collected

Millbrook	2
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Eye Exams Provided

Lumberland	2
Middletown	2
Pine Plains	2

Hearing Aides Provided

Millbrook	1
w/Amenia	



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

- Pine Bush:** *Mike Carey*
- Stanford:** *Mark E. Stern*
- Town of Dover:** *Tammy Smith* was recently sworn in at the club's March meeting



(pictured with sponsor *Speedy Costa* and Membership Chair *Marie Spencer*)



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

**Lumberland:** *Christina Bodhariuk*

**Congratulations to the Following Members Who Have Been Recognized Recently**



**Goshen:** Congratulations to *Cecile Ayres* and *Paul Zaccone* who were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by *DG Joyce Maier* during her recent visitation to the club.

**Nine Partners:** *Marian Zitzelsberger* and *Norma Dolan* received a special Governor's Award at the club's meeting from *DG Joyce*. The award was for exemplary work with the **Nine Partners Club**.

**Town of Dover: A**



relatively new member, *Grace Delisse*, received a certificate from Dutchess County Lions Hearing Conservation Committee for a \$100 donation, presented by *IPDG Frank Bartolotti*. Also, *Lion William Schriber* was presented with a Robert



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Uplinger Award for his many years of service.

projects and are seeking ideas from Lions members.

by **Leo Jackie Ehlers**,  
*Secretary, Greenwood Lake Leo Club*

The **Greenwood Lake Leos Club** sponsored a food drive from March 1 thru 29. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the club took the food collected from the three schools, Greenwood Lake Elementary and Middles Schools and Tuxedo High School and bring them to the Greenwood Lake food pantry.

We will also be sponsoring a dance on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The dance will be at the American Legion from 7 to 9 pm for all 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost will be \$5.00 and we will be selling chips and soda. Everyone must wear their Leo Club shirts the day of the dance and get to the American Legion by 6 pm.

We are looking into getting a fundraiser together for Lt. Allen's Unit by Memorial Day. We are selling baked goods at the flea-market Memorial Day Weekend.

by **Oren Phillips**, *Staff Reporter (excerpts from the local paper)*

Senior citizens in the Dover Union Free School District were treated to music and a meal at the Harvest Moon Dinner in November.

Students served up a traditional turkey dinner along with entertainment.

Prizes were in store for those attended the meal.

"The school has been holding the program for at least four years, but this is my first time doing it," said Koni Warnecke, music teacher and advisor for the **Leo Club** at the high school. This is open to the senior citizens in Dover, Wingdale, Amenia and the surrounding areas.

The program is run by the school's Leo Club, which connected with the **Dover Lions Club**. The dinner is the club's main community service event of the school year.

"We have 10 students in the club, and we have about 25-30 other students volunteering," said Warnecke. "The students will serve the food and each senior gets a gift bag created by the kids. We also have children from the middle school come in and do the decorations."

The seniors are also treated to a musical performance by the school's chorus and other musical classes before the meal.

Each year the turnout for the event is pretty strong with an average of 100 seniors coming to the dinner. The guests are served a turkey dinner fit for a king.

"All the food is donated by the school district," said Warnecke. "Along with the turkey, there is mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, all



**Town of Fallsburg Lions Club** publicly recognized **Rena Kalanick** for her continuous efforts in obtaining various

donations for the Lions Club and surrounding community. Rena has been a valued liaison between local community groups and Wal-Mart. (pictured above: President **Neil Gilberg**, VP **Bart Rasnick**, and Wal-Mart Community Involvement Director, **Rena Kalanick**.)

## The Leo's Paw



By the **Leo Clubs of District 20-O**

by **Lion Patricia Fontaine**,  
*Secretary, Amenia Lions Club*

The Leos sold about 5 cases of bunnies and were looking to sell more. The club is now looking for Spring

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sorts of pies for dessert and beverages."

The teacher said the seniors always have a wonderful time at the dinner, and the students also get something out of it as well.

"The Lions Club and the Leo Club is all about community service," she said. "It's good for the students to learn to volunteer to help others in the area. It's a really enjoyable event for the kids and they always work very hard to make it as nice as possible."

Along with a great meal, it is also a good chance for the senior citizens in the area to get to know one another and have an event to socialize with each other.

"Meeting others in the community is very important," said Warnecke.

Besides the turkey dinner, the Leo Club also runs the Box Tops for Education and holds a clean up on Route 22 in the spring.

"We also get ideas and suggestions from the Lions club and we have a great working relationship with them," said Warnecke.



## The Lioness Column By the Lioness Clubs of District 20-O

By Lioness Darlene Egler,  
Ellenville Lioness Club

Hello Spring to all from the Ellenville Lioness'. The bunny lady has been out with the fundraiser of selling the chocolate rabbits. She reports that she sold 11 cases. We will be going over our books and our donation list this month and will distribute our donations to local charities in May. We will also be putting a display of the history of the club in the Ellenville Museum. It will be displayed the next time the Library changes their windows.

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

**Amenia Lions** will be celebrating their 60 year anniversary and a committee is being put together to plan for the celebration. A new brochure was created by **Lion Lori Hale**. The club's installation dinner will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Copperfield's.

**Goshen Lions** had two fireplaces rebuilt by stonemasons at the Lions Park. The club is hosting a community dinner in September. The club sold 22 cases of bunnies.

### Hudson Lions

will sponsor a little league team for the 2007 season. The club picked out their raffle winners from the Junior Winter Carnival fundraiser; although the dance had to be postponed a second time, the club felt it was important to draw the winners. \$575 was realized from the event this year. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the club's annual blood drive from 1:30 to 6:30 pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

**Jeffersonville Lions** welcomed **ZC Jim Eggleton** to their March meeting for a presentation of Campaign SightFirst II.

**Kingston Lions** sold 13,711 raffle tickets for their Expo; Casino night brought in \$1085. The Kingston Lions Foundation awarded \$900 to the Kingston Boys & Girls Club for the purchase of folding chairs.

**Lumberland Lions** will hold their Annual Anniversary Dinner on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eldred Preserve.

**Middletown Lions** donated a year subscription of "The Lion" to their local library. The club donated \$1,000 to the Faith in Action of Greater Middletown; donations of \$1100 to Vacation Camp for the Blind; \$500 to the Association for the Visually Impaired; \$700 for Sports Camp scholarships for the Middletown Rec and Parks and \$500 to the Thrall Library for large print books were awarded recently by the club. The club is also sponsoring a child to camp at the American School for the Deaf.

**Monroe Lions** will give a \$4,000 scholarship award to a Monroe Woodbury High School Senior in September.

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Northern Columbia Lions have sent another box onto the Iraqi Children consisting of clothing, toys purchased with money received from their members; hats, socks and toys from the Hudson Lions Club; and hand made hats and blankets from the St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Stockport. This will continue as an ongoing project.

Otisville Lions are preparing to elect new officers; they have sent donations to Camp Badger, Orange County Safe Homes, Guide Dog Program, Orange Co. Sight & Hearing, Eye Bank, Scout Project and Cub Scout Project. They are planning on taking in three new members very soon.

Pine Bush Lions donated \$100 each to the All Night Graduation Pary, Vacation Camp for the Blind-VISIONS and \$300 to Camp Badger. The club held a bowling event in March.

Port Jervis Lions are holding an AMBA Blood Screening on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Port Jervis High School on Route 209 from 6 am to 10 am.

Stanford Lions donated \$150 to the "Lend An Ear Program", \$100 to the Relay for Life Cancer Fund.

Town of Fallsburgh Lions held a collection after the Monticello PBA Comedy Fundraiser at Kutcher's Country Club for Injured Marine Sgt. Eddie Ryan of Ellenville. The Lions were successful in raising in excess of \$4,700 for Eddie in hopes it will help him and his family cover some expenses due to his injuries sustained in Iraq. The event was made passible through the generosity of the Town of Fallsburg Lions, Town of

Fallsburg PBA, Monticello PBA, Liberty PBA and Sullivan County Sherriff's Dept.

*Pictured below:* Lion President Neil Gilberg; Membership Chair Stuart Wizwer; Publicity Chair Donna Akerley & Pat Haaf



Monticello PBA Members: Dan Oldfield, Lou Velasco, Bill Golbe and Gerry Dietz; Marine Corporal Ryan Stigell & Marine Sergeant Les Yearwood

## Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

Amenia Lions will hold their fishing derby on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Vinchiarello Pond. Plans are underway for their Horse Show (see Featured Club section) on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; and a Golf tournament will be held at Silo Ridge Country Club on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Goshen Lions are planning their July 23<sup>rd</sup> golf tournament which will benefit a scholarship for a graduating senior.

Greenwood Lake Lions spring fundraiser is the Flea Market on May 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the usual vendors, For their summer fundraiser, The Kelly Miller Circus will be in town on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with two shows, 2 pm and

5 pm. The telemarketing campaign began in March and the Lions will be responsible for delivery of the tickets and collecting the monies. Tickets are \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

Hudson Lions are co-hosting the "Lipstick Lovelies" with the Meadowgreens Restaurant, a combination cabaret, vaudeville and tasteful striptease dinner theatre show for \$30 per person on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The club continues to sell car wash tickets for Cantele's Laswerwash in Greenport. The tickets are \$7 each and the club makes \$3.50 per ticket.

Hyde Park Lions will hold a classic car show on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hyde Park Drive-In. Mother's Day Weekend marks the club's Journey for Sight on May 10 thru 12. Music in the Parks will begin May 30<sup>th</sup> with the Bills Toupee Band on the lawn of the Vanderbilt Mansion at 7 pm.

Livingston Manor Lions will hold a Strides Walkathon on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in Livingston Manor. For more information, call 845-439-5709 or email [lmionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lmionsclub@yahoo.com).

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**Lumberland Lions 21 Club** will have its final drawing in September. The Supermarket Sweep is scheduled for this Spring.

**Mamakating Lions** are hosting their Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Nevele Hotel in Ellenville. The event benefits the club's scholarship program. Interested golfers should call 888-5200 for more info.

**Middletown Lions** are planning for four upcoming busy months: April 21<sup>st</sup> kicks it off with the Orange County Heart Walk; a pancake breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion; May will also be a co-sponsorship of the Muddy Water Players at the Museum Village Show of "Bus Stop" on May 17<sup>th</sup> with tickets selling for \$17 each. Relay for Life on June 8-9 at the Goshen High School; June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fancher-Davidge Park Pond in conjunction with the city of Middletown Parks and Rec Dept. will be the children's fishing derby; a flea market table at the car show with the **Greenville Wawayanda Lions** on July 15<sup>th</sup>; the fair booth on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Millbrook Lions** will welcome the circus to town on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Millerton Lions** are holding their 200 Club Raffle this month.

**Monroe Lions** have set June 16<sup>th</sup> as the date for a Super Market 3 minute sweep at the ShopRite in Monroe. Raffles are being sold for \$5 per ticket. The club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner Boat Cruise will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> as the Pride of the Hudson takes participants on a three hour ride with dinner and entertainment.

**Nine Partners Lions** are getting ready for the Town of Clinton Spring Fest to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on April 29<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a raffle for a lawn wagon that can attach to any car or tractor. The club is planning their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to be held at the Red Hook Golf club on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$100 per person and includes prizes, lunch, dinner, beer and soda and a round of golf and a cart.

**Otisville Lions** are gearing up for their Roast Beef Dinner on April 28<sup>th</sup> and are planning for their next country fair.

**Pine Plains Lions** are gearing up for their Bass Tournament in June (see Featured Clubs Section this month); the club's Beef Bar-Be-Que will be on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Port Jervis Lions** are planning for a Spaghetti Dinner take-out.

**Stanford Lions** are making plans for the Annual Lions Flea Market on June 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Town of Dover Lions** have the circus coming to town on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Tri-Valley Lions** will hold their Journey for Sight on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Diabetes Awareness Prevention/Treatment

By District Diabetes Chair  
**Carole Lybolt**

The leading cause of new cases of blindness in most developed countries is diabetic retinopathy, a diabetes-related eye disease. Worldwide, the number of people with diabetes

is expected to double within 20 years due to changes in diet and lifestyle.

LCIF has approved 12 diabetes-related grants for US\$1.1 million since diabetes prevention and control became part of LCIF's Core 4 program. The grants have supported camps that teach children to live with the disease, large-scale screening and treatment programs and projects to raise awareness of the disease.

Additionally, LCIF awarded nearly \$5 million to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for research on diabetic retinopathy. The funding, the world's largest source of non-governmental support for diabetic retinopathy research, resulted in a greater understanding of the disease and laid the groundwork for more effective treatments. The grants funded 56 researchers in nine countries.

### AND NOW OUR FEATURED CLUBS A Supermarket Sweep

### A Month For Animals - Lions and Bass and Horses

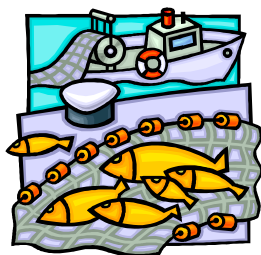
*Dover Sweep  
Amenia Lions Horse Show  
Pine Plains Lions S & H  
Bass Fishing Tournament*

By Lion Jerry Chestney,  
Pine Plains Lions Club  
The Pine Plains Lions Club has been sponsoring a Bass Fishing Tournament on several lakes in the Pine Plains area since 1988. Lion Don Spohr,

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assisted by **Lion Don Bartles** along with several other club members and community



helpers, has been its chairman since its inception nineteen years ago.

The response from fishermen both near and far has been overwhelming each and every season. Annually, the full compliment of 70 boats and 140 fishers fill the roster with many others waiting should someone have to drop out. The contest is traditionally held on the first day of the season on Stissing Lake and Twin Island Pond at Pine Plains as well as Hunn's Lake in Stanfordville and Tamarac Lake at Millbrook, NY.

This year's tournament will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> with early morning registration, including a continental breakfast, at the Lions Community PaviLION beginning at 5 am. Fishers will be allowed to select which lake they'd like to start on and the youth will be registered for special awards. Beginning at daybreak, the club will have judges on each lake to confirm and register the fish as they are caught and released.

The tournament ends at 12 noon with the contestants

returning to the PaviLION for a hearty lunch and some story swapping. After tabulating the returns from each contestant, **Lion Don** will award prizes which have been donated by local merchants. Awards are made for largest fish,

the 'lunker', caught by both men and women and youth, as well as total catch.



Over the years the club

has raised approximately \$28,000 for their sight and hearing projects both at home and around the world. We have been annual contributors and supports of the Lions Eye Bank at Albany Knight of the Blind Award as well as other district sight and hearing projects.

**By ZC Lion Pamela Bullymont, Amenia Lions Club**

The **Amenia Lions Club** will hold their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Horse Show on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The event is held at The Kildonan School in Amenia. Saturday's event is an Open English Schooling Show, this year judged by **Ann Jamieson** from Kent, CT. Nine divisions are offered, totaling 27 classes. Prizes

## Dover resident sweeps through supermarket

By Oren Phillips  
Staff Reporter

It was a mad dash to fill a shopping cart with as much food as possible within five minutes as part of the Dover Lions Club Supermarket Sweep at the Freshtown in Dover, and Sarah Bohlin loaded up on \$500 worth of groceries through the event.

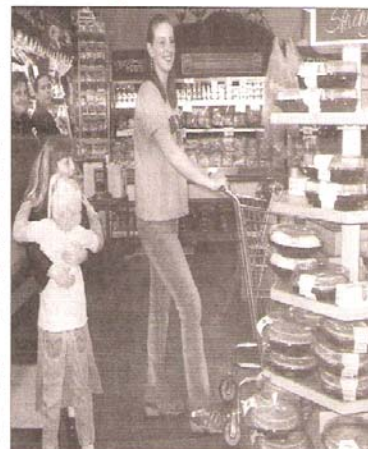
Bohlin, a Dover Plains resident, represented her father George E. Smith on March 31 for the Supermarket Sweep.

Smith won a raffle held by the Lions, but since he couldn't run through the store, she ran for him and grabbed as much as she could before time ran out.

"We held the drawing on March 24 and a young lady named Chelsea Yeno picked the winner," said Donna Reimer of the Lions Club, who helped set up the event.

Reimer felt that the new Supermarket Sweep event was a success.

"It was a lot of fun, and you don't realize how



AWAY SHE GOES: Sarah Bohlin hustles through the aisles of Freshtown in Dover to collect as much food as she can in five minutes. (Photo submitted)

long five minutes actually is," she said.

"It took place at 8 a.m. and there weren't many people in the store yet, so it worked out pretty well," she said.

The idea was pitched earlier this year and the club thought it was a great way to raise money for vision, diabetes and hearing research.

"It has never been done before and Freshtown was great about it," said Reimer. According to Reimer,

many friends and family came out to cheer Bohlin on and help guide her as to which items to pick up. The Lions are planning to hold another event like this in the future as part of their fundraising calendar.

The club also holds a raffle for a trip to Las Vegas, plans to have a circus come to Dover on July 6 and sponsors the annual Memory Tree at Christmas.



Sarah Bohlin meets with Lions members, Donna Reimer, Marie Spencer, Speedy Costa & Freshtown Mgr. John Acocella before her shopping spree.

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include ribbons and trophies in each class, gift certificates from local vendors, a spectacular silver belt buckle for the Lead Line class, and the coveted High Point Cooler for the rider with the most points at the end of the day. Sunday's event is a Dressage Schooling show, judged by **Roberta Carleton** from Salisbury, CT. Intro level through Second level classes are offered totaling 18 classes. Prizes for this event also include ribbons in each class and gift



certificates from local vendors. Food is available throughout each day and the event is free for spectators. For more information, please contact **Lion Pamela Bullymont** at 845-373-7201.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### *VICE PRESIDENT MAHENDRA AMARASURIYA TO VISIT NEW YORK*

The next President of Lions Clubs International will be in New York City from April 23 to April 25 during a stopover between official visitations. International has requested that area Lions provide hospitality during his stay. A full program presenting Lions projects in the area has been arranged. Your participation by attending any or all of these will make his time here memorable.

#### *HERE'S THE SCHEDULE*

April 24 – Vacation Camp for the Blind at 10:00 AM  
Guiding Eyes for the Blind at 2:30 PM  
An open reception for the VP at 7:00 PM

April 25 – The Long Island Eye Bank at 10:00 AM  
The Guide Dog Foundation at 2:00 PM

#### *THE PLANS FOR THE TUESDAY NIGHT RECEPTION*

This will be an open reception for all Lions. It will be held at **RICCARDO'S BY THE BRIDGE**, 2101 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Astoria, Queens. (718-721-7777) There will be a light buffet with wine, beer, and soda at a cost of \$23.50 per person. Please pay at the door either by cash or check made payable to District 20 K-1. The doors open at 7:00 PM.

During the evening, VP Amarasuriya will visit tables to speak with Lions personally and later make a presentation. Lions will be encouraged to ask questions of him following his presentation.

This will be a special night for MD 20 Lions, so plan on being there. If you are coming, inform your contact person listed below. The caterer needs to have an approximate number by Sunday, April 22.

#### *HOST COMMITTEE*

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# The Lions Pride We Serve



The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc., established as an official project of Multiple District 20 with a mission to provide district-wide support for worthy projects which would otherwise be beyond the means of individual clubs or districts, it is MD-20'S "GRANT PROGRAM"

The Foundation provides financial grants for the following purposes:

- Humanitarian Service
- Vocational Assistance
- Operational Needs
- Emergency Aid

Under the guidance of a 36 member Board of Trustees, 3 elected Lions from each District of MD-20, and using the full weight and support of all Lions of New York State and Bermuda, the foundation provides a valuable resource for all Lions clubs seeking financial support to reach new levels of involvement.

In addition, the Foundation provides informational support through sponsored seminars and interaction with similar Foundations.

The Lions of MD-20 are encouraged to financially support the activities of their Foundation at a level which will allow the Foundation to meet the needs of those seeking grants. This support can be achieved in the following ways:

### LIONS/LIONESS/LEO'S FOUNDATION MEMBERS CLUB

For an initial contribution of \$100, a club may become a Foundation Member Club. Significance of this is recognized by a banner patch to the contributing club. An appropriate banner chevron will recognize subsequent annual contributions of \$100.

### LIONS/LIONESS/LEO'S CONTRIBUTING MEMBER

Individual Lions/Lioness/Leo's wishing to support the Foundation's work may become Contributing Members through a tax-deductible contribution of \$20. The receipt of an appropriate lapel pin featuring the Foundation logo will recognize each contributing Member.

### ROBERT J. UPLINGER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

For a club or district contribution of \$250, the Foundation will award an engraved plaque and pin in honor of an individual whose service to Lionism and/or the community is being recognized by a club or district.

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

The Foundation will provide information to individuals, clubs or organizations that wish to make a will bequest or planned gift.

### ANNUAL MULTIPLE RAFFLE

\$100 raffle tickets are made available each year for an opportunity to win a luxury automobile or \$20,000 and eight other cash prizes. Tickets are sent to each club of the Multiple in late winter. Individuals, clubs or groups may purchase tickets. The drawing of the prizes is held during the MD-20 Convention. If a club or district purchases three raffle tickets in a single Lions year, they may obtain a Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award (see description of award on this sheet) for an individual of their choosing. The Foundation must be notified that the club will be requesting an award when the funds are sent in for the tickets.

### HOW TO LEARN ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Contact one of the trustees representing your district for information pertaining to the Foundation. Learn how you and your club can help others by various giving means and how the Foundation can help your club complete a project which might otherwise be beyond your financial capabilities. If you are uncertain of who your trustees are, contact your District Governor for their names.

### HOW YOU CAN BECOME ACTIVE IN THE FOUNDATION

You can become an active member of the Foundation by seeking a position on the Board of Trustees (one Trustee is elected annually from each district) or by contacting one of your Trustees to request an appointment to a working committee of the Foundation. All Lions of MD-20 are members of the Foundation and as such are most welcome to any of the quarterly meetings of the Trustees. In addition, an Annual Meeting is held during the MD-20 Convention, and all are welcome to attend and to actively participate.

## DONATION FORM

Please type or clearly print. Enclose your check payable to: New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc. and mail to:

New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc.  
1408 Lake Street  
Elmira, New York 14901

SUPPORT OPTION (Please check one)

- Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award       Foundation Club Membership
- Individual Contributing Membership

I (we) have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send recognition to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Awardees, please fill out the special form that has been prepared for this award. (If you do not have a form, contact your District Trustee)



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## Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

My apologies to the Livingston Manor Lions Club for the incorrect listing in the April issue of the State Magazine. I inadvertently listed their awards for Melvin Jones Fellows as Chatham Lions. Also, to the Town of Walkkill Leos for the mix-up of photos and captions with the Kingston Lions Club. Unfortunately the photos were switched from the captions by the printer.

The deadline for the June issue to me will be by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.  
**Please provide your articles and photos of UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS.**

## Guess The Mileage of



## the Gallivanting Governor

**DG Joyce** is now in the home stretch.... Are we near 50,000 miles or is it less --- what is your guess????

Guess more and guess often....Purchase your raffle ticket from **DG Joyce** when you see her. The proceeds will benefit Camp Badger and the New York State Bermuda Foundation.