

**Monthly Message from
DG Joyce**



Dear Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Where does one begin when attempting to summarize two of the most rewarding and memorable years of their life—that of serving District 20-0 as your Vice District Governor and District Governor. I guess it will have to begin farther back in time.

I recall being in awe, not to mention that I knew almost no one, when I attended my first Cabinet Meeting as Zone Chairman under now **PDG Kirk Van Swearingen** hosted by the **Tri-Valley Lions Club** in *Grahamsville* in August of 2001. I certainly realized that I had a lot to learn about Lionism.

I was a 100% Zone Chairman for two years attending club meetings, Cabinet Meetings, both the district and multiple conventions and holding the AC Meetings. I must've been impressed with the District Governor's because **PDG/PCC**

John Wargo says that I asked him how someone became a District Governor. I don't remember this, but who am I to question him.

While attending a Cabinet Meeting during my second term as Zone Chairman, way out in Sullivan County, **PDG Bill Fitzgerald** approached me and my husband stating that he would like to appoint me to serve as his Hearing Committee Chairman during his term as District Governor. This was the first step in the four year ascension to becoming District Governor, and the year was 2003. I accepted and it has been an uphill experience since.

I served and learned and worked very hard for Lionism apparently to the satisfaction of the Past District Governors, because I did advance up through the positions to become District Governor.

And, what a ride this has been. Two of the greatest experiences I have had in my life were attending the NYS Leadership Institute and my first USA/Canada Forum.

I had attended many leadership seminars through my employment and professional organization, but the NYS Leadership Institute experience by far topped them all. It was so intense that it was exhausting, not to mention that we were inter-

acting 14-16 hours per day for four days either in the classroom or in our breakout groups. I have since served as a mentor at one of the institutes.

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The USA/Canada Forums are worth attending regardless of the location. The quality of the seminars and workshops and motivational speakers is worth every penny paid out and the time to attend. I have attended three forums and find that the programs are far superior to what is offered at the International Convention.

Finally came the year as Vice District Governor-- the year of preparation for District Governor. Attending the Multiple Council Meetings was quite an education. Did you know that VDGs cannot speak during the meeting? And, it was only recently that VDGs were allowed to sit with the DGs, and had previously been relegated to the back of the room. We learned the proceedings of the Multiple and attended a three day District Governor School. The program was outlined by LCI and sponsored within our own Multiple with PDGs and other experienced Lions providing the training.

Further District Governor training was given by LCI in Boston prior to the International Convention. We were in session for 4 days with other VDGEs from all over the world, and our group leaders that we had been working with via email for at least 6 months. We had our pictures taken with LCI

President-elect Jimmy Ross and his partner-in-service, **Velda**. **Jimmy Ross** spoke at several venues outlining his plan for the year and how the motto "We Serve" would be used as his theme for the year.

We, as VDGEs, were treated like royalty. We were the incoming DGs and were offered every possible courtesy. **David** and I have met so many wonderful Lions through these experiences, many of whom will be life long friends---our Aussie and Canadian friends, a couple from India, **DG Nina Milyokova** from Moscow, even Past Presidents and Directors of LCI.

My term as District Governor began on July 4, 2006, during the final plenary session of the International Convention in Boston.

As a District Governor I started my year in July and August as guests of Vacation Camp for the Blind on Lions Day, Guiding Eyes for the Blind on District Governor Day (weekend) and Leader Dog in Rochester, MI for a weekend. I attended my first Multiple Council Meeting and Lions Day at Camp Badger proceeded the previous night by having dinner and dancing with the campers. I conducted my first District Cabinet Meeting. By this time the district directory had been published and my

personal pin designed and ready to be proudly presented to special and specific Lions.

In September a group of the DGs decided to accompany DG Andy from K2 to Bermuda for the Paget Club's 20th Anniversary. I planned this as a long weekend taking Friday off and would be back to work on Monday---arrive by 10:30 AM, get settled in and have the remainder of Friday and all day Saturday to sightsee before the banquet on Saturday night, and be on a plane back home at noon on Sunday. Well, while we were at the banquet, the planes were removed from the island because of the threat of Hurricane Florence. Flo did hit on Sunday night prohibiting our leaving until Wednesday noon. We were sequestered in the hotel, but had set up our own Hurricane Central with food, drinks and games acquired from the hotel. We did not have TV because they had voluntarily shut down the station. The hotel was extremely gracious and had a great safety plan in place. They fed us all meals on Monday. By Tuesday the worst was over, we were allowed back outside and the planes began arriving back on the island. It is a good story to have to tell when reviewing the year as DG.

We got home that Wednesday night in time to do some



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laundry, repack and head back to the airport the next morning to spend the remainder of the week in Columbus, OH at the USA/Canada Forum.

At the first Council Meeting in July, I was elected Vice Council Chairman which meant that I was the second highest ranking Lion in the multiple. There were occasions that required that I represent the Council Chairman. Along with the title brought the responsibility of facilitating the activities of the Youth Services and Health Services Committees. There had not been much committee activity in the past few years so the committees had their work cut out for them. And, those that know me know that I like nothing better than to rewrite policies and procedures.

Throughout the past four years I have had memorable experiences when meeting with the clubs and county committees of District 20-0. I have met so many truly dedicated Lions and made lasting friendships. It is amazing the amount of volunteer hours expended on service projects in the name of Lionism. The contributions of the individual members and clubs within the communities are immeasurable.

One of the greatest rewards of being an officer,

or District Governor, is inducting new members into the clubs. Many new members have been inducted this year, but it did not make up for the number we lost.

I was honored to transition a Leo into a Lions Club. **TJ Schoeman**, now a college student, was a member of the **Town of Walkkill Leos Club** and became a member of the **Town of Walkkill-Mid Orange Lions Club**.

Another reward for me was the expression of surprise on a member's face, or the tears that came to an older member's eyes, when presented with one of the District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation. I gave the certificate to recognize the service they have provided over the years. To my knowledge this had never been done before and it was well received by the members.

My passion as a Lion has been providing services that are sight related--collecting and sorting used eyeglasses, serving as liaison to the Dutchess County Sight Committee and as chairman of that committee, serving on the Board of Directors for the Lions Eye Institute, Albany. I have been serving on the feasibility study committee for the amblyopia screening project state wide for the past 2 years. LCI has awarded the grant and the

committee is now a board working to develop all the processes needed to implement the program. I was elected President of the Board so they intend to keep me busy.

I also serve Camp Badger as a Corporate Board member and on a committee and as liaison from our district. Camp Badger has become **David's** passion. He loves the kids and with his white beard and hair, the little ones think of him as Santa. We just wish that we could really be Santa to them, but through our efforts at the camp perhaps we can make a difference in their lives.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as District Governor of 20-0. I will always cherish the experiences and memories. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I look forward to continued service and growth within our district--the Outstanding District.

We Serve,
DG Joyce Maier



Calendar of Events

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

August 5 Lions Family Day @ VCB

October 11 World Sight Day

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VDG John's Corner

**Hello Lions,
Lionesses and
Leos,**

Our new Lions Year is fast approaching. July 1 will start a new year for club officers. By the time you read this we will have had two training sessions for club presidents and secretaries. Every organization that you belong to strives to develop leadership, but Lions does it better. Common sense leadership is developed at the club level by "Monkey-see, monkey-do" coupled with trial and error. It is much better not to flounder, but to lift yourself up to a higher vantage point and look around three hundred sixty degrees and see the learning that others have gleaned from their mistakes and their triumphs. That is why we have training seminars and manuals.

Another aspect of leadership is knowing where to get resources and manuals. Explore our Lions websites at our International website and District 20-O website. There are many materials available for free or low cost that will help the local clubs in their mission and growth. Stay abreast of what's available remembering that good followers become good leaders for those who

are following behind them. Just think, a future world leader might be the newest member of your club looking up to you as an old-timer.

If you are an enthusiastic follower, you are a leader. You are a cheer-leader helping to set the tone for your club and for Lions around the world. We do good work. For example, study the facts and figures of the good that was accomplished from the proceeds of Campaign Sight First. With that as the basis for your enthusiasm you will be able to help your club move on to great accomplishments with Campaign Sight First II. For every \$7 we raise we keep someone from living in blindness. July 1 starts our final year to secure pledges and cash from the people in our communities who believe in preserving and restoring sight here and around the world.

I would also like to thank the clubs of our district for sending the information that we need for our 2007-2008 District 20-O Directory. This is accomplished through the PU101 forms. I would also like to thank the Lions who are past presidents of the clubs who are stepping up to the plate to become zone chairs. The work of a zone chair is rewarding. It permits one to celebrate the accomplishments of the clubs in his or her zone and region

as well as sharing and learning at the quarterly District Cabinet Meetings. One begins to realize what a great team we have in Lions International.

Keep watch for various needs in your community where Lions can develop new programs for service. Fundraisers for those service projects also stimulate community interest and cooperation. Let your community know that we Lions are serving. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Lions,
VDG John



Sight & Hearing What We Do Best

*By SC Melanie Wargo
and
HC John Wells*

For many clubs, the summer is our biggest fundraiser and social season. Many clubs hold senior citizen picnics, installation dinners, chicken barbecues, lobster bakes, pig roasts, clam bakes, flea markets or car shows. Some run booths at the county fair or town community day. This is a great time to invite prospective members to join in the fun. The camaraderie that is built flipping pancakes and burgers or parking cars

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often leads to more new members in our clubs, and more service for our communities.

Summer challenges:

1. Get caught in public by another Lion wearing your Lions pin.
2. Invite a prospective member to assist with a club activity.
3. Visit a neighboring club's summer activity. Offer to help - it will be fun!

SC Melanie Wargo

Greetings, Lions:

Well this year for me just got started and now it is coming to an end. I'm looking forward to the next chapter and serving you and our great Lions District 20-0. I wish to thank everyone for the well wishes and cards sent to me after my surgery. I'm coming along fine and hope to be back at everything 100% soon.

I wish to thank **DG Joyce** on allowing me to serve on her team this past year. Thank you **Joyce** for your guidance and training that you provided for me while on the job training.

Regards,
HC John Wells

Glasses and Hearing Aides Tally

WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS PAST MONTH



Glasses Collected

Hyde Park	300
Jeffersonville	20
Middletown	388
Millbrook	120
Millerton	70
Pine Bush	210
Port Jervis	21
Sunglasses	7
Stanford	5

Hearing Aides Collected

Hyde Park	3
Millbrook	2
Stanford	28

Eye Exams Provided

Hyde Park	1
Middletown	2
Pine Bush	1

Hearing Aides Provided

None reported



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

Middletown: *Doris Rubinsky*

Pine Bush: *Sheila Hahn, Walter Hahn*

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



District 20-0 Remembers our Lion Members, Friends and Mentors Deceased 2006-2007

- Germantown**
Lion Benjamin Bartolotta
- Highland**
Lion Steven Cisternino
- Hudson**
Lion Kathryn Graziano
- Kingston**
PDG William Stall

Lumberland

Lion James Nolan
Lion Louis Rupnick

Mamakating

Lion Patrick Frasca
Lion Charles Gutenkunst

Middletown

PID Albert Levine

Millbrook

Lion Roderick Goe

Millerton

Lion William Deverman
Lion Richard Weinstein

New Paltz

Lion Frances McGinnis

Newburgh

Lion Paul Tibby
Lion Robert Burwick
Lion Everett Gordon
Lion William Graham

Nine Partners

Lion Sabato Leggiere

Pleasant Valley

Lion Donald Teal

Rip Van Winkle

Lion Jon Fromer
Lion James Lynch
Lion Mark Rubinger
Lion Israel Slutsky

Tri-Valley

Lion Marion Robinson

Tusten

Lion John Garrison
Lion Jesse McHugh

Warwick

Lion Carol McManus



Congratulations to the Following Members Who Have

Been Recognized Recently

Lumberland: *DG Joyce Maier* presented her Certificates of Appreciation to *Kathy Bisland*, Treasurer and *Sue Morley*, Secretary for their work helping *Jim Bisland*, President.

Pine Bush: *DG Joyce Maier* presented Certificates of

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Appreciation to *Carl Wantje* for his work with Sight and Hearing and to *Joan Dolan* for her work as club secretary.

Town of Dover: *DG Joyce* made presentations at the club's May meeting; the **Robert J. Uplinger Award** was presented to *Donald Dedrick*, a charter



member for "over 50 years" and has held several offices; a

Certificate of appreciation to *Donna Reimer, PP* for her help to *President Pat Hoag*; a

Membership Award was presented to

Marie Spencer who brought in



several new members this year so it was fitting to make her the club's Membership Chairlady; a Certificate of

Appreciation Award to *Roger Callahan* for all his work as Chairman of the Sight Committee and a super terrific



Fundraising Chairman - some of his accomplishments were: the supermarket sweep which

netted \$1300; a bus trip to the Mohegan Sun which netted \$500; and last but not least, when Dover celebrated their bicentennial with a parade and day-long festival, *Roger* wore

the lion costume in the parade and promoted lionism during the festivities.

May 10th **Town of Dover Lions Mtg.**



Mike Jordan, Secty; DG Joyce, Pat Hoag, Pres; Rod Annis, Secty.

The Leo's Paw



By the Leo Clubs of District 20-O

by Amenia Leo Club

The **Amenia Leos** helped out with the recent Adopt-a-Highway clean up with the **Amenia Lions**.

The Lioness Column

By the Lioness Clubs of District 20-O



The Catskill Lioness' once again supported the Eye Institute by selling chocolate bunnies. We are very fortunate to have the support of local business. The Bank of Greene County, Kochs Restaurant and Father and Sons Garage and Storage Units all allowed displays and collected the money. Several members sold them at other meetings and to family and friends or gave them as gifts.

Everyone's efforts are appreciated. The business locations are all rewarded by home made cakes baked, attractively wrapped and delivered by **Lioness' President Patricia Schwenk and Veronika Marquoit**.

Our first meeting of 2007 was held jointly with the Catskill Lion's Club. The guest of honor was **District Governor Joyce Maier**. After an inspiring talk on volunteerism she awarded Certificates of Honor to three members of each club. **Lioness' Patricia Schwenk, Trish Lamb and Joan Young** were appreciative of this recognition by such an esteemed leader.

Our "snow birds" have returned and are now assisting with the monthly Bingo games at a local long term care facility. This facility holds an annual luncheon to which three of our members attended. We provide carnations each year for Mothers and Fathers Day which are given to each patient as well as Bingo prizes to cheer the residents. One of our members has taken Hospice training and **Sandy Fandozzi** has been providing this service to those in need. She is a Lioness who also exemplifies the Lions motto and *DG Joyce's* theme "We Serve"

*Lioness Joan Young
Past President*

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The Ellenville Chapter of the Lioness Club has supported many of the communities' local clubs and organization for over twenty years.

It is with great regret that we must inform your organization that our local chapter is disbanding as of May 2, 2007.



The Lioness had their last dinner on June 6th at the El Pardisio restaurant. Any money that is left will be awarded to our two school scholarships for the 2008 year.

We wish all the clubs in 20-0 the very best and great growth.

Lioness Darlene Egglar
President

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

Amenia Lions made a donation to the Maplebrook/Bank of Millbrook for their annual golf outing; June 16th at Copperfields is the club's installation dinner.



City of Newburgh Lions will hold their installation of officers at CB Driscoll's on June 15.

Goshen Lions have chosen their scholarship recipient who will receive a \$1500 award.

Greenville Wawayanda Lions are busy the end of June with their re-dedication dinner June 19th at the Greenville Inn; June 21st will find them putting up a

dance floor at the high school and June 22nd will be the local high school graduation.

Hudson Lions will hold their recognition dinner meeting on June 27th with all their officers remaining the same for the coming year.

Hyde Park Lions were pleased as their 200 club raffle brought in \$2200; and Journey for Sight raised \$1500.

Jeffersonville Lions make a donation annually to a program called "Presidential Classroom". The Sullivan West School District sends one student to Washington DC each summer to participate in the program. Last year's attendee, Stevie Van Wagenen recently came to a club meeting to tell about her experience.

The club is sponsoring a student, Alicia Baldwin, a Sullivan Weest Sophomore to participate in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar in Albany this year.

Kingston Lions multi-club installation dinner was very successful with four clubs in attendance, **Kingston, Town of Esopus, Rondout Valley and Town of Ulster**. The event was attended by district dignitaries **DG Joyce, DG-Elect John, VDG-Elect Melanie**.

Lumberland Lions will have a clam sale booth on the 4th of July at the Circle Park; Lions will ride in convertibles



for the 4th of July Parade. A Blood Drive will be held on August 18th at the Lumberland Sr. Center. The club held a joint installation of officers with the **Highland and Bethel Lions**. September 8th will be the club's

Annual Anniversary Dinner at the Eldred Preserve.

Mamakating Lions were pleased by the great success of their



annual golf tournament which enabled the club to award 8 scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Marlboro-Milton Lions held a very successful golf tournament which supports the club's scholarship fund. On June 22nd, two graduating seniors from Marlboro High School will each be the recipients of \$2,000 for college.

Middletown Lions participated in Relay for Life; a Lions Booth at the 10k classic race on June 10th; club members will make a trip to Camp Badger on June 23rd. The club was pleased by the figures of approximately \$2,000 from the pancake breakfast.

Nine Partners Lions 18th Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Red Hook Golf Club on June 13th. (This is a correction to last month's newsletter).

Northern Columbia Lions will have their Installation Dinner on June 18th at the Carolina House with PDG Ed Blodgett doing the honors.

Pine Bush Lions donated \$100 to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind; two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school students; the club provided for an eye exam for an elementary school student. A Father's Day Essay contest was begun in May. A donation was made to a People to People Australia candidate.



Pleasant Valley Lions held a dinner meeting at the Dubliner Restaurant in May.

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Port Jervis Lions held their annual Soap Box Derby in June where they had a food booth available.

Stanford Lions kept busy in May with participation in an MS Walk; a road clean-up; participation in the Memorial Day Parade. June will be the Relay for Life Cancer Walk and participation in the Future Farmers of America Banquet. Plans are underway for the club's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2008.

Town of Dover Lions have kept their club very busy. **Lion Sharon Pecarina** obtained a box of ear plugs from Westchester Modular Homes and donated them to the hearing committee.

Jerald Turner requested a donation to help pay postage to troops. **Lion Rod Annis** presented this to the club and a \$100 donation was made; \$250 was donated to the Center of Compassion in April. Three school children were the recipients of eye exams and eyeglasses. The club was pleased to be able to award 5

scholarships at high school graduation in 2006 and will be awarding again at the end of this school year.

Tri-Valley Lions held a successful Journey for Sight Walk in early May. The club donated \$500 each to three local families in need. 138 cats and dogs were vaccinated at the Rabies Clinic at the fairgrounds in early June. The club will hold their 30th Anniversary Party at the Rockland House on October 21st.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events



Around The District

Amenia Lions hold their golf tournament on July 23rd (\$115 per person) at the Silo Ridge Country club; members will



participate in the Amenia Community Day on September 15th and the Juvenile Diabetes Work on September 29th with the club's Chicken BBQ the same day.

City of Newburgh Lions Mystery Theater is scheduled for October 20th which will be a major fundraiser for the club. Tentatively planned is a clay pigeon shoot for September.

Goshen Lions will be busy with their July 23rd golf tournament; members continue selling 20-week club tickets with the final drawing on September 8th with a picnic at Lions Park for members and all those who purchased tickets.

Greenville Wawayanda Lions car show on July 15th is the club's summer fundraiser; a Murder Mystery Dinner is set for November 17th at the Catlin Creek.

Greenwood Lake Lions will enjoy the Kelly Miller Circus in town on the 4th of July with two shows, 2 pm and 5 pm.

Hudson Lions will be involved in August at the 16th annual Junior Olympics for the Columbia County area summer playgrounds. Comedy will be the venue when a dinner show is put on at the Meadow-greens on October 19th.

Hyde Park Lions Music In The Parks will have the Big Blue Big

Band at the Mills

State Park on June 20th; Heart and Soul on June 27th at Vanderbilt; July 11th will be The Saints at Mills State Park, the Big Band Sound on July 18th at Vanderbilt's and July 25th at Mills State Park will have CloudNYne. The concerts begin at 7 pm. A classic car show will be on July 29th at the Hyde Park Drive-In. Journal Ads continue to be sold for the 4th of July Parade Journal.

Jeffersonville Lions have been selling chances for \$5 to win a \$500 shopping spree at the Jeffersonville Pecks Market. The drawing will take place at the club's June 25th meeting; the shopping spree will be on June 30th in time for the 4th of July Holiday. The club will have a horse show on July 15th at the Stone Wall Farms in Jeffersonville with English and Western competition beginning at 9 am. Club members will provide breakfast and lunch. The club's golf tournament at Swan Lake Golf & Country Club will be on August 5th at a cost of \$65 per person which included mens and womens scrambles, prizes and a barbeque after the tourney.

Kingston Lions will hold their 3rd Annual Boat

Cruise on August 8th, \$32.50 per person, catered by Mariner's Harbor.



Lumberland Lions continue with 21 Club ticket sales with the final drawing in September.

Mamakating Lions are now selling supermarket sweep tickets with the drawing on August 25th. For info, call 888-3002.

Marlboro-Milton Lions will hold a clam bake on August 8th in the

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Town Park at 7 pm; the club's senior picnic will be held on August 9th.

Middletown Lions will be found on June 16th 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 15th; the fair booth on July 18th to the 29th.

Millbrook Lions are looking forward to the circus in town on July 7th at the bandshell.

Monroe Lions 3rd Annual Dinner Boat Cruise will be on August 23rd on the Pride of the Hudson.

New Paltz Lions will be busy "shaking their cans" during the Annual White Cane solicitation June 15 and 16 at Shop Rite. On July 14th, the club will once again provide the manpower for the ice cream station at the Elting Memorial Library Fair.

Northern Columbia Lions will draw the winners at their last meeting in June for their annual raffle.

Pine Bush Lions are looking into a Hannaford's Shopping Spree as a fundraiser; preparing for a health fair in the fall with flu shots; and the Harvest Festival in September. The club has begun to sell mints at local businesses.

Pine Plains Lions Beef Bar-Be-Que will be on August 11th.



....AND NOW OUR FEATURED CLUBS Why I Became A Lionby Lion Andy LaBarge, Town of Ulster Lions

During the Multi-Installation Dinner held at LaMirage in Port Ewen in early June, incoming President, **Andy LaBarge** told of his recent encounter of why we are Lions.

I was selling tickets at the 2007 Expo in the Hudson Valley Mall and one day a lady, Betty (name has been changed) came walking to our booth. She had another lady by the hand, who was wearing big black sunglasses. Betty said, oh the Lions, they do so many wonderful things. She wanted to know what we were raffling. I told her "that car, a Saab." She asked how much the tickets were and I told her and she bought \$5.00 worth. She said she would like my telephone number and I gave it to her. The next day, she called me and tells me that the other lady was her daughter-in-law, Kelly (name has been changed), who is totally blind and that they couldn't get any help anywhere. The she tells me while they were in the mall, some guy walks up to them, looks at Kelly and says, "lady, you can take those sunglasses off, there's no sun in here." Kelly started to cry. The reason she wore the big dark glasses was that any kind of light would give her sharp flashes. Kelly was depressed and giving up.

Betty asked if the Lions could help. I told her I would check into it and stay in touch with her. I spoke with Joan, a member of our club and she said I should call PDG Franklin Smith

of the Lions Eye Institute in Albany. I called PDG Franklin and told him the whole story and asked if they could help them. I also asked if he would send me a referral form. He said yes, and I gave him my fax number. Within twenty minutes I received the referral form. I made half a dozen copies and called Betty to get her address so I could bring the form to her. She said, "I'll be at your house in three minutes." She lives just four streets from me. She came and picked up the form. Two days later, she called and said the baby spilled milk and smudged the form and asked if I had another. I told her yes, and she came and picked it up. I'd called her on a weekly basis to see what was happening. She said she had spoken with Mr. Smith and he was working on it. The first part of April she called me and said that Kelly had an appointment for a glass eye replacement. She won't get back her vision, but would not have to wear those large dark eyeglasses and she wouldn't have any glare from the light.

About two weeks ago, I was coming out of Hannaford's store and I heard someone calling "Andy". It was Betty. We talked and I told her that I'd called but missed her and wanted to see Kelly and see how she was doing. She said you can see her now, she is in the car. So we went to her car, and Betty said to Kelly, "I've got Andy." A big smile came on Kelly's face. I reached to shake her hand and Betty said they had just left the nail shop so her nails might still be wet. Kelly was all smiles; her eyes were the same color and she is happy. Betty said she is not depressed and she long

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fifteen pounds since April 15th. This has given Kelly her life back and she now has a positive outlook on life. Betty said she wanted to send a check to our club and I told her to take Kelly out to dinner instead.

I've invited Betty and Kelly to our next meeting and they will be attending and will join us for dinner. This will inspire everyone.

I find it very warming to share with people what the Lions do. The code of ethics says it all --- what a great motto... **WE SERVE!**

fundraiser are used for various community requests and Lions sponsored programs which provide assistance primarily for those with sight and hearing problems as well as those with other special needs.



MERL Membership By PDG Ed Budd

Speaking of membership: reviewing "member" in the thesaurus brings up component; integral part; constituent; participate; share in and other synonyms. We mention this because District 20-O is about to undergo a "paradigm shift" (sound familiar?) in the MERL team - Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership - incorporating the above phrases. In keeping with the earlier promised implementation of 'task-forces', and thanks to a suggestion from district Leadership chair **Lion Manny Pardo** (Goshen), beginning in 07-08 the district MERL team will be expanded to include twelve to twenty more interested and involved Lions. We will be soliciting participation from Lion members throughout the district to work with some of their neighboring clubs on one of the four MERL subjects. Several potential MERL "components/integral parts/constituents" - LIONS - have been identified in the district; some were a part of the membership & retention "task-force" concept in previous years. We're expecting to contact these Lions during the

coming summer months with the intent of completing the "shift" to a more comprehensive group by September.

The advantages of this change will be at least threefold: we will have the ability to cover more clubs in the district individually, especially those that are more in need of MERL resources; there will be an opportunity to present more task-force mini-seminars for Region and Zone benefit; the potential to develop and demonstrate leadership capabilities will be greatly enhanced, opening the door for those Lions that wish to step forward as future District officers.

We are asking that you consider the request to serve as a part of the group should you be contacted - on the other hand, if you WISH to serve as a member or to get more information please contact one of the MERL chairs as soon as possible. You may call **Lions Manny Pardo** (294-7807), **Wilfred Roehle** (471-5366), **Frank Bartolotti** (677-6064) or **Ed Budd** (343-5837), all at area code 845. You may also call **VDGE Melanie Wargo** (overall MERL Chair in the district, 07-08) at 845-473-2807.

Until our next contact, we thank you for your attention and consideration.



27 Years
And Still Going
Strong
Rondout Valley's
Hackers Open
...by Lion Don Lee
Rondout Valley Lions

The Rondout Valley Lions Club Hackers Open Golf Tournament is being held at noon on June 24, 2007 at the Hudson Valley Resort. This is the 27th year of the tournament.

The tournament is open to everyone. The format for the Hackers Open is Captain and Crew (four person teams). The registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, beverages on the course, a prime rib dinner at the resort and prizes for all entrants. Special prizes are given for longest drives for both men and women, closest to the pin, team low gross, and a hole-in-one contest - 1st ace of the day on a designated hole.

The tournament is held rain or shine. Registration is \$ 85 per person and information may be obtained by calling 845-626-7249. The proceeds from this

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Please make copies of this form to be used each month

CLUB MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT 2007-2008

To Be Sent Each Month with the Membership Report to: District Governor John Capen, Zone/Region Chairs, District Newsletter Editor Dina Zager.

Name of Club: _____ President: _____
 Month of Report: _____ Secretary: _____

# of Glasses Collected This Month	# of Hearing Aides Collected This Month	# Eye Exams Provided For This Month	# Hearing Aides Provided For This Month

Membership:

New Members Brought In This Month: (List Names-Do Not List Sponsor Names)

Public Relations (Community/Health Related Events):

List your Upcoming Community Events Here: (Press Releases welcome for publication in the newsletter)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Social: (List any membership events planned, i.e. to bring in new members; social events planned for members)

Fundraising (Events to Benefit Club Activities): List your Upcoming Fundraising Events Here: (Press Releases welcome for publication in the newsletter)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Please make copies for each month/submit to the Cabinet Secretary by the 10th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter).

FEATURE ARTICLES

In our 2007-2008 District Newsletter, we will continue to feature clubs who have held successful fundraisers and events. To be considered, please indicate below, the month you would like your event to appear in our newsletter. Requests will be on a first-come first serve basis. Photos and article to be provided by the club president, secretary, or event chair. We are especially looking for those clubs that we have not heard from in 2006-2007.

Month to be Featured: _____ Event: _____

You will be contacted the month before to provide your article and photos. Thank you.

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Who's Who In District 20-O

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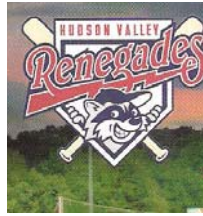
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Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor



Hudson Valley Renegades Box Seat Tickets Available

\$1.00 from each ticket will be donated to the District 20-O Administration.

Contact Dina Zager,

Newsletter Reporter @ 845-339-1738 or zagerd@aol.com to purchase: (7:05 pm start unless indicated)

Thurs June 28 4 tickets

Brooklyn Cyclones

Sun July 8 2 tickets

Oneonta Tigers, 5:05 pm

Wed July 18 4 tickets

State College Spikes

Tues July 24 4 tickets

Mahoning Valley Scrappers

Wed July 25 4 tickets

Mahoning Valley Scrappers

Sun July 29 2 tickets

Lowell Spinners 2:05 pm

Tues Aug 7 2 tickets

Batavia Muckdogs

Wed Aug 8 4 tickets

Batavia Muckdogs

Wed Aug 22 4 tickets

Tri Valley Cats

Wed Aug 29 2 tickets

Brooklyn Cyclones

Mon Sept 3 2 tickets

Aberdeen Ironbirds 5:05 pm

Wed Sept 5 2 tickets

Vermont Lk Monsters 6:05 pm

Guess The Mileage of the Gallivanting Governor

DG Joyce is now coming home. Did she drive more than 80,000 miles or is it less --- what is your guess????....this is the last time you will be able to purchase your raffle tickets from **DG Joyce** when you see her. Proceeds benefit Camp Badger & NY State Bermuda Fdn. The winner will be reported in the first issue of **DG John's** newsletter.



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