

# The Lions Pride – Challenge To Change



Dear Friends in District 20-O,

Our Lions system works! On March 17 District 20-O began a new page in District history. We began our workshop on New Club Extension in Washingtonville. Those participating were PDG Ed Budd, PDG Wilfred Roehe, Leadership Chair Manny Pardo, Zone Chair Stuart Wizwer, Zone Chair Don Lee, Club President Dawn Murtagh, Club President Wilfred Neff, Past Club President Eldred Carhart, and DG John Capen.

In addition to being trained to train others in extension, five of the nine continued on to be trained on Wednesday as Certified Guiding Lions. These are Lions who help coach a new club or help an existing Lions Club which is having difficulty. Those who completed this course are qualified to train additional Certified Guiding Lions. They are PDG Ed Budd, PDG Wilfred Roehe, Leadership Chair Manny Pardo, Past Club President Eldred Carhart, and DG John Capen.

The Washingtonville Lions Club has had 3 orientation & organization

meetings. Those who have been attending are taking ownership of their own club and helping to work toward charter strength. A new club has two Certified Guiding Lions that stay with the club for two years. The Washingtonville Club will have PDG Wilfred Roehe, and Leadership Chair Manny Pardo.

We are ready to move ahead and start new clubs in towns and villages that would be better places if they had an existing Lions Club in service to the community. If you avail yourself to the extension training you will learn skills that will help your own club to grow and prosper. If you are willing to move ahead in this training please contact me (845-564-0654, cell 845-542-1292, [JohnECapen@aol.com](mailto:JohnECapen@aol.com)) or our District Extension Chair, PDG Frank Bartolotti (845-677-6064, [franksr1@optonline.net](mailto:franksr1@optonline.net)).

Don't forget to register for the state convention. We will see you there.

Yours in Lions,



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## Calendar of Events

**\*Last Sun of Every Month Windsor Lions Texas** Hold'Em Tournament

**\*April 19 Amenia Lions** Highway Cleanup of Amenia Ballfield

**\*Pine Bush Lions** will hold a Murder Mystery Dinner called "GK's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday" put on by the Bird on A Cliff Theatre Group from Woodstock - tickets are \$50 each

**\*April 26 Town of Dover Lions** Supermarket Sweep Fundraiser drawing - tickets are available from any Dover member or Freshtown at \$5 each

**\*April 29** State Magazine Articles due to District Reporter Dina Zager

**\*May 2008 Town of Highlands** will hold a Spring Golf Outing at Swan Lake

**\*May 2-4 State Convention** Niagara Falls, NY

**\*May 3 Tri-Valley Lions** Sight for Walk

**\*May 3 Tri-Valley Lions** Tag Sale

**\*May 9 Hudson Lions** Comedy Dinner Night at the Meadowgreens Restaurant

**\*May 14 Warwick Lions** Golf Outing at the Warwick Country Club

**\*May 17 City of Newburgh Lions** Spring Sporting Clays Charity Shoot at the Wallkill Rod & Gun Club

**\*May 17 Stanford Lions** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet at Coppola's in Hyde Park

**\*May 17 Amenia Lions** Fishing Derby at Vinchiarella's Pond

**\*May 18 Middletown Lions** Tricky Tray Event @ the American Legion

**\*May 18 Greenwood Lake Lions** Craft Fair

**\*May 26 Millerton Lions** will have the Circus in town

**\*June/July Town of Highland Lions** Forestburgh Playhouse Raffle Tickets and NASCAR Raffle

**\*June - first weekend New Paltz Lions** will hold their White Cane solicitation at Shop Rite

**\*June 3-4 Middletown Lions** will have a work party to Camp Badger

**\*June 4 Tri-Valley Lions** Rabies Clinic at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds

**\*June 7 Hyde Park Lions** 200 Club Dinner at Regina Coeli

**\*June 10 Chatham Lions** Golf Outing

**\*June 14 City of Newburgh Lions** Installation Dinner at Costagliola's - free to all members in the club; \$30 for guests.

**\*June 14 Stanford Lions** Annual Flea Market at the Town Hall

**\*June 14-15 Amenia Lions** Horse Show at Kildonan School

**\*June 18 Greenwood Lake Lions** Circus Event

**\*July 2008 Town of Highland Lions** Nascar Raffle

**\*Jul 13 Greenville Wawayanda and Middletown Lions Clubs** Car Show/Craft Show

**\*Jul 28 Amenia Lions** Golf Tournament at Copake Country Club

**\*Sept 10 Tri-Valley Lions** Rabies Clinic at the Grahamsville Firegrounds

**\*Sept 13 Millerton Lions** will hold a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**\*Oct 4 or 11 Amenia Lions** 60th Anniversary Celebration



## The VDG Corner

**District 20-O**  
**The "O"utstanding District**  
**Join us May 2-4, 2008**  
**in Niagara Falls**  
**District 20-O Caucus:**  
**Crown Plaza - 4th Floor**  
**Elevator Lobby**  
**8:00 p.m. Friday evening**



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## 2008-2009 Officers (Form PU-101)

Thank you to the following clubs for completing a PU-101 online:

- Florida
- Monroe
- Nine Partners
- Stanford
- T/Deerpark
- T/Montgomery
- T/Poughkeepsie
- T/Woodbury

## HELP WANTED

Have you ever considered serving as a district officer? Just volunteer and a position will be found to match your skills and expertise. Fresh ideas and insight will help to keep our outstanding district strong.

Please contact **V DG Melanie** if you are willing to serve; openings available for Zone Chair, Special Event Coordinator, Communications Facilitator, MERL Task Force member, Public Relations Chair, Sight/Hearing Information Coordinator, and more.

## Summer Events Calendar

Do you want to increase attendance from neighboring clubs at your picnic or barbeque this summer? Email complete information to V DG Melanie ([mrswargo@yahoo.com](mailto:mrswargo@yahoo.com)) and I'll pass in on to all the clubs. Make sure to include:

- Club
- Event
- Date
- Time
- Cost
- Deadline for Ticket Purchase
- Contact Person for More Information

## Save the Date

- July 19, 2008 Graduation Ceremony and Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights
- August 9, 2008 Lions Day at Vacation Camp for the Blind in Spring Valley

*V DG Melanie*



**Glasses and Hearing Aides Collected This Past Month - How Have the Clubs Done**



### Glasses Collected

Goshen	110
Greenville/Wayway- anda	220
Sunglasses	32
Jeffersonville	302
Lumberland	3
Middletown	238
Millbrook	97
Tri-Valley	70

### Hearing Aides Collected

Middletown	8
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### Eye Exams Provided

Bethel	3
Jeffersonville	2
Millbrook	1



**Sight & Hearing  
What We Do Best**  
By: SC John Wells

Greetings all:

We are less than a month away from the New York State Convention. I hope that I will see many of you there. It will be another exciting event and another chapter coming to a close in our District.

**DG John** has done a wonderful job and I wish to thank him for taking the District to a new high with membership.

I have enjoyed attending the Sight Meetings and also wish to thank **Fallsburg Lions** for allowing me to induct their new members last month. It was a very nice time.

Happy Spring to all.

By: **HC Clifford W. Youngs**

This past month I was honored by **District Governor John Capen** to be appointed to the position of **District Hearing Chair**.

During the past year I have attended the Sullivan County Sight and Hearing and the Ulster County Sight and Hearing in order to learn more about my current position as chair of the Orange County Sight and Hearing. This allowed me to see the operations of other counties.

In March, I received and accepted an invitation to the Dutchess County Hearing and



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received much information on their accomplishments including the new hearing booth with Lions members supplying the manpower for one day.

I am pleased to hear from all the counties that they are collecting used hearing aides and batteries to be recycled. I have been informed that some of the parts are used in the US now.

If you have questions on any hearing projects, please feel free to contact me at: [cyoungs123@hotmail.com](mailto:cyoungs123@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your support.



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

**Amenia:** Dayna Kain  
**Bethel:** Jacque Alaire, Larysa Dyrszka, Marie Fox  
**Millerton:** Joshua Schulman  
**Town of Fallsburg:** On March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club inducted the following new



members: (seated L to R): Catherine Castillo, Katherine Rappaport, Ihor Snihura and Hitel Patel. (standing L to R): Scott Bedik and Steven Ruwoldt. Standing extreme left is Bart Rasnick, President of the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club and

extreme right is Lions District 20-O SC Chairman John Wells. The Town of Fallsburg Lions Club was founded in 1951 and is currently the largest Lions club in Lions District 20-O.



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

**Jeffersonville:** Jay Epstein



## ...to the Following Members Who Have Been Recognized Recently

**Amenia:** Congratulations to Jim Devine who received his 25 year Chevron recently from IPDG Joyce Maier.

**Bethel:** June Brucher was bestowed the honor of Membership Excellence Pin and the Membership Pin.

**City of Newburgh:** The Honorees: Tom Kavanagh, Mike Fogarty, Alan Lewis, Valdo Moncada,



President Bea Capen, Charles Venuto, Rich Campora and El Carhart. Milt Ritter not in photo. Unable to attend were: Bill Volpe, Gil Piaquadio, Gary Rank, Al DiCesare and Dave

FitzGerald. 2 days later- President Bea presented two members with much deserved LIFE MEMBERSHIP Lion Dr. David E. FitzGerald (40 years of service); and And Lion Richard J. Campora (39 years of service).

**Kingston:** Lion Edward Levine will be honored at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Cherishing Our Champions" Dinner Dane for his dedication to Ulster Literacy's adult tutoring program and his many years of Ulster Community Service. Lion Hon. Lewis C. Kirschner will do the honors of Master of Ceremonies at the event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at La Mirage from 6 to 10 pm with the Kingston Roar'n Pride Band providing the music.

**Middletown Lions:** Congratulations to Frank Cleary as he reaches 35 years as a Lion.

**Northern Columbia:** At a special ceremony at their March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Northern Columbia Lions Club presented a 60 year membership pin to PDG and Charter Member Walter



Eckel (seated at right). Walt is holding his District Governor certificate. To his



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left, is his wife, **Mary** and standing (from left to right) are Co-Presidents **Mickey Bell** and **Al Burkhart**. **Walt** who will be 97 years in May, still honors the club by attending several meetings a year.



## The Leo's Paw

By the Leo Clubs of District 20-O

by **Amenia Lion Jack Gregory**

The **Amenia Leo Club** sold Easter bunnies and collected \$385. The next project they will be working on are the Harlem Valley Tech Fair and Community Clean Up Day on 4-19. The Leos also elected new officers.

by **Mamakating Lion Stuart Wizwer**

The **Mamakating Leo**



**Club** joined Lions, Lioness' and Leos around the world by attending this year's Lions Day at the UN. First row sitting: **G. Chander Williams, Jr.**, President; **Dist. Gov. John Capen**, Dist 20-O; **Beth Graham** Secretary; Second row:

**Pena-Emilia Williams**, Leo Advisor; **Amy Price**, Treasurer; **Jessica Graham**; **Mia J. Simmons-Jones**; **Stuart Wizwer**, Zone 2 Chair, Catskill Park Region  
Third row: **Jennifer Graham**; **Shannon Reese**; **Brandon Reese**; **Michael Colon**.

## The Lioness Column

By the Lioness Clubs of District 20-O



The **Lioness Clubs** we hope to hear from next month and June as we wind up this Lions year.



Comings & Goings Around The District

By The Secretaries of District 20-O As Provided in the Monthly Activity Reports

**Amenia Lions** will hold a Highway Clean up on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the **Amenia Ballfield**. The club held a joint dinner meeting with the **Dover Lions** in March. The club's 300 club dinner brought in a profit of \$6300.

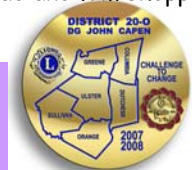
**Bethel Lions** has been trying to keep warm and dry. For Valentine's Day, our group went to the **SCACC** to honor the elderly residents there. After donning the ladies and gents with corsages and boutonnières, we presented them with a gift of 10 CDs of the **Golden Band** era and soft Crooners that they enjoy listening to. Our President

as usual danced the ladies around in their wheelchairs, while the gents tapped their fingers on the table tops. Our very own **Mickey Barnett** volunteered his time, voice and music to the event, and a good time was had by all.

On Saturday February 23, the **Bethel Lions** along worked beside **Bethel First** on the phones for the **WSUL/WVOS Heart-A-Thon**. The Secretary's husband being one of the announcers that day was happy to announce a figure upward of \$60,000 and the money is still coming in.

Our sight and hearing committee has been working with a local resident who may be in need of Cataract Surgery. To date, she seems to be faring on her own obtaining assistance. We will continue to follow her closely, in the event our assistance with surgery is evident. Our very own **Lion Joan Bartolotti** has aided 2 students from the **Monticello Schools** in obtaining eye exams and glasses. Needless to say the family of these 2 children is extremely happy and thankful to her for her help and the help of the **Bethel Lions**.

On March 13, we had the pleasure and honor of having our **Zone Chair John Marciano** attend our monthly dinner meeting. We were happy to accept all the accolades on how our group was running. He installed 3 of our Lions, **Jacque Alaire**, **Larysa Dyrszka**, and **Marie Fox**. I must say we are honored to have **Marie** finally on board. Old news from last summer has our **Lion Chad Phillips** and wife **Kim**, winners of our Supermarket Sweep/Shopping Spree at the **Shoprite** in **Monticello**, finally doing their shopping. **Chad and Kim** shopped



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and graciously donated the entire wagon of groceries to "Kairos Outside Prison Ministry." Like all the groups we were selling Chocolate Bunnies... And we sold them all.

**City of Newburgh Lions** Recognition Dinner was a big success with \$1000 donated to VISIONS and a profit of about \$300.

**Greenville Wawayanda Lions** held a Red Cross training on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

**Greenwood Lake Lions** donated \$500 to the Youth Reading Program sponsored by the organization of libraries.

**Hudson Lions** were pleased with the \$120 they raised from Bunny Sales and will do it again next year. The club is donating \$500 from their Sight Fund to Campaign SightFirst II. The Hudson Junior Class Prom was a big success and a report will be advised next month.

**Jeffersonville Lions** held a Rabies Clinic on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The club lost a long-time member in September of this past year; **Jacob J. Epstein** joined the club in Feb 1963 and would have received his 45 year pin. He was an active member and will be missed. A 45 year pin was purchased in anticipation of this milestone. The pin and a brief note were sent to his children.

**Lumberland Lions** made a donation to a young man who was in a car accident; purchased school supplies to send to service men in Iraq to give to children in the country.

**Middletown Lions** sold 100 cases of bunnies.

**Millbrook Lions** completed their bunny sales; the club's search for scholarship winners has begun with \$500 to go to a

worthy senior and \$100 to a worthy eighth grader.

**Millerton Lions** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Columbia Lions** will participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

**Port Jervis Lions** are celebrating 53 years as a Lions Club with their charter date of March 1, 1955.

**Stanford Lions** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Coppola's in Hyde Park on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Town of Highland Lions** donated to Camp Badger, District Sight & hearing

**Tri-Valley Lions** rabies clinics are planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 from 6 to 8 pm at the Grahamsville fairgrounds. The club made donations to the Team Chad & Dad for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Sullivan County Sight & Hearing, Tri Valley High Schol Graduation Scholarships, as well as purchasing Tri-Valley Lions Gold Bricks towards the Daniel Pierce Library Building Fund.



## Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

**Amenia Lions** will hold their Horse Show on June 14 and 15 at the Kildonan School; a golf tournament is planned for July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Copake Country Club.

**Bethel Lions** are waiting for our lion in the lake to fall through the ice. This is a great fund raiser for us. This raffle has a lucky person with the time of day or evening when the ice melts and our wooden lion

tumbles into the water, winning the raffle.

**Chatham Lions** will hold the club's golf outing on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**City of Newburgh Lions** 2008 Spring Sporting Clays Charity Shoot has been planned for May 17<sup>th</sup> at Walkkill Rod & Gun Club.

**Goshen Lions** are participating in the Relay for Life on June 13 and 14 and their next main fundraiser will be the 20 week club.

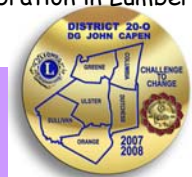
**Greenville Wawayanda Lions** will work on the car show with the **Middletown Lions**. They will hold a Plant Sale at the Intermediate School Gym on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> they will participate in a Day in the Park and raise money by serving hot dogs and hamburgers to benefit a needy family.

**Greenwood Lake Lions** Craft Fair will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$25-\$30 for a regular spot and \$40-\$35 for a corner. The circus will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds to go to Campaign SightFirst 2. Telemarket tickets will be sold in Monroe and West Milford this year for the circus.

**Hudson Lions** dinner comedy night is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Meadow-greens Restaurant.

**Hyde Park Lions** 200 Club Raffle continues now thru May. The club continues collecting cellphones for dollars; they recently received \$37.50 for 24 out of 51 phones sent to PaceButler. The club continues to collect food pantry donations as well.

**Lumberland Lions** have a Wooden Bench Raffle taking place in April with a June drawing. They will have a clam booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Lumberland.



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**Marlboro-Milton Lions** will hold a Golf Tournament on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Middletown Lions** have a Tricky Tray planned for May 18 2008 at the American Legion. The car show/craft fair will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Minisink School.

**Millerton Lions** will have a circus fundraiser on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**New Paltz Lions** will conduct its spring White Cane solicitation at Shop Rite on the first weekend in June.

**New Windsor Lions** will hold the last Sunday of every month located at R.K. Harley's Minuteman Tavern on Route 300 in Vails Gate at 5 pm. The entry fee is \$125 with \$100 to the pot and a \$25 donation to the club. The fee includes free food, draft beer and soda. For more info, contact *Jerry* at 845-401-1555.

**Northern Columbia Lions** will be selling flowers thru Breck's and Spring Hill Flowers; so far they have sold between 600 and 700 flowers.



**Stanford Lions** will hold a Flea Market on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

**Town of Highland Lions** have a coin drop planned for Memorial Day Weekend; a golf outing in May; raffle tickets for the Forestburgh Playhouse with winner drawn in June and a NASCAR raffle is planned for July. A dinner and show is planned for October 2008.

**Tri-Valley Lions** will hold their Journey for Sight Walk on May 3, 2008 as well as a Tag Sale that same day. June 4 and 10 will be Rabies Clinics.

**Warwick Lions** Golf Outing will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Warwick

Golf Club. AMBA will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Warwick Middle School.

## AND NOW OUR FEATURE.....

### **New Lions Club in Washingtonville by City of Newburgh Lions**

**DG John E. Capen** announced that at a recent week-long training session given by **PDG Dr. Carl Burson** of Colfax, California, several members of Lions Clubs from District 20-O became "Certified Guiding Lions". Those who received the specialized training are **PDG Wilfred Roehle** of the **Amenia Club**; **Lion Manny Pardo** of the **Goshen Club**; **Lion President Dawn Murtagh** of the **Warwick Club**; **PDG Ed Budd** of the **Middletown Club**; and, **Lions El Carhart** and **DG John Capen** of the **Newburgh Club**.

**Governor John** put us right to work in forming a new club in Washingtonville, NY - to be sponsored by the **Newburgh Lions Club**. They will be guided for two years by two District 20-O Lions who hold the new certification.

When they have reached a membership level of 20 people, the Club can be formed. At the moment,

there have been three organizational meetings held, and the potential membership level is right on target. It now must be decided on when and where to meet, and what types of projects they would like to be involved with. All of the decision-making is to be left



to the new Club.

The nucleolus of the new Club is pictured here - the **Newburgh Lions Club** wishes you the best of luck with your new adventure. **Susan Walski**, **DG John Capen**, **Chuck Quick**, **Guiding Lions El Carhart** and **Manny Pardo**, **Loraine** and **Randy Barbarash**, and **Loraine Iorio**

### **The State Magazine April Edition By Dina Zager**

I was a bit disappointed with our edition of the April State Magazine. I am including here the info that had been provided to the State to be in this Edition; unfortunately as you will see as you do a comparison, most of ours was cut as well as errors - my apologies to our District!



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## Upcoming Events Around Our District

**City of Newburgh Lions** are holding a 2008 Mystery Theatre "Who Wants To Be A Mob Boss" on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Costagliola's Restaurant, \$45 each. The 2008 Spring Sporting Clays Charity Shoot has been planned for May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wallkill Rod & Gun Club.

**Chatham Lions** will hold their club's golf outing on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenville Wawayanda and Middletown Lions** will hold their Car Show and Craft Show on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenwood Lake Lions** have set the date for their Annual Flea Market to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>; the circus will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going towards Campaign SightFirst 2.

**Hudson Lions** annual fundraiser of the Hudson High School Junior Prom is planned for April 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a spinoff of the Winter Carnival with the participating members of the Junior Class along with the Lions selling raffle tickets. A King and Queen are crowned based on ticket sales and the money raised is split with the Junior Class.

Another Comedy Night is being planned for sometime in April.

**Hyde Park Lions** 200 Club Raffle continues now thru May.

**Middletown Lions** have planned a Tricky Tray for May 18<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion.

**Millerton Lions** are conducting an 11 month raffle as a fundraiser.

**New Windsor Lions** hold a Texas Hold'Em Tournament the last Sunday of every month at R.K. Harlety's Minuteman Tavern on Route 300 in Vails Gate at 5 pm. The entry fee is \$125 with \$100 to the pot and a donation

of \$25 to the club. The fee includes free food, draft beer, and soda.

**Stanford Lions** will celebrate the club's 50<sup>th</sup> year on May 17, 2008 at Coppola's in Hyde Park with *PID Bob Klein* as guest speaker.

**Town of Highland Lions** have a coin drop planned for Memorial Day Weekend; raffle tickets for the Forestburgh Playhouse will have a winner drawn in June and NASCAR raffle is planned for July.

**Tri-Valley Lions** will hold their Journey for Sight Walk on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rabies clinics are planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Warwick Lions** will hold AMBA at the Warwick Middle School on April 12<sup>th</sup>; their golf outing will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Warwick Golf Club.

**Congratulations to those who have been honored recently:**

**City of Newburgh:** The club has extended Life Membership to **Bill Volpe**.

**Liberty:** Three new members were inducted at their Jan 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with *Zone Chair Jim Eggleton* and *Pres Len Steinberg* doing the honors.

**Mamakating:** **Mamakating Lion President Jim Eggleton** invited **PDG ED Bud** to a recent club meeting to surprise **Lion Secretary JoAnn Salamone**



with a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**. Little did he know that **Lion Joann** had invited **VDG Melanie**

**Wargo** to the same meeting to surprise **Lion Jim** with a **Robert J. Uplinger Fellowship Award**. Not pictured: **Lion Treasurer Jean Dougherty** who received a membership key the same evening for bringing in 4 new members



into the club.

**Middletown:** **Lion Rollin Lybolt** has been selected by the District 20-O PDG Association to receive the PDG Leadership Award for District 20-O. Those Lions celebrating Lion Anniversaries this month are: **Debi Shembeda** (7 yrs); **Diane Budd**, **Alice Krawcyk** and **Cindy Propeack** (9 yrs); **Allan Ackerson** (25 yrs); **Nick Carabba** (36 yrs); **Joe Griffio** (42 yrs).

**New Paltz:** **Lion President Ron Kupin** will receive a Lions International Membership Key pin when he returns from his winter hiatus for demonstrating active commitment to the growth and strength of the association.

**Town of Ulster:** The club



donated more than 250 candy canes from **Michael's Candy Corner** in



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Kingston to the members of the Northeast Center for Special Care for holiday distribution. At left, **Lion Andy LaBarge** and **Lion Roger McClurg** show the activities and recreation coordinator **Andi Dankin** boxes of the sweet stuff.

**Sight Chair John Wells** at the recent MERL training held in Spring Valley in December, [News From the Leo Front](#)



by **Mamakating Lion Pena-Emilia Williams**



I have been an active member of the **Mamakating Lions** for a couple of years. Recently, I approached my club to figure out a way that we could get children involved within our community. I learned that there is such thing as a Leo's Club, which is designed for younger members to get involved in the community. The **Mamakating Lion's Club** informed me that they would sponsor the Leo's Club.

I started contacting members of my community, including friends of mine and parents of my son's friends. Some of the people I contacted assured me that they would be interested and that they would have their children get involved. On November 17th, 2007, I hosted a luncheon and invited **PDG William Fitzgerald District 20-O Leo Chair** to meet with these potential Leo members. I anticipated a turn-out of about 5 - 7 potential members but to my surprise 13 potential members showed up. All of those 13 potential members also submitted their signed applications to get into the Leo's Club. I informed the prospective Leo's that we would have another meeting on December 9th in the Town Hall.

At our December 9th meeting we selected officers including a Fundraiser Chairperson. We also formed a board of directors. The meeting was a success. We prepared holiday cookies for the Crystal Run Homes & were delivered by all the members. This was

a wonderful way to have the members get involved in their community by helping others.

We currently have 18 active members and are expecting new members as more people learn about the success that our Leo's Club has achieved. An election was held and the current officers are as follows: **G. Chandler Williams, Jr.**, President, **Katie Roycroft**, Vice President, **Beth Graham**,

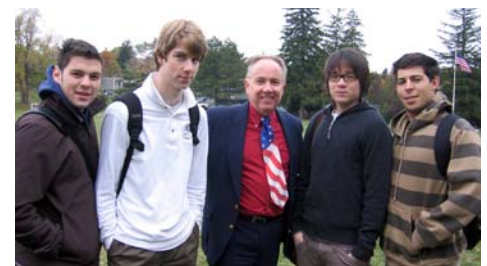
Secretary and **Amy Price**, Treasurer. In addition to the officers, we have a Fundraiser Chairperson, **Lindsay Roe**, **Sarah Lehrfeld** and **Shannon Reese**, Board of Directors.

The other members are **Dustin Graham**, **Jennifer Graham**, **Jessica Graham**, **Giovanni Laguna** (not photographed), **Brandon Reese**, **Katie Price**, **Chris Schnabel** (not photographed), **Mia J. Simmons-Jones** (not photographed), **Michael Colon**. Also, **PDG William Fitzgerald; Pena-Emilia Williams**, Leo Advisor and **Michelle Graham**, co-advisor.

*Special Thanks* to **Lion Jean Dougherty** who is our Town Clerk and has done a great deal with our organization.

by **New Windsor Lion/Leo Advisor Jack D'Angelo**

The **Storm King School Leo Club** sponsored by **The New Windsor Lions** held a Winter Clothing drive during December. The club collected coats, hats, sweaters and gloves. The clothing was then distributed to both a local family in need and then to a church outlet for further distribution to other needy families. Pictured here are four



members of the club and their Leo Advisor (left to right): **Juan-Pablo Navarro**, **Peter Hauenstein**, **Jack D'Angelo**, **Justin Lee** and **Jeffrey Osur**.



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## Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

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And, as always please provide me with your news items for our District Newsletter no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If it is received after the 10<sup>th</sup> it will have to go into the following month's newsletter - **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

