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Dear Friends in District 20-O,

Leadership stimulates growth. We need to exercise our best District 20-O leadership abilities between now and June 30 to grow. We presently have a gain of 11 members according to the end of November report released by International. We are 3rd in the state at this point amongst the 12 districts of Multiple 20. As many of you know my ambitious goal for 20-O is a net gain of 2 per club.

Clubs that grow have a Membership Committee. It takes discipline. The Membership Committee should meet regularly, set goals, and establish plans to meet those goals. There needs to be a club spirit of teamwork and growth and the Membership Committee can make that happen.

Leadership stimulates growth. Lions who have never attended the MD-20 Leadership Institute should consider doing so. It is costly, but it's worth it. District 20-O has set aside funds to help our people with the cost. The Multiple District is also working to bring the costs down. The president of each of our clubs has been mailed 3 books of 6 tickets each "to help defray expenses for the Leadership Institute and DGE School." It is a 50/50 Raffle and half

of the revenue will be split between 4 winners; the first receiving 50%, the second receiving 25%, the third 15%, and the fourth 10%. The Drawing for the winner will be at the Council Meeting on February 23 in Syracuse. The tickets are on a donation basis of \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Please return ticket stubs and monies to me before I leave for Syracuse on the 22nd. If any club needs more tickets the Institute will be glad to provide them. Just let me know how many more you need.

Another important part of our leadership in action is the District Cabinet Meeting. Our February meeting will be on Saturday, the 9th. We will be at the Holiday Inn in Kingston at 9:30 a.m. All District officers, Region Chairs, and Zone Chairs should be there. Club Presidents are especially encouraged to attend and other officers are invited as well.

Our Lions year is half over. Keep the momentum and keep up the good work.

Yours in Lions,

DG John

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Calendar of Events

***Last Sun of
Every Month New
Windsor Lions Texas**

Hold'Em Tournament

***Feb 2008 Chatham Lions**

Ice Fish Derby

***Feb 9 9 am Cabinet**

**Meeting, Kingston Holiday
Inn, Kingston, NY**

***Feb 10 Town of**

**Highland Lions Ice Tee
Open, Stege's Pond, Eldred**

***Feb 20 State Magazine**

Articles due to District
Reporter Dina Zager

***Spring Lumberland Lions**

Candle Fundraiser

***Now thru March**

**Kingston Lions Expo Raffle
Sales**

***Mar 15 Town of Walkill
Mid-Orange Lions 35th
Anniversary Celebration**

***Apr 29 State Magazine**
Articles due to District
Reporter Dina Zager

***May Middletown Lions**

Tricky Tray Event

***May 2-4 State**

Convention Niagara Falls, NY

***May 18 Greenwood
Lake Lions Flea Market**

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

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

***June 10 Chatham Lions
Golf Outing**



The VDG Corner

Most of us originally joined the Lions Club because of local community service. Does your club plan a project in your community every month? It could be as simple as handing out diabetes awareness bookmarks at the library on Saturday morning, distributing organ donor cards at the supermarket a couple of times a month, or setting up an eyeglass collection point every week at a popular location in your town. Give your club members the opportunity to stay involved!

Many clubs sponsor local sports teams. Why not print up some large signs that say "GO LIONS" and attend a few games. The kids will be thrilled to hear you cheer them on, and you'll have the opportunity to chat with the parents during half-time. What a great way to stay in touch with the neighbors and meet new members for your club!

Volunteers are a special breed, and must keep busy or

they will move on to other areas of interest. How many places will your community find the Lions Club this month?

VDG Melanie
**Sight &
Hearing
What We
Do Best**



SC John Wells

&

HC George McManus

Greetings,

Happy New Year 2008! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you the best for the new year.

We meet the needs of our local communities and the world.

Our 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas conduct vision and health screenings, build parks, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, assist youth, provide help in time of disaster and much more.

So, now the question! Do you know a person, friend, relative, co-worker, or community service focused person that you could now invite to become a Lion? Remember we must continue to bring in new blood in order to continue our many good programs that are completed every day!!

Thank you all for devoting your time and support in



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Lionism. We do make a difference.

SC John

Happy New Year to all my fellow lions & lionesses I hope everyone had a Peaceful and Joyous holiday season. Now it is time to get back to what we do best Sight and Hearing. I thought I would pass along some ways we can help some one with a hearing impairment.

Our very own Empire States Speech and Hearing Clinic some of you know it as Camp Badger the camp provides and excellent program geared towards children maybe someone in your Schools need help and YOU can discuss the camp with them or at least make the camp known to those at the schools.

Hearing aid banks which collect, recondition and distribute hearing aids could use our help by collecting hearing aids.

Sponsor a screening to identify those who might have a problem and refer those identified to the proper Medical Professionals.

Educate the Public either at a screening or placing Brochure IAD 8 Understanding Hearing Impairments in Health care offices in your community.

I'm sure that we as Lions can come up with many other ways to help as many clubs in this District already do.

Let's keep up the Good work we do and look for ways to do more.

HC George



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

Glasses Collected

Amenia	20
Bethel	300
Hudson	200
Lumberland	2
Middletown	378
Port Jervis	41
Sunglasses	5
Stanford	10
Town of Highland	75
Tri-Valley	135

Hearing Aides Collected

Goshen	1
Hyde Park	5

Eye Exams Provided

None reported.

Hearing Aides Provided

None reported.



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

Goshen: The club presented a

Certificate of Appreciation to **Fil Lasaponara** who had worked for the local paper and always supported the club. She received the Goshen Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Millerton: Marian Smith was awarded Citizen of the Year. Life Member **Jacob Shoifet** was presented with a 55-year Monarch Chevron.



The Leo's Paw



By the Leo Clubs of District 20-O

by Amenia Lion

Patricia Fontaine

Two Leo members from the **Amenia Leos** from the Maplebrook group are age 18 and are interested in becoming Lion members. The Maplebrook group collected \$216 for Adopt-A-Family.

*by Mamakating Lion
Pena-Emilia Williams*

The **Mamakating Leos** will hold their installation meeting will be held at the Town Hall on January 20th at 1:00 p.m. Those to be installed are: **G. Chandler Williams, Jr.**, President, **Katie Roycroft**, Vice President, **Beth Graham**, Secretary and **Amy Price**, Treasurer. In addition to the



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

Bethel: *Jacques Alarie,*

Larysa Dyrszka

Town of Highland: *Louis*

Fattarusso, Frank

Monteleone

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

Bethel: *Andrew V. LaPolt III*

Kingston: *Berhardt Kramer*



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officers, we have a Fundraiser Chairperson, **Lindsay Roe**, **Sarah Lehrfeld** and **Shannon Reese**, Board of Directors.

For any teens interested in joining the **Mamakating Leo Club**, contact advisor, **Lion Pena-Emilia Williams** at penaemilia@aol.com.

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**.

The Lioness Column

By the Lioness Clubs of District 20-O

The Lioness Clubs will return in the Spring with reports for their Spring Fundraisers



Comings & Goings Around The District

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

Amenia Lions 300 Club Dinner had 324 in attendance. \$324 was collected in tips and the club will look to make some changes in 2008 based on some of the feedback received (both positive and negative). The club is looking at the possibility of a Valentine Dinner Party and they will invite other local Lions Clubs to join them.

Bethel Lions once again had a "Sight Night" in October with the Rutherford and Duggan Elementary Schools collecting a total of 300 pairs of eye glasses to give to Lenscrafters from the Sight and Hearing Committee. The children of the town were very excited knowing that they were doing something to help those less fortunate. Our club played Santa and reached out to 20 of our town's shut ins with a basket of goodies for Christmas.

There were treats, niceties and necessities. We were thanked profusely. Our recipients were like little children on Christmas morning as they couldn't wait to open their present. As in years past, the **Bethel Lions** celebrated the Christmas season with the **Highland** and **Lumberland Lion Clubs**. All who attended had a wonderful time dancing and singing along to the music of Mickey Barnett.

City of Newburgh Lions are now meeting at the Costagliola's Little Italy restaurant at 121

Washington Terrace in the City of Newburgh.

Goshen Lions assisted a woman who needed hearing aids who was most appreciative as she had recently lost her husband, her health insurance and then was flooded out of her home. During December the club also bought gifts for two families. The club assisted the **Greenwood Lake Lions** with the annual holiday party at the county nursing home. They do all the work and provide the entertainment; Lions are the elves and help with refreshments and cheer. In November, the club voted to purchase items for Camp Badger; a member was contacting the manager of CVS to see how he may be able to provide items in bulk that are on the wish list.

The Original **Goshen Lions** always sang carols and each year *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was sung and acted out. This tradition has carried over to the new club and this year four members personalized the song so that it has meaning for the **Goshen Club**; this will be sung at future parties.....read the song for yourself on page 8 of this



month's newsletter.



Greenville/Wawayanda Lions Club were very pleased by the over 200 guests that came to the club's



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dinner theatre in November. The co-chairs are already fielding requests for next year's event which continues to provide an opportunity to showcase the talent of the Minisink Valley High School Drama Club and allows local businesses and individuals to show their support by donating gift certificates and baskets as prizes. 35 food baskets were delivered this year to those in need.

The Christmas craft fair was a success with 50 vendors participating. Santa was there and there was a table for the kids to make little tree ornaments for the tree and letter they could fill out and put in a mail box for Santa to know what they wanted for Christmas.

Hudson Lions have decided to hold one meeting per month during January, February and March and it will be the third Wednesday of the month at 12:10. Discussions are underway with the American Red Cross on hosting the annual blood drive sometime in the Spring.



Kingston Lions Kevin Gilfeather, chair of the Youth Outreach Committee, and

several Lions shopped with needy families for Christmas gifts at Wal-Mart on December 2 & 9. Sixty families with 129 children were shopped for. Both Lions members and families had a wonderful time during this event.

Lumberland Lions provided Christmas dinner and gifts for a mom with cancer and her 8-year old daughter with delivery on Christmas Eve. The Town of Lumberland hall was decorated and refreshments of hot chocolate were served to those present.

Middletown Lions made donations in December of \$100 each to Occupations, Inc. and to the **Greenwood Lake Lions Club** as their part of the annual holiday party provided for the residents of the county facility Valley View (formerly Orange Farms). The club's December pancake breakfast has brought in more than \$1800 net to the club. The Adopt-a-Family project for a local family of four gave some needed clothing, necessities and some surprises as well as a gift certificate to Shop Rite. On Dec 19th, Santa Calls took place with 7 Lion Elves at the local phone company which allowed for unlimited use of their equipment as many calls were placed from the North Pole all over the world. Over 200 children were contacted - this project has been a 30 year project of the club and 2+ generations have contacted in that time span with a lot of good will and warm feelings by all

involved. Thanks to local phone company rep **Debbie Bogdanski** for holding court during the calls.

Millerton Lions made donations to the Millerton Food Pantry, Grace Smith House, Astor Headstart, Northeast/ Millerton Library and Adopt-a-Family.

New Paltz Lions are thinking that perhaps holding a mid-winter bash to eliminate the mid-winter doldrums might be what is needed to replicate the success that the area-wide Lions Christmas Party had which was sponsored by the **Kingston Lions Club** in December which was represented by 15 clubs. Suggestions are being taken. The club is looking to disperse of two of its long-time projects - the club's road signs and the sickroom loan closet.

Stanford Lions Festival of Lights Parade and Childrens Christmas Party and gifts was the focus for the club in December. Christmas baskets were put together and given out to the needy in the community and checks were given out to 16 children in connection with the Toys for Tots program. The 2008 Birthday/Anniversary calendars have all been distributed.

Town of Highland Lions sent a care package to the armed forces stationed in Iraq. At Christmas time, 7 needy families were given a gift certificate to purchase food items at their local supermarket. 30 children received Christmas presents. The club enjoyed their Christmas party with the **Bethel** and **Lumberland Lions** in attendance.



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Town of Ulster Lions donated more than 250 candy canes from Michael's Candy Corner in 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.

Town of Wallkill Mid-Orange Lions 35th Anniversary is planned for March 15th, 2008.

Tri-Valley Lions made donations to the Orange/Sullivan County Hospice as well as to 4 local Church Food Pantries. A beautiful day 8 in the neighborhood happened when the Tri-Valley Lions XMAS tree at Grahamsville Town Square was decorated with eyeglasses. Rabies clinics are planned for June 4th and September 10th 2008 from 6 to 8 pm at the Grahamsville fairgrounds.



Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

Amenia Lions Horse show is set for 2008 but it may be the last year for this annual event due to the fact Kildonan School will be building a new gym where the horse arena and open space is located. The golf tournament

for 2008 may have to be moved from Silo Ridge to either Copake or Carvel - this will be looked into by the club in 2008. The calendar project is still earmarked for Sight First II and will work on this in 2008 to get 2009 calendars out on time.

Chatham Lions are busy for 2008 with a fundraiser for the Lions @ the Pub in January; the ice fishing derby in February; Chocolate bunny sales in March; and then on June 10th will be the club's golf outing.

Goshen Lions will be selling chocolate bunnies in the spring.

Greenville/Wawayanda Lions basketball league has started and plans are underway with the Car Show fundraiser that the members do with the **Middletown Lions**.

Greenwood Lake Lions will hold their Flea Market on May 18th. Spaces will be the standard 20'x20' at a cost of \$25-\$30 for a regular spot and \$40-\$35 for a corner. The circus will be held on June 18th and the proceeds will go to Campaign SightFirst 2.

Hudson Lions are exploring a possible baseball fundraiser. The club is currently working on the Junior Prom which is held every year with the Hudson High School as an extension of the long-running Winter Carnival.

Kingston Lions are busy selling raffle tickets for their annual Expo in March. They presently have a booth set up in the Target wing of the Hudson Valley Mall.

Lumberland Lions are looking at a candle fundraiser as a possibility for the springtime.

Middletown Lions have a Tricky Tray planned for May 2008.

Millerton Lions have an ongoing 11 month raffle as a fundraiser.

New Windsor Lions will hold the last Sunday of every month located 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 \$25 donation to the club. The fee includes free food, draft beer and soda. For more info, contact **Jerry** at 845-401-1555.

Port Jervis Lions are gearing up for the sale of chocolate bunnies which will benefit their Scholarship Fund.

Town of Highland Lions Ice Tee Open will take place on February 10th at Stege's Pond in Elred. A coin drop is planned for Memorial Day Weekend; raffle tickets for the Forestburgh Playhouse with winner drawn in June and a NASCAR raffle is planned for July.

Tri-Valley Lions will hold their Journey for Sight Walk on May 3, 2008. The club is preparing for Easter Rabbit Sales in the Spring.

AND NOW OUR FEATURED CLUB.....

The End of An Era....59 years completed for the Roeliff Jansen Lions Club by Lion Patrick Delgrande, DDS

Roeliff Jansen Lions have voted to disband as of December 31, 2007. After 59 years, it was decided it was no longer feasible



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to continue with a club roster of seven dues paying members, of which only five are truly active to continue club projects for the benefit of the Roeliff Jansen community. The club was sponsored by the **Northern Columbia Lions Club** and held their first dinner meeting at the Mount Washington House in Hillsdale, NY on Wednesday, October 20, 1948. Albert C. Bristol of Copake, NY served as the club's first president. There were forty one charter members in attendance from the towns of Ancram, Copake, and Hillsdale. Since there were not enough members from any one town, the Roeliff Jansen Lions club was the first club to be formed in the State of NY on the basis of a school district for a boundary.

The club's last dinner meeting was held at the Hillsdale House in Hillsdale, NY on Wednesday, December 19th with **PDG Wilfred H. Roehle** from Poughkeepsie in attendance.

In addition to the Mount Washington House dinner meetings were also held at Hank's Hotel, the Holsapple House, Taconic Wayside Inn, White Stallion Ranch, Addie's, Tjudges, The Hub, The Elm Tree, Alander, The Underhill Inn, The Pond, The Hillsdale House and many others.

Fund raising projects through the years included horse pulling contests, Minstrel Shows, Talent Nights, many pancake breakfasts, lobster sales, raffles, ski nights, journeys for sight, donkey baseball games and the annual birthday calendars.

Community projects benefiting from these club efforts were a furnace and well for the Hillside Public Library, dictionaries for

seniors at the Roe-Jan School, Music awards, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, International Student Exchange, Little League, Pop Warner football, summer basketball league, eye exams and glasses for the needy, donations to local hospitals, hearing aides, support of the vacation camp for the blind, seeing eye dogs, The Northeast Eye Bank, Lions Eye Institute, the Community Rescue Squad, Roe Jan Food Pantry, the Empire State Speech and Hearing Camp, 4H and the annual poinsettia project at Christmas.

Community projects this past year were a visual aide machine to assist people with macular degeneration donated to The Pine Haven Nursing Home, a \$1000 contribution to Sight First, a \$1000 contribution to Roe Jan Food Pantry and the annual holiday poinsettia project. This year 95 plants were distributed.



Roeliff Jansen Lions Club President Fred Lyon presents a check for \$1,000 - the proceeds from the May Journey for Sight project to PDG Wilfred H. Roehle at the December 3rd dinner meeting with DG Rev John E. Capen in attendance.

The Lions Foundation At Albany By Trustee George Esposito

The Lions Foundation at Albany, NY Inc. has 2 openings for trustees from

20-0. The Foundation is primarily the fundraising arm of the Lions Eye Institute at Albany.

The Foundation is comprised of Districts 20-0, 20-W, and 20-Y2. Each District is allowed 4 trustees. There are approximately 5 meetings a year at the Eye Institute and are usually held on a Saturday morning. Trustee terms are for 2 years. If you are interested in serving as a trustee, please contact **DG John Capen** (845-564-0654), trustee **Hildy Meissner** (845-657-8467), or trustee **George Esposito** (518-828-0973). The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2008, 10 AM.

A Report from VISIONS By Lion Danielle Pepin

Dear fellow Lions and Leos of MD20,

As I look forward to the start of a new year, full of excitement for new beginnings (and maybe a bit of anxiety over all of those new years resolutions!), I can't help but reflect on the many challenges and triumphs of the past year. We at VCB have had a very exciting and busy year, and would like to share some of our success with you.

507 adults, seniors and children served this summer

Over **\$70,000** raised by Lions for VCB in the 06-07 Lionistic year.

This level of support can:



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Engage **65** blind adults in adapted activities that allow them to enjoy life with vision loss

Enable **120** developmentally disabled blind adults to experience their highest level of independence in a safe, supportive environment

Empower **28** blind children with the skills necessary to grow into active, independent adults

100 people served during two weekend trips to VCB in October and November 2007.

In addition, three VCB buildings were adopted by clubs in 20-R1. The Valhalla Lions adopted the Beauty Parlor, the Indo Ameri-can Lions have adopted Cottage 1 and The Hendrick Hudson Lions have also adopted Cottage 8.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to all of the Lions who attended the VCB fall workday on October 20, 2007.

While there is much to celebrate, there is still much to be done. VISIONS New Years resolution remains the same every year, "To Promote the Independence of people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired." All of us at VCB are busy preparing for our next winter weekend in January, our Youth and Young Adult Employment & Technology Institute in February and the 2008 summer season. But we can not do this work alone. We need the support of Lions like you to continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of people who are blind.

"There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle"

-Deepak Chopra

You, Lions of MD 20 are VCB's Essential Piece. Rather than challenging you to change, I challenge you to *create* change in the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. Become an Essential Piece of the VCB family today.

The District with the highest percentage of participating clubs from July 1, 2007 to June 22, 2008 will be recognized at our VCB Lions Family Day on August 3, 2008 and will have honorable mention in our VISIONS Newsletter!!!

On the fifth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.



On the sixth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.

On the seventh day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: seven horseshoe builders, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholar-ships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.



On the eighth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: eight Lions learning, seven horseshoe builders, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.

On the ninth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: nine pairs of glasses, eight Lions learning, seven horseshoe builders, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and



On the tenth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: ten pairs of glasses, eight Lions learning, seven horseshoe builders, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.



On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: eleven pairs of glasses, eight Lions learning, seven horseshoe builders, six lottery tickets, five cases of bunnies, four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.

The 12 Days of Christmas According to the Goshen Lions Club

On the first day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: A porta potty for Lions Park.



On the second day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: two scholarships and a porta potty for Lions Park.



On the third day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: three golf outings, two scholarships and a porta potty for Lions Park.



On the fourth day of Christmas, the Lions gave to us: four Christmas parties, three golf outings, two scholarships, and a porta potty for Lions Park.



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a porta potty for Lions Park.
On the tenth day of
Christmas, the Lions gave to us:
ten new members, nine pairs of



glasses, eight Lions learning,
seven horseshoe builders, six
lottery tickets, five cases of
bunnies, four Christmas parties,
three golf outings, two
scholarships, and a porta potty
for Lions Park.

On the eleventh day of
Christmas, the Lions gave to us:



eleven
meals for
the
needy,
ten new

members, nine pairs of glasses,
eight Lions learning, seven
horseshoe builders, six lottery
tickets, five cases of bunnies,
four Christmas parties, three
golf outings, two scholarships,
and a porta potty for Lions Park.

On the twelfth day of
Christmas, the Lions gave to us:



twelve
Christmas
presents,
eleven meals
for the
needy, ten
new

members,
nine pairs of glasses, eight Lions
learning, seven horseshoe
builders, six lottery tickets, five
cases of bunnies, four Christmas
parties, three golf outings, two
scholarships, and a porta potty
for Lions Park.

Membership By PDG Ed Budd

Let's say that you have the
latest super-duper 1st class
automobile with the newest
technology and gizmos
available - the best piece of
machinery ever produced.
It's backed by the finest
techs with all of the know-
ledge needed to keep it new
forever. You couldn't be
prouder; you want to show it
off to everybody and they're
all impressed.

Now let's say it's a few
years later and, although it's
still 1st class, you have lost a
little interest. Fewer tech
visits, less showing it off, it's
lost some luster, needs some
regular maintenance, oil &
lube more frequently, more
attention to small detail, etc.
Well, we're not selling autos
here, just something vastly
more valuable and longer-
lasting. The obvious analogy
is to your own Lions club: we
have the latest 1st class super
duper product with tons of
technology and support from
your district 20-O and LCI.
If some of the luster has
diminished you and your
fellow Lions are the best
"techs" to reinstate that
former glory.

Remember the fun, good
times and feelings of
satisfaction when this was all
new? Do you suppose there
are other "techs" that, like

you, would savor these
sensations? We think so also.
Seems like the biggest hurdle
in building a Lions club is
related to such a small word -
- ASK. Someone asked you to
join, how about "paying that
forward" by asking someone
else to be a Lion tech? You
may be surprised!

In sales, the phrase is "sell
the sizzle, not the steak".
With us, rather than "I belong
to XYZ Lions Club, would you
like to join?" it's "I belong to
the most active, vibrant
service club around and we're
always looking for community
minded people. Are you
interested?"

Next time we will have some
pointers on "Best Practices
for Inviting New Members"
and "Inviting Members" - both
"tech" articles as provided by
LCI.

Thanks for your attention.
(District 20-O is at a + 11 in
membership as of the most
recent 11/30/07 report.
Congratulations to all of you
Lion technologists, we are
moving in the right direction!)





**MD-20 CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM
NIAGARA FALLS, NY**

***ALL LIONS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEAL
FUNCTIONS***

Welcome Party

Thursday May 01, 2008 7:30 pm till 11pm

Niagara Falls Conference Center

NO CHARGE ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Good Morning Breakfast, Conference Center

Fri. May 02, 2008 8:30 am

\$12.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after March 30

\$15.00 per person _____

Melvin Jones Luncheon, Conference Center

Fri. May 02, 2008 Noon

\$24.50 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after March 30

\$28.00 per person _____

Breakfast with Vice District Governors, Conference Center

Sat. May 03, 2008 8:30 AM

\$14.50 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after March 30

\$17.00 per person _____

Convention Lunch, Conference Center

Sat. May 03, 2008 Noon

\$18.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after March 30

\$23.00 per person _____

Lions Welcome the Beatles (Dress 60's attire)

Sat. May 03, 2008 Conference Center

Doors open at 6 PM dinner served at 7 PM

\$38.00 per person _____

Tickets Purchased after March 30

\$45.00 per person _____

TOTAL TICKETS ORDERED _____

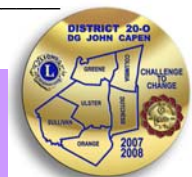
PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION _____

Please send payment (no credit cards) to NYS & Bermuda Lions Clubs, 526 Oak Street,
Syracuse, NY 13203. You must purchase your tickets in advance. **NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE
SOLD AT THE CONVENTION.** The office must receive meal order forms with payment by April
15 2008. Purchase your tickets early – meal events sell out every year!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____



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**LIONS 2008 MD-20 NEW YORK/BERMUDA CONVENTION
OFFICIAL ROOM RESERVATION AND/OR REGISTRATION FORM
NIAGARA FALLS, NY
May 2-4, 2008**

Rooms will be assigned on a **first-come, first-served** space available basis by the Niagara Tourism & Convention Corp. after they are received at the MD-20 Office. **Your hotel room deposit will be forwarded to the hotel and you will see that amount credited to your room reservation upon check-in.** Reservation requests will only be accepted on this form, and must be received by the Multiple Office by **March 01, 2008**. Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned. Cancellations will be accepted at the MD-20 Office until March 15th. **After April 1, 2008, call 716 282-8992 to make a change to a reservation. Cancellations must be in writing to Convention Services Manager fax at 716 285-0809 or email to rdarone@niagara-usa.com. Cancellations cannot be made by phone.** You will receive a written acknowledgement of your assigned hotel directly from Niagara Falls Convention & Tourism.

TO REGISTER AND RESERVE A ROOM
PLEASE FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION BELOW

Number your hotel choice in order of preference with “1” being your first choice. Circle your room type/price. If you do not list at least 3 choices, you will be placed in the next available property.

Choice in order of preference	HOTEL NAME	NUMBER OF ROOMS	SINGLE (1 PERSON 1 BED)	DOUBLE (2 PEOPLE 2 BEDS)	TRIPLE OR QUAD (2 BEDS)
	Crowne Plaza (HEADQUARTERS)	294	\$109	\$109	\$109
	Quality Hotel & Suites 240 Rainbow Blvd	50	\$109	\$109	n/a
	Sheraton 4 Points 114 Buffalo Ave.	75	\$89	\$89	n/a
	Days Inn At the Falls 443 Main St,	100	\$95	\$95	n/a
	Comfort Inn “The Pointe”	50	\$92	\$102	n/a

Please Note: Confirmation will only be mailed to the address below:

Names will appear on registration badges as listed below - Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Club/District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day/Night Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

If multiple occupancy, please list additional people’s names below (please note, we will mail confirmation to the first person only):

TO REGISTER ONLY
PLEASE FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION BELOW

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Registrations must be paid for any room occupants and/or convention attendees over the age of 18
\$25.00 per each room occupant over the age of 18 if submitted before November 1, 2007
\$30.00 from November 1, 2007 through March 14, 2008
\$40.00 after March 14, 2008

Registration Total \$ _____

Hotel Room Deposit (same for all hotels): \$125.00

Suite Deposit is \$400.00 (Suites are available to District Governor candidates only) **TOTAL DUE \$ _____**

You must enclose a check for your room deposit and/or registrations made payable to MD-20. Send completed form and payment to:
MD-20 NYS & Bermuda Lions, 526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203



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Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

Information for the next State Magazine is due to me no later than **February 20th**.

And, as always please provide me with your news items for our District Newsletter no later than the 10th of each month.

RESERVE THE DATE
AND PLAN TO ATTEND
DG John Capen's Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, February 9th
Buffet Breakfast begins promptly at 9 am with
Meeting at 9:30 am
\$10.00 per person

