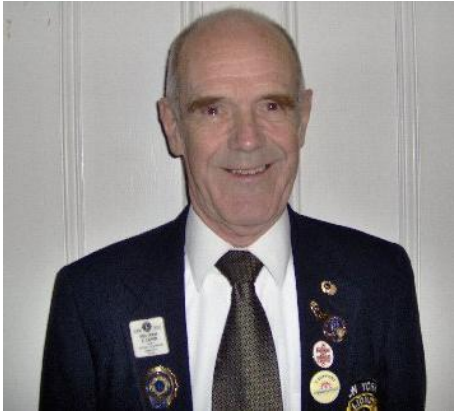


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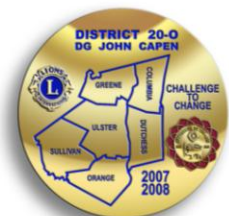
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www.200lions.com

**From The State
Convention
Niagara Falls, NY
May 2-4, 2008**



Yours in Lions,
DG John



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Calendar of Events

*Last Sun of Every Month New

Windsor Lions Texas
Hold'Em Tournament

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

***May 17 Stanford Lions**
50th Anniversary Banquet at
Coppola's in Hyde Park

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

***May 17 Port Jervis
Lions** Wellness AMBA Blood
Screening at the Port Jervis
High School from 6 am to 10
am

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

***May 18 Greenville-
Wawayanda Lions** will hold a
plant sale at the outside of
the intermediate school gym
from 9 am to 5 pm

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

***May 23-24 Town of
Highland Lions** Coin Drop

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

***May 26 Millerton Lions**
Flag Display

***June Beacon Lions** will
sponsor a blood drive during
the month of June

***June 3 Town of Highland
Lions** Golf Outing at Swan
Lake, \$75 per person

*June 4

Middletown Lions
Installation Dinner at the
Eagles Nest

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

***June 6-7 New Paltz
Lions** will hold their White
Cane solicitation at Shop Rite

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

***June 7 Town of Highland
Lions** Installation Dinner at
the Eldred Preserve

***June 7 Town of
Highland Lions** Forestburgh
Playhouse Raffle Tickets
Winner drawn

***June 7-8 Middletown
Lions** will have a work party
to Camp Badger

***June 8 Port Jervis Lions**
Soap Box Derby with Food
Booth to benefit the
Scholarship Fund

***June 10 Chatham Lions**
Golf Outing

***June 11 Nine Partners
Lions** Golf Tournament at the
Red Hook golf Club, \$125 per
person

***June 14 City of New-
burgh 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 15 Middletown
Lions** Fishing Derby at
Fancher Davidge Park

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

***June 17 Greenville-
Wawayanda Lions** Re-
dedication dinner at Greenville
Inn at 6 pm

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

***June 20 City of
Newburgh Lions** will hold **DG
John Capen's** Homecoming
Dinner at the Garden Cathay
Resort @ 219 Plattekill-
Ardonia Road. The **Kingston
Lions Roar 'n Pride** will
provide the music
entertainment along with **DG
John and Lion Bea's** daughter
Margaret singing show tunes.
The dinner begins at 6 pm.

***July 2008 Beacon Lions**
first fundraiser -selling hot
dogs at the Sam's Club in
Fishkill

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

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

***July 19-20
Jeffersonville Lions** will hold
their Annual Horse Show at
Stonewall Farms outside of
Jeffersonville

***July 28 Amenia Lions**
Golf Tournament at Copake
Country Club

***Aug 10 Jeffersonville
Lions** Annual Golf Tournament
at Swan Lake Golf & Country
Club, \$65 entry fee with a
shotgun start

***Sept 10 Tri-Valley Lions**
Rabies
Clinic at



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the Grahamsville Fairgrounds
***Sept 13 Millerton Lions**
 will hold a 60th Anniversary
 Celebration

***Sept 20 Northern
 Columbia Lions** Tag Sale at
 Angel Wing Hollow Lawn



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

The VDG Corner

The warm weather is here, and it's time for all of those summer active-ities. Does your club have a summer barbeque planned? Do you sponsor a picnic for seniors, a town-wide flea market, or run a booth at the fair or a local community event? All of these events are great opportunities to display a board highlighting the activities of your club, and to talk to potential new members.

The warm weather months will find people of your town relaxing outdoors and visiting with each other in casual settings. Whether attending a little league ball game or outdoor concert in the park,

please wear your Lion's pin, carry a membership application, and don't hesitate to meet the person sitting next to you and talk about the events you have enjoyed as a Lion. You may meet a new member for your club, or learn about a new project in which the Lions of your town can be of assistance.

We need to know your club officers for next year! As of May 10th the following PU101's have been recorded on the LCI website:

- Amenia
- Cornwall
- Florida
- Germantown
- Goshen
- Greenville-Wawayanda
- Hudson
- Hurley
- Hyde Park
- Jeffersonville
- Kerhonkson
- LaGrange
- Liberty
- Livingston Manor
- Mamakating
- Middletown
- Monroe
- New Paltz
- Newburgh
- Nine partners
- Northern Columbia
- Pine Bush
- Port Jervis
- Rhinebeck
- Stanford
- T/Deerpark
- T/Dover
- T/Montgomery
- T/Poughkeepsie

T/Wallkill-Mid-Orange
 T/Woodbury
 Tri-Valley
 Warwick

If you need assistance or feel that your club should already be on this list, please contact Melanie Wargo at 473-2807



or mrswargo@yahoo.com

VDG Melanie

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



Glasses Collected

Amenia	43
Beacon	2500
Hyde Park	175
Jeffersonville	28
Livingston Manor	6
Middletown	250
Pine Bush	150+
Stanford	14
Town of Highland	35

Hearing Aides Collected

Hyde Park 5

Eye Exams Provided

Hyde Park	4
Livingston Manor	3
Middletown	2



Sight &

Hearing

What We Do Best

By: SC John Wells

Greetings Lions,

I must start by saying what a wonder New York State Convention that we had in Niagara Falls. I do look forward to



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working for our new **VDGE Melanie Wargo**. We were well taken care of by the people of Niagara Falls. The convention went well. The seminars were good and we even had a blood drive to boot! Way to go MD 20.

I have had a wonderful time serving as your Sight Chair and now look forward to serving you as your VDG this July. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Please if you have not already, please send in your Sight and Hearing Surveys. Thank you.

By: Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign
SightFirst II

E-mail (csfii@lionsclubs.org) or call the CSFII office to share your club's success by May 23, 2008 so that your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts for sight can be included in CSFII's final funds-raised total.

CSFII Day is here.....

As members of this great association, we measure a day not in minutes or hours, but in

the amount of service we can deliver to our communi-ties both locally and worldwide.

As you know, less than 10 weeks remain to be a part of Campaign SightFirst II.

Together, we have surpassed our minimum goal of US\$150 million to continue and

expand our SightFirst program because tens of thousands of Lions clubs have joined the fight against preventable blindness by raising funds.

Now, during the week of May 11-17, 2008, clubs around the world will select one day to act for sight. Has your club discussed and finalized their action for sight and planned a Campaign SightFirst II Day?

To be a part of Campaign SightFirst II Day, simply:

1. **Select one day during the week of May 11-17, 2008 to participate.**

2. **Discuss and decide ways your club and members can provide the gift of sight on that day:**

[http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/csfii_d
ay_files_archive.shtml](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/csfii_day_files_archive.shtml)



*Make a Club
Commitment,
payable over three to
five years*

"Three over three"
– Designate one new

*Melvin Jones Fellowship
(MJF) for CSFII each year
for the next three years to
save as many as 500 people
from blindness*

*Promote "The Power of
30"— Each US\$180 donation
to CSFII by a club member
saves 30 people from
blindness*

*Hold an additional club
fund-raising event or activity
and designate funds to
CSFII*

3. E-mail (csfii@lionsclubs.org) or call the CSFII office to share your club's success by May 23, 2008 so that your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts for sight can be included in CSFII's final funds-raised total.

It is just one day and one action for you and your Lions club, but your club's Campaign SightFirst II Day activity has the power to provide a lifetime of sight to people who need Lions' help.

Thank you for your service.

By: HC Clifford W. Youngs

Are you receiving Hearing aid referrals for residents that qualify for Medicaid? New York State Department of Health has a website at http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/managed_care/mamctext.htm that states that a) Hearing aid services and products are provided in compliance with Article 37-A of the General Business Law when medically necessary to alleviate disability caused by the loss or impairment of hearing. Hearing aid services include: selecting, fitting and dispensing of hearing aids, hearing aid checks following dispensing of hearing aids, conformity evaluation, and hearing aid repairs. b) Audiology services include audiometric examinations and testing, hearing aid evaluations and



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hearing aid pre-prescriptions or recommendations, as medically indicated. c) Hearing aid products include hearing aids, earmolds, special fittings, and replacement parts. d) Hearing aid batteries: i) For Family Health Plus only: Hearing aid batteries are covered as part of the prescription drug benefit. ii) For Medicaid Managed Care only: Hearing aid batteries are covered through the Medicaid fee-for-service



program. If you have

questions on any hearing projects, please feel free to contact me at: cyoungs123@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support,

....New Lions To Our Clubs...

Catskill Lioness: *Darla Krall*
Greenville-Wawayanda:

David Cole
Liberty: *Margaret Bartow, Paul Ciliberto, Joel Gandulla, Lindsay Gandulla, Karen Hutchinson, Daniel Knack, Lauree Novegredsky, Beverly*

O'Hearn-Dill, Jerry Steinberg, Terry Steinberg

Northern Columbia:

Dominique DiVito, Carlo DiVito (to join mid-June)



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

Amenia: *Bud Norbet* (PP, Amenia Town

Supervisor and Correction Officer)

Tri-Valley: *Tim Hill*



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

District 20-O Cabinet: To **DGE Melanie Wargo** and **VDGE John Wells** on their election at the State Convention and to **PCC John Wargo** who was elected as 3rd VP of the Multiple PDG Association.

District 20-O for being TOPS in the District with 38 new members during this past fiscal period and boasting a membership of 1,911 Lions!

Amenia: **Byron Barnes** received a 25 year Chevron

and **Robert Sullivan** received a 50 year Chevron.

Bethel: A correction to last month's news --- it was **Maria Frangipane** who was bestowed the honor of Membership Excellence Pin and the Membership Pin. (not June Brucher as reported.)

Middletown Lions: Congratulations to **Dick Pinckney** as he celebrated 45 years as a Lion last month; and to **Doug Bertholf** who celebrates 30 years this month. Other May



anniversaries being celebrated are: **Doris Rubinsky** (1 yr); **Jennie Mikulsi** (13 yrs); **Peg Falanga** (17 yrs); **Lennie Napolitano** (22 yrs); **Cliff Youngs** (29 yrs); and **Nort Madigan** (44 yrs). And congratulations to **Rollin Lybolt** who is pictured here about to receive his award from the PDG Association at the State Convention by our own, **PDG Ed Budd**.

Town of Highland Lions: The Lion of the Year Award will be presented to **Martha Worzel**, president of the club on June 7th at the Eldred Preserve.



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The Leo's Paw

By the Leo Clubs of District 20-0

by Amenia Lion Jack Gregory

The Amenia Leo Club had 3 members who helped with the set up of the Harlem Valley Tech Fair; four-to five members assisted with the clean up; and seven helped with the community clean up as well as will be helping with the fishing derby.

by Hyde Park Lion PDG Ed Blodgett

The Hyde Park Leos will hold the Leo Magic Show at the RR Smith School on Friday, June 6th. Meetings for May are scheduled for May 19th and June 19th at 7 pm at St. Peter's.

*The Lioness Column
By the Lioness
Clubs of District
20-0*

*The Catskill Lioness
Club*

*By: Lioness Joan
Young, Reporter*

The Lioness Club of Catskill suspends its meetings for the winter but is still very active. Donations were made to the local food pantries and organizations that provide necessary Holiday gifts to the children and families in need. Special gifts are donated to the Prize cart at

Kaaterskill Care where we assist at Bingo each month. Some of the patients choose gifts for family members from their winnings and a good time is enjoyed by all. We also provide carnations for all the women for Mothers Day and for the men on Fathers Day. In return for this, Kaaterskill Care invites members of organizations to its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Our yearly sales of Chocolate Bunnies was a success again thanks to the cooperation of The Bank of Greene County, Koch's Restaurant and Father and Sons Automotive and members. To show our appreciation to these business' **President Patti Schwenk** bakes coffee breads for each.

We are happy to report the induction of a new member. **Darla Krall** fully supports our goals and will be a valuable member. She has already been a supporter in her position as Assistant branch manager for the Bank of Greene County and sold the very first Chocolate bunny through her branch several years ago.

Our next meeting Monday June 2, will be a joint meeting with the **Catskill Lions Club** to celebrate a joint effort. A young teenager was diagnosed with Irlen's Syndrome and

financial assistance was requested for treatment by **Carol S. Kessler, PhD, LAC,LMT** from Kingston. As this is a condition unknown to us we have invited Dr Kessler and Sarah her patient to be our guests. We are looking forward to meeting them.



*Comings &
Goings*

Around The District

*By The Secretaries of
District 20-0 As Provided in
the Monthly Activity Reports*

Amenia Lions will be challenging themselves as they seek out new members as well as the old members to join the club. The 60th anniversary of the club will take place on either October 4th or 11th. **Beacon Lions** is up and running with one new



member and they are on their way. They will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month. During the month of June they will be sponsoring a blood drive. The month of August will be a community night out sponsored by the City of Beacon which will be great PR for the club.

Chatham Lions held their cub night on May 1st at Jacksons. The club is looking into funding a bicycle for a young girl in hopes that it will help her to walk as the family lost their health insurance policy with Medicaid and have been paying out of pocket for their medical costs. And thanks go to **Lion Ted** in the club who donated \$500



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towards the bike.

Greenville Wawayanda Lions had 12 Lions and 1 friend who took part in the Red Cross Training with the first two classes completed of "fulfilling our mission" and "mass care overview". After an online background check is done so a Red Cross ID card can be issued, in the event of a disaster a call would go out to see how many members would be available to work at a local Red Cross shelter.

Hyde Park Lions donated \$1000 to the Poughkeepsie Children's Home at the annual dinner meeting. Other donations made were to the Hyde Park Meals on Wheels, the Sr Fishing Derby, the HP Environmental Committee, the Hyde Park



School Drivers golf tournament for children, and the NYS/ Bermuda Lions See Program.

The club was pleased with their success with the chocolate bunny sale, selling 17 cases of bunnies for a profit of \$250. Journey for Sight took place May 1-3 and raised \$955 in spite of the weather, a shortage of volunteers and a shortage of ideal location. Parade Season begins with the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 26th beginning at the Roosevelt Theatre; the Independence Day Parade on July 4th as they celebrate Hyde Park Celebrates the Green Revolution.

Jeffersonville Lions held a successful rabies clinic with over 100 animals vaccinated.

Liberty Lions at their April meeting inducted 5 new

members. **ZC Jim Eggleton** did the honors. This capped an exciting surge in membership recruitment for the club with a total of 9 new members (see New Member Section above) **Pres. Len Steinberg** and **Lion Fran Thalmann** were commended by Lions Club International for their energetic efforts in the area of member recruitment.

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 flag display will take place on May 26; they will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Sept. 13th.

New Paltz Lions sorted their eyeglass collection on May 7th. The club's installation dinner will be a luncheon at the Gold Fox Restaurant in Ireland Corners, a date to be chosen in June. The club acquired some stainless steel staples which will be used to repair the weather worn displays on the club's road signs at the entrances of New Paltz.

Nine Partners Lions served two food booths at the Town of Clinton's Spring Festville in April. It was a great success and the Lion turnout to help was fantastic and 400 people had a great time at the festivities.

Northern Columbia Lions flowers sales brought in a net of \$1055 with the top sales people **Kate, Donna** and **Sue**. Members will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. The club donated \$200 to Stride,

earmarked for their Wounded Warrior program.

Pine Bush Lions Mystery Dinner and Mother's Day Essay Contest were announced in the Pine Bush section of the local paper. Many Lions attended the Mystery Dinner including **HC Cliff Youngs** (who's sister-in-law won the prize for guessing who the culprit was!) The profit for the chocolate bunnies was \$243 and \$250 was raised from the Mystery Dinner for the SEE Project.

Port Jervis Lions will hold their Wellness AMBA blood screening on May 17th at the Port Jervis High School from 6 am to 10 am. There is a club handling fee of \$3 and for an appointment call 1-800-234-8888.

Stanford Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration at Coppola's in Hyde Park on May 17th.

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

Tri-Valley Lions rabies clinics are planned for June 4th and September 10th 2008 from 6 to 8 pm at the Grahamsville fairgrounds. The club made donations to the MS Walk and the American Society Relay for Life.

The Journey for Sight & Tag Day was held on May 3, 2008. We had 9 walkers on the very dreary & moist May 3rd Journey for Sight Walk. Walkers



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included **Esta Jacob; Kelly Osterhoudt, Carol Clark, Maryann Cosentino, Fran Fuller, Carol Furman, Jean Forstner, Lisa Garigliano, and Kathryn Gaudette.** Fran Fuller collected the most pledges again this year, with a whopping 66 pledges. Go get em, Fran! **Monty LaHanko** & his seeing eye dog, **Buddy**, also collected pledges. **Lions Alice Elberth, Eunice Sheeley, Bill Gaudette, June Schmitz,** and friend of TV Lions, **Julia Mednick**, assisted with check-in; accounting; and food service. **Lions Don TerBush, Ernie Harth, and Jack Clark,** along with friend of TV Lions, **Michael Jacob,** supported the Tag Day



Event in **Grahamsville and Neversink!** Despite the weather, we had a successful Journey For Sight and Tag Day Event. Special thanks to **Meigan Dean** of **Cannie D's** in **Neversink** who once again this year donated food & water for the Journey For Sight Event.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

Amenia Lions will hold their Fishing Derby on May 17th at the **Vinchiarello Pond**; June 14 and 15 will be **Horse Show** at **Kildonan School** for \$15 per event; and on July 28th, the club's golf tournament will be at **Copake Country Club**, \$115 per person.

Beacon Lions will hold their first fundraiser during the month of July by selling hot dogs and soda at **Sam's Club** in **Fishkill**. In September they will have the **Spirit of Beacon Day**

with a parade and again a food booth at the park.

Chatham Lions will hold the club's golf outing on June 10th. Details will be forthcoming on their upcoming **Tractor Pull**.

City of Newburgh Lions 2008 Spring Sporting Clays Charity Shoot has been planned for May 17th at **Wallkill 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 18th from 9 am to 5 pm.

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

Hyde Park Lions 200 Club Raffle continues now thru May with the ticket entitling the purchaser to dinner for two on June 7th at **Regina Coeli** at 6 pm. Music in the Parks begins on May 28th and the club will have their hot dog wagon and concession stand when the concerts are held at the **Vanderbilt Mansion**. The first one there will be on June 4th by the **Hyde Park Schools** and then on June 18th by the **Saints**. The concerts begin at 7 pm.

Lumberland Lions have a **Wooden Bench Raffle** taking place in April with a June

drawing. They will have a clam booth at the 4th of July celebration in **Lumberland**.

Marlboro-Milton Lions will hold a **Golf Tournament** on May 19th.

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 13th at the **Minisink School**.

Millerton Lions will have a circus fundraiser on May 26th.

New Paltz Lions will conduct its spring **White Cane** solicitation at **Shop Rite** June 6-7.

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.

Nine Partners Lions are getting ready for their annual **Golf Tournament** on June 11th at the **Red Hood Golf Club**. Tee off at 9 am with breakfast served at 8 am. At the turn there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and beer. All day there will soda and beer carts on the course.

Trophies and prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place and they are hoping for 5th thru 20th prizes! A hole in one prize will be a 2009 **Subaru** from **Colonial**

Motorcars in **Kingston**. The cost will be \$125 per player.

For info, call **Denny Quinn** 845-266-5712; **Les Richardson** 845-266-4046 or **Paul**



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Zitzelsberger 845-889-8297.

Northern Columbia Lions annual tag sale will be held on the Angel Wing Hollow Lawn on Sept. 20th.

Port Jervis Lions will hold their Soap Box Derby on June 8 with a food booth which will benefit the scholarship fund.

Stanford Lions will hold a Flea Market on June 14th 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 14th at the Warwick Golf Club. AMBA will take place on April 12th at the Warwick Middle School.

AND NOW OUR FEATURES.....

**Lions See
by
HC Clifford W.
Youngs, Orange
County Sight &
Hearing Chair**

We appear to have at least 20 clubs in District 20-O that are committed to the program. I am suggesting to all the clubs that they should send a check for \$125 payable to NYS & Bermuda



New York State & Bermuda Lions SEE Program
at the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute
1176 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14209
(716) 881-7915
md20lionsee@gmail.com



Lions Screening Eyes Early

Free vision screening to help identify children with or at risk for amblyopia, offered by your local Lions Clubs in collaboration with the New York State & Bermuda Lions SEE Program the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute

Did you know that... Most children are not screened for visual function before age three?

3 TO 5% OF PRESCHOOLERS HAVE VISUAL PROBLEMS THAT CAN LEAD TO AMBLYOPIA

Amblyopia is the leading cause of monocular blindness (blindness in one eye)

It is a permanent loss of vision in one eye.

It can develop as a result of different information coming from the two eyes

It can be successfully prevented if the factors that cause it are detected and treated early

VISION SCREENING FOR AMBLYOPIA

Analysis of the photos provides information about inappropriate focusing, differences in refraction between the eyes, and deviation of the eyes.

Vision Screening is:

Quick
Noninvasive
Reliable



Used with
non verbal children
Appropriate for all
ages



Vision Screening does not detect amblyopia, but can detect...

Myopia -- Nearsightedness

Hyperopia – Far sightedness

Anisometropia – A difference in vision between the two eyes

Astigmatism – Blurring caused by unequal curvature of the cornea

Ptosis – A drooping eyelid that partially blocks vision

Media opacities –Something prevents light from entering the eye; for example a cataract

...which are all factors that may lead to amblyopia.

What New York State & Bermuda Lions SEE Program will do...

Specially trained Lions Club volunteers will visit child care facilities and take digital readings of children whose parents have agreed to participate.

The digital readings will be read and evaluated by professionals.

Parents will be informed if any problems have been detected.

Follow-up information and assistance, including a list of local optometrists and ophthalmologists, will be provided.

Lions See, Inc. to IPDG
Joyce Maier, NYS & Bermuda Lions See Program, Inc, Board Chairman and Coordinator for District 20-O, 12 Crosmour Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, so we can get this program in operation.

Please notice the training in the Bronx next month, which we have been invited to. On Saturday, May 31 at Montefiore Medical Center,

3400 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY (West Campus) 718-920-2020 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend. We will be updating the new procedure and using the Photoscreener (MTI) and Suresight Cameras.

Reservations are required by Friday, May 23rd (space is limited, reservations are on a first-come,



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first-serve basis.) Please call **Lion Joyce Grossman** at 201-746-0205. All districts are invited to attend.

We are attempting to get a training class in Newburgh during the summer months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**Town of Wallkill
Mid-Orange
by
President
Dave Bechtle**

The **Town of Wallkill Mid-Orange Lions** were proud to have **Marissa Grady** represent District 20-O at the Niagara Falls Conference Center at last weekend's Annual MD-20 Convention in Niagara Falls.

A 15-year old sophomore and flutist with the Honor Band at John S. Burke High School in Goshen, **Marissa** has applied for membership with the **Town of Wallkill Leo Club** and will be inducted soon. The MD-20 Youth Band performed throughout the convention at opening and closing sessions, Sunday Memorial Service,



and a special concert on Saturday afternoon.

With the 2009 MD 20 Convention scheduled in nearby Binghamton on May 22-24, 2009, let's hope that 20-O will be able to sponsor a number of youth musicians for the band next year. This year's band included 6 students from Bermuda. **CS Dave Bechtle, Marissa Gray and DG John Capen**

**MEMBERSHIP
by
PDG Ed Budd**

Boy, when someone in Dist. 20-O asks for assistance (in this case assistance in securing new members) you folks respond! DG John has kept membership as a prime concern for his year - and - we can report (and you will likely also read it elsewhere in this issue) that, as of the 4/30 Lions Int'l figures, our district is at a + 38 in membership. Those numbers are a result of the effort and enthusiasm of you, the Lions of 20-O. Somewhere - sometime - someone **asked** someone else to be a Lion.

The proof of that small word, **ASK**, is in the great response from our Lions clubs - you!

An analysis of club membership in the district brings out some interesting numbers: of our 60 clubs, thus far for the 2007-08 Lions year we have 22 clubs at a plus membership - and - 22 clubs at a minus

membership (16 clubs are even in members since 7/1/07). We must note some clubs with impressive numbers of new members inducted;

Lumberland @ 6 new Lions, Newburgh and the Town of Fallsburg @ 8 new members; Rip Van Winkle inducted 10 new Lions, **Liberty** has 11 new Lions and **Pine Plains** leads the way with 12 new Lions inducted (equally impressive- no dropped members!)

With but two months left in the current year our request is simple, of those 16 clubs at no change in membership since 7/1/07, how many can place themselves in the plus column by 6/30/08? And - -can the current clubs at



pull into either the even or



plus columns??

We recognize the challenge in raising our membership, and we also realize that simply adding a name for the sake of numbers is not the way to build your club. Your MERL team stands ready to offer any assistance; by club visit, phone call, email message or even by promoting a membership seminar with your club. Please contact us.

Congratulations to the 22 clubs with a plus in membership and our appreciation to all Lions for continuing to be a presence in your



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community. We think that people want to be on a winning team - let's get out there and show everyone how they can be a part of this Month of Red Ribbonism. Thanks for your attention (please share this newsletter with your club members - thx)

CLUB MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT 2008-2009

To Be Sent Each Month with the Membership Report to: District Governor Melanie Wargo, Zone/Region Chairs, District Newsletter Editor (to be advised by DG Melanie)

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

If you would like your club to be featured, please let us know. 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.

Month to be Featured: _____ Event: _____

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



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Mother's Day



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Reminder: info for the June
newsletter is due to me by June 10th!

This will be my last District
Newsletter. All the best to the
incoming cabinet and all the clubs in
District 20-O - this has certainly
been an experience!



Best Wishes To All The Graduates

Happy Belated

