

Lion Melanie Wargo
District Governor

Lions District 20-0

The "0"utstanding District

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Dear Club Officer,

Things could be worse. That's not a phrase that we've heard very often in 2009 when it seems that every day brings news of another economic "worst." Are these really the worst economic times since the 1930s? Who knows and, frankly, does it really matter?

In my travels around the world as president I have met people whose villages were devastated by disease, whose countries were battered by natural disasters and for whom a new pair of eyeglasses was an unimaginable luxury. I was in my hometown of New York in the terrible days after September 11, 2001 with other Lions supporting the rescue and recovery workers at the World Trade Center site. Yes, there are worse things than a shrinking retirement fund.

Because Lions' mission is to serve, it comes as no surprise to us that many of our neighbors are in need, but we also recognize that in 2009 there may be many more of them. This presents the everyday miracle workers of Lions Clubs International with enormous challenges and opportunities. Lions have never shrunk from a challenge and I am confident that they never will, so let me point-out the opportunity in the current situation.

Despite the tragedy in the world we Lions remain optimistic about the fundamental goodness of people. Therefore, we must assume that when the need is greater more people will want to help and those already helping will want to help more. Lions Clubs are the perfect vehicle for these people to engage their energies and sometimes all we need do is remove obstacles from their path.

This may mean moving midday meetings to evenings when more working people can attend. It may mean holding meetings in a member's home to save members the cost of a restaurant meal. It may mean changing the dues structure or becoming a family-friendly club. If these ideas seem a bit frightening because your club has a "but-we've-never-done-it-that-way" attitude, please remember that these are in fact small changes and totally under your control. Members – and prospective members – are our clients and nothing – Absolutely nothing! – should stand in the way of adjusting to their needs.



On a recent trip, Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel met with Pope Benedict XVI.

Such administrative changes are, in fact, a way of "clearing the decks" for the most potent membership recruitment and retention tool of all – relevant and effective service projects. Please keep in mind that relevant and effective does not mean big and complicated. Many times small things make a big difference for those in need. Families with infants and toddlers may need disposable diapers. Someone who has lost a job may need transportation to a job interview.

Being effective *does* mean being creative. A pre-paid telephone card may be just the thing to keep a breadwinner's job search on track. Don't let "we've-never-done-that-before" stop you!

Being relevant *does* mean meeting pressing needs. In 2009 a food pantry may be more important to your community than a park. As Lions in the 21st century it's your job to find out and respond accordingly.

I wish you every success in meeting the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities that this year offers.

Thank you for all you do,

Sincerely,

President Al Brandel

Greeting 20-O Lions!

Well good news, spring is here and summer is right around the corner. I hope that all of you are well and wish you a special summer. Did you know that the State Convention is right around the corner? I hope to see all of you at the Convention in Binghamton, New York next month. We will be doing Ice Cream Floats at our hospitality room. They are really good and we have your name on one of them!!!! Please come out and support DG Melanie, Sight Chair Cliff and myself!

I'm excited to report that I spent the weekend of April 3rd in Binghamton at District Governor's Elect school. I must report that this was a great training session and I came back well informed and excited to think about starting my journey as your next District Governor if elected. I must say that our State Office and current team of Officers did a wonderful job with training our of the 12 VDG's in the MD-20. We had a great time in Binghamton. At the same time of our training, the city of Binghamton had the shooting incident and it was very sad to see what the city and the wonderful people of Binghamton was going through. My heart and prayers go out to the many people affected by this incident.

Our district has done very well with DG Wargo and she should be really proud of her accomplishments and I have been proud to be her Vice District Governor and your Vice District Governor and look forward to the next step in July of this year. I know that I will have the support of DG Wargo, the PDG's and the grass root lions in our wonderful "Outstanding" District that we call home!

I always welcome your comments, suggestions, complaints and just a friendly hello. Thank you for allowing me to serve! God Bless!

VDG John



Monroe Lions are plan to attend the MD20 Lions Convention in Binghamton May 22 - 24.



Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in January and February)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Mary Cooper	Donna Saxton	Beacon
Andrew J. Gemma	Ronald Tulloch	Cornwall
John B. Wenz	Richard Gaillard	Cornwall
Frank G. Dannecker	Richard Terwilliger	Kerhonkson
Helen A. Valentine	Mary Cooper	Millerton
Richard Valentine	Mary Cooper	Millerton
Francis Crimmins	Joseph Quinn III	Nine Partners
Barbara Kurdziel	Michael Kessler	Pleasant Valley
Barbara Bates	Craig Bates	Rip Van Winkle
Charles Knuth	Mary Onken	T/Woodbury
Liza Salvemini	Carmen Salvemini	Tri-Valley



Congratulations to the Liberty Lions who have increased club membership, from 14 members in January, 2008 to 36 members as of April 7, 2009.

Recently asked for some membership tips, here are some thoughts that Secretary Ken Kantor shared:

As to anything unique that was done to attract members there is nothing particularly spectacular. For a good while our club was in neutral with members passing away, some leaving the area and no new ones on the horizon.

A good boost to our sudden change was visits to our ailing club by (members of other surrounding clubs and district leaders.) This outside interest, advice and support helped provide the spark and several of the old style recruitment techniques followed:

Our President Len (Steinberg) and others, such as VP Fran Thalmann, just began approaching people who were acquaintances for years and asking again if they were interested in joining a club that does so much for others. Also a number of our new members were relatives of existing members who hadn't been asked about joining for a while. I might also add that the Lions new policy allowing family memberships for a reduced rate was a great help with new memberships. Now spouses joined whereas before only one would become involved.

New members wisely were asked by our President to become involved in projects and they became interested in seeing the ongoing success of these projects.

Our club also went from weekly meetings to a general monthly meeting. This, in my opinion, helped members' budgets. Now some of us meet for breakfast once a week and anyone in the club, as well guests, is welcome to show up and bring up ongoing matters or just join in the "bull" session. It works well and pressing matters can be addressed prior to the general meeting.

Once people started to join, others followed and now membership numbers are quite good. Len tells me three more perspective members are coming to the next monthly meeting. (Editors Note: these three did indeed join the club in April.)

I might also add that we increased our club's exposure starting with our used book sales booth at the annual Liberty July 4th Parade. With this event local people who knew about the Lions Club but had long since put it to the back their minds were reminded that our club was there and were reacquainted with Lions charitable activities. We've now expanded this fundraiser to several other public events along with other fundraising activities--a chicken barbeque, etc.

All in all things are going well, fundraising is up and we can do more with the extra money.

Sincerely,

Ken Kantor, Liberty Lions Sec.



Left: A visit with the Easter Bunny is part of breakfast with the Town of Deer Park Lions Club

Right: At a Lions SEE screening on March 29th, Port Jervis Lion Dave Krupunich screens expertly focuses the Welch/Allyn Sure Sight camera.



Warwick Lions Club Proudly Present:

DooWop
Oldies Show
Cruisin' into Warwick
on May 16th

The Chords

"Sha Boom"

The Barons

"Pledge of a Fool"

Earl Lewis & the Channels

"Closer You Are", "Gloria

* with Jay Traynor

From Jay and the Americans

The Tokens*

"Lion Sleeps Tonight"

"Portrait of my Love"

"She Cried", "My Love"

Johnnie & Joe

"Over the Mountain"

Surprise Guest DJ !!



When? Saturday May 16th at 7:00
Where? Warwick Valley High- 89 Sanfordville Rd Warwick
Cost? \$35.00 for reserved seating
How? For tickets call 888-515-3565, for information call 986-3054
Why? 'cause the 50's will live on forever !!!!!!!!



2009 SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL

NEWBURGH LIONS CLUB

SPORTING CLAYS CHARITY SHOOT

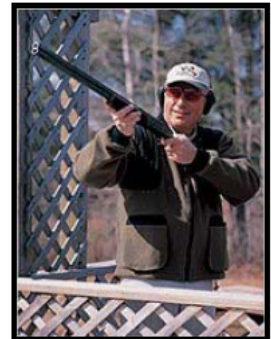
TO BE HELD AT:

MID-HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS, 411 NORTH OHIOVILLE ROAD, NEW PALTZ, NY

Entry Fee: \$100 includes continental breakfast and BBQ lunch

Trophies for:

- High Overall Gun
- High Woman
- High Youth
- Plus Individual Divisions (Modified Lewis System)



**10 AM, Sunday
May 31, 2009**

(9 AM Continental Breakfast)

100 TARGETS - 16 STATIONS

TROPHIES! DOOR PRIZES!

Eye & Hearing Protection is Required!

------(tear off and return)-----

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Newburgh Lions Club (\$100 per person).
Please register me and I will pay with my Visa or Mastercard on the day of the shoot.
Please RSVP by May 20, 2009 - Late Registration fee is \$125.00

Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State _____ Telephone _____

A limited number of golf carts are available, or you can bring your own.

Reply to: Lion Eldred P. Carhart, 66 Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY 12550. Email: ecarhart@hvc.n.com
Lion Thomas F. Kavanagh IV, 1668 Route 300, Newburgh, NY 12550. Email: tkavanagh22@gmail.com

Please squad me with _____

MD-20 Meal Functions at the Lions Clubs International Convention

MD 20 FIRST NIGHTER
Monday, July 6, 2009
9:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Hilton Minneapolis

\$40.00 PER PERSON _____

You must purchase your tickets in advance.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

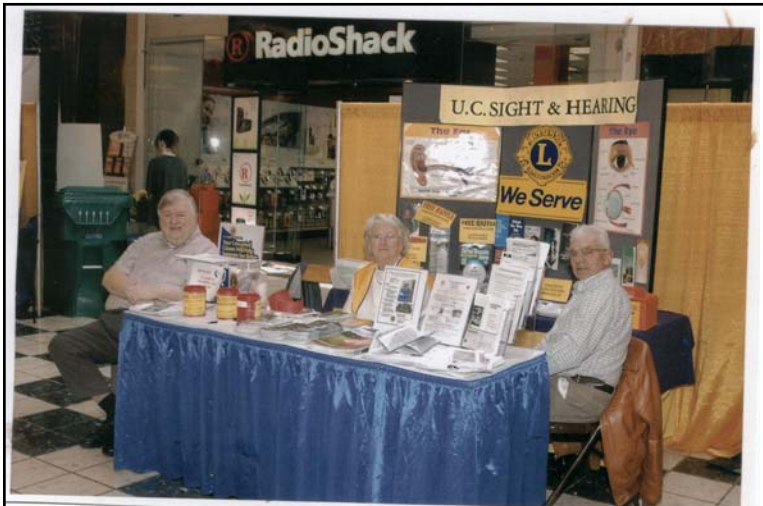
The office must receive meal order forms & payment by 6/10/2009

Please send payment (no credit cards) to:
NYS & Bermuda Lions Clubs,
526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____



Lion Paul Wereszysnki of the Onteora Lions Club joins Lions Marge Carroll and Lion Richard Mullen of the Kerhonkson Lions Club at the Ulster Lions Sight & Hearing Booth for the Annual Kingston Lions Expo.

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Check out the new look!

Around the District...

(Compiled from newsletters and reports emailed to the District Governor and on-line activities reports filed by the last day of the month.)

Hudson

- Literacy Volunteers
- Donated to Ronald McDonald House
- Donated to LCIF
- Selling Chocolate Bunnies for LEI
- Planning Annual Blood Drive on May 14th

LaGrange

- Collected 450 pair used eyeglasses
- Selling Chocolate Bunnies for LEI
- Annual Student Achievement Night for Arlington High School (joint with Pleasant Valley Lions)

Monroe

- Supermarket Sweeps 4/25
- Several members attending convention 5/22–5/24
- Planning to participate in Memorial Day Parade 5/24

New Paltz

- Planning White Cane Drive in April
- Donated \$200 to Elting Memorial Library
- Donated \$50 to Lighthouse

Pine Bush

- Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show 3/26 (proceeds to Camp Badger & Camp Neveda)

Stanford

- Collected 13 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 1 used hearing aid

Town of Deer Park

- Vision Screened 40 Children
- Serve 150 at Breakfast

Town of Woodbury

- Attending Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner
- Highway Cleanup on 3/25
- Selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies for LEI
- Community Outreach Pancake Breakfast 4/25

Tri-Valley

- Donated \$300 to American Cancer Association Relay for Life
- Selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies for LEI

Warwick

- Holiday Shopping Tour for 39 local children
- Donated \$1000 to Back Pack Snack Program
- Presented \$3158 to Salvation Army
- Ultimania Basketball Game at Warwick HS 3/13
- AMBA Blood Analysis Program 3/28
- Selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies for LEI

The Warwick Lions - proud to serve the community!



Lions See in District 20-0

- 42 Screening Sessions Held
- 493 Children Screened
- 70 Children Referred



Has your club planned a screening?

Contact: PDG Bill Fitzgerald

845-858-8557

By Supporting VCB, O Lions Help Blind People Find Work

Thanks to the Lions of District 20-O , VISIONS VCB is able to continue to provide services free of charge to individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. VISIONS VCB helps these individuals achieve their full potential. These services extend beyond just training in cane travel. At VCB, people who are blind learn to use adaptive software and computer technology for home, work and their everyday needs.

Did you know that of the 506 people who attended VCB this past year, 3% live in District 20-O? Almost all of VISIONS VCB participants are very low income and the Lions of District 20-O has made it possible for them to learn the skills they need to live active, independent lives. Many participants who are blind or visually impaired from District 20-O has been coming for the last two years to VISIONS Employment and Technology Institute at VCB. The program offers job readiness training, computer workshops, seminars on interviewing, resume writing and other employment related skills, as well as a technology expo with demonstrations on the latest in assistive technology devices for people who are blind and visually impaired. Some of these items include talking cell phones, GPS navigation systems for people without sight, computer software, visual aids, etc., all of which assist people who are blind to live active and independent lives.

Did you know that Lions can help people who are blind from your District in many ways? Here are four ideas as to how your club can become involved in VISIONS VCB.

- ➔ Adopt a building and help VCB maintain the facilities
- ➔ Join us on our next VCB LIONS Work Day, Saturday, June 6, 2009
- ➔ Refer blind people to one of our programs and offer them a ride to VCB
- ➔ Provide a participant with a scholarship to attend VCB

Your support helps VISIONS VCB provide our participants with what they need now so they "have what it takes" to make it on their own tomorrow.

*At VISIONS Employment and Technology Institute at VCB,
Participants use computer technology to search for jobs*



Learning to use the TTT – Talking Tactile Tablet to read maps



"Dressing for Success" in the job world makes a real difference

District 20-O End of Year Party

Saturday, June 6, 2009



Brotherhood Winery
100 Brotherhood Plaza
Washingtonville, NY 10992
www.brotherhoodwinery.net



5:00 p.m. promptly - special tour of winery
6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour

\$50 per person

R.S.V.P. by May 16th

The honor of your presence is requested, to celebrate a year of Miracles Through Service.

Please make checks payable to "District 20-O Lions", and send to:
Cabinet Secretary Bernie Shippee
P.O. Box 354, Westbrookville, NY 12785

COCKTAIL HOUR

Mini Red Bliss, White Fish Salad
Cucumber Base, Herbed Boursin
House Smoked, Apple Chicken Sausage on Crustini
(Two Stations)
Artisan and Imported Cheese Board Stationary
House Baked Artisan Bread Selection
Antipasto, Crudities

TENDED BUFFET

Nicoise Style Salad
Farfalle Primavera, Champagne Vinaigrette
Carving Board, Herb Roasted Prime Ribs, Sauce Béarnaise
Poached Jail Island Salmon, Oriental Sauce
Roasted Young Chicken, Black Summer Truffle Glaze
Sautéed Haricots Verts, Chiseled Almonds
Potato Gratin Delmonico
Ratatouille, Sautéed Vegetable Provencal Style

DESSERTS

Molten Chocolate Cake, Chantilly Cream
Pear Tart, Almond Paste
Crème Anglaise
Chocolate Truffles and Meringues Bites

Wine Tasting Buffet, Selection of Nine Different Wines, Red and White
Available during the whole event.

You're Invited

TO SAIL WITH US ON THE
10TH ANNUAL LCIF CRUISE!



www.lcif.org

As the 2009-2010 LCIF Chairperson, I'd like to invite you to join me and my wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, next fall, on an exciting journey to the western Mediterranean aboard the *Celebrity Century*. We'll see the sights of Barcelona, Cannes and the Italian coast, and visit with local Lions in ports of call. Best of all, you'll be supporting LCIF and helping to fund Lions' projects around the world. We hope to see you there!



LCIF-exclusive parties and gatherings held onboard and in ports of call.



Saturday	Nov. 7	Barcelona, Spain
Sunday	Nov. 8	Cannes, France
Monday	Nov. 9	Portofino, Italy
Tuesday	Nov. 10	Florence, Italy
Wednesday	Nov. 11	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Thursday	Nov. 12	Naples/Capri, Italy
Friday	Nov. 13	At Sea
Saturday	Nov. 14	Barcelona, Spain

Honors to new and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows will be presented by the Chairperson in a special on-board ceremony and private luncheon.

**New, lower rates -
guaranteed through
April 15!**

LCIF rate per person US\$729 - \$1,999
Limited number of cabins. Please call soon!

**TO BOOK THIS CRUISE OR FOR MORE DETAILS,
PLEASE CONTACT LISA GULLO AT LIBERTY TRAVEL:**

**630.428.7750 gullol@libertytravel.com
2860 Showplace Drive, Naperville, IL 60564 USA**

Deposit is required to secure your cabin assignment: US\$250 payable to Liberty Travel, plus a US\$1,000 Melvin Jones Fellowship (or Progressive MJF) donation payable to LCIF. LCIF will contact you directly regarding your donation, or feel free to contact LCIF Development at 630.203.3797 or lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org.

*Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Round trip flights to Barcelona, pre-cruise hotel stay, transfers and taxes are additional. Taxes may be subject to change. Travel Protection insurance is available at an additional cost and is highly recommended. Lions Clubs International Foundation and International Association of Lions Clubs are not responsible for losses incurred. Liberty Travel reserves the right to correct all errors. NSL336TAS/08

Note: March 31 deadline has past - MD20 Office is no longer accepting room reservations - ;you must make hotel reservations on your own.
Convention Registration \$40

See you in Binghamton...

Did you remember to reserve your meal tickets?

MD-20 CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

Good Morning Breakfast with the Council Fri. May 22, 2009 8:30 AM Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Binghamton Regency \$11.00 per person _____ \$14.00 per person _____
Melvin Jones Luncheon Fri. May 22, 2009 Noon Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Binghamton Regency \$19.00 per person _____ \$23.00 per person _____
Breakfast with the Vice District Governors Sat. May 23, 2009 8:00 AM Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Binghamton Regency \$11.00 per person _____ \$14.00 per person _____
Parters In Service Luncheon Sat. May 23, 2009 Noon Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Binghamton Regency \$16.00 per person _____ \$20.00 per person _____
Lions Lunch Sat. May 23, 2009 Noon Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Holiday Inn \$18.00 per person _____ \$22.00 per person _____
Convention Gala 50's Theme "At the Hop" Danny & the Juniors Sat. May 23, 2009 Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner served at 7:00 PM Tickets Purchased after April 1, 2009	Binghamton Regency \$37.00 per person _____ \$42.00 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 deadline for the office to receive your meal order form is **May 15, 2009**. Purchase your tickets early – meal events sell out every year!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

PLEASE NOTE- YOUR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKET. YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET AT THE CHECK IN AREA OF THE BINGHAMTON REGENCY. SEE YOU IN BINGHAMTON!



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brohner@verizon.net

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jpwells@ptd.net

District Governor: Melanie Wargo
mrswargo@yahoo.com

District 20-0 Lions Newsletter
P.O. Box 24
LaGrangeville, NY 12540



Your community is proud of it's local Lions club!

Lions are Everyday Heroes, Performing Miracles Through Service

District Governor Adventure Continues:

- 3/05 Warwick Lions
- 3/06 LCI Board Meeting - NYC
- 3/07 LCI Board Meeting - NYC
- 3/08 MD20 Host Night - Long Island
- 3/12 United Nations Ambassadors Reception
- 3/13 Lions Day at the United Nations
- 3/14 LCI Board Meeting and Closing Dinner
- 3/18 LaGrange Lions
- 3/19 Town of Fallsburg Lions
- 3/20 MD20 PDG Weekend - Pennsylvania
- 3/21 MD20 PDG Weekend - Pennsylvania
- 3/22 MD20 PDG Weekend - Pennsylvania
- 3/26 Kerhonkson Lions
- 3/27 20-0 PDG Meeting/20-0 MERL Meeting
- 3/29 LaGrange Bunny Sales at A&P
- 3/31 LaGrange Bunny Sales at Town Hall Elections

Newsletter Information:

We want to hear from you! To be included in our district newsletter, please forward information, pictures, reports and articles by the last day of each month to Melanie Wargo:
mrswargo@yahoo.com

Save the Date:

- April 18:** Cabinet Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Rochdale Firehouse, Rt 44, Po'k
- May 22-24:** MD20 Convention
Binghamton, NY
Seminars, Hospitality Rooms, Guest Speakers, and much more...
Sign up now for best room choice!
- June 06:** District End of Year Party
Brotherhood Winery
All Are Welcome for a Fun Evening!
- 2009-2010** District Leaders Needed
Positions available at all Region, Zones and District levels. Share your knowledge and enthusiasm with other Lions in the District. Contact DG Melanie or VDG John for more info