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District Governor

# Lions District 20-O

## *The "O"utstanding District*

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### *A note from the District Governor...*

Please mark your calendars for August 18 - 21st. Lions Clubs International will be sending two members of the LCI Extension Team to our area to assist with the formation of new clubs. This is an intensive 3-day workshop that will help to build new clubs in our district, as well as strengthen existing clubs.

Are all of the needs of your community currently fulfilled? Would additional Lions Club members in your club enable you to provide more needed services in your home

town? Please join us on August 18 - 21st as we learn proven techniques to increase membership in our district. Contact DG Melanie or IPDG John Capen for details.

Have you visited with the Lions Club a couple of towns over from your home? They have some great summer and fall activities planned. Why not stop by and chat with Lions from a neighboring club. You'll make some new friends, be inspired with a couple of new ideas, and maybe even end up planning a project together.

*...Show you care, but make it fun!*



Hyde Park, LaGrange, Newburg, and Town of Walkkill/Mid-Orange Lions joined the Town Of Walkkill Leos at Guiding Eyes for the Blind (not pictured but present were representatives from Mamakating Lions, Mamakating LEOs, and Town of Dover Lions)



A future  
guide dog



New Windsor Lions take a break from planning the next fundraiser

Greeting Lions:



I am pleased to serve you as your VDG for this Lions Year. The year is off and running And where does the time go!?

On July 25 and 26, we had our first MD-20 Council Meeting which was held in Corning, New York. I did enjoyed attending this and it was also close to where I call home and grew up. The meeting was very interesting and it is nice to have a year of just taking everything in.

We are working on a MERL Symposium which hopefully will be next month. We will be doing this with District R-1. More details to come.

Have a wonderful summer and a nice Labor Day Holiday! Be safe.

*Lion John, VDG*



Members of the Hyde Park Lions share a laugh with DG Melanie



Members of the TOWMO Lions joined the Town of Wallkill LEOs at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

District 20-0 Lions:

I would like to thank everyone in our District for their continued support of the Lions SEE program. Our district has two Welch Allyn SureSight photo screeners with thirty trained photographers.

Now we must set up the dates, times and locations to complete the actual screenings. At each location we will need signed consent forms, SureSight photo screener, a trained photographer, escort and recorder. Please say yes when asked to help in your area.

Please make sure you mark your calendars now for the District 20-0 Convention November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> .

If you have questions on any sight projects, please feel free to contact me at:

cyoungs123@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support,

*SC Clifford W. Youngs*

Lions SEE financial update:

Thank you to the following clubs that have donated funds to the Lions SEE program:

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Bethel                | Newburgh Lions         |
| Florida               | Nine Partners          |
| Goshen                | Otisville              |
| Greenville/Waywayanda | Pine Bush              |
| Greenwood Lake        | T/Deerpark             |
| Highland              | T/Dover                |
| Hurley                | T/Montgomery           |
| Hyde Park             | T/Ulster               |
| Marlboro/Milton       | T/Walkill - Mid Orange |
| Middletown            |                        |

So far a total of \$3920 has been received, meeting our first year commitment to the program. Note that part of the total received is for subsequent years—donated in advance.

What makes up 100% in Life?

- Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%
- How about achieving 103%
- Here is a mathematical formula that might help you answer those questions:

Mathematical Formula

If: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP  
PQRSTUVWXYZ

Is Represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16  
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

THEN:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

AND:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

BUT:

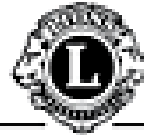
A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

## Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in July)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Melissa Gallo	Lori Hale	Amenia
Dayna Kain	Peter Murphy	Amenia
Raymond Killmer	Alan Gamble	Amenia
Bernice Fowler	Marie Fox	Bethel
Joseph Fowler	Marie Fox	Bethel
Eileen DeMaria	Kathleen Habesland	Greenville/Waywayanda.
Ronald John Wargaski.	Michel Hannouse	Greenwood Lake
Jean Meus	Leif Erickson	Hudson
Kelly F. Lake	Arthur Thalmann	Liberty
Dana Schmidt	Gary Charnow	Liberty
James L. Schmidt	Gary Charnow	Liberty
Daniel C. Thalmann	Arthur Thalmann	Liberty
Jeffrey R. Barlow	Frederick Callo Sr.	Marlboro Milton
Frank Iannella	Frederick Callo, Sr.	Marlboro Milton
Alphonso Lanzetta	Peter Yeaple	Marlboro Milton
Doris Simonofsky	Ralph Walters	Marlboro Milton
Michael Jordan	Stacey Moore	Millerton
Susan Marshall	Sherri Jennings	Otisville
Ryan Courtien	Anna Spencer	T/Dover
T.J. Shoeman	William Fitzgerald	T/Wallkill-MidOrange



**We Serve**

## Focus on Membership 100%

### • CONCLUSION:

- One can then conclude with mathematical certainty, that while **HARDWORK & KNOWLEDGE** will get you close,

**ATTITUDE**

**WILL GET YOU THERE!**



As seen in Times Square:

New York is proud of Lion AI Brandel,

Lions Clubs International President

### By the Numbers

- ◆ 25,000 at International Convention in Bangkok
- ◆ 3,818 delegates
- ◆ 23,000 new members this year
- ◆ Reduced negative growth in US and Canada
- ◆ Increase of 40% in North America
- ◆ Over 1700 new clubs in 2007-08
- ◆ 50,000 women added to roster
- ◆ \$200,329,000 final total for Sight First II
- ◆ 65 million hours devoted to campaign
- ◆ 350,000 Melvin Jones Fellows
- ◆ Leo Program --now has a database
- ◆ 5,700 LEOclubs
- ◆ 142,000 Leos

### ...And Around the World

From: International President AI Brandel  
 Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2008 19:47:38 EDT  
 Subject: China quake and lions efforts.

Tour of Chinese quake area is truly humbling. I spent 3 days inspecting the devastation. Went to one city where every building was destroyed. It looked as if an atomic bomb hit it. Soldiers still digging for bodies. People living in tents outside their former homes. Children attending classes sponsored by Lions in the shadows of a fallen building where 16 of them were trapped and 13 of their classmates died.

I am encouraged with the Lions efforts. Some Lions traveled for 3 days to one village. When they arrived they built a temporary school in 33 hrs for the children. I was there. Some Chinese Lions are spending 10 days at a time at their projects setting up villages, building schools and teaching classes. Lions from Malaysia traveled here to assist. Lions supplied 3 to 5 thousand tents for the victims but the rains will start here soon followed by winter later on. They are attempting to get the population out of tents into more suitable temporary housing. I thought I was dedicated but these new Lions redefine what it means to be a Lion member.

I have been doing news conferences locally and also by phone with US outlets. I will be doing more interviews next week when I get back to Oak Brook. A small donation to LCIF designated to China Earthquake Relief can go a long way. Right now 3 million dollars has been raised. It will help a lot. I hope to raise some more. It will make a difference. The Lions have 8 projects on the table. Not all can be done if we don't help them with money. The Lions of Hong Kong and China have personally raised the majority of the 3 million.

Maureen and I will be making a personal donation next week.

AI

- ◆ Lions Quest--teaches discipline and responsibility
- ◆ Goal is to expand from 36 to 50 countries
- ◆ LCIF awards grants for materials and training
- ◆ UN Millennium Goals embraced by Lions; joint letter of agreement signed between Lions and UN officers.



Chatham Lions at the Lions Eye Bank Annual Golf Tournament



Town of Dover Lions at the Lions Eye Bank Annual Golf Tournament



Yup...all 100 balls are present  
Let's hurry up and draw a winner!



Town of Dover Lions at the Lions Eye Bank Annual Golf Tournament



Hyde Park Lions at the Lions Eye Bank Annual Golf Tournament



Lions from Amenia, Hyde Park and Rhinebeck enjoy the LaGrange Lions Lobster Bake



LaGrange puts future Lions to work preparing the lobsters



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## ***Around the District...***

(Compiled from newsletters and reports emailed to the District Governor)

### **Amenia Lions**

- Family Picnic on August 8th
- Golf Tournament on July 28th
- Chicken BBQ on September 20th

### **Bethel Lions**

- Served 335 people at annual pancake breakfast
- Assisted Duggan School PTO at Community Day
- Participating in Farmer's Market to inform town residents about Lions Clubs activities
- Collected 50 pr used eyeglasses
- Awarded 5 scholarships
- Working with a client in need of cataract surgery

### **Chatham Lions**

- Attended Lions Eye Bank at Albany Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser

### **Hyde Park Lions**

- Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Attended Lions Eye Bank at Albany Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser

### **Greater Washingtonville**

- Organized Food Drive for Hudson Valley Food Bank
- Scheduled Charter Night Celebration at the Brotherhood Winery on August 24th
- Will participate in clean-up at Memorial Park

### **Hudson Lions Club**

- Collected 200 pr used eyeglasses
- Providing lunch, awards and grand prizes ant the 17th annual Junior Olympics on August 7th

### **Kingston Lions**

- \$1000 Civic Improvement Grant to sponsor "Kingston in Bloom" on August 14th

### **LaGrange Lions**

- Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

### **Lumberland Lions**

- Donated to Parkinson's Disease Fund
- Purchasing Baby Car Seats for local hospitals
- Clam Booth at Family Fun Day

### **Mamakating Lions**

- Awarded 8 Scholarships after Golf Tournament
- Selling chances for Supermarket Sweepstakes
- Sponsored student to attend Boy Scout Camp
- Planning 40th Anniversary Celebration 9/13

### **Middletown Lions**

- Donated \$5000 towards replacement bus for the handicapped
- Donated to construction of covered shelter at local park in memory of several Lions

### **Monroe Lions**

- Annual Scholarship Raffle and Dinner fundraising cruise will be held in September

### **New Windsor Lions**

- Texas Hold'em Tournament

### **Nine Partners**

- Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Collected 23 pr used eyeglasses
- Participated in Roadside Clean-up

### **Newburgh Lions**

- Collecting Fishing Equipment & Clothing for Vacation Camp for the Blind in Spring Valley
- Assisted in moving a legally blind woman from Highland Falls to Beacon
- Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

### **Stanford Lions**

- Collected 10 pr used eyeglasses
- Sponsoring 2 soccer teams
- Sponsored local child to Lions Camp Badger

### **Town of Dover**

- Attended Lions Eye Bank at Albany Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser

### **Town of Fallsburg**

- Attended Lions Day at Vacation Camp for the Blind

### **T/Walkill-Mid Orange Lions**

- Attended Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

### **Tri-Valley Lions**

- Sponsoring local child to Lions Camp Badger
- Collected 65 pr used eyeglasses
- Donated to Sight & Hearing Committee in memory of lion Ruth Matthews



# Town of Mamakating Lions Club

*40th Anniversary Celebration*  
*2008*

*Harvest Festival*

**Saturday, September 13th**  
*at*

**Town of Mamakating Park**  
**3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**(Rain Date September 14th)**



**Local Produce**



**Vendors**



**Live Music**



**Children's Activities**



**Food Available**



**Family Fun**

***Free Admission***



## Have you filled out your activity report on-line this month?

### Here's what clubs around the world are doing:

*Information submitted through the online Monthly\Yearly Activity Report by 2007-08 Lions Club Secretaries indicated the following:*

- The average Lions club **donated US\$13,375** to charitable causes. This represents an estimated worldwide total of \$601 million based on 44,997 Lions Clubs as of June 30, 2008.

- The average Lions club provided **739 volunteer service hours** to the community. This represents an estimated worldwide total of 33 million volunteer service hours based on 44,997 Lions clubs as of June 30, 2008.

The most implemented service categories were:

1. Community Services 25%
2. Youth services 22%
3. Sight 17%
4. Health 11%
5. Environment 9%
6. International Relations 4%
7. Diabetes 3%
8. Hearing 2%
9. "Other services" 3%

- Club secretaries worldwide reported completing the following projects:

1. Aid to the elderly 39%
2. Youth recreation/sports 30%
3. Eyeglass collection 30%
4. Community clean-ups 30%
5. Recreation 27%
6. Blood donation 27%
7. Scholarships 26%
8. Citizenship 24%
9. Disaster relief 24%
10. Culture/the Arts 22%

#### Top five projects per region

► Lions clubs in the **US and affiliates, Bermuda, and the Bahamas** reported completing the following projects:

- Eyeglass collection 58%
- Scholarships 38%
- Aid to the elderly 37%
- Vision screenings 37%
- Guide dogs 29%

#### ***Are the activities of your club included in these numbers?***

To Submit a Report on-line, just follow these steps:

- [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
- Submit membership and activity reports
- Club
- Reports
- Monthly/Yearly Activity Report



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www.20lions.com

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**District Governor Adventure Continues:**

- July 21 New Windsor Lions Club Visit
- July 24-26 MD20 Council Meeting, Corning, NY
- July 27 Lions Day at Camp Badger, Spencer, NY
- Aug 03 LaGrange Lions Lobster Bake
- August 04 Lion Eye Bank Golf Tournament
- Aug 09 Lions SEE Training, Middletown

**Newsletter Information:**

We want to hear from you! To be included in our district newsletter, please forward information, pictures, reports and articles by the 1st of each month to Melanie Wargo:  
[mrswargo@yahoo.com](mailto:mrswargo@yahoo.com)

To receive an email notice that the newsletter is available online, please send an email to John Wargo:  
[jwargo@yahoo.com](mailto:jwargo@yahoo.com)

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10 Old Smith Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Save the Date!

*District 20-0 Convention*  
**November 1st & 2nd, 2008**

Hudson Valley Resort and Spa  
Kerhonkson, NY

Cabinet Meeting Saturday 1:00 - 4:00

Hospitality Room Saturday 4:00 - 6:00

**Gala Fun Event Saturday Evening**

Overnight Accommodations only \$89.00

Guest Speakers/Seminars Sunday: 8:30 - 3:30

More Information to Follow

Discount Packages Available

Limited Overnight Rooms—Book Early!

*Convention Information and Registration will be in the September Newsletter*