



Lion Melanie Wargo
District Governor

Lions District 20-O

The "O"utstanding District

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A note from the District Governor...

We live in an amazing part of the world - the beautiful and scenic Hudson River Valley area. As you enjoy the stunning fall colors and crisp clear weather, take a moment to reflect on all of your blessings in life. Then pause an additional moment to reflect on the joys you have brought to others as a result of the service projects that your Lions Club has supported.

I'd like to share a tidbit from the 20-R1 newsletter on a fun way to show members that they matter to your club. This solution works very well for smaller clubs, committee meetings, or board of directors' meetings.

Randomly draw one person's name, and that person becomes your **"member who matters."** The other Lions state something they appreciate about the member being recognized, and no one can repeat what another person has said. This is a simple way to stimulate others to think about what they admire in this person and make the Lion feel special. In larger clubs, six or seven Lions can be selected to recognize the "member who matters."

Remember, we are all volunteers; recognition and praise go a long way and will make a difference to the volunteers in our clubs.

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



Dutchess County Lions perform sight and hearing screenings at Senator Saland's Golden Gathering, and distribute information at Assemblyman Joel Miller's Health Fair and the Dutchess County Fair.



Town of Dover Lions enjoyed a social meeting at a private hunting lodge.

Lions of District 20-O:

The following stats were just received from the Lions Eye Bank of Albany:

Cornea Donors 2007 - each donor would equal 2 transplants

Dutchess County

- Northern Dutchess Hospital – 1
- St. Francis Hospital – 7
- Vassar Brothers Hospital – 10

Ulster County

- Benedictine Hospital – 11
- Kingston Hospital – 6
- Ellenville Hospital – 1S

Sullivan County

- Catskill Regional Medical Center – 0

Orange County

- Orange Regional Medical Center Arden Hill – 8
- Orange Regional Medical Center Horton – 7

Corneal Transplants 2007 - From the surgeons we serve

**Dutchess County – 24 transplants
(Two surgeons in the Poughkeepsie – Fishkill area)**

**Orange County – 3,
(One surgeon in Middletown.)**

**What can we do to increase our Donors and Transplants?
Please let me know at cyoungs123@hotmail.com**

Thank you

**Clifford W. Youngs
District Sight Chair**



Lions form at the Tri-Valley Lions Pumpkin Party



Lions Gene Froehlich and Carol Clark serve soda



Lion Don Terbush Helps Direct Traffic



Nine Partners, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck and Stanford Lions enjoy a joint picnic/cook-out.



Farewell to Lions that are no longer with us...

(as reported to LCI July - September, 2008)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Stephen Sedletsky	Bethel
Martin Robert Gruberg	Kingston
Bernard Harris	Liberty
Carl Germann	Nine Partners
Willard Coons	T/Dover
Frank Knickerboc	T/Dover
Stephen Glasser	T/Highland



"We pray, dear Lord, you will say, "Well Done"

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.)



Amenia

- JDRF Walk-a-Thon 9/20
- Donated photo printer to library
- Adopt-A-Highway 9/27

Bethel

- Collected 65 pair used eyeglasses
- Annual Chicken Barbecue
- Continue to schedule Lions SEE screenings
- Successful Supermarket Sweeps
- Participated in Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods

Chatham

- Provided new eyeglasses for local resident
- Awarded \$9000 in scholarships

Goshen

- 5 Lions trained for Lions SEE
- Successful 20-week club with picnic

Greater Washingtonville

- Participating in Grapefest
- Planning Warm Clothes Drive

Greenville-Wawayanda

- Wawayanda Day in the Park
- Provided money for heat/electric for local resident
- CPV Valley Energy Systems Presentation

Greenwood Lake

- 300 club Chicken Barbeque
- Donated \$100 do Food Pantry
- Fall Dinner/Dance

Hudson

Collected 200 pair used eyeglasses

Hyde Park

- Collected 250 pair used eyeglasses
- Participated in Senator Saland's Golden Gathering - Screened 44; referred 9
- Participated in Assemblyman Joel Miller's Health Fair
- Annual Pig Roast raised \$3500
- Collected 10 used hearing aids
- Collected 12 cell phones for recycling

Jeffersonville

- Awarded 2 scholarships to graduating seniors
- Sponsored Horse Show at local farm in July
- Annual Golf Tournament in August
- Attended Sullivan County S&H Meeting
- Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Judging

Kingston

- <http://kingstonlions.blogspot.com/>

Livingston Manor

- Annual Clambake
- Collected 240 pair used eyeglasses
- Hosted Sullivan County S&H meeting
- Sponsoring Peace poster Contest

Lumberland

- Collected 30 pair used eyeglasses
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- Awarded eleven \$200 scholarships
- Donated \$100 to Girl Scout Project
- Annual Dinner-Dance 10/18

Mamakating

- Supermarket Sweeps seen on Cablevision
- Halloween Festivities with Chase School
- Harvest Festival a big success

Middletown

- Collected 380 pair used eyeglasses
- Donated to JDRF and American Diabetes Association
- Purchased 2 hearing aids for local resident

Millbrook

- Collected 98 pair used eyeglasses
- Provided new eyeglasses for local resident
- Awarded \$500 scholarship
- Sponsored a concert for the Millbrook Arts Group
- Participated in Millbrook Community Day

Millerton

- JDRF Walk-a-Thon 9/20

Monroe

- Awarded \$4000 scholarship

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Monthly Lions Club Activities Report Month: _____

District : District 20 O

Club Name :

Country : UNITED STATES

SIGHT SERVICES	YOUTH SERVICES	DIABETES AWARENESS AND EDUCATION
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	DRUG AWARENESS	DIABETES CAMPING
EYE BANKS	INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP	DIABETES SCREENING
EYE CAMPS OR CLINICS	LEO CLUB	EDUCATION
GUIDE DOGS	LIONS QUEST	MEDICATION / EQUIPMENT
NUMBER OF USED EYEGLASSES	MENTORING	OTHER 1
OTHER 1	OTHER 1	OTHER 2
OTHER 2	OTHER 2	OTHER 3
OTHER 3	OTHER 3	RESEARCH
PROVIDE NEW EYEGLASSES	PEACE POSTER CONTEST	TOTAL DONATIONS:
RECREATION CAMPS FOR BLIND PERSONS	RECREATION / SPORT	TOTAL HOURS:
VISION SCREENING	SCHOLARSHIPS	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
VITAMIN A	SCOUTING	CLUB TWINNING
VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE	SPEAKING CONTESTS	IMMIGRANTS / REFUGEES
WORLD SIGHT DAY	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	INTERCLUB ASSISTANCE
TOTAL DONATIONS:	STREET CHILDREN	INTERNATIONAL HOSTING
TOTAL HOURS:	STUDENT VOLUNTEERS	LIONS DAY WITH THE U.N.
HEARING SERVICES	YOUTH EXCHANGE	MISSION TO OTHER COUNTRIES
HEARING DOGS	TOTAL DONATIONS:	OTHER 1
NUMBER OF HEARINGS AIDS	TOTAL HOURS:	OTHER 2
OTHER 1	COMMUNITY SERVICES	OTHER 3
OTHER 2	AID TO THE ELDERLY	WORLD PEACE DAY
OTHER 3	CITIZENSHIP	TOTAL DONATIONS:
PREVENTION/EDUCATION	CRIME PREVENTION	TOTAL HOURS:
PROVIDE NEW HEARING AIDS	CULTURE / THE ARTS	HEALTH SERVICES
REHABILITATION	DISASTER RELIEF	AIDS
RESEARCH	HOMELESS	BLOOD DONATIONS
TELEPHONE FOR DEAF	LITERACY	CANCER
TEMPORAL BONE BANKS	OTHER 1	HEALTH EDUCATION
TOTAL DONATIONS:	OTHER 2	HEART DISEASE
TOTAL HOURS:	OTHER 3	IMMUNIZATIONS / VACCINES
ENVIRONMENT	RECREATION	MENTAL HEALTH
AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS	SAFETY	OTHER 1
COMMUNITY CLEAN UP	SPONSORED AFFILIATES (AUXILIARY LIONESSE CLUB)	OTHER 2
EDUCATION	TOTAL DONATIONS:	OTHER 3
OTHER 1	TOTAL HOURS:	PHYSICAL DISABILITY
OTHER 2		TOTAL DONATIONS:
OTHER 3		TOTAL HOURS:
RECYCLING		
TREE PLANTING		
WASTE REMOVAL		
WATER PURIFICATION		
TOTAL DONATIONS:		
TOTAL HOURS:		



We Serve

Club Secretaries: Please file this form monthly, either on-line or by US mail to District Governor

Around the District...(continued)

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

New Paltz

- White Cane Drive at Shoprite 10/24–10/25
- Halloween Parade 10/31
- Delivered 4700 pair used eyeglasses to Albany
- Lending Closet for sick room equipment

Newburgh

- Fall Charity Shoot 11/9
- Planning a fundraising wine-tasting tour
- Mentioned in The Lion International Magazine (twice)

Northern Columbia

- Club Social Activity—Train Ride in the Catskills
- Planning Annual Roadside Clean-up

Otisville

- Collected 31 pair used eyeglasses
- Donated funds to child with cancer in both eyes

Pine Bush

- Provided new eyeglasses for local resident
- Harvest Festival raised \$4000 for holiday baskets

Pleasant Valley

- Annual Halloween Parade 10/24 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Halloween Party 10/24 after parade

Rhinebeck

- Attended County Sight Meeting
- Attended County Hearing Meeting
- Acquired motorized scooter to lend as needed

Town of Dover

- Dutchess County Fair Lions S&H Booth
- Awarded \$4000 in scholarships
- Supported Mamakating & Millerton Anniversaries

Town of Fallsburg

- Served 285 at Annual Chicken Barbecue
- Raised \$7000 at Annual Golf Tournament
- Almost \$1400 profit at tag sale

Town of Wallkill/Mid-Orange

- Ladies Night Out October 24 (all are welcome-contact Sue Timmins for complete details)

Town of Woodbury

- 3 Lions trained for Lions SEE
- Plans to sponsor a Cub Scout Pack

Tri Valley

- Collected 119 pair used eyeglasses
- Participated in Youth Day with Sportsman Assn.
- Monthly Donation to Children Christian's Fund
- Rabies Clinic at Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- Grahamsville Little World Fair soda booth

From: Al Brandel

To: Melanie Wargo

Date: October 8, 2008

Subject: Africa



We saw some unbelievable Lions Clubs projects, including a Lions hospital doing corneal transplants and cataract operations. We spoke to nine people who had their sight restored.

Same project has an aids education program where new mothers who have aids are taught not to breast feed and given milk and nutrition for their babies. It is 90 percent effective in preventing the transmission of aids to the babies. What miracles.

Sent via BlackBerry

(Lions Clubs International President, Al Brandel, is travelling all over the world, experiencing first hand the "Miracles Through Service" that are provided by Lions Clubs. Please continue to support Lions Clubs International Foundation as well as your local community projects.)

DG Melanie



Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box Fact Sheet

Education is playing an increasing role in emergency response. Schools provide children with protection, stability and a return to normalcy...UNICEF

The School-in-a-Box Kit has been used by UNICEF since the mid 1990's. Education experts from UNICEF and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) originally developed the kit to provide basic education to hundreds of thousands of children who had been displaced by the events in Rwanda in 1994 and were living in refugee camps. The purpose of the kit is to ensure the continuation of children's education in the first 72 hours of an emergency. With this kit, teachers can establish makeshift classrooms almost anywhere.

Contents of School-in-a-Box: The box can be used almost anywhere in the world and contains school supplies and materials for a teacher and up to 80 students. The contents are culturally neutral. Other locally purchased products, such as books in local languages, toys, games and musical instruments, are supplemental. All materials are packed in a lockable, stackable, sturdy metal storage box.

In 1996, Lions Clubs International signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with UNICEF to support the School-in-a-Box program. Funds are supplied to UNICEF's central supply division in Copenhagen, where most of the boxes are assembled and then forwarded to countries experiencing emergency situations. In some circumstances, boxes are produced locally. The "School-in-a-Box" Fund is a global fund and gifts cannot be designated to a specific country.



Photo courtesy of UNICEF/Shehzad

To Make a Donation: Each UNICEF School-in-a-Box costs approximately US\$190.00. Individual Lions or Lions clubs who wish to donate to the purchase of a School-in-a-Box Kit should send a check made payable to: "**Lions Clubs International Foundation**" with the notation, "**School-in-a-Box**" and send to: 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842 USA, Phone: 630-571-5466, extension 517, Email: lcif@lionsclubs.org. Contributions can also be made by credit card: Visa®, MasterCard® or American Express®. Donations to the School-in-a-Box fund may be made in any amount.

To Receive a Club Banner Patch: For a donation of **US\$500** or more, a Lions club will be recognized with the new "School-in-a-Box" banner patch (pictured above). Please include the "**Lions UNICEF School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Application**" (IAD 306-A) when sending your donation of US\$500 or more. Upon receipt of the club's donation, the patch will be sent directly from LCIF, free of charge. Each subsequent annual donation of **US\$500** or more from the club will result in the receipt of a dated chevron banner patch.

For More Information: Contact the **Health and Children's Services Department** by email at Children@lionsclubs.org or by telephone (630-571-5466, ext. 320) and visit the association's website at www.lionsclubs.org. To see a complete listing of the box contents, visit the UNICEF website at www.unicef.org.



From the Middletown Lions Tri-fold Club Brochure:

“Lionism wasn’t started for the personal enjoyment of its members, it just turned out that way. ...There are Lions from every walk of life, every age and every persuasion, but they have one thing in common: they enjoy each other and what they are doing.”

Have you ask a friend or acquaintance to join your club? Look at the fun they are missing!

visions

rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired

Vacation Camp for the Blind

Greetings Lions and Leos of district 20-O,



The 2008 summer season at VISIONS VCB provided yet another successful fun-filled experience for 448 blind and visually impaired campers. Adults with special needs as well as blind children and their families thoroughly enjoyed their time at VCB. Summer programs such as swimming in the adapted pool, bingo, bowling, talent shows, Olympics and Lions Day to name a few were some of the campers' favorite activities. We were thrilled this year to host 38 blind children, some with multiple disabilities, and their families. Our

comprehensive Recreation and Rehabilitation program targeted the rehabilitative, recreational and social needs of each blind child. VCB also provided informational groups and support groups for parents and children's programming for their sighted siblings. To see a child who is blind and physically disabled float free of restraints in the VCB swimming pool, grinning with excitement, is an experience not to be forgotten. It is just these rewards that many parents and siblings enjoy for the first time at VCB.

VISIONS VCB would like to thank the following clubs from district 20-O for making it happen:
Middletown Lions Club

Newburgh Lions Club
Bethel Lions Club
Fallsburg Lions Club
Goshen Lions Club
Jeffersonville Lions Club
Lions Club of Greenwood Lake
Lions Club of Warwick
Town of Walkkill Mid-Orange Lions Club

The worth of these contributions cannot be measured in money alone. The vision rehabilitation and therapeutic recreation services that VCB provides are truly invaluable to the hundreds of people served at VCB each year. On behalf of VISIONS, thank you 20-O for your generosity and support.

VISIONS services are supported through much needed Lions donations like yours. In addition to financial contributions, Lions help VCB by recruiting new campers, volunteering to assist with programs, adopting buildings, donating items from our wish list, or buying a tribute brick or bench. We invite all Lions in your club to visit us, and see what we are all about! To find out about how you or your club can become involved with VCB, please contact Khaled Musa, Lions Coordinator at (212) 625-1616 ext. 130, or by email kmusa@visionsvcb.org.

Thank you in advance.

Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in September)

New Member

Sponsor

Club

Barabara McKell	Lori Hale	Amenia
Wayne Kirkpatric	Unlisted	GreaterWashingtonville
Edward Nielson	Unlisted	GreaterWashingtonville
Di Anne Wright	Unlisted	GreaterWashingtonville
Edward Weber	Christopher Zell	Hurley
Christopher Zell	Alfred M. Mayone Jr.	Hurley
Kit Robinson	John Costello	Jeffersonville
Walter Ruigrok	Jim Eggleton	Mamakating
Caryl Wells	John Wells	Monroe
Mark Jones	Jerry Schuster	New Windsor
Rebecca Jones	Jerry Schuster	New Windsor
Carlo DeVito	Jack Townsend	Northern Columbia
Dominique DeVito	Bonnie Townsend	Northern Columbia
Margaret Hart	James Reed	Pleasant Valley



*The Rhinebeck Lions Club adopted Staff Building #2 at **Lions Camp Badger** in 1998. They encourage all Lions in New York State to take a ride to Camp Badger in Spencer, New York to adopt a cabin, fix a window, or hang a door.*

Tara - this is for you - from the Rhinebeck Lions Club

The names are scrawled in colorful graffiti on walls which may have been built by men from the Conservation Corps at the end of the Great Depression. But the names are written more in pride than as the art which we are all too familiar with. Miss Amy and Doc and Miss Dennise and Miss Tara; all spent time in Staff Building #2. Did time was more like is when you realize just how poor some of the living conditions for the staff had become over the years. After all, it's only a cabin in the woods we'd heard some say but for what those names gave of themselves, they should have been palaces.

We never met Tara or her friends. We all went to the same camp over those last 20 years; she in the summer when the place was full of youth and laughter and noise and love. And us? We came in either the spring or the fall as the volunteer help when it was empty and quiet and still. There were some years we were there during both seasons but never in the summer. Almost two dozen years ago, Tara spent three summers there, living and learning.

She was there in '84. Looking back, we saw that we too had been there in '84, but we never met Tara. We came early in the spring that year, when the thawing snow gave way to spring buds and green grass. Then it just showed how much damage the heavy snows had left behind. Year after year, visit after visit, we built and fixed along with so many other Lions from across the state.

With Tara, we were like ships in the night, so close but never in sight. We surely knew the other existed. There were the pictures, some drawn, some scrawled hanging in the dining hall and photos in the lodge and of course the names in the cabins. Someone always fixed the hole in the roof, the broken window was repaired, and the leaks were stopped.

Other commitments kept us both away in later years. For almost a decade, we went our separate ways not knowing the other had not returned nor why. We went to our homes and communities. And Tara? The wall says Miss Tara was here in '84, '85, and '86, but not again until '93; seven long years. Enough time to grow, to learn, to decide to give back in return for what those early years had given her. And then, she returned for another summer in '94. We can tell why she came back; the writing is on the wall.

We wondered why we needed to do this; to rebuild the cabin in the woods, so the wind didn't blow so strongly inside when the storms raged outside or so the windows really would keep out the rain. Maybe it wasn't that important if the bathroom was new and that the shower worked when you turned the knobs or that the water was hot. Why make that seven hour round trip drive? Why those hundreds of man-hours away from home for that one cabin in the woods?

What could make it all worthwhile? Was it just to make the cabin a place where we wouldn't be ashamed to have our own family spend a summer? We looked more closely at the wall again and at the graffiti and we really started to know Miss Tara...Her soul must have been beautiful if the wall art speaks true.

The closer we looked, the more we knew why we were there and why we'll keep coming back year after year, even after the rebuilding of Staff Building #2, now known as Hill house, was completed. You see, in '84, '85, and '86 Miss Tara was a camper at Lions Camp Badger in Spencer, New York.

For three years Tara learned. And after being gone for seven years, she came back; not as a camper but as a counselor, to give back what she had been given; a chance at life.

Tara, this is for you and all those like you who show us what strength and courage and love and determination are all about, each day of your lives. We may never see you because our schedules will always keep us apart. But you and your fellow campers and counselors show us clearly why "we serve." Your life gives us the energy to do it again and again. This is for you, Miss Tara, and for Doc and Amy and Dennise and all the other counselors and teachers and aides and staff at Camp Badger and all the other camps the world over.

Learn more about Camp Badger at www.lionscb.org

LIONS CLUBS HAVE A NEW FILING REQUIREMENT

Questions?
Attend the "legal" seminar at the
District 20-0 Convnetion
Right after lunch on Sunday

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new E-Postcard

Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your e-Postcard

- **How do you know if your Lions Club has a filing requirement?**

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N).

- **When is the e-Postcard due?**

It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15, 2008.

- **What information does your club need to provide on the e-Postcard?**

- a legal name and mailing address and any other names used,
- a Web address if one exists,
- employer identification number (EIN),
- organization's annual tax period,
- the name and address of a principal officer, and
- a statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.

- **What happens if you don't file?**

You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law.

- **Why is the IRS calling it an e-Postcard?**

Because it's as simple as sending a postcard and it's electronic.

- **Need more information?**

Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.



www.lionsclubs.org

www.20olions.com

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District 20-0 Lions Newsletter
P.O. Box 24
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Your community is proud of it's local Lions club!

Lions are Everyday Heroes, Performing Miracles Through Service

District Governor Adventure Continues:

- Sep 08 Orange County Sight & Hearing Meeting
- Sep 10 4-club picnic (Nine Partners, Hyde Park, Stanford & Rhinebeck Lions Clubs)
- Sep 11 Town of Dover Lions Club
- Sep 13 Millerton Lions Club 60th Anniversary
- Sep 15 Sullivan County Sight & Hearing Meeting
- Sep 16 Greenville/Wawayanda Lions Club
- Sep 17 Hurley Lions Club
- Sep 22 3rd Orientation Meeting Wappingers Area Lions Club
- Sep 23 Town of Woodbury Lions Club
- Sep 27 Ossining Lions Club 80th Anniversary.
- Sep 29 LaGrange Lions Club
- Sep 30 District 20-0 PDG Meeting

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

To receive an email notice that the newsletter is available online, please send an email to John Wargo:

jwargo@yahoo.com

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

Hudson Valley Resort and Spa
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www.hudsonvalleyresort.com

Open to all Lions, Lioness and LEOs

Overnight Accommodations only \$89.00 + tax
Limited Rooms—Book Early!

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845-626-8888

For registration form and information:

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