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District Governor

Lions District 20-O

The "O"utstanding District

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A note from the District Governor...

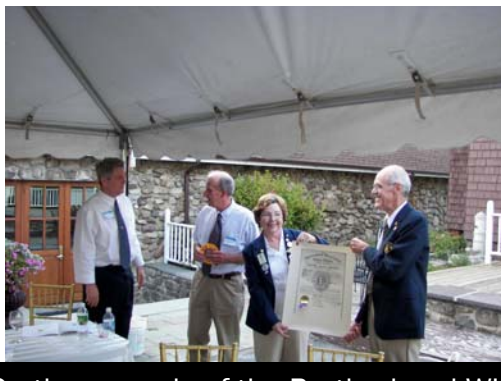
A beautiful clear day on the grounds of New York State's oldest winery was the perfect setting for the Charter Night Celebration of our newest club, Greater Washingtonville Lions Club.

Members of 14 clubs, Amenia, Goshen, Greater Washingtonville, LaGrange, Middletown, Monroe, Newburgh, North Rockland (District 20-R1), Pleasant Valley, Rhinebeck, Rondout Valley, Stanford, Town of Dover, and Warwick Lions presented gifts and good wishes to the new club. The Past District Governor's Association also made an official presentation.

Seeing Lions from all over our district coming together to have fun and spread good cheer reminded us all of the true spirit of Lionism. We are everyday heroes to our less fortunate neighbors. We are also friends and kindred spirits, joining forces to give back to our communities.

Please keep this spirit of friendship alive in your club meetings and events. Join with other clubs to participate in the Lions SEE program. Come to the District 20-O Convention November 1st and 2nd to join in the friendship, fellowship and fun of being a Lions in District 20-O.

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



On the grounds of the Brotherhood Winery
August 24, 2008

From the VDG...



Greetings Lions:

Well by the time you read this, Summer is coming to an end and Fall will be right around the corner. Our children of our communities are going back to school. Yes for the parents in our district! Now that the kids are back to school, this would be a good time to invite a friend, co-worker, or family member to join your lions meeting. We are always looking for a few good men and women.

I would like to congratulate the Greater Washingtonville Lions Club. I enjoyed attending your charter dinner meeting and wish all of you the very best. It looks like you are off to a great start.

We are working on our District Convention which will be here before you know it. If anyone of you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them. Please send them to me at jpwells@ptd.net.

Regards to all,
VDG John



Frequently Asked Questions...

- Q - What are the annual dues?
 - A - \$39.00 to International, \$16.00 to State (MD20), \$2.00 to District (20-0) for first Lion in family
 - \$19.50 to International, \$16.00 to State (MD20), \$2.00 to District (20-0) for additional Lions in family
 - No dues to International, \$16.00 to State (MD20), \$2.00 to District (20-0) for Life Members
- Q - Why do Life Members still pay dues to MD20 and District 20-0
 - A - The fee collected for Life Membership is paid to Lions Clubs International. At this point no provision has been made and no additional charges are added for State or District Dues to the Life Membership fee.
- Q - The club in the next town charges a different amount than our club for dues—why?
 - A - Many clubs add an additional fee for club dues to cover administrative costs. Some clubs also add the cost of meals to the annual fee rather than charge members at every dinner meeting.
- Q - Should the club pay the costs of attending District, State, or International Convention for members?
 - A - The Board of Directors of the Club can authorize expenditure of funds from the Administrative/Operating Account to cover all or part of the cost of attending Conventions, Leadership Training, Sight & Hearing Committee meetings and other such events. This cannot come from the Activities/Charity account. This is up to the individual club, and no two clubs handle it the same way.
- Q - How do we get our club mentioned in the District Newsletter?
 - A - Send information to the District Governor via Monthly Membership Reports on-line, Monthly Activity Reports on-line, email minutes of meetings or club newsletters, email pictures of activities, or U.S. mail.
- Q - What is the best way to find active new members for our club?
 - A - The 5 “I”s: **Invite** a guest to a club activity, **Introduce** them to everyone with a personal touch (business, hobbies, etc.), **Indoctrinate** them with an good orientation of Lions Clubs History, **Induct** them into the club with a meaningful formal ceremony, and **Involve** them immediately in club projects and activities.



Josh and Vicki Delmage were inducted as new members after working an 8-hour shift at the club's Lobster Bake!



Proud newly inducted members of the Greater Washingtonville Lions Club



Orisville Lions prepare for the Annual Country Fair



Professional Advice for the New Tail Twister

Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in August)

| <u>New Member</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Club</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Rebecca Davis | Donna Saxton | Beacon |
| Christopher Hendricks | Kim Jablonski | Goshen |
| Thomas De Vinko | Unlisted | GreaterWashingtonville |
| Helena Nielsen | Unlisted | GreaterWashingtonville |
| Linda Nielsen | Unlisted | GreaterWashingtonville |
| Brandon Nielsen | Unlisted | GreaterWashingtonville |
| Joseph Zippilli | Unlisted | GreaterWashingtonville |
| Sharon Gehler | Gustave Hartig | Greenwood Lake |
| John Dittus | Joseph M. Ingarra | Hurley |
| Joshua Delmage | John Wargo | LaGrange |
| Victoria Delmage | Melanie Wargo | LaGrange |
| Carol Fuhr | Anna Spencer | T/Dover |
| Christopher Galayda | Patricia Hoag | T/Dover |
| Rammie Nesheiwat | Rodney Annis | T/Dover |



Exciting News for Lions Who Collect Used Eyeglasses

Lions Clubs International will post your club's eyeglass collection locations on the LCI Web site. The form is available at: www.lionsclubs.org, (click on "Visions Programs" and then "Eyeglass Recycling" and then "Recycle for Sight" and then scroll down to the participation form—code no. IAD 404

Note: the same page offers a sample press release, a list of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers, and other useful information.





A perfect day, great wine, lots of old and new friends. In fact, let's all go back again on June 6, 2009. Save the date!



Newburg President Rich Campora is presented with a sponsoring club banner patch, while Past President Bea Capen and Past District Governor John Capen hold the new club's charter.

Thank you to Lumberland Lions Club:
The First Club In The District
(to pay their district dues.)



Greenville-Wawayanda Lion of the Year Joanne Wilcox (far left), Club President Will Nielsen, Past President Bob Wilcox and Past Secretary John Holmburg at the club re-dedication dinner.



Lion Lorraine Barbarash presents a donation on behalf of the Greater Washingtonville Lions to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley in Cornwall.

Lions Are Everyday Heroes...but we need to share that information

The following clubs filled out activities reports on-line in July and August:
Goshen, Greater Washingtonville, Greenville-Wawayanda, Hudson, Kingston, LaGrange, New Windsor, Nine Partners, Onteora, Pine Bush, Rhinebeck

Hooray!



Lions Tom Dias, Louis "Buddy" Galm, Jeffrey Proper and Jennifer Pindt on the serving line.



Assemblyman Mark Molinaro joins Lions Buddy, Tom and Jeff on the serving line.



A huge crowd of supporters turns out for the "Annual Pine Plains Lions Club All You Can Eat Beef BBQ".

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

- Juvenile Diabetes Walk-a-thon Sept. 30
- 60th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 4
- Provided eye exam
- Awarded Scholarship

Beacon

- Collected 2500 pair used eyeglasses
- Participated in Blood Drive in July
- National Night Out at Memorial Park Aug. 5
- Spirit of Beacon Day in September
- Publicity in Beacon Free Press

Catskill

- Sponsored the Kelly Miller Bros. Circus in Cairo
- Publicity in local paper

Goshen

- 20-week club in progress (3 winners/wk)
- Presented Greater Washingtonville Club with a gong at the charter night celebration

Greenville-Wawayanda

- Attended Lions SEE Training
- Car Show and Flea Mkt (with Middletown)
- Awarded Three Scholarships
- Greenville Day in the Park Sept 20
- Autism Outing at Thomas Bull Park Oct. 12

Hudson

- Collected 4 used hearing aids
- Great Publicity in Hudson River Sampler in August
- Public Service Announcement on Mid-Hudson Cable
- Joint publicity with Chatham Lions on Channel 13 in Albany - segment about hearing aid assistance to volunteer firehouse chaplain.

Hyde Park

- White Cane Drive October 2 - 4
- Joint picnic with four clubs Sept. 10

Kingston

- Collected 1000 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 10 used hearing aids
- Diabetes Screening and Education \$3900

LaGrange

- Posted eyeglass collection locations on LCI website

Millerton

- 60th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 13
- Collected 129 pair used eyeglasses

Monroe

- Selling tickets for Supermarket Sweeps

New Windsor

- Awarded \$1500 in scholarships

Newburgh

- Club dinner on the River Rose Oct. 17
- Collection Arts & Crafts Supplies for VCB

Nine Partners

- Provided new eyeglasses for local resident
- Collected 6 used hearing aids
- Dutchess County Fair Lions S&H Booth

Northern Columbia

- Olympic Themed Club Picnic
- Tag Sale Sept. 20

Onteora

- Provided new eyeglasses for local resident
- Awarded two \$500 scholarships
- \$250 DECA Award
- Golf Tournament August 25 for S&H projects

Otisville

- Publish "Otisville Voice", a local monthly paper
- Otisville Country Fair August 21 - 24
- Otisville Lions Art Contest (5 categories, age 4-adult)

Pine Bush

- 3 members attended Lions See training
- Participated in Blood Drive August 12
- Harvest Festival Sept. 20

Pine Plains

- Seved 500 at "All You Can Eat" Beef BBQ Aug. 9

Port Jervis

- Collected 32 pairs used eyeglasses
- Sponsored Senior Picnic on Aug 26
- Awarding 3 scholarships

Rhinebeck

- Annual Community Clean-up Project
- Recognition for Eagle Scout
- Monetary support for handicapped student to attend Lions Camp Badger
- Phase 1 Maintenance of Lions Mini-Park
- Support for sight-impaired local resident
- Dutchess County Fair Lions S&H Booth

Stanford

- Collected 15 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 1 used hearing aid
- Frankenstein's Fortress Food Booth - weekends in October at Town Barn Property



The Bethel LIONS had a successful screening on Friday, August 29th, at the Bethel Senior Center. We screened 9 children and we had a really good time.

Thank you to Jennifer Butkowski for the excellent course and preparatory materials. The camera was procured with an easy trade-off at a local Dunkin Donuts. Thanks to DG Melanie and Club President Mike Fox for the moral support and encouragement, and to Andy Umreiko for the offer to meet with potential future clients. And many thanks to the Bethel LIONS who participated—Irene O’Leary, Al & Maria Frangipane, Jacques Alarie, and Sal Vaccarino.

Two weeks prior to the event we gave fliers to local businesses, Town Hall, post offices, churches and synagogues. The local newspapers had notices of the event. The screening coincided with the last day of the Bethel Farmer’s Market, which was being held a few steps from our screening site, and we had fliers there as well.

Our best results were from the fliers distributed that day at the Farmer’s Market. We were prepared for many more children than we had, but hoped for a smaller group because this was our first screening and in case anything went wrong, we didn’t want to disappoint a crowd.

Besides the advertising, other preparations included practicing with the camera. Bill Fitzgerald gave us the camera a couple of days before the screening. We had a couple of days to practice, and this was invaluable.

The other very important aspect to the screening was getting the setting just right—lighting and positioning the children. The best results were in a room with shades drawn completely and one fluorescent light in the ceiling (dim light). The children’s position for the screening was determined by their size—the tallest children stood, and the little ones were held in mom or dad’s lap. The screener (Al was the designated screener for this session—and very successful!) sat on a chair or a stool, again depending on the child’s height.

We added snacks and activities for the children—music, coloring books, pin-the-tail-on-the-lion—in addition to the SPIKE stickers.

We are making plans for future screenings. Contact has been made with the Executive Director of the Sullivan County Child Care Council. She was very enthusiastic about the SEE program following our presentation and agreed to send the introductory letter with the SEE brochure to each daycare facility. In addition, she will include an article about the program and some information about the diseases for which we are screening in the newsletter the Sullivan County Childcare Council distributes quarterly. Your respective counties have similar services.

The LION SEE program is a worthwhile activity in that it addresses vision problems in children aged 1 to 5 yrs. This age group cannot be so easily or reliably screened by any method other than the SureSight, which is the instrument we are using. This activity is easily learned by the lay person and is one which brings members together for a good cause.

Submitted by Lion Larysa Dyrszka

Lions SEE
(Screening Eyes Early)



District 20-O Convention Journal

Ads are now being accepted for the District Convention Journal. This journal will help offset convention expenses.

Ads may be taken by Clubs, Businesses, and/or individual Lions, Lioness and LEOs.

Electronic copy of your ad is preferred.
Email ad to: Lion Melanie Wargo
mrswargo@yahoo.com

Send printed copy of ad and payment to:
District 20-O Lions
c/o Lion Dave Bechtle
105 Lake Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940

Full Page / Cover

**Deadline for ads:
October 15th**

Half Page

Quarter Page

Prices:

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| Covers | \$150 |
| Full Page | \$ 80 |
| Half Page | \$ 45 |
| Quarter Page | \$ 25 |

District 20-O Fall Conference

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Hudson Valley Resort and Spa, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY

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|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 8:00 am - 2:00 pm | Registration (break for lunch) | Locations TBD |
| 8:00 am - 10:30 am | Vendor Booths | |
| 8:00 am - 8:55 am | Continental Breakfast | |
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Opening Plenary Session | General Session |
| 9:40 am - 10:25 am | Seminar Series #1 (subject to change) <i>Lions SEE Training - Part One (attend both sessions)</i> <i>Guiding Eyes for the Blind</i> <i>Organ Donation, Fact and Fiction</i> <i>VISIONS/Vacation Camp for the Blind</i> | Locations TBD |
| 10:35 am - 11:00 am | Vendor Raffle Drawings | |
| 11:00 am - 11:30 am | The First 60 Days | General Session |
| 11:30 am - 12:15 pm | Key Note Speaker - PID Ken Schwols | General Session |
| 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm | Buffet Luncheon, Special Presentations | General Session |
| 1:00 pm - 2:10 pm | Voting | |
| 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm | Seminar Series #2 (subject to change) <i>Lions SEE Training - Part Two (attend both sessions)</i> <i>Roundtable Discussion/Problem-solving for Club Officers</i> <i>Fundraising - Panel Presentation</i> <i>Tailtwisting - Fun Ideas and Tips for Club Meetings</i> | Locations TBD |
| 2:10 pm - 2:30 pm | Closing Plenary Session Door Prizes and Adjournment | General Session |

LEO/First Timer Coupon for Sunday Convention

\$15.00 off Sunday one-day registration fee for
LEO Club member or First Timer
(Lion at first District Convention)

Valid only when accompanied by a paid Sunday one-day registration fee

Example: Pay \$35.00 early-bird registration fee for Sunday,
bring a friend (LEO or First Timer) for only \$20 more

Sorry - not valid for Saturday social event

District Directory FAQ's

- **Who gets the directory?** A copy of the District Directory was sent to every Club President and Club Secretary as reported on the PU101 (club officer reporting form).
- **May I have an additional copy?** Contact the District Governor for availability of extra directories.
- **How do I correct an error?** Contact the District Governor and she will update the master directory data base. Corrections will be published in the October newsletter.



“What’s a good way to spend a Friday night? I know - let’s meet at VDG John’s place and plan a convention!”



The following items will be voted on by delegates at the District 20-0 Convention on November 2, 2008:

Item #1: Shall District 20-0, by resolution reported by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and following guidelines from LCI, amend the District Constitution and By-Laws to include the Office of 2nd Vice District Governor as adopted at the 2008 Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, effective July 1, 2009.

Yes

No

Item #2: Shall District 20-0, by resolution reported by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and following guidelines from LCI, amend the District Constitution and By-Laws to incorporate the current District Sight Chair responsibilities into the duties of 2nd Vice District Governor, effective July 1, 2009.

Yes

No

District 20-O Fall Conference Reservation/Delegate Form

Who: All Lions, Lioness and LEOs
What: District 20-O Fall Conference
 (Cabinet Meeting, Hospitality Room, Casino Evening with Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Luncheon, Informational Booths, Seminars Key Note Speaker, Raffles, New Ideas, Fellowship, Friendship, FUN!)
Where: Hudson Valley Resort, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY
When: Saturday and Sunday, November 1 - 2, 2008
Time: Cabinet Meeting: Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Casino Night with Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts: Saturday, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
 Convention Sessions on Sunday: 8:30 - 3:30
Attire: Lion/Lioness/LEO Uniform or Business Attire
Cost: \$40.00 per person Saturday evening
 \$40.00 per person Sunday Convention
 \$60.00 per person early bird price for combination Saturday/Sunday (expires 10/15/08)
 \$35.00 per person early bird for Sunday convention only (expires 10/15/08)

Club: _____ List the club member(s) who will be attending this year's Fall Conference:

| Member Name <small>(Please print legibly)</small> | Cabinet Mtg. <small>(no charge)</small> | Saturday Night <small>(\$40.00)</small> | Sunday all day <small>(\$40.00)</small> | Voting Delegate <small>\$Total</small> |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Total Attending _____ **x Registration fee \$** _____ **= Amount Enclosed \$** _____

Make Check Payable to: District 20-O
Mail Registration Form and Payment To:
 Lion Bernie Shippee, Cabinet Secretary
 PO Box 354
 Westbrookville, NY 12785

Return by 10/15/2008 for early bird discount

For District Treasurer Use Only

District Dues Paid 2008-2009: Yes No _____

Prior Year Dues Paid: Yes No _____



www.lionsclubs.org

www.20lions.com

For More Information:

Cabinet Treasurer: Bruce Rohner
brohner@verizon.net

Cabinet Secretary: Bernie Shippee
bshippee@citiink.net

District Sglt Chair: Cliff Youngs
cyoungs123@hotmail.com

Vice District Governor: John Wells
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:

- Aug 13 Otisville Lions
- Aug 15-17 Leader Dog, Rochester, Michigan
- Aug 17-21 LCI Extension Program, Wapp. Falls
- Aug 23 Lions Booth, Dutchess County Fair
- Aug 24 Greater Washingtonville Lions
- Aug 27 Orientation Meeting: Wappinger Area Lions
- Sep 02 School Opens - Back to Work Full Time!
- Sep 03 2nd Orientation Meeting: Wappinger Area Lions
- Sep 07 Town Of Fallsburg Lions

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

Future newsletters will be sent hard copy by request only. If you would prefer to receive a copy of the newsletter by U.S. Mail, contact: Melanie Wargo at 845-473-2807
10 Old Smith Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

*** Convention Registration Form Inside! ***

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

Hudson Valley Resort and Spa
400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446
www.hudsonvalleyresort.com

Open to all Lions, Lioness and LEOs

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

Please call Hudson Valley Resort directly
to book overnight accommodations
845-626-8888

*** Convention Registration Form Inside! ***