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A MESSAGE FROM



DG GLYNN MEGGISON

The freshest thought in my mind concerns Saturday, Sept. 14th and the AG Bell group. To say that it was a highly successful day is to understate the case. District Governors, particularly one of my dimensions, are not supposed to walk on air but on leaving the Goshen BOCES, I felt as if I could do it. Approximately 50 people attended from the Lions and the AG Bell Group. More than 21 clubs

were represented. The hearing impaired young people gave complete lie to the old phrase "Deaf and Dumb". They might have been hearing impaired but they certainly were not "dumb". Their ability to express themselves, their command of the English Language, the quality of their vocabulary all gave evidence to the fact that this was an extraordinary bright group of students. I would have loved to have had any of them in any of my classes. One gentleman on the panel was way beyond the teenage years but his experience in the working world was invaluable to both the panelists and the Lions. For a change I feel that I have some understanding of what it means to be deaf and to be looked down on because you have some problems with communicating. Lion Bill Miller is to be congratulated for his efforts in bringing these groups together with a purpose. The program was meaningful and everyone learned from it. Lion HC Frank Bartolotti got his feet wet with this effort and I sincerely hope that he will make every effort to keep it going next year. Lion SC Ed Budd performed yeoman work with this program. Anything I may say will only serve to embarrass him but he put his heart and soul into this and it really paid off. Finally I want to thank VDG Bill Fitzgerald and the Goshen BOCES for providing an excellent setup of facilities and wonderful coffee and goodies. Thank you one and all and a special thanks to Vince Sadowski, former State Hearing Chair for his appearance. The rest of the state will hear about our program. See what you miss when you don't show up!

As your District Governor, I have been very busy trying to visit as many clubs as possible before the winter weather sets in. It is a daunting task but all possible clubs will have been visited before the

end of the year. If Lion Helene, my partner, has not called you as yet, then, she will. If you are anxious then call me, (845) 856-2455. With 66 Lions clubs, 3 Lioness clubs, 10 Leo clubs and 5 Sight and Hearing Groups, all of which can only be visited on Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., it makes for a killer schedule. Please be as cooperative with Lion Helene as possible when she calls. I owe her a great debt of gratitude for her willingness to tackle this monster scheduling problem. Lion Helene, Thank You!

On Sept. 19th, I was off to Fort Worth, Texas for the Annual USA/Canada Forum. I met ID Dave Roberts and his wife and we have gone over the groundwork for our convention and ID Dave's visit. And you thought that all they did was come in, look pretty, and say a few words. Wrong! It takes a lot of preparation and the real good ones work hard at it. Be sure that you are there so that you don't miss all the good stuff as some of you did with the Hearing Seminar. Have you and your club made all provisions for the World Sight Day? It will be held on October 10, 2002; and, how about Lenscrafter and our Hometown Day with them. Talk with Lion Jim Callazakis, (845) 227-9502 and make plans to see about working with Lenscrafter to give out some needed glasses. Lion Jim, I thank you for your efforts with this very fine program.

March 14th is UN Day. Have you begun to give it some thought? Get your money in very soon, as there are never enough seats. It is a good experience and I am sure that there will be some special observances for Lion PIP Bob Uplinger. He is given credit for starting this day and the Lions obtain some wonderful publicity from it. My computer word count says that I have reached my limit. I am sure that even the mildest of my critics thought that a long time ago. Please remember

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Kaye Fukushima's motto: "One World, One Heart, Striving for a better tomorrow". Let us serve together and find that better tomorrow.

Lion DG Glynn Meggison

ON THE ROAD AS VDG

By VDG William Fitzgerald



Working together we accomplish more and become a stronger district through communication. We feel it is important to share your thoughts and ideas, and to share how you feel changes will make our District/Clubs continue to grow. In this age of technology, e-mail or phone can reach us all and you can go to the following web sites to view events and information about Lions: www.lionsclubs.org (Lions Clubs International) www.md20lions.com (MD-20, NYS & Bermuda)

I want to encourage all of you to experience the "Lions Family" at our District Convention. Everyone is invited, not just officers. This is a great training tool for all of your new members. You will leave the Convention understanding how some of our district projects operate. You will also gather other valuable information on the Empire State Speech & Hearing Clinic (also know as Camp Badger), Vacation Camp for the Blind and Guiding Eyes for the Blind, just to name a few.

Leos are our future Lions. We must educate them, teach leadership skills, and encourage them to become involved and participate in their communities. To do this we need all clubs to sponsor a Leo Club, and have Lion members be willing to be an advisor - for they are our future "Eyes and Ears." During my travels I have met many Lion members that have the ability to become further involved. Opportunity exists for each Lion to go up

the ladder, not only at the club level but the district level too. I will be there to encourage and help you accomplish your goals in Lionism. Last but not least, one of the slogans I truly believe in: TEAM TOGETHER - EVERYONE - ACHIEVES - MORE

As always in Lionism,
VDG Bill Fitzgerald



THE LEOS PAW

*By Lauren Fitzgerald and
Connimarie Zager*

This issue of the District 20-O Newsletter was collated, stapled, postaged by the Leos of Town of Walkkill/Mid Orange, Middletown and Florida.... We thank you for helping to get the word out to the Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 20-O.

And, **A BIG THANK YOU from
DG Glynn!**

Leo Lauren Fitzgerald

Leo Conni Zager



INTRODUCING.....

OUR CONVENTION

GUEST SPEAKER

ID DAVID I. ROBERTS

David I. Roberts, of Sun City, Arizona was elected to serve a 2-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the Association's 85th International Convention held in Osaka, Japan, July 8-12, 2002.

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Director Roberts is vice president and senior investment associate of a financial management and advisory company. A Lion since 1977 and a member of the Sun City Mid-Wee Lions Club since 1988, Director Roberts has held many offices within the association, including Club President, Youth Outreach Chairman, Region Chairman, District Governor and Council Chairman. In addition, he has served as a presenter at the Halifax 2001 USA/Canada Forum and as the MD 21 International Convention Chairman in 2001. In the past, he has also served as President of the Lions Foundation of Arizona and the Sun Cities Lions Foundation, as Chairman of the District 21-A Convention twice and as a member of the Tucson, Arizona USA/Canada Forum host committee. He is currently President of the Lions Vision Center and a member of the Past District Governor Association.

In recognition of his service to the Association, Director Roberts has received numerous awards, including four District Governor's Awards and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Roberts is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has been involved with the Sun City Arca Corp of the Salvation Army. He also served as Chairman of the City of Flagstaff Traffic Commission, on the board of directors of the Homeowners' Association and as a national committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award.

Director Roberts and his wife, Anna, an honorary Lions Club Member and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, three granddaughters and one grandson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DG Glynn has already made the following club visitations and is extremely grateful to the members of each club who welcomed him so warmly late Sept./beg. Oct.: LaGrange, Mamakating Lions & Lioness, Pine Bush, Marlboro-Milton, Monroe, New Paltz, Roeliff Jansen, Port Jervis and Otisville.

October 14, 2002

Jeffersonville Lions 6:30 pm

October 15, 2002

Pleasant Valley Lions 7:00 pm

October 16, 2002

Millbrook Lions 7:00 pm

October 17, 2002

Chatham Lions 7:00 pm

October 18, 2002

Catskill Lioness 6:00 pm
20th Anniversary

October 22, 2002

Livingston Manor Lions TBD

October 25-27, 2002

2nd Council Meeting
Binghamton, NY

October 30, 2002

Fishkill/E. Fishkill Lions
6:30 pm

October 31, 2002

Florida Lions 7:00 pm

November 3, 2002

District 20-O Convention
Holiday Inn, Rt. 9, Fishkill, NY

November 9, 2002

Greenwood Lake Lions 7:00 pm
50th Anniversary

November 14, 2002

Ulster Sight & Hearing (President's Night) 7:00 pm

November 14-17, 2002

MD-20 Lions Advanced Leadership Institute
Jeronimo Resort, Walker Valley

November 15, 2002

2nd Cabinet Meeting, TBD

November 20, 2002

Hudson Lions 6:30 pm

January 27, 2003

Hyde Park Lions 7:00 pm

WE WELCOME ...NEW LIONS TO OUR CLUBS



From the Monthly Membership Reports: **Inducted into....**

Cornwall Lions – Vic Zajkowski and Sean Thompson

Stanford Lions – Rhoda Starzyk

Kingston Lions – Janet VanBuren

Millerton Lions – Jacob Shoifet approved by International for **Life Membership!**



AND, WE SAY GOODBYE TO THOSE

NO LONGER WITH US...

Our prayers and condolences are with those clubs who have recently lost members. For the month of September, the Newsletter Reporter did not receive any reports for those Lions no longer with us.



SIGHT & HEARING: WHAT WE DO BEST

By *Lion Jenny Carhart,*
Newburgh Lions Club

Sullivan Co. Sight & Hearing Conservation group has begun to hold bi-monthly meetings again. The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 4th at Franking & Johnnie's in Hurleyville at 7 pm. The meeting will be hosted by the **Tri-Valley Lions**. All club secretaries will be notified with details. Please join us and find out about the "Lend An Ear" program which is in the works. There is a lot of good information at these meetings for all the Sullivan County Lions. We are there to help all the clubs.

Secty Maureen Hochhauser
Sullivan Co. Sight & Hearing

The following was written by **SC Lion Ed Budd**. By all accounts, his seminar on Sept. 14th called *Understanding Medical and Educational Issues Faced by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Their Families* was an informative event, that will hopefully be repeated and expanded. Please read his synopsis:

Initial responses indicate that the seminar has been accepted as a success by those attending. We had 40 Lions at the Seminar, representing 21 Lions Clubs from District 20-O. DG Glynn Meggison acted as seminar moderator, introducing the four-featured speakers from the AG Bell and the League for the Hard of Hearing, and five 17 to 33 year-old AG Bell clients, hard of hearing themselves.

We were fortunate that Sign Language Resources provided us with two oral interpreters for the hard of hearing in attendance and a local teacher in the field of hearing as an interested member of the audience also visited us. Additionally, Past District Hearing Chair Vince Sadowski and his wife from District 20-Y2 were in attendance.

The speakers covered such varied topics as The Prevalence of Hearing Loss, What is it Like to Be Deaf/Hard of Hearing? Technology That Helps, Educational Options, Legislative Support Systems, and What is AG Bell? Following a networking break, the five Hard of Hearing people formed a panel and described, "What it's like for me", a very interesting, informative, and sometimes emotional first-hand accounting of daily living for the hearing impaired in a hearing world. (We who are "hearing" have much to be thankful for; we have little idea of the issues faced regularly by those who cannot hear!)

The session was designed to end with an action planning forum however, in the interest of time, the planning questionnaires and seminar evaluation forms were distributed to Lions as they were leaving, to be returned with their

suggestions and comments for future Lions hearing activity. If any of those in attendance did not pick up the forms they may contact me and I will see that they get some.

A final note of appreciation to Lions who were especially helpful in producing the seminar: Lion Bill Miller has been the driving force since the beginning; without his advice and guidance, it may not have happened. Hearing Chair Frank Bartolotti was another valuable source of information. VDG Bill Fitzgerald, again, was more than generous in locating a site for the seminar and "setting the table" for us. DG Glynn had no hesitation when approached with the seminar suggestion – "go ahead!" And---I would be remiss in not noting that Lion Diane Budd copied, typed, printed, phoned, etc. Thank you all, and a special thanks to those in attendance, the real reason we were there. Questionnaire response will indicate the direction we take as follow up.

SC Ed Budd



A HIGH FIVE FOR LIONS CLUBS

INTERNATIONAL

By PID AL Levine
In its 86 years of development, Lions

Clubs International has established and maintained a number of distinctive activities that give Lions a special identity shared by no other service organization.

The International Parade held at the site of the Annual Convention is a colorful, 4-hour showcase of our pride. Pin trading is an instantaneous approach to friendship and international understanding. From a few special pins to collections of thousands, many Lions proudly participate in this colorful pursuit.

The use of uniforms or special dress codes identify Lions and their leaders at meetings and district events. At social events, the white

dinner jacket (here-to-fore seen on cruise ships and High School Proms) is proudly worn by Lions on their way to, during, and after serving as District Governor.

The activities of Lions, both service and social are often family oriented. Lioness and Leos, while independent satellites, often share in the projects and events of Lions Clubs.

The two major service outlets of sight and hearing conservation account for a good portion of what Lions do. This humanitarian aspect of our organization has served at its trademark throughout the world.



UNICEF AND LCI

By PID Al Brandel

In 1995, then President Pino Grimaldi re-established our relationship with

UNICEF. PDG Joe Farber was appointed to represent us as UNICEF at that time. In 1996, I was appointed to represent our Association as the LCI Representative to UNICEF, NY and have been privileged to hold this position since then.

UNICEF has no political agendas or affiliation. Their mission is pure, to help the children at risk throughout the world. UNICEF provides medical assistance, nourishment, education, improve living conditions of children among many other programs to assist children at risk. UNICEF attempts to keep young children from being drafted into armed conflicts as soldiers. 12-year old combatants? Unbelievable and unacceptable. These are a few of the programs UNICEF is involved with worldwide. There are many ways UNICEF and we can be involved with such noble calling working together.

How can your club get involved? Lions throughout the world have been working with UNICEF through their National Committees to UNICEF as we do here in the US

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with the US Committee for UNICEF. We are fortunate to have a close working relationship with representatives from the US Committee. They are available to come to your district to make a presentation about the mission of UNICEF and their programs and how you can participate. I urge you to contact the US Committee through Meg Gradenier at mgardinier@unicefusa.org for additional information.

In future columns, I will be discussing the Lions Club support for EDUKIT (School in a Box), Lions Day with the UN and the USA/UNA where I serve as the 1st VP to the Executive Committee for Non-Governmental Council. In Sept., a Youth Symposium took place in Oak Brook to discuss how the Lions can best be involved with serving the children of the world. We are an International Association and what better way can we serve but to protect, provide and serve the children in need. Are we our brother's keepers? If you are a Lion, I know your answer.



TRAVELS TO NICARAGUA

By PID Dr. Edward Cordes

Twelve Lions from MD-20 recently traveled to a remote area of Nicaragua to

provide vision care to people who are among the poorest of the world. I, along with my wife, Lion Gail Cordes, let the team made up of Lions throughout the multiple. The MD-20 team joined 24 other volunteers from Massachusetts and the New England College of Optometry as well as other locations throughout the US.

After a long trip by plane, ferry, pick up truck, we finally arrived at our destination and had one day to set up the clinic and 4 days of actual patient care. During that time, the team examined 2,500 patients, dispensed about 2,000 eyeglasses from the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and treated many patients

with various eye diseases. For most of the patients, it was their only time seeing an eye doctor.

All of the team members have their special story of a patient whose successful treatment made both the patient and caregiver cry with joy. Suffice it to say, that many people were able to see clearly for the first time in years, or even their entire life. Many young people were able to return to school because they could now see to read. Many workers could return to work as a mechanic, carpenter, tailor or farmer because they could see again. In an area where most people only make the equivalent of \$30/month this changes their life forever.

I am proud of the entire group of Lions of the team. The conditions were poor at best. However, not one person complained. Each and every member did their best to make the mission a success. It was Lionism at its best – people who are lucky enough to have some of the better things in life helping fellow human beings from a totally different culture who have so little of the things life has to offer.

THE LCIF CENTRAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR WTC RELIEF

By PID Bob Klein
The LCIF 911
Central Steering



Committee has been working in cooperation with the MD 20 911 Steering Committee on a number of projects which is headed by PCC John Wargo, which spearheaded the Financial Assistance Program now used by each of the 7 Multiples affected by the terrorist attacks. The Central Committee has made available \$500,000 to implement this activity. The MD 20 Committee set up to verify claims being made, have utilized nearly \$150,000 to assist victim's families. These payments are for one time only bills which families have and cannot meet. The checks are made

payable to vendors so that there is a legitimate payee. It is a very worthwhile activity.

The Central Committee sponsored 2 camping experiences for families and children of victims. Camp Sunshine, located in Maine, held a week long session especially for families. In addition to the regular camp experience, bereavement counseling was provided. The camp is operated through volunteers and a dozen Lions from MD 20 participated. LCIF funded this program with a \$70,000 grant. Another is being planned for October 12-19; volunteers will again be needed; if you are interested contact SC Ed Budd. The 2nd camp was held at a CYO facility in Putnam Valley. 104 youngsters, all children of the 911 victims spread out in groups of 25+ over a four week period and had a remarkable trauma releasing experience. \$66,000 was granted to conduct the camp.

The Central Committee will meet shortly to continue to develop direct hands on services for those affected by 911. One is the implementation of a 911 Grant Program designed to give districts and clubs the opportunity to request funds to help local victims by creating special helping activities. There is much on the table at present, but rest assured, that the donations made by Lions throughout the world are being used carefully and well.



of the International Convention in Osaka, Japan. A convention which boasted the largest number of registrants in the history of Lions Clubs International. The weather was warm and humid, and the citizens of Osaka were very hospitable. DG Glynn Meggison

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and his partner, Lion Helene represented District O and MD 20 in a manner that we can all be proud of. It was a long week full of great memories and special moments. In all there were approximately 150 Lions from throughout MD 20 in attendance. To those Lions from District O that were present, **“THANK YOU”** for being there.

Less than 2 weeks after our return home, while at the 1st Council of Governors Meeting, we received the sad news that PID Robert J. “Bob” Uplinger had passed away. PP Bob was MD-20's leader. He **was** Lionism in NYS and Bermuda. During his Presidential inaugural speech, in 1971 in Las Vegas, IP Uplinger stated that **“Lionism is Commitment”**. That was his belief, and that was how he lived his life. PP Bob was in Osaka, despite his frail condition, he was committed to attending “one more International Convention.” We, the Lions of MD-20, can honor his memory by remembering his words, **“Lionism is Commitment”**, and living as he did, committed to our Association.

The year ahead is going to be very exciting! President Fukushima has made a “commitment” to membership growth, extension, retention and leadership. President Kay's program is innovative and will require much work, but the end results will be worth the effort. Our Association “must” experience a “positive growth” if it is to survive the challenges being placed before us for additional opportunities for service. Please consider making the “commitment” to be part of this year's success story.

In closing, I want to acknowledge PCC John and Lion Melanie Wargo for all that they have given to our Association over the preceding two years. First, as DG, and then as CC for MD-20 during the most horrific act of terrorism in the history of our Great Nation. I **“THANK YOU”** Lion John for your steady leadership and courage during a very difficult year. I **“THANK YOU”** Melanie for loving John enough to allow him to lead us. May God Bless both of you for all you have done.



THE LIONESS' COLUMN

By the Lioness'

Clubs of District 20-O

Greetings from the Ellenville Lioness...

The **Ellenville Lioness** would like to congratulate the **Catskill Lioness** on their 20th Anniversary. Keep up the good work Ladies!

The **Ellenville Lioness** have been very busy having parties. In July, we installed our new members at the Shanghi Red Restaurant. In August, we held our annual picnic at the Lippmans Park in Wawarsing.

Since July, we installed two new members, Patricia Weidman and Eileen Rivenburg; the club is very excited to have them both.

Pat Weidman is chairperson for our Penny Social held in November. She will be assisting Audrey Garcia who is chairperson of the raffle. This is our main fundraiser for the year.

Our October meeting was held October 2nd at the Napanoch Senior Hall for a "bring a friend night". The meeting was to encourage new membership.

The club has been busy collecting the usual eye glasses and hearing aids as well as soda tabs, fronts of greeting cards and Campbell soup labels. We are looking into a new project called My Brothers Keeper. This is making sleeping bags for the homeless out of old material, sweaters, blankets, etc. and distributing them to the homeless in our State.

The **Ellenville Lioness** meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Napanoch Senior Hall 7 pm. We encourage other clubs to come join us and share their experiences.

Lioness Darlene Egler

COMINGS & GOINGS LIONS AROUND THE DISTRICT



By the Secretaries-District 20-O

The following information has been gathered from those secretaries who sent in Monthly Activity Reports.

Catskill Lioness celebrate 20 years at a banquet at the Inn at Leeds on Oct. 18th. They participated with the Catskill Lions on a blood screening; the club helps by paying for eye exams, glasses and hearing aids for those less fortunate. The Catskill Lioness will soon be making out their list of Christmas donations.

City of Newburgh Lions held a very successful Fair/Carnival and the members came out of their Dens and worked – raw figures indicate they did better than last year which will help fund their student eye examinations and/or glasses program.



Cornwall Lions made donations of \$500 to the Dreams Foundation, \$500 to the International Foundation for Optic Nerve Disorders, \$250 for the Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, \$100 for the Eye Bank and \$100 for the Greenwood Lake Lions. Members are reminded their next flag raising event will be on Columbus Day; the club is busy selling Entertainment Books and is working on getting members to attend meetings.

Kingston Lions are getting ready for the Business to Business Showcase at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson to promote their 56th Annual Expo at the Hudson Valley Mall in March 21, 22, and 23, 2003. 18 Lions/Spouses paid tribute to Lion Mary McMickle, as she retired from being the Ulster Co. STOP DWI Coordinator in September.

Marlboro-Milton Lions are organizing a trip to Las Vegas for the 1st week of Nov.

The board is seeking members input for a new way to support their scholarship fund with a progressive dinner at the CIA followed by an evening on the river with a little gambling; the club will hold their Christmas Party on Dec. 15th at the Ship Lantern Inn.



Middletown Lions collected 225 pairs of glasses in Sept. which brings their summer total to 1,018 pairs of glasses, 8 hearing aids and 70 batteries. The club's monthly bingo at the Psychiatric Center on the 2nd Monday of each month has resumed.

Onteora Lions concluded another successful and profitable golf tournament which attracted 70 players and netted almost \$1,500. Utilizing similar funding last year, the club was able to provide eye exams and glasses for five needy residents and \$100 scholarships for two local HS graduates.



Otisville Lions awarded 3 scholarships in June in the amount of \$1,650. The club completed their Lions Project of the Otisville Country Fair which was a great success and their main fundraiser.

Stanford Lions collected 15 pairs of glasses in Sept. The members marched in the Community Day Parade as well as chairing a food booth at it. Members attended the Stanford soccer game sponsored by the Lions; and participated in the Golden Gathering sponsored by Sen. Saland, AARP and the DC Office of the Aging. The club made a donation to the Guiding Eyes for chances and took an ad in the District 20-O Fall Convention Journal. Members are busy selling Wood/Fuel Raffles and the



Birthday/Anniversary Calendar
Sales continue.

Town of Ulster Lions collected 320 pairs of glasses for September and continued with their Road Cleanup Detail. The members will hold their White Cane Day in October. Members are presently engaged in collecting items for a yard sale to benefit a member of the clergy, age 28, with terminal cancer. He is a resident of the Town of Ulster and his parish is also located there. He has 2 small children and the medical bills are overwhelming. The club is working with other churches and organizations in the effort. The club is also very involved in assisting the "Special Olympics" Committee of Ulster County as one of the "Gold Medal" sponsors.



Woodbury Lions participated in an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup with member Herm Galberd coordinating it with the D.O.T. to clean up Rt. 32 in the Town of Woodbury. The club donated \$800 for treatment of an autistic child. The Woodbury Lions joined with The Dick Wilson Scholarship Fund to hold the 20th Annual Woodbury Country Ramble on October 6th (a 5K race/walk). The club's Annual Fall Flower Bulb Sale is underway with members selling a variety of bulbs. Tulips, daffodils, amaryllis as well as mixed



assorted bulbs from Holland and England are available. The bulbs have been donated for several years by Walter Ruigrok and Lions have

benefited from the sales as they help to beautify the town with gardens blooming in the spring.



"NEW LEASH ON LIFE" WALKATHON

PLANNED

The Lions VanTassel Society, in conjunction with the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, will be holding their 28th Annual "New Leash On Life" Walkathon at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown Heights, NY on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002 from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm. Registration begins at 9:30 am. There will be music, food and refreshments, prizes, souvenirs, and people of all ages. It is hoped that 1,000 walkers will be in attendance this year. Guiding Eyes Graduates, puppy raisers, friends and supporters from all the country will be there, including both the 2 legged and the 4 legged variety.

For further information, contact Jane Landmesser at (914) 243-2203 for a brochure and any questions. This is a good cause and it will be a lot of fun, not to mention wonderful exercise. You can help raise money for an outstanding organization, Guiding Eyes for the Blind; you can feel very good and also have fun. Please check it out!

LCIF AND LIONS QUEST

*By PIP J. Frank Moore,
LCIF Chairman*

As you may know, on June 30, 2002, the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the International Youth Foundation entered into a purchase agreement whereby LCIF is acquiring the rights to the Lions-Quest programs, (www.Lions-Quest.org) specifically Skills for Growing and Skills for Action.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ownership of these programs became effective September 30, 2002. LCIF will own the intellectual property rights, including each of the Lions-Quest Programs and program material. The transition period through Sept. 30 will allow LCIF to develop a comprehensive plan of action and
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to establish a seamless operational transition along with IYF. Clearly many issues will still be pending; however, both parties have pledged to make this transition in the best interests of young people worldwide.

The administration of Lions-Quest will be managed as a department of LCIF by Mark Bularzik in Oak Brook. Mike Buscemi, Greg Long, and Sue Keister at the Service Learning Life Skills Network have been retained to assist LCIF with programmatic activity. Training will continue with Joyce Phelps of IYF for the time being. Although we are still finalizing transition and long-term plans, we are committed to making this transition as simple as possible. Questions or issues should be directed to Mark Bularzik at LCIF headquarters at (630) 571-5466 ext. 355 or mbularzi@lionsclubs.org.



LIONS DISTRICT 20-O FALL CONVENTION SEMINARS Nov. 3, 2002 Holiday Inn

542 Route 9 Fishkill, NY

Following are the twelve seminars scheduled for presentation at the Fall Convention.

Seminar Series #1 (10:20-11:15 am)

- 1) Fund Raising/Club Projects: Presented by chairs of successful club events (3-4 Lions Clubs participating)
- 2) Secretary: Current and Next Year, Club Secretaries: TBA
- 3) Above & Beyond-Zone, Region Chair Preparation, Information, Guidance: PDG Ed Blodgett
- 4) Leo Clubs: VDG Bill Fitzgerald and Lion Debbie Marr

Seminar Series #2 (1:15-2:00 pm)

- 1) "The Three R's": Refocusing, Redefining, Reinvigorating Your Club: Chatham Lions Club
- 2) President: Current and Next Year, Club Presidents: LaGrange Lions Pres. Bob Kaminski



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- 3) Finding & Encouraging Leaders (Leadership): PDG Ted Blair
- 4) Hearing Conservation: Club Hearing Chairs & Committee: Arr. By HC Frank Bartolotti

Seminar Series #3 (2:15-3:00 pm)

- 1) Basics of a Successful Club Meeting (Protocol with Fun & Fellowship): PCC John Wargo
- 2) Publicity/Public Relations: Club PR Chairs & Committees: PR Professional TBA
- 3) Finding Members-Keeping Members (Membership/Retention): PDG Wilfred Roehe & PDG Ted Zager
- 4) Sight Conservation: Club Sight Chairs & Committee: Arr. By



SC Ed Budd
**HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!**

By Lion Paul Zaccone,

Goshen Lions Club

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Cheryl McNeil. Cheryl is a Youth Pastor for the hamlet of Wallkill Reformed Church. She is blind and has a guide dog from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Cheryl would like to visit your Club as a Guest Speaker and talk about Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She can be reached at 895-3020.

I attended the Hearing Seminar at BOCES in Goshen on 9-14. This Seminar was sponsored by 20-O,

AG Bell Association, and the League for the Hard of Hearing. The Seminar was very well attended and I think that everyone present came away with a new understanding of what deaf and hard of hearing people experience in their daily lives and how the parents of these young people take an active role in that experience. Also, I had the pleasure of meeting Lion Bill Miller, whose insistence brought this project to fruition. All in all, a very informative meeting.

TID-BITS FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR



By Lion Dina Zager, Editor

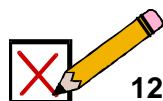
I hope that this Convention Issue of The Lions Pride – We Educate The World will be informative for all Lions, Lioness and Leos in District 20-O. For many of you, this may be the first time you are actually seeing a copy of the newsletter. Please know, the Lion and Lioness Presidents and Secretaries, and Leo Advisors receive this newsletter each month either as a hard copy (through the mail) or by email. Members who have provided us with their email address are also included. So, as a member, please encourage your Lion and Lioness President and Secretary to share the newsletter with you.

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Lions District 20-O
Fall Convention Delegate Form
November 3, 2002
Holiday Inn, 542 Route 9, Fishkill, NY



Please list your voting delegates by name on this form.
Return to Eleanor Callas, Cabinet Secretary, 6 Heaton Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY
12590 no later than OCTOBER 25, 2002.

Members will be asked to vote on the site for the Fall 2003 Convention (sites will be listed in the District's October newsletter).

Name of Club: _____

Name of President: _____

Number of Club Members: _____

Names of Voting Delegates: (please print)

1. _____

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Alternates: (please print)

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**Lions District 20-O
Fall Convention Reservation Form**



WHO: All Lions, Lioness' and Leos
WHAT: Seminars – Luncheon – Fellowship – Fun – Sharing Ideas
WHERE: Holiday Inn Conference Center
 542 Route 9
 Fishkill, NY 12524 (845) 896-5410
WHEN: Sunday, November 3, 2002-09-11

Registration Opens 8:00 am
Plenary Session 9:15 am
Seminars ALL DAY
Ending By 4:30 pm

COST: Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Luncheon \$27.50 each

SAVE: Early Bird Discount (by OCTOBER 21*) \$25.00 each

Please list the following members who will be attending this year's Fall Convention:

Club Name: _____
 President: _____
 Secretary: _____

Voting Delegate

Registrant's Name: _____	Phone #: _____	‘Yes ‘No
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Make Check Payable to: District 20-O
Mail to: Eleanor Callas, Cabinet Secretary
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Return By: OCTOBER 21, 2002 (to take advantage of Early Bird Discount)