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A MESSAGE FROM



DG GLYNN MEGGISON

When you read this, Helene and I will have been to Osaka, Japan and back again. Governor's school will be ended and I will be expected to know everything about the business of being Governor. Please bear with me as I am not that good and I suffer from "Old Timers Disease", can't remember anything for more than 5 minutes. My philosophy of governorship is embodied in the Lions Toast: "Not above you, not beneath you, but with you". PID Al Brandel quotes Helen Keller often with the phrase "Alone we can do so little and together we can do so much".

I believe in teamwork and I ask for your help. No governor

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can do it alone and I am no exception. Your help is vital for any success that the district might have.

Our first **Cabinet Meeting** will be held on **August 4, 2002** at the **Rochdale Fire Dept. on Rt. 44 in Poughkeepsie at 2:00 pm**. Please be prompt. Going towards the Taconic, it is on the left. Please park to the left of the building. Thanks Lion PDG Wilfred Roehle. A more faithful and hard-working Lion does not exist. Please be there and all Region and Zone Chairs, please be prepared to discuss your plans for the year.

On **Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002**, the Lions of District 20-O will be meeting with **AG Bell Society at BOCES in Goshen. All Sight and Hearing Groups** should plan to attend as well as any other Lions or interested parties. People with Cochlear Implants, Signers, people with moderate hearing loss will all be there. You will have a chance to hear and speak with them. Lion Bill Miller, who has a cochlear implant helped to set this up along with New Sight Chair Ed Budd. New Hearing Chair Frank Bartolotti has also helped and this will be the kickoff of his path to become your Governor. This is an important meeting and I urge you to be there. If all goes well this program may, prayerfully spread across the state. My thanks to SC Ed

Budd and Lion Bill Miller for their help in setting this up. You are looking at a new newsletter as you read this. Some special features include the section on the S & H groups written by Jenny Carhart of the Newburgh Club, a section on the Leos, written by Leos Lauren Fitzgerald and Connimarie Zager, along with many other special features dreamed up by Editor, Lion Dina Zager from Kingston and her helper PDG Lion Ted Zager. These people will make a special effort to make this an excellent newsletter and one which is interesting for you to read. All Presidents and Secretaries: Please share this monthly event with your club members. All of this effort is useless if no one gets to see it. My thanks to all who are helping in this effort. If you have news about your club, please see that Lion Dina gets it (more on this on Page 6 of this newsletter). It cannot be publicized if it is not known about.

You can get your newsletter by e-mail if you wish. Please let PDG John Wargo know. His e-mail address is jwargo@attglobal.net. PDG Lion John is our electronics expert this year. He can help. Thanks, Lion John.

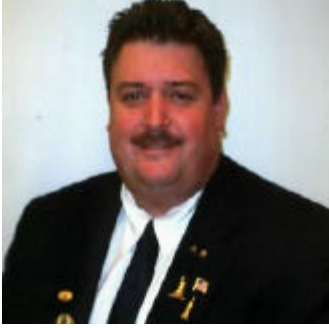
If you need help with publicity, please call on Lion Paul Zaccone paulzaccone@yahoo.com who is our New Publicity Chair.

Please get the word out.
LIONS SERVE! WE SERVE!
And I will serve by stopping for
now. Many thanks to all who
are helping. Their spirit is
wonderful and let's all catch it.

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

VDG Bill Fitzgerald



The LEOS Paw

*By Lauren Fitzgerald and
Connimarie Zager*

Thursday, June 27th was a very
special day for both of us...it was
the day we were inducted as
Leos of the Town of Walkill Leo
Club by IPDG John Wargo during
the Installation Dinner at Jerry's
Restaurant in Middletown. Along
with us, The Town of Walkill
inducted three other Leos: **Erik**

**Flora, Shannon Gough, and
Meghan Meyer.** Being a Leo
has a very special meaning to us;
we both have been involved with
Lion activities as both of our
parents are active Lions (VDG
Bill and Lion Maryann Fitzgerald
and PDG Ted and Lion Dina
Zager). This column will focus on
the activities of the Leos around
District 20-O. We will be
contacting the Leo Presidents for
information on their Leo activities
and fundraiser so that others can
learn and share. We are the
future of Lionism and we will be
the leaders of tomorrow!

To Reach Us:

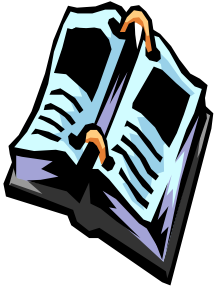
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Newsletter Sponsorship

If your club is celebrating a major
event or anniversary, your club
can be the sponsor of one of the
monthly newsletters. The cost is
\$250 and will allow you to include
a full page ad on your club
whether it be to advertise an
event or focus on your club's
history as they enter a new
milestone by celebrating i.e., 70
years of existence. The
possibilities are endless. If you
are interested in being a sponsor,
contact either DG Glynn
Meggison or Lion Dina Zager.
Please use the coupon located
on Page 5 of this newsletter and
fax to Lion Zager to reserve your
month of sponsorship at (845)
339-3040. Payment is due the
month of the sponsorship,
payable to District 20-O Lions.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Beginning in August, we will list the DG's Club Visitations)

July 26-27, 2002
1st Council Meeting
Ithaca, NY

July 28, 2002
ESSHC, Camp Badger
Ithaca, NY

August 4, 2002
1st Cabinet Meeting
Rochdale Fire Dept., Rt. 44,
Poughkeepsie, NY

September 14, 2002
AG Bell Society
BOCES, Goshen, NY

September 19-21, 2002
USA/Canada Forum
Fort Worth, TX

October 25-27, 2002
2nd Council Meeting
Binghamton, NY

November 3, 2002
District 20-O Convention
Holiday Inn, Rt. 9, Fishkill, NY

November 15, 2002
2nd Cabinet Meeting
Location TBD

WE WELCOME.....NEW LIONS TO OUR CLUBS

This section will list those lions who have been inducted into the Lions Clubs of District 20-O. The information will be gathered from the Monthly Membership Reports. Club Secretaries, please send copies of your membership report to Lion Dina Zager, Newsletter Editor, PO Box 430, Port Ewen, NY 12466 or by fax (845) 339-3040 or by email:

zagerd@aol.com.

New Members Inducted Recently Into Amenia Lions
Rocky Ducillo, Mark Lounsbury,
Lori Hale, Gino Robusteli,
Fran Hults, Bill Burke, and Andrea Lyle
....and into **Ellenville Lioness Patricia Weidman**

AND, WE SAY GOODBYE TO THOSE NO LONGER WITH US.....

Our prayers and condolences are with those clubs who have recently lost members. We remember the following Lions who served our communities who are no longer here on this earth to do so:

PDG Bud Nichols (*New Paltz Lions*)

PDG Joann Sarna (*Wappingers Falls Lions*)



SIGHT & HEARING: WHAT WE DO BEST

*By Lion Jenny Carhart,
Newburgh Lions Club*

The Sight and Hearing Projects going on within the District continue to thrive! **Columbia-Greene**, together with **Ulster** continues to work on their "**Lend An Ear**" project. This exciting program couples local audiologists with community members and actually lends equipment on a trial basis to test efficacy before an individual must commit to a purchase. Telephone lights, alarms, and doorbells are just a few of the many items that have improved the quality of life for many people since this project was started last year. Hats

off to **Dutchess**, who has been very active with their program "**Hearing for Newborns**". Their goal is to involve local pediatricians with audiological testing on newborns. Presently, they are at 16% of the federal guidelines and their goal is to reach 90%. This program has been so successful that they are launching a new program called "**Noise in the Workplace**" which will raise awareness and implement programs to reduce hearing loss on the job. Both sight and hearing will be presented at booths in the upcoming Dutchess County Fair in late August. So far, local clubs have raised over \$200 and collected nearly 150 pairs of eyeglasses for this effort.

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION???

The District Directory is expected to be distributed at DG Glynn's 1st Cabinet Meeting. It is a big undertaking and special thanks go to Lion Melanie Wargo for once again spearheading this project. We ask all those that receive the Directory to be our "Proofreaders" for the District Directory Proofreaders Contest. Everyone who receives this Directory can be a contestant. Send your list of errors to Lion Dina Zager, fax-845-339-3040. The contest will end October 31st and the winner who finds the most errors will be presented with a special award at DG Glynn's testimonial.

COMINGS & GOINGS LIONS AROUND THE DISTRICT

By the Secretaries - District 20-O
The following information was provided by secretaries who sent in Monthly Activity Reports to our District Governor and District Secretary. For your club to be listed in the future, please include a copy of your Activity Report to the District Newsletter (see pg 5).

The **Amenia Lions** were busy over this past year, with donations to American Heart Assoc., Toys for Tots, the Amenia Library, local youth sports, Special Olympics, Festival of Lights and Adopt-a-Family. They awarded \$3,600 in scholarships to students in the Webutuck School District and supported Guiding Eyes for the Blind with a \$1,000 gift.

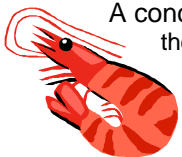
The **Amenia Leos** were busy by putting on a Spaghetti Supper for the community. They gave recognition to the National Guard by presenting them with a cake.



The **LaGrange Lions** will hold their 12th Annual Steak & Lobster Bake on Sunday, August 11 at 5:30 pm. According to Secretary Melanie Wargo, Clams and Shrimp will be served from 2 pm (\$3 per dozen). It is \$20 per person for Lobster or Steak and \$10.00 for a 2nd Lobster or Steak.

A concert will follow at 7 pm by the Big Band Sound and it all takes place at Freedom Park on Skidmore Road. For more info, contact PDG John

Wargo 473-2807.



The **Roeliff Jansen Lions** recent dinner had guests **Raymond Heydet** with his guide dog, **Schooner** by his side as well as guest **Fred Sawyer**. This year's *Journey for Sight* proceeds were used to purchase glasses for Mr. Sawyer. The club annually contributes to the Yorktown Heights Guide Dog Foundation; Schooner was trained at the center.



Town of Wallkill-Mid Orange will be holding a *White Cane Day* on Saturday, August 3 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Town of Wallkill. *Lion of the Year* was presented to **Lion Edna Machnicki** who is what a true meaning of a VOLUNTEER is, according to IPP Maryann Fitzgerald. "She is a wonderful person, helper, a GREAT Lion and most of all her husband Lion Ed is a heck of a person too! She always volunteers and she and Ed are a heck of a team when it comes to cleaning up Stony Ford Road...."Let's give a great ROAR!

The **Kingston Lions** honored several members with awards during the *Annual Installation Dinner*. **Youth Outreach Chairman Kevin Gilfeather** was presented the *Robert E. Teetsel Lions Service Award*; **Carolyn Short** was presented with a *Melvin Jones Fellowship*; **PDG**

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Ted Zager received a *Progressive Melvin Jones* (as well as a *Robert Uplinger Award* from his wife, Secretary Dina Zager) and **Casino Night Chair John Burlingham** was the recipient of a *Robert Uplinger* as well. **Hildy Meissner** was installed at the club's 62nd President.

THE LIONESSES' COLUMN

*By the
Lioness'
Clubs of
District 20-O*

This column will be dedicated each month to the activities within our Lioness Clubs in District 20-O. The column will be on a rotating basis, each month featuring news from a different Lioness Club.



Greetings from the Ellenville Lioness... May began with the Annual Tag Day followed by Ellenville's Run Like the Wind. The Lioness provide fruits, water and juices to the runners. Checks were distributed to the various charities the club supports, soccer, little league, food pantries, International duties, Seeing Eyes, First Aid and the hospital. On July 19th the club installed their new officers and installed a new member.

Darlene Egglar is this year's President. On the 4th of July, the club displayed a float at the Ellenville parade with a school bell from 1928. The bell is on display at Kelder's Farm in Kerhonkson. In August, there are plans for a picnic for members and their families at the Lippman Park.

CLUB MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

To Be Sent Each Month Along with the Membership Report to: District Governor Glynn Meggison, Zone and Region Chairs, District Newsletter Editor Dina Zager, District Secretary Eleanor Callas

Name of Club: _____ President: _____

Month of Report: _____ Secretary: _____

Glasses Collected	Hearing Aides Collected	Eye Exams Given	Hearing Aids Given Out	Scholarships Awarded

Club Attendance at Sight & Hearing Meetings: _____

Community Activities:

Fundraising Activities:

Did you meet this month? Yes _____ No _____

Other Activities: use the back of this sheet (please make copies of this form for every month)

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

Yes, we are interested in being a sponsor of the District Newsletter. Please reserve the following month for our sponsorship: (please check box)

August	“	February	“
September	“	March	“
October	not available	April	“
November	“	May	“
December	“	June	“
January	“		

HOW TO SEND IN ITEMS FOR THIS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

By Lion Dina Zager, Newsletter
Editor



Club secretaries are required to fill out a Monthly Membership Report which is filed with International, the District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary, and the Region and/or Zone Chair for their area. Please include me as the Newsletter Editor in this mailing. Each Club Secretary is also being asked to fill out the Monthly Membership Report (on page 5) which should be sent to the DG, the Cabinet Secretary, the Region and/or Zone Chair

and to me. It is from this Activity Report that your club activities will be listed in this District Newsletter as well as in the MD-20 Lions Magazine sent out by NYS. If you don't provide me with any information, I won't be able to as well as to me. It does not need to be filed with International. The info must be sent to me each month by the 10th of the month. If you decide to e-mail the info to me, zagerd@aol.com, please include in your subject title: Information for District Newsletter. This will eliminate my deleting your mail because I don't know everyone's e-mail addresses. You may also fax the info to me (845-339-3040) or mail it by US Mail (PO Box 430, Port Ewen, NY 12466). This is YOUR NEWSLETTER...so please take advantage of getting the word out!



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