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Eyes On The Future-Accent On Youth

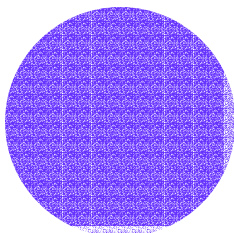
District 20-O Monthly Newsletter Bill Fitzgerald, District Governor 2003-2004



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As we approach the year 2004, we must continue to focus on membership, retention and leadership. We must, in a positive way, work together to form a bond between new members, clubs and the community. In addition we must look for future Lions within our Leo Clubs.

This year, International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee's theme is "Innovation: Gateway to Our Future". He is asking that all Lions, Lioness and Leos forge a new path, leaving a trail for future generations of Lions to follow. Innovation means not only seeking new ways of doing old things, but also searching for relevant new things to do. It means abandoning the status quo and embracing change. When obstacles to success appear, remember that only those who dare to fail miserably can realize great achievements. Indeed, opportunities are never lost, someone always pursues them - let's let it be Lions! A person who wants to do something will find a way, and a person who doesn't will find an excuse. Which are you going to be?

I will try to energize every member so that they will want to remain an integral part of the team effort that will rebuild our Clubs and District. I will seek out new leaders and offer them opportunities to develop skills so that they will be qualified to lead us to the *Gateway of Our Future*.

My wife Lion Maryann, daughter Leo Lauren and I, just returned home from the 86th International Convention in Denver,

Colorado, and we must state that we had a great time! While in Denver I attended the DG training school for 5 days of intense training that preceded the Convention. The training and the convention itself were both experiences that we will never forget. This offered me an opportunity to meet and work with Lions from all over the world and we all had the same thing in common, "We Serve".

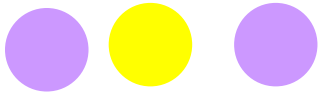
As I have stated previously, Leos are our future Lions. We must educate, improve leadership skills, and encourage involvement and participation in the community. To do this, we must be willing to sponsor and advise a Leo Club, our future "Eyes and Ears".

Lions Club International Dues Increase

The resolutions for increasing the per capita tax portion of LCI dues were adopted at the International Convention on July 4th, 2003 by an affirmative 79.3% of the voters. The increase of \$15.00 will be spread over a three year period starting with the July 1, 2003 billing period. Please see the attached schedule and Presidents, please pass this information out to your secretaries, the treasurers, and the club members.

The total increases by year are: 2003 - 2004 \$4.25 ... 2004 - 2005 \$4.95 ... 2005-2006 \$5.80 with a total of \$15.00

As I have always stated and believe in: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE - Eyes on the Future...Accent on Youth



VDG Ed Budd



*"Together
Everyone
Achieves
More."*

DG Bill Fitzgerald

From The VDG, Ed Budd

In this, my initial column as VDG, I first offer a note of gratitude for your confidence in selecting me for the position. My duty is to efficiently provide the effort due the office for the Lions, Lioness', and Leos of District 20-0.

In our District, two major responsibilities of the VDG are as Chair of the annual Fall Convention, and as overall Chair of the MERL team. I will also be an occasional message-bearer of events concerning Lions and Lionism.

Our 20-0 District Convention will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at the Fishkill Holiday Inn, the same location as last year (intersection of Rts. 84 & 9). More than 150 club members attended the '02' event and we will be looking to top that number this year by again offering several creative seminars, an address by ID Scott Neely (as noted elsewhere in this issue), a continental breakfast and complete buffet lunch, good fellowship and camaraderie, and a few surprises. More will follow as the convention committee irons out details. Please save the 11/2 date on your calendars.

Under MERL: I will be contacting Region & Zone Chairs to ask when your respective meetings are scheduled. If possible, I would like to attend and speak briefly on MERL in your areas. Initially, we are looking for some hands-on support

from Lions in each Region/Zone as we try to resolve these issues locally. Future columns will address each of the four sectors (MERL) with our plans for implementation in each area.

Information shared at the recent Denver International Convention brings to light several impressive facts and figures about Lionism: info on club and membership growth (a plus figure this year!); increased Leadership and Emerging Lion Institutes and grants to fund same; service activities, e.g., a new diabetes guide, a "distance learning" program for the blind, new Young Leaders in Service Awards; cooperation with the Boy and Girl Scouts and with HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership), and an affordable hearing aid project; and the \$320 million in grant monies from LCIF worldwide since 1968, \$25.1 million since July/02 alone! Copies of the Int'l President's report containing this info and more can be obtained from LCI, or contact me and I'll see that you get some.

On a final note—the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held Sept. 18-20 of this year in Portland, Oregon. It is an excellent venue to absorb much knowledge and experience on Lionism – highly recommended by all previous participants. Please contact me for details and application forms. (So much to share – so little space!) Thanks again for your considerations.

The Leo's Paw – By Leo Lauren Fitzgerald and the Leo Club Reporters of District 20-0



Amenia Leos helped to make the Annual Horse Show a huge success for the **Amenia Lions** –the event turned a profit of \$1,700!

Leo Club at NYMA – 28 NYMA Cadets have joined this Leo Club and the paperwork is being taken care of by the **Cornwall Lions Club**.

Cornwall Leos inducted their new officers: **Rebecca Young**–President; **Colleen Dundas**–VP; **Stephanie Campion & Nicole Rumola**–Secty; **Brittany Nelson**–Treasurer; **Rebecca**

Young, Stephanie Campion & Cyndi Campion–Newsletter Editors; **Amelia Worley**–8th Grade Rep – **Congratulations to all!**

Hyde Park Leos – The Annual Senior Fishing Day was held on May 18th at the Pleasant Valley Trout and Game Club with 30 seniors in attendance. The Bass Masters gave their support and the Pleasant Valley Rotary donated food.

Calendar of Events

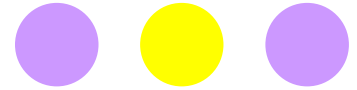


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| July 25-27 | 1 st Council Meeting - Ithaca, NY |
| July 27 | ESSHC, Camp Badger Lions Service Day Ithaca, NY |
| August 8 | 1 st Cabinet Meeting Rochdale Fire House Route 44 Poughkeepsie, NY 7:00 pm |
| Sept 18-20 | USA/Canada Forum Portland, Oregon |
| Oct 24-25 | 2 nd Council Meeting Fishkill, NY |
| November 2 | District 20-O Convention Holiday Inn, Fishkill, NY |

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| November 28 | 2 nd Cabinet Meeting Location TBD |
| Feb 20-21 | 3 rd Council Meeting Syracuse, NY |
| February 27 | 3 rd Cabinet Meeting Location TBD |
| March 12 | Lions Day at the UN New York, NY |
| April 23 | 4 th Cabinet Meeting Town of Wallkill Community Center |

As DG Bill sets up his visitations, the visitation schedule will be included in this column.

Reminder-All Cabinet Officers (Region & Zone Chairs and All Lions, Lioness and Leos - 1st Cabinet Meeting - August 8th 7 pm - Rochdale Fire House - Call Dina Zager, Cabinet Secty, 845-339-1738 to advise if you will attend.



Lions, Lioness and Leo Awards Congratulations To Well Deserving Volunteers

This column will feature awards that have been bestowed upon members throughout the year. Please include this information in your Monthly Activity Report

Amenia: Lion Rudy Eschbach - the Lions International Lion of the Year Award; Sarah Weinstein - the Lions Citizen of the Year Award; Lion Marco Sartori - the Master Key Award

Cornwall: Lion Tom Quinlan - 10 year chevron; Lion Tom Stein - 2 member pin from International.

Kingston: PDG Bill Stall - Life Membership; Lion Dr. Lewis Neporent - Lion of the Year Award; Lion Joseph Thurin - Melvin Jones Fellowship; Lion George S. Voegler and Lion Hans Meissner - Robert J. Uplinger Award; Lion Connimarie Zager - Youth Scholarship Award

Middletown: Lion Nort Madigan - Knight of the Blind; Lion John Haelen - Melvin Jones Fellowship

Stanford: Lion Wes Slight - Life Membership

We Welcome New Lions To Our Clubs.....

Amenia - Anne Dealy and Lou Piezzo

City of Newburgh - Melchiorre Frontera

Cornwall - George Toth

Goshen - Charles Quigg, Joe Marchesano, John Greenhill. Dr. Franco Rossi transferred from the Middletown Lions

Monroe - Alan Gonzalez. John Wells transferred from the Tri-Valley Lions

Northern Columbia - Rafaele Johnson, Laurie Mohlenhoff, Henry Mohlenhoff, Helga Brukhart, and Albert Burkhart

Stanford - Lion Mark Burdick became an affiliate member

Town of Deerpark - James Schumm, Marge Schumm, Bruce Dryden and Betty Hartman

Walkkill - Chris O'Connell, Bob Hall, and Bill Hecht

And, We Say Goodbye To Those No Longer With Us....

Cornwall - Tom "Sully" Sullivan



Sight & Hearing: What We Do Best

A sincere Thank You to **Lion Jen Carhart-French** for her work during 2002-2003 on this column. Unfortunately Jen has moved and is not yet set up with a Lions Club.

This column will feature any Sight and Hearing Information provided by Sight Chair **Frank Bartolotti** and Hearing Chair **Joyce Maier**. Any information from the various Sight and Hearing Groups will be gladly accepted. Information for inclusion in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 10th of each month - it is the goal to send the Newsletter out

between the 15th and 20th of each month. News items and photos will be accepted as follows:

By mail: Lion Dina Zager, PO Box 430, Port Ewen, NY 12466

By fax: 845-339-3040

By email: zagerd@aol.com

We look forward to hearing about your upcoming events!



"What a wonderful story about Little Annie in last month's Newsletter."
Lioness Carmen Gierisch

The Lioness Column - By The Lioness Clubs of District 20-O

This Month's Column By Lioness Carmen Gierisch, Secty., Catskill Lioness Club

The Catskill Lioness Club will hold their next regular meetings in September.

We will have a raffle of a pamper basket. It is filled with items for the bath: towels, soaps, lotions, all in a basket made by our own Vice President, Veronica Marquoit. Our first sale date was at the Athens Street Festival on July 12th. The club had a successful bunny sale - 25 cases - \$500 of which went to the Lions Foundation.

What a wonderful story about Little Annie in last month's newsletter. I am a retired registered Nurse and knew that Helen Keller had a companion but this is the first time I knew the whole story.

This photo is from a meeting on April 23rd that we hosted with the **Catskill Lions**. We thought it was so great and deserved a place in the newsletter.



PDG Ed Blodgett, PDG Franklin Smith, PDG Glynn Meggison and PDG Wilfred Roehe

The news article and photo appeared in the Catskill newspaper highlighting the activities of the Catskill Lioness - Great PR!

Comings & Goings Around The District

By The Secretaries of District 20-O As Provided in the Monthly Activity Reports

Amenia Lions - The Amenia Lions held their Annual Installation Dinner in June with **PDG Wilfred Roehe** inducting new members. The club is taking on the **Roeliff Jansen Lions Club** as a branch club; the club supported a local teen so that she could go to the Prom of her dreams; supported Books for Babies. New eyeglass collection boxes have been placed at the M&T Bank, Jack's Auto Service and Haircraft; the club's highway cleanup was completed on May 31st. The Webutuck Mock Trial are the Dutchess County Champions - the club supported their efforts by purchasing a plaque with all their names to be displayed at Webutuck High School for viewing by all.

City of Newburgh Lions - The club hosted two dinners in June-DG **Glynn's** homecoming and the installation dinner. The club is continuing with their lotto and are running 20% ahead of their projected earnings. 3 eye exams were given and new glasses for needy school children; 178 pairs of glasses were collected in June. The club made about \$100 for parking of cars at the Air Show...and are the recipients of a bequeath of \$10,000 as they are listed in the will of George Cornell, who lived in Central Valley before moving to Florida and spent most of his life as a philanthropist, a Quaker with a simple life style but a love of doing good.

Cornwall Lions - The club held their Annual 4th of July Lobster Sale; \$2,500 was approved for the McQuade Fdn's restoration effort of the historic Chadeayne Home on the traffic circle with the restoration chaired by **Lions Tom Stein and Randy Clark**. The club also approved a donation of \$2,500 to the Arts Alliance. The club will hold their Golf Tournament on July 28 at the Powelton Golf Club. 2 children were examined at LensCrafters in June. The club is planning a "Night At the Ballpark" with the HV Renegades in late July/August.

Goshen Lions - The Goshen Lions collected 60 pairs of eyeglasses and one hearing aide in June.

Greenwood Lake Lions - Greenwood Lake **PP Marty Yannitty** has the dollars set aside for his President's Project, Lake Community Center - progress is being made in searching for a site. The club is hoping to have their August meeting at the Warwick Conference Center with Hope with Heart.

Hyde Park Lions - The club participated with two floats in the Annual 4th of July Parade both promoting Lionism and one carrying "The First Ladies", a barbershop chorus from the high school. **Lion Alice Chupay** will serve as Zone Chair, Zone 2, Region 2. A scholarship was awarded to **Dan Olson III** for attendance at DCC; and the annual Irwin Schwartz awards were presented at all schools. The club's picnic netted almost \$2800 as the final 200 club drawings were picked. Donations were made to the ACS Relay for Life; two defibrillators were purchased for Regina Coeli and St. Peter's Schools. The Club's Annual Pig Roast will be on Sept. 14th at the Crum Elbow Rod and Gun Club; the club will continue with their summer concerts which alternate at the various estates or Roosevelt High School during the summer (pending on weather). The club's newest venture will be a Lions Flea Market on October 4th with a rain date of October 5th-vendor space is available at \$25 an area.

Hurley Lions - The club awarded \$500 scholarships to **Naomi Williams and Jacqueline Cambria** from KHS and to **Steve Nielsen** of Coleman. **Thomas Scarey** was the recipient of the Myer Scholarship for \$1000. The club's installation dinner was held at the Wiltwyck Country Club.

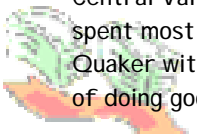
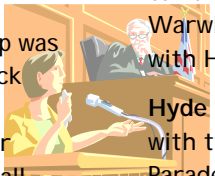
Kingston Lions - The Roar 'n Pride will play at Montgomery Place on August 5th and August 10th at the Hudson Valley Mall - the club's Annual Expo brought in \$39,117.

Dedication of the Habitat home through a Lions International Grant occurred on July 20th. The highlight was when the recipient of the home asked her disabled daughter, "would you like to see your room". **PDG Ted Zager, CS Dina Zager, Zone Chair Hildy Meissner, Lion Hans Meissner and President John Macaluso** were in attendance.

Mamakating Lions - The club awarded 10 scholarships to graduating high school seniors due to the success of the annual Golf Tournament. **PDG Glynn** attended and did the honors of the Installation of Officers. 5 members received perfect attendance awards. The club adopted a cabin at Camp Badger.

Marlboro-Milton Lions - A Clam Bake is planned for August 13th at the Town Park; a Senior Citizen Picnic on August 14th. The club awarded scholarships to **Cara Murphy and Jason Monti**.

Middletown Lions - Members have been volunteering for the Orange County Fair which is hoped to be the club's largest fundraiser this year. The club's \$1000 donation raised by the Cash Calendar Raffle in March will be used to sponsor a child at Camp Badger this summer. The Bottle Drive will take place in Mid-September. The club is holding a District Governor's Fund Raffle which will be drawn at the August 5th Annual Picnic; tickets are \$2 ea or 3 for \$5 and the prizes are all picnic related.



Millerton Lions - The club awarded two scholarships and made donations to the Millerton First Presbyterian Church and the Millerton Minor League.

Monroe Lions - Catherine Cassesi was the winner of the club's \$4,000 scholarship for 2003; fundraising has begun for the 2004 scholarship fund. VDG Ed Budd did the honors of installing the club's new officers.

New Windsor Lions - The club held their Installation dinner and some members attended DG Glynn's homecoming.

Northern Columbia Lions - Two scholarships were awarded. A trophy was awarded at the Girls Athletic Dinner at I chabod Crane and acted as clean-up after the dinner. Hot dogs were sold at the Kindercrafters Fair with a Raffle held of Mets/Yankee Game Tickets or Great Escape Tickets.

Pine Bush Lions - 187 pairs of glasses were collected in June; the club is beginning their Harvest Festival preparations for September 20th and plans are underway to raffle Wheel Barrel of Cheer at the Harvest Festival. Jonathan Starke was the recipient of the Lions Scholarship.

Pine Plains Lions - \$300 was donated to BSA Troop 45; the Lions Sight Bass Tournament grossed \$2,800 with 72 boats competing. The Lions Beef Bar-be-que is coming up on August 9th at the Pavilion.

Stanford Lions - Meals on Wheels were delivered by volunteers. Lions Eleanor and Gordon Ferris participated in the annual ACS Walk at the Dutchess Fairgrounds. The Club's Annual Flea Market and Food Booth in June made a profit of \$880.85; donations for Camp Badger raffle tickets were made; two high school seniors received \$500 for Community Service Awards and \$250 for a High School Senior for Math & Science Award. The club is making plans for preparation of the food booth at the tree farm for their fundraiser during the Christmas holidays.

Town of Deerpark Lions - The club's Soap Box Derby - Juice Booth and Golf Game raised \$416.00 and the Book Bar raised \$14.00. Officers were installed and new members inducted in June.

Town of Dover Lions - \$1,000 was donated to local Dollars for Scholars; eye exams and glasses were provided to two individuals. The Oldies Fundraiser in May netted \$4,000. The club's installation dinner was held in June. Five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded at the Dover High School.

Town of Ulster Lions - The club took in one new member as of June; certificates of achievement and \$250 scholarships were awarded to 2 Kingston High School Seniors and a \$500 scholarship to a John A Coleman High School Senior. \$50 was donated to Freedom Guide Dogs and \$50 to Benedictine Hospital to assist them in their sponsorship of a "Senior Prom" on August 10th at the Hudson Valley Mall. The club collected 106 pairs of glasses.

Town of Woodbury Lions - Took in one new member this month.

Tri-Valley Lions - 168 dogs and cats were handled at the Rabies Clinic; two members ran a table at Health and Safety Day at the High School. Two \$300 service awards were given to graduating seniors. VDG Ed Budd did the honors of the Installation of Officers for the new year.

Wallkill Lions - The club collected 100 pairs of glasses and awarded two \$100 awards for Senior celebrations. The club is helping a blind student to secure a computer for college from the NYS Institute for the Blind. Help is also being sought from other Lions Clubs - if any club can assist, please contact the Wallkill Lions. Club held

"Bring A Friend Steak (Cook Your Own) Bake the 1st Wednesday in July. A Prime Rib Roast was held on July 18th; chances are being sold to win up to \$15,000 (100 prizes of \$100 each including dinner for 2 in August. For community involvement, plans are underway to create a new town park.



"Lionism is a year round effort ...community service does not take a summer vacation."

Hyde Park Lions

Club Monthly Activity Report

To Be Sent Each Month Along with the Membership Report to: District Governor Bill Fitzgerald, Zone and Region Chairs, District Newsletter Editor/District Secretary Dina Zager.

Name of Club: _____ President: _____

Month of Report: _____ Secretary: _____

| Glasses Collected | Hearing Aides Collected | Eye Exams Given | Hearing Aids Given Out | Scholarships Awarded |
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Club Attendance at Sight & Hearing Meetings: _____

Board/Membership: _____

Public Relations: _____

Social: _____

Fundraising: _____

Community Involvement: _____

Did you meet this month? Yes _____ No _____

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Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

Where did the year go...it is hard to believe that a whole year has passed and I am now editing the 2nd District Newsletter.

For those who are new to receiving the newsletter - here is some basic information.

- Club Presidents and Club Secretaries, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Cabinet Committee Chairs and, Sight & Hearing County Committee Chairs will receive the newsletter each month. NOTE: Those with an e-mail address that has been provided to PCC IT Chair John Wargo will receive the Newsletter via e-mail only. If you want a mailed copy, you must let me know (either by phone: 845-339-1738; fax: 845-339-3040; e-mail: zagerd@aol.com or mail: PO Box 430, Port Ewen, NY 12466). It is important that the Monthly Activity Report (see copy on page 7) be copied and filled out and sent to the Newsletter Editor/Cabinet Secretary as well as the District Governor. The Membership Report (which is required by International) should also be sent to the same folks - this is how we know how your membership is doing. Remember, when

your members ask why they are not included in the newsletter, ask yourself, did I remember to do my Monthly Activity Report and send in by the 10th of the Month?

- A district-wide newsletter will be produced in October 2003 and will be sent to all Lions and Lioness' in District 20-O; Leo Chairs or Advisors will be included as long as their addresses are provided to me.
- Articles for the MD20 State Magazine will be gathered from the Monthly Reports provided by the Secretaries - deadlines are as follows: August 1, November 1, January 1, March 1 and May 1 - any changes to this schedule will be included in upcoming newsletters.

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