



# The Lions Pride Inform – Involve - Inspire



## DG Ed's Message

Warwick Lion and current Zone Chair Carol McManus has been diagnosed with a very serious illness. With her permission I am asking that we all keep her in our thoughts and prayers and that she be included in any prayer groups in which you may participate. She can use all of our intervention at this critical time. I'm sure that she would welcome your best wishes at 17 Highland Avenue, Warwick, NY 10990. Thanks.

Last month we promised a proven method of acquiring new members in this issue. The following three suggestions have been applied successfully by some clubs, and can also be as successful for your club - Lion, Lioness, or Leo.  
 A - The club "informational session"  
 B - The "membership sponsor dinner" (speakers recommended)  
 C - The "multi-club social" (speakers optional)  
Model A is simply a gathering of club members, **and invited guests**, (could be a breakfast, or evening dessert, or no meal at all) with one or more experienced Lion(s) describing club activities. The purpose of course is informational; there may be some members who have

never been exposed to this type of gathering. The *Middletown Lions Club* has used this model successfully on an annual basis.

Model B, as used by the *Warwick Lions Club* with fine results, is a pre-planned, open-to-the-community event, **with invited guests**, with a posted agenda. Again, the purpose is to be informative. Speakers can be Lion members or local officials/residents describing how Lions have impacted the community. Model C, recently utilized by the *LaGrange, Hyde Park, and Pleasant Valley Lions Clubs*, (with assistance from the *Amenia club*) again draws on club membership, **including invited guests**, in a primarily social atmosphere - a good venue for the casual sharing of club activities.

**Nineteen new Lions** have been inducted into the listed clubs in the previous 18 months (and I may have missed some) largely due to that phrase **invited guests**. The methods are proven successful-----and they can also be as successful for your club! Keeping in mind that membership in our fine organization is by invitation only, the conclusion in reviewing successes listed above is obvious—**these new Lions were invited**. Would

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those new Lions be active members today if they were not **invited**? What do you think?

We do have some very successful Lions clubs in 20-0 that use their own methods of increasing membership: the *Pine Plains Lions Club* pays individual attention to each member invited, before and after induction (five new members this year); the *Port Jervis Lions Club* makes a regular practice of seeking prospective new members, and then asking that new member to ask their friends/family (six new members this year); we will divulge the secret of the *Town of Fallsburg Lions Club* (eleven new Lions since June/04!) following our DG visit next month---do you think that they may have been **invited**?

The message seems pretty clear - we will increase our presence in our communities by asking prospective new members to join us. The message is also that we should be soliciting quality potential new members instead of simply a number, and that these new members should then be made to feel a part of the club - help them become active Lions. Until next month, with more on suggestions on membership, and retention, thanks.

Some rooms are still available for the 5/13-5/15 State convention in Rochester. Let's have all clubs support **VDG Frank** as he is elected our next District Governor at that time. We would also strongly recommend registering for the Lions Leadership Institute held just prior to the convention, again in Rochester. The 3-day program is energetic, highly motivational, filled with sessions on Lionism (and life), and is mentored by a power-packed lineup. Newer Lions especially will find the experience very rewarding.

We would like to recognize some major club anniversaries: **New Paltz LC** - 50 years on 1/31; **Spartan Leo Club (Florida LC)** - 5 years on 2/1; **Nine Partners LC** - 45 years on 2/16; **Port Jervis LC** - 50 years on 3/1; **Walkkill LC** - 50 years on 3/30. We may have missed: **Mamakating Lioness Club** - 20 years in Sept. 04; **Hyde Park Leo Club** - 5 years on 11/12/04; **Sullivan West Leo Club (Jeffersonville LC)** - 5 years on 12/9/04.

Congratulations on your years of fine service to all!

On a final note - club nominating committees should now be underway. LCI has given a deadline of May 31 for completion of the PU-101 forms - **however** - we in 20-0 must work with the date of May 15 (sooner if possible) to allow **VDG Frank** time to prepare his district directory for next year. Please try to have your next slate of officers submitted to

VDG Frank, or DG Ed, as soon as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thanks.

*VDG Ed*



## The VDG's Corner From VDG Frank

State Convention - May 13-15, 2005 - Rochester, NY. Are your applications in and are you ready to go. If not, you still have time to do your paperwork and I'll see you in Rochester. Continue to communicate and Please, Remember:

**Membership & Involvement - Membership & Share Information - Membership & Membership**

*VDG Frank*



*Sight & Hearing What We Do Best*

*By Sight Chairman*

*Joyce Maier*

*By Hearing Chairman*

*Rev. John Capen*



Glasses and Hearing Aides Tally

WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS PAST MONTH

<b>Glasses</b>	
Amenia	20
Florida	190
Goshen	75
Millbrook	345
Pine Plains	2
Port Jervis	42
Sunglasses	3
Rhinebeck	450
Stanford	17
Town of Deerpark	8
<b>Eye Exams</b>	
City of Newburgh	12
Middletown	2
Monroe	1
Pleasant Valley	1
Rhinebeck	2
<b>Hearing Aides</b>	
Goshen	2
Millbrook	3
Rhinebeck	2

We Welcome New Lions To Our Clubs...



- Amenia:** Kenneth Hale
- Chatham:** Andrew Kennedy, Richard Sitzer II
- Greenwood Lake:** Michael Heister
- Hudson:** Joel Pearson
- Hyde Park:** Marianne Key, Pat McSweeney
- Kingston:** Mark Bolter, Jerry Weiss
- Lumberland:** Karel A. Konrad
- Port Jervis:** Joan M. Barbarino
- Stanford:** Mary Boyd
- Town of Dover:** Bill Kelley (reinstated)

And, We Say Goodbye To Those No Longer With Us



- Kingston:** former member Doris Goldfarb
- Middletown:** Ed Maly, Bob Maxwell
- Millerton:** Life Member Walter Bernitt

Congratulations to the Following Lions Who Have Been Recognized Recently

- Cornwall:** Lion Clark's son, Thomas was recognized by Lions International for being awarded "Eagle Scout".
- Hudson:** Lion Ed DeCrosta was recently awarded US Patent #9,838,208 for his "Modified Thermal Galvanic Cell" which offers an alternate source of electric power by converting heat into electricity and it is pollution free. This is Lion Ed's 4th US Patent!
- Kingston:** Lion Dr. Lew Neporent presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for 42 years of service.
- Lumberland:** Lion John Batiuk for years of service to club.
- Millerton:** Citizen of the Year Award was presented to The Liz Wendover Foundation



The Lioness Column By the

Lioness Clubs of District 20-O This Month's Column By: Lioness Rosalie Frasca, President, Mamakating Lioness Club

The Mamakating Lioness Club held a Blood Drive on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mamakating Town Hall and their Angel Project on December 14<sup>th</sup>; member Joann MacKinnon was great getting all gift packages to all the children. A Pancake Breakfast was held and \$1,500 was the total that the club was able to donate to the West Brookville Fire Dept.

The club will welcome DG Ed at their meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Danny's in Wurtsboro.

The Leo's Paw



By Columnist Leo Lauren Fitzgerald and the Leo Clubs of District 20-O

By: Leo Colleen Dundas, President, Greenwood Lake Leo Club

The Leos sold candy canes with a profit of \$250 and pinecones for a



profit of \$45. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a dance. We will be selling lanyards that the members will make and the proceeds will go to the Tsunami victims.

*By: Lion Alice Chupay, Advisor, Hyde Park Leo Club*

Club members are asking for donations for the Tsunami Earthquake Disaster LCIF Fund. Anyone who donates will receive a Living Strong bracelet. Members will be assisting the **Hyde Park Lions** with the sale of chocolate bunnies.

*By: Lion Susan Morley, Lumberland Leo Club*

A Leo Club is in the works for Lumberland. More information will be provided once plans are made.

*By: Lion Carl Bryde, Advisor, NYMA Leo Club*

The Leos have been delivering food to the food bank, recruiting new members and plan to attend a Cornwall Lions Meeting in February.

### *Comings & Goings Around The District By The Secretaries of District 20-O As Provided in the Monthly Activity Reports*

**Amenia Lions** were very pleased with the success of their 300 Club Dinner - 378 tickets were sold with net sales of over \$20,000

**City of Newburgh Lions** continue to collect items for

the Dove Program. The club has voted to support the MD 20 Youth Band Program; they have purchased the chances in the fundraiser and are asking members to recommend a musician to the program.

**Cornwall Lions** made recent donations to Radio Vision (\$100); American Legion Post 1420 (\$100); to a Middle School Child nominated to attend the Junior National Leadership Conference (\$250); the membership approved support for the local 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration (\$250).

**Florida Lions** are starting a drive to get members and let them know all we do. The club will present the \$10,000 check to the village for the purchase of playground and equipment in February.

**Goshen Lions** received praise as the result of an article **Lion Ken Tschon** wrote in the Goshen Independent in which he interviewed **Lion Brian Kingsley** about the history of Lions Park and what to expect for the future. **Lion Ken** also sold 3 \$100 tickets for the MD20 Foundation which qualifies him for the Robert J. Uplinger Award.

**Greenwood Lake Lions** have invited members of their Leo Club to attend their March Dinner Meeting - individual Club members have offered to pay for their dinners. **Lion Helen Kelly** will be selling raffles at the Winter Carnival in Greenwood Lake - members have been recruited to assist.

**Hudson Lions** made a gift to Natures Classroom which allows students to travel and learn first hand about nature's wonders (\$100);

the club sponsored a spelling bee for the Hudson City School District by donating \$125 to cover the cost of

the awards. The club purchased a \$100 raffle ticket for the MD20 NYS/Bermuda Raffle.

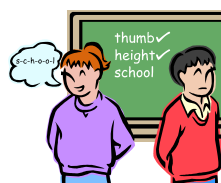
**Hurley Lions** made a \$100 gift to the Jasmin Fund to assist a Hurley family with expenses related to severe injuries to their daughter and granddaughter. Lighthouse was sent a gift of \$50.

**Hyde Park Lions** held their first drawing of the 50/50 club on January 24<sup>th</sup> when they welcomed **DG Ed and Lion Diane** to their meeting. The club along with the Leos will be selling chocolate bunnies.

**Kerhonkson Lions** met jointly with the **Rondout Lions Club** on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Postage Inn. It was an enjoyable evening with a report by **ZC Marge Carroll** on the recent Zone Meeting and **PDG Ted Blair and Lion Brenda** gave a very informative talk on Cap Badger.

**Kingston Lions** send Kudos out to **Lion Queen Charlet Wenzel** who not only has President duties this year, but has also taken over Expo duties which is a fantastic effort on her part!

**Lumberland Lions** gave a \$25 gift to the 4H Club to purchase bears for the kids hospitalized for the holidays at Bon Secours Hospital.





**Mamakating Lions** are pleased that

they were able to provide 150 families with Thanksgiving dinners; the blood drive in December was very successful. The club ran a defensive driving class as a fund raiser in early February.

**Marlboro-Milton Lions** have scheduled their Day for Caring and Sharing on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Marlboro High School.



**Middletown Lions** will hold a Blood Drive on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Webb Horton Church.

The club awarded a \$500 scholarship to an Orange County Community College student; the club will sponsor a Little League Team (\$275) and a gift of \$100 was made to the Middletown Thrall Library. An Orientation Meeting was held for new members in early February.

**Millbrook Lions** are planning for the possibility of an ice cream social.

**Monroe Lions** have decided to donate the \$100 collected at the Walden Bank in Wal-Mart to the LCIF Tsunami Fund; additional gifts were \$25 to the Monroe Woodbury All Night Graduation Party, \$25 to an Eagle Scout recipient.

**New Paltz Lions** has concluded their negotiations with the Health Volunteers of Lloyd which resulted in the Sick Room Loan Closet's inventory being improved with five more much-needed wheelchairs. The club welcomed **Lion Leonardo**

**Saavedra of the Santiago Vazquez Lions Club** to their January meeting who has been in the area for a prolonged vacation. He was interested in initiating a local project to gather used clothing for use by the poor in his home community. With the suggestion of petitioning local Salvation Army officials, Lion Leonardo informed the club he met with positive responses from both the Kingston and Poughkeepsie Salvation Army officials and will be given access to their clothing collections for transfer to Uruguay. The club made a \$200 donation to Lions International for the victims of the Tsunami.

**Otisville Lions** were pleased with their holiday party that closed out their activities for the 2004 year. They look forward to the New Year in the hopes of making their club better than ever. Some of their discussion has been about donating to the Tsunami Relief Effort as well



as discussing the need for a storage facility for their Lions Booth at the fair as the old building has been torn down.

**Pine Plains Lions** aided in the distribution of 50 food and gift baskets at Christmas. They entered a float in the annual Parade of Lights in Pine Plains, and hosted a community holiday party at the PaviLION. Over \$800 was collected in the Club's Memory Tree Project to support the Northern Dutchess Hospital expansion program.

**Pleasant Valley Lions** dismantled the crèche and tree at St. Stanislaus Church. The club sent a donation of \$250 to the Lighthouse of Poughkeepsie.

**Port Jervis Lions** are planning for a Health Fair in May.

**Rip Van Winkle Lions** donated \$300 to the Knights of the Rd in Windham for the support of Little League in loving memory of Marvin Rubinger.

**Stanford Lions** made a donation of \$50 to the Meals on Wheels Program for a special Valentine's Day dinner. \$1,000 was pledged to Northern Dutchess Hospital for their expansion and renovation project which will be paid for in \$200 installments over 5 years. The club will hold a social dinner for Valentines Day in February.



**Town of Deerpark Lions** donated 20 used golf clubs to Willy Carter Golf for under-privileged children. The club's Mitten Tree Project collected 248 items and distributed to schools in Port Jervis. The club donated \$50 to the Salvation Army and gave Family Assistance for \$150. The club has three possible members joining in February.

**Town of Dover Lions** will hold a Health Fair on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Dover High School. The club made a donation of \$250 to the LCIF Tsunami Relief effort.

*Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District*

**City of Newburgh Lions** continue their fundraising of the 2005 Lotto Calendar Program.

**Florida Lions** are starting their Spring 50/50 Raffle.

**Greenwood Lake Lions** will hold their 300 Club Dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Plans are under-



way for the Independence Day Holiday Events - The Lions might run the City Games, Old Games as a Fundraiser.

**Goshen Lions** will sponsor a community dinner at the Presbyterian Church on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**Hudson Lions** are busy selling their own raffle tickets for their upcoming, major fundraiser in conjunction with the Hudson High School Junior class - their Junior Prom which is being held on 3/12. A blood drive is in the works but they are waiting on confirmation from the Red Cross for a date.

**Hurley Lions** are asked to start thinking WARM...and the 2005 Hurley Lions Golf Tournament scheduled for October 3, 2005.

**Kingston Lions** have decided to sell chocolate bunnies this year. Their main focus now is on their Lions Expo which takes place the first weekend in March at the Hudson Valley Mall. \$10,000 is the major prize in their annual raffle.

**Mamakating Lions** have scheduled their annual Golf Tournament for Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Nevele Hotel. For information, call 888-5200.

**Marlboro-Milton Lions** is once again selling chocolate Easter bunnies.

**Middletown Lions** will be selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies during February; plans are underway for a Pancake Breakfast.

**Millbrook Lions** continue with their ongoing Raffle at \$2.00 per ticket. On

July 4<sup>th</sup>, they will be involved with ticket sales for the Kelly Miller Circus.

**Monroe Lions** will be selling Chocolate bunnies this spring. Plans are underway for the club's next scholarship raffle to be held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Windsor Lions** look forward to their Chocolate Bunny Sales.

**Otisville Lions** have delivered their Lions calendars to their customers and sponsors. The club's Spring Roast Beef Dinner is being planned for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Port Jervis Lions** continue selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies.

**Rhinebeck Lions** will hold their 20 Week Dinner Dance on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Post 429, Rhinebeck.

**Town of Deerpark Lions** will be selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, they will hold their Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Huguenot Fire House.

## District 20-O Reports

By: **Lion Carol Lybolt**  
District Diabetes Chair

### Drug Firms Join To Help Uninsured

Eleven pharmaceutical companies launched a card program to begin in February 2005 that will offer discounts on prescription drug purchases for 36 million uninsured Americans.

The Together RX Access Card Program will provide savings of 25% to 40% off the retail price of more than 275 brand name drugs offered by the companies. The drugs treat ailments including diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure and arthritis.

Legal US residents who are uninsured under the age of 65 ineligible for Medicare and have no public or private drug coverage are eligible for the card, if they meet program income guidelines.

Application information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-444-4106 or

[www.TogetherRXAccess.com](http://www.TogetherRXAccess.com)

Source: *In Diabetes Today*  
**February is American Heart Month**

### Remember Your ABC's

**A** is for A1C... the A1C (A-One-C) test measures your average glucose levels over the last 3 months. Target below 7

**B** is for Blood Pressure... High blood pressure makes your heart work too hard. Target below 130/180

**C** is for Cholesterol...Bad cholesterol or LDL builds up and clogs your arteries. Suggested Target LDL below 100

By: **Lion Cecile Ayres**  
District Environmental Chairman

### THINK WARM THOUGHTS

Now is the time to:

- Plan your Arbor Day project...what to plant and where
- Plan your community garden or community beautification project
- Spearhead a community clean-up
- Clean a walking trail or nature trail; if you don't have one, build one.
- What do your community parks need? Benches, grills, picnic tables? Playground equipment or ball fields? What about the soccer field? Basketball court

What you do for the environment, you do for the





community. Think Spaceship Earth. This is your home and your children's inheritance.

Have you thought about sending a student to one of the DEC Environmental Education camps? [www.dec.state.ny.us/website/education/edcatmps.html](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/education/edcatmps.html)

What ideas do you have? Let me know, 845-294-7524 or [crayres@frontiernet.net](mailto:crayres@frontiernet.net)



**By: Lion PDG Glynn Meggison, Lions Eye Institute**

**The Chocolate Bunnies Have Landed...**

The Chocolate Bunnies from the Lions Eye Institute became available Monday Feb. 7, 2005. Everyone is asked to get to their distribution center as soon as possible and pick up their shipment.

Everyone is asked to conform to the uniform price of \$4.00 per bunny in their sales effort.

The money that is made from their sale goes to a wonderful cause, the Lions Eye Institute in Albany as well as to their own club.

Please help out as much as possible.

**By: Lion Diane Budd District PR Chairman**

Joshua Mann, winner of the District Peace Poster Contest. He was sponsored by the Warwick Lions Club. He is pictured with his mother, Diane Mann, DG Ed, and his art teacher. DG Ed presented Joshua with the \$50 district award.



**LCIF Reports**

**By: DG Ed Budd  
The Tsunami Rescue Effort**

Please note that donations made before 3/31 to the South Asia tsunami fund can be applied to an MJF designation. This is a change from information listed in our last issue.

Send a note with your donation (\$1000 for MJF recognition) indicating that you will name the recipient at a later date, if necessary.

LCIF is initially committing \$5 million to assist in the recovery. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to provide for long-term reconstruction by building homes, school and child welfare centers for orphans. The \$5 million commitment is a matching donation from LCIF. Half of the \$5 million will come from LCIF reserves and the other half from the expected \$2.5 million in donations to LCIF for tsunami relief from individuals, clubs and districts worldwide.

**"Lions Environmental Photo Contest...Sharing Our World"**

**By: Lion C. Brooks**

Each Multiple District submits one winning photo to Lions International Headquarters by March 1, 2005. We're hoping to display an environmental photo from your Multiple District at the Lion Clubs International Convention in Hong Kong. The photo along with the completed official entry form is to be sent to Lions International by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions can be directed to: [josten@lionsclubs.org](mailto:josten@lionsclubs.org); phone 630-571-5466 ext 500 or fax 630-571-1692.

**MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute Spring 2005**

Applications are now being accepted for the MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute to be held in Rochester, NY from May 9-12 at the Clarion Riverside Hotel.

The cost to attend which includes the cost of 9 meals, 3 hotel nights stay and handouts is \$350. Along with the application and application fee of \$350, a recent photo, resume including Lions Club Activities and a Letter or Recommendation from the Club President is required. Applications are to be submitted no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> and are to be mailed to Lion Kenneth Butkowski II, 153 Kinsey Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14217. For more information or an application, contact **DG Ed Budd**.

**3rd Cabinet Meeting for 2004-2005 - Morning Event**

The **Third Cabinet Meeting** for 2004-2005 will bring Lions, Lioness and Leos to a Sunday morning get-together on February 27<sup>th</sup> in Poughkeepsie, NY at the Rochdale Firehouse. Although, District officers (including Zone and Region Chairs) have a requirement of attending, all Lions, Lioness and Leos within the District are invited to attend where a great deal of information is exchanged and focus this year is on "Inform, Involve, Inspire"! For more information, contact **DG Ed Budd** at 845-343-5837 or **CS Dina Zager** at 845-339-1738. Coffee and donuts will be the fare, provided by **DG Ed** and



Lion Diane, at no charge to the attending members. However, it is important that all voting members plan to attend so a quorum is present.



### Who's Who In District 20-O

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### Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

The deadline for the April 2005 Magazine will be due into me by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Make notes of the following:

**Beacon Lions Club** - has a new President - Frank Jackson, 15 William Street, Beacon, NY 12508

**Monroe Lions Club** - new mailing address is PO Box 540, Monroe, NY 10949



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