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DG Ed's Message

Zone Chair Carol

McManus has asked that we offer her appreciation for all of the cards received during her illness. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

From the *GI* (General Information) Dept: #1) Per a recent note to Lions on our IT list - registration for the May 13-15 Rochester MD-20 Convention are down by about 200 rooms. The multiple-district had reserved 700 rooms, based on previous numbers, and we have had approximately 500 rooms taken thus far; please give some serious consideration to making your reservation soon (MD-20 may be held responsible for any reserved, unused rooms). This year's seminar series will number at least twelve, including seminars on Quest, Camp Badger, Lenscrafters, "Running a successful club project," Youth Services, Lions' legal, the National Tech Inst. For the Deaf - and the very important President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Leadership staples. #2) Also on a convention note: The Lions Youth Band is in need of two percussionists, two trombones and a tuba. If you know of a student that would like to attend the convention and play

in the youth band, please contact me as soon as possible for details. #3) The New York State and Bermuda Foundation golf outing will be held on May 12 at the Shadow Lake GC, appr. 9 miles from the downtown convention hotels. Contact **PDG Leo LeJeune** @ lejeune@alfredstate.edu to reserve. #4) A new Youth Banner Patch is available to clubs that have participated in programs for youth during the current Lion's year. The programs include forming a LEO Club, Lions Quest, the Peace Poster Contest, Educational Scholarships, Scout Recognition - or - any new or expanded youth activities program by your club. **District 20-O has several clubs that will qualify for the award, please review your programs and apply if you qualify.** Call LCI at 630-571-5466, ext 324 for the award details.

On the **Membership** front: 20-O membership figures from 12/31/04 to 1/31/05 show a net **increase** of 11 members! Although we remain at a minus for the year (down 34), this is definitely a large step in the right direction. My thanks go to those clubs that have responded so well in looking for that new member, and to those that have made the commitment to do so. I also

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offer a note of appreciation to **PCC John**

Wargo, our 20-O

Membership Chair, for his analysis and report on the status of our clubs at the most recent cabinet meeting. **PCC John** has asked the Region/Zone Chairs to arrange a multi-club social among their clubs, **with invited prospective members**.

Please respond positively when your club is asked to participate (or arrange your own!). It is still up to us as Lions to ask the assistance of our friends and neighbors as we serve our communities, we cannot afford to wait for them to ask us. LCI offers many awards, pins, patches, etc. for inducting a new member **however the most important benefit is realized by our communities in the expanded service that we can provide**. Awards are nice --- enhanced community service and lasting friendships that develop are far nicer.

The flip side of the membership coin is **Retention**. As important as is the induction and orientation of new members, retention of members is equally critical for the continued presence of Lions, Lioness' and Leos in our communities. We have introduced 92 new Lions in

20-O during the current Lions year, (not bad, about 1.5 per club); we have lost 126 Lions for various reasons (not good, about 2 per club). LCI offers much printed material on the subject of Retention: "How are your ratings?" (ME-15 & 15b); Presidents Retention Campaign (PRC 1-5); Lions Mentoring (MTR 1-5) are useful examples. As with the membership issue, it is our responsibility to persuade those Lions who waver to maintain their membership if possible. The two most often quoted reasons for leaving are, "the meetings are too long and boring" and "I had nothing to do". **We** can address these by keeping our meetings concise yet comprehensive (socialize after the business portion) and making sure that all Lions (**especially newer members**) are made to feel a valuable part of their club and community. Our most successful clubs in 20-O in the area of **retention** are-----our busiest!

Until the April issue, thanks for your attention and for keeping the Lion, Lioness, and Leo experience front and center. If we were to adopt a slogan, how about "One new Lion at a time?" (Incidentally, from last issue, one Town of Fallsburg secret to membership success is----family activity! One look at their membership roster indicates how many family members are Lions. May be food for thought---)

DG Ed



The VDG's Corner From VDG Frank

Greetings to all my fellow Lions, Lioness' and Leo's,

I must once again remind all of you to continue to communicate with each other. As I visit various Lion functions, I note that the best part of most meetings is when each of you share something that has happened to you.

A small talk about a new member generates a lot of attention but how did this club get a new member. Well guess what...they asked and by asking we got another Lion in our club. By not communicating with each other and to various groups, we can start to destroy what may have taken years to build.

I spoke ever so briefly last month regarding the USA/Canada Forum that is being held in Peoria, Illinois this year. The clubs that I have visited I have been leaving some pamphlets with the members present. If any one needs any information regarding the Forum, please contact me.



Please remember the State Convention in Rochester on May 13-15, 2005.

Continue to communicate and please also Remember:
Membership & Involvement
- **Membership & Share Information** -
Membership & Membership
VDG Frank



Sight & Hearing What We Do Best

*By Sight Chairman
Joyce Maier*

2005 is an exciting year for eye banking and corneal transplantation for it marks the centennial of the first successful corneal transplant by Dr. Eduard Zirm, in December 1905. This one event demonstrated that a successful corneal transplant could restore vision. While many people have contributed to and built upon Dr. Zirm's work, creating our modern system of eye banking and allowing us to restore sight to over one million people in the U.S., we recognize him and this momentous event.

Eduard Zirm, born in 1863 in Vienna, Austria, attended the University of Vienna where he studied medicine. Dr. Zirm worked in ophthalmology at Vienna Univ-Augenklinik and was

eventually offered a position at a newly formed eye clinic in a rural area of Austria (now the Czech Republic). While there, he founded what would become the largest eye clinic in the area. During his years in practice, Zirm conducted thousands of cataract surgeries along with a number of cornea transplants.

In 1904, Alois Glogar, from a small town in what is now the Czech Republic, experienced burns to both of his eyes, leaving him blind due to the corneal injury. A year later, Glogar was brought to Dr. Zirm's clinic --- while at the same time an 11 year-old boy, Karl Brauer, was in an accident which left him with metal pieces in his eye. Attempts to save Brauer's eye was unsuccessful. Dr. Zirm then enucleated the damaged eye— removing the corneal tissue for transplantation into Glogar's eyes. While complications resulted in one of Glogar's eyes, the other eye remained clear— allowing him to see and return to work.

The Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. (Lions Eye Bank at Albany) and the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) plan to commemorate this centennial throughout the entire year. The EBAA has created a webpage that provides pictures, information and a listing of national/local events as well as the updated "Hall of History," which outlines the history of the eye banking and the EBAA. You can view this webpage at

<http://www.restoresight.org/100thanniversary.html>

For information on the Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. and their upcoming events visit www.lionseyebankalbany.org

NOTE: ALL

PRESIDENTS - You have now received copies of the **Sight & Hearing Annual Reports** that are to be completed by your Club's Sight & Hearing Chairs. These are due back to the District Governor by **April 15th**.

*By Hearing Chairman
Rev. John Capen*

Dear Friends in Hearing,

I am interested in gaining a directory across District 20-O of people who are experienced in hearing recognition software. The one experience that I had a few years ago was dismal. That which we experience on the telephone seems to be reasonably modern and sophisticated. What experience have you had and what is the cost? We should share the wisdom so that we can communicate more easily with our elders who are hard of hearing.

My 90-year-old mother-in-law is profoundly deaf. My 80-year-old sister is



totally deaf in one ear due to a mini-stroke eleven years ago. I believe that she is considerably better than she was two years ago. My fantasy at that time was to be able to have a monitor on my end of the telephone as well as on her end of the phone wire so that I could read what she was reading thereby being able to correct any errors. Such a system shouldn't be too far away. In this age of computers, it should be quite inexpensive. Let's not let the greedy ones get there ahead of us. Let's keep each other updated as far as current developments.

Yours in Hearing,
HC John Capen

Glasses and Hearing Aides Tally

WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS PAST MONTH

Glasses

Table with 2 columns: Location and Count. Locations include Amenia, City of Newburgh, Goshen, Hyde Park, LaGrange, Lumberland, Middletown, Millbrook, Monroe, Pine Plains, Port Jervis, Town of Deerpark, Town of Dover, Warwick.

Eye Exams

Table with 2 columns: Location and Count. Locations include City of Newburgh, Lumberland, Middletown.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Count. Locations include Pleasant Valley, Hyde Park, Middletown, Millbrook, Warwick.



We Welcome New Lions To Our Clubs...

Greenwood Lake:

Diann Mello, Bill Loucks, Cathy Loucks, Mike Heister (inducted by DG Ed on 3-16)

Hyde Park: Cindy & Ray Davis, Norm Dennis, Patricia Schramm

Jeffersonville: Donna Maria Lasher

LaGrange: David Wargo



PCC John Wargo with newly inducted member David Wargo

Lumberland: Gregory C. Biccum

Middletown: Anita LaBelle

Pine Plains: Linda Dias

Pleasant Valley: Thomas Hankamp, Michael Kessler

Rhinbeck: Christopher Pflum

Rip Van Winkle: Tony Barnett, Albert J. Glueck, Roger Jackson, Kathy Kelly, Frank A. Novinonte, Jr.

Town of Deerpark: Minzi Pan, Xueshan Teng

And, We Say Goodbye To Those No Longer With Us



Florida: Francis Lehman

Middletown: Gay Maly

Pleasant Valley: John M. Cianci

Congratulations to the Following Lions Who Have Been Recognized Recently

Amenia: Linda Gregory has recently been named to the Amenia Library Board.

City of Newburgh: Ed Gordon was presented with a Certificate from Lions International for over 40 years of service.

Greenwood Lake: Lion Al Sozio celebrated his 90th birthday with the club members.

Hyde Park: 100% awards were presented to:

- John DelSanto - 40 years
Ed Blodgett - 39 years
Harry Heupler - 37 years
Maury Fumasoli - 36 years
Joe Colletti - 35 years
Santo D'Angelo - 31 years
Bill Siegrist - 26 years
Maury Gardner - 21 years
Barbara Durkin - 14 years
Alice Chupay, Al D'Auge - 13 years

- Dan Olson - 8 years
Linda Dembicki, Marilyn Millard, Don Poole, George Siegrist - 6 years
Mark McConnaughay, Mary Morris - 4 years
Helen Goerlitz, Steve Martinez - 3 years
Joann Costa, Steve Costa, Craig Squire, Stacia Zimmerman - 2 years

Middletown: Joe Griffo, recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Award.



Rhinebeck: *Kenneth Herman*, recipient of the Lion of the Year.



Mamakating President Jim Eggleton, DG Ed Budd, Mamakating Lioness President Rosalie Frasca during the Governor's visitation.

The Lioness Column

By the Lioness Clubs of

District 20-O

This Month's Column

By:

Lioness Helene Giraudin, Secretary, Mamakating Lioness Club

The Mamakating Lioness Club has been hit by this winter's snow this year resulting in the cancellation of two meetings this year.

The club is busy selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies and time is of the essence with Easter almost upon us.

Thanks to **DG Ed Budd** for speaking at the club's Dinner Meeting held @ Danny's Restaurant in Wurtsboro.

The Leo's Paw



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

By: *Lion Deborah Kravchuk, Advisor, Amenia Leo Club*

The Amenia Leo members are busy selling the Chocolate Easter Bunnies now through April. Unfortunately with everyone having such busy schedules the club has only had one meeting this year.

By: *Lion Bob Kiedaisch, Greenwood Lake Leo Club*

Applications for scholarships have been sent to the area high schools and many of the Greenwood Lake Leos will be of age to apply.

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

Four Leos attended the United Nations Day on March 11th. The club is busy selling chocolate Easter bunnies.

By: *Lion Marcine Humphrey, Advisor, Club Leo (Lagrange)*

Club Leo has accomplished several projects so far....1) raised money and collected food for Operation Donation 2) made Christmas cards at their own expense and distributed them to a local nursing home; 3) collected Christmas toys and distributed them at a local Children's Hospital; 4) baked sugar cookies for Valentine's Day and raised \$100 for their treasury; 5) visited the Vassar-Werner Home. Members of Club Leo have been invited to the LaGrange Lions Club meeting on March 22nd for their

induction during the club's regular meeting.

By: *Lion Fred DeWald, Spackenkill Leo Club*

The Spackenkill Club participated with a Bowl-A-Thon on March 13th at the MardiBob in Poughkeepsie.

By: *Leo Lauren Fitzgerald, President, Town of Walkkill Leo Club*

The Town of Walkkill Leo's have been busy selling Easter Bunnies and are planning their annual White Cane Day. **Leo Rob Casabona** and **PDG Bill** are working together in soliciting the major stores in the Town of Walkkill. They also attended the UN DAY on Friday March 11th.

The Leo club also is very excited, as they will be well represented this year at the State Convention in Rochester as they will have at least 10 Leo's that will be attending and one of them will be participating in the Youth Band.

We also marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 13th in Goshen.

The club is also working on the Relay for Life Cancer Walk that will also be held in Goshen on June 3-4, 2005.

We are planning a membership drive for new members and to see if some of our parents would like to become Lions. So as you can see we are keeping busy as we do have a lot on our plate to keep us all focused! Have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Erin Go Baugh.





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

Amenia Lions report their Memory Tree was successful this year with \$835 collected but not all the bills in as yet. On March 10th the club held a joint meeting with the **Dover Lions**. Science Night at Webutuck was held on March 23rd at the Webutuck School with the Lions setting up a booth with the plastic eye as well as having diabetes screening.

Bethel Lions President Mike Fox with a Volunteer Grandmother from the Monticello School System who thanked the Club for purchasing a personal amplifier while her voice was impaired. The device allowed her to continue working with the students until she underwent surgery to return her voice.



Chatham Lions are planning their 50th Anniversary for a celebration at Crellin Park on June 11th with food, music, a DJ, clown and a drawing - 400 are expected since the Chatham area is invited. The club's ice fishing derby had 50 participants with all the proceeds awarded as prizes. The club is now planning for an Easter Egg Hunt and awarding of scholarships.

City of Newburgh Lions are working on a co-operative project among clubs to benefit the Habitat for Humanity Project. Collections of items are still being made for the Dove Program.

Florida Lions have handed out applications and have two new members in the works.

Goshen Lions has finished its work on their new Mission Statement and will bring it before the membership. Club members participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and plans are underway for the Goshen Relay for Life at Goshen High School on June 3 and 4.

Greenwood Lake Lions made donations to the NYS Bermuda Foundation for raffle tickets; tickets to support the Multiple 20-O Band; \$100 to the Krystal McHugh Foundation; \$200 to sponsor a boys little league team in Greenwood Lake; a full page ad in the Orange County St. Patrick's Day Parade Journal; \$200 to sponsor a Girls Team in the Greenwood Lake Softball League. The club is pleased with the success from their Lions Seals Drive this year.

Hurley Lions made a \$100 gift to the Hurley Library for postage to ship library books for adults to the Commonwealth of Dominica for the work of Chari Dumond.

Hyde Park Lions have purchased a vision tester for St. Peter's School and tester slides for all Hyde Park District schools. The funds came from the club's White Cane and Journey For Sight Projects.

Kingston Lions completed another successful Expo. Members will be looking into re-evaluating utilizing committees vs. single chairpersons for this large undertaking. The \$10,000 winner was Marlene McCloskey.

LaGrange Lions has established a \$500 scholarship for seniors in the Arlington High School. The 38th Achievement Night for recognition of accomplishments in academics, sports, extracurricular activities will be co-sponsored with the **Pleasant Valley Lions** on April 25th. The Club's annual road clean-up will be in April as club members team up with employees of the Foodtown supermarket making it a swift and worthwhile community service.

Lumberland Lions helped a family who was burnt out of their home with a \$100 donation. The club continues with their Baby Car Seats project to parents at Bon Secours Hospital who cannot afford a car seat.



Lion President Brenda Blair, Lion Secretary Sue Morley, and Lion Michelle Lopriore make presentation to Bon Secours Community Hospital nurses of baby car seats.

Marlboro-Milton Lions held their Day for Caring and Sharing on Saturday, March 19th at the Marlboro High School.

Middletown Lions participated in a Blood Drive at the Web Horton Church in conjunction with other Middletown Service organizations and 34 pints were collected. Donations this month were \$500 to the LCIF Campaign Sight First,



\$500 to the Lions Eye Bank and \$350 to the Association of the Visually Impaired.

Millbrook Lions will have a joint meeting with the **Pine Plains Club** on April 25th at the Pine Plains Club Band Shell with a hot and cold buffet. The club is looking into a potential joint effort with the Boy Scouts to repair the Village Gazebo.

Millerton Lions made a donation to a needy Millerton resident towards the purchase of a motorized wheelchair.

Monroe Lions donated one pair of eyeglasses to a child in their area. \$274 was donated to the Tsunami victims.

New Paltz Lions has undertaken the use of memorial donations for **Charter Lion Clarence Koenig** to donate a sight machine to the Elting Memorial Library. A donation was made to the library of \$200 for the purchase of large print books. The club is also celebrating its 50th Anniversary at the Installation Dinner in June.

Otisville Lions completed their donation for Tsunami relief. Some of their members attended the Boy Scout Blue and Gold breakfast to help them celebrate as a sponsor of their organization.

Pawling Lions have not been active in February due to illness.

Pine Bush Lions donated \$1000 to the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Pine Plains Lions will hold a joint Harlem Valley Region Zone 2 meeting with the clubs from **Amenia, Millbrook, Millerton, Stanford and the Town of Dover** converging at the Pine Plains Lions PaviLion. The club's

Annual Installation and Awards Dinner will be held on May 27th at the Lions PaviLion. The club donated \$200 to the Adopt-A-Family Program and \$100 to the local Rescue Squad for CPR textbooks.

Pleasant Valley Lions made donations to the Lions Eye Bank, Lighthouse International and Dutchess ARC.

Port Ewen Lions will host a Districtwide Membership Drive on April 25th at 6:30 pm at the Esopus Town Hall on Route 9W. All the clubs in the Great Mountain Region are invited to participate and be represented at this meeting. **PDG Ted Blair** will be attending as our motivational speaker.

Port Jervis Lions will hold a Health Fair on May 21st at the Port Jervis High School from 5:30 am to 10 am.

Rhinebeck Lions were busy in February with their 20 week Dinner Dance and the Basketball Playoffs at the Anderson School Gym. The winning team was White's Funeral Home. The club donated \$1000 to LCIF to help back their outlay for tsunami relief. The club endorsed **Lion Joyce Maier** to run for Vice District Governor and subsequent District Governor.

Stanford Lions held their Valentine's Dinner party on February 8th at Uncle Sonny's Café.

Town of Deerpark Lions assisted a widow with 5 children whose husband died on the job. The club conducted their Annual Babysitting Clinic in mid-March and 90+ box tops were sent to Camp Badger.

Town of Dover Lions will hold a Health Fair on April 30th at the Dover High School. The club's highway clean-up will be held on April 3rd on Route 22.

Town of Ulster Lions were pleased to have **DG Ed** at their

recent meeting. Here **DG Ed** appears with long-time **Secretary Bill Slover**.



Town of Walkkill Mid-Orange Lions is working on a Joint Membership Drive to be held in April and are preparing for their Annual Mother's Day Rose's. 2 Lion Members attend the UN DAY with 3 of the Leo's. The club is preparing for the State Convention and sponsoring one of our own Leo's Noel Llado to participate in the Youth Band. This year we will also have the honor of 9 other TOW Leo's attending the convention along with 3 parents of which we will be soliciting them as LIONS!

Warwick Lions will participate with the AMBA Health Fair on April 9th at the Warwick School. Social events include their Uplinger Award Dinner and Irish Night.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events Around The District

Amenia Lions are gearing up for the Annual Horseshow and Dressage on June 11 and 12 at Kildonan School. On July 18th, the club will hold their Annual Golf Tournament at Silo Ridge.



Chatham Lions are busy selling chocolate rabbits in record numbers. Their upcoming fundraiser will involve parking cars for the Columbia County Fair.

City of Newburgh Lions continue with their chocolate bunny sale. The club will have a Mystery Theater fundraiser May 22nd at the Spruce Lodge on Route 17K in Newburgh.

Florida Lions Spring 50/50 Raffle will have its drawing in April.

Greenwood Lake Lions will run the "City Games" on July 3rd at 2 pm following the Car Show which begins at 11 am.

Goshen Lions fundraising events will include the Great American Weekend on July 2 and 3 in Goshen; a Golf Outing on August 1st at the Stony Ford Golf Course; sponsorship of a community dinner at the Presbyterian Church on September 10th; and a 20 Week Club Picnic on September 17th at Lion's Park.

Hudson Lions blood drive is in the works but they are waiting on confirmation from the Red Cross for a date.

Hurley Lions Gazebo Project is starting to take shape. The Dedication Ceremony will coincide with the Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration tentatively scheduled for June 18th. This is the largest project undertaken by the Hurley Lions with a budget of approximately \$30,000. The 2005 Hurley Lions Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 3, 2005.

Hyde Park Lions continue selling chocolate bunnies.

Kingston Lions continue selling chocolates bunnies.



DG ED Budd, ZC Hildy Meissner, RC Ted Zager and Kingston President Charlet Wenzel cut the ribbon at opening ceremonies of the club's 58th Annual Expo.

LaGrange Lions will participate in the LaGrange Freedom Day by selling food during the day long program of activities capped by a fire works show. The club's Annual Lobster Bake will be held on August 7th at Freedom Park in conjunction with a Lobster Bake Club. For a \$75 ticket, one of only one hundred sold, the purchaser gets two tickets to the bake, 10 weekly \$50 drawings, five \$100 prizes and a \$1,000 grand prize to be chosen at the bake which is followed by a Big Band Concert.

Lumberland Lions are planning their annual 21 Club for September at Glen Spey. The club's big Fundraiser is to "Help Build the Town of Lumberland Circle Park" with the sale of "pavers" which will be placed in a walkway around a bench centerpiece inside the park.

Mamakating Lions have scheduled their annual Golf Tournament for Friday May 13th at the Nevele Hotel. For information, call **Lion Jim Eggleton** at 888-5200. The event supports the club's scholarship program. Cost is \$70 which includes 18 holes, golf cart, breakfast and lunch.

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

Middletown Lions continue with chocolate bunny sales. A pancake Breakfast will be held on April 10th

at the American Legion. The club is working with the **Greenville-Wawayanda Club** on the 2nd Annual Car Show and Flea Market on July 7th.

Millbrook Lions continue with their ongoing Raffle at \$2.00 per ticket. On July 4th, they will be involved with ticket sales for the Kelly Miller Circus.

Monroe Lions are planning a boat trip as a fundraiser. The club's next scholarship raffle is scheduled for September 23rd.

New Paltz Lions continue Chocolate Bunny Sales.

Otisville Lions Spring Roast Beef Dinner is being planned for April 24th.

Pine Bush Lions continue to receive donations from the mailouts sent in November and have grossed over \$6,000 so far.

Pine Plains Lions will hold their "Fishing For Sight" Bass Tournament on June 18th. For the past 17 years, the club has sponsored a certified catch and release Bass fishing tournament using several local lakes the opening day for bass fishing in NYS. The proceeds of the fundraiser are used for eyecare with a principal amount going to the Lions Eye Institute at Albany. August 6th will be the club's Annual Beef Bar-B-Q. Since the club's dedication of the Lions Pavilion in 1972, the club has held this event annually usually serving over 500 all you can eat meals prepared by Ezra. The proceeds of the dinner and accompanying raffle are used to fund the



many community projects sponsored by the club.



Top, Lion Don Spohr Chair and participants. Bottom, Lion Bill Hedges, Jr. with a 'lunker' (catch of the day)!

Port Jervis Lions continue selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies. The club's Spaghetti Dinner Take Out will be on April 16th at the Salvation Army Building on Ball St. in Port Jervis.

Rhinebeck Lions will hold their Journey for Sight on May 7th.

Stanford Lions will hold their Lions Flea Market on June 11th with a raindate on June 12th.

Town of Deerpark Lions continue selling their chocolate Easter Bunnies. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held on March 19th.

Town of Dover Lions will have the Kelley Miller circus fundraiser on July 5th at Boyce Park. A casino trip is planned for July 25th to the Mohegan Sun. The club's Las Vegas Raffle will be held on September 15th.

Town of Walkill Mid-Orange Lions are currently working on the annual Relay For Life Cancer Walk that will take

place in Goshen on June 3-4, 2005.

Warwick Lions continue with bunny sales, Avon sales for Mother's Day and will hold a golf outing on May 16th at the Warwick Golf Club.

District 20-O Reports

By: Lion Carol Lybolt

District Diabetes Chair

ADA Camp for Children with Diabetes

The American Diabetes Association New York Area's camp is a residential program for children with diabetes. The program is held on the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY - 15 miles from Rochester. The camp is located on 133 acres of land in a rural setting including year round cabins, Olympic size pool, nature trails, athletic fields and a fishing pond. Camp fees are \$500 a week.

What's Great About Camp??

1. Fun
2. Opportunity for Children and Teens with diabetes to meet others who face the same challenge.
3. Medical Staff
4. Chance to improve the campers diabetes self-management skills in a supervised setting.
5. Opportunity to make life-long friends.

Kids with diabetes are in the minority, except at Diabetes Camp. At Camp, kids with diabetes are surrounded by people just like them. Diabetes Camp gives kids the opportunity to meet and learn from adult counselors with diabetes who have gone through many of the things the campers are experiencing and can share the ways they coped with the

problems and pitfalls of having diabetes.

For more information, contact Brandi Koch at 585-458-3040 ext 3472. Is there a child in your area that would benefit from such an experience?

By: Lion Diane Budd

District PR Chairman

Leadership Training for You

Do you want to develop your leadership and management skills? Do you want to learn more about yourself and Lionism? Do you want to meet other Lions, network and make life-long friends? Every club has at least one candidate each year for professional leadership training that will enhance their personal abilities by giving them the self-confidence to chair committees and hold club, district and multiple district positions.

The MD20 Leadership Institute is conducted the four days prior to the convention. For three and a half days Lions attending the Institute develop their abilities to lead, delegate, set goals, motivate, communicate, and dispel their public speaking fears. In addition, Lions learn time management, conflict resolution, project management and creative team building. These leadership seminars will enrich their personal and business lives as well as their commitment to Lionism.



The District has \$700 in the budget for graduates of the Leadership Institute. We want to encourage Lions to attend and benefit from this excellent training session. This year's Leadership Institute is being held in Rochester May 9-12. The cost per student is \$350 to cover the cost of 9 meals, 3 hotel nights and handouts. District 20-O has had Lions graduate each year from the Institute since it began in 2000.

What a great opportunity to learn and grow and have fun too! The Presidents of all the clubs have received the application and brochure detailing the Leadership Institute. The District is willing to invest the funds. Please invest the time and energy in yourself and your club. Attend this outstanding leadership opportunity. Send in your application by April 1st. You won't regret it. I speak from experience. I'm a graduate of the 2001 Leadership Institute and proud of it.

Need a Program?

Central Hudson is interested in increasing awareness and understanding among local residents and business owners regarding their right to choose their energy providers.

Jim Van Tassell, Director of Retail Choice Programs for Central Hudson, has offered to speak to local Lions clubs to help them better understand:

1. The meaning of Choice
2. How it will affect them
3. The benefits of exercising their right to choose.

Please feel free to call Jim Van Tasell at 845-486-5971. He is looking forward to speaking with your club.

*By: PDG Glynn Meggison
NYS & Bermuda Foundation*

The time of the **State Lions Convention** is drawing close and we are far from the \$10,000 Sales mark for the district if we are to earn the \$1,000 for the district. Thus far we have purchased \$3,4000.00 leaving us \$6,600.00 from our goal.

The money does come back to the district for various Lions projects, (an example would be the park of the Florida Lions or some of the projects of the Warwick Lions) but the NYS & Bermuda Foundation needs much more just to meet the minimum needs of the clubs in the state.

Take a chance on winning the \$20,000 or the car and also help the Lions of the state along with your district. \$10.00 each for 10 people is the equivalent of \$100.00 as is \$20.00 apiece for 5 people. All tickets cost \$100.00. Won't you pitch in please? You need the money!

The drawing is one of the highlights of the State Convention.

*By: Lion Maria Poulson
MD-20 State Office*

MD-20 State Convention

As previously noted, our State Convention registrations/rooms reserved so far for the 2005 Rochester Convention is at an alarming all time low this year. Please let anyone and everyone interested in attending the Convention know that rooms are still available at the Clarion Hotel. The Clarion is located right at the

Convention Center so there is easy access to all Convention activities.

I have attached the meal order form and the room/registration forms should anyone need a copy. It is very important that anyone requesting a room identifies themselves as a Lion when they make their reservations. They must say that they are attending the Lions Convention at the time they book their rooms so that the rooms will be placed in the Lions room-block and the MD-20 will get credit for those rooms. Also, please ask anyone making reservations to notify me that they have booked rooms - they can do this when they send in here for their registrations or they can call or e-mail me. I am keeping a listing of late reservations to insure we get credit for all of our rooms.

Thank you!!

Maria
MD-20 Office

Phone # for the Clarion is:
585-546-6400

Tid-Bits From Your Newsletter Editor

The Deadline for the June 2004 State Magazine is May 18th. I apologize to any clubs who feel that they do not get coverage in either the District Newsletter or State Magazine. Anyone who feels they can do a better job, please apply.



Hotel Reservation Form
 LIONS 2005 MD-20 NEW YORK/BERMUDA CONVENTION
 OFFICIAL ROOM RESERVATION AND/OR REGISTRATION FORM
 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
 May 13-15, 2005

Rooms will be assigned on a **first-come, first-served** space available basis by the Greater Rochester Visitors Association Housing Desk at DePrez Travel after they are received at the Multiple Office. **Your hotel room deposit will be forwarded to the hotel, you will see that amount credited to your room reservation upon check-in.** Reservation requests will only be accepted on this form, and must be received by the Multiple Office by **March 01, 2005**. Any requests received after that date will not be processed and will be returned. **After March 15, 2005, you will need to contact your hotel directly to make a change or cancellation to a reservation. Prior to that date, changes and cancellations must be in writing to DePrez Travel by fax at 585-442-8934 or email to dduckett@depreztravel.com.** Changes and cancellations cannot be made by phone, but they are happy to answer your questions at toll-free 877-GRVA111 (478-2111). You will receive a written confirmation of your assigned hotel directly from DePrez Travel Bureau. Please read this document carefully as it will contain information unique to the hotel being confirmed.
Number your hotel choice in order of preference with "1" being your first choice. Circle your room type/price:

Number in order of preference	Hotels	Single (1 person 1 bed)	Double (2 people 1 bed)	Double (2 people 2 beds)	Triple (3 people 2 beds)	Quad (4 people 2 beds)
	Hyatt Regency Rochester HEADQUARTERS	\$107.00	\$107.00	\$107.00		
	Crowne Plaza	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$109.00		
	Clarion Riverside Hotel	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00		

Please Note: Confirmation will only be mailed to the address below: Names will appear on registration badges as listed below - Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Club/District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

If multiple occupancy, please list additional people's names, (please note, we will mail confirmation to the first person only):

Person 2: _____

Person 3: _____

Person 4: _____

Smoking Nonsmoking Special Requests: _____

An advance registration fee of **\$25.00 per each room occupant** over 18 must be paid and is **non refundable**. Please note: registrations purchased at the Convention will be \$35.00 each.

You must enclose a check for your room deposit and registrations made payable to MD-20. Send completed form and payment to:

NYS Lions
 526 Oak Street
 Syracuse, NY 13203

	Number	Amount	Total
Convention Registration per person over 18 years old	_____	x \$25.00	= _____
Room Deposit	_____ 1 _____	x \$110.00	= \$110.00
Suite Deposit (<u>Suites are available to District Governor candidates only</u>)	_____	x \$265.00	= _____
Check enclosed for:			\$ _____



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MD-20 CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM - ROCHESTER 2005

MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON

Fri. May 13 2005 Noon
Convention Center
\$18.00 per person _____

LIONESS BREAKFAST

Sat. May 14 2005 8 AM
Hyatt Regency
\$15.50 per person _____

PARTNERS IN SERVICE LUNCHEON

Sat. May 14 2005 Noon
Hyatt Regency
\$18.00 per person _____

LIONS LUNCH

Sat. May 14 2005 Noon
Convention Center
\$19.00 per person _____

CONVENTION GALA

Sat. May 14 2005
Doors open at 6 PM Dinner served at 7 PM
Convention Center
\$38.00 per person _____

TOTAL TICKETS ORDERED

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION _____

Please send payment (no credit cards) to NYS & Bermuda Lions Clubs, 526 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203. You must purchase your tickets in advance. There will be no meal tickets sold at the Convention. **Deadline for meal order forms is April 22, 2005. Purchase your tickets early - meal events sell out every year!**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

PLEASE NOTE- YOUR MEAL TICKETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKET. YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET AT THE CONVENTION. SEE YOU IN ROCHESTER!