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DG VISITATIONS

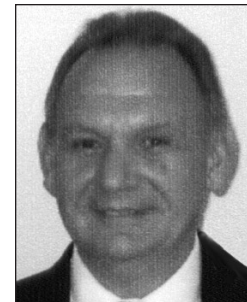
Akron: Oct. 26
 Alden: Oct. 13
 Amherst: Nov. 8
 Arcade: Oct. 4
 Barker: Oct. 20
 Blasdell/Woodlawn: Jan. 6
 Boston: Oct. 6
 Buffalo Host: Dec. 1
 Buffalo Latino: Sept. 20
 Buffalo Inner City: Dec. 2:
 Buffalo Kensington: Dec. 7
 Buffalo Riverside: Jan. 17
 Cheektowaga: Jan. 4
 Clarence: Nov. 11
 Depew: Jan. 11
 Dunkirk /Fredonia: Sept. 27
 East Aurora: March 7
 Evans Township: Nov. 22
 Falconer: Sept. 8
 Franklinville/Machias: Feb. 15
 Frewsburg: Oct. 25
 Gasport: Nov. 3
 Gerry: Sept. 8
 Gowanda: Oct. 6
 Grand Island: Jan. 12
 Jamestown: Sept. 14
 Kenmore: Nov. 16
 Lancaster: Feb. 1
 Lewiston: Nov. 23
 Little Valley: Sept. 2
 Lockport: Nov. 16
 Mayville/Chautauqua: Oct. 18
 Newfane: Oct.12
 Niagara Falls: Oct. 21
 Olcott: Oct. 27
 Olean: Oct. 14
 Orchard Park: TBA
 Pendleton: Sept. 28
 Pine Valley: Oct. 28
 Portville: Oct. 7
 Randolph: Dec. 16
 Ransomville: Oct. 5
 Salamanca: Sept. 15
 Sheridan Drive: Jan. 3
 Sherman: Dec. 6
 So. Buffalo/Lackawanna: Nov. 9
 Springville: Sept. 14
 Tonawanda: Dec. 13
 Hamburg: Feb. 23
 Town of Niagara: Feb. 2
 Town of Wheatfield: Dec. 2
 West Seneca: Jan. 18
 Williamsville: March 15
 Wilson: Nov. 1
 Youngstown: Sept. 7

Message from ...

DG GARY CARINI

Greeting Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Spring is here. Now is the time for us to go out into our communities and try to set up a community project. A community needs assessment is a great way to start. Our May 7th food drive is coming soon. I would like to see all Clubs participate. It is my feeling that if you have a food pantry in your town, that the food you collect should stay local. Any extra food can be donated to a Food Pantry of your choice or to the Food Bank of WNY.



District K-2 voted down the redistricting, so we will stay the way we are with 12 districts. This will not be voted on at the State Convention, it will not be on the ballot.

Grand Island and Lancaster Clubs are almost there with their raising of the funds for the MIRACLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD, as long as the matching grant comes in from L.C.I.F. What a great job to raise \$250,000.00 for this project. Hopefully construction will begin this spring. What a great asset for our community.

Just a reminder, my Homecoming is April 21st at the American Legion Post in Orchard Park and my testimonial is May 21st at Romanello's South in Hamburg, New York. Hope to see you there. It should be a good time at both of them.

All club secretaries do not forget to fill out your PU 101's. This should be done by May 15th. It can be done online or if you need a hard copy let me know and I will get one for you. This really helps VDG Clancy for getting his Directory together.

The State Convention is coming soon and I hope to see you there too. There is still room if you want to attend.

HELP WANTED:

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions, our District has come to a crossroads. Never did anyone ever think we would come to the point of not having our important leadership positions filled, but now is that time! District 20-N is currently without candidates for the 2011-2012 Lions Year to fill the positions of both First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor.

Our District needs your help! We need qualified Lions to assist our District with moving us into the future. There is still time to step up to the plate (sorry, baseball reference - couldn't resist). I cannot stress enough the need to fill these positions. We're ready to answer any questions you may have. You can contact MD-20 Past District Governors Chairman PDG James Muscoreil at (716) 628-8052 or any other PDG. We look forward to hearing from you.

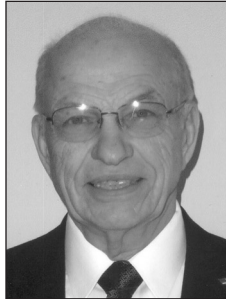
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VDG CLANCY BURKWIT

In preparation for my upcoming year as District Governor, I would like to update and correct (where necessary) our District 20-N Directory.

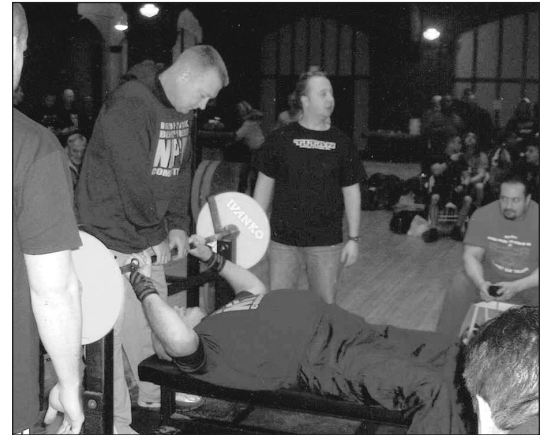
First, I would appreciate it if Club secretaries would send a copy of the PU-101 form (2011-2012 club officers) to our Directory Editor, Lion Paul Grimble at pgrimble@jbcs2.net.

Second, I would like to hear from current cabinet members and lions who are interested in becoming a member of the cabinet or a District Committee, to notify me at lockportcave@verizon.net or at the cabinet meeting on March 27, 2011.



THE NEWFANE LIONS CLUB WILL BE HOSTING A HOSPITALITY ROOM AT THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLANCY BURKWIT AND EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL DISTRICT 20N LIONS AND THEIR ADULT COMPANIONS FOR A CHAMPAGNE TOAST FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH.

TOWN OF NIAGARA LIONS



Pictured is Lion John Teixeira, participating in the Red Brick Bench Press Championship back in February, at the Connecticut Street Armory in Buffalo. Lion John was the chairman in the Masters Division ages 75-79. Proceeds from the event support the National Guard Family programs. The Town of Niagara Lions Club has donated to the fund raiser. Congratulations Lion John!

BULLETIN :-: SPECIAL REPORT

LIONS VISION BEYOND SIGHT

Lions your Diagnostic Imaging Center at the Ross Eye Institute is overwhelmingly busy every day, since opening September 9, 2007. The Lions Vision Beyond Sight Foundation, (VBSF) has nearly achieved our \$400,000.00 pledge thanks to the Lions Clubs here in District 20N.

This has been successful because of visionary Lions of 20N who have volunteered to serve on the VBSF board of directors. These Lions have been the Delegates of the 46 Charter Lions Clubs from Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties. Remember a Charter Club is any Club that has contributed a minimum of \$500.00. If your Club hasn't donated that amount yet, you still have an opportunity to become a Charter member and become appointed by your Club to be it's Delegate and attend our Bi-annual Meetings. (April 2nd and November DTBA).

Every year the Delegates nominate or submit their own name for election to the Board of Directors (a 5 year term). To work at promoting the services of the Ross Eye Institute, promote existing fundraisers or start a new fundraiser to purchase the state-of-the-art Diagnostic and Imaging equipment for the Lions Diagnostic/Imaging Center at the Ross Eye Institute. Some of our directors are tired and would be happy to be replaced by a fresh, energetic and committed new member of the VBSF Board. So let your enthusiasm be known to Lion Scott Sampson (487-0928 or sgsampson@windstream.net) the VBSF Directors Nomination Chairman.

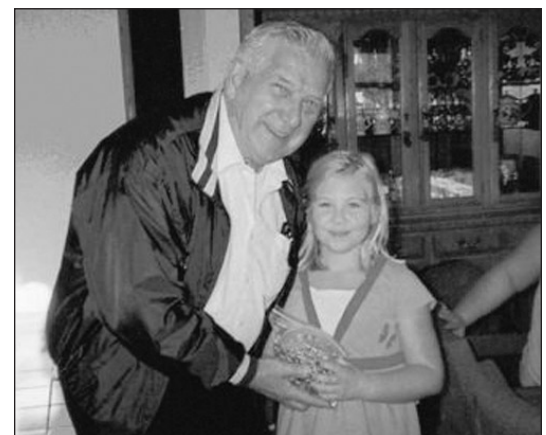
This year is also very disappointing and critical because our dedicated hard working and innovative Chairman for the past three years Lion Richard Jachimik has seriously informed us he doesn't have the time to serve in the capacity of Chairman of the VBSF. So we also look to our delegates and you for a Lion that will pick-up this important leadership role in 2011.

Lion Rick has been a thorough administrator and even created a dynamic fundraiser that is simple for any Lion to participate in and has been very successful, we only need more Lions to volunteer from their homes to do.

This is the VBSF's tenth year of existence raising \$384,000.00. Please consider your commitment to being a "Knight of the Blind" in your membership as a Lion and become involved on this not-for-profit corporation to provide the funds and services needed by your family, friends, and neighbors.

In SERVICE

Lion Roger Haase PDG, Lioness Barbara Stackpoole, Lion Richard Teetsel, Lion Michael Shaver, Lion Lois Kaminski, Lion Myrna Edmonds, Lion Diane Muscoreil, Lion Michael Curran PDG, Lion Michael Buchheit, Lion Dan Dunn, Lion Tom Witkowski, Lion Robert Shively PDG; Lion Jeffrey J. Stribing PCC, Charter President



Pictured is PDG Lion Bob Shively and 8-year-old granddaughter Savanna. She is a student at Stevenson Elementary School in Ransomville. Savanna collects aluminum pull tabs for grandfather PDG Bob. The tabs are recycled and the money is donated to the Town Niagara Lions Club. Great job Savanna!

YOUNGSTOWN LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club was able to have its first ever storage shed built to house the club's equipment and supplies thanks to CWM, Inc. and the VFW Lake Ontario Post 313. The club was one of the local beneficiaries of the 2010 Waste Management Corporate Charity Golf Tournament and received a generous donation of \$5000. The VFW Lake Ontario Post 313 graciously offered to have the shed built on its property in Youngstown.



Pictured in front of the new shed left to right: Lions Deb Comerford, Ernie Lavigueur, President Stu Comerford, Lois and Pete Makinski and Gary Zanardi. Lion Gary is also the Adjutant of the VFW Post 313.



The Lion braved the wintry blast March 6th for the annual Olcott Polar Swim for Sight. The club sold Italian sausage and Lions chocolate Easter bunnies.

Pictured serving up the sausage is Lion Dick Allen, Donna Gubala, and Pete Kaminski.

Lion Stu Comerford of the Youngstown Lions Club held a dance night for all members and friends. Lion Stu taught the waltz, jitterbug, electric slide, and cha-cha. Fun was had by all!!

Showing off his dance moves with his wife Cindy is Lion Vince Burke.



DG Gary Carini inducted the Youngstown Lions Club newest member, Lion Peg Seiver at the DG visitation in October. Lion Peg is the mother of Lion Margie Beard.

At age 89, Lion Peg attends all membership meetings and lends support to many of the club activities. Lion Peg will celebrate her 90th birthday this March.



AMHERST LIONS CLUB



Amherst member Ken Wasson flips some of the 800 or so pancakes the club served at its annual pancake breakfast and silent auction earlier this month. The Club served 250 breakfasts and auctioned off about 60 gift baskets and gift certificates, raising several thousand dollars to support its service projects for the blind, vision-impaired and handicapped children.



Pat Radtke, right, of Amherst considers making a bid on one of the 609 baskets of items and gift certificates auctioned off at the Club's annual pancake breakfast and auction. Auction chair, Lion Sarah DiNatale, left, reported \$1,000 in winning bids. The Lions also served 250 breakfasts and raised several thousand dollars to support service projects for the blind, vision-impaired and handicapped children.





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DISTRICT 20-N LIONS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

HOLLAND HILLS CC

10438 Holland-Glenwood Road

\$75.00
Per
Person

8:00-9:30 AM Registration with Coffee & Donuts
10:00 AM Shot-Gun Start :-: 18 Holes of Fabulous Golf
Hot Dog & Beverages at the Turn

One (1) Hour Open Bar Before Dinner :-: Chicken & Rib Dinner Plus Prizes

Not A Golfer?

Come and Enjoy the Sunshine, Cocktails, Dinner & Prizes --- *\$35.00 per person*

Name of Non-Golfer _____

Sponsor A Hole for *Just \$25.00* Name of Sponsor _____

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4329 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park, NY 14127

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