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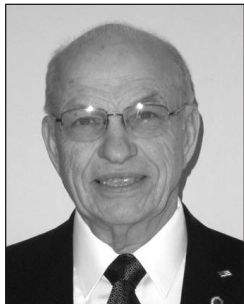
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Message from ...

DG CLANCY BURKWIT



As I travel throughout the District, I am very impressed with the vision and innovation of fellow Lion members. It is gratifying to see the accomplishments made for the less fortunate, our community and the world. And at the same time I am concerned for the Clubs that are experiencing membership / leadership problems. Many Clubs go through cycles of growth and decline. If your Club is in decline, please communicate with your

zone chair, region chair, vice District Governors, Global Membership team and of course, me. In this District we have a wealth of knowledgeable Lions who are eager to help.

This newsletter is full of events and Club activities. I encourage all Lions to try to participate in as many of these events as possible. I would like to attend an ACM in each region. I need the Region and Zone Chairs to give me enough time to fit your ACM in my schedule.

Registration forms are available for the 2012 MD-20 State Convention which will be held in Syracuse, NY May 18-20 at the On-Center. A variety of seminars will be available for the attendees.

The next District Cabinet meeting will be held at the Protocol Restaurant, Transit Road (near the Thruway) on March 24, 2012. As always, registration will be at 9:00 am, and the meeting will be from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A buffet lunch at the Protocol will be available for anyone for \$15.00. In accordance with past District practices, every Club is encouraged to send a representative to report back to their home Club. All Lions are welcome and I would love to see you!

I want to thank every Lion in District 20N for the great effort you have given to Lionism this year and for the past years. It makes me proud to be a Lion.

I BELIEVE -- SERVICE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

PROPOSED CHANGE TO DISTRICT 20N CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

The following proposed change to the District 20N Constitution and By-Laws was voted on and carried by the District 20N Board at the November 5th Cabinet Meeting. Proposal to add Section 2 to Article VII reading as follows:

“Any and all additions or changes to Lions Clubs International/and or Multiple District 20’s Constitution and By-Laws are to be automatically written into and incorporated to the District 20N Constitution and By-Laws.”

It will now be submitted to the Multiple to be placed on our ballot at the Multiple Convention.

GMT UPDATE -

It has been my distinct pleasure to hear of our district clubs and fellow Lions participating in the Club Excellence Project (CEP) described in the past newsletter and mailings handed out at Cabinet meetings and articles here in the district’s newsletter. As with any new program, it has its speed bumps that have been met and now dealt with. First, the deadline has been extended to the end of February due to the busy holiday period now past. It is now an excellent time for your clubs to learn how well it is doing before we pursue the next phase of learning the humanitarian needs of our communities. Second, it has come to my attention that several clubs did not receive the letter of introduction and the forms for the program. This was a logistical problem with the mailings which has now been corrected. Third, the table of calculating your club’s results has now been finalized and will appear on the district’s website before you receive this newsletter. And last, the “fire of desire” must be lit in order to keep our clubs filled with Lions and friends of Lions eager to serve in these difficult times. We have all seen and read the articles about our economy and how literally millions of people have been affected. It is time we step up and help our community neighbors who need our assistance. The CEP is a proven way of determining how you feel about your club, its fundraisers and activities, and our personal satisfaction as Lions. If your club would like me to talk with you and help you through this process, I would be happy to hear from you. Again, the International has sources available to all of us to make our clubs stronger and vibrant. All you have to do is ask. My numbers are 716-773-4437 (home) and 716-909-1862 (cell). Email is lion-tom20n@roadrunner.com.

*~ Sincerely yours in service,
Lion Tom Witkowski, District 20N Chair*

REGION 4 SOCIAL

Region 4 of Multiple District 20-N is hosting their annual Social at Shea’s Performing Arts Center on Friday March 30, 2012 with the performance of the musical “Spamalot”. The musical comedy “Spamalot” is based on the cult favorite film of the 70’s “Monty Python and The Holy Grail”. Prior to the performance at 8:00pm on the main stage a buffet dinner will be catered by Della Mostra by Mulberry’s at the Shea’s Smith Theatre located adjacent to the Box Office.

The cost of the package will be \$85.00 or \$75.00 depending on seating. The \$85.00 seating is center orchestra 8-11 rows from the stage. The \$75.00 seating is far left of center rows “M”-“O”. All seating has legroom. The package includes the buffet dinner and the performance of “Spamalot”. Cash bar will be available starting at 5:30pm.

All lions and guests from MD 20-N are invited. For reservations please contact Lion John Schneider (716) 947-5079, Lion John Haak (716) 549-5223, Lion Jim Sedor (716) 598-7275, or Lion Jim Martin (716) 549-6333.

DGNFL PUBLISHING SCHEDULE DEADLINES TO LION DIANE

FEBRUARY 13th FOR THE MARCH 1st ISSUE, MARCH 27th FOR THE APRIL 13th ISSUE, MAY 15th FOR THE JUNE 1st ISSUE

FREWSBURG LIONS CLUB



Picture legend, l-r: Lions Jim Soule, Pat Harvey, Chairman Bob Sandberg, Jon Anderson, De Warn, Bob Anderson.

This fall the Frewsburg Lions Club completed two projects at the Willis Hale Town Park. Under the chairmanship of Lion Robert Sandberg the group refinished all the picnic tables for the park.

Also, in connection with the Lions International goal of planting 1 million trees by July of 2012, Frewsburg Lions Club members gave 32 man hours and planted 16 sugar maples and 16 northern red oak trees at the Town Park. Lion Don Dove chaired this project.

A **Krispy Creme Donut Fundraiser**, chaired by Lion John Gatgen, resulted in proceeds of \$1241 which was presented to Tracy and Carrie Magnuson to help cover expenses for Carrie's lengthy hospitalization and recovery.



Pictured are: Chairman John Gatgen, Carrie Magnuson, Tracy Magnuson and President Tom Swanson.

AMHERST LIONS



DG Lion Clancy Burkwit visited the Club on December 12th. In this photo are Lion Kevin Burkwit, Region Chair Lion Phil Silliman, DG Lion Clancy Burkwit, and Lion President Herb Wilber.

CLARENCE LIONS CLUB

5th Annual Chili/Chowder Cook-Off as part of Clarence "Winterfest".

When the Town of Clarence Youth Bureau and the Clarence Chamber hold their annual WINTERFEST celebration at Clarence Town Park on January 29th, they'll be counting on the Clarence Lions Club to "warm-up" the crowd.

That's just what they'll do, says Lion Timothy Pazda, who organizes the annual Chili-Chowder Cook-off in the park's large pavilion.

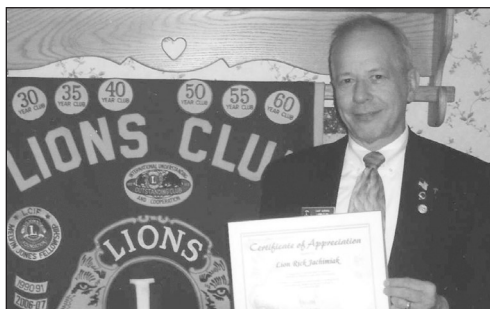
Area not-for-profits will be entering their favorite recipes, to compete in two separate categories...the "Best Chili", as well as a separate "Best Chowder" division. The winners take home a "Peoples Choice Award" and bragging rights for another year.

Typically, the Chili-Chowder Cook-off attracts competitors from local fire companies, scouting groups, nursing homes, churches, and other not-for-profits. Last year's contest also drew some 300 tasters, who donated a nominal fee of \$5.00 to try all the entries.

The hours of this year's WINTERFEST, including the Lions' Chili-Chowder Cook-off, are Noon to 5 pm at Clarence Town Park, which is located at 10405 Main Street.

If you can stand the "heat" and want to enter your non-profit group in the competition, contact Lions President Tim Pazda for more information at pazda@roadrunner.com or 984-3245.

EAST AURORA LIONS



East Aurora Lion President Rick Jachimiak displays his well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation from International President Tam in recognition of the depth and breadth of his tireless service to the East Aurora Lions and to District 20N. Lion Rick serves as Region Four Zone Two Chair, District Chaplain and as past Vision Beyond Sight Chairman.

CLARENCE LIONS CLUB



The Clarence Center's 4-H group, the 4 Leaf Luckies, presented eyeglass donation boxes to the Clarence Lion's Club. Four members of the 4-H group completely hand crafted and painted the donation boxes as one of their wood-working projects: Brennan Deahn, Bryce Deahn, Alex Gulakiw and Hannah Smith. Each box earned a blue ribbon at the Erie County Fair in August. The group chose this project with the intent of giving the boxes to the Lion's Club. The members learned measuring, construction and how to safely use power tools – drill press, and sander. They chose to paint their boxes red so they would be very visible in the donation sites. The four members were invited to present their boxes at a weekly meeting that also had the District Governor in attendance.

SPRINGVILLE LIONS CLUB



During his visit to the club, Governor Burkwit took time to induct two new lions. Standing from front: new Lion Jerome Grasso with sponsor Lion Jim Krezmien, new Lion Amy Strosa with her sponsor and proud father Lion Timothy McGuan.

LANCASTER LIONS

The Lancaster Lions Club Loan Closet is currently experiencing a wealth of inventory. If any club is in need of crutches, commodes or walkers, we have an excess of those items. Please call Lion Mary Arena for pick up information. 681-8372 or 566-0198. *Thank you.*

CHEEKTOWAGA LIONS



Pictured are: Mrs Clause (Chris Stroh), Michael Cieslinski and Santa (Lion Phil Youngman).

The Lions hosted their annual Christmas Party for the blind and sight impaired at Amvets Post 14 in Depew. Entertainment was provided by The Maryvale Chorale, and after dinner Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause were on hand to present gifts to the guests. The Cheektowaga Lioness and Lions wives supplied homemade cookies for everybody to enjoy.

LOCKPORT LIONS CLUB



Club President Clint Starke and DG Clancy Burkwit congratulate Lion Frank Stout for his 50 years of service.

Lions Clubs International has awarded the 50 year Monarch Chevron Award to Lion member Frank M. Stout. International Lions Club President Sid Scruggs extended congratulations from International officers and directors stressing the recipient must have demonstrated through his local Lions Club active commitment to humanitarian causes in the local and global community. DG Clancy Burkwit presented the award. Over the years Lion Stout has served in many offices of the Lockport Club and Lions District 20-N. Lion Stout has been awarded the Lions International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and New York State's highest award the Robert J. Uplinger Citation for dedicated service and leadership. He was also very active in other community affairs and was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantry Badge serving his country during WWII.

KENMORE LIONS CLUB

The Kenmore Lions Club members entertained thirty sight impaired friends and their spouses at the club's annual Christmas Luncheon. Pianist Tom Paladino provided inspiring music of the season and guests were given two tickets to the club's Annual Pancake Breakfast March 4th. The club members then sang Christmas Carols in December at the McAuley Manor & Tonawanda Manor joined by the St. Rose of Lima Choir. Kenmore Lions have served their community for over 82 years.



Lion Jerry Schoemick & Doris Bailey, guest.



Phyllis Salerno, guest & Lion Larry Ginnane.

SHERIDAN DRIVE

Over 100 families in the Tonawanda area celebrated Thanksgiving a little more brightly thanks to the Sheridan Drive Lions Club. Club members delivered 120 turkeys accompanied by bags of potatoes, stuffing mix and canned goods to St. Christopher's Parish Food Pantry located at the St. Edmund Campus in Tonawanda. The Club followed up with an additional donation of 70 hams for upcoming holiday meals. Thanks go out to U-Haul on Kenmore Avenue in Tonawanda for donating use of the trailer to transport the food.



NIAGARA LIONS CLUB



On November 29, 2011 the Town of Niagara Lions Club conducted a membership drive and fund raiser at the Fashion Show Mall. Lions info brochures were available as well as milk chocolate snow flakes for sale. Pictured staffing the booth are Lions Jackie Boyce, Kim Clark, Ed Clark, and Christine Clark. The Clark family did a great job assembling and staffing the booth!



The Town of Niagara Lions Club recently donated food gift certificates to 4 local food kitchens. Pictured presenting a certificate to Heart, Love, and Soul food kitchen are Lions PDG Robert Shively, President Ed Clark, First Lady Kim Clark, and Jackie Boyce.


WILSON LIONS



The Wilson Lions Annual Christmas Party took place on December 19th, with over 50 Lions from eight clubs joining in the fun. In photo from left to right are Vice President Bernie Leiker, DG Clancy Burkwit, PDG James Muscoreil and President Joe Jastrzemski.



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PENDLETON LIONS

On November 12th at the annual Boy Scout food drive Pendleton Boy Scouts troops 47 & 98 sparked an outpouring of support from community and organizations to be presented to the food pantry at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Tonawanda Creek Road.

The Lions Club Members donated numerous turkeys, pumpkin pies and fresh potatoes making sure that everyone had a Thanksgiving turkey.



Lions Chris King, Joe Mascaluso, Dave Leible and Jeff Jarvis help Troops 47 & 98 along with Sen. George Maziarz & Pendleton Highway Sup. Jeff Stowell help load food at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

The Thanksgiving meals were distributed to needy families Thursday morning. The event was a complete success.

During this Christmas Holiday on December 28th and 29th the Pendleton Lions are holding their third Holiday Basketball Tournament with this year's theme "Vision Beyond Sight" at Starpoint High School with the help of the schools athletic department, The JV games are at 1 PM each date and the Varsity games begin at 5 PM. The championship games will start at 3 PM on the 29th and 6 PM that same evening.

All of the food collected was overwhelming and overfilled the pantry's refrigerator, freezers and shelves which were recently built by the Lions.



Sen. George Maziarz & Lions Dave Leible, Joe Macaluso & Jeff Jarvis look on as Aimee Jarvis, Pres. Of Wendelville Ladies Auxiliary presents a donation to Irene Ruggirello representative of the Pendleton Food Pantry.

Thank You ...

On behalf of the Ray Wheeler Humanitarian Fund and the District Governor, I want to thank the 30 clubs who have already sent in their donations amounting to \$1,552.50. Thank you for your generous contributions.

~ Chairman PDG Lion Dave Gehring

WE INVITE YOU TO ...

LIONS CAMP BADGER GOLF CLASSIC

Where Children with Special Needs Learn To Develop Personal Goals.



1st Annual Lions Charity Golf Tournament September 20, 2012

Additional Information & Registration:
Contact PDG Lion Bob Mizzoni
315 E 8th Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891
607-592-3511 E-mail: RMizzoni1@stny.rr.com

Door Prizes- Raffles – Drawings
Putting Contest – Chinese Auction

Public and Non-golfers are welcome.

WHEATFIELD LIONS 36TH ANNUAL "HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER"

Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center, 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st :-: 6:00 – 10:30 PM

\$30.00 per person/Spouses Welcome

For tickets: Chairman Sam Cala 716-694-6693/716-704-8040 sc62buff@roadrunner.com

Send your check payable to: Town of Wheatfield Lions Club, c/o Sam Cala, 7232 Wilrose Court, No. Tonawanda, NY 14120

