



Message from ...

DG GARY CARINI



Greeting Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Well my year as District Governor is now over. I want to thank all the Lions and Lioness for the hospitality, kindness and friendship that they have given me during the past year. It was my pleasure to visit your club and to personally meet all of you. I have been amazed and have enjoyed finding out all the things that our clubs are doing in their communities. Each club has their own unique project yet the outcome is all the same, we help and serve our communities. We also do a very fine job and are greatly appreciated by those in need.

While at the State Convention District-N received the "Presidents Award" for the most growth in District-20 despite the fact that we actually lost two clubs. The Amherst Lions Club and the Wilson Lions Club received a patch for the most growth for their size clubs in the District. I personally want to congratulate all the Lions Clubs in District N for a great job in recruiting new members. Hope you keep up the good work.

I would like to share with you a letter that I received recently from a local optometrist from the Good Neighbors Health Care:

Dear Mr. Carini,

In November 2004 a friend came to me to ask about creating an eye and vision clinic in a new urban ministry called Good Neighbors Health Care. That friend Gary Tater, along with his wife Linda had been donating an empty truck facility on Jefferson Ave. in Buffalo. February 4th, 2005, the Vision Clinic saw its' first patients. Along with volunteer primary care practitioners, nurse care practitioners, registered nurses, optometrists, opticians, dentists, dental hygienists, chiropractors, and other ancillary medical volunteers, we have been able to offer free medical care to the uninsured.

May I tell you how important and appreciated support from two local Lions Clubs has been for Good Neighbors Health Care. Their support has helped the vision clinic at Good Neighbors provide free eye and vision exams and prescription eyeglasses to 360 patients in 2010. A big "Thank You" and "God Bless You" goes out to the Clarence Lions Club and the South Buffalo/Lackawanna Lions Club.

On behalf of the people who would otherwise be unable to afford eye and vision care, "Thank You". It is inspiring to know the Lions Clubs are instrumental in

helping those in their own communities, and emphasize how absolutely important is that support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard E. Rogenthien

(Grateful volunteer optometrist-

Good Neighbors Health Care)

Letters like this really make you feel good about what we do as Lions. There is nothing like the feeling you get when you see the smile on the face of someone that you have helped. Keep up the good work and let's help DGE Clancy receive the same growth award next year.

Last but certainly not least I wish to thank my club, Orchard Park Lions, for all the hours of service, the financial assistance, and the moral support that they have given me over the last two years. I could have not done this alone, and I am very happy to have had them behind me all the way. Again, thank you very much. Hey honey I'm coming home! You can start cooking dinner again.

Thank you for the memories.

DISTRICT 20-N LEADERSHIP FORUM

St. John Vianney Church

(Behind the Church)

2950 Southwestern Boulevard
(Southwestern Blvd. just past Michael Rd.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011

1 PM for Lunch at School
Sessions at 2:10 PM & 3:10 PM at School

\$20.00 per club

Seminars will be available for all Club officers, as well as several other seminars or those waiting to sharpen their Leadership skills.

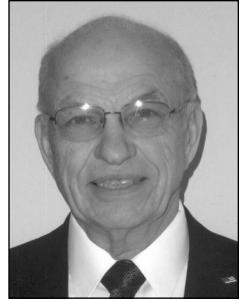
Clubs or individuals would like to attend this training please contact Lion Joe Biondo at (716) 625-6006 or Lion Dave Conley at (716) 674-3964 so that we can be sure to have enough materials and food.

DG CLANCY BURKWIT'S VISITATIONS

- Akron Tues., Nov. 8
- Alden Wed., Oct. 26
- Amherst Mon., Dec. 5
- Arcade Mon., Oct. 17
- Barker Wed., Feb. 1
- Blasdell/Woodlawn . . . Tues., Sept. 20
- Boston Wed., Nov. 9
- Buffalo Host Wed., Dec. 7
- Buffalo Inner City Thur., Feb. 2
- Buffalo Kensington . . . Tues., Sept. 13
- Buffalo Latino Thurs., Jan. 19
- Buffalo Riverside Mon. Dec. 19
- Cheektowaga Tues., Dec. 6
- Clarence Thurs., Dec. 8
- Depew Tues., Jan. 10
- Dunkirk/Fredonia Mon. Nov. 21
- East Aurora Mon., Oct. 17
- Evans Township Mon., Oct. 24
- Falconer Wed., Sept. 28
- Franklinville/Machias . . . Tues., Sept. 6
- Frewsburg Mon., Sept. 26
- Gasport Wed., Nov. 2
- Gerry Wed., Sept. 14
- Gowanda Wed., Oct. 19
- Grand Island Wed., Dec. 14
- Jamestown Tues., Oct. 4
- Kenmore Tues., Jan. 17
- Lancaster Tues., Jan. 17
- Lewiston Tues., Feb. 7
- Little Valley Thurs., Sept. 15
- Lockport Tues., Dec. 20
- Mayville/Chautauqua . . . Mon., Aug. 22
- Newfane Tues., April 10
- Olcott Wed., Jan. 25
- Olean Thurs., Oct. 20
- Orchard Park Thurs., Nov. 3
- Pendleton Wed., Jan. 11
- Pine Valley Thurs., Sept. 22
- Portville Thurs., Sept. 1
- Randolph Thurs., Nov. 17
- Ransomville Tues., Jan. 3
- Salamanca Sat., Sept. 17
- Sheridan Drive Mon., Feb. 6
- Sherman Mon., Oct. 3
- So. Bflo./Lackawanna . . . Tues., Feb. 21
- Springville Tues., Oct. 25
- Tonawanda Mon., Sept. 12
- Town of Hamburg Tues., Sept. 27
- Town of Niagara Wed., Jan. 4
- Town of Wheatfield . . . Thurs., Dec. 15
- West Seneca Tues., Nov. 22
- Wilson Mon., Feb. 20
- Youngstown Tues., Jan. 3

Message from ...

VDE CLANCY BURKWIT



District Governor Gary Carini has done an excellent job fostering the Lions cause in District 20-N this past year and I am preparing to take over this challenge in July. As part of the planning process, the tentative District Governor's visitation schedule is listed here for review. Any conflict should be e-mailed to Lion Nancy Luckman, Cabinet Secretary for 2011-2012 at lionnanc@verizon.net.

Also, the first District Cabinet meeting for the 2011-2012 year will be at the Lions 5 Senses Park, 6535 Ward Road, Town of Wheatfield on August 13 2011.

I am looking forward to a great year and appreciate the assistance given to me by so many thoughtful Lions.

LOCKPORT LIONS



Pictured, left to right: sponsoring Lion Tony Weiland, new members John Levy, Terry Harmon, Joe O'Shaughnessy and sponsoring Lion Bob Cammarata.

The Lockport Lions Club is proud to announce the addition of three new members. Clancy Burkwit incoming District Governor for New York State District 20-N inducted the Lions with an impressive ceremony as they were led into the meeting room blindfolded. As the blindfolds were removed candles were lit by the candidates symbolizing Lions efforts to aid the sight handicapped. This year Lions have provided over thirty eye examinations and eye glasses in the Lockport Community. If you are interested in joining the Lockport Lions please contact Membership Chair Lion Bob Cammarata at Cammarata's Restaurant.

Fellow Lions - I am looking for a portable oxygen concentrator that I can borrow for two weeks this summer. It would be needed from June 28 until July 10, 2011. Please pass this to your clubs, members, neighbors, friends, and anyone that you might think about. Any answers, please contact me as soon as you can. Thank you. Keith Countermine (H-585-591-1023); (C-716-560-1197).

CHEEKTOWAGA LIONS

The Cheektowaga Lions announced the names of two Cheektowaga residents who will receive scholarships. They are Catherine Chojnacki of Cheektowaga Central and Tyia Acoff of The Park School.

Four more scholarships will be awarded to students of the schools attended by the MVPs of the Lions Ladies Basketball Classic played last March. They are: Mary Grace of Immaculata; MVP Lindsay Nowak and Karen Reisch of Mount St. Marys; MVP Tara Topolski and Jesse Skubis of St. Mary's; MVP Reann Stiwell and Sharif Osman of Nichols; and MVP Sloane Walton.

CHEEKTOWAGA LIONESSE CLUB



DG Gary Carini shown above at a recent visitation to the Cheektowaga Lioness Club. Pictured from left to right (seated): Linda Krolkowski, VP and Mary Lou Zawodzki, President. Standing: Mickey Cappella, Acting Secretary and Betty Lou Young, Treasurer.

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PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club resident 26th annual free senior dinner in May. Our count revealed that over 70 seniors attended from the town, and everyone had a great time. This year's menu was a great spaghetti dinner cooked by many lions but primarily the sauce was made with much love by Lion Joe Macaluso and Friend John Importa even Lion Gary Braun used some of his family recipe. Thanks go out to Lion Gary Braun, for his hard work in organizing this event, for the seventh year now, and the many lions who volunteered for the dinner that was provided to all seniors from Pendleton including the Pendleton Senior citizens' and Wendelville Senior citizens' organizations. To conclude the event, Pendleton Lions made a very generous donation to each senior organization. A great time was had by all of the guests and volunteers alike.

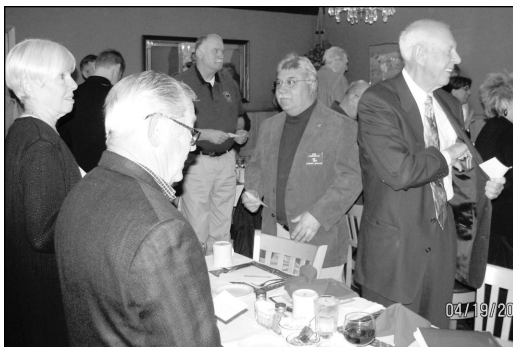
Later in May at the Starpoint HS senior awards breakfast the Pendleton Lions awarded four \$500.00 scholarships to graduating Pendleton Seniors. Each applicant had to write something about how they could make the Town a better place to live. Our recipients were Rebecca Metz, Kimberly Reinhart, Christopher Kufchak and Zachary Toth.

The Lockport Lions invited the Pendleton Lions to a night of fun and Brotherly Love. We, Pendleton Lions, knew we were in for it when Lion Luis from Lockport asked us all to rise and help singing "By the light of the Silvery Moon".

Then the Lockport Club welcomed back Lion Winston, who it seems has been missing from a few recent meetings, by asking him to please show all there his famed rendition of "The Bunny Hop". I guess he was asked to perform this at the last meeting he was at, however he did mention that he would save it for the Easter Holiday time. Well to help him remember the dance Lion Marilyn got up to help him with the steps.

Also groups of Pendleton Lions are getting ready for the Annual Fishing Derby that will be held at East Canal Marina on June 11 this year.

Fellow Lions, we sure do miss sharing with our fellow clubs and much more should occur as we try to encourage more of our young residents to become members and join to help out in the communities and enjoy the fun at Meetings/ Joint Meetings.



Immediate Part President of Lockport Lion Bob Cammarata, PP Lion Ron, Lion Marilyn and Lion Bill and many more in the gathering have a smile on their faces as we finish the song.



Lockport Lion Winston across from Lockport Lion Sue and Pendleton Lions Ed and Richard share some stories before the Bunny



Many senior residents enjoying free Spaghetti dinner at Good Shepard Church hall provided by the Pendleton Lions.



Chris, Becky, Kimberly and Zachary with Lion Dan Wendt and Starpoint supervisor and Lion C. Doug Whelan.

RANSOMVILLE LIONS

Hosting the **Annual Lions Night at the Races** on August 12, at the Ransomville Speedway, to benefit the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Program. This year, we are doing things a little different and would like to offer a VIP package for \$25 which includes: tower seating in the VIP tower area room, admission to the pit area, catering of snacks such as nachos & cheese, popcorn, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and ice cold can beer throughout the evening. This provides you the opportunity to be out of the elements and in the comfort of a dust-free air-conditioned room to watch the races. VIP package tickets are limited to 20 tickets and go fast! We also have the Grandstand Admission Package for \$15 each. Tickets price includes Grandstand Admission, a picnic dinner under the pavilion, ice cold soda, beer, and lots of fun for the evening. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Hurry!! Tickets are on sale until August 1!

All proceeds from Lions Night at the Races are donated to Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service. The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service is the radio station that reads for people who can't read.

Reflective 911 Signs: Everyone knows the adage "Every Second Counts" when we're referring to an emergency and it's true. The difference between life and death may only be a few seconds for a victim. This fact has not been ignored by governmental agencies and community organizations; millions and millions of dollars have been poured into technologically advanced E-911 systems over the past 15-20 years. Even today, the hot topic is wireless E-911 concerning cell phones dialing 911.

However, with all of this technology, we've left out one small, basic tool. People don't mark their addresses sufficiently for emergency personnel to find them. Hundreds of fire chiefs across the country have told us that EVERYONE should have one of these 911 signs. The reflective address signs clearly mark your address for all emergency personnel to identify easily both day and night.

The Ransomville Lions Club's goal is to eliminate this problem. The primary purpose of the 9-1-1 Reflective Address Marker Program will always be to enable emergency services to locate addresses quickly without any unnecessary delays.

For the cost of \$16, you receive a blue 6' x 18' sign, constructed of .063 aluminum, which will never rust. The reflective sheeting that covers both sides of the sign ensures visibility night and day. Your sign will include white reflective numbers on both sides of sign, as well as pre drilled holes to attach to your mailbox.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or in ordering a sign, contact Lion Betty Clark at (716) 791-4628 or email Lion Tina Clark at lionrclark@roadrunner.com. Look forward to hearing from you!



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

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8:00-9:30 AM Registration with Coffee & Donuts

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Name of Non-Golfer _____

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

**Please Mail Information and Fee By August 10th to: DG Gary Carini
4329 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park, NY 14127**

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to District 20-N***

Annual Picnic for the Blind

July 17, 2011, Sunday afternoon, 2 to 6 p.m. Depew, Town of Wheatfield, Pendleton, Riverside, Kenmore, The Tonawandas, Lancaster, Town of Niagara, Ransomville, Barker, Gasport, Amherst, Alden, Kensington, West Seneca, Wilson, Youngstown, Hamburg, Cheektowaga, Sheridan, Lockport, Buffalo Host, Lewiston, and Cheek-towaga Lioness lion clubs are sponsoring the 10th annual picnic for the blind at the Five Senses Nature Park, 6535 Ward Road, east of Niagara Falls Blvd. If any Lions Clubs are interested in sharing expenses and/or helping with transportation, please contact me, Lion Vinny Tagliarino, 681-1645. We will be serving dinner, beer, pop, wine, music, etc. for all blind and their guests and lions and lioness. Lions, any blind person is invited.

*~ Chairman Vinny Tagliarino
~ Co-Chairman Hank Scibisz*