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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

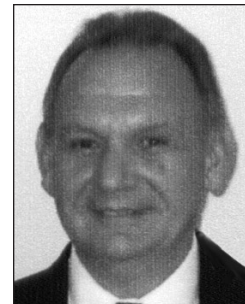
Message from ...

DG GARY CARINI

Greeting Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

Well, it is amazing how fast the tears gone by. My visitations are winding down. I have four clubs left to visit plus the four lioness clubs.

My Cabinet Meeting will be held at the Orchard Park Legion Post 567 on March 27th at 10:00 am. Please note that this is a different date than originally planned due to a mix up with the Legion Post. Registration will begin at 9:00. A buffet lunch will be served after the meeting for \$15.00. Coffee and pastries will be served before the meeting. Dr. Anthone, who has donated some donated some corneal surgeries, will be a guest speaker along with Brian Khale, from Magic Marketing. Brian, will explain what he can do for us regarding publicity for the Lion Clubs.



At the cabinet meeting more information will be given about the upcoming May 7th food drive. This will be a State wide drive for all the Lion Clubs in District 20.

Registration for the State Convention in Rochester New York is way down. If any Lion is thinking about going to this great it is not too late. Send your registration form to CST Tim Jachlewski. We are in danger of not meeting our minimum numbers. Conventions sights are picked two years in advance. The numbers are used from past conventions. Hope to see many of you there.

Grand Island and Lancaster Lion Clubs have applied for \$75,000.00 a matching grant from LCI for the construction of the "Miracle League Baseball Field". They have secured two \$75,000.00 donations from other sources and they only need to raise another \$19,000.00 if the LCI GRant is approved. Miracle League of Grand Island and Western New York has raised \$4,000.00 and plans on raising the balance of the monies with a corporate dinner event including the involvement of the Grand Island and Lancaster Lion clubs on March 12, 2011.

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.

LIONS CLUB MARKS 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Evans Township Lions Club, Inc. (www.evanslions.org) celebrated 65 years of community service to the Town of Evans and Brant with a dinner at the Willis H. Carrier B.O.C.E.S. Center on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2011. Students of the Centers Food Service and Hospitality class prepared and served the delicious dinner. The Lions Club was founded in 1946 as the Angola Lions Club. The name was revised years later to more accurately reflect the area it serves.

Evans Township Lions Club, Inc. is part of "Lions International", the largest service organization in the world. Local club members are included in the 1,342,901 members, in 45,977 clubs and 743 districts in 206 countries and geographic locations that make up the International organization. Their simple motto, "We Serve", has guided your local club for the last 65 years and will continue to inspire the club in the future.

Ms. Mary Hosler gave a report on her recent mission to Uganda, where she and others from across the country have worked on several visits to improve the living conditions of local villagers. A monetary contribution from the Evans Lions Club was used to directly benefit their chosen village. This example of people directly helping people (think "We Serve") is what Lions Clubs worldwide are noted for. Club to club service projects like those after Hurricane Katrina, have been recognized and supported by the International Organization.

Any donations from the public, to any Lions Club, anywhere in the world, or to "Lions International", must be spent to directly help the people. Not one penny collected from the public is ever spent on "administrative costs". Your Lions Club is sometimes called the best kept secret in town, because the help and service provided by its' members can't be publicized. Your local Lions Club provides eye glasses, eye screening, hearing aid assistance, diabetes awareness education and volunteer assistance as needed. The only advertisement the public might see is our Blue and Yellow hats or vests or aprons emblazoned with the Lions Logo, at a community event.

Anyone interested in learning more about your local Lions Club can ask any member, or check our website @ www.evanslions.org. Information is also available by writing Evans Lions, P.O. Box 342, Angola, N.Y. 14006.

GUEST SPEAKER "BLINDS' LIONS"

At a recent meeting of the Evans Township Lions Club, Inc. (evanslions.org), Ms. Linda Wiecek, marketing director for the Olmsted Center for Sight, (formerly the Blind Association of Western New York), allowed club members to experience what individuals afflicted with glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, or total blindness deal with every day. She provided specially modified face masks which, when worn, stimulate these sight deficiencies.

Attempting to eat dinner, wearing these masks, provided members an opportunity to relate to the individuals that the "Lions International" organization exists to "serve". Ms. Wiecek explained teaching procedures and techniques used at the Olmsted Center that help sight impaired individuals achieve their highest level of independence, which is the mission of the center.

Ms. Linda Wiecek is available to speak to Lions Clubs or any other organization that is interested in learning more about the unique challenges that vision impaired individual's experience. She can be reached at the Olmsted Center for Sight, 1170 Main St. Buffalo, New York, 14209 or by calling her direct line at (716) 888-4590. Her email is lwiecek@olmstedcenter.org.



AKRON LIONS DONATE



Pictured here are Barb Burke, Co-Director of Akron/Newstead Food Pantry and Lion President Justin Klodzinski. The Lions presented the food pantry with two checks: one for \$2005 from their In Lieu of Christmas Cards fundraiser and a check for \$500 from the club.

TOWN OF NIAGARA LIONS WELCOME NEW MEMBER



On February 2, the Town of Niagara Lions Club hosted a visit by DG Lion Gary Carini, at the Jet Port Restaurant. During the visit DG Lion Gary inducted new member Lion Xiomara Gautreaux. Pictured with Lion Xiomara holding her new member packet of information are PDG Lion Robert Shively, DG Lion Gary Carini, Vice President Lion Ed Clark, President Lion Boyd Clark, and PDG Lion Paul Barnas.



VBSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

The Vision Beyond Sight Foundation will hold elections to fill the expiring terms on its board of directors. The election will be held during the **General Meeting for member clubs at 10:00 a.m. on April 2, 2011** at the Olmsted Center. Any Lion or Lioness from the member clubs is eligible to sit on this board. Those interested in serving should contact Lion Scott Sampson, Nomination Committee Chairman, at 487-0928 or sgsampson@windstream.net. **Nominations may also be made at the April 2 meeting.**

Members of the board of directors meet approximately six times per year to conduct business relating to the Ross Eye Institute.

Immediately following the General Meeting, the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation Board of Directors will hold a business meeting. One of the items on the agenda is the election of officers for the board. All Lions and Lionesses are welcome to stay for the meeting.

SOME FACTS ABOUT LCIF:

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Incorporated in 1968, LCIF is a public, non-profit, tax exempt corporation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

- LCIF's mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs around the world in serving their local communities and the world community through humanitarian service, major disaster relief and vocational assistance programs.

- The Foundation's objectives are achieved through its many Grant Programs. LCIF provides the necessary funds to mobilize Lions to meet vital worldwide needs.

There is new and exciting information I would love to share with your Club. Please contact me to schedule a visit so I can get you up to date on LCIF. Contact District 20-N LCIF Coordinator, PCC Ken Butkowski II at (716) 583-9252.

LOCKPORT LIONS GO HIGH-TECH

The Lockport Lions Club recently decided to try to make contacting them a little more efficient. They've found that as committee members change year to year, it causes too much chasing around for the public and fellow Lions Clubs to get to the right person. With a small expenditure, they purchased a Tracfone that they will use as their primary contact number. Each year the phone will be passed to the new club president for use during their term. The real purpose of the phone is to act as a central voice mail number, which keeps the cost for minutes to a minimum. The voice message informs the caller that they have reached the Lockport Lions Club and that they should leave a message and they will be contacted shortly. The club president can check the cell phone number for messages from any phone and from any location, so it isn't even necessary for them to keep the phone nearby. This is a trial run into the world of new technology for the Lockport Lions. We're hoping this will smooth out communication as we get used to the new system. Next time you need one of us, try out this number: 716-425-4932.

GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB



Newest Members Inducted

The newest members of the Grand Island Lions Club were inducted at a dinner meeting held at the Buffalo Launch Club. Gary and Mary Jo Tucker (left) of Grand Island, are pictured here with their sponsors, Henry and Annette Lobl (right) and Club President Dave Chervinsky. The couple have already volunteered to help with upcoming fundraisers that benefit sight and hearing impaired individuals as well as many other worthwhile causes.



Presenting A Check

Doctor Kenneth Anthone, MD, FACS is seen here being presented a check by President Dave Chervinsky of the Grand Island Lions Club.

Doctor Anthone has been recognized on CNN and in the USA Today newspaper for his generosity and humanitarian works, both in third world countries and right here in WNY. Doctor Anthone's not-for-profit agency, "Eyes On America" has an annual mission cataract day, where Doctor Anthone will perform 25 free cataract surgeries for the uninsured. He also takes his mission around the world to conduct free surgeries for needy people. During his presentation before the club, Dr. Anthone stated that he does humanitarian work to share his gift because it is so rewarding to restore sight to individuals. He receives great joy seeing the reaction when the bandages are removed. For more information go to <http://www.eyesonamerica.info>.



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MIRACLE LEAGUE IS COMING!

The broadest smiles we have ever seen are the smiles on our community's kids who may have been dealt a lifelong hand of hardship through their physical disabilities but always find joy in the simplest of things that caring people provide them. It is a struggle but somehow they cope along with their parents and the ever-present help of local communities and, of course, Lions clubs. Such an opportunity is now happening that will bring disabled kids and young teens sizeable doses of fun, camaraderie, and prove to them that a community will work to provide a higher degree of normalcy to their lives that we as able-bodied human beings may enjoy every day. It's called Miracle League - baseball for handicapped children that is played on a special field with all the equipment and services they, and of course their supporters, need to enjoy playing America's favorite game.

Grand Island citizens with handicapped kids founded Miracle League of Grand Island and Western New York. It is modeled after Miracle League located in Conyers, Georgia. These citizens were approached by the Grand Island Lions club and have warmly accepted our offer of assistance to help bring Miracle League closer to reality. The club has submitted a matching grant request to LCIF for \$75,000 with the community busily raising the funds to win the grant.

This is where your club comes in! The Grand Island Lions Club is requesting your support in a variety of ways. First, there's a lot of money to be raised and we simply request that your club send a donation of any amount that will bring this vision to reality. It is more than that. Miracle League supporters say it's going to happen! Secondly, if your club cannot afford the donation, we ask for a supporting letter that will help the Grand Island club in all its fundraising efforts. Finally, we ask that you approach your own communities, tell them about Miracle League - we're sure you'll get the ears of a lot of people who have special kids who would just love to swing a bat, catch a ball, and run the bases! All they need is a sponsoring Lions Club! And what's pretty awesome about playing in Miracle league is that nobody loses!

For more information about Miracle League, go online to www.lionsclubs.org and type in Miracle League or go to www.miracleleague.com. Miracle League of WNY can be accessed at www.miracleleaguewny.com. You can also call the club's Miracle League liaison, Grand Island Lion Mike Steinagel at 773-1282. We do hope to hear from all of you very soon!

"Every Child Deserves a Chance To Play Baseball"



JOURNEY FOR SIGHT 2011

The Lions Clubs of Chautauqua County will be gearing up for the 23rd Annual Journey For Sight to be held at the Chautauqua Institute on Saturday, May 14, 2011 with registration at 10 am and the Journey underway at 11. This is the third "Journey on the Road" following the Lions Clubs of Niagara and Erie County Journeys. The Chautauqua clubs will be providing the food, the refreshments, entertainment, and most of all, the beneficiaries of the event. Over the past 22 years, over 1,600 Lions and Lions fans have attended the Journeys, raising nearly \$150,000 for humanitarian needs in Western New York. Be a part of it! You may not be able to walk, run, or fly, but your presence is all that is required and, believe me, it is deeply appreciated (it's what keeps me doing it!). All the forms you'll need to donate, register, and sponsor are available at the district's website at www.20nlions.org or by contacting Lion Tom Witkowski at 773-4437 or liontom20n@roadrunner.com. Look for more information in future issues of our district newsletter and on the website. See you there and let's help someone!



OLDIES BUT GOODIES DINNER DANCE

BY

BUFFALO INNER CITY LIONS CLUB

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

7 PM TIL MIDNITE

NEW Golden Nugget

2046 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, NY

Music by DJ Snake :: Cash Bar - Door Prizes!

Break out the old 30's, 40's, 50's & 60's outfits, if you can find them, better yet if you can still fit in them!!

Contact Ben at 716-864-2118 for Tickets

\$25.00 Per Person