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DG VISITATIONS

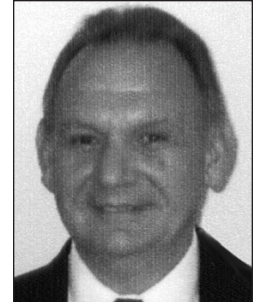
Akron: Oct. 26
 Alden: Oct. 13
 Amherst: Nov. 8
 Arcade: Oct. 4
 Barker: Oct. 20
 Blasdell/Woodlawn: Jan. 6
 Boston: Oct. 6
 Buffalo Host: Dec. 1
 Buffalo Latino: Sept. 20
 Buffalo Inner City: Dec. 2:
 Buffalo Kensington: Dec. 7
 Buffalo Riverside: Jan. 17
 Cheektowaga: Jan. 4
 Clarence: Nov. 11
 Depew: 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
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 Olean: Oct. 14
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 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,

I hope that everyone had a very Happy Easter and hopefully spring will soon be here. At my last Cabinet meeting we had Dr. Anthon, speak about eye surgeries. He is donating cataract surgery to people in need who have no insurance and live locally. I think it is great. As they say charity begins at home.



Plans are going great for the Miracle League Baseball Field in Grand Island. I hope by next month's newsletter we will have the approval from LCI for the \$75,000.00 matching grant. If not we as a group have some serious fundraising to do. This is a very worthy cause. Great job Grand Island and Lancaster Lions for getting this great project started, and for all the countless hours making this happen.

Hope to see you all at the State Convention in Rochester. Club Secretaries don't forget to get the PU 101's into VDG Lion Clancy. I can't stress enough how much help this is for him in putting his directory together. We need this information so that there are not mistakes in the directory.

I met with PDG Paul Barnas, SST Tim Jachlewski, 1st VDG Clancy Burkwit, and IPDG Dave Gehring to discuss setting up a District Fund to help people who might be interested in running for District Governor. This fund will give them some financial help with the costs involved in running for district governor. As we know not all clubs are capable of financially supporting candidates from their club who may be interested in running for this position. It looks like this is going to happen. We just have to work out how the money will be dispersed. We hope the PDG's association will be in charge of this fund. We will be discussing this at the next PDG meeting.

As always keep up the good work and hope you participate in the state wide food drive this month. I would like to see more people participate and sponsor the annual golf tournament coming up on August 17th. This has been a personal project that I have been doing for several years now and it does help the incoming district governor with his expenses and trust me this does help. So let's get involved, if you are not a golfer donate something for the prizes, auction or be a club sponsor. If you have a business, sponsorships are only \$25.00. Let's see what we can do.



REMINDER ...

DG Gary's testimonial is May 21st
at Romanello's South in Hamburg, New York

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

The roving reporter was last seen in Pendleton on Saturday, March 19th at the house of Region Chair and Pendleton Lions Secretary Joe Biondo. Joe hosted a St. Joseph's Table for numerous friends and family members to celebrate the Tradition of what Lions are all about, serving others in their time of need. As the Italian Tradition states, "Many Italian St. Joseph's Day traditions stem from the middle ages. During a famine in Sicily, when food was scarce and many people were starving, the poor people had only their faith to rely on. St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family; thus, Italians with strong family relationships prayed for St. Joseph to intercede for them, in an effort to ensure successful crops. Their prayers were answered, and the famine came to an end. In gratitude, people promised to make annual offerings of their most precious possession - food - in St. Joseph's honor. This Day in Pendleton was no different as Annette Biondo and Maryann Importa prepared traditional food for all friends and family to share. Many guests also brought food, as demonstrated by Lion President of the Pendleton Lions, Joe Macaluso who also brought dishes of bacalhau, or dried and salted cod fish, and smelt. The tradition is a totally meatless meal for this celebration.



Region 2 Chair Joe Biondo recites St. Joseph Prayer and Pendleton Lion President Joe Macaluso and many friends, family and residents look on.



Middle School Student Alana Biggie, Peace Poster winner at Pendleton, with Cousin Katie Biggie who addresses Pendleton Lions on the Buffalo Tanzania Education project during March meeting.

EVANS LIONS CLUB



Pictured, left to right: Lion Kathy Griffio, new Members Lions Janice Kahl, Becky Pordum, Mary Zuppelli, District 20N Governor Lion Gary Carini, new member Lion Joe DiFrancesco, Region 4 Chairman Lion Jim Martin.

Monday, April 11, 2011, four new members were welcomed into the Evans Township Lions Club, Inc. (www.evanslions.org). District 20N Governor, Lion Gary Carini, a member of the Orchard Park Lions Club participated in the four part induction ceremony.



LIONS PRESENT MORE CHECKS TO ROSS INSTITUTE



Lion Richard Teetsel of Amherst Lions (left) and Lion Rick Jachimiak (right).

The Amherst Lions Club and Pendleton Lions Club each presented checks to the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation at the organization's annual meeting on April 2. The Amherst Club donated \$1,000 and the Pendleton Club gave \$500 - both from proceeds of recent fundraising events - to help the VBSF with its mission of buying the latest diagnostic equipment for the patient care vision center. The checks were presented by Lion Richard Teetsel of the Amherst Club and Lion Gary Braun of the Pendleton Club to VBSF chairman, Lion Rick Jachimiak.



Lion Gary Braun of Pendleton Lions (left) and Lion Rick Jachimiak (right).

SHERIDAN DRIVE LIONS



Pictured above, left to right: Ronald Bezinque, Cayla Bezinque and Barrett Seifert.

On March 21st at our annual spouses night, Cayla Bezinque and Barrett Seifert became new Lions members. Ronald Bezinque, Cayla's grandfather sponsored both new members. Both Cayla and Barrett are graduating from Sweet Home High School.



Pictured above, left to right: Michael Potter, Phil Ostrowski, Chris Ostrowski, and Angela Potter.

At our meeting on April 19th, two more new Lions became members. Chris Ostrowski was sponsored by Club President Angela Potter. Lion Secretary Michael Potter sponsored Phil Ostrowski. The Ostrowski's recently returned to the Western New York area from Texas after a ten year stay.

TOWN OF NIAGARA LIONS



Pictured in the kitchen preparing the delicious breakfast are Lions Bruce Gorzka, Paul Peters, Jim Greig, Xiomara Guatreaux Ed Clark, Ted Casamento, and Teresa White.

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, the Town of Niagara Lions and Lioness Clubs had their annual pancake breakfast, bake sale, and basket auction. This year's event was held at the St. John de LaSalle Church parish center in Niagara Falls. The Western New York Corps of Cadets assisted with serving our patrons. All who attended the service and breakfast were great!



Pictured above is Lions supporter County Legislator Dan Sklarski.

AMHERST LIONS CLUB



Pictured, left to right: Lions Jack Elliott, David Myers, Richard Teetsel and Amherst Lions President Herb Wilber as Elliott and Myers joined the Amherst Club.

Jack Elliott, a World War II hero as a bomber pilot over Germany, and David Myers, a 25-year-old graduate engineering student at the University of Buffalo, joined the Amherst Lions Club on March 28. Elliott came by way of transfer from another Lions Club in the Albany area (Bethlehem), while David was joining the Lions for the first time - but both to support our mission of service.

Myers was inducted into the Lions by club president Herb Wilber and sponsored by the club's membership chairman, Richard Teetsel.

CLUB SECRETARIES:

Do not forget to fill out your PU 101's. This should be done by May 15th.

NEWFANE LIONS

The Lions have been very busy the past few months. They have been assisting the community by offering eye screenings to our childhood students, the completion of several wheelchair ramps, maintaining our medical loan closet, preparing our chowder for the Swim for Sight event, preparing our easter egg hunt as well as our annual Lions brunch and fabulous chinese auction. In February, we honored our Peace Poster winners. Both posters entered into the district judging received honorary mention. We are also in the process of starting our first ever Leos club!!! Our introduction meeting had over 30 minutes students attend. The club will assist its sponsor club as well as look for needs within the community that need assistance. And last but not least, we would like to thank all those Lions that have helped our very own Vice District Governor prepare for the task of becoming District Governor. Our club is very proud of incoming District Governor Lion Clancy Burkwit!!!



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5th ANNUAL YOUNGSTOWN/WILSON/LEWISTON LIONS GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2011

10:00 a.m. Registration -- 11:30 a.m. Lunch -- 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Willowbrook Golf Course

4200 Lake Ave., Lockport



Portion of Proceeds to Benefit "Vision Beyond Sight"

\$95.00 Per Person

Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Prizes
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beer & Pop Lunch :: NY Strip Steak Dinner

*** \$1,000,000.00 Hole-in-One Contest ***

Please mail entry fee by June 1st to:

Lions Golf Club, c/o Wilson Lions Club, PO Box 133, Wilson, NY 14172

GOLFER NAMES

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Sponsorships are available and gifts for prizes would be greatly appreciated!
Call Lion Charlie Landry at 433-9035, Lion Tom Huisgen at 754-4756
or Lion James Muscoreil at 628-8052