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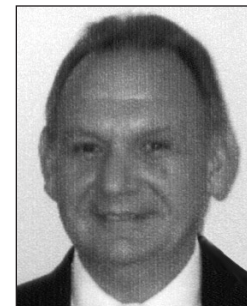
DG VISITATIONS

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 Leo,

My visitation schedule is getting into high gear now. It was great seeing all of you at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. I hope PID John Rabideau's power point presentation regarding the redistricting cleared up some of the questions you had. We will be voting on the redistricting at the November 6, 2010 Sub-District Convention at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg, New York. Voting will be just like the voting at the State Conventions. All PDG's get one vote and all clubs will get 1 vote for every 10 members they have. Registration and certification will take place before the November 6th meeting. Please see the official notification of the redistricting on page 4 of this newsletter. I am including Bullet Points of the presentation for all who were not able to attend the September 19th meeting.



REDISTRICTING BULLET POINTS

- The Redistricting Committee was formed by the 2008-09 Council as a result of a recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee in the fall of 2008.
- The **CURRENT** committee consists of the 2008-09 LRP committee, the 2008 & 2009 & 2010 Council Chair, the State Secretary Treasurer and the MD-20 International Family.
 - It is important to note that all the original members remain on the committee. The LRP committee members changed, but the original PC's stayed on. It is also important to point out that each of the successive Councils is represented by their Council Chair.
 - The MERL Team is represented by PCC Rich Kingman who was also one of the original LRP members suggesting redistricting.
- Currently, there are 5 of 12 districts whose membership is below the 1250/35 threshold recognized by LCI as "full" districts.
- While the committee met privately, as does any MD-20 committee, a report to the Council, a verbal and/or written was presented at each Council meeting for the DG's comment and/or input since the formation of the committee.
- Each Council from 2008-2010 was strongly urged to take advantage of the MERL team and the GMT to increase membership.
- The committee delayed development and presentation of the final proposal to give the MERL and GMT a chance to affect a significant change in MD-20 membership.
- Redistricting is not a substitute for hard work on membership development.
- Each of the DGs was asked to bring this info home and discuss it with the Lions in their districts. Any Lion was free to send suggestions to us by contacting a committee member or through the DG.
- The committee has done everything it could to redraw district boundaries in a fair and equitable manner recognizing that is both expedient and consistent with LCI recommendations that county line boundaries be utilized for the district boundaries.
- A target of 1650 members for each new district was chosen to allow for the changes in membership and recognizing that the current numbers do not accurately reflect the "real" membership numbers.
- The proposal, taking into account the above bullets, results in the New MD-20 being composed of 8 districts.
- Redistricting is not important solely for financial reasons. Redistricting will create 8 strong districts with significant membership and a stronger leadership pool which will also be able to put forward international candidates.
- The process for voting of the proposal is promulgated by LCI. The fact that districts under 1250/35 will not have the opportunity to have a sub-district vote heard by LCI is not our policy.
- While all districts above 1250/35 must vote on the proposal at sub district conventions those under may vote if they wish. However, LCI will not consider the results of voting of districts under 1250/35 in any manner.
- All districts, even those under 1250/35, will vote and have their vote heard at the MD-20 convention.
- The changes, if approved by the International Board, will take place in the 2012-13 year.
- We are proposing a complete re map of MD-20. Yes, even districts above 1250/35 will be affected. This is to ensure that the target of 1650 Lions is met. In addition, even those districts above 1250/35 have very soft membership numbers. Evidence of this is over \$30,000 accounts receivable from the clubs that MD-20 is enduring,
- The name change to A-H is to avoid any perception of a stronger district assimilating a weaker one. This has been unanimously approved by the 2010-2011 Council.
- We strongly believe that redistricting is the best course for MD-20 to take to **keep** us strong and effective.

JAMESTOWN LIONS



Governor's visit: the Jamestown Lions club presented the Children's Safety Village \$15,000 to build a building in the village as the Lions Club Building. Children grades 1-4 will have a day at the village to learn traffic safety, train safety, what the white cane law is, plus fire safety. This is one of the first villages in the United States. Canada has a number of them. President Mary Gabalski and the Governor presented the check to Sheriff Joseph Gerace.



White Cane Sale: we are collecting in front of Walmart. Anthony Trussaulo is one of our blind friends (third from right), Second from left is our President Mary Gabalski.

TOWN OF NIAGARA LIONS



Pictured is our mascot aka Lion Paul Peters and our Vice President Lion Ed Clark.

On Saturday, September 11th, the Town of Niagara Lions Club entered its' float "Braille Lion" in the annual Peach Festival Parade in Lewiston, New York. We were joined by members of the newly formed Lewiston Community Lions Club. During the parade candy and book markers were passed out to the children along the parade route. The book markers describe the Town of Niagara Lions Club with info such as who we are, what we support, and annual fund raisers.

GERRY LIONS



Pictured in the photo is Lion President Scott Sampson with raffle winner Mike Flynn of Jamestown.

The Gerry Lions Club conducted its annual raffle at the Gerry Rodeo in August. This event, which spans the five days that the rodeo is held, is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the club. Club members were present through rain and sunshine each day soliciting donations from the large crowds which attended. Thanks to the Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the Lions to be present at the rodeo each year, we have raised thousands of dollars for projects in our area.

Party for the Blind

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 from 7 to 10 p.m., the Leonard Post in conjunction with the Depew, Cheektowaga, West Seneca, Riverside, Buffalo Host, Kenmore, The Tonawandas, Lancaster, Kensington, Sheridan, Hamburg, Amherst, Alden, Town of Niagara, and Wilson Lions Clubs are sponsoring the 26th annual Party for the Blind. This party is being held at the Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, New York, east of Union.

LIONS, blind people love to go to this type of an event. There will be live music, dancing, pizza, snacks, drinks, prizes and more. If you know of any blind person, please invite he or she to this gala event.

Transportation is being provided. Reservations for transportation deadline is October 10, 2010.

For more information, contact Lion Vinny Tagliarino at 681-1645.

AKRON LIONS CLUB

will be holding a

STEAK ROAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 23rd from 6 to 9 pm

to benefit our Community Fund

American Legion Post 900, 9 Eckerson Avenue

Menu:

Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Green Beans, Desserts

Cost will be \$20.00 Various raffles will be held.

*Tickets available by contacting me at
justinkaye@verizon.net or 716-796-5099*

Lancaster Lions Club Announces

5th Annual Past President's Pancake Breakfast Health Fair / VNA Flu Shot Clinic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

8 am to 1 pm

St. Mary's High School, 142 Laverack Avenue

Tickets will be sold at the door

Adult \$7.00, Seniors (62+) \$5.50 and 12 & under \$3.50 (under 3 are free). The VNA will be in the health fair area providing flu shots. Bring your health insurance information. The Lion SEE will be at the health fair screening children ages 6 months to 5 years old for vision problems.

LOCKPORT LIONS



Pictured are a young Helen Keller enacted by Desiree Brewer and her tutor Annie Sullivan enacted by Lion Sheila LaPort.

Old Home Week was celebrated in Lockport July 24-31. For the inaugural parade the Lockport Lions Club presented a float commemorating Helen Keller. During her early childhood Helen was struck with a fever that caused her to be blind, deaf, and dumb. At age 7, she acquired a tutor and lifetime companion Annie Sullivan who taught her to talk. Overcoming all her adversities Helen became a writer, political activist, lecturer and advocate for the sight handicapped. Helen Keller referred to Lions as her "Knights of the Blind".

GRAND ISLAND LIONS



Pictured receiving a donation for Project New Hope are Lions Tim Crawford and George Kelly. This 2 year old program is aimed at assisting Vets and their families adjust, whether between deployments or as they integrate after they return from combat. The 2 day event is held at Camp Badger, a Lions Club camp, several times a year and provides counseling, support and recreation for families. There is no cost to the families and it is an all volunteer organization. Founded by George Kelly, a disabled vet, the mission is to promote healing for members of all branches of the armed forces. Also pictured are the Grand Island Lions President Dave Chervinsky and Secretary Annette Lobl.

LANCASTER LIONS

The Lancaster Middle School Leo Club, in conjunction with the Lancaster Lions Club, is privileged to sponsor US Army platoon Bravo Troop, who are currently stationed in Afghanistan. Tragically, on June 4th, our contact with them and platoon leader, Lt. Joseph Theinert, lost his life in combat.

There was a memorial service for him held at Ft. Drum on Thursday, August 5th. Lions Kerry Corrigan, Peter Arena and Mary Arena had the privilege to attend this service which was a fitting tribute. Lt. Theinert is the definition of a true hero. He will always be remembered for his dedication to defending the freedom of all Americans.

As the 2010-2011 school year begins, the Leos and the Lions plan to continue to sponsor and support Bravo Troop. Packages and letters will be sent regularly to the men and women who are willing to sacrifice everything to defend this great nation."

~ by Lion Kerry Corrigan, Leo Advisor



Pictured, from left to right: (first row) Sergeant Williamson, Specialist Scott, Corporal Schuller, Private First Class Conboy, Specialist Smucker, Staff Sergeant Proctor.

Second row: Sergeant First Class Saing, Corporal Baumgardner, Specialist Dennhey, Private First Class Zawacki, Specialist "Doc" Anderson, Sergeant Stallings, Private First Class Hines, and First Lieutenant Theinert.

Broadway Driving Range held a "Closest to the Pin" contest on August 13th at the range at 4367 Broadway, Depew, NY. Owners, Tom and Sue Strauss, donated the proceeds from this event to the Lancaster Lions Club. The first place winner was Ken Kaczmarek who was only 3'5" away from the pin. Lion Mike Lawkowski chaired this event.



Pictured above, Tom Strauss (left) and Lion Mike Lawkowski (right).



Lion Mike watching as Debbie Budzynski, her daughter Joanna and niece Colleen try their luck.

AMHERST LIONS MEET IP AND DG'S CALL FOR "VISION" PROJECT IN OCTOBER

The Amherst Lions Club, in sync with International President Sid Scruggs and District Governor Gary Carini's calls for a major vision project in October and with National Diabetes Month – will offer free diabetes screening and related vision tests at an

**Awareness Health Fair ~ Saturday, October 23 ~ 9 a.m. – Noon
Christ United Methodist Church, 350 Saratoga at Harlem Rd, Amherst**

Organized by the Club's Diabetes Chair, Dr. Nirmala Mudaliar, and co-sponsored by Kaleida Health Community Outreach, Retina Consultants of WNY, the Diabetes and Endocrinology Center of WNY, Christ United Methodist Church, and the Buffalo Athletic Club, this health fair will include the following:

- ◆ Blood tests for blood sugar and cholesterol (fasting before is recommended).
- ◆ Educational materials on nutrition and physical activity.
- ◆ Blood pressure tests.
- ◆ Information about and eye exams for diabetic retinopathy.
- ◆ Glaucoma testing on the eye.

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling the church at 716-839-2460, but walk-ins will also be accepted as many as time permits.



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**Official Notification of the Redistricting Resolution
to be voted on November 6, 2010 at the
Sub District Convention in Hamburg, New York.**

**Shall the district approve the MD-20 redistricting proposal presented to the
Council of Governors on July 24, 2011 for consideration by the Lions of the Multiple**

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Remember this vote does not pass the redistricting. All it does is put it on the ballot at the NY State Convention, so that all the districts in 20-N can vote on it, not just the 7 that are over the 1250 minimum set by LCI.

NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc. was established as an official project of Multiple District 20 in 1993. Its mission was to provide district-wide support for worthy projects which would otherwise be beyond the means of individual clubs or sub-districts. The foundation is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.

The foundation provides grants for the following purposes: sight and hearing projects, humanitarian services primarily related to sight and hearing and emergency grants for natural disasters. This is done through grant requests submitted to the Foundation and approved by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Each district in MD-20 is represented by three (3) trustees that sit on the Foundation Board. Foundation trustees are elected to a three year term with 1/3 of the board elected each year at the MD-20 convention. As part of their duties they are available as a resource to answer questions and provide guidance.

The Foundation Board meets four times each year and holds their annual meeting at the multiple district convention. Every lion in good standing in MD-20 is a member of the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation.

The Foundation raises funds through its annual car raffle, the Robert J. Uplinger distinguished service award, individual and club donations, bequests and corporate funding.

If your district or a Lions club within your district is interested in pursuing a grant to better the community in which you live please contact one of the trustees within your multiple district. In addition, you can contact Peter Neidrauer, the Foundation President at (585) 293-1105 or Patrick Mitchell, Public Relations Chair at (631) 363-6412 to request further information regarding the foundation.

