



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NIAGARA FRONTIER LION

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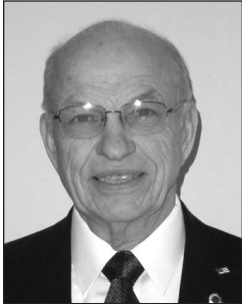
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## Message from ...

### DG CLANCY BURKWIT



Greeting Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

The weather outdoors may be cooling but Lions' activities are heating up! I wish to express my sincerest appreciation for the hospitality afforded me on my club visitations. Most of my visitations have been to smaller clubs. It is my impression that members of smaller clubs work a little harder to meet their community needs, fund raising, and projects. For the official visitation schedule,

please refer to the website or this newsletter. The dates shown in the district directory are not up to date.

A big thanks for the positive response to the International President's initiative to plant 1,000,000 trees throughout the world. Some of our clubs have completed their tree planting and have reported it on their monthly activities report. This is accomplished by the club Secretary going to the Lions Service Activities Report page under your club on the lionsclubs.org website, selecting the month of your activity, choose "Add New" and entering Planting of Trees under "Activity Title". You can then give an exact description of your activities under "Activity Description" and on the "Activity Type" fill in Tree Planting. You will be able to report how many Lions participated, how many hours were spent, how much was spent, how many trees were planted and how much funding was raised. Click save and you are done! This will give your club as well as District 20N credit for the trees under President Tam's Million Tree Planting Campaign.

International Director Brian Sheehan will speak at our next cabinet meeting at the Olmstead Center on November 5th. He is a great speaker and good attendance would be appreciated. At the meeting, we will select the district winner of the Peace Poster contest as well as nominate a Second Vice District Governor. If you would like to stay for lunch, please make a reservation with C.S. Lion Nancy Luckman by calling her at 778-7117 or by e-mailing her at LionNanc@verizon.net. Tours of the Ross Eye Institute will be available after lunch.

Again this year, three separate Christmas parties ("Christmas for Special Children") will be held on Saturday, December 10th. This is a special day for the children and it has far reaching benefits. Financial contributions from the clubs in the three respective areas hosting these parties are highly encouraged.

## DISTRICT 20-N FALL CONFERENCE/ CABINET MEETING

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011

OLMSTED CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
1170 Main Street, Buffalo

Registration . . . . . 9:00-10:00 AM  
Cabinet Meeting . . . . . 10:00-Noon  
Lunch/PP Judging . . . . . 12:00 \* \$15.00  
Guest Speaker ID Brian Sheehan . . . . . 1:00 PM



Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Director Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion, have two sons and two daughters.

**DGNFL PUBLISHING SCHEDULE  
ALL ARTICLES/SUBMISSIONS NEED  
TO BE TO LION DIANE BY THE  
FOLLOWING DATES.  
THANK YOU!**

NOVEMBER 14th FOR THE DECEMBER 1st ISSUE  
DECEMBER 27th FOR THE JANUARY 13th ISSUE  
FEBRUARY 13th FOR THE MARCH 1st ISSUE  
MARCH 27th FOR THE APRIL 13th ISSUE  
MAY 15th FOR THE JUNE 1st ISSUE

**DISTRICT 20-N PEACE POSTER CONTEST JUDGING  
RESERVATIONS A MUST! RSVF BY OCTOBER 26th**

Lion Nancy Luckman  
2761 Caledonia Street, Newfane, N.Y. 14108  
lionnanc@verizon.net

**DG**

**VISITATION SCHEDULE**

October 17th.....	Arcade
October 18th.....	Lancaster
October 19th.....	Gowanda
October 20th.....	Olean
October 24th.....	Evans Township
October 25th.....	Springville
October 26th.....	Alden
November 2nd.....	Gasport
November 3rd.....	Orchard Park
November 8th.....	Akron
November 9th.....	Boston
November 10th.....	Clarence
November 14th.....	Dunkirk/Fredonia
November 15th.....	West Seneca
November 17th.....	Randolph

**EVANS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS CLUB'S RIBFEST**



Evans Township Lions Club held their first, all you can eat, "RIBFEST," on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Pictured above on left is Lion Harry Coming, a member of the Fabulous Fenwick Lions Club of Fenwick, Canada. Also pictured is Lion John Haak, a member of the Evans club, and co-chairman of the Ribfest committee. Evans is twinned with the Fenwick club. Lion Harry is the "rib guy" in the Fenwick club, having chaired their Ribfest committee for years.

In the spirit of international cooperation among Lions clubs, Lion Harry and his wife agreed to come down and show the members of the Evans club what to do and how to do it, and helped make the Evans club's first "Ribfest" a success. Members of the Evans club cooked and served over 200 pounds of ribs.

A hearty Lion roar and a tip of the Lion hat to the Fabulous Fenwick Lions Club, for their support and assistance to the members of the Evans Club.

Thank You Fenwick Lions, ah.

**CALL FOR LION LEADERS**

"We Serve" - Our motto is very brief and to the point, but what does it mean? Like everything else in life, it's the interpretation that you provide that adds the meaning.

For District 20-N leadership, our motto means encouraging those who have leadership skills to step forward and assume Zone and Region Chair positions as one of the stepping stones to the 2nd Vice-District Governor position. What's required is an interest, as there are many qualified Lions who are willing to share their experience in these roles (there is a two year per position limit when there are Lions who indicate a desire). Otherwise the District Governor typically uses the same Lions over and over. Does the phrase "term limits" sound familiar? New Lions bring new enthusiasm and new ideas - change is good!

Speaking of change, the District is currently seeking candidates who already have the qualifications to be Vice-District Governor and asking them to step forward. If you believe you have the qualifications, or want to check to see if you do, call PDG Tom Reinagel (694-4710).

You can also call him if you'd like to be considered for a Zone or Region Chair position for the 2012-2013 Lions Year. If you happen to be a member of the Arcade, Franklinville/Machias, Gowanda or Springville Lions, there's a Region Chair vacancy this Lions year.



**AMHERST LIONS CLUB**

PRESENTS

**2ND ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**



**Featuring:**

*Diabetes Screening :-: Blood Sugar Testing  
Cholesterol Testing :-: Blood Pressure Readings  
Information on Nutrition & Physical Activities*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2011**

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
350 SARTOGA AT HARLEM ROAD  
AMHERST, NY**

**9:00 AM—NOON**

*Please call the Church at 839-2460 to pre-register.  
You can also register on the day of the event.*

**DGNFL INFORMATION**

**ALL LIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND IN ARTICLES AND/OR PHOTOS TO SHOWCASE THEIR EVENTS, FUNDRAISERS OR SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS. THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO LION DIANE MUSCOREIL AT DMUSCOREIL@GMAIL.COM.**

**ADVERTISING**

IF YOUR CLUB OR ANY BUSINESS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE DGNFL, THE FOLLOWING RATES APPLY.

**A 50% DISCOUNT IS APPLIED TO ALL LIONS RELATED ADS.**

**CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO  
DISTRICT 20-N AND SENT TO PDG JIM LUCKMAN.**

**FULL PAGE ~ \$150 HALF PAGE ~ \$85 QUARTER PAGE ~ \$50 BUS. CARD ~ \$30**

## AMHERST LIONS CLUB



Lisa Donato, West Region Coordinator for Camp Good Days and Special Times was the guest speaker at the September 12, 2011 meeting of the Amherst Lions Club.

## LITTLE VALLEY LIONS



Picture features: Lion Myrna Edmonds and dogs Lance and Claude.

The Little Valley Lions Club held a successful 5K Run/Walk in September. The event featured runners, walkers, and rescue dog walkers. This year sponsors for the dogs raised \$300, which will go to "Canine Helpers for the Handicapped." The other monies raised, over \$2000 dollars, will be given to "Vision Beyond Sight" and used for local budget needs.

The canines are always a highlight of the event.

## CHEEKTOWAGA LIONS



Pictured are: Ellen Fischer, Ex. Director, Cheektowaga Youth & Recreation; Christine Bazan, Director, Cheektowaga Public Library and Cheektowaga Lions President Jerry Miller.

The Cheektowaga Lions presented two checks to be used by two town facilities. One went to the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, to purchase large print books for people who cannot read regular print books. The other check was presented to Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation, to be used for Camp Crabapple, a local Day Camp.

## FREWSBURG LIONS CLUB



Pictured: Lion Don Dove with District Governor Clancy.

"A Pie for the Road" - The Frewsburg Lions Club presented DG Clancy with a special take-out at his recent visitation. The pie tin contained the message "I Am Humble" in many different languages. Note the confused look on DG Clancy's face! He was presented with a "Humble Pie" because he is a humble servant of the Lions of District 20N.

## KENMORE LIONS CLUB



Kenmore Lion Donald Kossuth, Scholarship Chairman for the club, presented the 2011 Scholarship Check for \$400 to L. Chelsea Butkowski of Tonawanda. Chelsea, a recent graduate of Kenmore East High School, wrote the winning essay entitled "My Appreciation of the Teaching Profession", and will receive a check in the same amount for the next three years. Funding for these scholarships is provided by donations to the Kenmore Lions Memorial Fund.

## PINE VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Lion Oliver Davis of the Pine Valley Lions Club wants to share this link with all Lions - [www.readeasily.com](http://www.readeasily.com). This free ebooks online library is for everyone! Are your eyes tired? Are the letters too small? Have a particular sight condition? This digital library has been designed to provide you an adaptive reading experience! Just click on "[set display](#)" and select the font size, font color and background color. The color combinations were carefully selected from the latest research information available on the reading needs of the partially sighted and older aged readers. For the blind or visually impaired every book has been formatted into HTML code, avoiding proprietary formats that are not friendly with Text to Speech Software.

## WILSON LIONS CLUB



Wilson Lions Club first regular meeting of the year was held at the DG Clancy's Lockport Caves! A great turnout of Lions was on hand to take the walk and boat ride through the historic caves, followed by food at Lock 34 in Lockport. All Lions present highly recommended visiting the awesome cave!

### REMINDER

Send all of your upcoming Club Events to Lion Diane at [dmscoreil@gmail.com](mailto:dmscoreil@gmail.com) or Lion Sheila at [shehar@msn.com](mailto:shehar@msn.com) so we can include them on the District 20-N Calendar at [www.20nlions.org](http://www.20nlions.org)



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## THE MIRACLE LEAGUE -- WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



It's about providing a safe and fulfilling environment to handicapped children and young adults. It's about saying "yes - you can play here" when all these children have heard "no" so many times. It's been called a "field of dreams", and a new Grand Island baseball diamond for children and young adults held it's opening day on September 11th, thanks to a \$75,000 matching grant from Lions Club International. The funding request came from the Grand Island Lions Club, which, along with Miracle League, raised equal funding (for a total of \$150,000) through their local efforts, to help pay for the project.

