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District Governor

Lions District 20-O

The "O"utstanding District

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Greetings Lions:

This issue of our newsletter features photos of Lions around the district, enjoying friendship, fellowship and fun while they continue to serve our communities. Whether judging a pumpkin decorating contest, participating in a parade, awarding a scholarship, screening children for potential vision problems, or raising funds for various community projects, the Lions Clubs of District 20-O perform valuable and needed services for our friends and neighbors.

Please invite members of your community to join in our activities; we can always use an extra helping hand. Perhaps the best holiday greeting you can give your family, co-worker or friend is an invitation to join as a member of your local Lions club. Invite them today to help assemble holiday food baskets, ring the bell for the Salvation Army, or participate in any other club activity. They'll be honored to help you serve others.



Photos of the District 20-O Fall Convention

Courtesy of Lion Larry Schafman, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club



A note from 2nd Vice District Governor Stuart Wizwer...



Greetings Fellow Lions,

My name is Peter Lyons and I was appointed to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor of District 20-O Lions Clubs International by vote of the cabinet, which includes the position of District Sight Chair. Last spring I volunteered for the position of District Hearing Chair for 2009-2010 with no plans to “climb-the-ladder” of District 20-O. I wished only to promote Lions endeavors towards hearing and possibly improve our ability to help the hearing impaired. Since then fate has intervened and I find myself on the next higher step of the “ladder”.

I have been a Lion for about 25 years. I am a member of the Marlboro-Milton Lions Club in Ulster County, where I served as Club President from 1990-1992 and from 2008-2009. I have held the position of Zone Chair for two years and was the Region Chair for Apple Region for the 2008-2009 year. I was Chair of the Ulster County Sight & Hearing Group for three years in the '90's and have held the position of Co-Chair of the group for the last several years. I am a Director at our Lions Eye Bank in Albany. I also currently cover the role of District Hearing Chair until we can find a suitable replacement from the ranks of District 20-O.

Since July I've attended meetings of the Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties Sight & Hearing Groups, and the Dutchess Hearing and Dutchess Sight Groups. I cannot emphasize enough the good works accomplished by these groups. Each group is a forum for gathering and sharing information, resources, and ideas to enhance their individual club's ability to serve. These groups are structured to be only for sight & hearing matters, but in reality are also conduits for many matters that concern our clubs. I strongly urge all lions clubs to have a member or two attending their county group meetings, to share your clubs trials & tribulations, and report back to your clubs the avenues your fellow clubs are using to serve.

On October 27th, I was able to attend a successful Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early) screening in Millerton. On October 29th there was another screening in Dover. Over sixty (60) pre-school children were screened during these two screenings. There are clubs in District 20-O that have made great strides in Lions SEE, Inc. The Lions SEE, Inc. teams are being kept very busy. Ways are being explored to increase the facilitation of the cameras and in interfacing with pre-school organizations to expand the number of children screened.

In October, I was also able to attend our MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute in East Syracuse.

Our 2009 District 20-O Convention has come and gone. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the seminars, information booths, speakers, and camaraderie. One highlight of the morning was being able to endorse PCC John Wargo on his quest for International Director. Every year the Vice District Governors are tasked with making the convention happen. This year it fell to two new officers, 1st VDG Wizwer & me. I would like to thank PDG Melanie Wargo and DG Clifford W. Youngs for their direction and support and the Lions that assisted us in making it happen.

As someone who just a short time ago had no desire to be involved with any Lion's matters outside of my club and county, I can only say the experience is profoundly rewarding. The creativity and energy that I witness every week in lions is humbling, to say the least. Don't delay in “throwing your hat in the ring”. Lionism needs strong continuity. We need Zone Chairs, and Region Chairs that will move into Hearing Chair. You won't be alone. There's a complete support structure to help you. You won't be sorry.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Pete

Around the District

(Compiled from newsletters and reports emailed to the Newsletter Editor and on-line activities reports filed by the last day of the month.)

Chatham

- Ghent Day Tractor Pull
- Food Pantry Turkeys
- Assistance to local family in need

Cornwall

- Annual 5k and 7.5K Fall Harvest Run
- Fall Highway Clean-up
- Displayed flags on Dolumbus Day
- Information table at Fall Festival
- Donated to IFOND
- Collected 100 pair used eyeglasses
- Presented check to Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Halloween Art Contest - Children from community decorate store windows

Florida

- Collected 175 pair of used eyeglasses

Goshen

- Collected 418 pair used eyeglasses

Greater Washingtonville

- Collected 20 pair used eyeglasses

Greenwood Lake

- Donated \$1500 to Greenwood Lake Food Pantry
- Donated \$100 to Orange County Autism Group
- Donated \$1000 to Platoon in Afghanistan
- Purchased calendars from Lions Eye Bank at Albany
- Received large donation/inheritance from local family
- Lion Helen to speak at Veteran's Day Service
- LEO Club food drive
- Collected 147 pair used eyeglasses

Hudson

- Collected 200 pair used eyeglasses

Lumberland

- Donated \$100 to Lions Eye Bank at Albany
- Awarded 8 scholarships
- Sold clams at family fun day
- Hosted Sullivan County Sight & Hearing mtg.
- Donated to local group supporting Veterans that served in Afghanistan

Mamakating

- Collected 575 pair used eyeglasses
- Sponsored Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops
- Sponsored Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Marched in Halloween Parade

Middletown

- Collected 380 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 1 used hearing aid

Millbrook

- Collected 38 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 8 used hearing aids

Millerton

- Flag Display
- Collected 384 used eyeglasses
- Collected 8 used hearing aids

Monroe

- Donated money to local food pantry
- Collected 304 pair used eyeglasses
- Successful Cheese Festival and Scholarship Dinner
- Assisted with Monroe Crop Walk for world hunger
- Promoting membership with notices in local paper

New Paltz

- Halloween Parade with 2000 participants
- Candy Bars and Apples to children in parade
- Planning White Cane Drive in November
- Collected 1335 pairs of used eyeglasses

Newburg

- Fall Charity Shoot
- Lunch Meeting at Safe-Harbor facilities

Northern Columbia

- Successful Yard Sale
- Adopt-a-Road clean-up project
- Donation Box at Hannaford Supermarket
- Collaborating on Eagle Scout Project

Otisville

- Collected 30 pairs used eyeglasses

Pine Bush

- Collected 90 pair used eyeglasses

District 20-O Convention, November 1, 2009, Holiday Inn, Fishkill



Great Speakers, Great Seminars, Friendship, Fellowship and Fun!

We'll see you all at the MD20 Convention in Buffalo, May 14 - 16, 2009

Around the District...(continued)

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Pleasant Valley

- 25th Annual Bike-a-Thon
- Collected 2 used hearing aids

Port Jervis

- Collected 44 pair used eyeglasses
- Awarded 3 scholarships
- Sponsored summer picnic for seniors

Stanford

- Collected 5 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 1 used hearing aid
- Made Flag to carry in Walkway over Hudson opening

Town of Deerpark

- Hosted Special Ed Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Collected 117 pair used hearing aids
- Collected 1 used hearing aid

Town of Dover

- Collected 4 used hearing aids

Town of Fallsburg

- Sponsored Two Peace Poster Contests
- Sent eleven members to District Convention
- Honored 5 Past Presidents
- Annual Donation to Catskill Regional Medical Center
- Speaker from Visions at October meeting
- Holocaust survivor speaker at dinner meeting

T/Walkill/Mid-Orange

- Collected 558 pair used eyeglasses

Town of Woodbury

- Collected 300 pair used eyeglasses

Warwick

- Collected 400 pair used eyeglasses



Eatin' Here is Good for the Neighborhood!

**Applebee's® will donate 10% of your check
(excluding tax and tip) to:**

Hudson Valley Assembly #43

December 9, 2009

8:00 – 9:00 PM

420 Fairview Avenue

Hudson

Proceeds Benefit Lions' Camo Badger



"We need you"

We will need our children to become the members of the future but, in fact, we need your family members right now. "We need you" is the message that must be conveyed to current and prospective members. We need members to invite their partners and spouses to become Lions Club members and we need these new members to energize our clubs and open-up new avenues of service. The best place to look for qualified members may also be the closest -- right in our own homes.

Lions Clubs International President Eberhard Wirfs



Ms. Nunez and her daughter, Evelina, at VCB.

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Center on Blindness

MD 20-O Continue to make VCB a success with
your support

The Lions of district 20-O help VISIONS VCB serve participants from Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties all year round. This past summer VCB provided program activities to 482 blind and visually impaired individuals. Fifteen participants came from District 20-O neighborhoods. Some were referred by Lions, others got a ride from Lions, and the rest come to join a program that is one of a kind in the State. Lions support is needed more than ever to help VCB people who are blind from your community.

Evelina Nunez is a legally-blind 11 year old who lives in Sullivan County, New York with her adopted mother. The Nunez family attended VCB for the first time during August 2009 (Session D). Prior to coming to VCB, Nunez's family would describe her as shy and withdrawn. They reported that Evelina Nunez would feel very ashamed of her visual impairment even though it is not noticeable to others. At VCB, Ms. Nunez noticed an immediate change in Evelina. She was engaged in the activities and socializing with the other children her age. "VCB has done wonders for Evelina. She has more confidence. She is not ashamed that she is visually impaired or legally blind." She also mentioned that when her grown daughter, who is 43, came to pick them up at the end of the session and saw Evelina by the pool shaking hands and hugging people, she couldn't believe her eyes. "She made friends! She is a totally different person!" When Ms. Nunez asked Evelina about the difference between the kids she met at VCB and kids in other places, Evelina Nunez said "they are not just kids. They are kids like me, or they are kids who know about kids like me. They are nice and they understand."

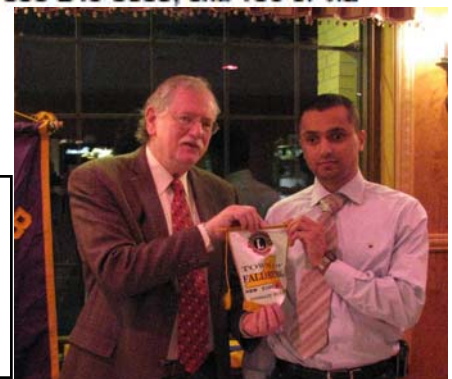
After such a wonderful summer experience, the Nunez family attended VCB's first fall weekend session, Columbus Day Weekend. Ms. Nunez noted the difference once again. "Evelina has glasses but would never wear them; but I saw her wearing them at VCB. After the weekend when we went home and out to the store, she wore them in the store. This is something she has never done before." Like so many blind youth who try to "pass" for sighted, VCB has helped Evelina be comfortable with her vision loss.

Evelina Nunez has received a lot from attending VCB, so much so that she is prodding Ms. Nunez to make sure she has applied for all the weekend sessions. Ms. Nunez values her time at VCB as well. When they are at home they often are doing different things and don't spend much time together. At VCB they share more than just a room.

Don't miss an opportunity for your club to contribute to the success of VCB.
Your Club can make a difference!

- Adopt a building and help VCB maintain the facilities
- Engrave a brick, set your memories in stone; or adopt a bench and help VCB maintain the facilities
- Refer blind people to one of our programs and offer them a ride to VCB
- Provide a participant with a scholarship to attend VCB

For more information about VISIONS VCB, contact Khaled Musa toll free at 888-245-8333, ext. 130 or via email at kmusa@visionsvcb.org



Note: Lion Khaled joined us at the District 20-O Convention, and also visited the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club (pictured on right with Club President Larry Schafman.) We encourage you to learn more about this wonderful program and the opportunities it offers to the visually impaired.

More photos from around the district...



Cornwall Lions Annual Fall Harvest 5K and 7.5K Run involves many club members, lots of work, and lots of fun



Hudson Lions welcome 3 new members



Mamakating Lions in the Halloween Parade



Jeffersonville Lions honor Leo advisor



Holocaust survivor shares her memories with members and guests at Town of Fallsburg mtg



Town of Deerpark Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest for Special Education Students



VDG Wizwer congratulates Lion Arthena Jones of Stanford for recruiting 8 new members



Orange County Lions at the Convention



Cornwall Lions visit Guiding Eyes for the Blind



Sullivan County Lions at the Convention

Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCIF in October)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Kim Phillips	Chad A Phillips	Bethel
Magdalen Radovich	Maryann McQuillan	Goshen
John J Coppola	Daniel S Olson	Hyde Park
Elizabeth Powhida	Catherine Bell	Northern Columbia
Halina Snyder	Catherine Bell	Northern Columbia
Stanley R Golas	Walter Gallagher	Rip Van Winkle
Davit Hunt	Patrick J Bradley	Rip Van Winkle
Mary Dalton	Rita Mary Bell	Stanford
Jerome Covert	Joanne Vicaretti	T/Deerpark
Gina Hahn	Joanne Vicaretti	T/Deerpark

Would your
New Neighbor

make a good Lion?

Would your

Co-Worker

make a good Lion?

Would your

School Principal

make a good Lion?

Would your

Spouse

make a good Lion?

Would your

Family Doctor

make a good Lion?

Would your

Town Supervisor

make a good Lion?

Lions Clubs International Foundation - Frequently Asked Questions

How do Lions districts and multiple districts apply for a grant?

Contact LCIF at 630-468-6769 or e-mail LCIF at lcif@lionsclubs.org. Additionally, most applications and supplemental information are available on the [LCIF Web site](#).

What qualities does LCIF look for in a grant application?

The project must address an important humanitarian need, serve a relatively large population, be cost effective and be beyond local fundraising capability. Also, the budget must show ample funding from local Lions' organizations, have a strong Lions' identity and involvement, and be endorsed by the district cabinet.

How are LCIF grant programs funded?

The vast majority of grant funding is made possible by donations from Lions clubs and individual members worldwide. LCIF does not receive any portion of Lions membership dues. Gifts from foundations, corporations, governments, non-Lions and interest earned on investments also provide funding.

How are operating expenses paid?

By ruling of the board of trustees, all administrative and promotional expenses must be paid from interest on investments. Donated funds are never used to cover these costs.

**OFFICIAL HOUSING & REGISTRATION FORM
LIONS 2010 MD-20 NEW YORK/BERMUDA CONVENTION
MAY 14 - MAY 16, 2010 BUFFALO ERIE COUNTY NEW YORK**

NO TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY AREA HOTELS

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST _____

(List names of additional room occupants below at bottom of form)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ AM _____ PM DEPARTURE DATE: _____ AM _____ PM

Number your hotel choice in order of preference with "1" being your first choice. Circle your room type/price. If you do not list at least 3 choices, you will be placed in the next available property.

___ HYATT REGENCY BUFFALO (\$119.00) Headquarters Hotel

___ COMFORT SUITES (\$125.00) 2 Blocks from Conv. Center

___ HAMPTON INN & SUITES (\$159.00) 4 Blocks from Conv. Center

___ EMBASSY SUITES (\$169.95) 5 Blocks from Conv. Center

ADAM'S MARK BUFFALO (\$127.00 single /double) (\$137.00 triple/quadr) 6 Blocks from Conv. Center

ROOM RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE 13.75% ROOM SALES TAX
Room Rates (listed to the left) are for informational purposes only. The room deposit for all properties is \$125.00 and is included in the fees below listed under single, double, triple & quad. The total amount that you must send is posted next to your room choice.

PLEASE NOTE: SPECIAL REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR ROLL-AWAYS (FRIDGE ETC.)

HANDICAP ACCESS ___ NON-SMOKING _____ SMOKING ___ ROLL-AWAY

IF STAYING AT A HOTEL: REGISTRATION FEES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICES BELOW

*Indicate your room choice by checking single, double, triple or quad below.

SINGLE (1 PERSON / 1 BED) **Send \$150.00** (\$125.00 room dep. & \$25.00 registration) IF SENT BEFORE NOV. 01, 2009
Send \$155.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$30.00 registration) IF SENT NOV. 01, 2009 - MARCH 15, 2010

DOUBLE (2 PEOPLE / 1 BED) or DOUBLE (2 PEOPLE / 2 BEDS)
Send \$175.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$50.00 registration) IF SENT BEFORE NOV. 01, 2009
Send \$185.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$60.00 registration) IF SENT NOV. 01, 2009 - MARCH 15, 2010

TRIPLE (3 PEOPLE / 2 BEDS) **Send \$200.00** (\$125.00 room dep. & \$75.00 registration) IF SENT BEFORE NOV. 01, 2009
Send \$215.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$90.00 registration) IF SENT NOV. 01, 2009 - MARCH 15, 2010

QUAD (4 PEOPLE / 2 BEDS) **Send \$225.00** (\$125.00 room dep. & \$100.00 registration) IF SENT BEFORE NOV. 01, 2009
Send \$245.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$120.00 registration) IF SENT NOV. 01, 2009 - MARCH 15, 2010

SUITE DEPOSIT
\$200.00 (Suites are available to District Governor candidates only)


TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____


OTHER ROOM OCCUPANTS: GUEST #1 _____ GUEST #2 _____

GUEST #3 _____ GUEST #4 _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REVERSE! (OVER)

Today's Lions are men, women and families who have fun volunteering together and share the satisfaction that comes from helping others. Your community is proud of its local Lions Club!


 www.lionsclubs.org
 www.20lions.com
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Now available: a beautiful 12-pack of note cards featuring the winning Peace Poster designs from MD20 (Lions of NY State & Bermuda)
Limited quantities still available - contact Lion Ilene Wizwer or DG Clifford Youngs

Save the Date:

December 15, 2009
 Extended Deadline for Registration Discount
 MD20 Convention, Buffalo, New York
 May 14 - 16, 2009


February 2, 2010
 District 20-0 Cabinet Meeting
 Location TBA

April 10, 2010
 District 20-0 Cabinet Meeting
 Location TBA



John Wargo

District 20-0 Endorsed Candidate
International Director, 2010
www.wargo2010.com



Newsletter Information:

We want to hear from you! To be included in our district newsletter, please forward information, pictures, reports and articles by the last day of each month to PDG Melanie Wargo: mrswargo@yahoo.com