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District Governor

Lions District 20-0

The "O"utstanding District

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Lions of District 20-0:

It is that time of year when we must form our nominating committees and choose the best officers to run our Lions Clubs for the coming year. Please make sure that the new officers understand what is required of them. Please go to www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la15.pdf and give them a copy of their duties.

You must elect a secretary and/or president that is willing to file the monthly membership reports by the required dates. Reports are due by the end of the month if filed online or must be received by the 20th at International, if filed on paper. Paper reports must also be mailed to the District Governor and the zone chair. A club cannot file future reports month(s) ahead. If a month's report is missed, the transaction is included in the next month's paper submission or entered into WMMR.

District Governor Manual 2009-2010

Reasons for Placing Lions Clubs in Status Quo

- Failure to comply with the objectives of the association or conduct unbecoming of a Lions club, such as failure to solve a club dispute or involvement in litigation
- Failure to fulfill any obligations of a chartered club, such as failure to submit monthly membership reports for six or more consecutive months, or failure to hold regular club meetings
- Failure to pay district or multiple district dues

District Governor Team Manual 2010-2011

Please note that club secretaries can only submit their Lions Club Activity Reports to international headquarters through the association's website (www.lionsclubs.org) or other approved electronic means. Paper report forms are not accepted. District leaders should encourage club secretaries to submit Lions Club Activity Reports on a monthly basis. Club secretaries input their member number and password to report the number of volunteer service hours and the amount of funds donated by their club. The report form provides for the inclusion of written information about club activities.

It is very important to make sure that Lions Clubs International is advised of the new officers as soon as possible, but before May15th. They can be added online by the current secretary and president or by submitting a PU-101.

If you know someone that would make a good zone chair, sight chair or hearing chair, please contact 1st Vice District Governor Stuart Wizwer or myself within the next couple of weeks, so that we continue to be an 'O'utstanding district.

Please continue your great work for Lions Clubs International.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford W. Youngs, District Governor
District 20-0, Lions Clubs International



A note from LCIF Chairman AI Brandel:

Dear Lion,

Maureen and I have just returned from Haiti where we led a team of Lions and Leos to distribute relief supplies. It brought tears to our eyes to witness the despair of the people, but Lions are committed to meeting these needs in the days and years ahead.



I'd like to first thank all of you for your tremendous generosity. Lions Hope for Haiti mobilized more than US\$1.5 million. By the time you receive this message, I'm sure it will be even more.

While in Haiti, we met with local Lions to discuss immediate needs and long-term reconstruction. They appointed a committee and are discussing long-term relief efforts.

The Foundation is partnering with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions established three tent cities in the Port au Prince area, where they are focusing their immediate relief efforts. This weekend, Lions delivered additional relief supplies from the Dominican Republic.

We have launched a Haiti section on the Lions Web site, with photos, video and other news. As we receive additional information, we will continue to add it to the [Web site](#).

If you haven't already done so, I ask you to consider [making a donation to LCIF](#) to support this disaster. Lions in Haiti appreciate your support and are anxious to serve.

Zone Chairperson William Eliacin's initial desperation turned to hope and gratitude for the people of Haiti when he learned of the great outpouring of support from Lions around the world.

He said, "We want to show the Lions and the Haitian people in general that the Lions Club is an extraordinary organization, that we are here and that our motto is, "We Serve". We serve our peers, we serve our brothers who are in need. That is why we are here. **So I am appealing to you. You can count on us to achieve as much as we can with your contribution to help those who are in need.**"

You can donate in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief. Through LCIF, Lions around the world are helping those most in need.



Above pictures of Lions relief efforts in Haiti, taken during a recent trip to Haiti by LCIF Chairman AI Brandel

Below: Lion Gabriel Bertonazzi (pictured center) from Town of Fallsburg Lions Club participated in Haiti relief efforts



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.)

Greenwood Lake

- Donation towards shipping an ambulance and medical supplies to Haiti

Hudson

- Training for Lions SEE program
- Annual Junior Prom fundraiser with Hudson High School Junior Class
- Planning pancake breakfast

Jeffersonville

- Sullivan West LEO Club part of JEMS (Jeffersonville Enhances More of Sullivan), recognized as best overall 2009 Sullivan Renaissance project.

LaGrange Lions

- Held joint meeting with Pleasant Valley Lions
- Donated to Poughkeepsie Children's Home
- Donated \$500 to LCIF for Haiti relief
- Sponsored LaGrange Little League Team
- Selling Easter Bunnies for Lions Eye Bank at Albany
- Donated Holiday food basket to local family
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Collected 230 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 2 used hearing aids

Mamakating

- Donated to LCIF for Haiti relief

Millbrook

- Collected 92 pair used eyeglasses
- Donated \$100 to camp for visually impaired
- Donated \$500 to LCIF for Haiti relief

Monroe

- Donated \$50 to Monroe Woodbury High School 2010 graduation party
- Annual joint meeting with Rotary to plan joint project
- Selling Easter Bunnies for Lions Eye Bank at Albany

Northern Columbia

- Planning Easter Egg Hunt for April 3rd
- Training for Lions See program

- Providing eyeglasses for local student
- Collecting children's books for project for service men and women overseas
- Fundraiser project - seed sales
- Donated \$200 to LCIF for Haiti relief
- Providing financial assistance for a hearing aid
- Press Releases in local papers - good job!

Stanford

- Collected 16 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 2 used hearing aids
- Annual Valentine Dinner Party on February 10th

Tri-Valley

- Collected 127 pair used eyeglasses
- Collected 2 used hearing aids
- Annual Journey for Sight on May 1st
- Donated \$200 to Camp Badger for maintenance
- Donated \$500 to LCIF for Haiti relief
- Members volunteered to handle phones for local radiothon to support families of veterans
- Selling Easter Bunnies for Lions Eye Bank at Albany

Town of Woodbury

- Donated additional \$500 to local food pantry
- Successful fundraiser with bulb sales
- Collecting small toys for troops overseas to distribute to local children
- Planning community pancake breakfast in March

Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in January)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Vincent Iannacone	Lori Hale	Amenia
Bonnie S. Miller	Joan M Buser	Germantown
Frank A Fornario Jr.	Susan Walski	Greater Washingtonville
Barbara Gavin	Beth Oltz	Hyde Park
Thomas J Gavin	Ray Davis	Hyde Park
Donna English.	James P Ankin	Jeffersonville
Robert A. DeMarco	Eldred P Carhart Jr.	Newburgh
Frank McKinney	Linda Collett	Northern Columbia
Kathleen A. Myers	Edward Fairweather	Otisville
Kimberly A. Kenyon	Jane Austin	Pleasant Valley
Karl Brabenec	Joanne Vicaretti	T/Deerpark
George R. Hill	M Joan Hill	T/Ulster
MaryAnn Buckley	Claire Gabelmann	Warwick
Robert R Rushworth	Jerry Sommer	Warwick

March 2010 has been designated Eye Donor Month by the Eye Bank Association of America and has also been proclaimed as such by Governor David Paterson for the State of New York.

Many people take their eyesight for granted, but for those who are visually impaired sight is a most precious gift.

Lions Clubs are encouraged to raise awareness of organ donation.

For more information: www.donatelifeny.org



Who can become a donor?

Anyone can decide to become a donor. A person's medical history or age does not automatically exclude him or her from being a donor. Do not rule yourself out. Medical professionals will determine your suitability for donation at the time of your death.

How do I become an organ, tissue and eye donor?

Enroll in the **New York State Donate Life Registry online** on this Web site or, if you are visiting the New York State DMV soon, by signing the donor box on your driver license (or non-driver identification card) application or renewal form.

What happens when I enroll in the Donate Life Registry?

By enrolling in the Donate Life Registry, you are giving legal consent for the recovery of your organs, tissues and eyes for the purposes of transplantation and research at the time of your death. Registry information is kept strictly confidential and can only be accessed by a) Department of Health employees when required for the performance of their official duties, b) federally regulated organ procurement organizations, c) New York State licensed tissue and eye banks and d) other entities formally approved by the Commissioner. Such access can only be for the purpose of identifying potential organ and tissue donors at or near the time of death.

I am currently enrolled in the New York State Life Pass it On Registry – should I enroll in the Donate Life Registry? What is the difference?

The Life Pass It on Registry was established in 1999 and records someone's intention to be an organ and tissue donor. This is called an intent registry. Intent registries require next of kin's permission for donation to proceed in the event of the prospective donor's death.

In 2006, a new law created the Donate Life Registry: a registry that records an individual's own legal consent to organ, tissue and eye donation upon their death. If you are registered in this new registry, your family will be informed of your decision and given information regarding the donation process, but their permission is not required to proceed with donation.

If you are enrolled in the Life Pass it On intent registry, your enrollment is not automatically included in the Donate Life consent registry. To ensure that your decision to be an organ, tissue and eye donor is honored, you must enroll in the Donate Life Registry.

Is there any age restriction on joining the registry?

Yes. You must be at least 18 years of age to register.

How can I make changes to my information or withdraw from the Donate Life Registry?

If you need to make changes to your enrollment information or you decide you do not want to become an organ, tissue and eye donor and you want your name removed from the Donate Life Registry, write to: The New York State Donate Life Registry, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 6th Floor, Troy, New York 12180.

If I enroll in the Donate Life Registry, will medical care be compromised?

No. Donation is only considered after all efforts to save the patient have failed and the patient has died. Saving the patient's life is the health care provider's first priority.

What will happen to my donated organs and tissues?

When someone dies, the local organ procurement organization, tissue bank or eye bank matches those donor's organs, tissues and eyes, as specified in the registry, with people waiting for transplants. Patients who receive your organs will be identified based upon many factors, including blood type, severity of illness and other medical criteria. Factors, such as race, gender, age and income are not considered when determining who receives a transplant.

Is there any cost to my estate or family for donating my organs, tissues and eyes?

No. There are no costs to your estate or family for you to be a donor.

Can there still be a funeral service with open-casket viewing?

Donation generally does not affect the funeral arrangements or viewing.

What does my religion say about organ and tissue donation?

Most religions approve of organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation, and even encourage it. They believe it is the most significant gift one human being can give to another. If you have questions or concerns, you should discuss them with your religious or spiritual leader.

Wow - it's great to hear that clients from our area are using the services of Visions VCB!



The Gift of Independence Lions of 20-O and VCB

Started in Westchester County and now located in Rockland County, New York, VCB has grown to be one of the largest and most comprehensive residential rehabilitation and training centers serving people of all ages who are blind throughout New York State and Bermuda. During the 7 summer sessions and weekends from October to May, VCB hosts people of all ages who are blind including independent adults, adults with developmental disabilities, elders, teens and families with children or parents who are blind. Lions of District 20-O have been actively involved with VCB since 1951 to help serve participants from their own community with scholarships for individuals who are blind and help maintain the facility. The following is a list of some* participants that attend from areas in District 20-O that with Lions support from the District VCB is able to assist them to become independent free of charge:

Name	Age	Area	Zip
S. A.	4	Liberty	12754
T.W.	12	Beacon	12508
L. C.	50	Middletown	10940
A. H.	9	Maybrook	12543
E. K.	5	Ulster	12528
J. C.	11	Garnerville	10923
K. M.	15	New Paltz	12561
K. M.	46	Mount Kisko	10549
S. M.	55	Newburgh	12550
E. N.	13	S. Fallsburg	12779
O. R.	2	Monroe	10950

(*to see entire list contact VCB)

Over 200 Lions from MD-20 visit VCB each year, volunteering at two or more work days to help maintain the facility, assisting in weekend and summer programs and attending Lions recognition ceremonies at VCB Lions Family Day in August. If you have any questions, call Lion Khaled Musa, VCB Program Director/Lions Coordinator — 1-888-245-8333 ext. 130 or email at kmusa@visionsvcb.org



Thank you to the New York State and Bermuda Foundation for recently approving a grant to provide an air conditioning unit at VCB. Pictured (left to right) are Lion Khalad Musa, VDG Michael Bryceland (R1), DG Carey Smolen (R1), and Lion Maggie Lubrano.

LaGrange Lions Club 20th Annual

Steak & Lobster Bake

Combined with 7th Annual 10 Week Club

Held in the Band Shell Pavilion, Freedom Park, LaGrange

Sunday, August 8, 2010

4:30 p.m.

First \$50 Weekly Drawing - June 1st
Five \$100 Drawings at Bake
Grand Prize - \$1000

Only 100 Tickets Sold



Steamed Clams served from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Advance Sale: \$4.00 per dozen
Limited number available at door

Dinner & Drawing Ticket: \$80.00

Includes 2 complete dinners - Lobster or Steak

Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Homemade Cole Slaw, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea and Lemonade
\$15.00 - 2nd Lobster or Steak



Tickets Available:

- From any LaGrange Lion
- LaGrange Town Hall
- or by calling 473-2807

Advance Ticket Sales Only



2010 Golf Outing and Awards Luncheon

Event: 2010 Bethel LIONS Golf Outing and Awards Luncheon

Location: Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY

Date: Monday, July 19th, 2010

Cost: \$100 per golfer; this includes a full round of golf, a golf cart and the awards luncheon

Beneficiaries: one half of the proceeds will be for the purchase of a new SureSight camera to use in our area (it will be purchased and administered by the NY SEE Program) and the other half will be to benefit the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program which is administered by the Sheriff's Department



TRI-VALLEY LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT ANNUAL WALK

Saturday, May 1, 2010

**Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at
the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.**

**2.5 mile walk starts promptly at 9:00 am from the
First Aid Squad Building.**

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

**For additional pledge sheets, questions, or to
make a pledge, call 985-2927 or 985-2566.**

NEW YORK STATE and BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION

2010 ANNUAL RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE

2010 TOYOTA CAMRY OR \$20,000 CASH EQUIVALENT

SECOND PRIZE: 2500

THIRD PRIZE: \$1500

Fourth Prize: \$1000

FIFTH THROUGH FOURTEENTH PRIZE \$500 EACH

TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH

ONLY 3500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IF FEWER THAN 500 TICKETS ARE
SOLD THE PRIZES WILL BE PRORATED.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MAY 16, 2010

AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 20 CONVENTION IN BUFFALO, NY.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS
FOUNDATION**

PURCHASE OF THREE OR MORE TICKETS

QUALIFIES FOR A ROBERT J. UPLINGER AWARD

WINNERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE DRAWING

Don't miss out -
send in your
application today!

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 (\$109.00)** 4 Blocks from Conv. Center
- ___ **EMBASSY SUITES (\$109.00)** 5 Blocks from Conv. Center
- ___ **ADAM'S MARK BUFFALO (\$127.00 single double) (\$137.00 triple/quad)** 8 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 ROLLAWAYS / FRIEDS ETC.

HANDICAP ACCESS ___ **NON-SMOKING** ___ **SMOKING** ___ **ROLLAWAY** ___

IF STAYING AT A HOTEL: REGISTRATION FEES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICES BELOW
 *Include 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 \$160.00 (\$125.00 room dep. & \$35.00 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 NEXT PAGE



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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American Red Cross in
Greater New York



RWTC/Lions Alert Training

Saturday, April 10th

10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Contact 1st VDG Stuart Wizwer for more info

swizwer@hvc.rr.com

Save the Date:

April 10, 2010

District 20-0 Cabinet Meeting - 8:00 a.m.
Red Cross Training Center
135 Crotty Road, Middletown

May 14 - 16, 2010

MD20 Convention
Buffalo, NY

June 5, 2010

District Recognition Dinner
Eagle's Nest Restaurant - www.theeaglesnest.com

Newsletter Information:

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



John Wargo

District 20-0 Endorsed Candidate
International Director, 2010

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