

Lions District 20-0

The "0"utstanding District

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The month of July went by very quickly. District Governor Elects are required to attend a school at the location of the International Convention which was in Minneapolis, Minnesota this year. It was a very busy four days in which we were taught what was expected of us, how to solve problems and the need to delegate work because we will not have time. We even worked on problem solving with a Japanese delegation that required an interpreter. They informed us that they have much the same problem with meetings because we taught them how to have meetings.

The next five days was the International Convention and we were joined by more lions from our district. We were able to see the miracle that occurred from the vision program (Lions SEE, Inc. in our district). A parent and a child told about their experience with the vision program and how they did not believe that their child had a vision problem even after they received the letter from the Lions program. They tested the child themselves with large poster cards before ever taking him to the doctor. The doctor advised that the child would have lost sight in one eye if the Lions had not found the problem. The first thing he saw when he put his glasses on was how tall his father was. The child now has glasses that he calls his magic glasses.

The next miracle that we were able to witness was a young lady that was born blind. Lions were able to obtain a cornea transplant for her and she was

able to see for the first time. After six years she again went blind because the cornea went cloudy. She said she thought "at least she had six years of sight". The Lions found out and got her a second cornea transplant and created a second miracle.

We received much information from the Global Membership Team because they are working on having a membership growth again this year instead of a decline. International President Wirfs is the leader of this team.

After returning from convention, I had two weeks to get ready for the council meeting. All went well at the council meeting and we were able to attend Camp Badger (NYS Lions Project).

Then I had one week to get ready for our cabinet meeting. The budget is approved and we are off to a good start with the MERL team meeting with the zone/region and membership chairs.

We have already lost 35 members this fiscal year. Please ask your co-workers, friends and relatives to join us in making miracles happen.

Thank you for being a Lion.

Clifford W. Youngs

District Governor
District 20-0
Lions Clubs International



District 20-0 Clubs were busy this summer with parades, barbeques, and other outdoor activities.

Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in April–July)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Mary Henschel	Linda Gregory	Amenia
Peter Seyfarth Jr.	Linda Gregory	Amenia
Tamara Guichard	Marie Fox	Bethel
Carol Loggia	Robert Walentin	Cornwall
Chike T. Williams	Robert Walentin	Cornwall
Hector Torres	Graham Kelder Sr.	Cornwall
Kyle P. Roddey	Ken Tschan	Goshen
Jason Wilson	Ken Tschan	Goshen
Linda Lang	Thomas DeVinko	Greater Washingtonville
Michael Davis	Robert Broadhurst	Greenwood Lake
Maureen Adamik	Nancy DeAngelo	Greenwood Lake
John Howe	George Esposito	Hudson
Melinda Novak	Laura Mortefolio	Hudson
Richard Ruth	Christopher Zell	Hurley
Nancy Kohler	Len Steinberg	Liberty
Susan Kohler	Len Steinberg	Liberty
Dina Jester	Arthur Thalmann	Liberty
Barbara Anderson	JoAnn Salamone	Mamakating
Thomas Borgersen	Peter Lyons	Marlboro-Milton
Thomas Gallagher	Frederick Callo Sr.	Marlboro-Milton
John Eboli	Lewis Saperstein	Millerton
Lorraine Santacroce	David Fitzgerald	Newburgh
Mary O. Rusell	David Fitzgerald	Newburgh
Leeann P. Vrablik	Robert Vrablik	Pleasant Valley
Brandon Freer	Not Listed	Saugerties
James Whelan Sr.	Not Listed	Saugerties
Virginia Speed	Arthena Jones	Stanford
Stacey Gelb	Aaron Wizwer	T/Fallsburg
Andrew Kalter	Ivan Kalter	T/Fallsburg
Zachary Kelson	Burt Ledina	T/Fallsburg
Constance Lawrence	Stuart Wizwer	T/Fallsburg
Peter Lawrence	Stuart Wizwer	T/Fallsburg
Natalie Levitt	Renee Kates	T/Fallsburg
Gabriel Bertonazzi	Stuart Wizwer	T/Fallsburg
Deborah Gubiotti	Martha Worzel	T/Highland
Robert Decker	John Clark	Tri-Valley
David Moore	John Clark	Tri-Valley
Phyllis Moore	John Clark	Tri-Valley
Barry Terbush	Donald Terbush	Tri-Valley
Michael Gesmundo	David Winters	Wallkill
John Pacos	Claire Gabelmann	Warwick
Ash Puftaswany	Carolyn Durland	Warwick

Fast Facts About Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization: We have 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs worldwide.

Lions are everywhere: We're active in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions have a dynamic history: We are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of projects – including disaster relief – across many borders.

Lions serve youth: Our community projects often support local children and schools with new programs and resources. Internationally, we offer many programs, including our popular Peace Poster Contest.

Lions award grants: Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded US\$660 million in grants to support Lions projects around the world. LCIF was also ranked the number one nongovernmental organization in a 2007 study by *The Financial Times*.

Lions are active: Our motto is "We Serve."

A Lion never wonders: "What can one person do to improve his or her community?" Because Lions are part of a global service network, we do whatever is necessary to help local communities.

Have you invited your family and friends to join a Lions Club and serve the community? Why not ask them today?

Lions Foundation at Albany NY, Inc. (we raise the money)

Lions Eye Institute at Albany, NY, Inc. (we save people's vision)



Pictured are PDG Wilfred Roehe, Lion John McDonald, PDG John Wargo and PDG Ed Blodgett at a recent Board of Directors meeting for the Lions Eye Institute at Albany, NY, Inc. The two major focuses of the Lions Eye Institute are to provide quality patient care for those who cannot otherwise afford it, and to offer additional training opportunities and equipment to resident doctors.

The importance of our work can be felt in excerpts from two notes recently received at the Lions Eye Institute:

"My operation was successful and I am seeing the world much clearer now. Thank you again, and God Bless you for all the good work you do" (Names of patients are not disclosed)

"Words can not express the new life that is unfolding as my vision is in the process of being restored. It is so amazing to wake up and see the world clearly...I thank God every day for this gift and for the Lions club that sponsored me...I appreciate all you have done...It has truly been a miracle process!" (Another recent patient)

Patient referral forms must be signed by a local Lions Club President, and must note status of Medicaid coverage. For more information on the patient referral process, please contact PDG Wilfred Roehe at 914-474-4495 (cell) or whroehe@verizon.net

Note: Patients do not need a referral if covered by insurance or able to pay by other means.

**NEW YORK STATE
and
BERMUDA LIONS
PIN PROGRAM**

(for new Lions)



Sponsored by

**Multiple District 20
Lions Clubs of
New York State
and Bermuda, Inc.**



We Serve



The **New York State and Bermuda Lions Pin Program** is designed to encourage new Lions to quickly learn about Lionism at the

club, zone, region, district and international levels. This knowledge will prepare them for leadership positions, thus building a stronger organization better able to serve others. New Lions who complete program requirements within the first year of membership will be awarded a distinctive pin recognizing their accomplishment.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Sponsors should be positive role models, for they are the key to the new Lion successfully completing this program. They should invite the new Lion to join them in fundraising events and service projects, and accompany the new Lion to District functions. These experiences will build stronger bonds between Lions and help shape our future leaders. Thus, sponsors are encouraged to lead by example and:

- * Help the new Lion feel welcome in the Club and encourage him/her to explore Lions' publications and our website: www.lionsclubs.org.
- * Make sure the new Lions has participated in a new member orientation program.
- * Invite the new Lion to become an active participant in a club committee.
- * Accompany the new Lion to zone, region, district meetings and conventions.

New Lion Responsibilities

New Lions should be open to learning more about the Lions organization to which they belong, and the possibilities that exist to serve others in their local and global communities.

By participating in meetings and activities at the club, zone, region and district levels, new Lions will acquire a sense of purpose and belonging, and will strengthen our organization as they share their own thoughts and experiences on how to better serve others. In so doing, the new Lion can also work toward earning the special New York State and Bermuda pin.

Program Requirements

(To qualify for the New York State and Bermuda Lions Award pin a new Lion must complete 5 of the following requirements within one year of becoming a Lion)

- * Participate in a Club, Zone, Region or District orientation program
- * Participate in a club fund raiser
- * Participate in a club community project
- * Attend an inter-club visitation with other club members
- * Attend a Zone or Region Advisory Committee Meeting (ACM)
- * Attend a District Cabinet Meeting or Conference
- * Bring a prospective new member to a regular club meeting

**NEW YORK STATE and
BERMUDA LIONS
PIN PROGRAM**

Completion Record for

Lion _____

ACTIVITY DATE INITIALS

New Member Induction _____

(Complete any five within one year of induction)

Attend either a Club or District new member orientation program _____

Participate in a club fund raiser _____

Participate in a club community project _____

Attend an inter-club visitation with other club members _____

Attend a Zone or Region Advisory Committee Meeting _____

Attend a District Cabinet Meeting or Conference _____

Bring a prospective member to a regular club meeting _____

We certify that Lion _____ has successfully completed the requirements of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Pin Program

Sponsoring Lion _____

Club President _____

Date _____

Enclosed is a photograph and program from Guiding Eyes for the Blind's ribbon cutting ceremony for the onsite veterinarian MRI. The ceremony took place on July 18, 2009 during *Salute to the Lions*. The purchase of the MRI was made possible through a \$75,000 Lions Club International Foundation grant. This grant, with contributions made by over 100 individual Lions Clubs including the following 20-O Lions Clubs: Bethel; Catskills; Cornwall; Highland; Hurley; Hyde Park; Germantown; Goshen; Jeffersonville; LeGrange; Liberty; Lioness Club of Catskill; Marlboro Milton; Middletown; Millbrook; Millerton; Monroe; New Paltz; Nine Partners; Northern Columbia; Pine Bush; Pleasant Valley; Saugerties; Stanford; Town of Dover; Town of Fallsburg; Town of Montgomery; Warwick; Town of Ulster; Town of Walkill-Mid-Orange; Tri-Valley; Lions District 20-O and other private donors, made it possible for Guiding Eyes to purchase an MRI for our veterinary hospital.



The onsite MRI helps Guiding Eyes' veterinarians to more accurately diagnose and treat our dogs' medical conditions. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is the only guide dog school in the world to have an onsite MRI machine.



District Governors Clifford W. Youngs (20-O), Cary Smolens (20-R1), Lorri Kerzner (20-S, not pictured), and PDG Karl Walburg (20-R1 not pictured), joined Van Tassell Society Chairman, Angelo Purciogliotti, Guiding Eyes graduate and employee, Becky Barnes and Flyer, Guiding Eyes veterinarian Dr. Jodi Sandler, and Guiding Eyes Chief Executive Officer William Badger for the dedication.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, founded in 1954, is a leading guide dog training school, dedicated to enriching the lives of blind and visually impaired men and women by providing them with the freedom to travel safely, assuring greater independence, dignity and new horizons of opportunity. Guiding Eyes makes a lifetime pact with our graduates to provide follow-up services and guidance, so that our "teams" achieve increased freedom, improved safety, and independence. Our students come from all over the United States and the world. Guiding Eyes' Headquarters and Training Center is in Yorktown Heights, NY, and its renowned Canine Development Center is in Patterson, NY.

Your Lions Club's willingness to help others serves as an inspiration to all of us at Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and we are delighted to have the Lions Clubs organization as a treasured member of our family.

For more information about Guiding Eyes for the Blind go to www.guidingeyes.org

Deceased Members: Reported March - July

Peter Louis Neckles	Marlboro-Milton
Mildred Johnson	Hudson
Wendy Adolph	Livingston Manor
Cheryl Alger	Kingston
Steven Galderisi	Kingston
John Ciaccio	Pine Plains
Judith Sleight	Stanford
Armando Mostachett	T/Dover
Emily Selvage	Warwick



May we as Lions, Lord above
 Serve mankind with Thy great love.
 Help us share the gift of light
 So more may gain their precious sight.
 Help us to repair the wrong,
 So one more child can hear a song.
 And as we face our final sun,
 We pray, dear Lord, you will say, Well Done."

Creating Miracles Through Service...

(Compiled from on-line activities reports for 2008 – 2009)



Amenia

- Recreation/sports
- LEO Club
- Scholarships
- Community Education
- Eyeglass recycling (185 pr.)

Chatham

- Scholarships
- Hearing Screenings
- Assistive devices for the visually impaired
- Eyeglass Recycling (12 pr.)
- Provide new eyeglasses

Greenville-Wawayanda

- Aid to the disabled
- Aid to the elderly
- Culture/the Arts
- Food bank/food distribution
- Recreation/sports
- Safety programs
- Assistance to a school
- Celebration for children (party/parade/etc.)
- Scholarships
- Educational Programs
- Eyeglass recycling 150 pr.)
- Provide healthcare information to the public

Hudson

- Literacy
- Recreation/sports
- Youth camps and exchange
- Hearing aids/assistive devices
- Eyeglass recycling (2400 pr)
- Blood donations

Jeffersonville

- Celebration for children (party/parade/etc.)
- LEO Club
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Hearing aids/assistive devices
- Recreational camps for the hearing impaired
- Eyeglass Recycling (554 pr.)
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired
- Support for a Lions Eye Bank
- Vision clinic/eye screening

Kingston

- Aid to the disabled
- Education/literacy
- Recreation/sports
- Assistance to children in need
- Celebration for children (party/parade/etc.)
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Diabetes education to the public
- Diabetes screening
- Hearing Aid Recycling Program
- Assistive devices for the visually impaired
- Educational programs
- Eye Camps or Clinics
- Eyeglass recycling (2200 pr.)
- Guide Dogs
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired
- Support a Lions Eye Bank
- Vision Screening
- Purchase of medical Equipment

Livingston Manor

- Aid to the elderly
- Citizenship
- Education/literacy
- Food Bank/food distribution
- Assistance to a school
- Celebration for children (party/parade/etc.)
- Peace Poster Contest
- Scholarships
- Eyeglass Recycling (298 pr.)

Nine Partners

- Aid to the elderly
- Food bank/food distribution
- Recreation/sports
- Safety programs
- Community clean-up project
- Assistance to a school
- Assistance to children in need
- Drug awareness
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Youth camps and exchange
- Diabetes education to the public
- Hearing Aid Recycling Program
- Hearing aids/assistive devices
- Eyeglass recycling (61 pr.)
- Provide new eyeglasses
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired
- Support for a Lions Eye Bank



Clockwise from top left:
 Marlboro-Milton Scholarship Award
 Kingston Awards Presentation
 Marlboro-Milton Parade
 Bethel Chicken BBQ
 Bethel Parade
 Greenwood Lake Parade
 Greenwood Lake Awards Presentation
 Newburgh Awards Presentation
 Saugerties Awards Presentation
 T/Fallsburg Scholarship Presentation
 Northern Columbia Meeting

Creating Miracles Through Service...

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Millbrook

- Aid to the elderly
- Culture/the Arts
- Food bank/food distribution
- Recreation/sports
- Scholarships
- Hearing aid recycling program
- Hearing aids/assistive devices
- Eyeglass Recycling (526 pr.)
- Provide new eyeglasses

Monroe

- Citizenship
- Culture/the Arts
- Education/literacy
- Food bank/food distribution
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Assistive Devices for the visually impaired
- Eyeglass recycling (2400 pr.)
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired

Pawling

- Aid to the elderly
- Community clean-up project
- Scouts
- Provide new eyeglasses

Pine Bush

- Disaster Relief
- Food Bank/food distribution
- Education
- Recreation/Sport
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Hearing aid/assistive devices
- Assistive devices for the visually impaired
- Children's eye photo screening
- Eyeglass recycling (230 pr.)
- Provide new eyeglasses
- Blood donations
- Cancer support services

Rhinebeck

- Aid to the elderly
- Building homes/Habitat for Humanity
- Food bank/food distribution

- Recreation/sports
- Community clean-up project
- Tree Planting
- Assistance to children in need
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Hearing Aids/assistive devices
- Assistive Devices for the Visually impaired
- Eyeglass Recycling (839 pr.)
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired
- Support for a Lyons Eye Bank

Stanford

- Aid to the disabled
- Aid to the elderly
- Citizenship
- Crime prevention
- Culture/the Arts
- Disaster relief/Lions ALERT
- Food bank/food distribution
- Homelessness
- Recreation/sports
- Safety programs
- Community clean-up project
- Environmental education
- Recycling
- Diabetes education to the public
- Hearing aids/assistive devices
- Recreational camps for the hearing impaired
- Support services for the hearing impaired
- Eyeglass recycling (120 pr.)
- Recreational camps for the visually impaired
- Cancer support services

Warwick

- Community Clean-up project

Lions SEE Vision Screenings:

Coming soon to a school near you!



www.lionsclubs.org

Check out the new look!

District 20-O Convention Journal

Ads are now being accepted for the District Convention Journal. This journal will help offset convention expenses.

Ads may be taken by Clubs, Businesses, and/or individual Lions, Lioness and LEOs.

Electronic copy of your ad is preferred.
Email ad to: Lion Melanie Wargo
mrswargo@yahoo.com

Send printed copy of ad and payment to:
District 20-O Lions
c/o Lion Dave Bechtle
105 Lake Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940

Full Page / Cover

**Deadline for ads:
October 15th**

Half Page

Quarter Page

Prices:

Covers	\$150
Full Page	\$ 80
Half Page	\$ 45
Quarter Page	\$ 25

District 20-O Fall Conference Reservation/Delegate Form

Who: All Lions, Lioness and LEOs
What: District 20-O Fall Conference
 (Continental Breakfast, Buffet Luncheon, Informational Booths, Seminars
 Key Note Speaker, Raffles, New Ideas, Fellowship, Friendship, FUN!)
Where: Holiday Inn, 542 Route 9, Fishkill, New York
When: Sunday, November 1, 2009
Time: 8:00 a.m. registration opens, informational displays, continental breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. convention sessions
Attire: Lion/Lioness/LEO Uniform or Business Attire
Cost: \$40.00 per person all inclusive
 \$35.00 per person early bird registration (expires 10/15/09)

Club: _____ List the club member(s) who will be attending this year's Fall Conference:

Member Name <small>(Please print legibly)</small>	Fee Enclosed	Voting Delegate
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No


Total Attending _____ x Registration fee \$ _____ = Amount Enclosed \$ _____


Make Check Payable to: District 20-O
Mail Registration Form and Payment To:
 Lion Bernie Shippee, Cabinet Secretary
 PO Box 354
 Westbrookville, NY 12785

Return by 10/15/2009 for early bird discount

For District Treasurer Use Only	
District Dues Paid 2009-2010:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No _____
Prior Year Dues Paid:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No _____

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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Save the Date:

District 20-0 Convention
November 1, 2009
Holiday Inn, Fishkill, NY

Guest Speakers, Seminars, Classes

Club Officers Roundtable/Training

Network with other Lions from our area


We Serve

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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