



Lion Clifford W. Youngs  
District Governor

# Lions District 20-O

*The "O"utstanding District*

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Greetings Lions:

This "convention issue" of the District 20-O newsletter is sent to the home address on record of every Lion in our district. Each and every one of you is encouraged to attend the District Convention on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Fishkill.

Special recognition will be given to Lions attending their first convention. Come and learn from seminars relating to Lions Projects in our communities and a guest speaker representing Lions Clubs International. Enjoy door prizes, food, new friends, fun, and a chance to share ideas with other local Lions that share the same interests, challenges and questions that you and your club are experiencing. Whether you are a brand new Lion or veteran of many years, please come and share in a day of friendship, fellowship and fun!

## Welcome to our Newest Members

(as reported to LCI in August–September)

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Club</u>
Rose Bogaert	Michael Fox	Bethel
Debra S. Gabriel	Michael Fox	Bethel
Gail Rubenfeld	Jonathan C Hyman	Bethel
Barry P Cardone	Ron Croce	Mamakating
William Seaman	Ron Croce	Mamakating
Stephen E Jennison	Ralph Walters	Marlboro/Milton
Kristopher Geis	William D Thorpe Jr.	Newburgh
David L. Rider	David Fitzgerald	Newburgh
Walter Hahn	Sheila Hahn	Pine Bush
Peter P. Bove	Arthena Jones	Stanford
Carolann Hanlon	Arthena Jones	Stanford
Charles Hanlon	Arthena Jones	Stanford
John U Kelemen	Mary Onken	T/Woodbury
Joseph Perechocky	Craig R Torrie	T/Woodbury
Eileen M Reynolds	Frank Reynolds	T/Woodbury



Hudson Lions take time out for a group picture at their 19th annual Junior Olympics event.



VDG Stu Wizwer screens a student at a local Head Start Pre-School as part of the Lions See program

## A note from 1st Vice District Governor Stuart Wizwer...



Greeting Fellow Lions:

First a quick introduction, my name is Stuart Wizwer and I have been quickly thrust into the position of First Vice District Governor after District Governor Clifford W. Youngs assumed the position faster than anticipated. Many may not know me. I have been a Lions almost 25 years. I come from the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club in Sullivan County where I served as President from 2002-2004. I have also been a Zone and a Region Chair. My wife, Lion Ilene, is currently the First Vice President of our club and currently serving as the District Peace Poster Chair, as appointed by DG Clifford W. Youngs. Both of our children are members of our club as well.

In addition to being the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, I am serving as District Lions ALERT Chair. As such we want to get Lions to know more about the ALERT program. We would like to have two or three Lions in each club become educated in it so that we can provide some training and resources to organize within each county. To learn more about it, please log on to the International website at: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type in: ALERT in the search bar in the upper right hand side. There will be a Lions ALERT seminar at the District Convention in Fishkill Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Speaking of the District Convention, Fallsburg Lion member, Phil Vallone has offered to provide a bus the day of the convention starting from Livingston Manor and stopping in Liberty, South Fallsburg, Monticello, Wurtsboro and additional places along the route to Route 84 via Route 17 K. If you or your club is interested in hitching a free ride, please contact me either by e-mail at: [swizwer@hvc.rr.com](mailto:swizwer@hvc.rr.com) or my home phone at: 434-2152.

My next responsibility is District M.E.R.L. Chair (Membership/Extension/Retention/Leadership). After meeting with the MD-20 M.E.R.L. team last week it was decided to have a District-wide meeting/training session on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> the Gateway Diner, 1294 Route 300 in Newburgh starting at 10:00 A.M. At 12:00 noon we will have lunch and at 1:00 P.M. D.G. Cliff will convene his second Cabinet meeting where we will be joined by International Director Jerry Smith who will be the keynote Convention Speaker. Please make every effort to attend these extremely important meetings. All Lions may attend the Cabinet meeting.

Lastly, I offer my assistance in any way possible with regards to Lionism. I have many Lions to meet in 60 clubs and would be very happy to attend your club meeting, just call for my help or my attendance.

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Stuart*



Have you seen the MD20 International Convention Pin for Sidney, Australia?

It was designed by our own artist Lion Bob Longo of the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club.

A limited quantity of pins are available at \$2.00 each - get them at the convention Nov. 1st.



## ***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.)

### **Bethel**

- Referred cataract patient to Lions Eye Institute
- 3—\$1000 scholarships to high school seniors
- Fed 285 people at pancake breakfast
- Dunk Tank at town Bicentennial celebration
- Fed 300 at annual chicken barbeque
- 3rd annual supermarket sweeps
- Manned Harvest Festival Corn & Hay Maze
- Donated to families of veterans
- Lions See screenings planned for fall
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 167 pr.
- Provided local resident with eye exam/glasses

### **Chatham**

- Over 400 volunteer hours at 2009 Fair
- Ghent Day tractor pull - Oct. 17th

### **Goshen**

- Named "Volunteer Organization of the Year" by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce

### **Greenville/Wawayanda**

- Partnered with Red Cross
- Red Cross training

### **Hudson**

- Aid to the elderly
- Culture/The Arts
- Recreation/Sports
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 90 pr.
- Fundraising Calendar

### **Middletown**

- Proud home club of District Governor Clifford Youngs
- Awarded MJF to Lion Joan Stoltz
- Scholarships
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 300 pr.
- Kid's Fishing Derby at Davidge Park's Summit Pond
- Shuffle the Buffalo at the Orange County Fair
- Participated in Run-4-Downtown water distribution
- Eye exams/glasses for 5 individuals
- Adopt-a-Street

### **Millbrook**

- Culture/The Arts - Summer Concert Series

### **Monroe**

- Booth at Monroe Cheese Festival
- Scholarship Dinner

### **Newburgh**

- Aid to the disabled
- Assistance to children in need
- Scholarships
- Hearing Aids/Assistive Devices
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 300 pr.
- Recreational Camps for the visually impaired
- Vision Clinic/eye screening
- Rebuilt flagpole and presented new flag at the home of a local veteran

### **Nine Partners**

- Aid to the elderly
- Recreation/Sports
- Community Clean-up project
- Assistance to a school
- Drug Awareness
- Scholarships
- Scouts
- Youth Camps and Exchange
- Diabetes Awareness
- Hearing Aids/Hearing Screenings
- Support Services for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 30 pr.
- White Cane Day
- Support for a Lions Eye Bank
- Quarterly Road Cleanup

### **Northern Columbia**

- Assisted with hearing aids for 2 local residents
- Annual garage sale and fall raffle

### **Pine Bush**

- Aid to the disabled
- Aid to the elderly
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 600 pr.
- Blood Drive August 11th.

### **Rip Van Winkle**

- Food Bank/Food Distribution
- Recreation/Sports
- Safety Program
- Recycling
- Scouts
- Assistive Devices for the Visually Impaired
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 50 pr.
- Cancer Support Services

## The NYS & Bermuda Foundation: It's Your Foundation...

THE NEW YORK STATE AND BERMUDA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC. WAS ESTABLISHED AS AN OFFICIAL PROJECT OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT IN 1993. ITS MISSION WAS TO PROVIDE DISTRICT-WIDE SUPPORT FOR WORTHY PROJECTS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE BEYOND THE MEANS OF INDIVIDUAL CLUBS OR 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 DISASTORS. 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 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 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 GIL ABRAMS THE FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON AT (631) 691-3262 OR MILLEDGE SMITH PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR AT (315) 232-2530 TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOUNDATION.

### Orange County Celebrates White Cane Awareness Day Join Us

Thursday, October 15, 2009  
9:30 AM-11:00 AM



**Independent Living, Inc.**

5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh, NY 12550

- Assistive Technology Demonstrations
- Visual Impairment Simulations
- White Cane Walk

#### Participants include:

Frank Skartados, NYS Assembly  
Edward Diana, Orange County Executive  
James Kulisek, Orange County Legislator  
Douglas Hovey, Executive Director,  
Independent Living, Inc.

**Refreshments will be served.**

Co-sponsors include NYS Commission for the Blind,  
Association for the Visually Impaired

### Fall Work Day at VISIONS VCB - Oct. 10th

(VISIONS Center on Blindness)

#### **HELP GET VCB READY FOR Fall!**

A variety of jobs for everyone!

Enjoy work, camaraderie,  
refreshments, food & fun!

The VCB summer season was a great success, we served 483 individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Of course, there is much work to be done to close for the summer and prepare it for the Fall Season! You are cordially invited to participate in our upcoming **VCB Lions Workday**. We will begin at **10 a.m.** with **lunch served at 1 p.m.** In order for the VCB staff to know how much food is needed for this event, it is extremely important that you **RSVP by Sept. 26, 2009.**

To RSVP and/or for additional information, please contact Khaled Musa, VCB Program Director/Lions Coordinator, toll-free at (888) 245-8333, ext. 130 or via email to

[kmusa@visionsvcb.org](mailto:kmusa@visionsvcb.org).

## ***Around the District...(continued)***

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### **Stanford**

- Aid to the disabled
- Aid to the elderly
- Food Bank/food distribution
- Scholarships
- Hearing Aids/assistive devices
- Recreational Camps for the Hearing impaired
- Used Eyeglass Recycling - 27 pr.
- Support for a Lions Eye Bank
- Cancer Support Services
- Provide Health Care Information to the Public

### **Town of Woodbury**

- Ramble Wrapup: 211 runners & 30 Ramble Scramblers
- Information Table at Woodbury Day
- Sponsor Cub Scout Pack

- Donation to Central Valley Fire Company
- Donation to New York Marathon Fund
- Donation to ALS
- Donation to local food pantry

### **Tri-Valley**

- Cancer Support Services
- Donated to 4 church pantries
- Pumpkin Party October 3rd
- Soda Booth at Grahamsville Fair
- Sponsored 9-yr-old to Camp Badger
- Rabies Clinic vaccinated 118 local pets
- Donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Donated to local library
- Support to local family in need

### **Warwick**

- Applefest October 4th
- Annual 5K Run



Plenty of hands to help with the work and lots of laughter at the annual Warwick Lions 5K race.



The Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic is a great opportunity to bring out the young members of the community.

## ***Meet International Director Jerry Smith on November 1st***

Jerry Smith, from Wauseon, Ohio, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.



Director Smith is a superintendent of schools.

A member of the Wauseon Lions Club and a Lion since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, membership chair, district governor and multiple district 20K coordinator. He also served as vice chairperson of the 2006 USA/Canada Leadership Forum Host Committee.

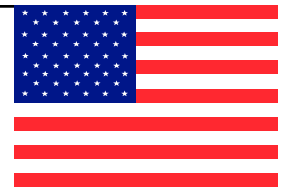
In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including a 100% Club President Award, Council of Governor's Award of Merit, Lion of the Year Award, W.R. "Dick" Bryan Fellow Award, five International President Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Medal and an International President's Leadership Medal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has been a member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents.

Director Smith and his wife, Judy, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter, two sons and ten grandchildren.

**Wow - sounds like a great convention!**

## ***Meet Colonel Donna K. Korycinski, PhD on November 1st***



Col. Donna Cecil Korycinski, Ph.D., a native of Kentucky, is employed at West Point as a deputy head of the department of systems engineering. She deployed this summer to the National Military Academy of Afghanistan in Kabul, serving as an academic mentor to the leadership and management department. She is married to CW5 Richard E. Korycinski of Detroit. They have two daughters, Sydney, 12, and Jordan, 10.

Col. Korycinski has agreed to address the Lions of District 20-O at our annual convention. She will talk about her recent deployment, and plans to share pictures or a short video clip.

## Convention Program - November 1, 2009

8:00 am - 10:30 pm	Registration	Note:
8:00 am - 10:30 am	Vendor Booths	Please check convention journal
8:00 am - 8:55 am	Continental Breakfast	for last minute changes
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening Plenary Session	and room assignments
9:40 am - 10:25 am	Seminar Series #1	
	<i>D.E.C.A. Camp Nejeda</i>	<b>LEO's - PDG Bill Fitzgerald</b>
	<i>Guiding Eyes for the Blind</i>	<b>is planning a special seminar</b>
	<i>VCB - Visions Center on Blindness</i>	<b>just for you</b>
	<i>Medicare Diabetes Screening Project</i>	<b>more info to follow...</b>
10:35 am - 11:00 am	Vendor Raffle Drawings	
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Colonel Donna Korycinski	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Key Note Speaker - ID Jerry Smith	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Buffet Luncheon, Special Presentations	
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Voting and Surveys	
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Seminar Series #2	
	<i>Lions Alert with the Red Cross</i>	
	<i>Organ Donation: Fact and Fiction</i>	
	<i>ABC's of Lionism</i>	
	<i>Conversation Maps</i>	
2:10 pm - 2:30 pm	Closing Plenary Session	
	Door Prizes and Adjournment	

### Seminar Descriptions

**D.E.C.A. Camp Nejeda**– Welcome Phillip DeRea from Camp Negeda in Stillwater, NJ, where children and young adults with diabetes get the opportunity to come together in an environment where having diabetes is the norm. Hear about the empowering fellowship and educational opportunities available for insulin dependent youth.

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind** - Join Kate Scheld from G.E.B. to learn more about the Ambassador program. The puppy raiser program will also be discussed; perhaps you and your family would be willing to help train a future best friend and independence giver for a sight-impaired individual.

**VISIONS/VCB** - Visions Center on Blindness (Formerly Vacation Camp for the Blind) in nearby Spring Valley, NY is an amazing place for the vision impaired and their families. Lion Khaled Musa will bring us the latest updates from the world of VISIONS.

**Medicare Diabetes Screening Project** - Marge Gagnon is our presenter for this informational seminar on an underused program. Bring your questions and concerns; she'll help you find the answers.

**Lions Alert with the Red Cross** - 1st VDG Stuart Wizwer will share his experiences and tips on how your club can prepare to help out local agencies in case of man-made or natural disasters.

**Organ Donation: Fact and Fiction** - Donate Life by signing up to be an organ donor. Joann Beach from the Lions Eye Bank at Albany has agreed to join us again to answer all of your questions.

**ABC's of Lionism** - Lions Melanie and John Wargo present a fun orientation for new members; it's a great refresher for established Lions as well. This interactive seminar will include a brief overview of our history, facts and figures on our world-wide service projects, and a fact sheet to share at your next club meeting.

**Conversation Maps** - Marge Gagnon will teach us about conversation maps, used to engage people with an interactive verbal and visual learning experience. The Diabetes Conversation Map tools are dedicated to providing tools that focus on empowering patients to make necessary lifestyle changes that lead to improved self-management of diabetes.

# 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
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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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**

<b>For District Treasurer Use Only</b>	
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 Cabinet Meeting  
October 31, 2009*

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***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

**More Information Inside**



**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 -  
 visit the Peace Poster Display at the  
 district convention.**

**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](mailto:mrswargo@yahoo.com)