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for working with me on
these past four issues.*

~ Editor Lion Karen Pohlman

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DISTRICT 20-N



Lions Present More Checks To Ross Institute: Amherst Lions and Pendleton Lions each presented checks to the VBSF. Amherst \$1,000 and Pendleton gave \$500 to help the VBSF with its mission of buying the latest diagnostic equipment for the patient care vision center. Lion Richard Teetsel of Amherst (left photo) and Lion Gary Braun of Pendleton (right photo) to VBSF chairman, Lion Rick Jachimiak.



Pendleton Lions: Region Chair and Lions Secretary Joe Biondo hosted a St. Joseph's Table at his house for numerous friends and family members to celebrate the tradition of what Lions are all about, serving others in their time of need. Shown in left hand photo is Joe Biondo reciting the St. Joseph's Prayer as Lion President Joe Macaluso and many friends, family and residents look on.



Pendleton Lions: At a March meeting Katie Biggie shared her journey to the country of Tanzania to help foster education. Late last year our peace poster contest winner, Alana Biggie, asked to donate \$50.00 dollars to help support this cause. Katie went on this mission and shared her journey with the club about her experiences helping others.



East Aurora Lions contribute for playground: Lions Secretary Ron LaBrake and E.A. Kiwanis AKTION Club member Nick Benedict join forces at the May dedication for several pieces of multi ability playground equipment installed at Hamlin Park in East Aurora. Nick was a key advocate for the new play area. The Lions' donation purchased a bench from which the revamped area of the playground may be monitored.



Amherst Lions Hold Auction: Pat Radtke, right, of Amherst considers making a bid on one of the 609 baskets of items and gift certificates auctioned off at the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Auction. Auction chair, Lion Sarah DiNatale, left, reported \$1,000 in winning bids.



New Amherst Lions Span The Ages: Club added two new members recently—aged 89 and 25. Pictured in the photo (left-to-right): Lions Jack Elliott, David Myers, Richard Teetsel and Herb Wilber.

DISTRICT 20-E1



Pictured left to right, back row: Nancy Pachuta, Joan Prinzi, June Despard, and Caroline Swanton. Center row: our newest member Anne White. Front row: Sydney Dioguardi, LuAnn Reed, Liz Welch, and mom, Pat Tuchrello.

AVON LIONESSES who attended our community home annual Easter Egg Hunt. LuAnn Reed has been organizing this every year since 1986. In the beginning the eggs were hidden outside the home, and a Lioness was assigned to help each resident. It still amazes me how they remember and get very excited to see us. Nowadays, the eggs are hidden inside the home. They each get a basket and the aiding Lioness helps them locate and collect the eggs, which are filled with bunnies and jellybeans. Each resident also gets a prize, and a polaroid photo of themselves with their Lioness buddy. After the hunt, the residents sit down to fruit juice and doughnuts, and time to visit with the Lionesses. LuAnn and her mother, Joan Prinzi have been filling the eggs and getting everything ready for a long time...kudos to them and all the helping Lionesses for their faithful service.



WEBSTER LIONS CAMP SMILE RECEIVES DONATION: Street Machines of Rochester, Inc. is a club where car enthusiasts can display what they've done to their vehicles and marvel at what others have done. The "Motor Mania 2011" was held in April and was able to raise over \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society's "Road to Recovery" and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This year, for the third year in a row, Street Machines has also made a generous donation to the Webster Lions Camp Smile, a free summer day camp for blind and visually-impaired children ages 4-18. For more information about Street Machines of Rochester, visit the website at www.streetmachinesofrochester.com. For information about Webster Lions Camp Smile, go to www.campsmile.org.

The **ROCHESTER NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB** held a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 16th.

Pictured with the bunny are the great grandchildren of PDG Bel and Ellie Swarts, Addyson and Peyton.



WALWORTH LIONS CLUB recently made donations to the following efforts: to LCIF for Japan earthquake and tsunami relief, and for Haiti earthquake relief; for an Eagle Scout project to build ball field dugouts at Ginegaw Park; for Eastern Service Workers Mother's Day roses; and for the Riding for Ray diabetes fundraiser, dedicated to Past District Governor Ray Ernenwein. The club will provide a tent at no charge to the Gananda triathlon on May 14.

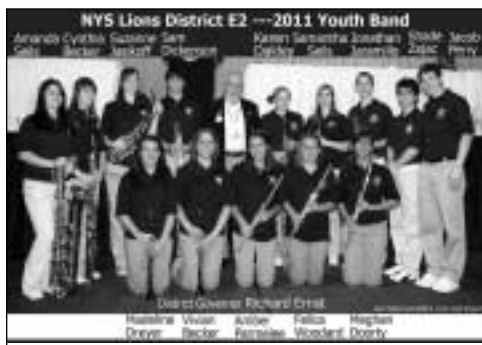


DISTRICT 20-E2

20-E2 has large presence in Lions Youth Band

Students sponsored by 20-E2 Lions Clubs had a major presence in the Lions Youth Band at the Multiple District 20 Convention held this year in Rochester from April 28 to May 1. The band is quite a talented group of students who have never worked together before but come together quickly to perform music for the Lions at the convention.

Selections played at the convention this year included The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America and popular songs such as "YMCA".



The students are treated to an all-expense paid performing opportunity intermixed with optional local sports and youth social activities chaperoned by State Lions.

Transportation to and from the convention is provided by the local Lions clubs who sponsor them with the help of some Education Foundations, and personal contributors.

Walk for Kids a Success!



On Saturday, April 16th, many brave souls from District 20-E2 faced the harsh elements and participated in the District 20-E2 Walk for Kids to benefit Lions Camp Badger. Well, thinking about it, maybe "harsh elements" is a little bit of an exaggeration. And maybe "brave souls" is also a little extreme also. Actually, the walk was held indoors at the Watkins Glen High School. As always, we had a great time and more important – we raised over \$4,400 to help the camp meet its operating needs!!

Lion Brandi Sonderberg from Campbell raised the most for the walk; she raised \$782.00! Way to go, Lion Brandi!!

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the walk. A special thanks to PDG's Rena Haigh and Bob Mizzoni, and Lion Delores Mizzoni for organizing this event.

Ti-Li Social held in Owego



The Ti-Li Social was held at the Owego Elks Club on March 19, 2011. This is a zone project, supported by 21 Lions from all 5 Clubs in our Zone (Apalachin, Owego, Tioga-Nichols, Spencer-Candor and Waverly) and attended by 26 visually impaired guests and their family members.

Watkins-Montour helps local hospital

On Monday March 14, 2011 Watkins-Montour Lions prepared and served over 370 spaghetti dinners at the Schuyler Hospital Auxiliary's Annual Benefit, hosted by the Montour Moose Club. Lions were joined by the Watkins Glen High School Interact Club, which is the youth division of Rotary. Over \$2,200.00 was raised to be put toward the scholarships the Auxiliary awards annually to both high school students and hospital staff who are planning to go into, or further their education in the healthcare field.



Lions Nick Dugo, Mike MacDonald, and Amedeo Fraboni run a tight ship behind the spaghetti bar.

DISTRICT 20-W

The **Carthage Lions Club** held a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Carthage Library building fund. They also arranged for a bus trip to the Turning Stone Casino.

The **Heuvelton Lions Club** served a roast beef dinner on April 9 at the Heuvelton Fire Department. Proceeds of the dinner went toward scholarships for graduating high school seniors.



Some of the workers at the recent German Dinner sponsored by the Lyme Lions Club are:

Front row: Roz Gotham, Rachel Sugrue, cook's aide Leah Collins, Joan Anderson, Pat Guldenpfennig, Larry Comins

Back Row: Eugene Smith, Joan O'Brien, and Perry Hyde.

The **Massena Lions Club** held their annual Rose Day Thursday, May 26.

Lion John Plonka, the **Norfolk Lions Club** Sight Chairman has reported that he has collected 330 pairs of eyeglasses and they have been turned over to the **Malone Lions Club** who will in turn take them to Lens crafters in Burlington, VT to be recycled. The Norfolk Lions also are setting up four food collection boxes in local businesses for a food drive for the month of April. The items collected will be split and distributed to our two local food pantries in Raymondville and

Norwood. In addition, they also sponsored two band students from Norwood-Norfolk Central School to attend the State Convention in Rochester.

The **Ogdensburg Lions Club** had their eye glass cleaning on Saturday March 19th at J. Opticians. We cleaned and sorted and sent out 11 boxes to the Indiana Lions Center in Indiana. On May 25th., they honored the seniors who have been on the National Honor society during their High School years. In addition, in conjunction with the **Lisbon Lions Club**, they held the River Shiver Lions Walk-Run race and cleared \$672.64 for each of the Lisbon and Ogdensburg Clubs. We had over 100 entries. The race was very well organized and we had many compliments from the runners

The **Quad Town Lions** donated money to the Japan Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund, Camp Badger, and St. Lawrence Central Academic Banquet. One child received an eye exam and glasses. Seventy-three children were given eye screenings with fifteen referred. A USA Platoon in Afghanistan was adopted and goods were sent. Our Memorial Sign and flowerbed were cleaned and readied for spring. Clean up was done on Earth Day at the baseball field. We sponsored a Town Wide Garage sale and sold food at our concession stand. Food items were collected in conjunction with a district-wide food collection.

The **Potsdam Lions Club** held their annual Community Garage Sale in conjunction with the Clarkson Garden Club's plant sale in late April. The money raised will go to several of our Lions projects, especially Leader Dogs.

The **Watertown Lions Club** hosted a benefit dance of the Black River Fiddlers at The Watertown Eagles Club on Sunday, March 27. There were 50-50 drawings and other raffles. A good time was had by all.



DISTRICT 20-Y1

COOPERSTOWN LIONS

Awards community grants totaling \$3,475 to eight organizations to assist them in offering educational and recreational opportunities. Each grant request was carefully evaluated to determine its impact to community, availability to diverse segments of residents and consistent with the Lions Club mission.

Extends commitment to beautification by signing on for the Adopt-A-Highway initiative and agreed to clean two miles of highway starting on State Route 28. This successful partnership with the NYSDOT enables Lions members to do their part in keeping a major gateway to Cooperstown clean and welcoming.

Has nominated and **elected its officers and directors** for the ensuing Lions year; including President Jason Tabor.

CHITTENANGO LEOS

had a pie sale for the purpose of helping a legally blind young woman and mother of two children in the purchase of a hand held vision screener to help her read cans and prescriptions. They raised \$398.00. She was surprised and very thankful.



FULTON LIONS

hosted its annual chicken BBQ to benefit the club's Mary and Harold "H" Dowd Memorial Scholarship. The Lions have established this scholarship for a graduating Fulton high school student in their name to be awarded on a yearly basis.



Organizers of the chicken BBQ view delivery orders. From left: Event Chair and Past President, Brett Tallents; King Lion Fred Aldrich, Lion Ron Browning, and Lions Secretary, Jackie Zaborowski.

Charles McIntyre (left) and David Dingman remove the finished chickens.



SYRACUSE LIONS



A milestone for King Lion Doug Russell. Lion Ray presented him with a pin for outstanding achievement for bringing in seven new members, for his career total to 48.



King Lion Doug Russell shown with Joe Watson, celebrating 41 years and Carl Dodge, who is celebrating 51 years. Not pictured is Bill Sharrow celebrating 28 years. They are all MJF award winners.

JOHNSON CITY LIONS

Lions club members were installed as officers for the coming year by DG Scott Renner; including Paul Burnett as President.

DISTRICT 20-Y2

ALBANY / TROY LIONS CLUB

Held our School-Nurse Appreciation Dinner in April. The final count was 60 school nurses + 18 Lions and guests. Pediatrician Dr Lori Caruso's "head to toe talk" was informative, entertaining and very well received. The nurses were very appreciative of all we do, as evidenced by their remarks that evening and the thank-you notes we got afterwards. And thanks to our generous sponsors, the club's out-of-pocket cost was a mere \$170. All in all, it was a very successful evening.

We had a last-minute call from the Regional Food Bank in April, for strong volunteers to help unload furniture from a tractor trailer of furniture donated by Walmart. The RFB was donating it to a not-for-profit in Schenectady. It turned out to be TWO tractor trailers full and there was NO FORK-LIFT to help them at the loading dock in Schenectady. So our Lions worked HARD until 5:30 + and earned high marks from the Regional Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Murray. Our congratulations to our strong volunteers: Lions Larry Krug and Paul Vergoni, and pseudo-Lion Bob Sano.

We selected May 15th as the date to serve a meal at Joseph's House & Shelter. They offer emergency shelter, permanent housing, support services and guidance for homeless individuals, families and children. A high percentage of the homeless population is children.

TOWN OF HOOSICK LIONS

The annual Town of Hoosick Lions Club Penny Hunt took place in April. Despite the cool cloudy weather, there was a good turnout and, as always, the Easter Bunny made an appearance. The club is now serving it's third generation of children as there were grandparents in attendance who had participated in the event as children. The Penny Hunt is the oldest Town of Hoosick Lions event, dating back to 1961, and being held every year for the last 50 years.

BROADALBIN-PERTH LIONS

In March, Lion Val Kevlin was awarded the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, the highest award available in Multiple District 20, for her exemplary service to the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club and Multiple District 20. Lion Val Kevlin has been a very active Lion for many years. She was a member of the Johnstown Lions Club and is a Charter Member of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club. In Broadalbin-Perth, she has been Secretary, First and Second Vice President and President and served on every project the club has been involved in. She has also been Zone Chairman and Region Chairman. When presenting the award, King Lion Kirk stated "Val is always available when needed. The club owes much of its success to her efforts." Lion Val is married to fellow Lion Tom Kevlin, also a Broadalbin-Perth member.

BALLSTON SPA LIONS



Club Contribution to Northeast Association for the Blind of Albany (NABA), Recipient Lion Chris Burke, Executive Director of (NABA) and Lion Harry Petersen, Ballston Spa Lions Club.

The Lions Vice President Harry Petersen presented Chris Burke, Executive Director and CEO of NABA, Northeast Association for the Blind at Albany a check for \$500.00 to be used in NABA's Kidsight Program. Kidsight aims to identify and address potential vision problems in children. In Saratoga County 289 children were screened in 2010 and so far up thru the month of April 2011 175 children have been screened. The Ballston Spa Lions Club is a proud sponsor of the Kidsight Program and the donations made will assist NABA to screen more children in the counties of Schenectady, Albany Rensselaer, Schoharie, Montgomery, and Saratoga.



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The ROBERT J. UPLINGER Distinguished Service Award

Awarded only by Clubs and Districts To Lions and Non-Lions or Organizations Who Embody the Ideals, Ethics, and Objects of International Lionism



What is the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award?

Established in 1993, the award honors outstanding Lions and Non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary services to a Club, District, or Community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose, and service. The award cannot be purchased by an individual – it must be presented as a recognition of the recipient's service.

How is the award acquired?

A Club or District donates \$250 to the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation in the name of the individual or organization to be honored.

What recognition is given to the honoree?

The recipient will receive a personalized, engraved plaque, a congratulatory letter, and a handsome lapel pin/tie tack for personal display.

What should the inscription read?

The wording of the plaque should be pointed, congratulatory and simple. It must be kept under 20 words and should be typed or printed.

Here is an example: This award is given for:

"Outstanding and dedicated service to the Lions Club of Anywhere for 15 years as the Club Sight Chairman."

If the spacing is too small on the request form, attach a separate sheet.

Who is Robert J. Uplinger?

Lion Robert J. Uplinger was a Past International President and a member of the Syracuse Host Lions Club. Past President Uplinger had served as the 55th President in 1971-1972. Lion Bob had received numerous honors and had devoted himself to promoting and advancing Lionism in Multiple District 20 and the world. He had served with outstanding distinction and was the first recipient of the award given in his name. In past years he had been co-chairman of Lions Day at the U.N. Bob and his service partner; Martha will always be remembered.

How Does the Foundation benefit?

The New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc. is an officially endorsed project of Multiple District 20. Its primary function is to provide funds to Clubs and Districts for projects beyond their capability through a grant request approval by the Foundation's board. To obtain funds, the Foundation conducts various funding programs, one of which is the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service award.

How has the Multiple benefited?

Grants have been made to many Clubs which have been used to assist projects and agencies meeting grant criteria.

Act Now!

If the Club has not paid tribute to an outstanding individual(s) or organization this year; now is the time to do so. At your next board of Director's Meeting, consider honoring a worthy recipient.

Not only will the Club recognize singular service but it will also become part of the Multiple District's giving family. It will help support the Foundation "MD20's Grant Program."

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EMPIRE STATE SPECIAL NEEDS EXPERIENCE

AT LIONS CAMP BADGER – APRIL 30, 2011, ROCHESTER, NY

In attendance were the following: Judy & Dave Noteboom, Joan & Fred Trost, Paula & Andy Umreiko, Kim Stribing, Joyce Maier, Allen Ableson, Regina & Tom Bailey, Roger Haase, Bob Shivery, Paul Peters, Delores & Bob Mizzoni, Pete Roman, Rich Shaft, Jim Dormady, Joe Jarvis, Paulette Anthony, John Rabideau and Rena Haigh.

President Rabideau opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a welcome to all.

Motion: by Tom Bailey with a second by Andy Umreiko to accept the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **Passed.**

The minutes of this meeting will be sent to all attendees and will be sent to the State Magazine for publication.

Kim Stribing reported on a new fundraiser, Golf Fore Lions Camp Badger. She explained the golfing options, cost, and housing and asked all present to help with participation. She has contacted the Ross Eye Institute and ABVI so that people who are blind can participate.

President Rabideau gave everyone an update on the exciting activities taking place at the camp this year.

- He gave out the Project New Hope (camping and counseling for returning veterans and their families) information. There will be several weekends that veterans can take advantage.

- The Executive Board has been meeting with Peter Lattanzio in order to provide a camping experience to children who have been severely burned. Peter is a firefighter in eastern New York who has experience with a camp for burn victims in Connecticut and would like to see a burn camp at Badger.

- The Executive Board has met with Pralid, an organization in Rochester that works with brain injured adults. There would be opportunities for Pralid and Badger to provide camping and respite.

- Badger received a Community Connections Grant through DDSO with the help of Kathryn Capella. This grant will cover a family service program to take place this August and then again beginning next June. It will help 18-26 year olds with disabilities with self help and employment skills. In addition this grant will allow families to enjoy some respite time.

Other activities include:

- Districts Y1 & E1 have been fundraising to “raise the roof”. They have collected approximately \$20,000 to replace the roof on the Lodge. The floor may be resealed and the roof extended

over the back walkway. An LCIF matching grant may be sought.

- The electrical feed coming into the camp had no shut off. If there was an emergency and people had to be evacuated, everyone would need to leave. Approximately \$6000 was spent for an electrician to correct the feed. Shut offs were installed so that only parts of the camp would need to be shut off in an emergency. People would not have to leave the camp. This was a very real safety issue that was improved and resolved. Evacuation plans will need to be updated.

- We have 150 acres of land for sale. This land is across the road from Badger and does not figure into long range usage plans. 4 1/2 acres were sold to a neighbor. The money from the sale was used to pay down our line of credit with the bank. Paying down the line of credit has allowed us to save some money each month. There have been other interested parties in the remaining acreage. Even after selling 150 acres the camp will still retain 205 acres of which we currently use 45 acres.

The slate of officers for next year was presented:

- President John Rabideau E1
- 1st Vice President Tom Bailey E2
- 2nd Vice president Andy Umreiko K2
- Secretary Rena Haigh E2
- Treasurer Roger Haase N

Nominations were sought from the floor. None were presented.

Motion: by Joyce Maier to accept the slate of officers by casting 1 ballot. **Passed.**

Lion Maier, Nominations Chair, explained the nominations for Board members using the new by laws. 8 of the 12 districts will be voting this year.

Volunteers were thanked for their service.

Next meeting will take place on Saturday July 9, 2011 at Lions Camp Badger.

Motion: by Allen Ableson with a second by Kim Stribing to adjourn. **Passed.**

~ Respectfully submitted, Rena Haigh, Secretary



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DISTRICT 20-O



Town Of Fallsburg Lions & LEOs join together for a food drive



POG William Fitzgerald, District LEA Chair; Rebecca Carroll; District Governor Stuart Wizwer; Thomas Hahny; Jennifer Newman; David Reiche, HOOD Youth Band Chair



Northern Columbia Lions Meeting

Thank You to IPDG Stuart and Lion Ilene Wizwer, and Best Wishes to our 2011-2012 Team: DG Peter Lyons, 1st VDG Joyce Maier, and 2nd VDG Wilfred Roehs.



Pete Lyons



Joyce Maier



Wilfred Roehs

District 20-O reminds you to have membership applications available at all of your summer events. More willing hands are always welcome to serve our communities as members of Lions Clubs International.

DISTRICT 20-R1



North Rockland Lions celebrated their 35th charter night.



Nanuet Lions Club participate in Haitian parade.



TZHS Leos

joined the Blauvelt Lions to spruce Blauvelt Lions Park and then helped to distribute clothing to the homeless.



Journey for Sight Walk-a-thon was a huge success raising \$5,745.00.



Nanuet Lions Club continue community service at the Rockland Street Fair.



Middle School Leo's gave a presentation about their activities for the year and their trip to the UN for Lions Day at the UN at the Armonk Lions Club meeting.

Bedford Lions Club along with Armonk, Bedford Village, Mt. Kisco and Pound Ridge host a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Lions Nuring Scholarship.



DISTRICT 20-R2



March 22, 2011 - Lions See Eye-Screening Program at CPC Care Center organized by NY Cosmopolitan Lions Club, attended by Phil-Am, Liberty, Millennium, and Chinatown Lions Clubs.



April 15, 2011 - LCIF Convocation - raised total of \$200,000; \$150,000 raised by NY Japanese Lions Club. Chaired by LCIF District Coordinator and 1st VDG Elect K.S. Kim.

April 26, 2011 - Global Environmental Campaign with NY Cosmopolitan, NY MiraVe, NY Tribeca Lions Clubs, and NY LESP Leo Club helped to plant 5000 trees in Marine Park, Brooklyn.



May 22, 2011 - The NY Highbridge Lions Health Fair at Bronx Preparatory Charter School - participated clubs: Barahona, Impacto, The Bronx, NY Eagle, Dr. Ramiro Collazo, and Health Care Providers from Montefiore Hospital, HHH, and Dominican Medical Association.



May 18, 2011 - Rivertown Lions Club honoring Police Officers with Lion President Harjit Jassal.



May 29, 2011 - LCIF Walkathon and Picnic at Riverside State Park organized by District 20-R2, chaired by Lion K.S. Kim and LCIF committee.

May 24, 2011 - Yonker Lions Club Installation of Officers installed by 1st VDG Elect K.S. Kim.



May 6, 2011 - Charter Presentation and Installation of New Officers of the NY West Side Lions Club with Lion President Ingrid Leacock.



DISTRICT 20-K1

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S: "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" has experienced a very exciting year. In the year of 2010-11 K1 has raised over **\$32,000**, which resulted in K1 being recognized as the first civic organization to reach the **Flagship Sponsor** status.



Several members of The Stuyvesant Heights Lions Club finishing breakfast at the Mid-Winter Conference.

STUYVESANT HEIGHTS LIONS

Lions from Bedford Stuyvesant, Mid-Bedford Heights and Stuyvesant Heights collaborated to volunteer at the annual RFK Memorial Holiday Party. Pictured on the left in the back row is IP Douglas Alexander.



MID-BEDFORD HEIGHTS LIONS: celebrated their 20th Anniversary with their Pre-Mother's Day Celebration. Ten members of the Lions Club attended the NYS and Bermuda convention. *Pictured below: PDGs Joyce L. Cochran, Earl Williams and Narcissus Frett-Moses at the Convention Breakfast.*



FLUSHING CENTRAL LIONS: Lions have conducted two major projects in Lions Year 2010-2011. They are the *Sunshine Project* and *Healthy Life Series*. Sunshine Project: in order to provide our help to the people in our home country, as well as people in need in other countries, Jasper Li initiated the project. It covers two parts: Fundraising for the Taiwan Guide Dog Association; and Collect Eyeglasses for Recycling. Healthy Life: in order to remind people the importance of health the Lions planned a "Healthy Life" series to not only provide basic medical knowledge on different areas, but also provide free screenings and exams. The series is free admission. The Chinese American Independent Practice Association (CAIPA) was our main co-sponsor.



Jasper Li, President of Lions Club (front row, right 5), Lions, and Sponsors.



Jasper Li, (front row, right 5), Lions, Speakers and Co-Sponsors.

CORONA LIONS: the Environmental Committee, in coordination with the N.Y.C. Parks Department held an Earth Day 2011 trash pickup at the Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. Their target - the area surrounding the Unisphere. Their effort was a success.



DISTRICT 20-K2



Lions Club of Great Neck: was proud to present a very special American Flag to the Veterans Club of Great Neck.

Lions Club of Great Neck: had a special guest Michelle Hackman who requested the Lions to send a donation to build a school in Cambodia.

Lions Club of Long Beach: installed six new members.

DISTRICT 20-S



GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INVITES THE SUFFOLK LIONS TO TOUR THEIR FACILITY - DG Bruce D'Abramo was invited to tour the facility to reacquaint him with the new programs that have been recently introduced. DG Bruce is a member of the

Port Jefferson Lions Club which has sponsored 27 Guide Dogs in the past.

The Guide Dog Foundation has been in existence since 1946 and provides Guide Dogs and training at no charge to people who are blind, visually impaired, or who have other special needs and who desire the enhanced mobility, independence, and companionship that a guide or service dog provides.

The Foundation is looking for people to join their puppy raising family. When a puppy is about 8 weeks old it goes to live with a volunteer-foster family. These dedicated individuals will provide the love and attention, in addition, to basic obedience and social skills while exposing the puppy to many different situations, including group outings and puppy obedience class.

The Foundation has recently initiated a fundraising initiative called the Name a Pup Challenge. This program offers local organizations an opportunity to promote a good community service project which will provide an opportunity to help provide a visually impaired person with a guide dog. If interested in learning more about the Guide Dog Foundation please contact Bill Krol, Communications Manager at (631) 930-9034 or email him at bill@guidedog.org.

Pictured (L-R) PDG Patrick Mitchell Suffolk Lions Gift of Sight Co-Chair with Bob (12 weeks old); Wells Jones CEO Guide Dog Foundation with Sultan (10 weeks old) and Bruce D'Abramo Suffolk Lions District Governor with Granite (7 months old).



SUFFOLK ASAFA LIONS CLUB HOLDS INSTALLATION CEREMONY - In April the Suffolk Asafa Lions Club based in Amityville invited DG Bruce D'Abramo and the members of his cabinet to induct a new member into their Lions Club. Lion Michael Lee was installed in front of a proud group of fellow community members who wished him the best.

The Suffolk Asafa Lions Club has been in existence since 2009 and already has many Community Based Programs in place. In 2010 this active Lions Club held a Community Access Forum that focused on how Diabetes affects the individual and family dynamic. In terms of linkage a representative of Sensible Alternative spoke about healthy food choices that would assist in helping individuals effectively manage this chronic disease. This club also plans on participating in a county wide food drive to help soup kitchens and food pantries provide for the needy in their communities. Furthermore, this club has been working with local recreation groups to provide viable programs for local children as well as placing eyeglass donation boxes locally. If interested in joining and/or helping the Suffolk Asafa Lions Club please contact Lion President Max Rose at (631) 741-3714 or e-mail at lionsclub.suffolkasafa@gmail.com.

Pictured (L-R) PDG Patrick Mitchell Suffolk Asafa Guiding Lion; Shawn Campbell Vice President Suffolk Asafa Lions; Lion Michael Lee newly installed Lion; Bruce D'Abramo District Governor Suffolk Lions; Paul Wernersbach Suffolk Lions Vice District Governor and Max Rose President Suffolk Asafa Lions.



SCREENING AT VETERANS STANDDOWN - The Suffolk Lions Vision Screening Team was asked to provide vision screenings as a community service at the Fifth Annual Veterans Stand-down in April. Our Vision Screening Team provided services to approximately sixty Veterans. The Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency sponsors this annual event to help Veterans in need of assistance. Federal, State, County and Private Agencies were present to assist Veterans in need of health, employment, financial, housing, educational, and VA Benefits. In addition, a meal, eyeglass and hair cut station were available as well as a food pantry and clothing closet to all Veterans in attendance. If interested in more information regarding the Veterans Stand-down please contact David Rivera at 631-853-8387.

The Suffolk Lions Vision Screening Team utilizes a Vision Screener to test for refractive errors i.e., Myopia (near sightedness) Hyperopia, (far sightedness) and astigmatism. The Vision Screener prints out the results of the exam immediately and the results are given to the person that was examined, to the parent or guardian depending on the age of the individual being screened. If the results indicate a need for further testing the team suggests that the client contact their eye care professional for a follow up and make an appointment for a comprehensive eye examination. If your group or organization is interested in a visit by the Lions Vision Screening Team please contact Lion Dr. Gary Feuer our Vision Screening Chairperson at 631-428-4604

Pictured (L-R) PDG Patrick Mitchell; Lion Dr. Gary Feuer Vision Screening Chairperson and Dean Murray NYS Assemblyman.



MD 20 JULY 2011 DUES BILLING

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Our database is updated once a year in June from the PU101 information your club is supposed to submit to LCI. If you have not submitted a PU101 form to LCI, or if there are changes and/or additions, please e-mail me with that information and I will make those changes. **To reiterate, ideally I need the club Treasurer, Secretary, and President's e-mail addresses.**

Invoices **will not be adjusted** unless your decline in membership occurred before **July 1st 2011**. If this is the case you may make the adjustment on the invoice **but you will need to return a copy of the membership report that you submitted to LCI showing the drop and showing the date (before July 1st)** along with your payment or you will not receive the credit.

If you have any problems opening the attachment or regarding the invoice please contact me at: nyslions@cnyemail.com with payments sent to NYS Lions, 1215 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203.

~ Thank you, PCC Tim Jachlewski

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