



# The Lion's Pride

January  
2023

*Our District 20 E2 Motto:*

*To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.*

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## The First Step

DG Column #7 Russ Ebbets  
January 2023

Happy New Year!

For most people new years generate New Years' resolutions that seem to get thrown by the way-side within two weeks. The leaves the resolutor with feelings of failure and frustration and ultimately chalks up a win for the status quo.

How can you (and I) make our resolutions more effective? The key is to start simple and make one change. Admiral William McCracken wrote in his 2017 best-selling book (*Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...And Maybe the World*) that the key to making any personal change was to simply start by making your bed.

Now I realize at first blush, this is ridiculous. Who doesn't make their bed? Well, the number is probably larger than one would think, especially if you are not living with your mother anymore.

But why start with the bed? The point Admiral McCracken made was that making one's bed starts the day with a simple achievement, a simple victory over chaos. One thing has been done in the first five minutes of consciousness. This achievement, admittedly small and insignificant in the grand scheme, creates an accomplishment mindset and momentum that can be carried into the day's other activities.

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## District 20 E2 Calendar of Events:

**January 28, 2023**

District 20E2 3rd Cabinet Meeting  
American Legion Post 1107, 8 Schobey Street  
Union Springs, New York

**April 1, 2023**

District 20E2 4th Cabinet Meeting  
Penn Yan Fire Department, 125 Elm Street  
Penn Yan, New York

**May 20, 2023**

DG Russ Ebbets Testimonial  
Auburn, New York

**Training Events (tentative)**

**TBD**

1st Vice Presidents  
Location TBD

**May or June**

Regular Training (Incoming officers)  
Location TBD

## January Reminders

- International and MD-20 dues billings will arrive shortly. *The President and Secretary should receive a copy of the State dues and the LCI bill should go directly to the Treasurer. Clubs can also get a copy of the bill on the LCI Website.* (Contact Treasurer PDG Lynn Williams)
- NYS&BLF grant requests must be approved at the January 28 cabinet meeting to be considered at the April foundation meeting. (Contact information on Page 14 of this newsletter)
- Now is the time to make nominations for District Awards (Contact DG Russ Ebbets)
- Clubs and individuals are encouraged to place an ad in next year's 2023-2024 District Directory. (Contact PDG Jake Brown)
- 20E2 Lions are encouraged to participate in the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation Super Hero Raffle. Information about the raffle is on pages 17 and 18 of this newsletter. (20E2 Contact is PDG Dave Rupright)

## District 20 E2 Cabinet Meeting

The 3rd Cabinet meeting will be held

**Saturday January 28, 2023**

American Legion Post 1107,

8 Schobey Street

Union Springs, New York

### Agenda

9:30- Coffee, tea, and Donuts

10:00- Long Range Planning/NAMI

11:00- Region/Zone Chair Meeting,  
PDG Meeting

12:00- Lunch

1:00- Cabinet Meeting

The cost for the lunch will be \$15 per person.

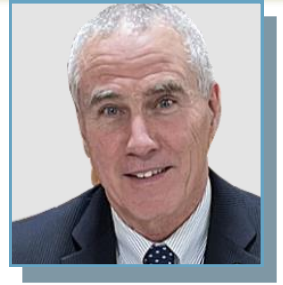
**Please Make Reservations (checks payable to “District 20 E2”) through:**

Lion CS Lisa Barber  
23 Nichols Street  
Spencer, New York 14883  
lbarber573@gmail.com



*If you are attending the luncheon, please RSVP to Lion Lisa by January 21st*

## DG Column for January 2023



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A second point here is that a made bed becomes a visual symbol of order and completeness. I doubt the day will ever come when the “beauty” of tucked corners and a wrinkle-free comforter will become a status symbol to anyone, but it will serve as a simple reminder to you that #1. you did this, and #2. that you get things done.

With a morning’s simple accomplishment one can move onto other tasks that may have more moving parts, are more challenging to complete and even require the cooperation of a team effort.

For Lion leaders subsequent efforts may call for you to strengthen your club, strengthen your District or strengthen MD20 by “making the bed,” or doing something seemingly insignificant (like asking someone to join the Lions Club) to can create “history of success” to draw upon to accomplish other deeds over other days.

Lao Tzu, the revered Chinese philosopher, is credited with stating, “The journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step.” It makes everything easier, for everybody, if that first step is a “good one.”

### **Looking ahead...**

The Union Springs Lions Club looks forward to hosting the third 20E2 Council Meeting January 28, 2023 at the American Legion Hall in Union Springs. Until that time, stay well and good luck on your resolutions!

## DG Russ Ebbets



## Message from Global Membership Team Chair PDG Deb Bush



As you read this, we will be starting the 2023 year.

I hope all is going well in your clubs! I am very old fashion and still believe in making New Year's resolutions...so I hope your club makes one regarding membership. Please consider recruiting new members to help your club and community, more members equal more hands you have to do service.

Congratulations to the Corning Lions Club for forming a Branch. It is called Corning Better Beer Club. We welcome the members and look forward to meeting them.

Also, Congratulations to the Union Springs Lions Club as they have 13 new members. We also welcome all those new members and look forward to meeting them.

Lion Deb Bush GMT



Message from Lion Dawn Young



Lions Club Vision Clinic Schedule 2023

Booking for children’s clinic  
February 24th, 2023

Dr. Bloom is great with children. We are scheduling any child from 5-18 years old. They must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Please call 607-330-1253 and leave message, Luz will call you back or better yet email: [www.clinic@iha.org](mailto:www.clinic@iha.org)

Schedule for next 5 months:

January 11th	Dr. Kirschheimer
February 24th	Dr. Bloom, CHILDREN’S CLINIC
March 17th	Dr. Marx, Child or Adult
April 7th	Dr. Bryant
April 21st	Dr. Bryant
May 17th	Dr. Curran

AS ALWAYS, FULL DIALATED COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMS AND EYE WEAR,  
FREE TO ALL PATIENTS!



**Vision**





January 1, 2023

**One of the five initiatives of the Lions Clubs is youth development.**

In 2022 Districts 20N, 20E2 and 20Y (the Buffalo, Finger Lakes and Syracuse districts) raised over \$3000 to support the Junior Olympics of the Niagara Association of USA Track and Field. Those monies were used to conduct the Association 2022 Junior Olympics at Nazareth College. Funds also helped pay for grants to three Western New York youth track clubs, a Clinic Weekend (5 sites) on cross country in August 2022 and the Clinic Weekend (10-12 sites) to be held this March 2023 throughout Western New York.

**The Niagara Association** (black circle on NYS map) consists of the four Lions Districts of Syracuse (20Y), Finger Lakes (20E2), Rochester (20E1) and Buffalo (20N). **I have received permission** from the District Governors to contact the individual clubs within each District to see if they would be willing to participate in this project.

As was done last year, **I am asking each club for a \$100 donation.** More will be accepted if your means allow. Monies will be used as discussed above. Additionally, this year the Niagara Association is **sponsoring youth clubs** to conduct a 6-week Run, Jump and Throw program that will begin around May 1, 2023, throughout the Niagara Association and in all four Lions Districts.

**My “marketing plan”** for the project will include a snail mail letter to each club, a monthly email to a club official and a monthly update in each District’s newsletter.

**Checks can be mailed** to DG Russ Ebbets, c/o Union Springs Lions Club, PO Box 150, Union Springs, NY 1360. For questions I can be contacted by phone – 315-730-0210 or email at [rebbetsdc@gmail.com](mailto:rebbetsdc@gmail.com).

***Supporting Tomorrow’s Leaders Today***

**Yes, count us in!**

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: USATF-Niagara  
Send check to:**

DG Russ Ebbets, c/o Union Springs Lions Club, PO Box 150, Union Springs, NY 13160.

## Inspirational Message from IPDG Kathy



*Tomorrow is the blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one. Happy New Year!*



## PDG Rich would like your Club Brochure Templates!

PDG Rich Shaff will be creating a place on the District Website ([20e2lions.org](http://20e2lions.org)) where Lions can download templates of brochures from some of the clubs in our district, to use as start points for a Club to create their own brochure. Please email Lion Rich with your club template. Also, Lion Rich will be creating a list of websites of the clubs in our district, so send him that information, also. If you have any suggestions for the website, Lion PDG Rich says feel free to send them along.





# Other Lions Information - MyLion pg 1

## District 20 E2

Current LCI Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

**90,145**

People Served

**438**

Service Activities Completed

**10,968**

Volunteer Hours

**\$52,254**

Funds Donated(USD)

**\$105,376**

Funds Raised(USD)

Club	People Served	Number of Activities	Total Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated USD	Funds Raised USD
APALACHIN	9,000	3	44	\$0	\$0
BIG FLATS	253	8	154	\$1,730	\$900
BLOOMFIELD	5,760	13	277	\$0	\$0
CAMPBELL	3,000	1	5	\$0	\$0
CANANDAIGUA	1,590	6	43	\$0	\$0
CLYDE	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
COHOCTON	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
CORNING	6,533	70	1,980	\$520	\$12,588
GENEVA	11	2	2	\$200	\$0
HECTOR AREA	100	2	235	\$0	\$5,290
HORSEHEADS	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
ITHACA	1,078	9	275	\$6,225	\$3,950
LANSING	701	3	204	\$0	\$4,366
MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE	940	27	735	\$1,022	\$0
NEWFIELD	73	6	6	\$0	\$2,971
NORTH ROSE	3,538	17	501	\$3,200	\$5,938
OVID WILLARD	3,340	22	291	\$313	\$600
OWEGO	267	9	139	\$50	\$1,277
PALMYRA-MACEDON PAL-MAC	13,444	28	615	\$2,721	\$3,087
PENN YAN	15,714	78	1,751	\$16,409	\$21,671
PENN YAN ACADEMY	155	5	69	\$1,109	\$0
PHELPS	802	21	352	\$6,050	\$8,000
RUSHVILLE	6,607	9	689	\$5,706	\$9,089
SODUS	270	7	250	\$0	\$0
SODUS PRIDE LIONESS	112	6	74	\$176	\$176
SPENCER & CANDOR	4,266	28	707	\$220	\$4,550
TIOGA-NICHOLS	1,529	18	269	\$230	\$875
TRUMANSBURG	4,065	9	260	\$900	\$900
TWIN CITIES	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
UNION SPRINGS	2,104	13	772	\$0	\$13,530
VICTOR	209	3	54	\$0	\$945
WATERLOO	40	5	4	\$1,050	\$0
WATKINS GLEN-MONTOUR FALLS	4,174	7	83	\$2,423	\$2,423
WAVERLY	290	1	24	\$0	\$0
WEEDSPORT	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
WOLCOTT	180	2	104	\$2,000	\$2,250
District 20E2 Total	90,145	438	10,968	\$52,254	\$105,376

Having problems with MyLion? Contact PCC Lion Gary Boisseau for help by email at [LionGaryB@gmail.com](mailto:LionGaryB@gmail.com) or by phone at (585) 781-4637



# The Project SEE CLEARLY 2022-23 "TOP TEN" AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM

FOR CLUBS, DISTRICTS, & MULTIPLE DISTRICTS — BE CHAMPIONS.



## The Challenge

Lions KidSight USA is building on the very successful Project SEE CLEARLY 2021 program with the **2022 version**. Lions stepped up to the plate in the 2021-22 Lions' year emerging from the worst of the COVID pandemic and screened almost 700,000 kids. This enthusiasm and service must be maintained. We are fully committed to screening over **1 Million** children during the 2022-23 Lions' year.

Our normal, pre-COVID activities saw us screen 2 million children over an entire school year. But that was back in 2019. So we've got extra work to do.

**To fire you up, the following recognition & awards make up the Project SEE CLEARLY 2022-23 TOP TEN Awards**

*Note: The Top Ten awards will be based on vision screening events taking place between July 1, 2022 and May 30, 2023 that are entered in the LKSUSA database. Additionally, the cash prize awards represent a generous contribution from our corporate sponsors Plusoptix USA and Baxter, Hillrom, Welch Allyn. We're grateful for their generous support.*

## Award Highlights

- The Project SEE CLEARLY awards shall be based on the official data recorded in the LKSUSA database as of May 30, 2023.
- In July 2023 the TOP TEN grand-prize winners will be recognized and rewarded for exceptional success.





## The TOP TEN Awards & Recognitions

### The TOP TEN Multiple District Awards

- ▶ For multiple/single districts that report the most children screened by May 30, 2023

Recognition shall include:

- Grand Prize of \$250 for each of the TOP TEN MDs/SDs nationwide, based on screenings reported
- A special trophy
- A special, unique Banner Patch

### The TOP TEN District Awards

- ▶ For all districts nationwide which **individually** report screening the most children by 5/30/2023

Recognition shall include:

- Grand Prize of \$100 for each of the TOP TEN Districts nationwide
- A special trophy & special recognition on the Lions KidSight USA Foundation website
- A special unique Banner Patch

### The TOP THREE National Club Awards

- ▶ This year we will recognize the top **THREE Clubs** **individually** reporting the most children screened between July 1, 2022 and May 30, 2023.

Recognition shall include:

- A special club banner patch
- Multiple mentions and listings on the Lions KidSight USA Foundation website and social media channels



[LionsKidSightUSA.org](http://LionsKidSightUSA.org)

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## Lions Clubs International Foundation Update

Total amount raised worldwide during Campaign 100 -- **\$325,165,471**

Funds donated by District 20E-2 last year -- **\$23,000**

From 1983 through 2019, the Lions of District 20E-2 have received a total of \$250,661 from LCIF, of which \$45,000 was for emergency grants. There were also grants received prior to 1983 that aren't shown in my list.

**So far this year, the following *Emergency Grants* have been awarded due to Hurricanes Fiona and Ian:**

Lions of Puerto Rico	\$130,000
Lions of Canada	\$ 10,000 and more requests anticipated
Lions of Florida	\$110,000 and more requests anticipated

Grant Programs now include:

- Childhood Cancer
- Diabetes
- Environment
- Hunger
- Vision
- Youth
- Humanitarian
- Disaster

Donations may be sent to:

LCIF, Dept 4547,

Carol Stream, Illinois

60122-4547

Please indicate which program you want to support or else indicate "Empowering Service" which allows LCIF to use it where it is most needed.

Or, to make a donation toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition, find the form on the LCI website.

If you would like a program for your club, please contact me.





**LIONS CAMP BADGER**  
 Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

**Thank you to all who gave so generously in 2022 to help Lions Camp Badger  
 "Build a Brighter Future"**

*(includes contributions, super raffle, golf tournament, memorial donations, etc.)*

**\$20,000** LittleNeck Douglaston Lions Club ~ in memory of PDG Charlie McBride for "Charlie's Place"

**\$15,000** Lions Thomas and Valerie Kevlin

**\$10,000** Mr. Charles P. Joyce

**\$1,000 - \$5,000**

Tom & Gina Bailey  
 William Emrick  
 Carol Freedman  
 Andy & Paula Umreiko  
 Pin Traders Club NY & B

N-Kenmore Lions Club  
 E1-Albion Lions Club  
 E1-Chili Lions Club  
 E1-Varysburg Lions Club  
 E1-Wellsville Lions Club

E2-Corning Lions Club  
 E2-Lansing Lions Club  
 O-Cornwall Lions Club  
 K2-Jericho Brookville Lions Club  
 S-Mattituck Lions Club

**\$500 - \$999**

Tim & Rosemarie Bush  
 Rena Haigh  
 Marvin Hankinson  
 Robert Jensen  
 Michele O'Hare  
 Jim Schiebel  
 Rich & Lion Linda Shaff  
 Fassett Lane Lumber  
 Flashing Feathers Bowhunters  
 Scio Methodist Church  
 Tioga State Bank Foundation  
 Jane Wait  
 N-Barker Lions Club  
 N-Boston Lions Club

N-West Seneca Lions Club  
 N-Youngstown Lions Club  
 E1-Avon Lions Club  
 E1-Bolivar Lions Club  
 E1-Medina Lions Club  
 E1-Varysburg Lions Club  
 E1-Walworth Lions Club  
 E2- District 20-E2  
 E2-Apalachin Lions Club  
 E2-Big Flats Lions Club  
 E2-Bloomfield Lions Club  
 E2-Hector Area Lions Club  
 E2-Ithaca Lions Club  
 E2-North Rose Lions Club

E2-Rushville Lions Club  
 E2-Spencer Candor Lions  
 E2-Waterloo Lions Club  
 E2-Waverly Lions Club  
 W-Clifton Fine Lions Club  
 W-Johnstown Lions Club  
 W-Plattsburgh Lions Club  
 W-Scotia Glenville Lions  
 W-Town of Hoosick Lions  
 Y-Fulton Lions Club  
 Y-Oneida Sherrill Lions  
 Y-Oneonta Lions Club  
 Y-Pompey Lions Club  
 O-Newburgh Lions Club

O-Rondout Valley Lions  
 O-Saugerties Lions Club  
 O-Town of Fallsburg  
 O-Warwick Lions Club  
 R1-Bedford Village Lions R1-  
 Somers Lions Club  
 R2-Tuckahoe Eastchester  
 K1-Brooklyn Crown Heights  
 K2-Glen Cove North Shore  
 K2-Oyster Bay Lions Club  
 K2-Sea Cliff Glen Head  
 K2-Seaford Lions Club  
 S- East End Lions Club

**\$300 - \$499**

Helen Domady  
 Bruce & Vickie Hand  
 Prospero Lim  
 John Stevens  
 Daniel Wikoff  
 Blue Rage -The Cop Shop  
 Project New Hope  
 MD20 PDG Organization

N-East Aurora Lions Club  
 N-Gasport Lions Club  
 N-Pendleton Lions Club  
 N-Springville Lions Club  
 E1-Batavia Lions Club  
 E1-Canaseraga Lions Club  
 E1-Darville Lions Club  
 E1-Cuba Lions Club

E2-Ovid Willard Lions Club  
 E2-Twin Cities Lions Club  
 E2-Watkins Montour Lions  
 W-Hadley Luzerne Lions  
 W-Peru Lions Club  
 Y-Central Square Lions  
 Y-McGraw Lions Club  
 Y-Skaneateles Lions Club

Y-Syracuse Host Lions  
 Y-Windsor Lions Club  
 O-Germantown Lions Club  
 K2-L.I. Portuguese Lions  
 K2-Merrick Lions Club  
 S-West Babylon Lions Club

**\$200 - \$299**

Fay Bareham Facebook Fdrsr  
 Emily Warfle Facebook Fdrsr  
 M Beck & K Altobello  
 Clarence & Loma Burkwit  
 Ed & Lion Gail Cordes  
 Regina Ceccori  
 Rebecca Hintze  
 Carole Joachim  
 Douglas Jobson  
 Glenn Kearney  
 John Mallen  
 Judith MacKnight  
 Lorri & Fred Rieger  
 ConnectLife  
 N-District 20N  
 N-Lockport Lions Club

N-Newfane Lions Club  
 N-N.Tonawanda ErieCanal Lions  
 N-Town of Hamburg Lions  
 N-Town of Niagara Lions Club  
 N-Town of Niagara Helping  
 Hands Lions Club  
 E1-Alfred Lions Club  
 E1-Caledonia Mumford Lions  
 E1-Churchville Lions Club  
 E1-Hamlin Lions Club  
 E1-Kendall Lions Club  
 E1-Rush Lions Club  
 E2-Newfield Lions Club  
 E2-North Rose Lions Club  
 E2-Penn Yan Lions Club  
 E2-Phelps Lions Club

E2-Sodus Lions Club  
 E2-Victor Lions Club  
 W-Galway Lions Club  
 W-Town of Schroon Lake Lions  
 Y-Binghamton Lions Club  
 Y-Canastota Lions Club  
 Y-Carthage Lions Club  
 Y-Camden Lions Club  
 Y-Chittenango Lions Club  
 Y-Lowville Lions Club  
 Y-Marathon Lions Club  
 Y-Solvay Geddes Camillus Lions  
 O-Hyde Park Lions Club  
 O-Middletown Lions Club  
 O-Northern Columbia Lions  
 O-Walkill Lions Club

R2-Impact0 Lions Club  
 R2-The Bronx Lions Club  
 K1-Central Brooklyn Lions  
 K1-Brooklyn Metropolis Lions  
 K1-Brooklyn S. Brooklyn Lions  
 K1-Brooklyn Stuy Park Lions  
 K1 Brooklyn Vanderveer Park  
 K1-Maspeth Lions Club  
 K2-New Hyde Park Lions Club  
 K2-Plainview Bethpage Lions  
 K2-Rockville Centre Lions  
 K2-West Hempstead Lions  
 S-Babylon Lions Club

**1-800-232-7060**

[www.LionsCB.org](http://www.LionsCB.org)

[lionscampbadger@htva.net](mailto:lionscampbadger@htva.net)

## Other Lions Information - Lions Camp Badger pg 2 of 2

### \$100 - \$199

Segundo Armaga  
David Belair  
Michael Bierman  
John Brady & Roger Connelly  
Paul Brearey  
Rick & Florence Brisee  
Irene Cariano  
Melissa Chiusano  
Thomas DeMaria  
Michael Donner  
James Ebbets  
Virgil & Linda Garner  
Patricia Gillule  
Christine Gloss Facebook Frndrs  
Karen Granville  
Haase/Carozzolo Family  
Bruce & Marilyn Hazen  
John & Patricia Hewes  
Dave Hubman & Family  
Kenneth Ibarra  
Bob & Lion Jan Infantino  
Dolores Kelley  
Richard & Frances Kingman  
Marshal Larrabee III  
Ricky & Priscilla Laurin  
Steven Ludwigson  
John MacDonald  
Sarah Matt  
George McManus  
Stephen & Susan Miller  
Peter & Nancy Neidrauer  
Joe & Tobi Nickerson

### \$1-\$99

Christine & Leonard Adams  
Joanna Banach  
Frank & Anna Bartolotti  
Thomas & Karen Basile  
Edward Bivona  
Sherwin & Janet Bowen  
Sandra Budmark  
Elizabeth Burdick  
Curtis Burdick  
Annette Burton  
Harold & Deb Bush  
Joseph Carino  
Diane Carbonaro  
Jacqui Carroll  
Valerie Chafee  
D L Chambers  
Jack Ciaramella  
Kelly Clark  
Dawn Countermine  
Charles Deacon  
Edward Dudkowski  
Susan Dugo  
Barbara & Ken Englert  
Kim Fay  
Daniel & Barbara Ferguson  
Brian Freier  
Romulus French  
Jeffrey Gemmer  
Beverly Grimes

Dave & Judy Noteboom  
Robert Ottley  
Robin Owens  
Salvatore & Theresa Patella  
John & Lion Bernie Rabideau  
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Kathy Spear  
Martin & Angela Staniszewski  
Edward & Elizabeth Stano  
Lee Titus  
Spencer & Karen Vail  
Marny & Maria Vidal  
Imelda & Gary Villanueva  
Robert Visalli  
Isabel Warren  
Theresa Whalen  
Rick & Lion Lois Whitney  
Alo Federal Credit Union  
Allegany Abstract  
Baker Swan Funeral Home  
Bokman of Wellsville, Inc.  
Brand Name Appliance  
Cameron Manufacturing  
General Roofing & Heating Co.  
The Hearing Aid Shop  
Alan & Judy Hooker  
JOPO Gravel LLC  
JW Embser Sons Funeral Hm  
Janet McTighe  
Mike's on the Corner

Alice Grow  
Kathleen Hoy  
Christine Hoyt  
Lyn Johnson  
Eileen Kirchgraber  
William Koskie  
Ed & Eve Kretsch  
Joseph & Donna Langone  
Deborah & Bryan Larry  
Elaine Licari  
Joyce Maier  
Heather Malloy  
Elizabeth & Joseph Mandara  
Douglas & Alexander Marange  
Gordon McCluskie  
Bernard & Chris McDermott  
Thomas & Marjorie McGarry  
Rosita Mendiola-Bianchi  
Peter & Dale Meskill  
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Mari Morimoto  
Deborah H Murphy  
Margaret Nickerson  
Stephen Noonan  
Lauree Novogrodsky  
Timothy Pell  
Emily Phillips  
Scott Rager

H.L. Robinson Contracting  
R.B. Robinson Contracting  
Schenk & Miles Agency, Inc.  
Short's Oil Co, Inc.  
The Store  
Wellsville BPO Elks  
Wellsville Hardware  
Wellsville Technologies, LLC  
N-Amherst Central Lions Club  
N-Buffalo Kensington Lions Club  
N-Cheektowaga Lions Club  
N-Gowanda Lions Club  
N-Grand Island Lions Club  
N-Town of Wheatfield Lions Club  
N-Wilson Lions Club  
E1-Ardover Lions Club  
E1-Belfast Lions Club  
E1-Brockport Lions Club  
E1-Cuba Lions Club  
E1-Greece Ridge Lions Club  
E1-Maple City Lions Club  
E1-Oakfield Alabama Lions Club  
E1-Scio Lions Club  
E2-Clyde Lions Club  
E2-Manchester Shortsville Lions  
E2-Owego Lions Club  
E2-Sodus Lioness Lions Club  
E2-Trumansburg Lions Club  
E2-Unions Springs Lions Club  
W-Bethlehem Lions Club  
W-Broadalbin Perth Lions Club  
W-Clinton Lions Club

Tom & Terry Reinagel  
John & Stephanie Repak  
Gail Riley  
Henry & Susan Rocholl  
Robert Rogers, Jr.  
Cecelia & Douglas Root  
Brenton Rueffer  
Douglas Russell  
John & Cynthia Santora  
Dr. Richard & Sally Sauer  
Jane Scott  
Joan Scott  
Janet Sherman  
Wendy Solomon  
Robert & Susan Sullivan  
Cynthia Terry  
Virginia Turner & J. Sisson  
Maybelle Twohie  
Gary & Maria Valerino  
Maureen & John Wiedman  
Denise Wilson  
Keith Wilson  
Karen & James Winkler  
Thomas & Dianna Witkowski  
Ilene & Stuart Wizwer  
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## President's Message

### WE ARE THE GOOD THINGS



Hello, Lions!

In Minnesota, even though December is cold and dark, our hearts are never more warm and filled with light than they are during this time. It's in December that we share meals with loved ones and find ways to connect with friends we haven't seen all year. We look for ways to give to those in need. And we are thankful, more than ever, for not only the things we have, but the ways in which we are able to help those who need us.

Besides my family, there is nothing in this world I'm more thankful for than the ability to serve others. I am honored to serve soup to the homeless, build parks and community gardens, and invest in the care of our environment. I am humbled by the people who allow me into their lives so that I may give to them a small portion of what the world has given to me.

Lions, as we near the end of the calendar year and start thinking about our hopes for the new year, let's not forget about the people we serve. Let's remember that we are all hoping for good things in our lives—and that we are the good things in our lives. Our loved ones, our fellow Lions, and those we serve.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

*Brian E. Sheehan*

President, Lions Clubs International

## Lions International Calendar of Events

**July 7-11, 2023**

Lions International Convention  
Boston, Massachusetts

**September 21-23, 2023**

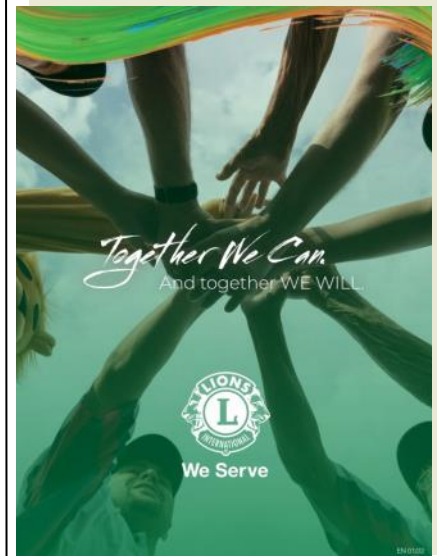
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**June 21-25, 2024**

Lions International Convention  
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**September 5-7, 2024**

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MD-20 Lions Calendar of Events

April 28-30, 2023

MD-20 Convention, Buffalo, NY

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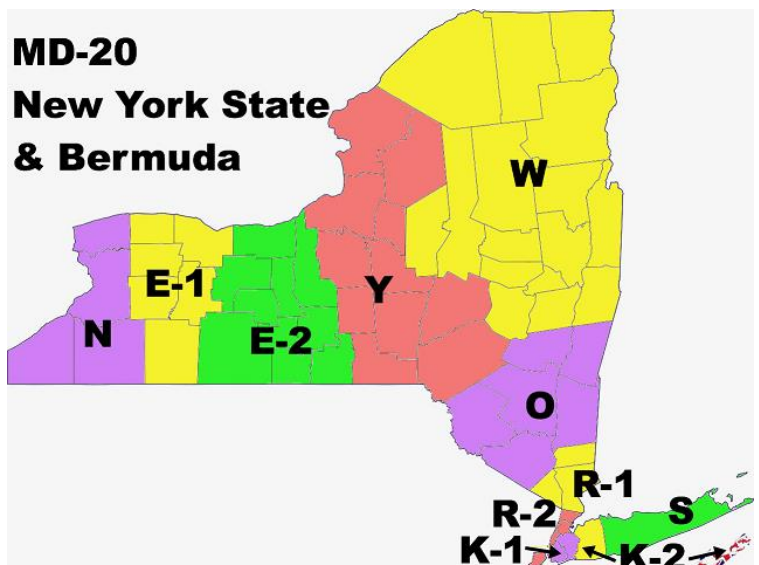
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MD 20 Lions Website



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## Two questions...

With the start of the new Lions year, all clubs look for ways to fundraise. Every so often, new opportunities arise to serve our communities. So, ask yourself two questions:

1. **Does your club have a new project involving kids?**
2. **Is the new project something your club has never done before?**

The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation can help your new project succeed by providing matching funds up to \$2,000. If the need is an emergency situation, grants up to \$2,500 are offered requiring no matching funds. With the recent addition of funding for major grants, districts can apply for \$10,000 to \$20,000 to help bring a district project to fruition. Some recent grants provided for a fun day for autistic children, assisted several reading and backpack programs and, for the foundation's first major grant, help equip an interactive playroom at a diabetes treatment center.

Since 2011, Brandel-Murphy has assisted 91 clubs, 1 region, 7 districts and our own multiple with 154 grants of all types (standard, emergency, major) totaling over \$238,000. Nearly 185,000 children have had their needs addressed through the projects our Lions Clubs have undertaken. Future funding has been assured since the recent formation of a Legacy Society and endowment program along with the popular "Super Hero" drawing coinciding with the Super Bowl. Hint: tickets will be available in the Fall – lookout for our ads!

The process is easy and has been streamlined to facilitate your application for matching funds. The Foundation's team is here to help you get the funds necessary to make your project a success. Please visit <http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org> and click on GRANT INFO at the top of the page. Then scroll down to DOWNLOAD GRANT APPLICATION. Fill it out, supply the info we need then submit it. It's that easy. Grant reviews are performed four times a year.

Get your first time, kid-related project off to a nice start. Apply for your grant and help provide a better life for the children in your community!

Lion Tom Witkowski  
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# The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation





# Super Hero Raffle

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## Apalachin Lions

### *A New Sign In Apalachin*

Our club has voluntarily conducted annual maintenance of a small parcel of State owned land on both sides of West Main Street in Apalachin where it intersects State Route 434. This area has been affectionately named “Lions Park” for many years. Several decades ago, our club installed a four foot by eight foot wooden sign with the lettering “APALACHIN NEW YORK”. In July 2021, strong winds broke the sign apart and the club began investigating the cost and availability of a weatherproof replacement. This November, we were pleased to secure a new sign for travelers and pedestrians to enjoy once again. The Apalachin Lions takes great pride in reestablishing an informal gateway to our beloved community. A special thanks to Lion Paul Huonker and Lion Leigh Ericson for their work on this project.



Here are Lions Paul Huonker (left) and Leigh Ericson (right) who took the lead in getting this done

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## Bloomfield Lions

Bloomfield Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm beginning at CNB then Pickle Park near Firehouse. Spectators were transported between the sites by 6 tractor pulled wagons. Following tree



lighting BLC served hot chocolate and Rotary served 32 dozen cookies in the Firehouse. The crowd was estimated at 175-200.



Santa was at the Firehouse for the children and Bloomfield Middle and High School provided



a musical ensemble during the event. BLC thanks Lion Mike Bartle for his many hours of work in organizing decorating of the trees, lining up transportation of spectators and coordinating with Village Officials. Thanks to all BLC members for their work on this Community event.

BLC held our first Eye Screening since Covid shutdown at Bloomfield Elementary School on December 14<sup>th</sup>. 59 Pre K and Kindergarten Students were screened with 4 referrals. BLC thanks Lion Mike Bartle for leading this valuable community program. Honeye School Pre K and Kindergarten will be screened in the near future. Pictured is BCS Nurse Kim Viel and Lion Mike.



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## Bloomfield Lions

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BLC held our annual Christmas Dinner with spouses at Flaherty's in Honeoye Falls on December 14<sup>th</sup>. 20 members and guests enjoyed a night of social interaction, Lions Trivia and excellent meals and service. Thank You to Flaherty's staff for the Christmas setting they provided.



BLC member Rick Francis has tallied the votes from the 13 residences entered in "Light up Bloomfield". This is the third year this Christmas Lighting competition was held. The top 3 vote winners were announced on December 21<sup>st</sup> and received \$50 gift certificates from local merchants. Thanks to Lion Rick for his efforts on this Community Event.

BLC and the Village of Bloomfield are developing a program to honor our Veterans and Active-duty Military by displaying banners in the Village starting on Memorial Day 2023 and continuing for several years. The program estimates it will display between 100 to 150 banners over the course of the program's lifetime. Follow us on the Bloomfield Lions Facebook page for more information. BLC thanks Lion Bob Knopf for his efforts on leading this program. Sample picture



BLC has scheduled our first 2023 Dine-In Spaghetti Dinner for Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park in Bloomfield. Dinners will be served from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Take-out is available.

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## Campbell Lions

Christmas food boxes: ham, potatoes, butter, milk, green beans, olives, pineapple, bread and butter pickles, applesauce, tangerines, apples, eggs, loaf of bread, candy canes and homemade frosted sugar cookies. Food donated by Campbell Lions Club , Campbell American Legion, Sons of Legion and Auxiliary. 11 boxes to needy families. 5 people working together on December 23 in bitter cold temperatures to assemble and deliver.





## Corning Lions

The Corning Lions had a super time at its annual "Fishing Booth" for Corning Christmas Sparkle. A few hundred kids successfully "fished" for prizes. Everyone got something. The Corning Lion entertained all who passed by.



Corning Lions Club rang the Salvation Army Bell on Thursday December 15 at Tops Market in Riverside, NY until the weather caused it to be canceled then rang all day Tuesday December 20. Great time for a great cause.



## Ithaca Lions

Ithaca Salvation Army captain and club member Shaun McNeil gave a powerpoint program at our November dinner meeting on his fall service mission to Puerto Rico as head of the Emergency Action Group to assist with the recovery efforts there after Hurricane Fiona. Members voted to donate \$500 to the Ithaca Salvation Army Christmas Holiday Food Fund and \$100 to the Batavia School for the Blind to provide gifts for the students. At the conclusion of the meeting, our Club presented a 2022 Robert J. Uplinger Award to Trumansburg Lion Dawn Young in recognition of her many years of providing optical services to the local community. Lion Dawn has also been instrumental in setting up, promoting to the District, and serving clients at the Ithaca Lions Free Vision Clinic



despite the challenges presented by the COVID epidemic.

The Club's bell ringers were busy this holiday season. On Saturday December 10th members and friends rang for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign at the Triphammer Road Tops Market from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Volunteers were Steve Headrick, Darlene Reynolds, Helen Dormady, Sue Hawk, Dave Filiberto, Rich Shaff and Linda Shaff. Over \$500 was collected that day.

Friday December 16th and Saturday December 17th members Dr. Ted Bryant

and PDG Rich Shaff rang the Salvation Army bells together for 12 hours each day, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a total of 24 hours outside the Ithaca Walmart store entrance. The weather was windy and damp both days but support from Lions and friends who brought food, beverages, and donations helped keep them warm.



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## Ithaca Lions

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The Ithaca Lions Club's annual Christmas holiday party was held on December 13th at the Clarity Vision office building of Lion Dr. Ted Bryant. We had a prime rib dinner (cooked by host Ted) and each member brought a dish to pass for all to share. A total of 17 people enjoyed the evening party including prospective new member Dr. Mary Balliet (who spoke at the District 20E2 fall conference in Geneva). Members also brought over 20 children's toys to donate to the Salvation Army's annual holiday toy collection for local families in need.



The Ithaca Lions next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday evening January 10th at the Royal Court restaurant beginning at 6:30 PM.

PDG Rich Shaff, Secretary

## Owego Lions

Owego Lions had a very busy month. We sold Christmas trees; donated Christmas presents to the Riverview Nursing home individuals who would have received nothing for Christmas. There were 7 individuals who we purchased personal care items (Shampoo, conditioner, Deodorant, Body wash, body lotion, candy). We donated 120 dollars (quarters) for Bingo prizes that they can use to purchase snacks from the cart. We also donated word search books and calendars.

We also did our monthly Birthday baskets for the Rural Ministry. The baskets include cake pan, cake mix and frosting, plates, napkins, candles, balloons and whatever the Lion Member wants to add to the baskets.

We updated the flowers in the Roadside Sign

We held our Lion Christmas party on December 22, at the Owego American Legion.

## North Rose Lions

The North Rose Lions had their annual Christmas Dinner on December 16th at the Heights Restaurant in Sodus Point, pictured are the 22 in attendance which featured 5 donated door prizes and 3 tasty dinner selections and lots of socialization. The Lions will enter the new year 2023 with 65 years of service as a club and the county of Wayne will be celebrating a Bicentennial Milestone.



The North Rose Lions learned just a few weeks ago that the three-town Christmas parade that travels through Rose, Huron and Wolcott was at risk of being canceled due to unexpected surgery, rising fuel costs and the need for expanded insurances. Acting very quickly North Rose Lion President Lion Paul Wilson received the Clubs ap-



proval to offer assistance to bring a return of the popular Town Christmas Parade and through Lions Paul`s efforts we were able to procure the necessary insurance through LCI and step up as a sponsor. Pictured, L to R,



are Scott Converse, Rose Town Councilman, Lion Paul Wilson (in the Lions suit), Lion Joe VanCura, Melissa Arthur (Parade Coordinator), and Lion Jim Kermis. The North Rose Lions had an entry as a float with a "Train", with a little Engine that Could, in the event and pictured are Lion Joe his wife Maureen and the VanCura Grandchildren.



To see the smiles on faces and the good will throughout made for a very special evening on December 17th.

The North Rose Lions would like to wish all our Lion Friends in District 20E2 a Safe and Healthy New Year 2023!  
Lion John Hewes and the North Rose Lions



## Penn Yan Lions and Leos

- In November of 2022, Leos sponsored a family with five young children and a single father for Thanksgiving. A Lion personally donated \$50 and the PYA Leo Club account covered the balance for a total of \$137.40 spent on food from PY Tops and delivered by PYA Leos to Yates County Social Services.
- On December 5 Leos Carson Nagpaul, David Reid, Amanda Smith, Erin Clancy, Owen Bishop, Landon Berry, Joe Droney, Lexi Smith and Morgan Anderson assisted Lions members from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with moving toys and clothes from storage at the Lakes Street Plaza to the Benton Firehouse for the Yates County Christmas set up.
- On December 8 Leos Leah Prather, Rebecca Hayes, Maihue Miranda-Wiltberger, Kiera Castner and Corinne Barden spent from 11:30 a.m to 1 p.m. moving the leftover items from the Benton Firehouse back to the Plaza.
- In addition, in December the Leos Club sponsored and conducted Christmas shopping for two families with a total of five young children. Leos shopped with \$800 from their PYA Leo account, and Leo Carson Nagpaul paid the \$121.50 difference himself, for a total spent of \$921.50. Leos Kendall Bailey, David Reid and Lexi Smith delivered the presents to Yates County.
- On Saturday December 17, Leos Amanda Smith and Izzy Hinkal helped our Lions Club with bell-ringing.
- The ramp crew has been working on three ramps in December.
- Lion held the Headstart Christmas with a wagon ride for the kids ending at the Christmas Village constructed by Lions complete with elves and Santa and presents for the kids.

Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Lion Marian Strickland

# Penn Yan Lions

Here's a recent article that appeared in the Finger Lakes Times about Don Willmott and the Penn Yan ramp crew.

Merry Christmas,

Lion Ron Miller

Penn Yan Lions

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## Don Willmott

By MIKE HIBBARD  
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**PENN YAN** — It is not a common sight, but it's also not surprising for people driving the streets of this village or the roads of Yates County to see 10 or so men installing a wheelchair ramp at a home.

The Community Betterment Handicap Ramp Committee is a signature program of the Penn Yan Lions Club, and the group's co-chairman beams with pride when talking about it.

"I've been doing this for 13 years now. Putting in these ramps are some of the biggest projects we do," said Don Willmott, who chairs the committee with local resident Norm Koek. "The Lions Club has been putting in ramps for many years, but it has really picked up recently."

In fact, the period from August 2021 to August 2022 was the busiest ever — 20 ramps were installed and four removed. That followed 19 ramp installations the previous year.

"Since I've been involved, we have built 162 ramps and removed 90. Many of these are temporary ramps and we use treated lumber, so we recycle them if they are not too weathered," Willmott said. "We also do aluminum ramps. We have had 396 works days in the last 13 years."



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Sandy and Don Willmott moved to the Penn Yan area nearly 20 years ago after long teaching careers in Genesee County. Don joined the Penn Yan Lions Club a short time later.

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## WILLMOTT

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There are 21 Lions Club members that help with ramp projects, although the number who work on most or all of the projects is about 10.

While many of those are longtime or lifelong Penn Yan-area residents, Willmott is a relative newcomer by comparison. A native of North Tarrytown (now Sleepy Hollow), Westchester County, Willmott went to The College at Brockport and had a 32-year career as a physical education and health teacher in the Elba Central School District in Genesee County; he was athletic director the last 22 of those years.

Willmott said he and his family loved visiting the Finger Lakes during his career at Elba. When his wife Sandy retired in 2005 after a long career as a second-grade teacher in the Oakfield-Alabama school district, they bought a home overlooking Keuka Lake off Route 54A in Steuben County — just south of the Yates County line.

Willmott, who was a member of the Lions Club in Oakfield, jumped right into action at the Penn Yan Lions Club.

"It's a great group," he said.

Willmott noted that sections of the

### How to donate

People who want to make a monetary donation to the Penn Yan Lions Club's Community Betterment Handicap Ramp Committee can mail them to the Penn Yan Lions Foundation, PO Box 663, Penn Yan, NY 14527

ramps are built and stored at Remece Casting, then trucked to the home and installed. He added that Carey's Lumber provides the supplies at a reduced cost.

Willmott also is a member at Lake-side Country Club near Penn Yan. He restored a 1964 red Corvette convertible that has been part of many Memorial Day parades in the village.

"That's the car that carries Miss Penn Yan," he said.

Willmott said most referrals for those needing ramps come from the Yates County Area Agency on Aging or word of mouth.

"Usually someone will contact Norm, who knows everybody," Willmott said with a laugh. "We never really publicize it, but we are busy. The number of ramps has really seemed to pick up over the last couple of years."

Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, Lions Club secretary, said Willmott —



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This picture of Penn Yan Lions Club members was taken after they installed a wheelchair ramp at a Yates County home.

who recently turned 75 — has been an active member since joining nearly 15 years ago.

"Don is a good man," Spike said. "The Lions Club builds a lot of ramps in the county for folks that need them."

"I love being part of the Lions Club and Penn Yan reminds me so much of

my hometown. It's a blue-collar town with a great Main Street — a gathering place where you talk to people every day," Willmott said. "This is the kind of place where people look at each other when they pass on the street and the store owners are so friendly. We are happy to be living here."



## Phelps Lions

The Phelps Lions conducted our annual Christmas basket project to help the needy in our community. The Lions Club provided food gift cards of \$100 per family and gifts for about 25 kids. The United Church of Phelps provided gifts for 55 kids. The gifts were delivered by our local Boy Scout Troop. Many donations were received from local organizations and schools.

On December 16th club members got together to wrap the gifts and bag them up for the Scouts to deliver the next day.



## Sodus Pride Lioness Lions

On December 20th Santa's helpers were busy at work filling stockings for ten residents of their local ARC house in the village of Sodus. Stocking surprises were provided by each member of the Sodus Lions Pride and included personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, mittens, socks, hats, scarfs along with fun things like coloring books, crayons, Matchbox cars, jewelry, nail polish, etc. Every stocking is topped with a soft, cuddly animal peeking over the top. The finished products are boxed up and delivered before the holiday and will be enjoyed by the ARC residents on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Filling Christmas stockings is one of five events that the Sodus Lions Pride provides ARC.

The next party celebrates Valentine's Day, followed by Easter, a summer picnic and last but not least a Halloween party. It's always a question as to who enjoys these events more – ARC or Lions Pride. Regardless, it's a "win, win situation" for everyone!





## Sodus Lions

On December 17, eleven Sodus Lions Club members and 4 family members delivered 13 food baskets and presents to Sodus residents. Lions Hall, Hontz, Johnson, Lesniak, Lewis, B. Marshall, G. Marshall, Miller, Minier, O'Brien, Sprague delivered. The week before the delivery, 5 Lions helped sort food into categories for insertion into the food boxes. There were also 12 Christmas Sharing volunteers working inside and in the garage to make the whole thing run smoothly.



## Spencer-Candor Lions

The Spencer-Candor Lions held their annual Christmas Luncheon this month. Lions enjoyed delicious food, a gift exchange and the infamous auction game.



Members donated their time collecting money for the Red Kettle Campaign and ringing the bell.

Lions baked desserts for the Community Christmas Caroling in the Village of Spencer. Members offered hot beverages with the desserts and joined the caroling fun.





## Trumansburg Lions

The Trumansburg Lions Club had an active December. First, they rang the bell for Salvation Army at ShurSave for seven hours on December 10th. Members were pleased to help the Salvation Army cause as they had in previous years. The week before Christmas the Lions did two activities to help the local Christmas Bureau. Members transported many loads of food from the ShurSave store to the distribution site. The Club also bought some food to add to what the Bureau had been able to assemble. The next day, Saturday December 17th, helped the Bureau and other volunteer loaded the food and donated gifts in the vehicles of the 55 families in need.

At its December 14th business meeting the club recognized member Dick Waite with a Builders Key for his efforts in enlisting two new members into our club.

Lastly, for the third year, our club members sold Lotto Calendars, as part of the Apalachin Lions Club program, in order to raise funds for both clubs. Thanks, Apalachin Lions. The effort ended on December 14th with 90 calendars sold by our club.



## Watkins-Montour Lions

Lions, schools team up for vision screenings

### Special to The Odessa File

WATKINS GLEN, Dec. 19, 2022 -- The Watkins-Montour Lions Club teamed up recently with school nurses to provide vision screening for 143 elementary students at the Watkins Glen and B.C. Cate Elementary Schools. Utilizing a specialized handheld portable camera, Lions Steve LoPresti and Tracy Neumire identified 17 children in need of follow-up service.

Lions are known throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and to prevent avoidable blindness. Lions KidSight USA Foundation is the nation-wide program that brings Lions clubs across the country together to ensure children receive eye screenings and follow-up care. According to Lions KidSight, one in three young children have poor but correctable vision, often just needing eyeglasses. Lions Kidsight USA is chaired by Dr. Edward Cordes of Steuben County, who the Watkins-Montour Lions say has been a valuable resource. Dr. Cordes attended the Watkins-Montour Lions holiday meeting and commended the club for its good work.

While the Lions Club provided the specialized camera and trained personnel, school nurses Wendy Hatch and Jennifer Hoose facilitated the organization, parental communication, and follow-up for the vision screening. Lion Steve LoPresti, a retired Watkins Glen teacher, said that almost all the students were able to complete the screening with ease and that it was very satisfying being able to help children. Lions President Rod Weeden spoke highly of the collaboration and the ability to screen children at such a crucial stage of their learning.

Recognizing how important visual screenings are for young children, the Watkins-Montour Lions Club says it will continue to foster its relationship with area schools and child care centers to ensure children have poor vision identified and corrected. Financial assistance for families struggling with vision costs is available and information can be obtained by e-mailing [rodweeden@yahoo.com](mailto:rodweeden@yahoo.com)

**Photo in text:** Children at Watkins Glen Elementary School line up for their vision screening.

