



The Lion's Pride *December 2022*

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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DG Column for December 2022

Russ Ebbets, DG

The Fall Conference Recap



This year's Fall Conference was the culmination of three month's work but by all accounts, quite a success. We tried several new ideas, and I am pleased with the results. Visiting ID TJ Tijerina proved to be a "home run" with a heart-warming talk at the luncheon and an informative discussion to a packed room later in the afternoon.

The day began for attending Lions with a seamless Registration process, raffles for a seemingly endless array of prize baskets and PDG Kathy Spear's First Timer's Orientation that led to my brief opening comments.

The shortened session times allowed us to have three morning sessions before lunch. All the speakers' rooms were filled to capacity. The lunch hour began with Lion Lisa Barber's Memorial Service that was both touching and dignified. MD20's candidate for International Director PDG Anthony Paradiso addressed the luncheon crowd before handing the mike over to PID Ed Cordes for his introduction of ID Tijerina.

The luncheon ended with PCC Bill Williams receiving a President's Award from Lion TJ. The two other President's Award recipients (Lion Gail Cordes of Corning and Lion Steve Chermak of Phelps) were absent due to a scheduling conflict and illness, respectively. Both Lion Gail and Lion Steve received their awards the next day at the 20E2 Cabinet Meeting.

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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)

At 3rd cabinet Mtg or Feb

1st Vice Presidents
Location Union Springs or TBD

May or June

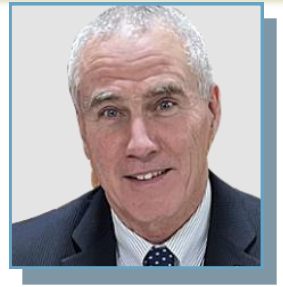
Regular Training (Incoming officers)
Location TBD

December Reminders

- Clubs— get your membership in order because you will be billed on your membership number as of the end of December
- Remember to register for the MD-20 Convention before the end of the month to save money on registration
- Time to provide nominations for PDG and District Awards



DG Column for December 2022



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Individually and collectively these Lions have worked diligently to serve District 20E2 and their contributions represent a standard of excellence and serve as an example for us all.

The evening ended with PDG/1VDG Larry Strickland's Trivia Contest that proved to be lots of fun. Club attendance awards for the Fall Conference went to Rushville - most members attending at 13 and won the \$250 prize. Phelps won the percentage award with 27.7% of their club in attendance, winning \$125.

November 4,5,6 were three long days, but I want to thank all those who lent a helping hand to make this day one of value to the District and an overall success.

I'd like to take a moment to wish everyone in 20E2 a safe and joyous Holiday Season. I still have over a dozen clubs to visit in the coming new year and will be contacting clubs to set up dates this December.

DG Russ



District 20 E2 Fall Conference November 2022

At the Fall Conference this year there were interesting seminars, inspiring speeches, delicious food, a fun hospitality room and the opportunity to interact with other Lions in our District

Seminars/Sessions

1st Timers Orientation - Presenter: PDG Kathy Spear

Welcome - Presenter: DG Russ Ebbets

The Big 3 - Presenters: Warren Albrecht, Ron Spike & Gary Iacovazzi

New Lions - Presenters: Chad & April Holmberg, Nancy Cole, Chelsea Pecoraro

Solutions to Homelessness & Hunger - Presenter: Crystal Wolfe

A Matter of Balance ~ Fall Prevention - Presenter: Wendy Frambo

Junior Olympics and Lions - Presenter: Brett Shelton

Fitness After 40 - Presenter: Ariel

LUNCHEON PROGRAM - Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina, ID - Guest Speaker

Public Speaking - Bring a Phone - Presenter: DG Russ Ebbets

Prescription Drugs & Nutritional Deficiencies - Moderator: Mary Balliett, DC

A Moment with the ID - ID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina



International President's Certificate of Appreciation Awards

Lion PCC Bill Williams - Rushville

Lion Gail Cordes - Corning

Lion Steve Chermak - Phelps



District 20 E2 Cabinet Meeting November 6, 2022



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

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

Inspirational Message from IPDG Kathy



“I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the



Christmas Spirit, we can bring joy, happiness and peace to the World.” *Norman Vincent Peale*

PDG Rich would like your Club Brochure Templates!

PDG Rich Shaff will be creating a place on the District Website (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.



Dear Fellow Lions,

The Watkins-Montour Lions Club invites you join us for our Christmas dinner on Dec. 12th at the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. Dinner is \$19, and if you would like to participate in our 50/50 drawing, you can add \$1 to that.

In an effort to help our club look outside of their own group, we are hoping to have other Lions join us for the evening. This would be a good way for our club members to be reminded that Lions is something bigger than our own little club. Since you each have had a strong leadership role within Lions it would be a great opportunity for our club members to meet and interact with you.

Please let me know of any questions. I know this is a very busy time of year so it may be very difficult to squeeze in one more event, but we truly would love to have you join us for dinner and fun on Dec. 12th. Thanks so much for your consideration.
Hoping you can join us!

Lion Tammy Waite

Oh, What Fun!



Watkins-Montour Lions Club Christmas Party

Monday, December 12, 2022

6:00–8:00 pm

Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel

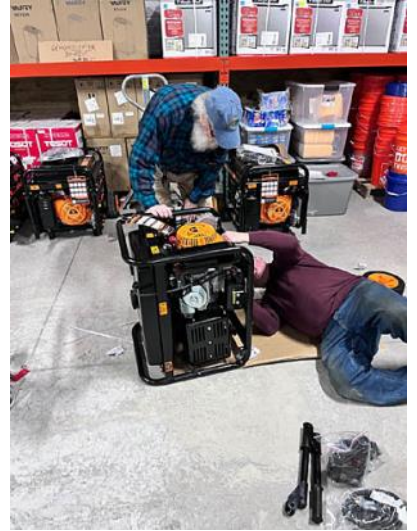
Dinner—\$19; 50/50 Drawing—\$1

Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Raffle Table

Help us raise funds to support our service activities by participating in the raffle. Many fun items!

RSVP: Lion Tammy Waite at TASUWA99@yahoo.com no later than Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

Assembly of Generators at the ALERT Building Lions Camp Badger November 17, 2022



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District 20 E2

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

75,723

People Served

340

Service Activities Completed

9,108

Volunteer Hours

\$32,688

Funds Donated(USD)

\$76,769

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	388	4	150	\$30	\$900
BLOOMFIELD	0	2	37	\$0	\$0
CAMPBELL	3,000	1	5	\$0	\$0
CANANDAIGUA	1,190	5	35	\$0	\$0
CLYDE	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
COHOCTON	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
CORNING	4,790	54	1,629	\$520	\$12,588
GENEVA	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
HECTOR AREA	0	1	175	\$0	\$3,671
HORSEHEADS	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
ITHACA	1,078	9	275	\$6,225	\$3,950
LANSING	701	3	204	\$0	\$4,366
MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE	726	24	694	\$1,022	\$0
NEWFIELD	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
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	13,317	26	573	\$280	\$646
PENN YAN	13,164	62	1,224	\$10,309	\$8,271
PHELPS	322	15	232	\$350	\$2,000
RUSHVILLE	6,607	9	689	\$5,706	\$9,089
SODUS	210	5	219	\$0	\$0
SODUS PRIDE LIONESS	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
SPENCER & CANDOR	3,575	22	618	\$120	\$4,550
TIOGA-NICHOLS	685	13	193	\$190	\$875
TRUMANSBURG	3,715	7	217	\$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	0	5	0	\$1,050	\$0
WATKINS GLEN-MONTOUR FALLS	3,507	4	70	\$2,423	\$2,423
WAVERLY	290	1	24	\$0	\$0
WEEDSPORT	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
WOLCOTT	0	1	45	\$0	\$250
District 20E2 Total	75,723	340	9,109	\$32,688	\$76,769

Having problems with MyLion? Contact PCC Lion Gary Boisseau for help by email at 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



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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.

2022 Fall work day

Thank you to all who spent the day helping us complete some projects around camp before winter. Several Lions and even some campers, families and summer camp staff were here to assist. We enjoyed hot dogs cooked over the campfire by Lion Bruce (Wellsville Lions) as well baked beans, salads and homemade cookies for dessert. All in all, a great day with lots accomplished!



Cabin 17 Threshold BEFORE and AFTER

Cabin 19 Threshold BEFORE and AFTER



We have several cabins in need of "Adoption." By adopting a cabin, your club agrees to maintain and care for that cabin according to camp, county and health department standards. If your club might be interested in adopting a cabin, please contact the office for more information.



The Board of Directors and Staff of
Lions Camp Badger would like to wish you a
JOYOUS AND PEACEFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



The Lions International Trading Pin Club is now awarding four Youth Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion, Lioness Lion, Lioness, or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue their education and follow their dreams. The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Club International, "**WE SERVE.**" During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed \$144,000.00 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "**Lions First**".

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying, and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2023**.

All graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions members or who are members themselves of Leo Clubs are encouraged to participate in the LITPC Youth Scholarship program.

Important: Since New York usually has several applicants, all scholarship applicants from New York **must submit their completed applications to PCC Jim Schiebel**, Youth Scholarship Chairman, **and not** Lion Stephen Staudinger as stated on the Youth Scholarship application. We can only forward two applicants.

To obtain LITPC Youth Scholarship Information:

1. Go on the LITPC website: LITPC.org
2. Click on LITPC Scholarship Information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Send completed application with all required information by **March 1, 2023** to:
PCC Jim Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, N.Y. 14468
jschiebel@rochester.rr.com 585-964-3619

Application must have:

- a) **Completed current 2022-2023** Application with all five essay questions answered. Each essay response should not be more than 350 words in length.
- b) **Three Recommendations.** One of the three must be from a Lion member.
- c) **A certified, signed, and stamped high school transcript with all grades.**
- d) A list of extra-curricular activities.

President's Message

WE ARE TEAM LIONS



Hello, Lions!

There's one thing better than watching a great team in action—being on the team! There are few things I love more than pulling on a jersey, grabbing a glove, and taking my place on the field. It's hard work, it requires dedication, but it's also just so much fun.

Of course, I'm talking about Team Lions. When my club goes out to serve, we do it as a unit. We wear our club shirts, we take our positions, and we use our individual strengths to help our team be successful.

We aren't just a club. We're a group of caring people who are dedicated to the same mission. We all work hard and use our talents in different ways to achieve a common goal. And when we want to have a bigger impact, we grow our team. We do this by recruiting more members, and also, importantly, by partnering with other clubs and organizations.

There is no real way to have the impact we want to have if we go it alone. Don't be afraid to reach out to others and encourage them to join us. We accomplish big things by working together. Through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Oh, and didn't I mention...fun!

Go team, Lions.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

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President, Lions Clubs International

Lions International Calendar of Events

July 7-11, 2023

Lions International Convention
Boston, Massachusetts

September 21-23, 2023

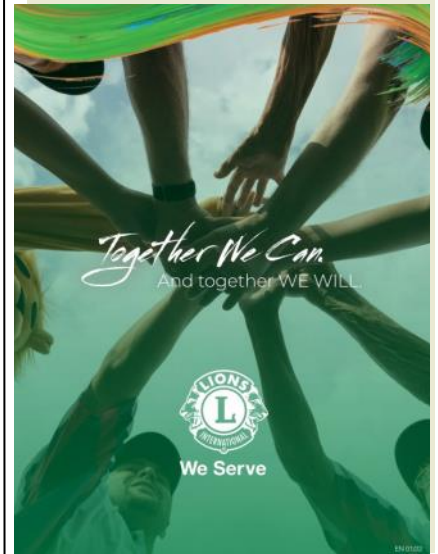
USA/Canada Forum
Reno, Nevada

June 21-25, 2024

Lions International Convention
Melbourne, Australia

September 5-7, 2024

USA/Canada Forum
Louisville, Kentucky



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For information on becoming a future
Trustee of the NYS&BLF (PDG not re-
quired), please contact any of the above.

MD-20 Lions Calendar of Events

April 28-30, 2023

MD-20 Convention, Buffalo, NY

Finger Lakes
Region Lions Hearing
Foundation



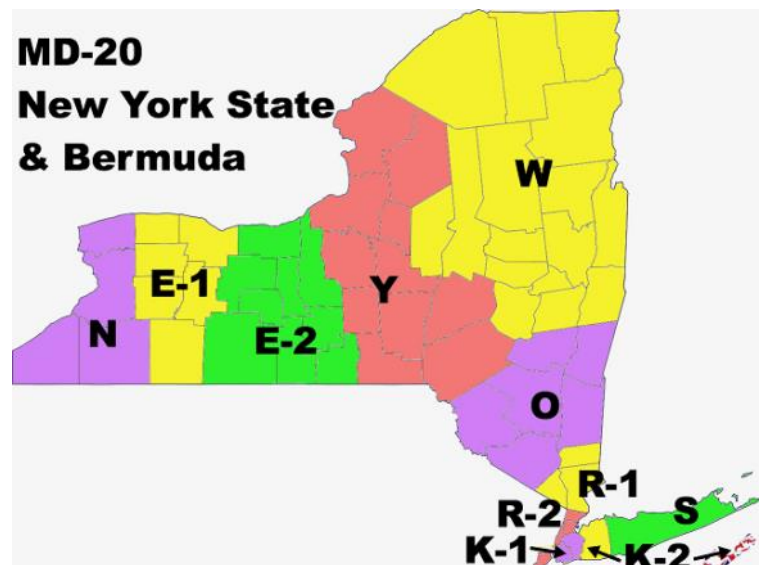
Check out the Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/flrlhf/>

MD 20 Lions Website



<https://md20lions.org/>



Apalachin Lions

The Apalachin Lions Club has been very busy. In the last month we have held a highway cleanup, food bank giveaway, coat drive, lotto calendar sales, Doug's fish fry, and broom sale. In December we complete our annual Christmas basket program, another Doug's fish fry, and another food pantry. We have the possibility of gaining five new members with one signed up so far.

Penn Yan Lions



Lions who installed a ramp on November 13 at a home on Arrowhead Beach in Dresden: top row from left homeowner George Schleeauf, Norm Koek, Florence Schleeauf and Larry Strickland. Bottom from left Leigh Mackerchar, Rick Elliott, Dick Harper, Don Willmott and Chad Peek.

Bloomfield Lions

Monday, October 31 BLC Members participated in our annual Halloween Party held at the Bloomfield Firehouse. Popcorn and Candy were distributed to 200(+) Trick or Treaters attending. BLC Fireman passed out Cider and Donuts. Pictured is Lion Craig passing out candy.



Wednesday, Nov. 2nd Lucas Colf was BLC Guest Speaker at our Dinner Meeting at Cheap Charlie's. Lucas presented his Eagle Scout Project 'The Shaun Fox Memorial Playground in Bristol. Lucas explained his involvement in Scouting and BCS and purpose of achieving Eagle Scout. Work included addition of ramps, swings and site improvements. Also attending was Scout Master Rick Turner. BLC made a contribution to Lucas for this project.



BLC held our second Dine-In Spaghetti Dinner on November 10th at Veterans Park in Bloomfield. BCC 2023 graduating class members took on the task of serving meals, beverages and resetting tables. 80 meals were served and BLC thanks the class members for their help in making the dinner a success. Our next Dine-in Spaghetti Dinner is planned for January, February and March of 2023. More information to follow. Pictured is Bloomfield Resident Bev Bailey at the dinner sales table. Bev has helped our club for many years and is much appreciated. Also pictured is PCC Lion Gary Boisseau and wife Lion Kim from the Phelps Club.



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Bloomfield Lions

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In preparation of our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony BLC member Mike Bartle organized a tree lighting work party with club members and Chris Andolino owner of Extreme Tree. Sunday, Nov. 27th new lights were placed on trees at Pickle Park and CNB. BLC thanks Chris for his time and special equipment to accomplish this community event. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 4th at 4:30pm beginning at CNB then Pickle Park near Firehouse. Pictured members and Extreme Tree at work.



BLC member Rick Francis is once again spearheading "Light up Bloomfield". This is the third year this Christmas Tree Lighting completion is being held. Entries are being accepted from residents of the BCC district until December 15th with winners announced on December 21st.

BLC will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner with spouses at Flaherty's in Honeoye Falls on December 14th. Social time will be from 6:30pm to 7:00pm with dinner following.

[Follow us on:](#)

Facebook at "Bloomfield Lions Club of New York"

Instagram at "Bloomfield Lions Club of NY"

Twitter @ bloomfieldlions

Corning Lions

[Corning NY Lions Club](#) cares! Continuing a delicious & nutritious tradition, last evening Corning Lions donated and packaged fresh fruit for our homebound & frail seniors to enjoy over Thanksgiving week. Thanks to the Lions, our volunteers will be delivering the colorful gift bags containing three pieces of fresh fruit to each of today's ~140 meal recipients. Well done, Lions!



Manchester-Shortsville Lions

The Manchester Shortsville and Twin Cities Lions worked together to sponsor the annual Community Christmas tree lighting. Many in the community helped including firemen, Shortsville Reindeer Farm, R.J. Sports Boosters and individual community members. They also filled holiday baskets for 8 families.



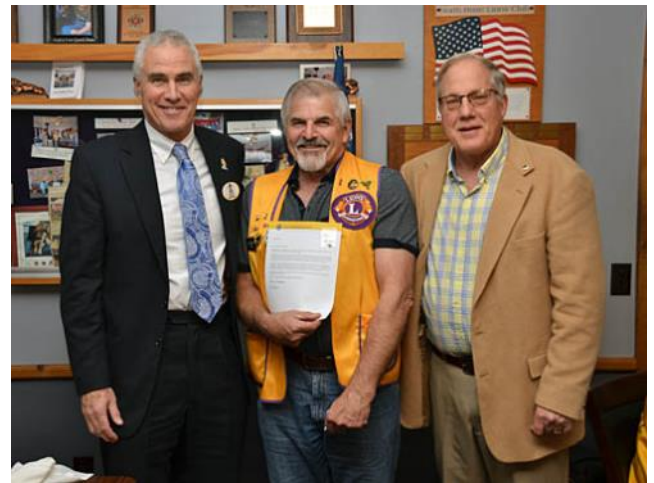
North Rose Lions

The North Rose Lions met on November 9th at Skippers Landing Restaurant and had two guests from the Union Springs Lions Club, District Governor, Lion Russ Ebbets and second Vice District Governor Eric Rosenkrans. Lion Russ who leads the 35 Lions Clubs in Dis-



trict 20 E2 has as his motto this year, “Lions get things done”. District Governor Russ installed a new member to the North Rose Lions Club, Chris Shields, who is pictured on the left, Bills shirt, with his sponsor, Lion Bruce Nielsen in middle and Lion Ebbets, pictured also is Lion Bruce placing the Lions pin on the newest Lion Chris.

Also honored this night, North Rose Lion Randy Croniser, a member since 1987 received a 35 year Milestone Chevron Award. A statement in the certificate mentions Randy has touched the lives of many, from the smallest project to the largest undertaking, your years of service have made an impact in your community. Lion Randy is currently the Treasurer of the North Rose Lions and is pictured in the middle with Lion Russ on the left and Lion Eric on the far right.



The North Rose Lions, chartered in 1958, will be celebrating their 65th year of service in April 2023.

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North Rose Lions

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Lions Paul Wilson and John Hewes attended the Fall Conference and really enjoyed the experience with the workshops very informative and the chance to meet International Director, Lion T J Tijerina . Lion President Paul is pictured with Lion DG Russ and Lion TJ after receiving his



Presidents Recognition award. Also pictured with Lion Paul are Wolcott Lions Helen Drake and Chuck Madison who we sat with at Lunch. Lion Helen and Lion Paul were lucky and won Door prize Raffles!

The North Rose Lions have donated up to \$1,000.00 for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to needed families in the community through the efforts of Lion Diane Rice and the Rose Emergency Food Pantry. Donations have been made to the Angel Tree Program, \$300.00, Toys for Tots, \$500.00 and Brandel- Murphy Youth Foundation, \$100.00 Super Hero Raffle.

Our newest Lion Chris Shields and lion Bruce Nielsen were able to negotiate a sale for the 2003, 100th Anniversary Road King Harley Davidson that had been donated to the club and eliminate any added budget for repair for \$3,500.00.

The North Rose Lions are making plans to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner Party at the Heights Restaurant, Sodus Point on December 16th.

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas season!

Lion John Hewes and the North Rose Lions

Spencer-Candor Lions

The Spencer-Candor Lions were present on Halloween night in the villages of Spencer and Candor handing out donuts, hot beverages and candy to Trick-or-Treaters and their family members. There were some very creative costumes and a few of our members joined in on the fun and dressed up.

Members helped to fill traditional Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for distribution at the SVE Food Cupboard and baked desserts for the Candor Open Hearts Dinner.

Members enjoyed the District 20E2 Convention weekend in Geneva. Lions enjoyed the selection of workshops, delicious Italian Buffet Luncheon and an evening dinner with harmonica music and singing. We're looking forward to the Lions Clubs Multi District, New York State and Bermuda Convention in Buffalo.



Trumansburg Lions

T-Burg Lions Turn Recyclables into New Bench for School

The Trumansburg School Board at its November 15th meeting thanked the Trumansburg Lions for their donation of a bench for the school's use. The bench was installed by the school near the High Schools entrance. Pictured below are the School Board with several of the Lions at the Board meeting, the bench, and the plaque citing the bench as a Lions' gift to the school.



The Trumansburg Lions earlier this year collected clean transparent plastic bags and material as part of a TREX recycling firm program. They collected over 500 pounds of the plastic some of which might have otherwise gone to a landfill. The TREX firm program uses contractors to collect the plastic and recycle it into new material. As part of the firm's program TREX gave the Trumansburg Lions a bench made of recycled material to use in the community.

Union Springs Lions Club

On Thursday, November 17, 2022 the Union Springs Lions Club held their November Membership Drive and will net at least 11 new Lions for the club.

Organized by club administrators the evening began at 5:30 pm with various table wines and a station-by-station guided discussion of various community projects the Union Springs Lions have completed over the last few years. There was also a table manned by Lion Chad Holmberg where he did a simple “Show and Tell” of some of the more common Lions paraphernalia.

At 6 pm a lasagna dinner was served. Around 6:30 pm the eleven prospective Lions and several Union Springs Lions in attendance were divided into five groups and directed to five different stations around the Trinity United Church dining hall. Over the next 15 minutes all the prospective Lions traveled to a different station every 3-minutes in a Round Robin presentation format.

Presenters and their topics included Lion Warren Albrecht, “Union Springs Lions Community Projects,” Lion Christy Cooper, “What a Typical Lions Does,” Lion Chad Holmberg, “Agenda for a Lions Meeting,” 2VDG Eric Rosenkrans, “LCIF and the International Reach of Lions,” and DG Russ Ebbets, “The Local, Regional and State Organizational Structure of Lions.”

Club members Lion Ronda Dixon (registration), Lion Jeff Bedell (meals) and Lion Martha Russell (membership) helped make this event a success. The evening was done by 7 pm. Prospective Lions were given a membership application and questions were answered. Clubs interested in getting further information can contact DG Russ Ebbets for procedures and protocols that made this night a success.



Watkins-Montour Lions

The Watkins-Montour Lions Club made quick work of filling one hundred bags with all the Thanksgiving dinner accompaniments that one could think of. Working with Schuyler Outreach/Catholic Charities in their mission of providing for those in need, club members cheerfully made their way through a thirteen-table assembly line, filling bags with stuffing, potatoes, cranberry and such. Schuyler Outreach Director, Lindsey Baker spoke with the Club after the work bee was completed and stated that it would be impossible to serve the community without the assistance of volunteers. The Club will be returning to fill Christmas food bags in December.

Selling Christmas trees is an annual tradition for the Watkins-Montour Lions Club, but this year, the club was stymied to find that our usual source was unable to supply any trees. We are happy to report that after a good deal of scrambling to find an alternative source, the tradition goes on! Thanks to the determination of President Rod Weeden and a small crew of intrepid Lions, our holiday lot is full at Sinclair Gas on Franklin Street in Watkins Glen . Many thanks to Lion John Terry who manages the finances and work schedule for our crew. And many thanks to the kind folks at Sinclair Gas!

Our speaker series continues to be a highlight of our meetings. We learn so much about the good work going on in our community and uncover more ways to serve individuals and agencies in the quest to make a difference. Most recently, Kristine Morseman, the Director of My Place childcare center in Watkins Glen gave the club a terrific overview of childcare issues in Schuyler County and the role that My Place is able to provide for our community. Not only does My Place provide care for children at the center, but they provide wrap-around care for students at Watkins Glen School District. My Place serves one hundred children and employs 26 staff members. Still, a waiting list exists for every age group and ample child care remains a serious issue in our community. Ms. Morseman noted that quality child care is essential to the well-being of families and employers. It is impossible to be a good employee if your children are not well cared for.

The Club is looking forward to a holiday party on December 12 where not only will we enjoy socializing but, thanks to the generosity of our local wineries, we will be holding a raffle to add to our community funds.

Best holiday wishes to Lions everywhere!

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Kristine Morseman of My Place was our guest speaker.



The Club inducted Marge McGarry as our newest member.



The club had a fabulous turnout for working at the Food Pantry.



Tom McGarry loading trees!

Lion Dave LaMoreaux, Lion John Yuhasz and Lion President Rod Weeden making sure our Christmas tradition continues!

