Happy November Lions,

The Holidays are fast approaching, and we are reminded just how much we are needed throughout our communities. Lions all over our district will be busy organizing food drives, sponsoring holiday baskets for families in need, and donating their hard-earned funds to assist others in achieving their community goals. As the days get faster and life seems chaotic, stop for a moment and appreciate the good that is happening all around us, the good that you are a part of.

International Director Lion A. Geoffrey Wade and his wife Lion Nancy Wade will be visiting the district November 14-17, 2019. If you are interested in attending the dinner at Russell’s Steak House on Friday, November 15, 2019 contact CS Theresa White at TWhite20N@gmail.com or 716-946-0321 for reservations. Dinner is $50 per person and includes wine, beer, dinner and dessert. Seating is limited to 70 persons; do not delay if interested.

Our district meeting will be held on Saturday November 16, 2019 at Classic V Banquet Center 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228. Registration begins at 9am, meeting to start at 10am. Buffet lunch is available for $20 per person. For further details please refer to the registration form located within this newsletter, or check out the event on our WNY Lions-New York Facebook page. All Lions are invited to attend district meetings. Bring a Lion with you that has never been to a meeting so they can meet new Lions and see how active our district is.

Thank you to all the clubs who have contributed to the matching membership grant funds; we are almost there. The district marketing has begun. You should begin noticing a larger social media presence. Be sure to keep your Facebook pages active and fresh with material. Share and tag each other’s posts. Keep sending in your press releases for club service activities, awards and fundraisers. It is very important that you take an active role in promoting your club. Region Meet & Greets are being scheduled, but do not hesitate to hold your own individual community Club Meet & Greet. These are simple to do, and do not take a lot of time commitment. A few hours at your local library or area restaurant could be the difference your club needs to grow. Be sure to let me know if & when yours is scheduled, as I can help with the marketing.

I have been very busy with club visits. As of the end of October, I have visited nearly half the clubs throughout the district. It has been a pleasure visiting and learning more about the individual clubs, while providing information and answering any questions that may arise. It is very important that clubs keep up with orientating their new members, as well as refreshing information to our veteran Lions. Any club interested in scheduling an orientation session should contact PCC Sharon Battaglia sharonb20n@gmail.com for more information.

I tested MyLion and it is up and running correctly. I was even able to input my clubs service activity in for a previous month with no issues. It was a quick, fill-in-the-blank form, which took me less than 3 minutes to complete. Go to www.lionsclubs.org and click MyLci/MyLion and and click MyLci/MyLion and then log in to submit a service activity. Our district provides an enormous about of service to our communities, unfortunately if it is not reported, Lions Club International doesn’t know, and cannot recognize us for our service.

Don’t forget to send me information on your club activities, events and fundraisers. I would love to attend and see our Lions in action. Email the information to CS Theresa to add to my calendar or invite me on your Facebook event page.

Thank you again for all your support and dedication to Lionism.

District Governor Regina Cecconi
2020 MD-20 Convention Committee Meeting
Tuesday November 19th, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency
2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY   Room TBA
RSVP TO Lion Bette
716-901-2853 or email bcrypt98@gmail.com

Volunteers still needed for the following Committees:
Program Booklet
Saturday Night Gala
Registration
Goodie Bag Collection

Pin Design- Please help us design the official
2020 Buffalo Convention Pin!!
Designs should be brought to the November Cabinet Meeting

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work
You’re Invited

District 20N Conference & Cabinet Meeting
November 16, 2019
Featuring guest speaker International Director
Lion A. Geoffrey Wade & Lion Nancy Wade

All Lions Welcome

Classic V Banquet & Conference
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228

9am Registration, Coffee & donuts
10am Cabinet Meeting
12pm Buffet lunch

Make your reservations today:
Mail form below & $20 (if staying for Lunch)
checks payable to District 20N
DG Regina Cecconi
510 Tuscarora Street
Lewiston, NY 14092

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Name: ________________________________
Club: ________________________________
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VDG Rick Battaglia attends LCI's Lions Certified Instructor Program

LCI's Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) was just held from October 18-21 in Calgary, Alberta. One of 20-N's own, VDG Rick Battaglia, was among the selected participants.

LCIP is designed to provide an intensive 4-day program on effective training. The 20 LCIP participants (including Lions from the U.S., Canada, and Trinidad and Tobago) were invited following a competitive application process. As part of the program, each attendee is assigned a specific 60-minute training module to lead. The hour-long facilitation is scored across multiple elements live by a faculty member - and through video review by another after completion of the program. Certification is not guaranteed: one needs to "make the grade." Lion Rick should hear the final outcome in 6-8 weeks.

According to Lion Rick, "It was truly an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to participate in LCIP. The training is incredibly professional and valuable. The quality of the faculty and curriculum is impressive. I've experienced plenty of training throughout my career - and this ranks among the best."

A few days before heading to Calgary, Lion Rick conducted a dry run of his assigned session with three 20-N Lions. Hannah Akin, Cindy Vanderbrook, and Jeremy Schnurr volunteered to spend close to two hours on a Sunday morning to learn about conflict management - and provide feedback to Lion Rick. Additionally, PCC Sharon Battaglia helped him run through the materials multiple times. "If I become certified, it's truly the result of a team effort. I can't express how grateful I am to Hannah, Cindy, Jeremy, and Sharon for helping me to prepare."

Currently, there are less than 50 certified instructors in the U.S. (and only about 250 worldwide). Certification makes one eligible to serve as a trainer at LCI international conventions, the USA/Canada Forum - or serve as faculty for LCI-sponsored institutes and LCI's District Governor-Elect School. The skills learned, however, will also benefit District 20-N and Multiple District 20.

#1: VDG Rick with faculty Lion Bill Bruhm of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Lion Liz Crooke of California.

#2: LCIP Calgary 2019 faculty and participants
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF Ray Wheeler Humanitarian Fund Donation

ATTENTION: PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS

The chart below shows the requested donations from each club. The RWHF assessment is 50 cents per member. The individual club membership numbers that you are being invoiced on were obtained from Lions Clubs International as of 6/30/2019.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

NOTE: PAYMENTS DUE BY December 1ST. Checks payable to 20-N and mail to:
PDG Nancy Luckman, 2761 Caledonia St., Newfane, N.Y. 14108

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND MAIL WITH YOUR PAYMENT

As of this date _____________, the _____________ Lions Club of District 20-N had members. Check No. _________ is enclosed for members @ 50 cents each.
The East Aurora Lions Club held its 6th Annual Fall Food Collection at the entrances to Tops Market in the Grey St Plaza on September 28th. The collection bins were active from 10am to 4 pm, during which time, well over 500 pounds of food and $700 was donated by generous area shoppers. Everything collected was divided among FISH of East Aurora, Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden and Alden-Marilla Pantry. EA Lions have been supporting the mission of these food distribution pantries for many years. The community spirit exhibited by Tops, our merchant partner, along with their packing boxes and generous space provided has made this most worthwhile project a highlight of the East Aurora Lions year. Pictured are Lions Don and Laurene Birdd, flanking Pat Thoman, Bread of Life volunteer. In other Club news, a Peace Poster contest is in progress with Holland Middle School; our White Cane event is scheduled at several polling places throughout East Aurora for Election Day; we are planning to adopt a family to heighten our holiday spirit at Christmastime; our Blind Seals project is in full swing; and the Club has a new flyer in the works to be distributed in public places and as part of our fall fund drives.
Peace Poster Contest

For those Clubs who are participating in this years Contest, please remember that I must have your winning poster at the upcoming November 16th Cabinet Meeting. The meeting will be held at Classic V Banquet and Conference Center. Registration is at 9:00 and I would like them as close to that time as possible.

We will vote for first, second and third place at that time.

Also, please have as much info filled out on the Winner Sticker as possible, including your president’s signature. The sticker goes on the back lower right hand corner.

If you have questions, please contact me at 778-7117.

Thank you.

PDG Lion Nancy Luckman

PCC Sharon Battaglia honors MD-20's Leo of the Year

PCC Sharon Battaglia recently travelled to Canastota to attend a joint meeting of the Chittenango and Canastota Lions Clubs. The reason for the visit? To honor MD-20’s 2018-19 Leo of the Year, John Spencer III, on behalf of the multiple district. Leo John is a member of the Chittenango Leos Club in District Y. With his family present, he was caught by surprise when the reason for Lion Sharon’s visit was revealed.

Photo: PCC Sharon with MD-20 Leo of the Year, John Spencer III

The Wilson Lions Club held their 3rd Annual Pumpkin Painting Contest at the Wilson Community Library on Saturday, October 25th. Prizes were awarded to the top four chosen, judged by Lions Dennis & Cheryl Fulton-Sears, Lions Bob & Bobbie Hull and Lion Diane Muscoreil. It was a fun event for all!
Around Town with the District Governor

Arcade Lions

Getzville Fire Company Open House

Hamburg Lions

Barker Lions

S. Buffalo/Lackawanna Lions

TECGLC

Clarence Lions

N. Bflo Lions

Dunkirk Fredonia Lions
Count us in!

YES, ___________________________________________ Club Name

Would like to participate in the District wide Membership Drive / PR Campaign

Enclosed is our contribution of $ __________

Please make checks payable to District 20N

Mail to:

CT Lion Roger Lis
100 Klas Ave
West Seneca, NY 14224

The $5,000 membership grant was **APPROVED**, but we need to raise the matching funds from our clubs in District 20N.

Please support this project to raise awareness of Lions, gain New Members and open New Clubs

**GO TEAM LIONS!**
AVAILABLE AT ALL DG Club Visits

Lions District 20-N Annual 50/50 Raffle

1st Prize: 50/50 Cash Split
2nd Prize: Choice of Genuine Swarovski Watch*
   *Winner gets first choice of 1 of 2 Swarovski watches available
3rd Prize: Genuine Swarovski Watch

Drawing to be held on May 17, 2020
At DG Regina’s Cabinet Recognition Luncheon
Templeton Landing
Winner need not be present to win

$5.00 each  3 / $10.00
PDG Lion Jim Luckman gave a talk on the Lions' SEE Program to the *Youngstown Lions Club*. The Lions SEE Program, with the help of volunteers, conducts Vision Screening throughout the Niagara Region.

The *Youngstown Lions Club* inducted Sue DeJoseph into its club, making a total of 34 members.
Lion Don Birdd - 20N District Co-Chair for Diabetes Awareness was the guest speaker at the October 1, 2019 meeting of the Kenmore Lions Club. Lion Don gave an excellent presentation on all aspects of Diabetes. He outlined the symptoms and diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, as well as preventing complications, such as blindness and diabetic neuropathy. Lion Don discussed the importance of exercise in controlling blood sugar and demonstrated several very easy exercises. Programs to improve the lives of those living with diabetes and helping prevent others from developing diabetes is a primary goal of Lions world wide. The Kenmore Lions Club thanks Lion Don for his visit and his outstanding work in educating our Clubs in diabetes awareness.

Club President Lion Barbie Elliott, Lion Don Birdd, Program Chair Lion Gail Licata

Pumpkin Pie and Thanksgiving go hand in hand, but as a diabetic you can still enjoy a small piece of this delicious pie with the following advice:

1) Ask for a smaller portion
2) DO NOT eat the crust
3) Ask for no whipped cream topping
(or if it is served with topping, remove it)

Remember, early settlers ate this “botanical” fruit without additives – Thank You to “Native Americans (who) used pumpkin as a staple in their diets centuries before the pilgrims landed.” (Google source)
Tabitha Fisher of Hearts & Hands was the guest speaker at the October 15, 2019 meeting of the Kenmore Lions Club. She gave an excellent overview of the services available from this Organization. This service is provided to individuals over the age of 60.

Volunteers provide transportation to the care receivers - at no charge to them - to various appointments. The volunteers also are available for light housekeeping, organizing, simple repairs around the house, yard work, and the very valuable friendly visits and care giver respite. Volunteers are always needed. Kenmore/Tonawanda has now been added to the service area.