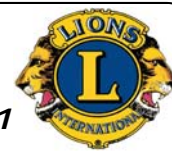




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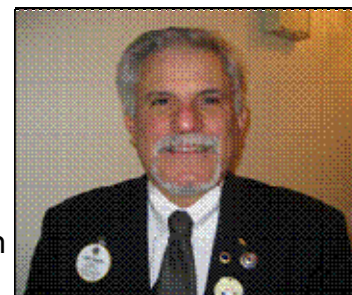
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## July-August 2009

Fellow Lions:

**A**s I write this month's message, Janice and I are at an altitude of 30,000 feet. Yes, we are returning from the International Convention in beautiful Minneapolis.



WOW!! What a whirlwind ten days! Between Governor's school and the convention, each day was jam-packed. Even with all the meetings and convention sessions, we did have some time to not only enjoy the city, but also to meet so many Lions from across the world. There were concerts by the Beach Boys as well as Jay & the Americans. We even found time on our last night to take a horse and carriage ride through Loring Park.

However, I must say for both of us, seeing and hearing first hand how many Miracles through Service Lions throughout the world have performed and continue to be part of, was without a doubt the highlight of our experience. Once again, we were reminded how we all create miracles in the lives of people in our own communities, as well as in lives of people we will never meet. What more could we ask or need?

I look forward to sharing these experiences with you, the Lions of District 20R1. I know together we can obtain "*Growth Through Service*" --my motto for the year-- and continue to create many more miracles. With that in mind, let me outline my goals for the district:

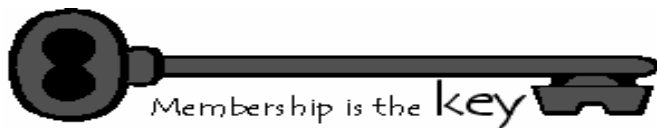
- Minimum of 20 members in every club
- Establishment of one new club
- Increased retention
- At least net one member for all clubs
- Increased participation in Journey for Sight

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Thank you for the confidence and support you have already shown me. It is indeed an honor to serve as your District Governor this year. My only hope for all of us is the health and strength to continue our ninety-two year motto, "**WE SERVE.**"

Yours in Continued Service,  
*DG Cary*



## WELCOME NEW LIONS

### North Rockland

Ben Eskinazi  
Marci Kurtz

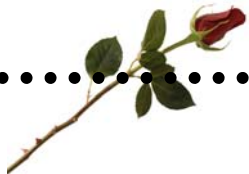
### Somers

Dom Giudici,  
Mel Orellana,  
Herb Reimann,  
Trevor Serraro

### Yorktown

Regina Servidio  
Brendan Tully

**AND WE MOURN THE LOSS OF  
DAN BATHRICK--POUND RIDGE  
FRANK CASTELLI--BLAUVELT**



## FROM VDG MICHAEL BRYCELAND

On July 18, 2009, at the "Salute to Lions Day at GEB," there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a canine MRI unit, built with the help of a \$75,000 matching grant from LCI.



Pictured from left to right are DG Cliff (District O) DG Cary Smolen, PCC Angelo Purcigliotti, Chairman of the Van Tassel Society, Lion Becky Barnes, Manager of Consumer Outreach and Graduate Support, as well as a Mount Kisco Lion, Dr. Jodie Sandler, Guiding Eyes Veterinarian, and Bill Badger, President, GEB.

**Editor's Note:** The canine MRI unit was obtained to detect soft tissue problems that cannot be located and diagnosed without an MRI unit. It costs GEB close to \$1,000 each time the vet staff goes to a "human" radiation facility to have an MRI completed on one of the GEB animals.

This unit is the only one available in the U.S. to perform the service needed for small animals and will enhance the GEB care of all its in-house dogs as well as those in service.

**Here is a test to see if your mission on earth is complete. If you're alive, it isn't.--Richard Bach**

# R1

## Testimonial

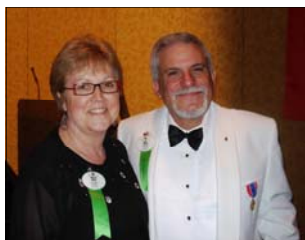
On June 5, District Lions gathered at Town and Country in Congers to celebrate an exceptional growth year for R-1 and to honor outgoing District Governor Karl Wallburg. Over 100 Lions from our district and eleven Governors from around the state came to honor DG Karl and Lion Roswitha.

Representing Lions Clubs International, PID Bob Klein and DG Karl presented Certificates to Lions Fred Clarke, Caryl DePalma, Fran Kingman, Karl Schenkel, and Brian Whitfield. Lion Richard Friedenberg was awarded a Leadership Medal, and Lion Roswitha Wallburg, a Robert J. Uplinger.

The festivities culminated when the gavel was passed to incoming Governor Cary Smolen.







R-1 has a new DG!

## The 92d Annual Convention

July 6-10, 2009  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



### Move to Grow in 2009-2010

International President Eberhard Wirfs of Kelkheim, Germany, has as his theme, **Move to Grow**. It expresses the thought that all things need momentum in order to progress. The adaptable ginkgo tree symbolizes hope and peace. Like Lions Clubs International, the ginkgo has an esteemed heritage, longevity, value, and global abundance.



### By the Numbers

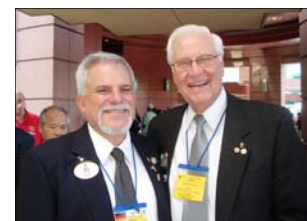
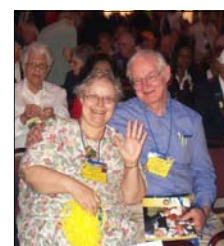
- 1,318,908 members of LCI
- 13,000 new members
- 45,000 clubs

### Melvin Jones Fellows

- New MJF--12,732
- Progressive MJF--6,698
- Total MJF--297,395
- Progressive MJF--186,675
- 9,300 grants worth \$660M awarded



VDG Michael Bryceland congratulates DG Cary



PID Bob congratulates his friend and neighbor.



# LIONS OF R-1 RESPOND TO VCB WORK DAY



**Was your club here  
on June 6 to spruce up  
the VISIONS Center on  
Blindness?**



# AROUND THE DISTRICT



## SOMERS INSTALLS 100TH+ MEMBER!

Since it was chartered in 1966, Somers' membership has grown steadily. From helping to install the first set of lights on the high school football field in the 1980s, to running the annual track meet, to erecting the playground in Reis Park, Somers Lions Club has lived its motto, "We Serve." In addition, the club has spearheaded the Somers Independence Day Celebration by providing food, games, and entertainment.

On June 16, PCC Angelo Purcigliotti, proudly installed four new Lions that brought its membership beyond the one-hundredth mark. --Lion Ellen Purcigliotti



L to R: PCC Angelo Purcigliotti, with new Lions Mel Orellana, Dom Giudici, Herb Reimann, Trevor Serraro and then President Dr. Rich Bridgham

## CARMEL-KENT



The Carmel-Kent Club has an ongoing awards program for graduating high school seniors that live in their service area. Money for

the awards is raised through various fund raisers, such as the annual carnival and golf outing. . Their carnival, with 15 members participating, was a week-long event. This year they were able to distribute a total of \$2,500 in cash awards

to ten local students. --Lion Frank Chianca

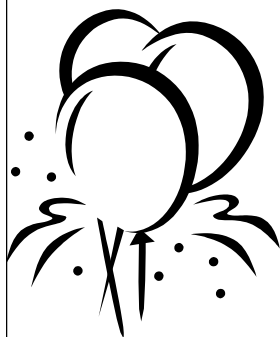


L to R: Project Chair Terri Tiren and Pres. Maggie Lubrano.



## Sleepy Hollow

*Need some ideas from our newest club??*



It was a great day. Mother Nature smiled upon us, and it was such fun to watch Lion Gary Solomon quickly become the most popular person at the picnic. He even had the ice cream vendor beat.

What a super idea to bring in a prize wheel! People were waiting in line to hand over their \$2 to win something - it didn't matter if it was seed packets or a \$50 gift certificate. The whole idea made people feel good.

However, the best idea of the picnic was also Gary's. Bringing in water guns and balloons-- simply brilliant. Every parent thanked us for providing a great Saturday afternoon of entertainment. Every kid left that picnic

exhausted, soaked, and happy. Friends called afterwards to say there was just enough entertainment fun that made it easy for them and memorable for the kids. I had two friends' children coming up to me soaked to the bone, covered in ketchup, chocolate ice cream and face paint asking if we could do this again real soon. Maybe next Saturday? Nothing better than a happy smiling child!

S-o-o, a big thanks to Planning Committee Co-Chairs Daphney Mickle and Gary Solomon, as well as Lions Anthony Giaccio, Glen Fernandez, Jim Thomas, Jimmy Warren, Kevin Fay, Mark Lilander, and Sunny McLean.

The club would also like to acknowledge and thank Valhalla Lions for coming by to help work and support our first community event.

--Judith Giordano, Pres.

## SUFFERN



At the June 2 meeting, the Suffern Lions presented its newest Suffern High School scholarship winner, Megan Harr, with the

first installment of her \$1000 scholarship.

Seen here Megan and her mom are accepting the check from Scholarship Committee members Dorothy McClintock, Camille Gattuso and Andy Haggerty. --Lenny Chiat



At the July 21 meeting Pres. Barbara Blumhof presented a Robert J. Uplinger Award to Lion Lenny Chiat for his many years of service to Suffern Lions Club.

## CROTON-ON-HUDSON

The club gave \$1,000 scholarships to four Croton Harmon seniors. They were: Stephanie Zimei, Sarah Dinger, Anna Callahan, and Anna Drabek. Overseeing the event is newly installed President Debi Braddick and newly appointed ZC Caryl DePalma.



At the same meeting, Pres. Debi and Lion Don Daubney presented a Robert J. Uplinger to outgoing Pres. Caryl DePalma for her dedicated leadership to the club.



## PUTNAM VALLEY



In just 2 weeks of planning, the Putnam Valley Lions put together one very successful Tag Sale Fundraiser that was held at PV VFW Post #391.

Believing their motto, "Work Together and It Will Happen," they asked their family, friends, and co-workers to dig deep into their closets and attics. They raised a whopping \$550 for use at the Club's "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Harvest Festival" scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. They will repeat the Tag Sale on August 8.

At that event, they will also distribute literature explaining a new "Service Dog Program" that will provide 'heeling dogs' for those with autism.

They plan on making their Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> event an extravaganza that Putnam Valley and its residents will never forget. Some highlights include a Chili Cook-off (1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100.) pumpkin patches and pumpkin painting, sand-art, face painting, live music, food, air castle, pie-eating contest and much more.--C. Braun

## BLAUVELT

On Memorial Day, 300 people gathered at Lions Park to honor veterans, and to pay tribute to one special veteran, Lt. Colonel Michael Murphy, by naming a street after him.



At a recent meeting that included the Rockland Social Club for the Blind, Rocky Delo Scholarships were presented to three Tappan Zee High School graduates.

490 children were screened in the LionSEE program under the leadership of Lions Dick MacFadden and Marianne Garrecht.

## VALHALLA

On May 29, in conjunction with Marlin Arts, the Valhalla Lions held a first-time gala auction at the Knollwood Country in Elmsford, NY. Chaired by Lion Matt Burra, he was ably assisted by his wife, Grace, and many other Lions. Although the auction took a great deal of planning and effort, it was a huge success, with over 100 paintings and pictures sold to benefit the club's charitable endeavors.



At their regular meeting on June 17, Lions Robert Byrne and James Rosensteel were awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow by past president and charter member Philip Egan.



At that same meeting, they announced the twenty organizations who will receive over \$10,000 from their charity fund. The recipients were invited to give a brief summary about their organization, and the chairman of events and fundraisers explained a little about the Lions. A. Matranga



## NORTH ROCKLAND

At their last meeting in June, Pres. Janice Smolen presented the 'Lion of the Year' award to Lion Fran Kingman for her many years of service to the club.



They reported that their annual Robert J. Byrne Golf Outing chaired by Lion John Quatroccchi, resulted in a good profit. Raffle Sales Chair Karl Schenkel reported a net of more than \$3000.

Nearly \$2,000 was presented to Helen Hayes Hospital Foundation earmarked for the HHH GolfAbilities program. The club has supported this rehabilitation program for over 10 years, providing one-half of the operational costs.



l to r: Lion John Quatroccchi, Lion Marci Kurtz, Fdn Development Officer, Dave Wickes, GolfAbilities Instructor

## STONY POINT



President John Gobinski presented a remembrance statuette to Jennifer Winkler, the student they sponsored to the 2009 MD 20 Lions Youth Band in Binghamton.

## YORKTOWN LEOS



The 97-member Yorktown Leo Club has had three food drive projects during the past year. The picture below is our branch at a special needs school (BOCES Pines Bridge School). The second Club is at a school for autistic children (Westchester Exceptional Children's School) and our main 75-member club raised and gave away \$5,600, of which \$250 was donated to the local food pantry.

-Al Avitabile, Yorktown Leo Club Advisor



## SOMERS LEO CLUB: A BUMPER CROP

Somers Town Supervisor and Leo Co-Coordinator Mary Beth Murphy and Carol Ciriaco proudly announced the installation of 60+ new Leos to the club. Adding a "bumper crop" of new Leos has brought the club membership to 120+ strong.

Their recent volunteer efforts have included visiting the Somers Manor, working at the community pancake breakfast that served about 1,800 residents, and assisting officials at the Somers Lions Track Meet. This active Leo Cub was chartered fifteen years ago by Lion Town Justice Denis Timone.

