



of District 20Y2 Lions Clubs International, held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Fort William Henry Resort, Lake George, NY. The meeting was called to order by District Governor Surnoff Judy who acted as Chairman.



ATTENDANCE

CABINET: DG Surnoff Judy, VDG Jace Tuccio, CS PDG Dave Harris, CT Christine Judy, IPDG Roger Swartfiguer

Region I: Tom Nowicki RC; Verna Plummer, Youth Chair; Fred Chamber, Youth Chair
Region O: Gilbert Roy, RC; Tom Snowdon, ZC

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS: PDG Dick Ralston; PDG Mary Jane Ralston; PDG Roy Litts; PDG Dick Nason; PDG Roger Swartfiguer; PDG Dave Ramsey; PDG Joe Jarvis; PDG Orville Curtiss

CLUBS

Broadalbin Perth : Valerie Kevlin (Pres.)Tom Kevlin, William Suchy
Central Mohawk Valley – Fred Chambers
Duane: Mary Grimm (Sec.)
Glens Falls: Scott Rager (Pres.), Karen Rager (Sec.), Sheila Nason, Sandie Clark, Jim Clark
Gloversville: Richard Fisher (Sec.), Josephine Fisher, Francis Mezza
Town of Greenfield: Rebecca Earls, Catherine Chandler
Guilderland: Sue Shipe (Youth Outreach)
Hadley Luzerne: Mary Claire Noakes, Joan Scott
Richmondville Cobleskill: Fred Rehl (Pres.), Anne Donnelly, Pat Donnelly, Betsey Rehl
Troy: Jerry Gordon (Sec.), Michael O'Brien (VCB Chair)

ATTENDEES: TESTIMONIAL & EVENING PROGRAM

PDG Orville & Judy Curtiss 1988-89
PDG Roy & Jackie Litts 1990-91
PDG Daniel & Kris Morris 1992-93
PDG Joe & Becky Jarvis 1994-95
PDG Loretta Saheim 1995-96
PDG Dick & Sheila Nason 1997-98/2002-03
DG Dave Ramsey 1999-2000
PDG Mary Jane Ralston 2000-01
PDG Dave Harris 2001-02
PDG Dick Ralston 2003-04
IPDG Roger Swartfiguer 1975-76/2004-05

2005-2006 Council of Governors
DG Norman Alprent 20-K2
DG Steven & Marianne Tremaroli 20-S
DG Frank & Anne Bartolotti 20-O
DG Surnoff & Christine Judy 20-Y2

Broadalbin Perth: Tom & Valeria Kevlin, Bill & Laurene Suchy
Bethlehem: Robert O'Malley & Family
Central Mohawk: Fred & Eileen Chambers
Galway: Tom & Neila Nowicki, Orville & Judy Curtiss
Gloversville: Linda Walsh, Dick & Josephine Fisher, Francis Mezza
Granville: Jay & Maryann Niles, Tamme Taran, Roy & Jackie Litts
Guilderland: Sue Shipe & Brian Hart
Greenfield Center: Verna & David Plummer, Joe & Becky Jarvis
Becky Earls, Ed & Elizabeth Stano, Cathy Chandler
Glens Falls: Dick & Sheila Nason, Scott & Karen Rager, Sandie & Jim Clark
Hadley Luzerne: Joan Scott, Carol Roberts, Mary & Don Thomas, Ruth Lee, Sally Jones, Helen Gram, Becky & David Beatty, Bob Mackey, Cheri Hadden, Mary Claire & Alan Noakes
Northville: Mary Jane & Dick Ralston, Eunice & John Croft, Ann Kenyon, Lynne & DGE Jace Tuccio
Rotterdam: Ann & Robert DiNardo
Troy; Dave Harris, Michael O'Brien, Jerry & Maryanne Gordon
Town of Wright: Ellen & Tom Snowdon, Rosemary Christoff-Dolan
Richmondville Cobleskill: Betsey & Fred Rehl, Anne & Patrick Donnelly, Toni Edgecomb
Hadley Luzerne Lioness Club: Lioness Joan Mosher

CABINET MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Surnoff Judy at 2:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Tom Snowdon, Lions Prayer by Lion Dick Fisher and Lions toast by Lion Cathy Chandler. DG Surnoff recognized Cabinet members, PDG's, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Committees Chairs present.

❖ Motion to approve the minutes of our 3rd Cabinet meeting held on Feb. 3, 2006 at the HolidayInn, Gloversville, was made by Lion Mary Grimm, seconded by Lion Jerry Gordon and accepted by the cabinet.

❖ Treasurer's report was reviewed by Cabinet Treasurer Christine Judy. Motion made to accept by Lion Tom Nowicki, seconded by Lion Jim Clark was approved by the cabinet.

❖ REGION REPORTS

Region L – Region Chair Howard Heffron not present. No report.

Region I – Region Chair Tom Nowicki

Region I Zone A has added 9 new members this Lions Year. In the same period Zone A has dropped 15 Lions from membership. The following clubs have added / dropped members. Ballston Spa 1 new member and 6 dropped, Galway 3 new members and 2 dropped, Scotia/Glenville 2 new members and 4 dropped, Town of Greenfield 3 new members and 3 dropped. The Amsterdam and Shenedehowa Lions Clubs neither gained or lost members.

Region I Zone B has added 24 new members in this Lions Year. In the same period Zone B has dropped 27 Lions from membership. The following clubs have added / dropped members. Broadalbin Perth 2 new members and 10 dropped, Central Mohawk Valley 5 new members and 4 dropped, Gloversville 8 new members and 8 dropped, Northville/Sacandaga 2 new members and 2 dropped, Speculator 7 new members and 3 dropped. The Johnstown and Fonda Fultonville Lions clubs neither gained nor lost members.

Region I was successful in recruiting 33 members among our 13 member clubs. During the same period Region I dropped 42 members from membership, giving Region I a net loss of 9 members for this Lions year.

Some activities of Region I Lions Clubs are. Galway held a successful Walk-a-thon, Songfest, Christmas tree wrap and will be selling chowder in the park on Memorial Day. Scotia Glenville had a successful Falling Leaves Golf Tournament, Christmas wreath sale, Spaghetti Dinner and Chocolate Bunny Sale. Northville/Sacandaga once again had a successful chili cook off and on June 10 will be hosting their wing tasting. Ballston Spa once again had a very successful Saratoga County Fair parking fund-raise. Town of Greenfield Lions once again attracted hundreds to their annual garage sale. The Amsterdam Lions have continued their work for the visually impaired with a Christmas party and other functions. Amsterdam Lions raised \$2,594 this year on their Blind Seal Appeal. Fonda Fultonville Lions have made many donations and have donated to a High School Scholarship. Gloversville Lions sold 45 cases of bunnies, had 4 members at the World Wide Induction Day, and gave an MJF to a club member. Johnstown Lions had a very successful radio days fund raiser and sent representatives to the State Convention. Central Mohawk Lions gave two \$300.00 Scholarships, had bathtub races, a white cane sale, a Brooks Barbeque, and a variety show. Broadalbin/Perth donated \$2,600.00 to youth programs and volunteered 513 hours to serving the community.

Region O – Region Chair Gilbert “Gil” Roy

Albany

The club meets at the Red Front Restaurant, 75 Division St., Troy, NY with the Troy Lions Club.

Membership 16

Donations:

Activities Eye glass collection. Some members attended the zone meeting on 03-29-06. The Albany Host Club, after 80 years of service, has been put on status quo. The club has ninety days to rebuild the club. The club has decided to merge with the Troy Lions Club. It will allow for the transfer of the Albany Clubs 501(c) (3) non-profit designation to the Troy Club. Until such time the merger is approved the Albany Club will elect officers and participate in the Activities of the Troy Lions Club.

Bethlehem

The club meets at the Normanside Country Club, 165 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, NY the 1 and 3 Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Membership 20

Donations The club has selected (2) winners of their \$1,000 each Lion Wallace H. Erlichman Memorial college Scholarship. 7lbs of postage stamps have been donated to veterans in veteran's hospitals. A box of box tops from General Mills products has been sent to the Empire State Speech & Hearing Clinic/Camp Badger to help the camp raise funds. A \$300 sponsorship has been given to a Bethlehem Tri Village Little League baseball team this coming season. The jerseys will display the "Bethlehem Lions Club" name and a 4' X 8' sign will hang on the outfield fence saying "Bethlehem Lions Club" with the Lions Logo.

Activities: Attended the zone meeting on 03-29-06. A very good and positive discussion was held regarding the drop-off sites for the eye glass collections. Held their 40+ years annual pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday. Speaker Bob Riccardo from the Ravenna Club presented his photography on churches in New York State and their unique architecture. Speaker Virginia Lee Kintz spoke about Long Term Care Insurance. The officers for 06-07 have been voted in. A joint installation dinner will be held with the Troy Lions Club on June 21, 2006. Participated in a joint meeting with Albany & Bethlehem at the Sight Society headquarters. Eye Glass collection.

Guiderland

The club meets at Chariot Restaurant, Route 20, Guiderland, NY, the 1 and 3 Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Membership 17

Activities: Eye Glass Collections. Held their Annual dinner for the Ronald McDonald House Families.

Ravenna

The Club meets at the Susan's Restaurant, Faith Plaza in Ravenna the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Membership 14

Activities: Participated in their annual White Cane day May 6th. Halloween Parade. The mint project has raised \$2,215+ so far. They participated in the Chocolate Easter Bunnies fund raiser.

Troy Lions Club

The club meets at the Red Front Restaurant, Troy, NY the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Membership 31
Donations \$300 to the NYS&BLF. \$200 each to Sight Society and Hearing Conservation Society. \$50 to the VCB. \$75 for ad on the Lions Eye Bank golf program. \$50 to American Diabetes Association and \$100 to Defeat Diabetes Foundation.

Activities: Troy Lions booth at the Troy Farmers Market on March 11. Attended the zone meeting on 03-29-06. Hosted a joint meeting with Albany & Bethlehem at the Sight Society headquarters. The club is collecting empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges. They have 9 collection boxes at various locations. Selling Lions ribbon auto magnets at \$5.00 each. Held appreciation Dinner for 27 area school nurses with local pediatrician as guest speaker. Most important, actively working on merger with Albany. Two members attended MD2O convention in Buffalo. Four will be at the International Convention in Boston. The Club continues to collect and sort eye glasses.

Waterford Lions Club

The club meets at the Waterford Masonic Lodge, Broad St and First St., Waterford, NY, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Membership 30.

Activities: Gil Roy attended the Zone Meeting on 3-29-06. Attend a Bethlehem Club meeting as the Region Chair. Eye glass collection.

Duane Lions Club

Current membership at (33). The Leo club is also at (30) members.

Activities: Club is now meeting at Jonathan's Restaurant, Duanesburg, after closure of the Brookside.

Richmondville/Cobleskill Lions Club

Membership Membership now at (18).

Activities: Club sold Easter bunnies in support of the Eye Institute. The Club lost Lion Stuart Lamb who passed away last week.

Rotterdam Lions Club

Membership: No change. Club has an Adopt-a-Family program to which they contribute each month.

Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club

Membership Club membership is at (21).

Club donations to date of roughly \$1600 to various agencies, Lions Eye Institute, disaster relief, eyeglasses, medical assistance and local groups.

Activities: Club sold chocolate Easter bunnies in support of the Eye Institute. Club sponsored a Blood Drive on April 1.

Former Club President, Lion Bill Hudson, died in Florida this week.

Region N – Region N Chair Jay Niles not present. No report.

❖ **District 20Y2 Hearing Conservation Society – Lion Jim Clark, President**

Lion Jim thanked all the clubs for their donations to establish our new loan out center at SunnyView in Schenectady. He also commended the RCIL Library Loan Out for doing an excellent job. Updated brochures were distributed. The display at our state convention in Buffalo this year, was very successful. All are invited to attend an informational program: Technology & Communication for Deaf & Hard of Hearing to be held on May 22 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls.

❖ **LCIF REPORT – Lion Tom Nowicki, Chair**

I would like to thank the members and leadership of District 20Y2 over the past three years for allowing me to serve as your LCIF Chairman. Your generosity has been Incredible. Responses to Hurricane Katrina and tsunami relief have allowed us to give two Melvin Jones Fellowships per year and still have a small surplus in the fund. Over just the past year, the Lions of District 20Y2 have donated \$23,077.00 to LCIF and we have presented 8 MJF's to recipients bringing our total number of MJFs in the district to 239.

This year we are presenting two District MJFs to Lions I'm sure you will find most deserving and long overdue. Lion Rich Balch received his this past Tuesday at the Scotia/Glenville Lions awards ceremonies. The other district MJF will be presented this evening at the Governors Testimonial. Both of these Lions have distinguished themselves within their clubs and within our district.

Lion Scott Rager, who is currently serving as the Glens Falls Lions Club President, will be my replacement for next year. Please give your assistance to Lion Scott, he is eager to do a good job and I know he will.

Remember that all donations to LCIF go to help their intended recipients. No contributions to LCIF are EVER used for administrative purposes. It is one of the highest rated charities in the country.

❖ **LEADERSHIP – PDG Dick Ralston, Chairman**

Lion Dick reported that the mixer held for potential DG candidates recently was very successful with 6 potential candidates attending. Information for DG's and their Partners-in-service was provided by PDG Dick, PDG Mary Jane Ralston and VDG Jace Tuccio. It should be noted that since that time, Lion Tom Nowicki has indicated his interest in serving as Vice District Governor for 2006-2007.

❖ **CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II – PDG Dick Nason**

PDG Dick, District Coordinator, commended Group Coordinators PDG Roger Swartfiguer, PDG Lettie Saheim and Lion Krista Pembroke for their work on this second campaign. He reviewed the results of SightFirst I and noted that the program has had a positive effect on the prevention of blindness worldwide but we must continue the work of providing cataract operations and eliminating River Blindness. PDG Dick has visited about 12 clubs in the district with his important message. He noted that clubs in our district have contributed \$350,000 to LCIF but have received back \$436,000 from the same source. He appealed to clubs to make a pledge and commitment to the SightFirst II campaign.

❖ **DISTRICT 20Y2 WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY – Lions Bill Suchy, Tom Kevlin, Chairs**

Lion Bill Suchy reported that our first annual World Wide Induction Day held on April 29, was a great success with 56 attending and 17 new Lions inducted. He noted that PID Robert Klein, our speaker and inducting officer, did an excellent job and was particularly inspiring to older and new Lions alike. Clubs represented were Broadalbin-Perth, Amsterdam, Town of Greenfield, Central Mohawk, Gloversville, Galway, Troy, Waterford, Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley, Richmondville Cobleskill, Scotia Glenville and Glens Falls. Total cost to the district was \$365.60 and was money well spent. Lion Bill suggested that region and zone chairs contact clubs earlier next year.

❖ VDG JACE TUCCIO – Comments

VDG Jace reviewed the state MD20 Convention in Buffalo and noted that as a result, he is now District Governor Elect. He noted that his cabinet for next year is nearly complete. He will be using Zone Socials for his official visitations but will visit individual clubs upon request. He will also visit any clubs in the district experiencing membership difficulties. He noted that 17 clubs have failed to file any reports with the district this year and emphasized the importance of providing information on activities to the district governor. A pre-cabinet meeting is planned for sometime in August which will include a leadership school as requested by members.

OLD BUSINESS

❖ Lions Youth Outreach & Lions Services for Children – Lion Sue Shipe

Lion Sue Shipe, 20Y2 Youth Outreach Chair, reviewed the International Unity Day program in which students from Duanesburg and Schenectady schools participated in an art program and DG Surnoff signed a proclamation proclaiming Sept. 11 International Unity Day. The next phase of the program will involve development of a curriculum by providing teachers with training this summer. The program will cost \$5300 and Price Chopper has already pledged \$1000 toward the project. Lion Sue appealed to clubs in the district for additional donations so that the project can be completed this summer. The new curriculum could be in the hands of teachers in district 20Y2 by September 2006 if the funds are raised by the end of the school year. To date the district and 3 clubs have signed the Proclamation and Unity pledge.

❖ Nomination for Vice District Governor

PDG Orville Curtiss read a resolution prepared by the Galway Lions Club supporting the nomination of Lion Thomas Nowicki for the position of Vice District Governor of District 20Y2 for 2006-2007. The resolution was accepted and approved unanimously by the cabinet. It was noted that Lion Tom was elected as VDG from 20Y2 at our MD20 Convention in Buffalo previously.

❖ DG Surnoff Judy – Presentations and comments

DG Surnoff awarded Certificates of Appreciation to members of his cabinet and committees for their outstanding dedication and service to the district this past year.

He thanked the clubs for supporting his district project of sponsoring puppy raisers and noted that funds for two sponsors would be given to Freedom Guide Dogs instead of Guiding Eyes for the Blind since with Freedom Guide Dogs we will be allowed to name two puppies immediately. Names selected are "Y2" and "Toga."

He noted that the proposal to allow the Council of Governors to select future MD20 convention sites was passed overwhelmingly. He also noted that there will be an amendment on the ballot in Boston to set the dues structure for family members at \$39 + \$30 initiation fee for the first member and \$19.50 and no initiation fee for additional members.

The 50/50 raffle of \$80 was won by Lion CT Christine Judy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Galway Lions Club
New York State**

RESOLUTION

BE IT KNOWN THAT: The board of Directors fo the Galway Lions Club at a meeting on May 1, 2006 adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS: He has been a member of the Galway Lions Club for 8 years, with a 100% attendance pin each year.

WHEREAS: He has served on the Clubs Board of Directors.

WHEREAS: He has chaired fund raising committees such as Fair Parking and the annual Christmas Tree Wrap.

WHEREAS: He served two years as Galway Lions Club President.

WHEREAS: He received two 100% President Awards.

WHEREAS: He received the Galway Lion of the Year Award.

WHEREAS: He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

WHEREAS: He has served three years as the District 20-Y2 LCIF Chairman.

WHEREAS: He has been the Guiding Eye for four Lions.

WHEREAS: He has attended two state conventions.

WHEREAS: He has served as Region I Membership Chairman for District Governor Surnoff Judy.

WHEREAS: He received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

**Galway Lions Club
New York State**


BE IT RESOLVED: That the Galway Lions Club of Galway New York District 20-Y2 does proudly offer Lion Tom Nowicki as a candidate for the office of Vice District Governor for the term 2006-2007.

Galway Lions pledge to actively support, aid and assist Lion Tom Nowicki in his endeavors.

ATTESTED THERETO, we have set our hand in the Village of Galway, County of Saratoga, and State of New York on this MAY 1, 2006.


**William Waterman
President
Galway Lions Club**


**PDG Orville Curtiss
Correspondence Secretary
Galway Lions Club**


**Richard Sleeper
Recording Secretary
Galway Lions Club**

Where is *your* club on this list?

Status of club info on the 20-Y2 web site (20Y2Lions.org) as of 5/18/2006				
Clubs with 06-07 info	Clubs with 05-06 info	Clubs with 04-05 info	Clubs with 03-04 info	Clubs with NO info
Albany	Bethlehem	<i>Ballston Spa</i>	Amsterdam	Amsterdam Lionettes
<i>Broadalbin/Perth</i>	Cambridge	<i>Central Mohawk Valley</i>	Deansboro	Clinton Leos
Galway	Clinton	Granville Lioness		Deerfield
Gloversville	<i>Duane</i>	Hadley/Luzerne Lioness		Duanesburg Leos
<i>New Hartford</i>	Fonda/Fultonville	Herkimer		Gloversville Auxiliary
Ravena	Ft Edward	Mechanicville/Stillwtr		Granville Leos
<i>Richmondville/Coble</i>	Galway Lioness	<i>Schuylerville</i>		Herkimer Leos
Rotterdam	Galway Leos	Warrensburg		Saratoga Leos
<i>Sauquoit Valley</i>	<i>Glens Falls</i>			Shenendehowa
<i>Troy</i>	<i>Granville</i>			Shenendehowa Leos
<i>Utica</i>	Greenfield			Utica Auxiliary
	Greenwich			Whitehall
	Guilderland			
	<i>Hadley/Luzerne</i>			
	<i>Holland Patent</i>			
	Hoosick			
	Johnstown			
	New Hartford Lioness			
	<i>New York Mills/White</i>			
	<i>Northville/Sac</i>			
	<i>Saratoga Springs</i>			
	<i>Scotia/Glenville</i>			
	Speculator			
	Waterford			
	<i>Wright/SchoVal</i>			
10	25	8	2	12
17.5%	43.9%	14.0%	3.5%	21.1%

If your club is listed in the 06-07 column, congratulations! Your cyber-rep is on the ball. If you're in the 05-06 column, that's not too bad, but it's time to update your info. If you're in the 04-05 or 03-04 column, your cyber-rep hasn't responded to any of my 3 (or more, every year) requests for updated information. Contact me at jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232 and I'll tell you who your cyber-rep is. If you're in the right hand column, shame on you! Contact me to learn how to fix this situation.

Clubs in ***bold italics*** have submitted at least some district M&A reports electronically during calendar 2006.

To see what your club listing looks like, go to 20Y2Lions.org and click on "Clubs of 20Y2."