

From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

The President's Corner

The month of January flew by and we had the pleasure of having John Rabideau come speak with us our last meeting. He talked about the importance of lionism and how all clubs in district 20E-1 are doing their parts. He also mentioned the importance of helping out Camp Badger and Project New Hope. We will be looking at what monetary help we can contribute to these 2 projects.

This month starts our daily drawings of lottery numbers so be checking those numbers. We are also visiting the Brockport club on the 3rd. The chicken bar-b-que is on Saturday the 6th, so we need help from all members for this event with the proceeds going to Olivia Johnston. The next meeting will be on the 18th. If anyone has a program for this night please contact President Steve with details.

We do have some programs scheduled for the next two months. In March we will have the exchange student come talk to us. The month of April we have the School of the Holy Childhood coming. We need to have someone in May again if anybody has a program let me know. The committee for the 35yr anniversary are meeting again this month and things are coming together for this night of celebration. I hope to see as many at Brockport and if you can't make it there see ya on the 18th. All you Colts and Saints fans enjoy the game and lets hope for a good game.

Lion President Steve

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 3 – Visitation to Brockport Lions Club – 6:30 PM at Vets club on West Ave. in Brockport
- Feb. 4 – NO Meeting due to visitation to Brockport Lions on Feb. 3rd
- Feb. 6 – Annual Chicken BBQ to benefit Olivia Faith Johnston (Larry Rowles' granddaughter)
- Feb. 18 – Regular Meeting
- Mar. 4 – Regular Meeting
- Mar. 18 – Regular Meeting

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Anyone interested in working on our 35th Anniversary Committee should contact
Lions Randy and Helen Unterborn.

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CONGRATULATIONS ! WELCOME ! CONGRATULATIONS ! WELCOME !

The Kendall Lions are proud to welcome Vicky Maxon and Tony Cammarata as our newest Lions. Both are sponsored by Lion Ray Ernenwein and were inducted by District Governor Marvin Hankinson from the Greece-Ridge Lions during his visit to our club on January 7th.

Lion Dave Schuth reported that all Lottery tickets were distributed but he had only received money for a small portion. . All ticket stubs and money must be returned to Lion Dave by Feb. 1st.

Lion Phil D'Agostino circulated a sheet to sign-up for times for the annual chicken BBQ on Feb. 6th. If you have not already contacted Lion Phil with the count of dinners you will need, you must do so by Jan. 30th so he knows how much food to order.

Note: The nominating committee will be meeting soon to discuss next year's officers. Volunteers are greatly appreciated, but if you are called, please consider the offer as it is a great opportunity for personal growth and is very satisfying. If you have questions about what a particular office entails, please feel free to contact Lions Steve, Terry, Ray, Randy or any officer .

LIONS in the NEWS

Asian Tribune (India) Jan. 27, 2010

The Lions Club of Kohima visited patients at a mental health hospital and donated toiletries to the hospital.

Hungry Horse News Online (Montana) Jan. 26, 2010

A sizeable donation will allow the Columbia Falls Lions Club to purchase new holiday streetlights.

(Nova Scotia, Canada) Jan. 26, 2010

The Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club is supporting the Canadian Diabetes Association by collecting used goods for resale.

(Texas, U.S.A.) Jan. 24, 2010

The Kingsville Noon Lions Club donated more than 400 items to the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign.

(South Carolina, U.S.A.) Jan. 23, 2010

Lions across South Carolina led a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness.

(West Sussex, U.K.) Jan. 22, 2010

Littlehampton Lions Club replaced a disabled East Preston girl's specialized bicycle after hers was stolen just before Christmas.

(Cleveland, U.K.) Jan. 21, 2010

Hartlepool Lions Club raised £25,000 during the 38th Boxing Day Dip at Seaton Carew beach.

Aventura North Miami Beach, Florida, USA, Lions Club is collecting and recycling used ink cartridges and cell phones from the community, earning US\$2 for each, which they plan to donate to LCIF for Haiti relief.

What are the Lions doing for the Disaster in Haiti ?

A 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, with continuing aftershocks. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster.

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$1.5 million to date. Lions Hope for Haiti is Lions and LCIF working together to provide relief and hope for the people of Haiti. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. An initial truckload of relief supplies has been transported by Dominican Republic Lions to Haitian Lions and Leos, and supplies were distributed to an orphanage and hospital. A second supply of goods will be distributed in the coming days by Lions. Two hundred tents are being set up for victims and relief workers to establish three Lions tent city.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is in contact with Lions in Haiti as well as neighboring Latin American countries. LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and Dr. Maureen Murphy led a team of 40 Dominican Republic Lions into Haiti to deliver supplies for immediate relief with Haitian Lions and Leos, and are working with local Lions on long-term reconstruction plans.

As early as the day after the disaster, the Haitian Lions took up the duty of establishing a permanently manned office with the goal of contributing their support to the feeling of universal human solidarity which this event has engendered, and to the reconstruction of the country.

Bit by bit, the population will begin to become aware of the activities which will be organized in Port-au-Prince by Lions and **young Haitian Leos** in collaboration with Lions from across the globe. Service is the motto of Lions Clubs, and we will strive more than ever to serve the national community with courage and determination all throughout this difficult period.

Comments from Zone Chair William Eliacin, Haitian Lions

“Today, we begin to recover a bit and I can give you my news and the news of the Haitians Lions. As you know, the damage is very extensive in the region of Port-au-Prince with the huge loss of lives and property. So far I have learned of the death of two members of the Club of Port-au-Prince. Many Club members from Port-au-Prince and Delmas have lost parents and / or relatives and have had their homes damaged. But it is still too soon to tell and we should have the exact figures afterwards. We would appreciate it if the Dominican Lions could arrive with a portion of needed relief items quickly. We do not need cash because there is nothing to buy.”

Members of the Cedar Creek Lions Club, Indiana, USA, arrived to Haiti on January 21. They are working with Jesus in Haiti Ministries, which is located just outside Port-au-Prince on the side of the city opposite the epicenter of the quake. Jesus in Haiti sponsors a church, runs a Christian school, provides support to an orphanage, and ministers to homeless people who live at the garbage dump outside Port-au-Prince. The director of the mission, Tom Osbeck, is providing refuge to many of his neighbors. He has approximately 45 Haitians who are staying at his house at present. He is providing food, water and money for medical treatment to approximately 150 people who are currently at the orphanage and to his congregation. At last count just within his church 50 families had lost their home.

