

From the Lion's Den

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Lazy, Hazy, Crazy days of Summer – Crazy ? Check out the upcoming Kendall Lions activities.

Dates to remember:

July 9-11 – Kendall Firemen's Carnival (sell ride tickets – contact Lion Dan Gaesser)
July 12 – Pre-Budget mtg (Board of directors) – 7:00 PM - Pres. Steve Cliff's house
July 20 – Kendall Lions Night at the Rochester Red Wings – 7:05 PM – Frontier Field
July 23 – Budget Mtg (Board of directors) – 7:00 PM - Bob & Debbie Ryan's
Aug. 20 – Annual Kendall Lions Steak Roast – 6:00 PM cocktails , 7:00 PM dinner
Aug 28 – District 20E-1 Lions night with the Red Wings – 7:05 PM – Frontier Field
July – Sept – Lions Tent Rentals – helpers are always appreciated – call Lion Jerry (659-2837)

Go to the Kendall Lions website www.lionskendallny.org for any information that you might need.

June Awards and Installation Night: Thursday, June 18th

Hats off to the entire committee for a very successful officer installation dinner. Special thanks to Lions Bob & Debbie Ryan for providing the chicken , Lion Chuck & company for cooking it, and to everyone who brought a delicious dish to pass. We had a great turnout with over 60 people in attendance .

Lion Pres. Dan did a super job presenting awards and recapping the year – MAN – we were a busy club!

Award Recipients are as follows:

Citizen of the Year Award – Barb Flow (Kendall Recreation Director)

MD20 New Member Award – Lion Brett Ernenwein

Lion of the Year Award – Lion Terry Bliss

Robert J. Uplinger Award – Lion Paul Gray

Melvin Jones Award – Lion Debbie Ryan

Thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done and best of luck to Lion Pres. Steve and the other incoming officers. I'm sure 2010 will be another successful Year for our club.

Reminder - DUES are DUE

Club dues notices went out to members in May from Lion Secretary Terry Bliss. If you have not already done so, please send Lion Terry your payment ASAP. The club must pay the International dues by the end of June, and State dues by end of July, regardless of whether you have paid. Thank-you !

Camp Abilities at SUNY Brockport – June 30th

Some members of the Kendall Lions Club and their families served meals to 160 campers and counselors at Camp Abilities on June 30th. The camp has been in existence since 1997 and improves motor skills of children who are blind and visually impaired. This is one of several camps throughout the US that was started by SUNY Brockport professor Dr. Lauren Lieberman. The organization of this well run camp is really a sight to behold (and due in large part to the tireless dedication of Churchville Lions Rich & Cindy Giali).

After dinner, several campers shared their activities for the day . It was heartwarming to hear the pride in their voices as they described their accomplishments, which included:

- Swam 5 laps in the pool without a floatation noodle, and ran the obstacle course.
- Swam 12 laps in the pool and dove off the diving board.
- Climbed to the top of the rock wall twice and rang the bell.
- Swam 8 laps in the pool with a noodle.
- Went under water for the first time.
- Swam 14 laps in the pool
- Swam the backstroke and did a flip turn.
- Scored 2 goals in Glow Ball.
- Swam 8 laps.
- Ran all the bases in beep baseball in 12 seconds.
- Rode 5.3 miles on a tandem bike.

Thanks to Lions Dan Peckham, Robin Slate, Bob & Debbie Ryan, Terry & (former Leo) Sandy Bliss, Carey, Tara, Chelsey and Lindsay Wright. Special thanks to Bob & Debbie for preparing most of the food at Ryan's Big M and transporting it to the campus.

Tent Committee: Lion Jerry continues to book tent rentals for summer parties. Many hands make light work, and we really do have a good time working on this FUN-raiser. Please call Lion Jerry at 659- 2837 if you'd like to help with a setup (or takedown).

Kendall Fireman's Carnival : July 9 – 11 – Thanks to those who signed up for a slot to work the ticket booth. The shifts and workers are listed below (please make sure you arrive promptly to relieve those ahead of you). Please contact Lion Dan (964-3092) if, for any reason, you will not be able to work your shift.

Carnival Ticket Sales:

Thurs, July 9th

5:30 – 7:30 PM > Peckham/Rapp
7:30 – 9:30 PM > Bieber/Gregory
9:30 – 11:00 PM > E. Gaesser/R. Unterborn

Fri., July 10th

5:30 – 7:30 PM > Pancz/Rapp
7:30 – 9:30 PM > Magliocco/Dittman
9:30 – 11:30 PM > Bliss/Cowley

Sat., July 11th

12:30 – 2:30 PM > D. Gaesser/Pritchard
2:30 – 4:30 PM > Cusimano/Cusimano
4:30 – 6:30 PM > Magliocco/Dittman
6:30 – 8:30 PM > Cliff/Lape
8:30 – 10:30 PM > B. Ryan/D.Ryan
10:30 – 11:30 PM - ?????

Red Wing Game: Monday, July 20th. Lion Todd reported he still has some tickets remaining for Kendall night at the Red Wing Game and would like to get as many people as possible involved. The Kendall Community Choir will be singing at this game. Tickets cost \$5.50 each..

Annual Kendall Lions Steak Roast – Thurs., Aug. 20th at the Firehall

Lions Chuck, Gary, Bill, and the rest of the cooking crew will be pleasing the palates of many Lions throughout the district at our annual steak roast on Aug 20th. We usually see Lions from 12-15 other clubs, many of whom have been coming for years. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a great meal. Hope to see you there !

District 20E-1 Lions night at the Red Wing Game: Friday , August 28th

Come out and support the Wings as they take on the Buffalo Bisons. There will be fireworks after the game. This is a good opportunity to meet members from around the district and should be a fun-filled evening. Tickets are \$6.50 each and can be ordered by calling DG Marv Hankinson at 225-7104 or e-mail at: Mhankin1@rochester.rr.com .

LIONS in the News

- **Porterville Recorder (California, USA) June 5, 2009** – Porterville Breakfast Lions hosted their 25th annual Sober Grad Night at the Porterville Fairgrounds, where members welcomed Monache High School graduates a fun-filled evening of laser tag, volleyball, dancing and a rock-climbing wall.
Herald Times (Indiana, USA) June 2, 2009 – Indian Creek Lions donated more than 100 dictionaries (one for each student) to third-graders at Highland Park Elementary School.
- **Marlborough Enterprise (Massachusetts, USA) May 28, 2009** – Marlborough Lions get ready to host their Amazing Marlborough Race, a take-off of the popular CBS-TV show which follows teams of competitors on a race around the world. The club has set up stages with activity challenges throughout Marlborough where competitors must perform a given task to advance through the next leg of the race.
- **Utica Observer Dispatch (New York, USA) May 26, 2009** – Morrisville Lions helped install two fire pits and put a new roof on the boat house at Camp Lookout, a county-administered children's camp. The activities were part of the club's 50th anniversary celebration.

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(Editor's note – every time we recognize one of our members with a Melvin Jones award, the money for the award goes to LCIF.)

What is District 20E-1, anyway ?

New York & Bermuda are a Multiple District in the Lions International Organization. It was the 20th district organized, hence, Multiple District 20 or MD-20. In MD-20, there are 12 sub-districts across the multiple district with 1300-2500 members each. Districts are designated by letters (i.e. 20-N), some have divided due to growth (i.e. 20E-1 & 20E-2). The multiple district begins with N (Niagara area) and proceeds East with E1, E2, W, Y1, Y2, O, R1, R2, K1, K2 with S and Bermuda on the Eastern end of Long Island. Bermuda ? The economic and traveling relationship is stronger with the New York City area than other closer geographic areas, hence, Bermuda is part of MD-20. District 20E-1 consists of approx. 1600 members and is comprised of 44 clubs. With 83 members, Kendall is the 2nd largest club in the district (to Wellsville), with Churchville a close third.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer !