

From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May was a very busy month.

Congratulations to Ray Ernenwein who became the second Kendall Lion to receive the Career Lions Award. Lion Ray has served as Past Council Chairman at the State level, is a Past District Governor, and is our Charter President. He has suggested and assisted in developing many of the activities and projects which make our club. He has been an outstanding leader and has a vision for our club. Many of Lion Ray's family were present for the presentation at our May 7th meeting.

Programs were given by School Superintendent Lion Julie Christensen on the school budget, which was passed; and Town Highway Superintendent Warren Kruger on the development, over the years, of highway equipment used to maintain our system of roads. Both programs were outstanding and informative to the members. Thank you both for your time and efforts in providing these programs.

The Senior Class Breakfast at the Village Inn was a hit. Lion Mike Cusimano's message to the Senior Class was delivered from the heart and showed many hours of preparation. Thank you, Mike, for your wonderful thoughts and presentation; and a big Thank You to Lion Chuck Rapp who has chaired this event from the beginning, about 25 years.

The Community Garage Sale was the biggest ever. Even the occasional threat of rain did not interfere. Thank you, Lions Debbie and Bob Ryan, for planning and implementing this event for the community. Again a large profit was made to be given back to the community in the form of support from the Kendall Lions. I give a pat on the back, and a huge THANK YOU, for all those members that helped to make this the success that it was. Without everyone's help, it would have made the project much more difficult.

The State Convention provided many opportunities to meet other Lions and to attend sessions on improving our Lions Club. Those attending will bring home many ideas that we may want to discuss. The convention held in Binghamton, over the Memorial Day Weekend, was not as well attended as in the past, but the Lions Spirit was certainly there.

Lion Frank Panczyszyn organized another visit to the Batavia VA this past week. After meeting for dinner at Alex's, the group provided an evening of BINGO entertainment, along with refreshments. Our activity, for our country's Veterans, is always appreciated. Upon leaving, one feels a sense of THANKFULNESS to these Veterans, for their sacrifices, so we can have the freedoms that we have and many take for granted. Thank you Frank, and all those that assisted with this activity.

These projects show that the Kendall Lions are truly a very special organization within the Kendall Community.

Activities for June include: the Kendall Lions Golf Tournament at the Brockport Country Club, installation of new club officers and awards night, and serving dinner one night at Camp Abilities.

Club dues notices went out to members in May from next year's Secretary Terry Bliss. Be sure to send Lion Terry your payment by the middle of June. The club pays the International dues by the end of June, whether or not you have paid your dues.

There are Committee Chair positions that need to be filled. We also need someone to take on the responsibilities of the Third Vice-President. Step forward and help our next President, Lion Steve Cliff, get off to a great start.

This is the last President's Message from me. I want everyone to know that it was my pleasure to have served as President on your behalf. I thank everyone for their support and hard work this past year in making the Kendall Lions Club the best in District 20E-1 and one of the best clubs in Multiple New York State & Bermuda.

One last THANK YOU from our Lions Club to Lion Terry Bliss: Thank You for reintroducing and being the editor of this newsletter, after several years with none. Communication is the key to success and it improves our club tremendously.

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

Please give me a call (964-3092) or e-mail (dpeckha1@rochester.rr.com) if you can help out the club or have any suggestions.

See you on Thursday,

“Proud to be a Kendall Lion”

President Dan

Dates to remember:

- June 4 – Lions meeting, Program on Honor Flight of Rochester, BOD meeting.
- 6 – Lions Golf Tournament at the Brockport Country Club, 1 P.M. shotgun start.
- 18 – Lions Installation Dinner and Awards, Kendall Fire Hall.
- 20 – Bi-Centennial Parade in Hilton (carry flags of the countries who have Lions Clubs)
- 30 – Serve meal at Camp Abilities (Brockport College –contact Lion Bob Ryan)
- July 9-11 – Kendall Firemen's Carnival (sell ride tickets – contact Lion Dan Gaesser)

Kendall Lions Host Bingo at Batavia VA – by Frank Panczyszyn

The Kendall Lions hosted their 2nd Bingo Night for patients at the Batavia VA Hospital on Thursday, May 28th. Don and June Knapp, Dan Peckham, Jerry Ellis, Tracy and Frank Panczyszyn participated, along with Jeanette Couchman. Jeanette and her deceased husband, Bob, a former, very active Kendall Lion, together started the Bingo Night at Batavia VA years ago. She enjoyed the opportunity to participate, and looks forward to joining her Lion friends at future events, and is planning to join us on June 18th. The group preceded the Bingo Night with an enjoyable dinner at Alex's in Batavia.

We entertained 12 very competitive patients with an hour of Bingo, ensuring that all were "winners". The patients truly appreciated the opportunity to play and win, especially when they were able to catch us doing something wrong...like not paying for "4 corners" or reading numbers inaccurately. We followed with snacks and escorted them back to their rooms. Unfortunately, Frank forgot to bring songbooks, so all were saved from a harmonious nightmare.

We have scheduled another Bingo night there in October. Hope more Kendall Lions can participate to gain inspiration from helping our hospitalized veterans.

June Awards and Installation Night: Thursday, June 18th with dinner at the Kendall Fire Hall. Committees have been set up for the various awards. Please see Debbie if you interested in helping in any way. Lion Chuck Rapp has volunteered to help with the cooking.

Red Wing Game: Monday, July 20th. Lion Todd reported on the Kendall night 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 will be available at the 1st meeting in April, cost is \$5.50 per ticket.

Golf Committee: New Lions Brett, Doug, and Jeff are working very hard to make this year's tournament a huge success. Please see one of them at our next meeting to see how you can help (or better yet, get a foresome together to play in the tourney).

Kendall Fireman's Carnival : July 9 – 11 – Many Lions are needed to man the ride ticket booths. Lion Dan Gaesser will be sending around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Please sign-up for a time slot.

Tent Committee: The weather is heating up and so are the tent rentals. Lion Jerry has bookings for over 40 tents (12 on graduation weekend). Many hands make light work, and we really do have a good time working on this FUN-raiser. Please see Lion Jerry at the next meeting or call him at 659- 2837 if you'd like to help with a setup (or takedown).

Did you know ?

- **Kanata Kourier Standard (Ontario, Canada) May 12, 2009** – Kanata Lions lead the way in a province-wide effort to fit area children with medic alert bracelets in case of emergency. The club is sponsoring St. Martin de Porres School and has already pledged \$1,500 Canadian dollars.
- **The News Shopper (Biggin Hill, UK) May 10, 2009** – Biggin Hill and Westerham Lions are administering a program encouraging community members to fill shoe boxes with goods for disadvantaged families in Belarus. The club is asking donors to make boxes specifically for either a boy or a girl, or a mother and father. Donations are being sent to the region of Gomel, an area that suffered radiation fallout following the Chernobyl disaster in Ukraine in 1986.
- **Long Beach Press-Telegram (California, USA) April 30, 2009** – Bellflower Lions get their engines revving by taking over responsibility for hosting the 11th annual Bellflower Boulevard Car Show. The event draws 400 show vehicles and thousands of spectators, and the club is seeking sponsors to raise funds to put toward the \$18,000 budget for the show.
- **Ballina Advocate (New South Wales, Australia) April 24, 2009** – Ballina Lions will get some support during their fun run from a team formed of members from the Lismore Surf Life Saving Club. As benefactors of the fundraiser – which expects more than 800 people – surf club members will run in full lifesaving gear.

Testimonials from recipients (and donors) of the Lions Foundation

"My life has seriously changed since my cataract surgery. Before, I never thought I would see the faces of my loved ones – especially of my grandchildren who I had never seen since they were born – or see the colors of the television, read the newspaper or do everything that is done in life."

"I can only be sure that somewhere in the world, with the help of our Foundation, children and mothers can use the aid of my donation for having always the sun in their sight, not in their memory. As an obstetrician, I have a special place in my heart for young children and their mothers."

CONGRATULATIONS !! THANK –YOU ! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Congratulations to PDG Ray Ernenwein, recipient of the career Lion award. As one of the “founding members” of the Kendall Lions Club, your vision and leadership has made us the finest club in the State of New York ! Thank-you for your many contributions through the years, not only to our club, but to the Kendall Community.

On behalf of the Kendall Lions, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our current officers for doing such an outstanding job this year . We were very fortunate to have Lion Treasurer Paul Dittman and Lion Secretary Debbie Ryan in their respective positions for several years. Thank you both for being so dedicated to those positions and for doing such a great job for so long. We really appreciate everything you have done.

Lion President Dan, thanks for everything you have done for us this year. Your leadership and enthusiasm for Lions made our already great club even better . I hope you are as proud of the job you did as we are of you. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to resurrect our club newsletter. It’s been fun and although it’s not the same as Lion Frank Clow’s, I hope everyone found it informative and got a chuckle now and then.
Lion Frank – thanks for the memories.

FUNNIES !

Knock Knock ! Whos’s there ? DORIS ! Doris, Who ? Doris locked and I can’t get in .

Knock Knock ! Whos’s there ? NORMALEE ! Normalee , Who ?

Normalee I don’t knock on doors, but would you like to buy a vacuum cleaner ?

Knock Knock ! Whos’s there ? WENDY ! Wendy, Who ?

Wendy red red robin comes bob, bob, bobbin a long ...

Knock Knock ! Whos’s there ? CHIMNEY ! Chimney who ?

Chimney Cricket , have you seen Pinocchio ?

Knock Knock ! Whos’s there ? NOBEL ! Nobel, who ? Nobel, that’s why I knocked !

*** * * Don’t Forget – Dues are Due ! * * ***