

# From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Lions:

Looks like, we are into cold nights and daytimes of warm sunshine for the first week of March. This should get the maple sap running more and the early Spring bulbs blooming again. Our "Snow Bird members" will be returning from the South soon. Excitement is in the air anticipating trees budding and leafing out, the orchards blooming, and mud all over country roads as fields get plowed in preparation for plantings.

This also brings to mind of March: Lambs vs. Lions. As we watch the weather for which type of day it will be, we can use this as an analogy to hopefully put energy back into our club: "Are you a Lamb or a Lion?" Do you attend meetings on a regular basis, when available? Remember you agreed to this, when you were inducted into the Kendall Lions Club. Do you suggest new events for our club or work on as many projects or activities as you could? Do you volunteer when needed or do you wait for that tap on the shoulder: "Would you help us out?" As a Lion, could you get involved more? This is not to anger anyone, but sometimes we just need that little extra nudge for our club to continue to be the leader that it is, in District 20E-1. Remember: Lamb or LION.

Having written this, we need:

- A new golf chairman (must get started by the middle of March for the June event)
- Someone to put together the newsletter and send it out to members not having an e-mail address (about an hour per month)
- Assistants for both the secretary and treasurer as needed.
- A tent chairman (we are starting to get requests for dates). This is a six or seven thousand dollar fund raiser that helps the club support many individuals, clubs, or organizations. Can we afford not to have this available?

Please give me a call (964-3092) or e-mail ([dpeckha1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dpeckha1@rochester.rr.com)) if you can help out the club.

Thank you to our nominating committee (Bob, Phil, John, and Steve) for completing a tough task for the club, and to the new slate of officers for next year for saying "Yes" – a job well done again. The new slate of officers will be read during the next 3 meetings and voted on April 2.

Happenings in February include: our annual February Lottery - Thank you Lion Dave Schuth for chairing this fund raiser to put money back into the emergency relief fund. All the tickets were sold, as the club picked up the last couple of tickets. Now - What Lions need to be fined for winning a \$25 check? Lion Dave Strassenburgh needs to check out the calendar on the Kendall Lions website ([www.lionskendallny.org](http://www.lionskendallny.org)). Twelve Clarendon Lions visited on the 19<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed socializing and learning about what makes Kendall special. Lion Paul Dittman and PDG Marv Hankinson each gave outstanding programs this month on our Kendall website and Camp Badger respectively. Thank you gentlemen, you were informative and to the point. One more huge "Thank You", extended to the Board of Directors, for their input and discussions, during our "short" BOD meetings. The club's money is being spent wisely. The Kendall Community truly appreciates what is being done on their behalf.

On Thursday, March 12, new member orientation will be given at the Kendall Elementary School, Conference Room, beginning at 7 P.M. for approximately 2 hours. Membership Chairman Paul Gray, First Vice-President Steve Cliff, and PDG Terry Bliss have been planning and expect all members who have not been through an orientation to take advantage of this evening. Any member, or potential member, interested should attend to become more informed. You will walk away with a much better understanding about Lions. Please let Lions Paul, Steve, Terry, or me know if you are attending.

See you on Thursday,  
“Proud to be a Kendall Lion”  
President Dan

**Dates to remember:**

- March 5 – Lions meeting; no program, BOD meeting (if needed)
- 12 – New Lions Orientation: 7 – 9 P.M., at the Kendall Elementary School, Conference Room. This meeting is for any Lion, especially our newest members who have not attended an orientation, and potential new members.
- 19 – Lions meeting; program on Camp Abilities
- April 2 – Lions meeting (Brockport Lions attending)
- 16 – Lions meeting
- May 7 – Lions meeting
- 15 – Senior Class (2009) Breakfast
- 16 – Garage Sale and Steak Roast
- 21 – Lions meeting
- 22-24 – MD20 Lions Convention in Binghamton

We extend our condolences to the Family of Lion Bob Wilson, who passed away last month. Bob was a great Lion and a friend to all who will be truly missed.

Get Well Soon to Lion Ray Ernenwein who is now home from the hospital. Hurry back – we miss you !

Lion Phil D’Agostino would like to thank all Kendall Lions and Leos who helped with the chicken BBQ. It was a great success and over \$5,000.00 was raised for the Rutland Family.

Lion John Wing would like to thank all the Lions who helped build the ramp at the Rutland’s home.

Lion Dave Schuth extends his thanks to the Lions who sold tickets for the February Lottery. This money is used for our emergency relief fund. All 500 tickets were sold – great job, everyone !

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Did you know ?

## LIONS Clubs International Foundation Responds to Australian Wildfires

LCIF is working with local Lions to respond to the devastating bush wildfires that spread across southern Australia. LCIF is working with Lions in Victoria, southern Australia, to assess the situation and determine a course of action as well as emergency needs. As clean up from this disaster is still ongoing, information is continuing to be sent to LCIF. Our thoughts are with Lions and those affected by this tragedy. We are saddened to learn that three Marysville Lions Club members are among the deceased and four others remain missing.

Police have so far confirmed 181 deaths as the fires ripped across the southern state of Victoria, but the final death toll is expected to be well over 200 people, as many people remain missing. A 60-mile-long fire front decimated several hillside towns northeast of Melbourne. More than 900 houses were destroyed and some 7,000 people have appealed for assistance. High winds and a decades-long drought in the area are making the fires difficult to extinguish.

LCIF has awarded a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant in addition to US\$30,000 total in emergency grants to Districts 201-V3, V5 and V14. LCIF has established an "**Australian Wildfire Disaster**" designed fund for donors wishing to contribute directly to this disaster. The funds will be used by Lions in Australia to provide relief supplies to displaced families and assist in rebuilding efforts.

Lions throughout Australia are responding and have launched their Lions Alert program. Within the first hour of the initial fire report, Lions were being marshalled to assist the State Emergency Services and other Emergency Service organizations, and the Red Cross, in each affected Zone. Lions are receiving full cooperation from each Municipal Council and will be given a full list of all the damage in order to direct efforts as they move into the recovery phase. Lions have in place arrangements for cleaning up work, personal assistance to victims, fencing, livestock fodder, and other areas as they arise.

### **March is Eye Donor Awareness Month**

In the US, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation in 1983 that designated March as National Eye Donor Awareness Month. Lions Eye Banks around the world are procuring quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes. At the conclusion of fiscal year 2007-2008, they provided nearly 30,000 corneas for sight-saving transplants and approximately 13,000 eyes for research and education.

### **South Carolina Lions Get Computer Savvy**

What better way to reach the generation of Blogging and YouTube than by giving them newly-refurbished PC's? Salem Lions in South Carolina recently donated their 2,000th computer to James M. Brown Elementary student James Cannon as part of their Computers for Kids program. The third-grader, along with his brother,

mother and guidance counselor Beth Voss, were on hand to receive the PC. Voss has worked with club president Ray Bramble and Jim Jacques to administer at the program since its inception four years ago.

In March, as part of our major branding initiative, Lions International is launching a new website that will:

- Explain who Lions are and what we do.
- Make it easier to find information.
- Tell the Lions story in pictures and words to show how we make a difference.
- Include “tips and tools” for projects.
- Provide information that Lions need to do service projects.
- Allow you to connect with other Lions on Myspace, Youtube, Facebook and Twitter.
- Enable you to share pictures and stories with Lions International.
- Checkout [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### **FUNNIES !**

Two college football players were taking an important final exam. If they failed, they would be on academic probation and not allowed to play in the big game the following week. The exam was fill-in-the-blank. The last question read, "Old MacDonald had a \_\_\_\_\_."

Bubba was stumped. He had no idea what to answer. But he knew he needed to get this one right to be sure he passed. Making sure the professor wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny on the shoulder. "Pssst. Tiny. What's the answer to the last question?" Tiny laughed. He looked around to make sure the professor hadn't noticed then he turned to Bubba. "Bubba, you're so stupid. Everyone knows Old MacDonald had a FARM."

"Oh yeah," said Bubba. "I remember now." He picked up his No. 2 pencil and started to write the answer in the blank. He stopped. Tapping Tiny's shoulder again, he whispered, "Tiny, how do you spell farm?"

"You are really dumb, Bubba. That's so easy. Farm is spelled E-I-E-I-O."

### **Bumper Stickers**

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs.

A fool and his money are a girl's best friend.

I started out with nothing & still have most of it left.

"Born Free. . . . Taxed to Death"

Don't bother me. I'm living happily ever after.

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