

From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

Hard to believe we will be “springing ahead” the weekend of March 13th . Lots to do if you check out our calendar of events below. As you can see below, we’re getting into our busy season.

Dates to remember:

- March 4 – Regular Meeting
- March 7 – District Cabinet meeting at Brockport Vets Club – 10:00 AM
- Mar. 11 – Hamlin Lions Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Crumb Family – St. John’s Lutheran Church in Hamlin
\$5.00 each . Serving 5:00 PM until gone . Contact Tricia or Troy @ 964-5333 for more info .
- March 18 – Regular Meeting
- March 25 – Lions Orientation at Kendall Elementary School – 7:00 PM
- April 1 – Regular Meeting
- April 10 & 11 – District 20E-1 work weekend at Camp Badger. Contact Lion Terry for more info.
- April 15 – Regular Meeting
- April 23 – ARC of Orleans is celebrating 40 years of Service ! They will be holding their 8th annual Signature Series Hor D’oeuvres Reception and Silent Auction starting at 5:30 PM at Hickory Ridge CC.
Cost is \$40 or \$75 per couple for Hor D’oeuvres, wine tasting, silent and live auctions.
- May 6 – Regular Meeting (Pickup Roses purchased for annual Mother’s Day Rose sale from Lion Chuck)
- May 8 – Kendall Lions 35th Anniversary celebration at Brockport CC. Cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM
Cost is \$25.00 each.
- May 14-16 – MD20 Lions State Convention in Buffalo
- May 20 – Regular Meeting
- May 22 – Annual Kendall Lions garage sale at the Firehall
- May 23 – DG Marvin Hankinson’s Testimonial at Lodge on the Green.
- June 5 – Annual Kendall Lions Golf Tournament – Brockport CC - 1:00 PM shotgun start.
Lions Brett, Doug, and Jeff are looking for 6 people to help find sponsors for the event.

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Lion Helen is looking for pictures you may have of some of our past events for our 35th Anniversary celebration at Brockport CC on May 8th. Please bring them to an upcoming meeting.

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Lion Phil would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual chicken BBQ. Despite the bitter cold, those huddled around the fire pit remained undaunted as they cooked 864 chickens. The “potato heads” inside scrubbed 500 pounds of salt potatoes, and bagged dozens of rolls. The number of people turning out to help was very impressive – 28 Lions, 3 Leos, and 11 members of the Kendall Community totaling 229 hours. Between BBQ sales and additional donations from members of the community, we were able to present Kristy and Owen Johnston with a check for \$10,000.00 to assist them with expenses for Olivia. This was a very successful event and a great job by everyone who was involved.

Lion Dave Schuth would like to thank everyone who sold or bought tickets for our February Lottery, whose proceeds benefit our Disaster Relief Fund. 478 tickets were sold and we realized a profit of \$1,810 . Another nice job by all !

Relief for Chile

Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to aiding communities affected by disasters, including the most recent disaster in Chile following an 8.8 earthquake on February 27. The earthquake is one of the largest ever recorded, and more than 700 people are dead and 2 million people displaced as a result of the devastation to more than 1 million residences. The earthquake hit near the second largest city, Concepcion, and more than 60 earthquake aftershocks have been recorded.

"Many of you know firsthand how quickly the Foundation acts after disaster," said LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel. "I have tried to call and sent messages to our two Past International Directors who live in Concepcion, but have not been able to reach them yet. LCIF staff and I will continue to try to contact them, as well as the District Governors and Council Chairperson of Multiple District T."

There are four districts in Chile, and three emergency grants each for \$10,000 have been awarded to Districts T-1, T-2 and T-3. District T-3 includes the city of Concepcion, the hardest hit area in the country. Lions Clubs International Foundation awards approximately US\$2 million each year in emergency grant funding, in addition to grants for larger disasters.

LIONS in the NEWS

- **The Tribune (Texas, USA) March 1, 2010** – The Huffman Leo Club helped the Humble Lions Club with its eighth-annual Humble Bike Ride.
- **The Times-News (North Carolina, USA) Feb. 27, 2010** – The Hendersonville Lions Club provided a hearing aid dog to a deaf library employee.
- **WJFW, Newswatch 12 (Wisconsin, USA) Feb. 27, 2010** – Almost 500 people attended the Tomahawk Lions Club second-annual Tumble in the Tundra, an event where 18 wrestlers clad in sumo suits battled it out for two minutes each round.
- **The Southland Times (Invercargill, South New Zealand) Feb. 26, 2010** – The Toi Toi Tokanui Lions Club began fundraising for a memorial that now stands at a local cemetery.
- **Leinster Leader (County Kildare, Ireland) Feb. 25, 2010** – The Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club stepped in to help fund books for two schools when the state withdrew grants.

- **Baron News-Shield (Wisconsin, USA) Feb. 25, 2010** – The Rice Lake Lions Club started recording newspaper on audio-cassette for the blind when the library was no longer able to provide the service.
- **Rhyl Journal (North Wales, England) Feb. 24, 2010** – The Prestatyn and Rhyl Lions Club donated their minibus, which will be used to transport sick children in Uganda to hospitals.

- **Henley Standard (Oxfordshire, England) Feb. 22, 2010** – The Goring, Woodcote and District Lions Club donated £2,000 towards the cost of a minibus for special needs children.
- **Cowra Guardian (New South Wales, Australia) Feb. 22, 2010** – The Cowra Lions Club donated a portable classroom sound system to help children with hearing impairments understand lessons.
- **Auburn Journal (California, USA) Feb. 22, 2010** – The Auburn Host Lions Club and the 49er Lions Club donated a portable desk for use by disabled students.
- **Lubbock Online (Texas, USA) Feb. 21, 2010** – More than 900 Lions served 14,000 people at the 58th annual Lubbock Lions Club Pancake Festival.
- **Namibia Economist, Feb. 19, 2010** – Lions Club Windhoek Alte Feste donated N\$80,000 to the School for the Hearing Impaired in Khomasdal.
- **Leader-Telegram (Wisconsin, USA) Feb. 19, 2010** – The Fall Creek Lions Club removed ice blocks from a local lake using their own equipment to clear the way for the town's Polar Plunge benefitting the Special Olympics.
- **Whitsunday Times (Queensland, Australia) Feb. 11, 2010** – The Proserpine Lions Club donated specialized furniture valued at \$20,000 to a local nursing home.
- **Mmegi Online (Botswana) Feb. 9, 2010** – More than 1,000 people gathered for a free vision screening and eyeglasses.
- **Wisconsin Rapids Tribune (Wisconsin, USA) Feb. 8, 2010** – The Grand Rapids Lions Club raised \$40,000 during their polar plunge and raised awareness about special needs.
- **Sidmouth Herald (Devon, UK) Feb. 8, 2010** – Sidmouth Lions Club donated a vital signs monitor to a local hospital.
- **WNDU 16 (Indiana, USA) Feb. 7, 2010** – The Lakeville Lions Club pledged to pay for postage so local Girl Scouts can send cookies to soldiers serving in Iraq.
- **The Topeka Capital-Journal (Kansas, USA) Feb. 6, 2010** – The Topeka Lions Club held a 5K Blizzard Run to support a variety of vision-related charities and causes.
- **The Daily Times (New Mexico, USA) Feb. 6, 2010** – The Farmington Evening Lions Club hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help a crowded animal shelter.
- **Lansing State Journal (Michigan, USA) Feb. 5, 2010** – The Holt Lions Club donated more than \$1,000 to a local food pantry.

- **Edmonds Beacon (Washington, USA) Feb. 4, 2010** – The Edmonds Lions Club donated more than \$3,500 to a local food bank.
- **The Sunbury News (Ohio, USA) Feb. 4, 2010** – The Sunbury Lions Club donated \$4,000 to a local food pantry.
- **Daily News (New York, USA) Feb. 2, 2010** – The Corona Lions Club partnered with other organizations to provide hundreds of children a toy of their choice for Three Kings Day.
- **Cumberland Times-News (Maryland, USA) Feb. 1, 2010** – Students partnered with the La Vale Lions Club and collected eyeglasses for citizens in need in Mexico’s Yucatan peninsula.
- **Mercury News (California, USA) Jan. 29, 2010** – West San Jose-Campbell Lions traveled to Mexico to conduct an eye clinic.
- **Ventura County Star (California, USA) Jan. 29, 2010** – The Fillmore Lions Club assisted the fire department in inspecting elderly citizens’ mobile homes to ensure each had a working smoke detector.
- **Lusaka Times (Zambia) Jan. 28, 2010** – Lions Club of Mazabuka raise money for hospital improvements by holding dog immunization clinics.
- **Asian Tribune (Kohima, India) Jan. 27, 2010** – The Lions Club of Kohima visited patients at a mental health hospital and donated toiletries to the hospital.

Kendall Lions Club slate of Officers for 2010-2011

President	Bob Ryan
1 st Vice President	Dan Peckham
2 nd Vice President	Brett Ernenwein
3 rd Vice President	Mike Cusimano
Secretary	Debbie Ryan
Treasurer	Marv Bieber
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2 year Director	Karen Keller
2 year Director	Doug Urquart
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Lion Tamer	Karl Emilson
Tail Twister	Dave Strassenburgh
Assistant Tail Twister	Jerry Ellis
Immediate Past President	Steve Cliff

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