

From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our newest Lion was inducted at the April 16th meeting. Lion Mary Campbell was inducted by member PDG Lion Terry Bliss, as Lion President Dan (sponsor) and the rest of the Lions looked on. Welcome Mary....

Special projects completed in April, included building a ramp, the community clean-up, and selling roses for Mother's Day. We need to give special thanks to Lion John Wing for organizing the work detail for building the ramp. Lion Gordon Sprague and family of Holley were very pleased. Lion Jeff Miller was the carpenter in charge of a very talented Lions group. Also, thank you to Lion Dave Schuth for organizing the Kendall community clean-up with the Town of Kendall Highway Department and the Cub Scouts, in conjunction with celebrating Earth Day. And a Special Thank You to Lion Chuck Rapp for Chairing the Rose Sale for many years. To All Lions participating: in any or all of these events, or for purchasing or taking orders for the roses—a very Special Thank You. Your time and assistance make these projects successful. These projects show that the Kendall Lions are truly a very special organization within the Kendall Community.

For May, be sure to pick up your roses for Mother's Day (roses should have already been ordered) on Thursday, May 7th at Lion Chuck Rapp's house in the afternoon. We will also host the Kendall Central School Senior Class for breakfast at the Village Inn, have the Community Garage Sale, travel to Batavia VA Hospital for an evening of BINGO, and of course, attend the State Lions Convention in Binghamton – another very busy month. There is still time to get involved with these projects. Remember if you miss a meeting night, you can get attendance credit by attending or helping with an event. This will count toward receiving perfect attendance for the year.

For the Community Garage Sale, give Lions Bob and Debbie Ryan a call to help with the event.

In March we had a program on Camp Abilities, which is held at the College at Brockport. How should our club help with Camp Abilities, during their special week at the end of June and beginning of this July? We are working on putting on a dinner some night. Can you become involved with this event and become a very special person in the camp experience for a participant? Give Lion Bob Ryan a call.

The Golf Committee, with Chairmen Lion Brett Ernenwein, Lion Doug Urquart, and Lion Jeff Rodas met with the Board of Directors in a special meeting, on April 16th, before the club meeting. It was decided that the golf tournament would move to the Brockport Country Club, on the afternoon of Saturday, June 6th. Brockport has offered many specials that the club could not pass up. For the same \$65 fee, free drinks, dinner, passes, and some club memberships will be handed out. Get your foursome registered soon, so that we can take advantage of the many offerings to the club. Go to the Kendall Lions website (<http://www.lionskendallny.org/golf/Kendall%20Lions%20Golf.html>) for information. Forms should be returned to Lion Jeff Rodas (ASAP). We would like to get at least 25 to 30 or more foursomes for this best ball event. Let Lion Brett know if you would like to assist with the planning of this event or help to get sponsors. Sponsors are needed, if this is to become a major fund raiser for the club.

Club dues notices went out to members this past week 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.

Check out the Roaring 20E-1 for District news from other clubs (<http://www.lions20e1.org/news>). Sign up to get notification as to when the newsletter is available. Just click in the box to the top right side of the 20E-1 page. Follow the easy instructions.

Please give me a call (964-3092) or e-mail (dpeckhal@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:

May 7 – Lions meeting, program by Lion Julie Christenson on the Kendall School budget, BOD meeting.
15 – Senior Class (2009) Breakfast at the Village Inn, Lion Mike Cusimano will Guest Speak.
16 – Garage Sale and Steak Roast – Lions Debbie and Bob are looking for help in the planning.
21 – Lions meeting, Warren Kruger – Kendall Highway Department.
22 – 24 – State Lions Convention in Binghamton.
28 – Bingo Night at Batavia VA Hospital

June 4 – Lions meeting, Program? 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.

400,000 - The number of eyeglasses recycled each year as part of a Lions recycling project at the Westville State Correctional Center. To date more than 3 million pairs of eyeglasses recycled at the facility have been distributed by Lions around the world.

More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club

Organization

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.

WELCOME !! CONGRATULATIONS !! WELCOME !! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Welcome to new Lion Mary Campbell (sponsored by Lion Pres. Dan Peckham).
We know you will soon have us singing better than any other club in the District !

Armed Forces Recognition – by Lion Frank Panczyszyn

The Kendall Lions newly reactivated committee to help the club pay our respects and appreciation to Veterans and to our current service members will once again conduct a Bingo Night at the Batavia Veterans Hospital. Our first event, October 30, was successful and appreciated, and we look forward to our return on Thursday, May 28th. As we did in October, volunteers are encouraged to gather for dinner at Alex's near the hospital at 5 PM, then to the hospital by 6:30PM to set up for the patients. Bingo will run from 7-8PM, and will include light beverage and treats, as well as singing.

Anyone interested. please contact Lion Frank Panczyszyn at 585-748-0432, or email at tfpanczy@eznet.net. He is enroute home from wintering in the South and his first Lion Meeting will be May 21st, but he is anxious to hear from those of you interested and available to help with Bingo. We had 8 Lions and spouses in October, and need at least that many for our May Bingo Night.

We had originally planned to mail out holiday care packages to Kendall area individuals currently on active duty and over seas, but not sure we made much progress on that. Will be trying to fire that back up again before we close Lions for the Summer. If you know of anyone from the Kendall area, or one of your family members, in the military and overseas, please give Frank that information, including name and military mailing address.

Frank is also looking for someone to help serve as co-chairperson for the Kendall Lions Armed Forces Recognition Committee. Thank you for your attention to and interest in these Armed Forces Committee initiatives. We look forward to hearing from you to volunteer your time on 28May, with names for care packages, and/or to serve as Co-chair.

Senior Breakfast: Friday, May 15th at the Village Inn at 8am. Sign up sheet will be passed around on May 7th for those interested in attending (see Lion Chuck).

Garage Sale: Saturday, May 16th at the Kendall Fireman's Field. A lot of help will be needed for this event. See Lion Bob or Debbie if interested in helping or if you would like steak roast tickets.

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).

Tent Committee: We need Tent Captains!! Lion Jerry has agreed to take the reservations and then will call a Lion to get a crew together. We need 3 Captains - they can call for a crew to set up the tents. President Dan will be asking a few of you to be a Tent Captain. The tents raise approx. \$6-7000 per year. Many tents have already been reserved , so please remember that many hands make light work. If you've never been on a tent setup

before, we have a lot of fun and meet some really nice people. Please see Lion Jerry at the next meeting if you'd like to help with a setup (or takedown).

Did you know ?

LCIF Responds to Earthquake in Italy

OAK BROOK, IL USA, April 6, 2009 – More than 100,000 people are homeless and 270 dead following the devastating earthquake centered in the medieval city of L'Anquila, Italy the morning of April 6. The 6.3-magnitude quake occurred 60 miles northeast of Rome. In all, 26 towns and villages were damaged. Lions throughout Italy are assisting in response and clean up efforts. LCIF issued a US\$10,000 Emergency Grant so that Lions in the affected areas can quickly help people get food, water and medicine. LCIF will continue to help assess future needs.

Charleston Daily Mail (West Virginia, USA) March 16, 2009 – Golden Dome Lion Jim McMillion raised \$2,447 for the American Diabetes Assoc. for research and education programs, earning him the right to kiss a pig at the LaBelle theater in South Charleston. Jethro, the lucky piglet, was honored to symbolize the role of pigs as providers of the first source of insulin in 1921.

Pittsburghlive.com (Pennsylvania, USA) December 29, 2008

Level Green Lions decided to celebrate their 60th anniversary and gain a bit of community attention by creating a history of the Level Green community, entitled "Tales of Level Green." Level Green, a village in Penn Township, has about 2,000 residents. It was founded when George McWilliams got a land grant in the late 1700s for 336 acres from William Penn and signed by then Governor Thomas Mifflin. Club member Sam McWilliams, a direct descendant of the town's founder, still owns the original deed – which is written on sheepskin.

- **Sioux Falls Argus Leader (South Dakota, USA) April 22, 2009** – Sioux Falls Downtown Lions get their spatulas ready to flip about 60,000 pancakes during their annual Pancake Days event. Club members raised nearly \$100,000 with the event last year, and dedicated \$65,000 to Lions eyesight, service and youth programs.
- **The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Texas, USA) February 23, 2009** – Lubbock Lions shattered the world record for most pancakes produced in eight hours by a team, serving 66,459 pancakes to hungry diners at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The number bested the previous record of 34,818 set by the Fargo Kiwanis last year as part of a friendly rivalry between the clubs. Texas State Rep. Delwin Jones – a member of the Lions club – plans to introduce a resolution to the legislature this week designating Lubbock as the "Pancake Capital of the World."

"Lions, Lions, Here in our community, Lion, Lions, People just like you and me. We can build you wheelchair ramps and we can check your eyes, we

can feed you pancakes that will go straight to you thighs ...”

FUNNIES !

Twinkies: the nearly perfect (and indestructible) snack food

A Twinkie was placed in a conventional microwave oven, which was set for precisely 4 minutes - the approximate cooking time of bacon. After 20 seconds, the oven began to emit the Twinkie's rich, characteristic aroma of artificial butter. After one minute, this aroma began to resemble the acrid smell of burning rubber. The experiment was aborted after 2 minutes 10 seconds when thick, foul smoke began billowing from the top of the oven. A second Twinkie was subjected to the same experiment; this Twinkie leaked molten white filling. When cooled, this now epoxylike filling bonded the Twinkie to its plate, defying gravity: it was removed only upon application of a butter knife.

A Twinkie was dropped from a ninth-floor window, a fall of approximately 120 feet. It landed right side up, then bounced onto its back. The expected "splatter" effect was not observed. Indeed, the only discernible damage to the Twinkie was a narrow fissure on its underside; otherwise, the Twinkie remained structurally intact.

A Twinkie was placed in a conventional freezer for 24 hours. Upon removal, the Twinkie was not found to be frozen solid, but its physical properties had noticeably "slowed". The filling was found to be the approximate consistency of acrylic paint, while exhibiting the mercurylike property of not adhering to practically any surface. It was noticed the Twinkie had generously absorbed the freezer odors.

A Twinkie was exposed to a gas flame for 2 minutes. While the Twinkie smoked and blackened and the filling in one of its "cream holes" boiled, the Twinkie did not catch fire. It did, however produce the same "burning rubber" aroma noticed in the microwave experiment.

We Serve