

From the Lion's Den

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Lion Terry Bliss, editor

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The Fall season is upon us and we are going to induct 2 new members at the first meeting of Oct. They are Pat Bolton, and Don Harter. We also have the pumpkin patch on Sat the 3rd. We will have the Banker family as our guest speakers at the meeting on the 15th. They will talk about what their son is going through. They are also having a raffle and we will have tickets to purchase at the next meeting. They want to have the drawing at one of our meetings.

We still need some people to help out on the 35yr celebration. Lion Randy and Helen Unterborn are going to help, but we need a committee chair for this event. I hope someone will step forward and take this and make it a memorable night for all the members.

We will be looking forward to Nov. with the football game on the 1st and of course the spaghetti dinner on election day the 3rd. So I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on the 1st and have a good month if not able to attend.

Lion President Steve Cliff

Dates to remember:

- Oct 3 – Annual Pumpkin Patch Event at Bob Wilson's Farm, Center Road
- Oct 15 – Regular Mtg and program
- Oct 24 – Hamlin Lions 25th anniversary – 7:00 PM at 1549 Grill, Lake Rd. Hamlin (see details below)
- Nov 1 – Buffalo Bills Game vs. Houston @ Ralph Wilson Stadium
- Nov 3 – Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner
- Nov 7 – Fall Conference at Batavia Holiday Inn & Albion Lions 85th anniversary at Hickory Ridge CC

Tent Committee: The season is nearly over, but Lion Jerry has a few setups remaining. This fundraiser is expected to break all records this year and bring in over \$9000.00 . If you are available for an hour or so on a Saturday or Sunday, please give Lion Jerry a call at 659- 2837 to see if he could use your help.

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Anyone interested in working on our 35th Anniversary Committee should contact Lion Randy or Lion Helen , or attend the kick-off meeting at Lion Ray's on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM .

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Welcome ! Congratulations ! Welcome ! Congratulations !

To New Lions Don Harter (sponsored by Chuck Rapp) and Pat Bolton (sponsored by Ray Ernenwein).
We look forward to SERVING with you !

LCIF Assistance for Philippines Typhoon Relief

LCIF is working with local Lions to respond to Typhoon Ketsana, the devastating typhoon that ravaged the Philippines. As of September 30, at least 246 people dead and an additional 38 people missing, according to the nation's National Disaster Coordinating Council. Nearly 2 million people were affected by the killer storm and 567,000 people had been evacuated. LCIF has awarded three emergency grants in the amount of \$10,000 each to Districts 301-A2, 301-D1 and 301-D2 to purchase immediate relief supplies.

Relief for Samoa

LCIF is working with local Lions to respond to massive tsunami that hit Samoa around dawn on September 29. The tsunami was triggered by a powerful earthquake, measuring between 8.0 and 8.3. As of October 2, more than 168 people are dead and many more are missing in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. A US\$10,000 emergency grant has been awarded for New Zealand, 202-K, as American Samoa and Samoa are located in that district. Lions from New Zealand are distributing the funds to the areas impacted.

LIONS in the News

- **Battle Creek Enquirer (Michigan, USA) September 22, 2009** – Lions in district 11-B1 are gearing up to sponsor their first annual Lions Roar motorcycle run to build homes for disabled people in the community. The home-building effort is part of a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, which began in August 2008.
- **Stabroek News (Guyana) September 18, 2009** – West Berbice Lions helped locals in need by donating hampers of clothes. The club continues to hold eye clinics around West Berbice, and donated two electric irons to Fort Wellington Hospital.
- **District 4-C6 blog (California, USA) September 15, 2009** – District 4-C6 Lions get ready to host their 19th annual Lions In Sight Charity Golf Tournament in September, which features rounds of golf, dinner, prizes and more.
- **The Inquirer (Liberia) September 12, 2009** – Greater Monrovia Lions are working hard to sponsor the Cape Mesurado Lions Club.
- **2NM (Australia) September 8, 2009** – Aberdeen Lions continue to collect donations of buffalo grass to beautify and environmentally enrich the Aberdeen community center.
- **Blacktown Sun (Sydney, Australia) September 4, 2009** – Langley Lions gave a helping hand in the form of a donation of \$2,000 for the A Concert For Life fundraising tally. The club visited the Westmead Millennium Institute for Medical Research, the fund's beneficiary, last week to meet with hospital officials and tour the facility.

Editor's note: You see from the above events that we are similar to other clubs around the world, in that we have assisted with Habitat Houses, organized golf tournaments, and sponsored new clubs. Although we never collected buffalo grass, we once sent truckloads of hay to drought-stricken farmers in the mid-west.

Hamlin Lions 25 Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 24th 2009 , the Hamlin Lions will be holding their 25th Anniversary celebration at the 1549 Grill , 1549 Lake Rd, Hamlin (formerly the Evergreen Restaurant).
Happy Hour and cash Bar from 6 – 7 PM, followed by Buffet Dinner at 7 PM. Cost is \$25 pp .

Checks can be made payable to (no later than Oct. 14, 2009) :

Lion Dave Soper
603 Martin Road
Hamlin, N.Y. 14464

32nd Annual Kendall Lions Pumpkin patch Event – Saturday, Oct . 3rd

Lion Dan Peckham reported a dozen Lions were in attendance for a beautiful Fall day at the Wilson Farm. Approximately 165 children and their parents were in attendance for a hayride ride through the apple orchards to the pumpkin patch. Upon their return, they were treated to cider and donuts (donated by Partyka Farms and Ryan's Big M). Special thank to tractor drivers John Becker and Bill Ingham, and, of course, the Wilson's for allowing us to hold this event at their Farm.

Bingo at the Batavia Veterans Hospital – Thursday, Oct. 29th

Lion Frank P. reported that Bingo at the Batavia Veteran's Hosp. would be held on Thurs. Oct. 29th. They will have dinner at Alex's restaurant prior to Bingo, so please contact Lion Frank if you would like to participate.

Buffalo Bills Football vs. Houston at Ralph Wilson Stadium – Sunday, Nov. 1st.

Hopefully by then QB Trent Edwards will have figured out how to sync up with TO for a TD. Lion Craig Herman reported only a few tickets remain. \$90 buys your ticket, bus ride, and Refreshments (including limburger sandwiches).

Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner - Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

A sign-up sheet was circulated at our Oct. 1st mtg . Lions are needed at all timeslots (especially mid-day), so if you have not already done so, please sign up at our next meeting . Please note that desserts are also needed for this event.

District 20E-1 Fall Conference – Saturday, Nov. 7th

Our annual Fall conference will be held at the Batavia Holiday Inn on Sat., Nov. 7th. This is a great opportunity to meet Lions from across the District, learn more about Lions through seminars, and hear International Director Debra Wasserman speak The event costs \$23 per person and includes lunch and continental breakfast, but our budget allows us to reimburse those who attend. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially for new Lions, so please contact Lions Debbie or Terry if you would like to attend. I'm sure carpool arrangements will be made.

Albion Lions 85th Anniversary Celebration – Nov. 7th (following the Fall conference).

The Albion Lions Club, the 2nd oldest club in our district, is celebrating it's 85th anniversary. This event will be held at the Hickory Ridge Country Club (cash bar at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM). Cost is \$25 per person. See Lion Debbie or Lion Terry if you are interested in attending.

Reminder - DUES are DUE

Over 90% of our membership has paid and is up to date, but we still have a few more to collect. 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 !

FUNNIES !

“The Wit and Wisdom of Larry the Cable Guy”

1. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
5. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
6. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
7. The early bird may get the worm, but the 2nd mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
8. Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.
9. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
10. Hard Work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.
11. Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
12. Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today may burn your butt tomorrow.

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

