



Our next meeting:

Our next meeting will be **live on Wed, May 7 at Margarita City at 5:30 PM.** So we can start on time, please try to arrive by 5:15 to have a few minutes to place your dinner order, socialize and generally unwind. We need a headcount, so if you haven't already done so, please let me know whether you'll be there. Call or text to 518-366-5299.



Our guest speaker will be Ballston Spa **Lion Ed Moore**, Orientation & Retention Chair on the 20-W Global Membership Team. He will provide a membership orientation that is extremely valuable for both new Lions and older Lions who think they know it all. Potential Lions are also welcome, especially if they're undecided about joining. He will also induct new Lion "Nightwing." Watch for a separate email on this subject.

Earning Some Green by Going Green

You've all got your CLYNK recycling bags; I hope you're using them. If you need more for yourself, **or for any friends or family members who are willing to help us out**, contact Lion Jerry at 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com for more bags.

It's simple: Fill the bag with cans and bottles that are NYS-redeemable (water bottles, soda bottles & cans, beer bottles & cans). Bring the full bag to your nearest Hannaford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account.

Earth Day

We had local children with their parents creating boxes for the bee hives. Lions provided children's books courtesy of the Red Bookshelf and Lion Paul Collins-Hackett and a variety of seeds and tools for planting at the community garden or at one's home. We also created 75 special inspiring greetings cards for our regional spelling bee winner Krrisha as she goes off to Washington to compete nationally. We created a space for the community to come together in fellowship, and to beautify our environment. Refreshments, music, crafts, seeds and plant equipment were provided. [Photos on this page and the next are from Lions Queen and Ruth.]





Your new Board of Directors

In an email vote over the last few weeks, these folks were unanimously elected to serve from July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026:

President	Queen Ghaffar-Adjei
1st Vice President	Paul Collins-Hackett
2nd Vice President	Davia Gaddy
3rd Vice President	Greg Sheldon
Secretary	Jerry Gordon
Treasurer (Club)	Ruth Sano
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug
Tail Twister	S Newton/K Hamlin
Lion Tamer	S Newton/K Hamlin
Leo Chair	Queen Ghaffar-Adjei

Club Administrator	Davia Gaddy
Director, 1st of 2 years	Maryanne Gordon
Director, 1st of 2 years	Mike O'Brien
Director, 2nd of 2 years	Davia Gaddy
Director, 2nd of 2 years	Allen Zieker
Membership Chair	
Marketing Comm Chair	Eva Bass
Immediate Past Pres	Jodi Sheldon
LCIF Coordinator	

Note that there are still some openings if you'd like to be part of our leadership team. Contact jerry if you're interested.



Celebrate Over a Century of Service!

Join us for the 101st Annual MD-20 Lions Clubs Convention as we gather Lions from across New York State and Bermuda to honor our shared legacy and inspire future acts of kindness. This is more than a convention – it's a moment to reflect, connect, and empower each other to serve our communities with greater impact.

- Collection of small Lego kits for Roswell Park Cancer Institute: Each kit will be given to a child waiting for and during their treatments.
- Workshops & Panels: Tools and strategies to elevate your impact as a Lion.
- Networking Opportunities: Build meaningful connections with Lions who share your commitment.
- Hands-on Service Project
- Explore Niagara Falls: Be inspired by one of the world's natural wonders!

Register Today – Together, We Can Achieve Even More!

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025
- Registration Fee: \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door)
- Secure Your Spot Now: <https://md20lionsconvention.org>

If you're planning to attend, please let Jerry know ASAP so he can register you as a delegate.

Happy Birthday!

Happy **May** birthday to these A&T Lions:

7th: Maryanne Gordon
10th: Vici Harris
26th: Allen Zieker

**Happy Anniversary!**

Happy Lions Anniversary to these **May** inductees:

Stefan Fosco: 7 years
Joann Beach: 21 years

Mark Your Calendar

May is Recycle for Sight Month

Wed, May 7: Lions meeting at Margarita City; see p 2

Sun, May 11: Mother's Day

May 16-18, MD20 Convention; see p 4

Mon, May 19: Lions BoD meeting on-line

Mon, May 26: Memorial Day

Fri, May 30: DG Testimonial; see p 6

Sat, Oct 11: Our 100th Anniversary! See p 7

For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org



ORLANDO **2025**
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Lions International Convention is **Sunday, July 13-Thursday, July 17, 2025.**

If you've never been to an international convention, you're missing one of the highlights of the Lions year. You can connect with Lions and Leos from all over the world and build friendships that last a lifetime. You will hear from hundreds of Lion leaders and speakers who will present their ideas and inspire you to even greater levels of service to help you make the most of your Lion experience. Convention is where we celebrate the incredible work of Lions and Leos around the globe. And you can enjoy fantastic attractions, lively cuisine, trendy shopping and iconic theme parks in one of America's truly magical cities.

Here's why you should sign up now: If you register by March 1, the registration fee is \$190 (registration only; doesn't include lodging).

If you wait until March 2-July 10, it's \$265.

And if you wait until the last minute (July 10-July 17), it's \$340.

Visit this website for answers to all your questions: <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

If you're planning to attend, please let Jerry know ASAP so he can register you as a delegate.



NORTHERN NEW YORK LIONS 20W



*Cordially invites you to the Testimonial Dinner honoring
District Governor Holly McConchie*

Friday, May 30, 2025 at Turf Tavern
40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 393-3671

*Meet & Greet: 6:00 – 7:00 PM with Cash Bar
& light Hors d'Oeuvres followed by
introductions and buffet dinner*

*Dinner: House & Caesar Salads, Warm Rolls &
Whipped Butter, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Baked
Scrod, and Tuscan Chicken, Potato or Rice, Fresh
Vegetable, and Carrot Cake (ice cream available for
Gluten Free) Coffee & Tea*

*Price: \$60.00 Prepayment to
Margo Walrath, 13 Marilyn Drive
Glenville, NY 12302 preferred*

*RSVP: Lion Margo Walrath
lionmargo20w@gmail.com
by Monday, May 19th*

Block of Rooms reserved at Hampton Inn, use link to reserve:

1 King Pillowtop Bed Nonsmoking - \$161.82

2 Queen Pillowtop Beds Nonsmoking - \$171.12

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/albsyhx-600-9ed631ef-1943-40a8-8e54-1ad091a54a6f/>

Dress Code – Business Casual





Back in 1925...

- ...Calvin Coolidge was president
- ...Prohibition was the law
- ...Capone and Corleone were not
- ...Great Gatsby lived in "style"
- ...Everyone was doing the Charleston
- ...Lions became "Knights of the Blind"

And...

***Saratoga Springs,
Albany & Troy
Lions Clubs were chartered!***



Save the date
to celebrate 100 years of service with us!

October 11, 2025



Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs





Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?



**If you don't need it anymore, we will turn it into
hats, mittens and scarves for the needy**



Warm Woolen Wishes Project

Helping Hands



Creating Comfort



Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us
reach our goal of 500 items by the end of 2025.

This helps us help everyone.

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy

Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric, let us know. We will be
happy to pick it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany & Troy Lions at ALBANYTROYLIONS@GMAIL.COM
or Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796

