

Galway Lions News

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Galway, NY

"Smallest Incorporated Village in New York State"



The Galway Lions Spelling bee was held on January 6th at Galway Central School, and the grand prize winner, Ryan Stead, is pictured on the left with Brooke Martin, second place winner. On the right, Lion Adam is pictured with Ryan and the third place winner, both of whom will compete in the regional bee at Proctor's Theatre at a later date. Both of are holding the electronic dictionaries awarded by the Lions Club. We have sponsored the spelling bee for 12 years.

When is our next meeting? Who is the speaker going to be? What is our meal going to be? When is our next board meeting? Is our meeting room occupied next week? When can my committee use the room?

I get asked these questions (and more) quite often. The real answer is.....all of this information is on our website. That's right!!!

Some new pages have been added to our website that will give you all the information you'll ever need on these subjects.

www.galwaylionsclubny.org is the place to go. Fear not....you can still ask me or other members about any or all of these subjects. We'll help you out!

Also, new Lions Kevin Hertzell and Ray Pasioka have volunteered to help with the website. Thanks, Lions Kevin & Ray!!

Galway Lions Club
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Date of next meeting
at the Cock 'n Bull
Restaurant will be on
Monday, February
7th, at 7 PM.
NOTE: THIS IS A
CHANGE

Lion Gerry Minkler chairs our membership committee and submitted the following quality article for this edition of Galway Lions News

Long Term Health Care

As we get older, we hear more and more about providing for our Long Term Health needs. Some of us act on it and some of us don't.

Our Lions Club needs Long Term Health Care as well. It is called MEMBERSHIP. Some of us act on that need and some don't. Those who do are called SPONSORS.

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in the community.

But without the sponsor, there would be no new members. The sponsor is the Lion who understands that without new members their Club will not be able to carry on because of the resulting declining membership and the additional burden that places on the remaining members.

There would be no new projects. With the increased work load the remaining members have trouble keeping the current projects going, both fund raising and activities to help the community.

Without new thoughts we all get stuck in the same old ways of doing things and those ways get stale to the community who support us.

This year Galway has had a great deal of success in bringing an unprecedented twelve new members to the Club thanks to the efforts of those who acted as their sponsors.

The Membership Committee would like all our members to seek out a recent sponsor and thank them for the selfless act that offered an opportunity to another community member to become a Lion and for thinking of the long term health of our Club.

Bob Eaton	(Laurie Eaton, Wendi & Jason Dickerson)
Orv Curtiss	(Judy Curtiss)
Jim Bailie	(Jill Bailie)
Ted Lovesass	(Ray Pasieka)
Jim Hosdoll	(Ruth Hodsoll)
Helen Lasky	(Rob Hadley)
Gerry Minkler	(Kathy & Jeff Miller)
Ed Pike	(Kevin Hertzell)
Jay Mechanick	(Rich Tucker)

Who are the Galway Lions?

For more than 30 years, Galway Lions have provided valuable community service, and several of them have been recognized for their efforts. Below you will see who they are and the recognitions they have earned.

The next issue of Galway Lions News will feature more members who have been recognized for their community service.

Charter Members

C. Donald Carpenter, Jr. Orville B. Curtiss Jon Hallgren
R. James Hodsoll Theodore J. Lovelass H. Richard Rhodes
John Thibado

Life Members

These Galway Lions have been named Life Members of the club by their peers, in honor and in respect for their humanitarian service and support of the Galway Lions Club and beyond

Orville B. Curtiss Theodore J. Lovelass H. Richard Rhodes

Melvin Jones Fellows

A Melvin Jones Fellowship is not an award. It is recognition for humanitarian service

Richard F. Cinella	<u>Orville B. Curtiss **</u>	R. James Hodsoll
Theodore J. Lovelass	<u>** Presented three times</u>	Thomas C. Nowicki
Neila C. Nowicki	<u>H. Richard Rhodes *</u>	Philip G. Putnam
Richard C. Sleeper	<u>Gerard L. Minkler *</u>	William P. Watermann
	<u>* Presented two times</u>	

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. Those among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Author: [Dr. Albert Schweitzer](#)

A few months ago, the Galway Lions Club, through the efforts of Lion Dusty, donated \$250.00 to an orphanage in Afghanistan. The picture below shows some of the children with the gifts donated by our club. (12 soccer balls w/inflation needles and pump, 5 kites with strings and handles.



Visit us on the web to buy your tickets to the 12th Annual Songfest performance, sponsored by the Galway Lions Club. Here's the web address. www.galwaylionsclubny.com
In addition, if you have tickets to sell: **Get out there and sell them!!!!**

Travels of Lion Luke!!



Lion Luke heads out from Amsterdam Auto Parts to make a delivery, and after his tiring trip, catches some rays with his new buddy.

TREASURER's REPORT

Hello fellow Lions. This being my first report of the year, I've got a lot to talk about. Listed below you will find what we made on our various fundraisers (Thanks to your hard work), and how we spent it in our community and beyond.

First the Receipts:

- **Wings n Wheels** **\$3,515**
- **Rosie's Walk** **12,891**
- **Octoberfest** **4,791**
- **Tree Wrap** **1,391**

Where we spent it:

- **American Diabetes Association** **\$3,958**
- **Juvenile Diabetes Res. Found.** **3,858**
- **Galway Central School** **3,258**
- **Christmas Baskets** **2,000**
- **Galway EMS** **1,400**
- **Building Insurance** **767**
- **Harmony Corners Fire Dept.** **550**
- **Lions Camp Badger** **500**
- **Vision Care vouchers** **500**
- **Canines for Combat Veterans** **250**
- **Spelling Bee prizes** **210**
- **Galway Junior Rifle Club** **200**
- **Hometown Soldier Fund** **150**
- **Citizenship Awards** **150**
- **Guide Dog Foundation** **100**
- **Perth Volunteer Fire Co.** **100**

Please note that the first three items and \$600 of the EMS donation are the result of the Walkathon. There are also several other smaller items I didn't mention here.

Also, if you've ever wondered what we do with your dues money, the answer is we pay dues too. We pay them to several agencies that oversee our district and all Lions Clubs. So far this year we've paid:

- **Lions Clubs International** **\$2,568**
- **Multiple District 20** **1,170**
- **District 20 Y2** **124**

I hope you find this information useful, and as usual if you have any questions about the Club's finances don't hesitate to contact me. (Lion Mark Dzierga)



Lion Dusty checks his notes while inducting Lion Kathleen Miller as the newest member of the Galway Lions Club, as Kathleen's husband, Lion Jeff, affixes her membership pin. Congratulations, Lion Kathleen!! (There are now 69 members in the Galway Lions Club and more prospective members are signing up)

Sell those Songfest tickets!

**Next Meeting Night
has been changed!!!!
Monday, February 7th,
at 7 PM, at the Cock 'n
Bull Restaurant.**

Thought for the day:

Some people ask, "Why is community service such an important quality and trait for a person to possess?" Without community service people would not know the meaning of charity and giving back. Community service can be defined as a service that is performed for the benefit of the public.