



September-October, 2009

# Galway Lions News

## Galway Lions Break Ground For Addition to Building

Lion Phil Putnam operates his backhoe to start construction of a new addition to Galway Lions Club building on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.



After a ton of paperwork, a lot of waiting, and much anticipation, work has finally started on our plan to expand our building so that the Galway Food Pantry will have more room to store and distribute food items for families from the towns of Galway and Providence. Our goal is to finish construction as soon as possible, but our progress will depend on the participation of all of the Galway Lions in this great project.



And then the rains came!!!

Despite some nasty weather, a delay in getting a building permit, and other factors, work started on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2009. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, several local carpenters (at the urging of Lion Ed Pike) showed up to frame and sheathe the addition to our building. Coffee and doughnuts were available early, followed by delicious chili, provided by Galway Lions and Lioness members. Lions president Neila Nowicki worked diligently (and served the chili!!)



**Footings & Foundation Poured  
(September 7, 2009)**



**Lion Bob Eaton Backfills Around  
Foundation (Sept. 9, 2009)**

**Lions Curtiss, Minkler, Cinella, Putnam, and  
others erect first section of wall (Oct. 3, 2009)**



**Lions Bill Watermann, Jim Hodsoll, and Ed  
Pike backfill and tamp soil (Sep. 10, 2009)**



**Roof rafters are carried to the building by  
Lions Minkler and Errig (Oct. 3, 2009)**



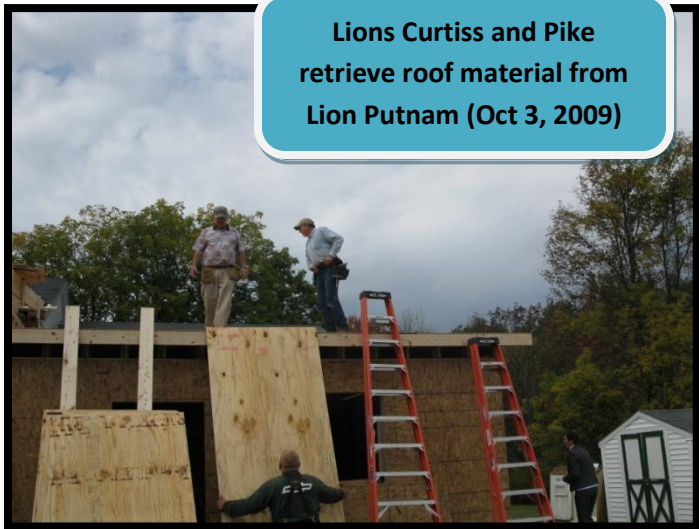
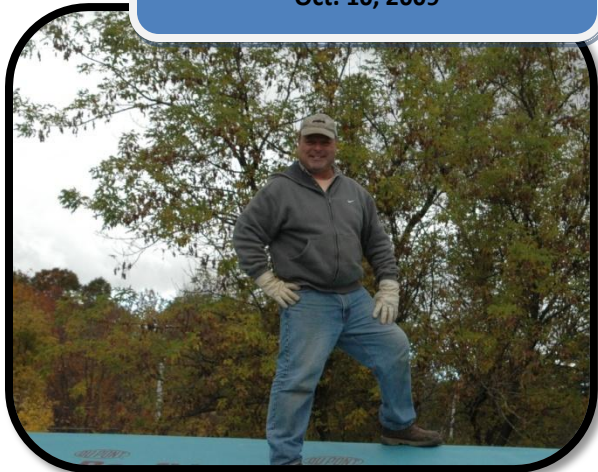
**Hi: I'm Dr. Phil  
We Need Your Help.  
Call Lion Ed@  
423-9128 or Lion  
Orv@577-8861**



Lions Putnam and Pike set and nail rafters as Lions Rhodes, Minkler, and Dzierga remain on the ground (Oct. 3,



Lion Jack Womer is "King of the Hill" (at least at the Lions building!!) Oct. 10, 2009

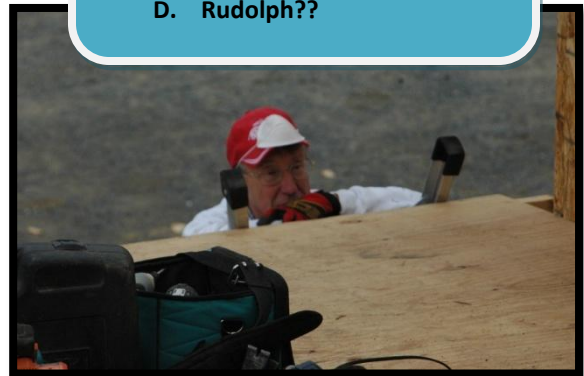


Lions Curtiss and Pike retrieve roof material from Lion Putnam (Oct 3, 2009)

Question of the day.....Is this:  
 A. Kilroy??  
 B. Santa??  
 C. Lion Chuck??  
 D. Rudolph??



Lions Womer & Pike apply roof adhesive as Lions Putnam & Hodsoll work on another job (Oct. 10, 2009)



## More Computers For More Kids

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, ten more refurbished computers were delivered to Galway Central School. These computers were made possible through a program of repair and refurbishment by the Elfun Society, a group of retired General Electric electrical engineers. They make the computers available to local not for profit organizations. The Galway Lions Club initially received ten computers and gifted them to the Galway Elementary School. These computers have been donated to the Galway Middle School. Here's the email note from

Mr. Paul Berry, Middle School Principal:

**“On behalf of the middle school community, thank you for the donation of these ten computers. Soon there will be ten very happy families.”**

Here are a couple of pictures of the computer delivery at Galway Central School:



Lions President, Neila Nowicki, and Lions Bob Pandori, and Bob Eaton, with Middle School principal, Paul Berry unload computers, monitors, and keyboards from the Galway Lions trailer.



Five Middle School students help unload computers, along with Lion Bob Pandori (standing in doorway) and Middle School principal, Paul Berry (R)

Get your reservation for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Night celebration to Lion Gerry Minkler!! Call him at 882-6307, or email him at: [galwaylion64@aol.com](mailto:galwaylion64@aol.com)

The cost is only \$25.00 per person

The event is on November 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown

**See page 8 of this newsletter for details!!!!**

## **And Madam King Lion Neila Says.....**

Swine flu is very contagious - let your enthusiasm for Lionism be as contagious to others.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who have been working on the bldg. esp. the bldg. committee which is Lions Orv, Putnam and Pike - great job!

Here are the upcoming dates to remember:

October 24 - National "Make-A-Difference" day - do something on this day to make a difference in someone's life - it will make you all feel better.

10/26 - Regular Lion's mtg - DRESS FOR HALLOWEEN  
Plan to stay after mtg. to set up for tomorrow.

10/27 - Lions Octoberfest at Cock 'N Bull.

11/2 - Board mtg. at Bob's Trees - 6:30

11/7 - Fall conference - Longfellow's

11/9 - Bloodmobile at GHS Noon to 6 PM  
Regular Lion's mtg. - 7 PM

11/16 - Zone mtg. - Ballston Spa

11/20 - Galway 30 year charter night - Holiday Inn in  
Johnstown

11//23 - Regular meeting of Galway Lions Club - CANCELLED

### **Note from the editor.....**

Thanks to Lions president Neila, Treasurer Mark, and VP Adam, for their fine articles for this issue of the "Galway Lions News". Your valuable input is essential to the exciting content of our newsletter. I encourage other board members and club officers to follow their lead and provide timely and interesting commentary to our (almost) monthly periodical.

## **Quote of the day.....**

*"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."*

--Vince Lombardi

## Treasurer's Report

Greetings fellow Lions. This is the first installment of a regular column I plan to write for our newsletter. My goal is to keep you informed as to the state of the Club's finances and our efforts to help the members of our community. You all work hard at our various fundraisers and I'm sure you would be interested in knowing where the money goes.

The majority of our spending is planned in the budget and recurs year after year. There are many other opportunities that arise during the year to help people in our community, and the decisions to do so are made at the Board of Directors meetings. I will report these to you as well. I will also report on any major donations we receive.

Since our year began on July 1st, several things have happened that impact the Club's finances. The first of course is the budget for the upcoming year which we formulated and passed in July. Thanks to Finance Committee Chairman Lion Jack Womer and the other members of the committee for their hard work. At the urging of Lion Ed Pike, himself a former Treasurer, we added the Walkathon to the budget for the first time. This should improve accountability and transparency. The Walkathon, which was held on September 19th, has to date resulted in \$11,678 in donations which will allow us to donate approximately \$3,600 to each of the three charities chosen this year to receive the money. I will report the exact amounts when we pay our expenses and actually distribute the money.

We received the initial \$10,000 payment from a grant from the Dockstader Trust for our Lions Building addition which has been spent and we are currently seeking our second \$10,000 installment.

To date we have spent \$275 to aid our community. \$200 was given to the Galway Junior Rifle Club and \$75 to the Galway Youth Commission Summer recreation program. As the year progresses, this type of spending will increase dramatically and I will report it to you as it occurs.

Lastly, if you have any questions about your club's finances, feel free to contact me.

Lion Mark Dzierga  
Club Treasurer



**Your message could be here!!**

**Dig in!!**

**Send your news article to your newsletter editor.**

**Thanks!!!!**

(your editor is-Lion Orv)  
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## Extension: Change the outcome of someone's life.

I'd like to thank everyone for the kind words after the meeting about my message and the continued support I receive from the club as the Zone Chairman. I know that I asked for this club to take on a task that is very in-depth, and I hope that the board of directors will favorably review my request.

I was thinking about Greenfield Lions Club last night when something hit me. Our District Governor is from Greenfield. If we had never extended to that area, our DG may not even be a Lion today.

This year our District Governor is focusing on a few different things, but one of his new projects is a diabetes education project for the schools. It's a program that allows teachers to frame it as a lesson for the children, and it also has children with diabetes talk to their peers and explain what it's like to live with it, rather than an adult telling them too much sugar and candy is bad. After the initial program goes through a few schools being tested, we'll all be able to sell this program to the community. We would have never had this program come to the area had it not been for DG Ed being a Lion. By extending to Greenfield, we not only changed the outcome of DG Ed's life, we very well may have put in motion an idea that will change the outcome of thousands of children's lives.

Even our very own Lion Phil transferred from there, and I like to think he's a great asset to our club. None of this would have happened had we not put in the effort to open a club in Greenfield in the first place.

I understand that I've spent most of my time explaining why we should start a new club, but the next logical question for the membership is, "How do we do it?" The first thing we need to do is find a viable community that doesn't receive the services of a Lions Club which we can then discuss with the board to make a selection. From there we're going to need to come up with our extension team, specifically our recruiting teams that will go to the local businesses and community leaders to get charter members. This is why I asked the Galway Lions Club to do this. We have the manpower to put together the required teams to make extension possible. Whatever community we decide to go into we need to realize that we must have 20 charter members to start a club. As part of a recruiting team you'll be a huge part of the success of starting a new club.

Starting a new club will be fun for us. We will be able to have a feeling of great satisfaction at the result of a new club forming in our district. When we hear about the things the new club did for the families, individuals, and organizations in their community, we'll be able to look at the club with pride knowing it was a direct result of our actions.

I know we're capable of forming a new club, and I am personally excited about the prospects of success our club will have when we do it. I hope you are too!

(article written by Zone Chairman and Galway Lion, Adam Pandori)

### **Note from the editor:**

Lion Adam Pandori recently chaired a Zone meeting in Galway and I can tell you that Lion Adam conducted the meeting in a highly professional manner. The Galway Lions Club is fortunate that Lion Adam has stepped up and accepted the Zone Chairmanship. We should be extremely proud of Lion Adam as he enthusiastically leads the Galway, Amsterdam, Ballston Spa, Greenfield, and Scotia-Glenville Lions clubs at the zone level. Thanks, Lion Adam!!

# Let's Celebrate 30 Years of Lionism in Galway!!

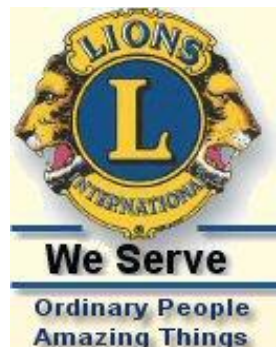
The Galway Lions Club is proud to announce our celebration of 30 years of service to the Galway community and beyond

Please join us at the Johnstown-Gloversville Holiday Inn on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Holiday Inn is located at 308 North Comrie Avenue (Route 30-A), Johnstown, NY

At 6:30 PM we'll welcome you with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and friendly smiles!!!  
Cash bar is available.

At 7:15 PM, we will dine on a choice of:

1. Chicken Marsala
2. Petite cut Rib of Prime Beef, Au Jus
3. Fresh Atlantic Haddock
4. Vegetarian (chef's choice)



All meals include:

Tossed Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, Mixed Beans & Baby Carrots Medley with Ice Cream for dessert

During dinner, we'll be entertained with a medley of music performed by a local vocalist.

After dinner, Charter President, PCC Dusty Rhodes, will introduce our special guests, Past International Director, Dr. Ed Cordes, & Lion/Lioness Gail, and Past International Director, John Rabideau, & Lion Bernie

-----Cut here and mail it with your dinner choice and \$\$\$\$-----

Please send, email, or phone your reservation to: (Please RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>)

Lion Gerry Minkler  
PO Box 516  
Galway, NY 12074  
[Galwaylion64@aol.com](mailto:Galwaylion64@aol.com)

Make checks payable to:  
Galway Lions Club

Chicken Marsala  
 Petite Prime Rib  
 Fresh Atlantic Haddock  
 Vegetarian  
(mark your selection above)

Your check in the amount of \$25.00 per meal is appreciated with your reservation, although you may pay at the night of the event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lions/Lioness Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ /Phone# \_\_\_\_\_



## **October Board Meeting Highlights**

### **LEO Club report given by Lions Sleeper:**

Held our first organizational meeting at 2:30 on Sept 18 at the high school. Several potential new Leos were present.

Leos will donate \$100 to Rosie's Walkathon

Decided to hold this year's meetings at the high school at @2:30 PM on the first Monday of each month.

Will be raking leaves at the village park in late October.

Some Leos helped at the Harvest Festival on Sept 25 and 26 for the Galway Library.

Helped with the food pantry's clothing drive in August.

Also a few Leos helped with Family Fun Day at the town hall back in July.

Next meeting will be on Mon. Oct. 5 , 2:30 at the high school. Advisor Sleeper is looking for Lion to attend this meeting, since he can't be there.

### **BALLFIELD Report given by Lions Sleeper:**

The field was maintained fairly well by the Baseball couches etc. During the playing season, but after the beginning of July when the games ended, nothing was done. Weeds in the baselines flourished and remain untouched. A meeting will be held soon with members of the baseball/softball committee and some Lions to discuss and make some rules regarding future upkeep and funding of these fields.

Sept. 13. Rented an edger from Advantage Rentals. Re-cut the baselines, shoveled the edges, and sprayed Roundup on all baselines. Workers were Lions Gerry Minkler, Bob Hartman, Grant Eaton, Rod Wilday. Anthony Giglio and Dick Sleeper. Stan Malinoski from the baseball committee also helped.

Sept. 26. Bob Hartman, Rod Wilday and Dick Sleeper rototilled, dragged and raked out the dead weeds on all base paths. Bob Hartman's two sons Zachary and Taylor also helped.

Sept. 16 Lion Bob Eaton spread fertilizer on the entire turf of both field.

ZONE - Lion Pandori reported Charter Night for Gloversville and Ballston Spa will be attended by some of our members.

CHARTER NIGHT - Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, cost of \$25/pp, cash bar. Lion Curtiss is working on the flyer.

Motion was made by Lion Rhodes to cancel the Monday night membership meeting following the event. Motion seconded by Lion Curtiss, all in favor.

**TREE WRAP - Target first Sat. in Dec.**

**BLOOD DRIVE - Mon., November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**OLD BUSINESS - Lion Minkler requested a discussion on the policy and future of the Cervenka Memorial Fund.**

**Lion Curtiss reported Lion Hodsoll would like to come off the membership committee. Lion Wormer volunteered to take Lion Hodsoll's place. Committee members are Lions Curtiss, Minkler and Wormer.**

**Lion Sleeper reported the Elementary Schools ink cartridge collection box at the post office is overflowing. Lion Curtiss will e-mail Principal Griffin.**

**Lion Eaton discussed the need to revamp our Mint fundraiser. Two volunteers needed. Motion made by Lion Curtiss to overhaul the program, seconded by Lion Minkler, all in favor, so.**

**Madam KL Nowicki suggested starting a Make-A-Difference-Day, as a way to thank the community for their support.**



**The End!!!!**

