



Galway Lions News

And The Prez Sez:

"I've learned that 2 people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different".

First of all I'd like to thank the budget committee for putting a good working budget together - that is Lions, Womer, Dzierga, Curtiss, Minkler and Hodsoll.

The Wings N Wheels held in June provided "not-so-good" weather but I think everyone had a good time. A final report is still in progress - will keep you informed.

Fair parking held on July 14 at the Ballston Spa Fair was a beautiful day with many Lions and Lioness participating. Thank you chairman PDG Tom and everyone who worked (also the 2 friends, Warren Oliver, and Laurie Walters).

A special "thank-you" to Lion Pike for installing the new toilet at the pantry. All volunteers are eternally grateful, esp. the morning coffee drinkers.

We are working on changes to the policy guide and hope to have it ready by the Sept. Mtg. Lion Gerry Minkler is heading this project.

Don't forget our 30-year charter night coming up in November. The committee is in progress.

There will be a clothing/furniture drive on Sat. 8/8 from 9 to 1 - drop off at the elementary school. This is done in conjunction with the food pantry. Donations go to the Salvation Army and we are given vouchers for our clients in return.

Thank-you to the anonymous Lion who donated the flag that flies over the Lions building.

Shirts - we will be placing an order

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soon so check your closets to see if you need a replacement. We want to make sure everyone has a shirt to represent our club. We will be ordering t-shirts also at a cost of \$6.00 - sweatshirts are \$18 and Golf shirts - \$16 - hats are \$8.00.

Lion Jack Womer has been chosen to attend Leadership school in Syracuse in October - congratulations Lion Jack.

Walk-a-thon will be held on 9/19 with Lion Hodsoll as chairman. Anyone interested in helping - please contact Lion Jim.

In closing I would just like to say: "do something nice for someone every day - even if it's only to give them a smile because they don't have one".

Madam KL

FYI:

The Century Dictionary defines 'Madam' as follows:

Century Dictionary (2)

1. My lady; lady: originally a formal term of address to a lady (a woman of rank or authority, or the mistress of a household); now a conventional term of address to women of any degree, but chiefly to married and matronly women.
2. To address as madam.

You'll find more great Galway Lions News on all of the following pages. Take a look!!

Quote Of The Day

"I really didn't say everything I said"
(Yogi Berra)

Have you moved?
Have you changed your email or snail mail address?
How about your phone number?

If any of these conditions are true, please let Secretary Orv know. Send your change to:
PDGOrv@aol.com

Don't forget to send your completed questionnaire to: Galway Lions Club, PO Box 244, Galway, NY in the self address, stamped envelope that was sent to you with the questionnaire. Thanks.

Lions + Computers = Happy Kids!!



LIONS DONATE COMPUTERS

(l to r) Lions Jim Hodsoll, Chuck Errig, Bob Eaton, and Norm Griffin.

On June 22nd, your editor received the following email from Lion Norm Griffin:

"It was my extreme pleasure today to receive eight (8) computers, hard drives, key boards, printers, and the wiring for such technology from the Galway Lions Club. Lions Bob, Jim & Chuck are to be commended for all of their hard work while delivering, sorting and then moving everything into the library. They deserve many kudos on a job well done!!"

NOTE: The computers were rebuilt by the Elfun Society in Schenectady, an organization comprised of retired General Electric engineers. The computers were subsequently given to the Galway Lions Club for distribution.

Here's Lion Tom Nowicki's Fair Parking Report:

I would like to thank all of the Lions, Lioness, and friends for making this years fair parking project a success. More time was spent this year than normal because we were working for the American Legion Post 91 in Mechanicville.

A total of 28 Lions, 8 Lioness, and two non Lions worked a total of 170 hours on this project. That total includes both parking and administrative time. For our efforts, we will be paid \$1,000.00 by the Legion.

Our only expense this year was for marking lime (\$27.16). Lion Glenn Babcock made the ice for us and I was able to find water for \$2.99 per case and donated it for the cause. The dollar per hour made by all worked out to be \$5.72. The Lioness worked a total of 32 hours and should receive a check from the Galway Lions Club for \$183.04.

At present we do not know if the Legion will do fair parking next year, or if they will invite us back. I hope that they do and will be in contact with them throughout the year. This project is very important to our club as the monies raised go into our Administrative fund.

News and Notes About The Galway Lions Club Building

Last winter (maybe early spring) I wrote that our plan for the building expansion was to start construction in April or May. We obtained the proper architect drawings and related paperwork (lots of it) and applied for the building permit. Everything was in proper order, except for one thing.

We needed a setback variance from the Town of Galway Zoning Board of Appeals. After a few more pounds of paper, the application for an appeal was filed with the town. A public hearing and a ZBA meeting will be held on August 12th, at 7:30 PM at the Galway Town Hall. At the public hearing, I will represent the Galway Lions Club. Others will be given the opportunity to speak for or against the appeal. If all goes well, we hope get our permit soon after the ZBA votes on our application at their meeting. After we get the permit, construction

will commence. You can expect to be called to help with the many tasks that need to be accomplished. I'll do my best to keep you informed by direct email, snail mail, or maybe the holler method! Stay tuned!!

Last March, we experienced a problem with the septic system at the building. We had the septic tank pumped out and all was well (we thought), then the stinky problem reappeared. Then we had the drain line from the toilet to the tank cleaned out. It appears that the drain line from the kitchen sink to the tank was not sealed properly (several years ago) and a large root ball had grown through the opening to the tank and plugged the main sewer line from the toilet. Lion Ed Pike installed a new toilet (the old one needed to be retired) and all is well again. The replacement toilet is a "comfort height" model.

(Article written by Lion Orv Curtiss)

Communications (since July 1, 2009)

1. IRS document regarding tax filing instructions and forms
2. Galway Post Office bill for PO Box
3. Ltr of monetary solicitation from Girl Scouts of NENY, at Albany
4. Ltr of monetary solicitation from Galway PTSA.
5. Ltr of monetary solicitation from Galway EMS.
6. Ltr of thanks from Karen Jackson re: HOBY attendance.
7. Ltr of thanks from Galway Head Start re: recent donation.
8. Card of thanks from Camp Badger re: \$500.00 donation
9. Note of thanks from Judy Knowlton re: KOB award
10. Note of thanks from Rachel Reichard re: citizenship award
11. Card of thanks from Galway EMS for our recent donation of \$800.00
12. Card of thanks from West Charlton Fire Department for our recent donation
13. Note from a Galway resident for our recent donation of a computer.
14. Note of thanks from Sarah Best for receipt of \$250.00 Rosalie Eaton Memorial Award
15. Card of thanks from Kyle Donnan for receipt of the Galway Lions Club/George F. Cervenka Award in the amount of \$750.00
16. Ltr of thanks from the GGCSA for our support of the Easter Basket Project
17. Ltr of notification from the Town of Galway Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding our variance application

Board Meeting Highlights

MEALS - Lion Cinella will continue as liaison with the Cock & Bull. Lion Burton will continue to head the calling committee.

PROGRAM - Lion Errig will be lining up speakers for the upcoming meetings. All suggestions are welcome. Lion A. Pandori will be speaking at the Oct. 12th meeting.

FAIR PARKING - Lion T. Nowicki reported needing one more volunteer to help with the lines for parking. The fundraiser is sponsored by the American Legion of Mechanicville. Lioness club will participate again this year.

SUNSHINE - Lion Burton will continue as Chairperson. Board agreed to increase petty cash to \$45 for the purchase of cards.

ZONE - Lion A. Pandori reported the first Zone meeting will be held in August. Attendance is by invitation only of Presidents, V. Presidents and Secretaries. A discussion was held on the reasoning for the limitations this year.

OCTOBERFEST - Tuesday, October 27th.

COMPUTERS - Lion B. Eaton distributed a list of possible recipients from the Elementary school. Lion Minkler requested that the Middle School and High School also be included. Lion Norm Griffin, Principal of the Elementary School, will coordinate between the three schools to insure one computer will be awarded per family. Motion was made by Lion Curtiss to purchase another 10 computers at the cost of \$16, for a total of \$160, seconded by Lion Errig, all in favor.

VISION SCREENING - Lion A. Pandori reported Vision Screener now working. NABA has showed interest in seeing how it works. Madam KL Nowicki emphasized getting the Screener used as much as possible.

LIONESS - Upcoming fundraiser Oct. 24th.

LEO CLUB - Lion Sleeper reported new officers have been installed. Lion Sleeper will step down as Chairperson but will continue to assist. Madam KL Nowicki reported Lion Dawn Davis-Marks has agreed to take the position. Lion M. Ross has offered to help. The club has 13 members.

WALK-A-THON - Lion Hodsoll requested the Board to make a decision on this year's recipient of the profits. After discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Lion Sleeper that 1/3 of the profits will be split between NABA and the Hearing Society. Lions Minkler and Curtiss will research the needs of the recipients.

MD-20 LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - Madam KL Nowicki reported that Lion Womer will attend this year.

CHARTER NIGHT - Madam KL Nowicki reported IPP were responsible for chairing the event. IPP Errig will head the event. Lion Minkler discussed the pins for the anniversary.

WINGS & WHEELS - Lion Dzierga distributed the income statement. This is not a final report due to shirts still being sold and outstanding expenditures.

SONGFEST - Lion Pike reported applications have been submitted for the use of the facilities.

BALLFIELD - Lion Sleeper discussed the distribution of further funding of the fields. A discussion was also held on the subject of the sign. Lion Hodsoll recommended forming a sign sub-committee. Lions Pike and Minkler agreed to participate.

NEW BUSINESS - Madam KL Nowicki discussed ways of helping new Lions meet fellow Lions.

Here's a blast from the past!! It's from one of our early newsletters,
written by former charter member, Lion John Allen

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Galway, N.Y.

NEPOTISM (nĕp' ŏ. tĭz'm), n. [Through F. & It., fr. L nepos, nepotis.] Favoritism shown to nephews and other relatives; bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship rather than merit.

At our last meeting, March 24, the raffle ticket was drawn by our guest speaker, cadet Brian Rhodes. Who won? you say? King Lion Dusty, ans. Next the HA HA club drawing. Mr. Harold Rhodes of Tonawanda, N.Y., King Dusty's father, drew. Who won? Ans. King Dusty.

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### **Coming Events**

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| Next Board meeting:    | Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> , <b>TUESDAY</b> , 6:30 PM @ Bob's Trees                                         |
| 20-Y2 Cabinet Meeting: | Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday (details later)                                                      |
| Road Clean-up          | Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> , Monday, 5:30 PM @ Salt Hill (prior to our regular meeting at the Cock N Bull) |
| Blood Mobile           | Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> , Monday, Noon to 6 PM @ Galway High School                                     |
| 20-Y2 Fall Conference  | Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday (details later)                                                        |
| Walkathon              | Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> , Galway High School                                                            |

### **Dues, Dues, Dues**

Yes, it's that time of year again.....Treasurer Mark Dzierga is patiently awaiting your check in the amount of \$65.00 (for full annual payment) or \$32.50 for semi-annual payment. Please send your check to:

**Galway Lions Club, PO Box 244, Galway, NY 12074-0244**

The Galway Food Pantry is in dire need of

canned soup and bar soap

**Please bring some of each to our first meeting  
on September 14<sup>th</sup>**

or drop some off at the pantry building any time

**THANKS!!**

**FYI: The Galway Food Pantry served 82 families in July—and that  
included 13 new families**

Your Charter Night Committee has been appointed and is working on our 30 year Charter Night....to be held in November. Lion Chuck Errig is chair of the committee, assisted by PDG Orv Curtiss, PDG Dusty Rhodes, Lion Phil Putnam, and Lion Gerry Minkler.





**Here's a note from Luke Cole, a Galway youth who attended Camp Colby, and was sponsored by the Galway Lions Club**

Dear Galway Lions Club

Thank you for sending me to DEC's Camp Colby. I had a great time there.

I went to Camp Colby on July 26, through August 1st. Each day there was a new, fun, exciting thing to do. One of my favorite activities was going hiking. A group of campers and staff and I went hiking up St. Regis mountain. The mountain wasn't too steep until the end. On the top of the mountain, there was a beautiful view. We stayed up there for lunch, and that was a fun experience. I also did a wide range of other activities, including, canoeing, swimming, looking for forest creatures, searching inside owl pellets, ultimate Frisbee, and kickball.

Everything about the camp was fun. There was a wide range of staff, including cooks, directors, counselors, and volunteers. Out of all of them, my favorite would have to be the counselor, Jerry. He was very funny and nice, along with being my cabins supervisor.

I was placed in the Cabin Haystack. The cabin was filled with nice kids, from all over the state. It was cool to see what their lives were like. The cabins were very nice and clean. There wasn't a single thing I didn't like about camp.

So thank you Galway Lions club, for not only sponsoring me to go to camp, but giving me an experience I'll never forget.



**Once more, Galway Lions support our youth**