

GALWAY LIONS LOOK FOR COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS TO CELEBRATE OUR 100TH NATIONAL BIRTHDAY

Lions International turns 100 years old in 2017 and the Galway Lion's Club is celebrating this very impressive achievement. Lions International has challenged each club in this Centennial year to focus their service projects on four areas – “Sharing the Vision”, “Engaging our Youth”, “Relieving the Hunger” and “Protecting the Environment”. While continuing our strong efforts in sight and vision, with our youth and helping to prevent any hunger (please see below), the Galway Lions would like to get input from the Galway community to decide where to focus our environmental efforts. We would very much appreciate Greater Galway residents letting us know if there is an environmental need or problem in the community which could be helped by Lions' assistance. You can contact us by leaving a message on our facebook page or with club president John Sutton at JohnS147@aol.com. If you have something to send us, our address is PO Box 244, Galway, New York 12074

GALWAY LIONS WORK IN SIGHT AND HEARING, OUR KIDS AND HUNGER

SIGHT AND HEARING – We will continue to support fully both the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) and the Lion's Eye Bank; we will continue to collect and donate eyeglasses for use by persons in need worldwide; we will continue to offer vouchers for free eyeglasses to students in need and provide other vision related assistance to students; we will continue to help conduct vision screening programs to youth and plan to expand to adults; we will continue to assist income eligible persons in the purchase of hearing aids: and we will continue to donate to other vision and hearing related efforts;

ENGAGING OUR YOUTH – The Galway Lions own the baseball and softball fields which adjoin our clubhouse. Each year over a hundred boys and girls from the Galway Baseball and Softball League play ball on the fields. The club is a major supporter of the Scouting programs in the community with many former and current Scout leaders in our ranks. We give recognition to good citizenship by our school students by presenting cash awards three times a year (total of nine awards) to deserving elementary and jr-sr high school students. The Orville Curtiss art awards provide financial assistance for underclassmen at Galway Central to attend courses, training, workshops or similar offerings to enhance their experience and talent in the performing arts with a new award in the fine arts being planned. The annual school spelling bee is sponsored by the Galway Lions, with prizes provided to all participants and cash awards to the winner and runner-up. And last but not least, the Galway Lions sponsor the high school Leo club where our local high school students have the opportunity to learn how to manage a club, fundraise and provide community service.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY – The Galway Lions own and provide the building for the Galway Food Pantry which is operated by the Greater Galway Community Services Association, Inc. The GGCSA pays utilities and provides all staff for the Pantry. Our members provide assistance and vehicles for regular runs to the regional food bank. The Lions trailer transports an average of four thousand pounds of food to the panty each month.