



December 2007

Club #1260-008019-20N

2007/2008 Club Officers

President: Nick Piestrak

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Secretary: Milt Dickerson

Lion Tamer: Casey Surdej

Tail Twister: Gene Zinni

Chaplain: Chuck Huber

*** Christmas Party – December 11 ***

Join us for our annual holiday party, once again being held at the Lockport Locks Restaurant, starting at 6:30.

We will enjoy a similar buffet as last year, with the delicious Seafood Newburg, roast beef, pasta, potato, salad, and dessert. The cost is \$22/person, and the club will pay for two drinks each. **Please bring a \$10 wrapped toy and indicate whether for a boy or girl.** These will be distributed to needy children in our area.

RSVP to Lion Zinni 433-5354.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 8 – NO MEETING (see below)

Tuesday, January 15 – 6:00pm – Wheatfield Lions' 32nd Annual 'Hands Across the Border' Sports Banquet, Days Inn, 443 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY. Cost is \$25/U.S. Reservations required and due by Jan. 6th. This will take the place of our Jan. 8th meeting.

Tuesday, January 22 – 6:30pm – Board Meeting. Rose Garden Restaurant.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Kensington-Bailey Holiday Cheer

This photo from last year shows a child with a smile for Santa (Lion Nick). This special annual project of the Kensington Lions puts a smile on the faces of many. Fifty food baskets will be distributed to needy families within the Kensington Bailey neighborhood on Dec. 16. Lion members will meet at Budweys on Kenmore Ave. at 10 AM on the 16th to load up the food and transport it to the Housing office. If you'd like to help, call Lions Zinni or Dickerson. Lion Nick will once again be there to pass out toys to all the good girls and boys (these toys come from our Club's donation - see below).

Recent Donations Made

- Multiple District 20N Youth Band raffle, \$50
- MD-20 2008 State Convention program, \$100
- Lions Camp Badger, \$500
- Jack McNulty's Holiday Fund for Needy, \$500
- Equi*Star Therapeutic Riding Center, \$750
- Kensington Neighborhood Housing toys, \$1,000
- Kids Escaping Drugs, \$10,000



*Equi*Star "Home on the Ranch" Project*



Equi*Star has purchased a much-needed home for their property on Fuller Road in Burt. They were the low bidder on the ranch house (left) built by BOCES in Medina. The home will require a few more things before it is a permanent addition to the ranch. It needs a foundation and septic system, and someone to move the entire house to its final site. Once there, donations of interior items will be needed.

Equi*Star is starting a capital campaign to raise funds to help underwrite the costs associated with this project. All monetary donations are welcome. Checks can be sent to Equi*Star, P.O. Box 25, Newfane, NY 14108, or call 778-8249 with any questions. The Kensington Lions Club passed a motion to donate \$750 toward this project.

Equi*Star Therapeutic Riding Center is a not-for-profit 501 C 3 Corporation whose mission is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities through equine-related activities. Therapeutic riding has been shown to produce multiple benefits to people of various disabilities. Students who participate in therapeutic riding can experience physical, emotional and mental rewards.

Equi*Star was founded in 1994 by Miriam Smith, who was an avid equestrian for much of her life. While taking human services courses in college she became interested in therapeutic horseback riding. Her vision was to share the thrill of horseback riding with people that would not be able to experience it on their own.

More Lions News

Lion Milt provided the income & expense report for our 32nd Annual Lions All-Star Classic. We were down only a little from last year with a total 2007 net profit of \$20,475.66. A check in the amount of \$20,250 was presented to Lion Treasurer Gerber for the Club's Charity Account. Fantastic job Lions!

Our September 'Evening Number' Lotto Fundraiser netted \$1,695.57. Of the 1,000 numbered tickets we sold 727. We also sold 132 tickets with buyer-selected numbers – for a total of **859 tickets sold**. Thank you to all members and especially Lion Casey who, as always, was our big seller - we appreciate his hard work.

Time is running out for our club to make a pledge toward Campaign SightFirst II. This new campaign is a coordinated, global fund-raising effort involving all 1.35 million Lions in more than 45,000 clubs to raise US\$150 million for the SightFirst program, which began in 1990. Our main goal back then was the eradication of river blindness – and we were very effective in that mission. This new campaign began because an overwhelming number of Lions said they wanted SightFirst to continue and would participate in an intensive fund raising effort to make that a reality. The end of the 3-year timetable (2005-2008) is approaching:
Will we rise to the challenge as we did for SightFirst I?

Kensington Lions Club Membership - 2007 / 2008 Roster

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"I have always held firmly to the thought that each one of us can do a little to bring some portion of misery to an end." -- Albert Schweitzer