

District 20-Y1

Governor-Elect Timothy Bush



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A New Year for 20-Y1



Lions,
Tim Bush,
Bill Winans,
and Kermit Mott

Hello Fellow Lions:

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I write this 1st Newsletter of the new Lion year.

If you haven't already heard, I regret to inform you that District Governor-Elect William Winans, Jr. was taken from us on June 14 in a tragic car accident. DGE Bill's wife, and PIS Kathleen (Kathy), was also in the accident. Thankfully Kathy is on her feet, but she's still pretty sore and she obviously has a broken heart, so I ask all Lions to keep Kathy and all of Lion Bill's family in your heart and in your prayers. There was a Memorial Service and Celebration of DGE Bill's life on June 22nd in Norwich, NY. It was impressive to see so many Lions there in uniform to comfort Lion Kathy and to honor DGE William H. Winans, Jr. and to say goodbye. I will attach a copy of Lion Bill's obituary inside.

Lion Bill—on behalf of 20-Y1 Lions—we will miss you.



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District Governor's Letter



Lion Tim at Zone meeting in Manlius, NY

THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN TOUCHED. THEY MUST BE FELT WITHIN THE HEART.

~HELEN KELLER



View from nearby my home in Town of Pompey, NY

In the past year as 2nd VDG, I had many Lions ask me “What’s Bill Winan’s like?”, “What kind of a Governor will he be?”. I would usually respond, “I don’t know. He’s not a very chatty guy”. Well, I now have a better answer to those questions. Recently Lion Bill and I have gotten to know each other better via email and telephone. Four days prior to his untimely death we met with the Homer Lions Club. Homer had some serious questions and concerns. After the meeting I asked Bill “What do you think?”. He looked at me with confidence and said we can fix this club, if they give us a chance. I was also with Bill, the night before he died, at a dinner with the Department of Ophthalmology. Like DG Kermit, the Eye Research Center was also going to be DGE Bill’s Governors project, and he was quite passionate about that. He gave me a lot of advice and guidance that night and I remember telling my wife on the way home that Bill’s going to do a good job as District Governor.

Okay, now, moving forward — You, me and 2014-2015.

Obviously, I’m a little behind in training and believe me I’m getting a lot of emails and phone calls with information and encouragement. The support I’ve gotten from LCI, the State Treasurer, Tim Jachlewski, the Council I’m leaving and the Council I’m joining, my PDG friends and especially our DG Kermit Mott and my Partner-In-Service Rosemarie, has been overwhelming; and I thank them all!

I have a lot to do in a short time. I leave Monday 6/30, for Toronto and District Governor-Elect training along with the Convention activities. I’ll return on July 9th as your District Governor. I don’t have much information for the newsletter, as I’m still working on my scheduled and a District Directory. Most of my cabinet officers and zone chairs are in place.

I thank 2nd VDG-E Brent Rueffer from Endicott for agreeing to step-up to 1st VDG-E.

Most of this newsletter is dedicated in the memory of Lion Bill Winans as he so much was looking forward to “serving” you, as District Governor, as am I. In a memoriam to Lion Bill, I’ve decided to also make the Eye Research Center my District Governor Project for 2014-15, along with a special project to be named later.

I do know that my first official club visit will be at a little shining star of our district, called Downsville, in the southeast corner of our district. I will be inducting what I believe will be their 13th member. What a privilege and honor and just a great way to start my year.

The August newsletter should have much information, so please read it. Rest assured that even if I’m a little rough around the edges, I will work hard for you and hopefully inspire you along the way. Most important is that I am confident that I can lead you, because I do love Lions and all that we do.

PS. A little spit and polish may help too, but if not...

“I’m still Proud to be a Lion”

DGE Tim Bush

In Memory of William H. Winans, Jr.

William H. (Bill) Winans, Jr., of Norwich, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 14, 2014

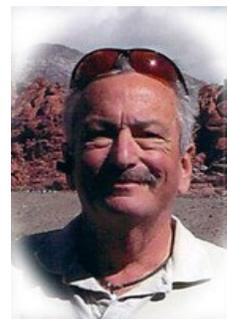
He was born in Amsterdam, NY on October 26, 1946, to William Winans, Sr. and the later Anne (Gladd) Winans. In 1970, Bill graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island with a degree in Business Administration after which he spent 12 years managing the Winans Men's Shop in Norwich from 1974-1986. Most recently, Bill had been a bus driver for the Norwich City School District and Oneonta Public Transit.

Bill was very active in the community including being a long-time member of the Lions Club, a past president of the Norwich Marching Band Parents and a board member of the Norwich City School District. He was also an avid golfer. Bill was very active in his children's lives and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his large family.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Winans, his father, William Winans, Sr., his children, Melinda (Edward) Spiegel, Natalie Winans (Jamie Slater), Joel Winans (Katt Cassata), Liza Winans (fiancée Larry VonHoltz Jr.), their mother Diane Natale, and his grandchildren Miles, Cole, Samuel, Trey, Sydney and Madison. He is also survived by his step-children, Martha (Jason) Hall, Dale (Dawn) McCall, Hebert (Terri) McCall, Carrie (Tom) Hodge, his sisters-in-law Donna (Ralph) Amatuccio and Stephanie (David) Wright; his brother-in-law Richard Mondore, as well as 22 step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Calling hours for Bill will be at the Wilson Funeral Home in Norwich on Sunday, June 22, 2014, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm with a memorial service to immediately follow. The Lions Club would like to invite everyone to come to honor Bill at the Lutheran Church in Norwich following the memorial service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Department of Ophthalmology, Center for Vision Research, 550 Harrison St., Suite L, Syracuse, NY 13202.



William H. Winans, Jr.

10/1946—6/2014



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1st VDG-Elect Letter

Dear Lions,

My name is Lion Brent Rueffer.

I have found myself in the spotlight as the 1st VDG-Elect suddenly this past week and thought you might like to know some things about myself and my history in Lions so far.

I have been involved with Lions at the club level for the past 8 years. My goal was to learn what being a Lion was all about and how I would fit into this club. I learned quickly that there are a lot of opportunities and challenges in Lions Clubs. The task of handling one of our biggest fund raiser was my first assignment. I enjoyed the experience, so much, that I worked at it for 5 years.

I was also taken to a District Cabinet Meeting where I met an International Director, Maurice Kahawaii. I was impressed with everything that I saw and heard about him, our District, and LCI. I then decided to take a step up to the District level as a Zone Chairman and now attend Cabinet Meetings regularly.

Since I have been involved with the Lions, I have met many other dedicated Lions and I feel proud to be a part of this organization. I have volunteered to be involved and active; in what the Lions of MD20-Y1 stand for. I am looking forward to the many challenges and opportunities that will be facing our District in the coming months and years.

PS. I love acronyms. Y (you) + M (me) = We. Together, We Serve

Lion Brent Ruffer, 1st VDG-Elect

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Dear Lions,

As you can see by now, we have had some major changes in our District during the past few weeks. I am Rosemarie, Tim's wife. I will be his Cabinet Secretary for his term as your District Governor. We are both saddened to take on this challenge at such unfortunate circumstances and we will keep and honor Lion Bill's memory throughout our year.

In November of 2013 I became a member of the Pompey Lions Club. I was quite happy being in the background, just being supportive of my husbands involvement in the Lions Club. I have worked on various "projects" for the Pompey Lions Club. Upon some urging from another club member, it was decided that I should join and be a true Lion. I find that funny, as I always felt like a part of the Lions family wherever I traveled with Tim for his events. I have listened to him over the years, sometimes late at night, sharing his love and passion for the Lions Club and what being a Lion is all about. I'm honored to share his journey in Lions and even though we have a tough year ahead of us I'm quite proud to stand beside Tim and help him in his endeavors.

As you may notice, I'm trying to also be his editor and get this newsletter out before the Convention and some of it may not be exactly perfect, but bear with us/me and enjoy this year through the upcoming newsletters. (You'll notice that the Lions emblem is backwards and I cannot for the life of me get it fixed!)

Tim and I have seen a lot of wonderful support and I thank everyone for that. It will be a great year!

Respectfully,

Lion Rosemarie



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Lion Rosemarie

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