



Rare Meat

September 2023



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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Fellow Lions: I have been club secretary ever since Dave Klingaman passed away in Aug 2005. The worst part of the job, for me, has been trying to take minutes of the meetings while being an active participant and then writing them up for distribution. We finally elected Davia to be Club Administrator, a somewhat undefined role, but one of her tasks is to take meeting minutes. The report below is her first attempt, and boy, am I happy she's here. I've done a wee bit of editing and reformatting, but basically, she's done a fine job. Thank you, Davia!

Jerry Gordon

Report of the board meetings on Aug 2 at the Metro 7 Diner

Treasurer's report was approved, motioned by Queen and seconded by Greg. Discussion: Ruth reported that there are several people that have not paid dues or attended meetings and it is costing the club. Ruth has reached out several times and have not received any responses. We decided that one final letter would be mailed to those individuals indicating that they have until Aug 15 to respond, or they would be removed from the membership roster.

General Meetings will be the 1st Wednesday of the month at Red Front at 6:00 pm. Since there's no board meeting afterwards, it should be over by 7 or 7:30. The Board will meet virtually the third Monday at 7pm. Motioned by Davia and seconded by Queen. [See page 2]

Committee Reports:

Blueberry Project – As of 8/2/2023, Greg has resigned as the Chair. He suggests that the committee disband due to lack of support. Eva will set up meeting with committee members to discuss future endeavors of the Blueberry Project including work with the Van Alen Project. Jerry expressed interest in attending that meeting.

Grant Review – Need to continue working on updating By-laws and Policies & Procedures of the club.

Diabetes – Davia is in discussion with St. Rose and Metropolitan Church to give a presentation. A committee meeting will be planned. The committee will give a diabetes presentation for the October meeting.

Used Glasses – As reported in *Rare Meat* Newsletter, over 16070 used glasses sent to New Jersey and 250 readers and sunglasses went to the community via City Mission and Sidewalk Warriors Troy.

Initiatives:

The club will participate in the Victorian Stroll in Troy the 1st Sun-

MEMBERSHIP

- VICKI ADLER
- MICHELLE BAKER
- EVA BASS
- JOANN BEACH
- JEFF BENNETT
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- RUTHANN RICHARDS
- RUTH SANO
- GREG SHELDON
- JODI SHELDON
- SUE SHIPE
- DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



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day in December. Motioned by Larry and seconded by Davia.

VIP Bike Ride – Shawn has had some health challenges, so he proposed not doing a Bike Ride. Several members were interested in having a strategy meeting to discuss future bike rides.

LEO Club – Eva will continue to chair the committee but will reach out to Preem to see if she would be interested in working with the Leo's again.

Membership – 4 resignations were received. Discussion regarding membership recruitment was discussed.

New Business:

Coloring books – Club has received 100 coloring books and so several opportunities to distribute them were discussed. The club will use the book as a marketing tool by placing Club labels on the back of the books. [See page 6]

Vision Screening – Marilyn and Jerry will do some research on potential opportunities to support future vision screenings.

Minutes taken by Davia Gaddy, Club Admin, and submitted by Jerry Gordon, Sec.

In email votes held after the meeting, two motions were approved:

- To become \$500 silver sponsors for St Catherine's Center for Children's Hockey Clash to benefit Lansingburgh Connects, a joint program of SCCC, Lansingburgh CSD and Rens County Mental Health. [See page 3]
- Motion to spend \$588 on promotional materials for club.

Our next meeting

If you read the first page quickly, you might have missed the **change in our meeting schedule**. The general membership meeting will still be on the first Wednesday at the Red Front, starting at 6:00 PM. We will have a speaker, but there will be no board meeting afterwards, so you should be on your way home by about 7:00, or 7:30 the latest.

The board meetings will be held on Zoom on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM. As usual, all Lions are welcome but only board members can vote. Link will be distributed before the meeting.

Our next general meeting will be **Wed, Sep 6** at the Red Front. DG Priscilla Laurin will be our guest speaker. The restaurant always likes a head count, so **please let me know whether or not you'll be there** (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232).

Earning Some Green by Going Green

You've all got your CLYNK recycling bags; I hope you're using them. If you need more for yourself, **or for any friends or family members who are willing to help us out**, contact Lion Jerry at 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com for more bags.



Membership

Our **membership** usually grows in fits and starts throughout the year, but when it drops, it's almost always when the dues bills become due in June. If you take a look at the list of members on page 1, you'll see we're down to 28 members. And this is at a time when LCI is launching to increase global membership to 1.5 million.

*What can you do to staunch the flow? **Bring a potential member to a meeting.***

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Who are potential members? Friends, family members, neighbors, your barber, classmates, your kids' friends' parents, co-workers, your clergy, your golf or bowling or knitting-circle buddy, etc.

What if they're not sure they want to join? Bring them to a meeting (or two or three) so they see what we're all about and decide for themselves.

What if they say "No"? Don't take it personally and go ask someone else. Meanwhile, you have planted the Lions seed in more head.

Need help? Membership chair Lion Chris Horan and Lion Jerry have printed literature that explains a bit about Lionism.

Or you could use the **new Lions Coloring Book** (see page 6). It's got entertainment for kids plus lots of good info for their parents, including a membership application. Come to the next meeting and get one or two or a dozen!

Lansingburgh Connects



St Catherine's Center for Children (SCCC) has a joint initiative with Lansingburgh Central School District and Rens County Mental Health called **Lansingburgh Connects**. Its goal is to link students and their families to vital mental health and social support, as described in the flyer I emailed you on Aug 25.

Their next event is a **hockey clash** at the Frear Park Ice Rink, described on page 5. Our club is a silver sponsor of this event. We are looking for volunteers to collect items at the door, sell 50/50 raffle tickets and distribute Lions literature. The game schedule:


Thursday 9/7, 9:00-10:20 PM

Friday 9/8, 8:10-9:30 PM

Saturday 9/9, 11:00AM-12:20PM, 12:30-1:50PM, 5:00-6:20PM, 6:30-7:50PM

Sunday 9/10, 12:30-1:50PM (Championship game)

If you are available during any of these time slots, please let me know asap. Please wear your Lions shirt if you have one, or at least your Lions name badge.

 One of our annual fundraisers for the past few years has been Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" (FHF) program. Boscov's provides us with discount passes. Each one is good for a 25% discount on almost anything you buy at any Boscov's plus a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card, but only on **Wednesday, October 18**. The cards sell for \$5 each, all of which goes right into our treasury. We'll be distributing these cards at the next meeting and mailing them to those who are absent. We expect each of you to sell at least 6 to your friends, family and co-workers and send us \$5 for each one you sell. Your check should be payable to Albany & Troy Lions Club and mailed to Lion Ruth Sano, 26 Birch Ave, Albany, NY 12205, or you can send the money via PayPal to rmsano@gmail.com. If you need more, Jerry has plenty.



Another way you can help: Boscov's has always offered us the opportunity to sell the passes in the store on FHF Day, but we've opted not to because so many other orgs are there doing the same thing. But this year they're offering us Pre-sell days: On any day between Oct 11 and Oct 17, during the hours of our choosing, they'll set up a table near the front door where we can not only sell tickets, but distribute Lions lit like our new club brochure, coloring books, diabetes info, etc. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are their busiest days of

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the week and their busiest hours are 11am-3pm on weekdays and 10am-5pm on weekends. They can accommodate almost all requests. So if you're willing to sit at a table at Boscov's in Colonie Center for a few hours any time between Oct 11-17 (you pick the date and time), please let me know.

A bonus for table-sitting: volunteers can shop between October 11 and October 17 and put their selections on hold at the Courtesy Desk for purchase on October 18.



Warm Woolen Wishes

The last page is usually devoted to our Warm Woolen Wishes project to remind you that we're always looking for donated yarn and fabric as well as folks who can turn it into hats, blankets, scarves and mittens that we give to the needy. It's still an active project, but space constraints cost us the page. It'll be back next month.



Mark Your Calendar

September is Vision Awareness Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Membership Growth Month

Mon Sep 4: Labor Day

Wed, Sep 6: Lions general membership meeting. See page 2

Thur, Sep 7-Sun, Sep 10: Lansingburgh Hockey Clash. See pages 3 & 5

Fri, Sep 15: Rosh Hashana starts at sundown

Mon, Sep 18: Lions Board meeting. See page 2

Sun, Sep 24: Yom Kippur starts at sundown

For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org

Happy Birthday!

Happy **September** birthday to these A&T Lions:

10th: Vicki Adler
15th: Marilyn Bradley




Happy Anniversary!


Happy Lions Anniversary to these **September** inductees:

Marilyn Bradley: 1 year
Sue Shipe: 10 years + 20 years with Guilderland and Saratoga LCs
Ruth Sano: 27 years
Kristin McVeigh: 33 years


Lions Service Areas




Diabetes




Environment



Hunger Relief



Childhood Cancer



Vision



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

SEPT. 7-10
FREAR PARK
ICE RINK

- 50/50 Raffle at all games
- Raffle Baskets
- All donations will benefit St. Catherine's programming

NO ENTRY FEE, SUGGESTED DONATION:
Non-perishable food items or
personal hygiene products

GAME SCHEDULE:

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9:00 PM 10:20 PM

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5:00 PM 6:20 PM
6:30 PM 7:50 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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District 20W Colorbooks Are HERE!



IPDG Ricky Laurin is busy handing them out to clubs!

When Your Club gets your colorbooks:

1. Please add a label with your club information/QR code. Stamping will just rub off.

2. Keep track of your inventory - where you deliver them to. Check periodically to refill and see how many have been taken.

3. You could include a sign that says, "Please take one".

4. Most important, keep track of any new members who have inquired and joined your club because of the colorbook.

