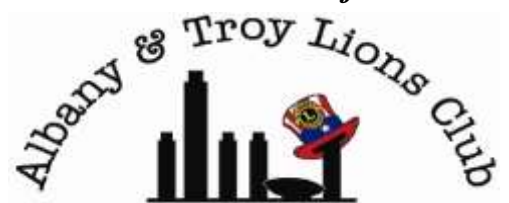




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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Report of the general meetings on Sep 6 at the Red Front

Guests: DG Priscilla Laurin, IPDG Ricky Laurin, PG Ed Stano, Lion Elizabeth Stano

General Meeting was called to order around 6:30pm by VP Marilyn.

General meeting and treasure report minutes from August were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Special Guest DG Priscilla shared the following district goals for each club:

1. Increase membership
2. Add 2 new clubs
3. Increase reporting to LCI by all clubs
4. Increase donations to LCIF
5. Offer education to all officers of clubs
6. Clubs should support backpack programs when able

Initiatives:

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons were distributed to present members.

Jerry reminded everyone to keep using their Clynk bags for recyclables.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Davia and seconded by Mike.

There was no board meeting in September.

Our next meeting



Our next general meeting will be **Wednesday, October 4** at the Red Front at 6:00 PM. Our own Davia Gaddy will tell us what's going on in the world of diabetes.

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).


Our October board meeting will be on Mon, Oct 16, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The link will be sent out a few days beforehand.

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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.**



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!

Much easier to carry around: Our new business-card-size info card! Get a handful at the next meeting or contact Jerry (518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com).



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.

If you weren't at the last meeting, you got 6 cards in the mail. **We expect each of you to sell them 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 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. **The Gordons**

More →

will be there on Thursday, Oct 12, from 12-2PM. Anyone want the 2-4 or 2-5 time slot on that day? Or any other time at your convenience? Please let me know asap (518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com).

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.

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.

It's simple: Fill the bag with cans and bottles that are NYS-recyclable. Bring the full bag to your nearest Han-naford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account.

Our Coats for Kids team (Lions Michelle Baker, Doug Davis, Dennis Fagan, Larry Krug, Ruth Sano and ex-Lion Tom Hart) are back in business this year. They will be picking up coats that have been cleaned for free by selected dry-cleaners and delivering them to distribution points in Albany and Rensselaer counties, from whence they will be given to the needy. The program runs from October 9 thru November 5.

Happy Birthday!

Happy **October** birthday to only one A&T Lion:

6th: Dennis Fagan



Happy Anniversary!

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

Jerry Gordon: 32 years
Larry Krug: 44 years

Mark Your Calendar



Wed, Oct 4: Lions general membership meeting. See page 1

Mon, Oct 9: Columbus Day; Indigenous People Day

Fri, Oct 13: World Sight Day

Mon, Oct 16: Lions Board meeting. See page 1

Tues, Oct 31: Halloween

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



Lions Service Areas



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth



Childhood Cancer

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.





Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

If you don't need it anymore,
we can find someone who will use it to make hats,
mittens and scarves for the needy.



Warm Woolen Wishes Project

Helping Hands ~  ~ Creating Comfort

Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach our
goal of 500 items by the end of 2022

This helps us help everyone

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy

Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric ~ Let us know.
We will be happy to pick up it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany Troy Lions at albanytroylions@gmail.com

or

Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796

