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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the General Meeting on Nov 1 at the Red Front

Blueberry Report: A letter stating the A&T Lions Club is no longer associated with the blueberry orchard; motioned by Eva, seconded and passed. Eva and Jerry will write the letter.

Diabetes: Davia is working on a diabetes presentation for Wellness Day at Connect for Kids and DNX Bodyworks. She will also attend a diabetes zoom meeting. Eva shared that the District will have more scholarships available for a trainer. Motioned approved to use Albany & Troy Lions as a sponsor.

Jerry reminded folks to use their CLYNK bags for recyclables and distributed more.

We again discussed the request from Lighthouse Guild for wrappers. Eva, Marilyn and Ruth stepped up.

We discussed a club holiday party on 12/6. Mike and Eva agreed to co-chair.

Report of the Board Meetings on Nov 13 on Zoom

Blueberry Project: We will write a letter to Albany Victory Gardens and Eden's Rose Foundation to close out the blueberry project. In a phone call after the meeting, Larry said he would take the sign down.

Diabetes: Davia is working on Wellness Day at Connect for Kids and DNX Bodyworks.

Lions SEE: We will query the other clubs in the zone to see whether any of them are interested in sharing a machine with us.

Holiday party: Among the locations being considered are Carol's Place on Pawling Ave in Troy, Dinosaur Barbeque in Troy, and Eva's new office space at 1215 Broadway in Menands.

Victorian Stroll: Only 6 Lions have signed up to sell popcorn. Jerry will put out another request. If we don't get at least 9, we won't do it.

Our next meetings

Our next **general meeting** will be a holiday gathering on **Wednesday, December 6**, at the Copper Crow Restaurant in Albany's Warehouse District. Based on those who provided a positive response, there will be 8-10 of us.

Our December board meetings will be on Zoom on Monday, Dec 17. The link will be emailed a few days prior.



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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 Hanaford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account.

Neighborhood events

In addition to all the good work they do for the Lions, Lions Queen and Eva have their own non-profit organizations that work tirelessly for their neighborhoods. Lion Queen's *Love Thy Neighbor* event is on page 4 and Lion Eva's *Spirit of Giving Holiday Jam* is on page 5.

We're on a mission to grow!



MISSION 1.5

MISSION 1.5 is a dedicated effort to grow our membership to 1.5 million. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Club membership goal. Every Lion has an important part to play. Together, we can grow Lions Clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need. Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service.

We will be having several webinars to learn moer about **Mission 1.5** in the upcoming months. In the meantime, learn more by visiting lionsclubs.org/mission1.5.

A Celebration of 100 Years of NY & Bermuda Lions



This is the Convention NOT to miss! **May 3rd to 5th, 2024.**

Join fellow Lions in beautiful, centrally-located Binghamton, NY, for the historic 100th Annual New York & Bermuda MD-20 Lions Convention

Our programs and guest speakers are being finalized now but don't worry, they will all be worthy of 100 years of Lions serving your local communities in New York State and the country of Bermuda.

For registration info, visit <https://md20lionsconvention.org/>



Happy Birthday!

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

- 24th: Kristin McVeigh
- 24th: Ruthann Richards



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to no **December** inductees

Mark Your Calendar



- Sun, Dec 3: Troy's Victorian Stroll
- Wed, Dec 6: **Our Holiday get-together. See page 1**
- Thu, Dec 7: Hanukkah begins at sundown, ends Dec 15
- Mon, Dec 18: Board meetings on Zoom. See page 1**
- Fri, Dec 22: Queen's party; see page 4
- Sat, Dec 23: Eva's party; see page 5
- Mon, Dec 25: Christmas
- Tue, Dec 26-Jan 1: Kwanzaa
- Mon, Jan 1: New Year's Day

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



CHRISTMAS



HANUKKAH



KWANZAA



SOLSTICE

Happy Holidays,
whatever you celebrate!

Lions Service Areas



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth



Childhood Cancer

THE GUARDIANS OF AL-FITRAH PRESENTS:



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

DECEMBER 22, 2023

280 N. PEARL STREET, ALBANY, NY 12207

5PM - 9PM

(Residents Only)

- ☀️ FREE GOURMET DINNERS 🍷
 - ☀️ FREE FRESH PRODUCE 🍏
 - ☀️ FREE PASTRIES & BREADS 🍞
 - ☀️ FREE GIFTS 📺
 - ☀️ RANDOMLY SELECTED GIFT CARDS 🏠
- (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



GUEST SPEAKERS:

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11TH ANNUAL
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THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL
MUSIC | ENTERTAINMENT | ACTIVITIES
COATS & CLOTHES GIVE AWAYS
COMMUNITY DINNER

3PM - 8PM 23 DECEMBER

7 Hoffman Ave. Albany NY 12209
Toy pick up for pre-registered child ONLY!

TOYS FOR TOTS



Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

If you don't need it anymore, we will turn it into 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 1000 items by the end of 2023.

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 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

