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YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!



*March is National Eye Donor Month. This would be an excellent time for you to sign the back of your driver's license.*

## *Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, Feb 4, at the Red Front*

President Ruth introduced District Governor Joan Scott from the Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club. DG Joan discussed briefly the history of the Lions organization, mentioned that we are in 202 countries, that there are 12 District Governors in NYS, that she has 38 clubs in the district. She was concerned that this district might fall too far below the 1250 members required for us to remain as a district. We are at last count 1,187 members.

Since she is an RN, she has selected as her contest for clubs who can gather the most "Band-Aid" points. (For example, sending out 300 pairs of glasses gets us 20 points.) There will be separate categories for small, medium and large clubs, and one each for Lionesses and Leos. We just need to get our counts as we go through the year to VDG Ed Stano. The year began 7/1.

DG Joan also announced there is a new district office created in the past year, that of 2nd Vice DG. The 1st Vice DG will be responsible for new membership, with the 2nd in charge of member retention.

DG Joan then inducted new member Christina Zhu-Weaver. New member Cyndy Otty was also to be inducted but was ill; we'll do her next month.

Lion Terry presented a pin from LCI to Pres Ruth for achieving a positive net growth in membership last year.

King Lion Ruth, Lion Christina and DG Joan



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[Lion Terry Page took notes at the Feb 4 meeting in Lion Jerry's absence. And where were Lions Jerry and Maryanne? See photo ►]



### ***Report of the board meeting held on Wednesday, Feb 18, at the Alexis Diner***

Lions Jerry and Maryanne announced that Lion Terry has recently undergone extensive internal surgery. She is recovering at home under the watchful eyes of her next-door neighbors; we can expect a slow recuperation period.

We voted to contribute \$50 to the district towards DG Joan's gift.

The club will buy 10 raffle tickets @ \$5; the proceeds are for the MD20 Youth Band that performs at the district convention.

We voted to cancel the memberships of Mary Kalinowski, Rich Kalinowski and John Milliren for non-payment of dues.

Because of increasing costs, Lion Diane suggests that we raise the price on wreaths next year by \$1. The board approved.

We have a request to pay for safety glasses for an 8-year-old boy who has only one good eye. Even though they're more expensive than regular glasses, LensCrafters will provide them with our usual voucher.

Lion Maryanne brought up a situation where we have had a number of requests for eyeglasses over the years from 3 generations of the same family. After questioning the request for two more exams and glasses, she decided to send only one voucher and a note that stated they were not eligible for a second one at this time. The board stood firmly behind her decision.

### ***Painless fundraising***

The Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund is now listed with "**Pennies At A Time**" as a charity organization. "Pennies At A Time" is a web site that pays its registered organizations when members of those organizations do their Google searches or make on-line purchases through the "Pennies At A Time" web site. Please read through their material by going to their web site ([www.penniesatatime.com](http://www.penniesatatime.com)) and registering as a member of Albany & Troy Lions on the drop-down menu. Then please do your searches and on-line purchases through "Pennies At A Time" to help raise funds for our club's charitable programs.

### ***Conventions are coming***

- ⇒ The **MD20 District Convention** is in Binghamton, NY, on May 22-24.
- ⇒ The **Lions International Convention** is in Minneapolis, MN, on July 6-10.
- ⇒ The **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** is in Memphis, TN, on September 24-26.

If you're interested in any or all these, please see Secretary Jerry for registration forms. The club will pick up at least part of the expenses.

### ***Recycling***

We now have boxes for eyeglasses/hearing aids and printer cartridges/cell phones at the Albany Public Library on Washington Ave, and one for eyeglasses/hearing aids at the Colonie Library on Sand Creek Rd. There's a description of our recycling programs and a list of all collection sites at **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**.

***Do you read THE LION...***

...that slick magazine we get from Lions International every month? I do, and I've noticed an exciting change over the past few issues. It's now chock-full of stories about the activities of Lions and their clubs around the world. If you're not reading it, please start. I hope we can find the inspiration to come up with a major service project (or two) for our club. We really have to do more for our community than helping the needy get glasses and hearing aids. We will always provide these valuable services, but we need to find something (a) for our members to do, and (b) get us more visibility. If you've got an idea, please don't keep it to yourself; bring it up at a meeting or call or email King Lion Ruth (859-3796 or rmsano@gmail.com).

***Happy Birthday!***

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

13th - Tom Hart

16th - Ruth Sano

19th - Joann Beach

***Mark your calendar...***

**Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 PM** - General meeting at the Red Front. Our guest speaker will be David Hawley, Executive Director of Cornell University Cooperative Extension. And we'll be inducting new Lion Cyndy Otty and her dog Yara, who missed the last meeting.

**Wednesday, March 18, 7:15 AM** - Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Between issues of *Rare Meat*, get the latest calendar information at [ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG](http://ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG)

**A little St. Patrick's Day humor:**

As soon as she had finished parochial school, a bright young girl named Lena shook the dust of Ireland off her shoes and made her way to New York where before long, she became a successful performer in show business.

Eventually she returned to her hometown for a visit and on a Saturday night went to confession in the church that she had always attended as a child. In the confessional Father Sullivan recognized her and began asking her about her work. She explained that she was an acrobatic dancer, and he wanted to know what that meant.

She said she would be happy to show him the kind of thing she did on stage.

She stepped out of the confessional and within sight of Father Sullivan, she went into a series of cartwheels, leaping splits, handsprings and back flips. Kneeling near the confessional, waiting their turn, were two middle-aged ladies. They witnessed Lena's acrobatics with wide eyes, and one said to the other:

"Will you just look at the penance Father Sullivan is givin' out this night, and me without me bloomers on!"