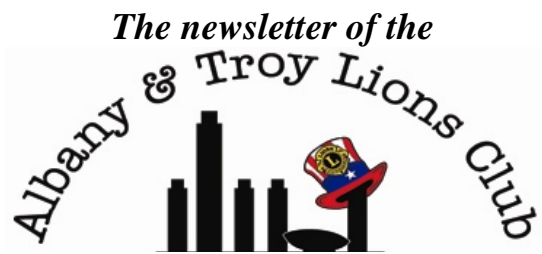


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May 2009



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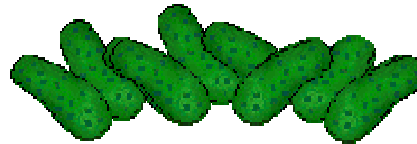
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YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!

## The fourth week in May is



## International Pickle Week

**It's got nothing to do with Lionism,  
but I thought you'd want to know.**



**Because of a scheduling conflict with the Red Front, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5, NOT on Wed, May 6. Our speaker will be David Hawley, Executive Director of Cornell University Cooperative Extension.**



### Report of the meeting held on Thursday, April 9, at the Red Front

In KL Ruth's absence, 1st VP Diane Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, but then KL Ruth came in and took over.

Lion Tom got his tail-twisting out of the way early, while we were waiting for our dinners.

Lion Bill Suchy gave an excellent Power-Point presentation about the Lions Hearing Conservation Society. All Lions in District 20Y2 are members of it, and its main purpose is to support the clubs in their efforts to help the hearing impaired. The Lions HCS provides educational materials about the prevention, detection and treatment of hearing loss; supports 7 loan-out centers for assistive-listening devices; helps clubs obtain funds to help the hearing impaired; and acts as a resource for clubs needing information related to hearing problems. Bill also told us about LCIF's Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP); this was especially relevant because we are currently in the process of obtaining hearing aids through this program for two elderly gentlemen. Afterwards, Bill put on his "vision" hat and explained the difference between the Lions Eye Institute, the Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank.

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\* AFFILIATE MEMBER

The only formal business we conducted was the unanimous election of our officers and board of directors for LY2009-10.

### ***Report of the board meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, at the Alexis Diner***

Lion Mike reported that the membership committee met in March, and is working on a new-member event for some time in the fall.

Once we find out how many volunteers are needed for the blood drive on May 15, we'll put out the call.

We passed Lion Terry's motion that there be two people authorized to sign checks, just in case the treasurer is away or otherwise unavailable. This will apply to both the club and the charitable fund, and will be implemented as soon as is practical.

On Aug 30, SSNENY is having a fund-raiser at "The Joe." They are selling tix for \$2.50, which we can resell for \$5 and thus use it as a fund-raiser for the club. We talked about buying a block of tickets that we would donate, perhaps to Vanderheyden. We've got a few months before a decision is necessary.

Lion Maryanne gave out 4 eyeglass vouchers since our last meeting. She also had a request for assistance from a gentleman who has lost his prosthetic eye and is looking for help with the portion of the replacement that insurance doesn't cover - about \$440. We will send him our newly completed "major request" application.

Lion Terry has really picked up the hearing ball. Our donation plus that of the Hearing Conservation Society (HCS) has gone to Audiologist Chris Raffo (Madison Hearing) for a 9-year-old boy's hearing aid. Also through Chris and with assistance from HCS, we have ordered hearing aids from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP) for a 79-year-old gentleman. Terry is waiting for the completed paperwork for a 95-year-old gentleman; once received, we will order hearing aids for him through Lions AHAP and Lion Vici Harris (HearUSA). She has yet another application from a woman from Watervliet, but it looks like her income puts her over the line for our help.

We voted to donate \$50 towards Lion Cyndy and Yara's walk for Fidelco Guide Dogs.

We voted to donate \$50 towards Region L's walk for sight and hearing projects.

We voted to be a tee sponsor in SSNENY's golf tournament.

### ***Welcome...***

We welcome new member **Nick DeMarte** to our ranks. Actually, Nick is just new to us; he transferred from the Plattsburgh Lions Club, where he's been a Lion since 1987.

### ***Tulip Ball***

On **Saturday, May 9**, District Governor Joan Scott will serve as Honorary Co-Chairperson (along with A&T Lion the Hon. Jerry Jennings) of Albany's 61<sup>st</sup> annual Royal Tulip Ball. This event honors the newly crowned Tulip Queen and her court and pays tribute to Albany's Dutch heritage. Again this year, the proceeds of the ball will benefit the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA). There will be wonderful food, a live and silent auction, and dancing to the music of the ever-popular *New York Players*. It would be a great tribute to DG Joan if lots of Lions were there. If you're interested in joining King Lion Ruth, Secretary Jerry & Lion Maryanne, Lion Chris Burke, Lion Jerry Jennings and other Lions at this event, see page 4 for details.



### *Blood drive*

Along with NABA and the Sight Society (Lions Eye Bank), we're sponsoring a blood drive on **Friday, May 15**, from 1-6 PM at the Midway Fire Station, 1956 Central Ave in Albany. **We need 6 volunteers to work the registration table and the canteen/refreshment table from 3 to 6 PM. If you can work, please contact Lion Jerry at jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232.**

**To donate blood, please call Lion Joann Beach at 489-7606 to set up an appointment so you won't have to wait in line. Please encourage your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers to be donors.**

### *DG Testimonial*

The District Governor's Testimonial Dinner is on **Saturday, May 16**, but the reservation deadline is **May 1**; see details on page 5. (You don't have to go to the cabinet meeting, but if you've never been to one, you might find it educational.)

### *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.

### *Happy Birthday!*

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



6th - Chris Quenelle  
 7th - Maryanne Gordon  
 9th - Elaine Hayner  
 10th - Vici Harris  
 20th - Cyndy Otty  
 26th - Alan Zieker

### *Mark your calendar...*

**NOTE DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 PM** - General meeting at the **Red Front**. Our speaker will be David Hawley, Executive Director of Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Don't miss his interesting talk.

**Saturday, May 9** - Tulip Ball. **See article on page 2 and details on page 4.**

**Saturday, May 16** - DG Joan's testimonial dinner at Grace's Restaurant in Warrensburg. **See details on page 5**

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:15 AM** - Board meeting at the **Alexis Diner**. All members are welcome.

**Wednesday, June 3** - Our Installation Dinner will again be a joint event with the Bethlehem Lions. Watch for details

ROYAL TULIP BALL

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Wolferts Roost Country Club, Van Rensselaer Blvd, Albany

6:30 pm - Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres; 7:30 pm - Dinner

Black tie optional

Mistress of Ceremonies: Lydia Kulbida

Music by The New York Players

Menu: Elegant dual entrée including  
Petit Filet Mignon and Char-grilled Pesto Salmon  
with roasted red & yellow pepper compote

Tickets: \$125 per person, of which \$50 is tax-deductible

RSVP by May 1 to

Gail Hessney

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

301 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206

463-1211 ext 201



***Some more words to live by:***

There are two kinds of people who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told,  
and those who can do nothing else.

-- Cyrus Curtis

I searched for the bluebird of happiness, but all I found was the chicken of despair.

-- Anonymous

If at first you DO succeed, try to hide your astonishment.

-- Anonymous

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

-- W.C. Fields

For every problem there is a simple solution, and it's always wrong.

-- Anonymous

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

-- Mark Twain

Your true value depends entirely on what you are compared with.

-- Bob Wells

# GOVERNOR'S TESTIMONIAL & AWARDS BANQUET

GRACE'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE  
3, HUDSON STREET, WARRENSBURG, NY  
518.623.2449

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

1:30pm - 2:00pm	Registration & Sign In
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Cabinet Meeting (Includes 45 minutes for award presentations) Dress: Uniform or Business Casual
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Changing Rooms will be available
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Hospitality Room
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Cash Bar
6:30pm	Dinner & Awards Presentation Dress: Men - Business attire Ladies - Cocktail dress or business attire PDG/DG Men - White jacket, or business attire Ladies - Cocktail dresses or business attire



Reservations are required for the banquet

Please forward reservations, meal choice and payment to Cabinet Secretary Mary Claire Noakes, 12 Towner Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846  
Make your checks payable to District "20-Y2". Reservations MUST be received on or before Friday May 1, 2009. Cancellations may not be made after May 1st.

Rooms available at Griffin House - Grace's Restaurant (518.623.2449)  
and Super 8 Motel (518.623.2811)

### Directions to Grace's Restaurant:

From the North Exit 23 I87 - Northway turn right to traffic light, right on route 9, at second traffic light bear left, Grace's Restaurant is on your left, driveway is between restaurant and a house, plenty of parking of parking behind restaurant.  
From the South NYS Thruway to Exit 24 (Albany) I-87 Northway to Exit 23 Warrensburg turn left to traffic light right on route 9, at second traffic light bear left, Grace's Restaurant is on your left, driveway is between restaurant and a house, plenty of parking of parking behind restaurant.

**Please return this section with your selection to Lion Mary Claire Noakes, 12 Towner Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 with your check made out to "District 20-Y2"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Sessions Attending:- Cabinet Meeting Banquet

Dinner: \$45.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity

\_\_\_\_\_ Marinated Lamb Brochettes

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner



Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_