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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Our **ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER** will be on **Wednesday, June 3**. As we've been doing for several years now, this will be a joint meeting with the Bethlehem Lions Club.

Place: Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Delmar

Time: 6:00 PM Attitude Adjustment Hour
7:00 PM Dinner

Choices: From their menu to be selected that evening: Meat, Chicken or Fish.

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Deadline: Please make your reservations with Lion Diane Hart (605-8600 or DBHart@nycap.rr.com) by **Friday, May 29**. Checks should be payable to Bethlehem Lions Club.

If you want a ride, please let Lion Diane know when you make your reservation. And since this is one of our club's big social events, bring your "significant other"!

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday, May 5, at the Red Front

Because of a scheduling conflict with the Red Front, this meeting was on Tuesday rather than its previously scheduled date of May 6.

KL Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with tales of her recent trip to the west coast of the U.S. and Canada for the wedding of her son. We wish her well on her quest to visit every state.

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

David Hawley, Executive Director of Cornell University Cooperative Extension, gave a very interesting Power-Point presentation on the many and varied activities and programs that Cooperative Extension is involved with. They include agriculture, horticulture, working with youth through 4H clubs and community education.

Report of the board meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, at the Alexis Diner

The blood drive on May 15 was a success. These Lions worked: Nick DeMarte, Maryanne & Jerry Gordon, Diane & Tom Hart, Elaine Hayner, Terry Page and Christina Zhu-Weaver, who brought a friend. The Red Cross reported these results: Blood drive goal = 28. Presenting donors = 26. Productive units = 29. First-time donors = 6.

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Potential lives saved = 87. Percent of goal achieved = 104%. We agreed that we should do this more often. [Since the board meeting, we received a request from the Red Cross to help them with a drive in Latham on Wed, Aug. 26. We haven't formally discussed this, but I expect we will agree to work on it – save the date.]

Lion Jerry talked about a program that the Spokane (WA) Lions have been doing for years: screening pre-schoolers for potential hearing problems. It was agreed that this was potentially a good project for us to pursue. Lion Jerry will get more info and report back.

We have received thank-you notes for our donations to HOBY, School 2's Ready-to-Learn project and Region L's Walk for Diabetes.

We voted to donate \$50 to Adam Marino's Ride for Diabetes. (Adam is the son of Clem and Janette Kaddo Marino, members of the Troy Lions Club until they moved to Saratoga Springs a few years ago; he was recently diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.)

We voted to donate \$50 to Guiding Eyes for the Blind. [See pages 3 & 4]

Lion Terry gave a very thorough summary of the 8 applicants who have approached us within the past several months for assistance with hearing aids. The 3 we were able to help were reported on at previous board meetings. The others were referred elsewhere, had too high an income, or have moved away.

Lion Jerry reported on a woman who we had referred to the Lions Eye Institute for cataract surgery. The total cost was \$4620, but this was reduced to \$1950 through the LEI. It will be paid from funds at the LEI.

Blood drive



Lions Terry & Maryanne at the refreshment table



Lions Tom and Diane at the registration table

Tulip Ball



DG Joan Scott & Hizzoner
Lion Jerry Jennings

King Lion Ruth &
"Twinkle-Toes"



Lion Jerry with this year's and last year's Tulip Queens (it was a tough job, but someone had to do it.)



Happy Birthday!

Happy **June** birthday to only two A&T Lions:

25th – Diane Hart

26th – Doug Davis

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, June 3 - Our Installation Dinner will again be a joint event with the Bethlehem Lions. See details on page 1.

Wednesday, June 17, 7:15 AM – Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Saturday, July 18, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM – Salute to Lions Day and Open House at Guiding Eyes for the Blind. See their new veterinary MRI machine, made possible by a \$75,000 grant from LCIF. It's free, but you've got to make a reservation so they have a count for lunch. See details on page 4.

There will be no general meetings during July and August, but your Board of Directors will continue working for you. For the latest calendar information, check your web site: ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG



To expand your vocabulary, here are some new definitions:

Abdicate (v.): To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Balderdash (n.): A rapidly receding hairline.

Circumvent (n.): The opening in the front of boxer shorts.

Coffee (n.): A person who is coughed upon.

Esplanade (v.): To attempt an explanation while drunk.

Flabbergasted (adj.): Appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Flatulence (n.): The emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Frisbeetarianism (n.): The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.

Gargoyle (n.): An olive-flavored mouthwash.

Lymph (v.): To walk with a lisp.

Negligent (adj.): Describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Oyster (n.): A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

Pasteurize (adj.): Too far to see

Pathology (n.): Study of roadmaps

Pokemon (n.): A Jamaican proctologist.

Recovery room (n.): Place to do upholstery

Rectitude (n.): The formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

Rhinoplasty (n.): Charge card for the zoo

Testicle (n.): A humorous question on an exam.

Willy-nilly (adj.): Impotent



Come to our 19h Annual

*Salute to the Lions
&
Open House*



To be held this year at

*Guiding Eyes for the Blind
Headquarters and Training Center
611 Granite Springs Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598*

*Saturday, July 18, 2009
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Luncheon
Graduation Ceremony
Tours of the Kennel and Campus
Visit the Lions Sponsored Nature Walk*

Bring Your Family!

*For more information on the Open House, please call
Michelle Brier at (914) 243-2208*

*We would be delighted to have your Club attend the Open House and ask that you please return the
bottom portion of this invitation to us by July 1.*

We realize that for many Clubs, the distance is great.

*However, if you would like to have your club's gift to Guiding Eyes acknowledged at the Open House,
please return the bottom portion of this invitation to us with your contribution.*

Club: Albany & Troy Lions Club

District: 20-Y2

Number of Lions and guests who will attend the Open House _____

We plan to present a gift to Guiding Eyes Yes _____ No _____

We cannot attend the Open House but enclosed is our gift of \$_____.
We would like our Club's gift acknowledged at the Open House.