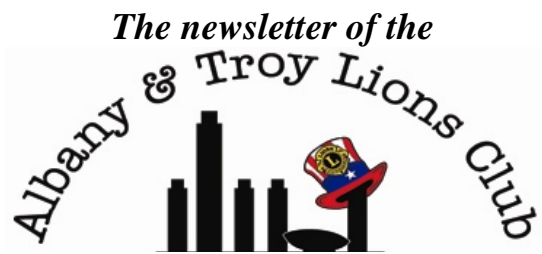


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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!



Lions Eye Bank worked for two hours, and several of them bled for the cause.

And along with our club and the Sight Society, NABA was also a co-sponsor. Several of their employees and clients were donors.

Report of the Installation Dinner held on Wednesday, June 4, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar

Our joint installation with the Bethlehem Lions Club is always a great event, and this year was no different.



Bethlehem Lion Dan Ryan inducted a new member in to their club, and then performed a mass installation of all the officers and directors of both clubs.

The highlight of the awards portion was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a very surprised Mike Durant, outgoing secretary of the Bethlehem Lions.



For our club, we presented a 10-year chevron to Maryanne Gordon, a 15-year chevron to Diane Hart, and 30-year chevrons to Larry Krug and Paul Vergoni. Appreciation Award plaques went to Elaine Hayner for her handling of requests for eyeglass vouchers in Albany County, to Tom Hart for the super job he's doing as eyeglass-collection chair and to Terry Page for the dedication with which she has picked up the ball as hearing chair.

Mea culpa...

My deepest apologies to Lions Vicki Adler and Joann Beach for my oversight in last month's Blood Drive article. I neglected to give them the credit they fully deserve for not only organizing the drive, but also for working at it and even donating blood. The whole staff of the Sight Society/

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

(Because they missed the dinner, Paul and Terry got their stuff at the board meeting on June 17.)



The installees, en masse.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, June 17, at the Alexis Diner

We agreed that we would do another blood drive on Wed, Aug 26, at the new Holiday Inn in Latham. *[Details will be in next month's Rare Meat, but save the date to work and/or donate.]*

Last month, Lion Jerry talked about a program that the Spokane (WA) Lions have been doing for years: screening pre-schoolers for potential hearing problems. On further investigation, it turns out that in NYS, all new-borns are screened before leaving the hospital, and all kindergarteners are screened in school, so there seems to be little point in our spending all the time and money required to do kids in between. Instead, we will look into distributing ear plugs and educational literature at loud public events like rock concerts, auto races and tractor pulls.

There will be a special career day event at Vacation Camp for the Blind, and Lion Mike made an appeal for drivers on 7/22 and 7/28. Ever the dedicated Lion, Larry agreed to drive to Spring Valley on both days.

Tail-Twister Tom garnered about \$23 at the installation dinner. It was given to the Beth Lions for them to donate to whatever local cause they deemed worthy of such a munificent sum.

Saturday, July 18, is an open house at Guiding Eyes for the Blind. We'd like to make it an A&T Lions outing. It's free, but they need a count for the luncheon. KL Ruth will take reservations. *[See Mark Your Calendar on page 3, and details on page 4.]*

Lion Paul distributed a bunch of thank-you notes from recipients of our Klingaman Award, and Lion Terry had a thank-you and photos of School 2's Ready-to-Learn project that we donated to.

We had previously approved a hearing aid for an elderly gentleman, but his family has been non-responsive about coming up with their portion, so we will return the \$200 to the Hearing Conservation Society that they had chipped in, and we approved a \$100 donation to HCS.

Last month, Lion Jerry reported on a woman whom we had referred to the Lions Eye Institute for cataract surgery. It turns out she will need her other eye done, too. We have submitted another application for her, but according to the LEI, they have already agreed to do it.

Happy new year!

As you know, July 1st is the start of a new Lions year. Your officers and directors for 2009-2010 are listed on the left-hand side of page 1. Please don't hesitate to contact any of them to discuss any ideas you may have for increasing our membership, improving how we serve the community, getting more folks to come to meetings, or any other ways of making our club better.

And speaking of the new year...

Dues are due

Lion Paul will be sending out dues notices imminently. Please make your check for **\$65** payable to **Albany & Troy Lions Club** and mail it to **Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110-1181**. Do it now, while you're thinking of it.

Happy Birthday!

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

6th – Bob Pratt
 7th – Rod Kermani
 25th – Jerry Gordon
 27th – Bill Miller
 31st – Jerry Jennings

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, July 15, 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 (by July 1) so they have a count for lunch. If you want to go, contact King Lion Ruth at rmsano@gmail.com or 859-3796 **before July 1**. 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

***SOME WORDS OF WISDOM...***

"It ain't so much the things you don't know that get you in trouble.
 It's the things you know that just ain't so."
 -- Artimus Ward

"It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions."
 -- Anonymous

"You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence is not an event -- it is a habit."
 -- Aristotle

"Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"
 -- Martin Luther King, Jr

"If it weren't for baseball, many kids wouldn't know what a millionaire looks like."
 -- Phyllis Diller

"Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein."
 -- Joe Theismann

"The Two Rules of Success:
 1. Don't tell everything you know."
 -- Anonymous



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.