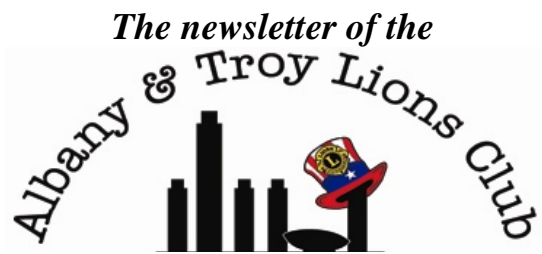


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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, September 2, at the Red Front

KL Ruth called the meeting to order after we all had a chance to ooh and aah over pictures of the Harts' new grandson.

Lion Tom did his tail-twisting early and then, on a more serious note, told us about his and Lion Diane's recent trip to the open house at Guiding Eyes for the Blind. We confirmed the decision we made at the last board meeting that we donate any money we get from broken metal-framed glasses to Guiding Eyes.

After dinner, we tossed around various ideas for LCI's Lions In Sight project. These included running a continuous video at the Victorian Stroll about what happens to used eyeglasses.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, September 16, at the Alexis Diner

Lion Ruth received notice from Leader Dogs that they have approved an applicant from Troy for a dog; they suggested that we might want to help with his/her expenses. In the absence of any details, including even the applicant's name, we took no action.

Lion Jerry reported that we have a membership application from Ola Fawumi, the young man who was at our September general meeting. We voted to accept it.

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

We voted to accept a membership application from Dr Ted Belhumeur, the optometrist at Troy Vision Center.*
Lion John got us a location inside FirstNiagara Bank to sell popcorn at the Victorian Stroll. (No more cold feet!)
Lion Tom got a check for \$116.17 for broken metal frames that we had submitted to ReSpec. As we agreed, this will be donated to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

Lion Terry educated us about the federal poverty levels and talked about 4 recent hearing applicants:

- One was referred from the Bethlehem Lions Club; she is still trying to reach him to get details.
- One was a call from someone in Clifton Park; we sent it to the Mechanicville/Stillwater Lions for follow-up.
- A woman whose income is about 160% of the federal poverty level has applied for help. She has an appointment with Vici Harris for the mold work and LCIF paperwork.
- A woman's son has applied for help on her behalf. Terry is concerned that her financial statement seems to indicate that a good chunk of her income is going to her son. Terry wisely suggested that she apply to Medicaid, for starters.

We decided to contribute \$100 to a Troy family with a 9-year-old daughter who has a rare cellular disease. They must make frequent trips to the Children's Hospital in Boston, which is proving to be very expensive and beyond their limited means.*

We decided to purchase a ¼-page ad for \$75 to support the Capital District Chapter of the American Council of the Blind. This will be in the journal accompanying their Dinner in the Dark event in October.*

* These items were e-mail votes either before or after the regular board meetings.

Report of NABA's Low-Vision Technology Fair on Tuesday, September 22

Thanks to Lions Terry Page, Larry Krug, Elaine Hayner, Maryanne Gordon and Jerry Gordon for manning (womanning?) our information table. Lion Bill Miller worked at his Magnisight display. Based on the crowds, especially in the morning, this was a very successful first-time venture for NABA. There was a lot of information available from technology companies and service agencies, and informative speakers throughout the day. And best of all, they put our table right next to the cookies, brownies and blueberry muffins.

Dues are due

Lion Paul sent out dues notices at the beginning of July. If you're one of the few who haven't paid yet (and you know who you are), make your check for **\$65** payable to **Albany & Troy Lions Club** and mail it to **Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110-1181**. ***Please do it now, while you're thinking of it, so we don't have to remind you again.***

Mazel Tov to Terry Page...

On the arrival of granddaughter Brigid Aileen Healey.

Our next meeting...

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM** at the **Red Front**. We'll have a speaker from the Girl Scouts.



Happy Birthday!

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

- 4th – Charlene Keels
- 6th – Dennis Fagan
- 8th – Judy Miller
- 16th – Pam Khambanonda
- 28th – Bill Davis

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM – General meeting at the Red Front at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, October 21, 7:15 AM – Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1 – Dinner in the Dark. See the last page.



Words of Wisdom (or not)

“Nobody knows the age of the human race, but everybody agrees that it is old enough to know better.”
-- Anonymous

“A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me in kick boxing.”
-- Emo Phillips

“Somebody once said we never know what is enough until we know what’s more than enough.”
-- Billie Holiday

“Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.”
-- Erma Bombeck

“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”
-- Mark Twain

“Time you enjoyed wasting was not wasted.”
-- Abraham Lincoln

“Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.”
-- Jack Benny

“Formula for success: Rise early, work hard, strike oil.”
-- J. Paul Getty

“The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.”
-- Doug Larson



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your district web site: **20Y2Lions.org**,
and International’s web site: **LionsClubs.org**.

You just might learn something.

**The Capital District
Chapter of the
American Council of
the Blind**

The Capital District Chapter of the American Council of the Blind of New York, Inc., is a chapter of the American Council of the Blind Of New York, Inc. (ACBNY), which is an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind (ACB). ACB is a national organization of and for people who are blind.

Our local chapter represents one small sample of grassroots organizers working to advocate and educate the local community to the rights, responsibilities, dreams and expectations of people who are blind or visually impaired.

We are your neighbors, your colleagues, your friends and your family.

**Come join us for
Dinner In The Dark**

We are hosting
Dinner In The Dark
to educate the community to the fact that eating does not always require one to see the meal on their plate for it to taste good. We invite you to come and eat a meal with us without using your eyes to see that meal, followed by a discussion of your experience.

The Menu:

Salad:

Mesculin greens with extra virgin olive oil, lemon and sea salt

Entrées:

Panco crusted breast of chicken with shallot butter sauce; or filet of salmon with ginger soy glaze; or grilled portobello mushroom with brie, drizzled with white truffle oil

Dessert:

Warm apple strudel,
coffee and tea

Good Dining, Good Friends

**The Event:
Dinner In The Dark**

Where:

Mansion Hill Inn and Restaurant
115 Philip Street
Albany, NY 12202

When:

Saturday Oct. 31st and
Sunday Nov. 1st
Dinner begins at 6:30 PM

Reservations:

Call Diane Clancy at (518) 426-0451

Prices:

Individuals: \$50.00

Sponsors: \$100.00

Table for Four: \$500.00

Make all checks payable to the
CAPITAL DISTRICT ACB and
Send your payment to:

Kathy Casey
1 Twiller Street
Albany, NY 12209

Reservations are limited, so make yours early to guarantee your seat!

We look forward to seeing
YOU there!