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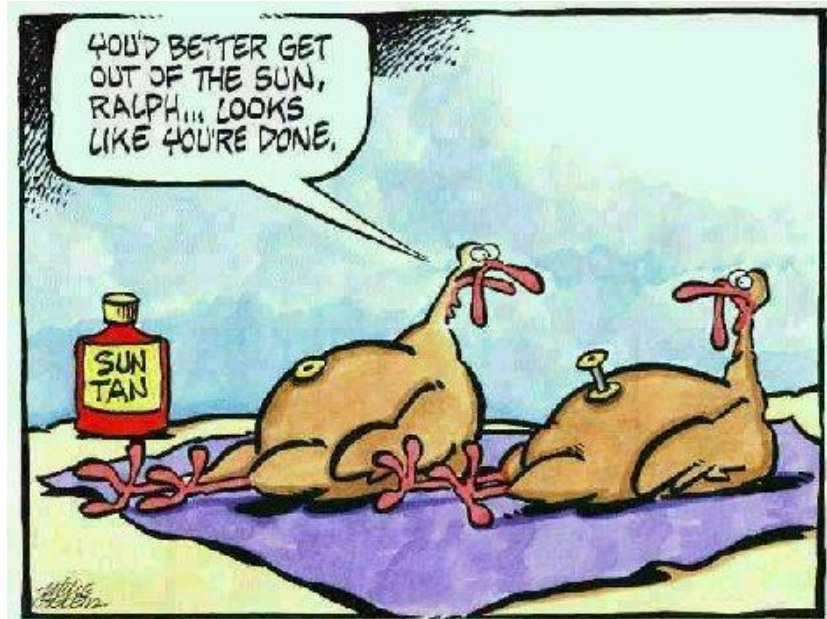
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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, October 7, at the Red Front

Our guest speaker, Julie Bentzen from the Girl Scouts, covered various GS programs for girls from kindergarten to 12th grade, and the many ways that non-Scouts can volunteer. We discussed the eyeglass collection program that they had gotten involved with previously; Julie is relatively new to the GS, so she wasn't familiar with it. But she did think it was something worthwhile for them, and she will pursue it.

Lions Jerry & Ruth explained our various collection/recycling programs (glasses, hearing aids, cartridges, cell phones, shoes) for the many new folks present.

Lion Jerry gave a brief overview of the Dialogue in the Dark program that Lion Terry hoped to get us involved with. It's an ambitious undertaking, but it's a new program and it will be at least 6-12 months before it's in a position for us to even consider it.

We also briefly discussed Lion Jerry's conversation with CDPHP about a screening program for diabetic retinopathy.

We will work with the Red Front to come up with a one-price menu that should eliminate the payment confusion that sometimes ensues since they stopped giving us individual checks.

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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, October 21, at the Alexis Diner

We received \$112 for our last shipment of cell phones and printer cartridges, and \$0.04 for (not) using Pennies At A Time during Q2 for on-line purchases and Google searches.

To avoid the confusion that has resulted from the Red Front's reluctance to provide individual checks, Lions Jerry & Maryanne have come up with a simplified menu. We have almost as many choices as on their regular menu, but the selections have been divided into 3 groups and will be \$9, \$12 or \$14, including tip + tax. Beverages will be paid for separately.

We have received a \$5000 bequest from former Albany Lion Ralph Thompson, and \$3500 in NYS Legislative Initiative Grants (\$1000 from Senator Neil Breslin and \$2500 from Assemblyman Tim Gordon).

We voted to contribute \$200 to adopt a family of four from Vanderheyden again this year. Lion Joann will chair this effort.

We voted to contribute \$50 each for two deaf 8th-grade girls from Farnsworth Middle School in response to this request: "This year, they joined the afterschool marine biology club because they are both interested in studying marine biology in college. Recently they became aware that they have an opportunity to participate in a four day marine exploration trip to Key Largo Florida for four days. They are very excited about this possibility but neither of their families are in a financial position to afford the full cost of this trip. Also, the deposit is due on very short notice...\$700 by November 1st. Both of these girls are hard-working, responsible students. Their school districts are willing to pay for an interpreter to attend the trip with them. Is there any financial help that the Lions Club Hearing Conservation Committee can offer to defray the cost of the trip for the students?" One girl is from Guilderland and the other is from Rotterdam. The Guilderland LC is also donating \$100. We have forwarded the request to the Scotia-Glenville Lions Club and to the Hearing Conservation Society.

Lion Terry presented 4 motions in absentia, all of which passed. We will pay \$218 each towards hearing aids for two women; we authorized Terry to proceed with hearing applicants whose income does not exceed 180% of Federal poverty-level guidelines and we will pay up to \$218 each, assuming we can matching grants from the HCS; we authorized Terry, in conjunction with Lion Vici Harris, to draw down our Starkey Salvage Fund from used hearing aids.

Dues and Don'ts

DUES notices went out at the beginning of July. If you haven't paid yet (and you know who you are), **DON'T** wait to mail your check for **\$65** payable to **Albany & Troy Lions Club** to **Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110-1181**. **Please do it now, while you're thinking of it; then we won't have to remind you again.**

How you can help our club

Do you Google search? As few as 3 searches a day can earn MANY HUNDREDS of dollars a year for the Albany & Troy Lions Club. So make sure to do your searches through the link on our web site, **AlbanyTroyLions.org**, or go directly to **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**.

Our next meeting...

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 4** at **6:00 PM** at the **Red Front**. Our speaker will be Gail Kirby from the American Red Cross. After the meeting, we'll stay for a little while for our annual folding, stuffing and stamping party to get our Seal Campaign mailing out.

On a more personal note 🎵

This is a new feature that I hope will add some friendliness to the Rare Meat by giving you some idea of what your fellow Lions are up to when they're not being Lions. If you think this is a good idea, you can help by giving me a few words occasionally about what's noteworthy in your life. Or tell me about some other Lion who might be too shy or modest to tell me him/herself. In spite of what's below, it does NOT have to be about travel.

- 🌟 Lions Diane & Tom Hart had a wonderful time at their son TJ's wedding that took place right on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 🌟 Lion Terry Page thoroughly enjoyed her visit with her new granddaughter Brigid (and her "old" granddaughter Corinna) on her recent trip to Utah. Oh, and her daughter and son-in-law, too.
- 🌟 If you've got a few minutes, ask Lion Mike O'Brien about his sailing adventure off the coast of Maine.
- 🌟 Lion Ruth and Bob Sano are off on a little jaunt to Barcelona, Nice and Florence.
- 🌟 Lion Christine Zhu-Weaver is expecting a little cub in February.

Happy Birthday!

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

5th – Ursula Dessingue
 22nd – Barry Berberich
 25th – Jane Chouiniere
 27th – Mike O'Brien



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these **November** inductees:

Bill Davis – 50 years
 Charlene Keels – 20 years
 Carol Quantock – 9 years
 Dennis Fagan – 3 years
 Christina Zhu-Weaver – 1 year

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 PM – General meeting at the Red Front at 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Gail Kirby from the American Red Cross.

Sunday, November 8 – Deadline for **Holiday Greens** orders; see page 4

Wednesday, November 18, 7:15 AM – Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.



Quotes for Lions

"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.

"He who sees a need and waits to be asked for help is as unkind as if he had refused it."
 --Dante Alighieri

"What we do during our working hours determines what we have;
 what we do in our leisure hours determines what we are."
 -- George Eastman

Visit your club's web site: AlbanyTroyLions.org,
your district web site: 20Y2Lions.org,
and International's web site: LionsClubs.org.
You just might learn something.



HOLIDAY GREENS SALE:

- ~ 24"– 26" Double Sided Balsam Wreaths w/ Red Bow - \$16.00
- ~ 34" Balsam Cross on Wood Frame - \$19.00
- ~ Large Round Kissing Balls - \$26.00
- 60" X 36" Cemetery Blankets - \$24.00

AVAILABLE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

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**LIONS TOM & DIANE BURKE HART
8 GREENWOOD ROAD
WYNANTSKILL, NY 12198**

518-283-6099 OR 518-605-8600

(OR A LOCATION PRE-ARRANGED.)

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Checks to be made payable to: ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

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