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## *Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, at the Red Front*

Lion Tom did his tail-twisting early. He manages to come up with interesting questions; too bad he doesn't have more correct answers. While Tom had the floor, he turned in a check for \$172 that he received for the metal-framed glasses that we send in for recycling. All money we get from this effort will go to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

DG Ed spoke about the camaraderie that's fostered at international conventions, and urged all members to try one. [The next one is in Sidney, Australia.] He stressed the importance of membership to both the district and LCI and said that retention is as important as getting new members. His two projects for this year are Camp Badger (we should donate and support a campership) and Diabetes.

And he inducted new members Vickie Shahinian (sponsored by Elaine Hayner) and Ola Fawumi (sponsored by Jerry Gordon). See pix on next page. [This brings our membership to 44, of which 26 (59%) are male and 18 (41%) are female. Our members range in age from 27 to 96, with an average age of 59-1/2.]

Lion Jerry showed an embroidery proof for our new shirts and asked everyone to get their orders in.

We sold a few more of the SaveAround books. We have only two left.

## MEMBERSHIP

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VICKIE SHAHINIAN  
PAUL VERGONI  
CHRISTINA ZHU-WEAVER  
DR. ALLEN ZIEKER \*  
\* AFFILIATE MEMBER



### ***Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, January 20, at the Alexis Diner***

Lion Jerry distributed our new club shirts to those that had ordered them. They (the shirts) look pretty sharp.

We had received a request from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI. One of their students, who lives in Albany, will be traveling to the school for training and needs a ride to and from the Albany airport. Potential Lion MaryJoy (who works for new Lion Dr Ted Belhumeur at Troy Vision Center) stepped forward to drive the student to the airport, and Lion Larry Krug will pick her up when she returns.

When DG Ed spoke at our last meeting, he said his two service projects were Camp Badger and Diabetes. We will get the district chairs for these two areas to speak to us over the coming months.

The last two of the 25 SaveAround books were sold at cost, so our net profit on the project is \$230.

To date, the seal campaign has brought in \$850 from 29 donors.

Terry Page has been talking about two programs for raising funds. The first is called "Change for Change," and it involves nothing more complicated than having folks empty the change jars that many of us have, and donating the contents to the club. To put her words into action, she did just that and presented a check for \$44.50, which she designated for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the facility in Yorktown Heights that trains service dogs. (This is the same place that gets the money we raise from metal-framed eyeglasses. See page 1.) We thought it was such a good idea that we decided to put out a change jar at all our meetings. *[At this time, all change collected would go to the Charitable Fund; we have not designated a specific recipient.]*

Her other idea is still in need of a good name. It asks for us all to clean out our old jewelry boxes to donate those items that we (and our heirs) no longer want. We would work with ex-Lion Michael Flynn, a Troy real-estate agent and antiques appraiser who will give us the full value of all items, keeping nothing for himself. Again, being prepared to "walk the talk," Terry gathered a bunch of stuff of her own and her children's, and presented the club with a check for \$544. This she designated for Haiti relief.

We voted to donate \$2000 (including Terry's contribution) to LCIF for their Haiti relief effort.

### ***Please do your dues***

Lion Paul sent out dues notices 7 months ago, at the beginning of July. As of Jan. 15, 11 of you hadn't paid yet (and you know who you are). 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**. ***Please do it now, while you're thinking of it, so we don't have to remind you again (and again and again...)***. FYI: Only \$6 of this stays with the club; the rest goes to International (\$39), Multiple District 20 (\$18) and District 20Y2 (\$2).

### ***Our next meeting***

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 3 at 6:00 PM** at the Red Front. Our guest speakers will be Colin Stewart, the camp director, and Heather Maltby, the assistant camp director, at Camp Scully on Snyder's Lake in North Greenbush. The topic of their presentation is an introduction to the camp - who they are, what they do, and the programs they offer. They will also be talking about some of the volunteer projects they need assistance with.

### ***How you can help our club***

Do you Google search? As few as 3 searches a day can earn HUNDREDS of dollars a year for the Albany & Troy Lions Club. So make sure to do your searches through **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**. Or you can use the link on our web site – **AlbanyTroyLions.org**. Here's what you should do:

- (1) Go to **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**, then "bookmark" the page (add it to your 'favorites'). That then becomes the link you should use whenever you're doing any web shopping. (If you want to get fancy, you can rename it something like "Buy here.")
- (2) And while you're at **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**, click on **Install Albany & Troy Lions Club Search** near the upper left corner and follow the directions. This will put a search box in the upper right corner of your browser; this is what you should use for all searches, because we'll get a penny every time you do.

### ***On a more personal note...***

*This is a new feature that I hope will increase camaraderie among our members 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.*

PDG Dave Harris reports that he finally talked with **Lion Bill Davis's** son and learned that Lion Bill is now in the Van Rensselaer Nursing Home, 85 Blooming Grove Drive in Troy. Lion Bill fell in his garage several weeks ago and broke his leg. It should come as no surprise that Lion Bill, a young 96 years old, was painting the floor at the time. He underwent surgery for emplacement of a metal rod and is undergoing therapy. He is in room 321A and would welcome visitors. For now, any mail should be sent to his son's address at: 8 Fremont Lane, Troy, NY 12182. Depending upon his progress, he may be returning home sometime in the future. And on Jan. 22, Dave added: "Just went up to visit Lion Bill and he is coming along. He is in a wheel chair and just started therapy so he will probably be there for some time."

Poor **Lion Maryanne Gordon** has shingles. Says she, "This is not a fun disease. I strongly suggest that you all look into the new shingles vaccine that recently became available." We hear you, Maryanne, and we hope you're well enough to head south for 5 weeks, as you've been planning.

And on a more upbeat note, I got this e-mail from **Lion Christina Zhu-Weaver**: "Thank you and other Lions for thinking of me. I am 36 weeks now, and it's getting closer to the birth of our baby. I am taking some classes at the hospital about infant care and labor and delivery. Hopefully, we will be ready when our baby arrives. It has been quite stressful and busy for me lately. We had a court case against my former landlord who swindles us. This is the worst experience I had since came to U.S. Also, my parents just recently moved to senior housing, so my husband and I were helping them moving and getting settled. We are glad that they seem like the new place so far. I will send some baby pictures when our daughter arrives, and I am eager to meet her as well! Thanks again for your care. Please send my greetings to other Lions." [Ed: It's been a long, long time since one of our members bore a cub, and we sure hope everything comes out all right (so to speak).]

**Happy Birthday!**

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Dave Levine
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Nick DeMarte
- 10<sup>th</sup> – John Krumanocker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Farrell



**Happy Anniversary!**

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

None of our members were inducted in February

**Mark your calendar...**

**Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 PM** – General meeting at the Red Front. Come and learn all about Camp Scully.

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

**Wednesday, March 3, 6:00 PM** – General meeting at the Red Front. Our guest speaker is from the Alzheimer’s Association.




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 your district web site: [20Y2LIONS.ORG](http://20Y2LIONS.ORG),  
 and International’s web site: [LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LIONSCLUBS.ORG).

And remember to do your on-line shopping at [ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM](http://ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM)

**Web site news: Photos are finally on line! Go to AlbanyTroyLions.org and click on “About Us.”**



**Words of Inspiration**

"The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight but has no vision."  
-- Helen Keller

"Decide whether or not the goal is worth the risks involved. If it is, stop worrying."  
-- Amelia Earhart

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes."  
-- William James

"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly."  
-- Robert H. Schuller

"Make failure your teacher, not your undertaker."  
-- Zig Ziglar

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."  
-- Aristotle

"If we did all the things that we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."  
-- Thomas Edison