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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



**March is National
Eye Donor Month.
This would be an
excellent time for
you to sign the
back of your
driver's license.**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, February 4, at the Red Front

Lion Tom did his tail-twisting early. He manages to come up with interesting and fun questions.

We collected for our new "Change for Change" fundraiser, as motivated by Lion Terry's generous contribution at the last board meeting.

KL Ruth presented a Master Key to Lion Jerry for having brought 20 members into the club. In his brief acceptance speech, Jerry pointed out that 10 of those he enlisted were no longer members, for various reasons, but that he was still "batting .500." He quoted Thomas Watson: "If you want to have more success, increase your failures." Jerry said his secret was simply to ask, and he challenged all members to produce two "failures" before the end of the Lion year on June 30.

Colin Stewart, director, and Heather Maltby, assistant director, gave an interesting presentation on Camp Scully, which is located on 20 acres on Snyder's Lake in North Greenbush. Over 400 kids go to the camp every summer, and 85% of them are on scholarships. It costs \$150 for a week of day camp for a 5-7 year-old, or \$300 for a week of overnight camp for 7-14 year-olds. The camp is run by Catholic Charities, but is completely free of any religion in its programs and operations. In addition to our financial support, they will gladly accept any trade skills we may have or have access to, such as carpentry and plumbing. We talked about different ways we might be able to help them.

Lion Tom announced that we are now sending used glasses to the Lions Recycling Center in NJ instead of Indiana.

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

In Secretary Jerry's absence, KL Ruth took these notes:

In an e-mail ballot on Jan 30, we voted to donate \$88 (\$2/member) to the District LCIF fund so the district can award two Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Brief discussion regarding election of officers for next year – Paul said he would call Vicki Adler regarding getting nominations.

Elaine reported that 4 vouchers were returned from LensCrafters for us to reuse – All information was whited out so we don't know who they were originally issued to. It was suggested that we might number vouchers in the future to track them if they are returned. 20 more vouchers were ordered this month from LensCrafters (Luxottica).

We voted to increase the Klingaman Awards to \$100 each for the 14 high school students. The extra \$700 expenses didn't seem unreasonable with the current balance in the Community Service Fund. Paul will start the process of distributing these funds to local high school seniors.

We voted to donate \$300 to Camp Scully for them to use for either 2 day campers (\$150 each) or 1 residential camper (\$300). It was also suggested by Paul that we might want to do a volunteer day at the camp this spring.

Ruth advised that she has submitted applications to both WGY and Stewart's requesting donations through their holiday appeals.

Regarding the DG's Projects:

We approved \$100 donation to Camp Badger in the DG's name. We could give this to our guest speaker when he comes in to talk about Camp Badger.

The DG's other project involves having a Diabetes Chairperson in each club. Paul has asked that I forward him the DG's e-mail address so he can get more information about possibly filling this position.

There was some discussion about the Nurse's Dinner. It was obvious that there was no time to schedule the event for this year and it should be discussed again in the fall and decided then if we would hold it in the spring of 2011.

Our next meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 3 at 6:00 PM** at the Red Front. The Alzheimer's Association will be providing two speakers to educate us on what Alzheimer's disease is, what resources the Alzheimer's Association offers to those in the community and how we can help them accomplish their mission. The Association has resources to help those with Alzheimer's disease, their caregivers and professionals in the community.

How you can help our club

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(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.")

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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.

King Lion Ruth says, "We have taken up a new hobby - snowshoeing. I have attached a picture we took on Sunday at Plotters Kill Preserve in Rotterdam. It's a great place to hike in the summer, but it was awesome to see the frozen 60 ft waterfalls."



Lions Jerry & Maryanne are enjoying the sunny south, but as you can see from the picture, the Lions are never far from their minds. (Note the nice shirts.)

Happy Birthday!

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

- 13th – Tom Hart
- 16th – Ruth Sano
- 19th – Joann Beach



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Bill Miller – 2 years
- Chris Burke – 3 years
- Dave Levine – 31 years

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, March 3, 6:00 PM – General meeting at the Red Front. Our guest speakers are from the Alzheimer's Association.

Sunday March 14, 2:00 AM – Daylight Savings Time begins. Move your clock ahead one hour, and don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

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



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 your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,
 and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.

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



THE TRUE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE

Adam was hanging around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely. So, God asked him, "What's wrong with you?" Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion, and that it would be a woman.

He said, "This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she will wash them for you. She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will praise you! She will bear your children, and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will NEVER have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

"An arm and a leg."

Then Adam said, "That's pretty expensive. What can I get for a rib?"

And the rest is history.

