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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 meeting held on Thursday, February 3, at the Red Front

Because of the weather, the meeting that was supposed to be on Feb 2 was held on Feb 3.

KL Diane announced that we will have a speaker at the board meeting on Feb 16 from National Income Life to discuss possible sponsorship and fundraising opportunities. We should aim for a good turnout.

Lion Jerry introduced potential Lion Buddy Jeter, who works for G.E. and recently moved here from WV.

Lion Jerry presented a Membership Excellence Pin to himself for sponsoring 3 new members in 2009-10.

Paul Dellio from Joseph's House & Shelter gave us an excellent overview of all of their activities and programs. They offer emergency shelter, permanent housing, support services and guidance for homeless individuals, families and children. (We were all surprised to learn what a high percentage of the homeless population are children.) They address both their immediate and long-term needs. After the meeting, Lion Tom took up a collection; the next day, he and Lion Diane delivered over 500 diapers and baby wipes to Joseph's House, items that they sorely needed.

Report of the board meetings held on Thursday, February 16, at the Alexis Diner

Before the meetings started, we heard a presentation from Chiara As-triab of National Income Life Insurance Company (NI). The company never advertises, but they do all their marketing by partnering with various associations, non-profits, etc. In exchange for the ability to talk to our members on a private and voluntary basis about their life-insurance products, NI will provide us with \$4000 AD&D policies for all our members; discounts of 10-50% on prescriptions, glasses

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and hearing aids; ChildSafe kits; and various other financial and marketing benefits. She will send us a list of other Lions clubs that they work with so we can check them out further before making a decision.

We approved a \$50 donation to the Association for the Hearing Impaired for a special staff-development project. This was done by e-mail on 2/9-10.

We approved the purchase of a 1/2-page ad for \$125 in the program for NABA's Visionary Gala, which will be on April 8 at the Albany Country Club.

We voted to donate \$100 to Visions Center on Blindness (VCB).

Lion Terry presented an applicant for hearing aids. Because the applicant has some resources, we approved an expenditure of \$100 towards the \$700 total cost.

Lion Jerry reported that we have received \$845 so far in memory of ex-Lion Peggy Phelan.

We discussed doing a meal for Joseph's House. Lion Paul suggested that buying pizza and salad from the Red Front would be easier and cheaper than actually preparing one. This idea was quickly accepted. Lion Terry will contact Joseph's House to set a firm date.

Lions Maryanne & Jerry discussed the school-nurse dinner. They have contacted the 17 school districts in our service area to update our list of nurses. It looks like we'll be sending out about 125 invitations. Several of the nurses they spoke with expressed their appreciation for the dinner and said how much they looked forward to it.

Our Pennies at a Time on-line buying program isn't doing terribly well. We earned \$0.27 in 2010Q2 and \$8.56 in 2010Q4. Several board members reported problems using this service. Lion Jerry will investigate.

Joseph's House Grand Opening ...

Joseph's House and Shelter is announcing the formal opening of their newest residence, the Hill Street Inn, in South Troy, on Thursday, March 10, 2011. It is at 202 Fourth Street, directly across from the Red Front Restaurant. The celebration is open between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm with the formal program at 11:30 am.

They would love it if each arriving guest would bring a housewarming gift-- new linens, pillows, blankets, towels or shower curtains.

If you are planning to visit, could you let me know by Sunday, Feb. 27th? I will gather all the names and report to him how many people he should expect from the A&T Lions .

So, I will hope to hear from you by the 27th either by e-mail (festivflag@aol.com) or to leave a message for me at 237-2188.

I hope to hear from many of you!!

Lion Terry Page



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST..."

WINTER
WOES




Magazines

Lion Tom says the V.A. Hospital is looking for magazines. Instead of throwing them out when you're done with them, bring them to a meeting for Lion Tom, or contact him at C: 522-6666 or thart003@nycap.rr.com to make other arrangements. Magazines with dated information (like *Time* or *People*) should be less than 3 months old. But mags like *National Geographic* or *Smithsonian* can be any age. We collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, printer cartridges, cell phones, shoes, and now magazines. Sometimes I think our mascot should be a junk-yard dog instead of a lion.


Our next meeting...

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, at the Red Front at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be from WMHT/RISE.



Make a note:

A&T Lions Work Nights at the **Regional Food Bank:**
 Tuesday, **April 12**, July 12, October 11, 2011, 5:30-7:30 PM
Friends and family welcome. Tell Lion Carol how many you're bringing at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.



How you can help our club (revised)

Our PENNIES AT A TIME program should be doing better than it is, but I think a lot of members are having problems with it. While I work on better instructions for its use, do this:

Whenever you're planning to do a Google search or you're thinking about making an on-line purchase, go to **ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM** and do it from there. If you know how to "bookmark" a page (add it to your favorites), it will be that much easier.

Watch for more details next month.

Who wants to count fish??

This has nothing to do with Lionism, but it's an opportunity to do some eco-volunteering.

Troy Residents! Spring is almost here and the NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program and Hudson River Fisheries Unit are starting to recruit volunteers for their volunteer-based river herring monitoring program! Monitoring will take place from 4/1 to 5/31 during the annual migration of river herring from the ocean into freshwater tributaries to spawn. Volunteers are required to look for signs of herring, at least twice a week for 15 minutes along the Poesten Kill. No experience is necessary, and training is provided. Also, the program is a great way to connect with your local watershed and observe a historic, seasonal cycle in the Hudson River's tributaries! Spend some time out on the Poesten Kill this spring!



If you are interested in participating or would like to attend a training session, please contact us at: r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us or (845) 256-3172.

Other local tributaries: Hannacroix Creek (Albany County), Cocksackie Creek (Greene County)

Rachel Lowenthal Robert Adams Kris McShane

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On a more personal note ...

This section is intended to 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.

Carol Quantock, long-time member of our club, is looking for a job, as she was laid off from her previous position last July. Carol is an administrative professional (job titles include executive assistant, project administrator, administrative assistant, etc.) with current relevant experience. Her skills include, but are not limited to: Microsoft Office Suite of products, database management, excellent interpersonal skills, document preparation (formatting/proofreading/layout), spreadsheets, and some contracts and grant administration experience. She has a Bachelor's degree from SUNY-Albany and a Graduate Management Certificate from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, also in Albany. She'd like to stay in the high-tech R&D field or engineering field, but is looking at different opportunities as well. If you're aware of a job lead that Carol can follow up or you have questions about her qualifications, you can contact her by phone (664-3901) or e-mail at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 13th - Tom Hart
- 16th - Ruth Sano
- 19th - Joann Beach
- 24th - Alex Gillies



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Bill Miller - 3 years
- Chris Burke - 4 years
- Dave Levine - 32 years

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. See page 3.

Wednesday, March 16, 8:00 AM (Note new meeting time!): Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Visit your club's web site: ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG,
 your district web site: 20Y2LIONS.ORG,
 and International's web site: LIONSCLUBS.ORG.
 And remember to do your on-line shopping at ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM



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OF SNOW

