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ARE ENCOURAGED!**



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## Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 2, at the Red Front

Joyce Stah spoke about the RISE program at WMHT.

We selected **May 15th** as the date to work at Joseph's House.

Apprised the members of the email from Joe Hurley (Peaceful Remembrance) and said that we would wait for Jerry's input on this.

Apprised the members that we received a thank you letter from Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany for the books and magazines that Tom brought over to them and asked that everyone save their magazines (not over 6 months old) and/or good books (not love stories) that they might want to donate. Tom could deliver them unless it turns out to be numerous as we have enough space taken up with the eye-glasses :)

Minutes taken by King Lion Diane

## Report of the board meetings held on Friday, March 18, at the Alexis Diner

We send our condolences to Lion Ruth, whose mother passed away on March 12. The meeting was moved from Wednesday to Friday so that some of us could attend her funeral.

We voted against going with the National Income Life program that had been proposed last month. The benefits were of some value, but we weren't willing to give them our membership list for marketing purposes.

Lions Diane, Tom and Terry attended Joseph's House grand opening of their new facility. May 15 is the date we've chosen to serve a meal



## MEMBERSHIP

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\* AFFILIATE MEMBER

at Joseph’s House. [See articles on page 3.]

Lion MaryJoy has proposed a new club project: Visiting senior centers, nursing homes, etc., and providing basic repairs (adjust and tighten temple pieces, replace bridge cushions, etc.) to eyeglasses as required. MaryJoy, a licensed optician, has the necessary equipment and expertise; she would generally require a Lion or two to accompany and assist her. We voted to adopt this as a service program.

PDG Dave Harris will be our only delegate at the district Convention in Buffalo.

Lions Maryanne & Jerry reported that we have 76 nurses signed up, and we have started a waiting list. We’ve had to turn away nurses from Niskayuna, Guilderland and Stillwater because they’re not in our service area.

Lion Jerry reported that he and Lion Maryanne worked at the SUNY Administration Building on 3/17. They held a kick-off session for their collection of glasses, hearing aids, cell phones and printer cartridges for us. They gave away coffee and donuts and had a drawing for a parking spot for everyone who brought something that morning. We were there to distribute Lions literature and answer any questions. In two hours, they collected 172 glasses, 109 cell phones and 120 printer cartridges. And we may even get a new member out of it!

We voted to contribute \$100 towards the hearing aid for an applicant that Lion Terry recommended.

We voted to donate \$2/member to LCIF towards the District Melvin Jones award, and \$100 to LCIF’s general fund.

***Our next meeting...***

Our next meeting, on **Wednesday, April 6**, is our **School-Nurse Appreciation Dinner**. For those who don’t remember that last time we did this in 2008: We invite the school nurses from the 17 school districts in our service area to a free dinner where they can network with their co-workers, and we provide an educational speaker. This year, our speaker is pediatrician Dr. Lori Caruso. The event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St in Troy, starting at 6:00 PM. All Lions and guests are welcome, but **we must have your reservation by April 3**. The cost for Lions and their guests is \$20 per person. If you want to attend, please let Lion Jerry know at [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) or 235-8232.

***Election time***

It's that time of year again, folks, when we elect next year's officers and board of directors. Here's the proposed slate:

President	Tom Hart	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Kathy Dorn
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Carol Quantock	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Ruth Sano
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joann Beach	Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 years	Elaine Hayner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Maryanne Gordon	Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 years	Mike O’Brien
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
Treasurer (Club)	Paul Vergoni	Membership Chairman	Nick DeMarte
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	* Membership Vice-chair	Elaine Hayner
Lion Tamer	Vicki Shahinian	* Membership committee	Ruth Sano
Tail Twister	MaryJoy	Immediate Past Pres	Diane Hart

*\* Not members of the Board of Directors*



If anyone else is interested in running for any office, please contact Secretary Jerry ([jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) or 235-8232) as soon as possible. We would normally vote at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, but because that’s the school-nurse dinner, we’ll vote by email & phone.

### *Joseph's House I*

Joseph's House and Shelter had 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. Lions Diane, Tom and Terry were there and report that it was a very nice event. Joseph's House greatly appreciates the diapers and other items we have donated.

### *Joseph's House II*

**Sunday, May 15** is the date we've chosen to serve a meal at Joseph's House. We won't be doing any prep or cooking (we'll buy the food from the Red Front), but we will have to serve and clean up. Watch for details. Please sign up with Lion Terry at [festivflag@aol.com](mailto:festivflag@aol.com) or 237-2188. This is our first such venture - let's get a good turnout!

	<p><b><i>Make a note:</i></b></p> <p>A&amp;T Lions Work Nights at the <b>Regional Food Bank:</b>  <b>Tuesday, April 12, July 12, October 11, 2011, 5:30-7:30 PM</b>  <i>Friends and family welcome.</i> Tell Lion Carol how many you're          bringing at <a href="mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com">cquantoc@nycap.rr.com</a> or 664-3901.</p>	 <p><b>We Serve</b></p>
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### *Shirts, again*

Back in January 2010, we placed our first order for club shirts. We selected a BlueGen brand long-sleeve Oxford shirt in Navy. It's an easy-care 65% polyester/35% cotton poplin blend, washes nicely and needs no ironing. They have stain release and are wrinkle- and crease-resistant. Embossed on the left chest is "Albany & Troy Lions Club" and the Lions logo. We supported a local business by getting them from Sportsmaster (Standard Mfg.) in Lansingburgh. Both Men's and Ladies' shirts are "Classic Fit." The Men's shirts have a button-down collar and a pocket. The Ladies' shirts have a spread collar (not button-down), straight bottom and no pocket.

Then in June, so that we could be properly attired for summer events, we ordered navy blue golf (or polo) shirts with the A&T Lions logo embroidered on the left chest. The shirt we have selected is a JerZees brand 50 poly/50 cotton blend that should need no ironing when it comes out of the dryer. The Ladies' version is fitted.

I won't have exact prices until I have exact quantities of each, but I expect the Oxford shirts (Men's or Ladies') to cost approximately \$24 for XS, S, M, L, XL, and the polo shirts to be about \$16 for XS, S, M, L, XL. In both cases, add \$2 for 2XL, \$4 for 3XL, \$6 for 4XL, etc. (Ladies, for what it's worth: Maryanne thinks her large Oxford is too big for her, and her medium polo shirt is too tight, so she'll be getting a new medium Oxford and a new large polo.)

These shirts are ideal for any event where we're in public, such as a blood drive, serving meals at Joseph's House, district functions, trips to Guiding Eyes or other clubs, etc. If you didn't get either one last time, or you're a new member, now's your big chance. I'd like to place an order by mid April, but we need at least 6, in any combination. Tell me your shirt choice and size at [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) or 235-8232. (Also, you can get the club logo added to any piece of apparel you supply for about \$7.)

## Club Visitation

**Lion Mike O'Brien** is District VCB Chair (it used to be Vacation Camp for the Blind, but now it's Visions Center on Blindness), and he's speaking in that role to the Glens Falls Lions Club on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 PM at the Queensbury Hotel. We're using this event as an excuse to visit the GFLC; if you'd like to be part of our club's contingent, please notify Lion Diane at [DBHart@nycap.rr.com](mailto:DBHart@nycap.rr.com) or 605-8600. (Here's a good chance to wear your club shirt.)

## 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.*

**Lions Maryanne & Jerry** spent a few weeks in Florida in early March, and while there, they went to a meeting of the Ormond Beach Lions Club, where that had arranged to meet some other Lions from our district. From the left: PDG Orville and Lion Judy Curtiss from the Galway Lions Club, Lions Jerry & Maryanne, Galway Lioness Geralyn De La Fleur, Galway Lion Gerry Minkler and Lion Marget Toth, president of OBLC. It's not a big club (28 members), but they have a lot of fun and they're very active in their community.



A few days later, while touring St. Augustine, they came upon a Seafood & Music Festival

run by the St. Augustine Lions Club. This 35-member club has been doing this for 30 years. There's a \$2 admission fee. The arts & craft vendors, of which there were probably 80-100, pay \$125 to be there. And they charge the dozens of food vendors 20% of their gross. All in all, they make about \$65,000. And the publicity they garner for their charitable works is immeasurable.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Lion MaryJoy** from her recent foot surgery.

We're pleased to report that **Lion Jane Chouiniere** is out of the hospital. She's going through rehab at Heritage House and hopes to be home soon. She appreciates our cards and concern. (She might even be home by the time you read this.)

## 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](mailto: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.)

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

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.

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**

***Happy Birthday!***

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

1st - PDG Dave Harris  
6th - MaryJoy  
8th - Terry Page  
19th - Larry Krug  
20th - Kathy Dorn

***Happy Anniversary!***

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

Nick DeMarte - 2 years (+22 years with  
the Plattsburgh LC)  
Vicki Adler - 7 years  
Mike Farrell - 7 years  
Barry Berberich - 9 years  
Maryanne Gordon - 12 years  
Dr. Allen Zieker - 13 years  
Dr. Rob Brass - 13 years  
Mike O'Brien - 13 years

***Mark your calendar...***

**Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 PM:** School-nurse dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn. See page 2.

**Sunday, April 10:** Annual Meeting of the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank. As Lions, we are all members. See page 6.

**Tuesday, April 12, 5:30-7:30 PM:** Work night at Regional Food Bank. Make sure Lion Carol knows you'll be there; see page 3.

**Saturday, April 16:** District Cabinet Meeting at CABVI in Utica. See page 7.

**Wednesday, April 20, 8:00 AM:** Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

**Tuesday, April 26:** Visitation to Glens Falls Lions Club. See page 4.

The 59th Annual Membership Meeting of the  
Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.

Lions Eye Bank at Albany

will be held on

April 10, 2011

at the

Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

Executive Board Members and Officers will be elected.

Club contributions will be accepted.

The Executive Board meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Cocktail hour is at 12:00 p.m. and the luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting as we review the accomplishments  
of the past year

and our vision for the future.

Sincerely,  
David Harris  
Secretary



Victoria Adler  
Executive Director/Tissue Bank Director

Please make reservations for

to attend the

59th Annual Membership Meeting of the  
Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.

on

Sunday, April 10, 2011

at the

Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

Luncheon Choices are:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Teriyaki \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced New York Sirloin

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon

Please reply with check for \$25 per person made payable to

The Sight Society of NENY by

March 30, 2011



**Send reservations and checks to: Sight Society of NENY, Inc.  
Lions Eye Bank at Albany  
6 Executive Park Drive  
Albany, NY 12203**

# District Cabinet Meeting

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Central Association for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired  
507 Kent Street, Utica, NY 13501

## Program

- 8:30 AM Coffee and registration
- 9:00 AM Central Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired Program and Tour of the facility
- 9:45 AM Break
- 10:00 AM Lion Tom Hart, Albany & Troy Lions Club  
Recycling eyeglasses
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Business Session
- 12:30 PM Lunch

It is appreciated if you register whether or not you have lunch.  
Lunch will be provided by CABVI at no charge  
Please RSVP to Lion Tim Brown by April 10<sup>th</sup>  
315-269-3727

[timothyjbrownsr@roadrunner.com](mailto:timothyjbrownsr@roadrunner.com)





Now that you have read this issue, do two things:

- ⇒ Make your reservation for the School-Nurse dinner - see page 2
- ⇒ Order your club shirt(s) - see page 3

For either or both, contact Lion Jerry at [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) or 235-8232

