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ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the School-Nurse Dinner held on Wednesday, April 6, at the Hilton Garden Inn

The final count was 60 school nurses + 18 Lions and guests. As usual, the Hilton did a beautiful job with the meal. Benita Zahn was a terrific MC, and pediatrician Dr. Lori Caruso's "head to toe" talk was informative, entertaining and very well received. The nurses were very appreciative of all we do, as evidenced by their remarks that evening and the thank-you notes we got afterwards. And thank to our generous sponsors, the club's out-of-pocket cost was a mere \$170. All in all, it was a very successful evening.

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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, April 20, at the Alexis Diner

KL Diane apprised the Board of some old business as follows:

~ Volunteer Day at **Joseph’s House** is **Sunday, May 15, 2011**. Exact details of time, etc. will be forthcoming from Lion Terry. [See story on page 4.]

~ Volunteer Night for the Regional Food Bank which was on April 12, 2011, turned out very good. The next date is **Tuesday, July 12, 2011**, and it would be great to see some new faces joining us that night. It is always a fun and rewarding evening.

~ Lion Jerry received several thank you notes from the nurses who attended our Nurses’ Dinner on April 6th, which were distributed for perusal.

New Business:

~ Lion Diane apprised everyone that our Installation Dinner will be held at **The Hilton Garden Inn, Wednesday, June 1, 2011**. [See page 8 for details.]

~Lions Diane, Tom and Michael attended the Lions District 20-Y2 Cabinet Meeting held on April 16, 2011, which was hosted by CABVI (Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired) in Utica, NY:

Highlights of the Cabinet Meeting:

~ We toured CABVI’s manufacturing division and observed its Rehabilitation Services, which was quite impressive.

~Lion Tom gave a presentation on our Eyeglass Collection Program which was very well received and he was asked by several Lions to please consider placing a descriptive detail on our website for all Lions to review and possibly adopt.

~Redistricting will not be taking place.

~Camp Badger will not be hosting a Diabetic Program this year due to an illness of the individual usually heading up this program.

~ A donation of \$25 was voted on and approved for our District Governor, John Samples.

~ Lion Diane apprised everyone of the following up-coming events:

~ Guiding Eyes for the Blind Headquarters and Training Center, Yorktown Heights, NY, Tour and



Brunch, Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 10:30 - 3:00 P.M. Please notify Lion Diane if you plan to attend.

~ Visions Annual BCB Charity Golf Outing - Fairview Country Club - 5-24-2011. See Lions' website for details.

~ Camp Badger Gold Tournament - September 21st and 22nd, 2011 - Bristol Harbor Resort in Canandaigua. See Lions' website for details.

~ Lion Diane apprised the Board that she, along with Lion Tom (who gave a presentation on our eyeglass program) and Lions Jerry, Maryanne, Michael and Carol, attended the April 11, 2011, Mechanicville/Stillwater Lions Club Meeting. They will be joining us for our Installation Dinner. That evening, one of their members, Doctor Tamar Martin, will be showing us a power point presentation of her many trips to Haiti, and what she is doing to help this disaster ridden country with eyeglasses, etc.

~ We have received thank you notes from:

~ Mary Devon O'Brien - New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, who continues to be in awe of what we are doing with our collection program.

~ Thank you from Karen B. Covey, Volunteer Manager, Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, for our magazine donation. If you have any appropriate Magazines to donate, please give them to Lion Tom.

~ Received a thank you letter from LCIF for our \$100 Fellowship donation and one from the Association for the Hearing Impaired, Inc., for our \$50 donation.

~ A request from the Banda Bola Sports Foundation has been received and they would like to speak to our group. The letter has been forwarded to Lion Kathy for consider for next Lions' year.

~ Lion Elaine indicated that all is going well on her end for furnishing vouchers for eyeglasses and going forward she will give us a monthly report of how many, etc., she is referring to Lens Crafters, et al.

~ Lion Diane apprised the Board of a young man, Tyler Gleason who may be joining us for our next General Meeting at the Red Front. Tyler is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Town of Windsor Lions. A stipulation of this award is for him to attend a Lions Meeting close to where he attends school, which happens to be SUNY Albany.

~ Lion Paul apprised the Board that he has sent letters out to those Lions in arrears for 2010-2011 Dues. One Lion, Christina Zhu-Weaver has sent her dues in and subsequently resigned from the Club, due to the commitments of motherhood, etc. We will all miss Christina and wish her well. Her resignation is accepted with deep regret. Lion Paul will send follow-up letters to those who have not responded and if he does not hear back within a reasonable time, those Lions will be sadly dropped from membership.

~ At the suggestion of Lion Paul, it was voted on and approved to transfer \$389.09 from the Club's Charitable Fund balance to the A&T Charitable Account, to fully cover the expenses of our recent Nurses' Dinner.

~ Lion Paul indicated that we did in fact sell three Raffle Tickets for the State Convention, which qualifies us to obtain one Robert J. Uplinger Award.

~ A \$175 donation was approved for HOBY New York East (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership); they will let us know the student selected.

~ Reported that LCIF - Japan Relief Fund has received \$6M to date, \$3M of which came from Lions Clubs in Japan. They are also requesting private donations, should anyone want to do so.

~ Presented and sold 10 Raffle tickets for the Lions Camp Badger Raffle.

~ Lion Paul recommended that the Club should start addressing the shortfall in funds in the A&T Charitable Fund, as NYS Member Items and Federal Budget Items have already ceased and/or will be ceasing shortly.

~Lion Ruth presented a \$500 check from Stewart's and a letter from the NYS Comptroller's Office with our Direct Deposit Vendor ID #.

Minutes taken by King Lion Diane

Election results

This is your Board of Directors for the Lions year running from July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012:

President	Tom Hart	Director, 1 st of 2 years	Kathy Dorn
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Lion Tamer	Vicki Shahinian	* Membership committee	Ruth Sano
Tail Twister	MaryJoy	Immediate Past Pres	Diane Hart

** Not members of the Board of Directors*

Our next meeting

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 4**, at the Red Front at 6 PM. District Governor John Samples will be our guest, and he'll be inducting our newest Lion, MaryJoy. Please join us.

Joseph's House

Sunday, May 15 is the date we've chosen to serve dinner 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. We'll need workers from 3:30-6:30 pm, so please sign up with Lion Carol Quantock at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901. This is our first such venture - let's get a good turnout!

We Serve, again

We had a last-minute call from the Regional Food Bank on Wednesday, April 6th, for strong volunteers to help unload furniture from a tractor trailer of furniture donated by Walmart. The RFB was donating it to a not-for-profit in Schenectady.

It turned out to be TWO tractor trailers full and there was NO FORKLIFT to help them at the loading dock in Schenectady. So our Lions worked HARD until 5:30 + and earned high marks from the Regional Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Murray.

Our congratulations to our strong volunteers: Lions Larry Krug and Paul Vergoni, and pseudo-Lion Bob Sano. They were aided by one Rotarian, a number of Food Bank employees, one RFB volunteer, and Jackie and her husband.

A well-done job, Lions, and congratulations to all !!

Another visitation

On April 26, Lion Mike O'Brien, District VCB Chair, was invited to speak to the Glens Falls Lions Club. Accompanying him were A&T Lions Diane & Tom Hart, Elaine Hayner and Vicki Shahinian. Mike's informative talk was well received, and all the A&T Lions appreciated GF's hospitality. In the picture: Lion Mike with Glens Falls King Lion Karen Rager.



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; all should be in good condition.

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.)

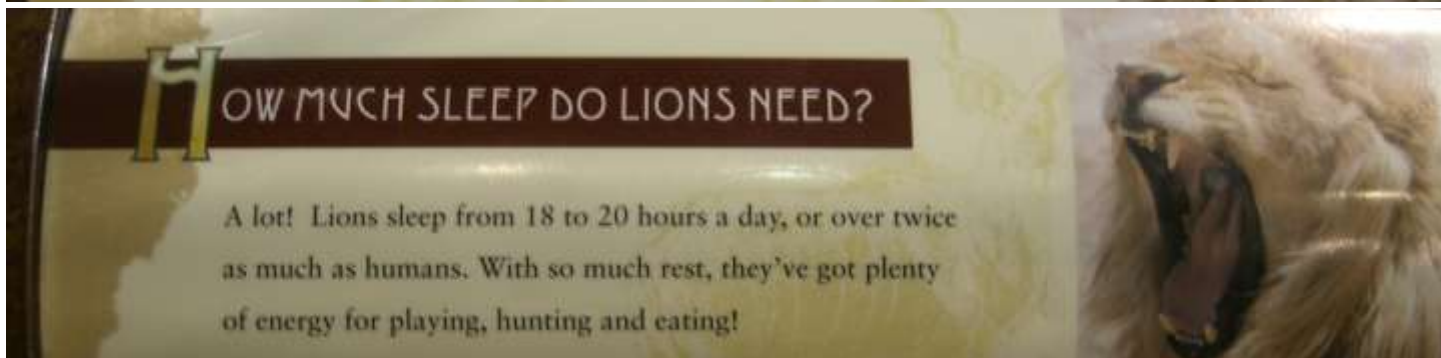
These shirts are ideal for any event where we're in public, such as a blood drive, serving meals at Joseph's House, district functions, trips to Guiding Eyes or other clubs, etc. If you didn't get either one last time, or you're a new member, now's your big chance. I'd like to place an order soon, but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

On a more personal note ...

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.

Lions Jerry and Maryanne are on the road again, this time to Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, with intermediate stops at fabulous Zion and Bryce National Parks. We weren't able to visit any other clubs, but here are a bunch of Lions pictures for your enjoyment:





Make a note:

A&T Lions Work Nights at the **Regional Food Bank:**
Tuesday, July 12 and 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.



Happy Birthday!

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

- 7th - Maryanne Gordon
- 9th - Elaine Hayner
- 10th - Vici Harris
- 13th - Vickie Shahinian
- 20th - Cyndy Otty
- 26th - Allen Zieker



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Alex Gillies - 1 year
- Diane Gillies - 1 year
- Judy Miller - 3 years
- Joanne Beach - 7 years
- Diane Burke Hart - 17 years
- Jane Chouiniere - 23 years

Mark your calendar...

- Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 PM:** General meeting at the Red Front. Join us as DG John Samples inducts a new Lion.
- Sunday, May 15:** Help us serve dinner at Joseph's House. See story on page 4.
- Wednesday, May 18, 8:00 AM:** Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.
- Monday, May 23:** Hearing Conservation Society annual dinner and installation of officers. See page 9.
- Wednesday, June 1:** Our annual installation dinner. See page 8.
- Saturday, June 4:** Town of Hoosick Lions 50th Anniversary celebration. See page 10.

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**



2011 INSTALLATION DINNER



ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

(ALL 20-Y2 CLUBS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 1, 2011

6:00 P.M. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR (Cash Bar)

7:00 P.M. DINNER

HILTON GARDEN INN TROY
235 HOOSICK ST, TROY, NY 12180
518-272-1700



\$30.00 per person

Dinner Choices, including salad, dessert and coffee or tea:

Tarragon Crusted Salmon

*(Baked Salmon with a Tarragon Panko Crust,
Julienne Spring Vegetables, Jasmine Rice, Spicy Tomato Broth)*

Chicken With Mushroom & Madeira Butter

*(Thyme Sautéed Duet of Chicken Paillard, Savory Crimini Mushrooms and Madeira Pan Gravy,
Roasted Potato Medallions and Wilted Greens)*

Stuffed Beef Tenderloin

*(Gorgonzola & Mushroom Stuffed Tenderloin,
Buttermilk Smashed Red Potatoes & Glazed Vidalia Onions)*

The evening will include a PowerPoint presentation by Lions Dr. Tamar Martin and Ray Martin of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club about the medical mission trips in Haiti (the most recent in January) that their club supports. She and the medical team are in frequent contact with the orphanage-based relief-site, and the presentation will include a current status report.

R.S.V.P. TO LION DIANE BURKE HART 518-283-6099 dbhart@nycap.rr.com

BY: WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

(Please make checks payable to: *Albany & Troy Lions Club*)

Mail to:

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20Y2 LIONS HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY



LHCS PRESIDENT
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518.673.1065

TO: All 20Y2 Club Members

As President of the Lions Hearing Conservation Society I would like to extend a personal invitation to all club members and their guests to attend our annual dinner meeting and installation of officers on **Monday, May 23, 2011**.

Guest speaker: **Joanne Knauer**

A NY-Licensed Clinical Social Worker and member of the Hearing Loss Association, Albany Chapter.

This should be an informative meeting as we find more ways to work with other groups for the betterment of the hearing impaired and deaf.

We will also be talking about the Lions Hearing Awareness Program for the summer and what is new for the program.

Place- Raindancer Steak Parlour

4582 State Hwy. 30, Amsterdam, NY

6:30 PM - Cash bar and socializing (can be added to dinner check)

7:00 PM - Dinner (ordered from menu)

RSVP phone or email by May 15, 2010

Lion Bill Suchy 843-5850 Lsuchy@nycap.rr.com

PDG Surnoff Judy 673-1065 scjudy2@frontiernet.net From: Roman Berezowsky
[mailto:roman.berezowsky@shaw.ca]

Thank You
Surnoff Judy, PDG
President



Town of Hoosick Lions Club We Serve



The Town of Hoosick Lions Club invites you to our

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 4th, 2011

6:00 P.M. - Social Hour – Cash Bar

7:00 P.M. - Dinner

Hoosick Falls Country Club
Richmond Avenue
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Special Guest Speaker

Douglas X. Alexander, International Director

\$30.00

Dinner Choices, including coffee and desert
Prime Rib
Roast Turkey
Baked Scrod

Semi-formal or Appropriate Lions Attire

Contact Lion Peter Church for more information

518-944-8074 peterlchurch@gmail.com

R.S.V.P. BY: **MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011**

Please make checks payable to: **Town of Hoosick Lions Club**
(Please include your phone number or e-mail so we may contact you if need be
and include your menu choice)

Mail to:

**LION SANDY TREMBLY
138 HOME STREET
HOOSICK FALLS, NY 12090**