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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the Installation Dinner held on Wednesday, June 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn

A group of about 3 dozen Lions from our club and the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club and their spouses and guests gathered at what's become our favorite "special occasion" place, the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street. M-S Lion Dr.

Tamar Martin gave us a wonderful presentation about her pharmacology/medical missions to Haiti.

PDGs Dave Harris and Lettie Saheim shared the installation duties, and your new leadership team is shown on the left side of this page.

We presented an appreciation plaque to Lion Mike for always being there when we need him, and Lion Diane got an appreciation award for her year as president. On page 2, you'll find an article from the Mechanicville Express about the event. The M-S Lions enjoyed themselves so much, they're planning on joining us for our holiday party in December.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, June 15, at the Alexis Diner

We will be visiting Guiding Eyes for the Blind again this year on Saturday, July 16.

Lions Diane, Tom, Dave, Elaine, Carol and MaryJoy attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Hoosick Lions Club.

We got another thank-you note from the NJ Eyeglass Recycling Center for all our glasses.

We agreed to do another blood drive on August 26 at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham. [There will be more about this in the August issue, but meanwhile, save the date.]

We are now committed to the "Friends Helping Friends Day" fundraiser at Boscov's (both Clifton Paek and Colonie Center) on October 4. [More about this later, but save this date, too. We'll need workers.]

We received a thank-you note from the deaf student who's going to a

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summer camp at R.I.T. with our financial help, as well as some from recipients of the Klingaman Award.

We voted to bring a donation to Guiding Eyes. The amount will be \$200 or more, depending on whether we receive another check from metal eyeglass frames.

By e-mail on June 20, we received a request from a social worker in a BOCES classroom for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students at Farnsworth Middle School, who was writing on behalf of a student she works with. Zander is a fifth grader with Landau Kleffner Syndrome who resides in the city of Albany. He has an opportunity to attend the Green Mountain Lions Camp at Austene School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, VT for one week this summer. The cost of the program is \$365 plus travel expenses and spending money.

Zander's mom is a single parent who works full-time with disabled adults, and she is not able to afford the entire cost of the program. Any financial assistance she receives will be very helpful and greatly appreciated. This will be an invaluable experience for Zander in terms of his social skills, sense of independence and life experience. The social worker is currently investigating other sources of financial assistance, but has thus far secured only \$100 towards the cost of the camp.

In an e-mail vote on June 20-21, the board decided to donate \$150 towards this cause. We reached out to the Hearing Conservation Society, who will also donate \$150, thus covering the cost of the program plus providing a little extra for travel expenses.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting won't be until September, but of course your board of directors will be working tirelessly over the summer. All Lions are welcome at the board meetings, which are on the 3rd Wednesday (July 20 and August 17) at 8:00 AM at the Alexis Diner, so if you need a "meetings fix," you know where to find us.

The District Governor's Contest

PGD Dave Harris and Lion Mike O'Brien went to the DG's Testimonial Dinner On June 17 in Johnstown. Dave says, "It was a great pleasure for me to represent the Albany & Troy Lions Club in receiving this years Governor's Contest Blue Team Award for our club. We now have a new patch to add to our awards banner. This is a fine tribute to the leadership of our club in promoting the many fine service

Lions install new officers



MECHANICVILLE—The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club were invited to join with their fellow Lions from the Albany and Troy Club recently for an officer installation dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn. The gathering learned from fellow Lion, Dr. Tamar Martin Pharm.D., about the current status in Haiti relief, that both clubs support. Dr. Martin has been to Haiti on two medical relief missions since the devastating earthquake, and she shared personal pictures and experiences.

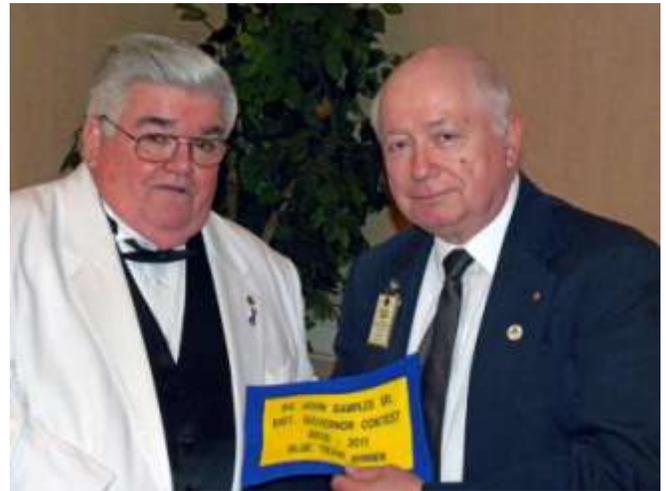
The Mechanicville-Stillwater officers that were installed were President: (King Lion) Kim Dumar, 1st V.P: Jim Smith, 2nd V.P: John McBride, 3rd V.P: Patricia Shannon, Treasurer: Tom Sullivan, Secretary: Ray Martin, Lion Tamer: Lettie Saheim, Tail Twister: Mike McBride, and Directors: Pat Baker, Bob Chase, and Dom Grimaldi.

Past District Governor, Lettie Saheim presented an award to Kim Dumar for his outstanding leadership, the club recognized John Choy the adviser to the Leo's Club of Shenendehowa High School for the inspiring work that he has done with that local youth organization. Over the next two months The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions will again be raffling-off a deluxe barbecue grill. You can support our local assistance projects by getting a ticket from any Lions member, or visit our booth at the Mechanicville Family Day. If you are interested in serving the community and would like to be Lion, contact Kim Dumar at 495-7982.

PICTURED ABOVE: Lions Club President Kim Dumar, and wife Jan showing the Presidential Service Award.

projects that have been completed during the year. Most importantly we must cite the excellent job that Lion Secretary Jerry Gordon continues to do in reporting all activities to the district and International in such a complete and timely manner. Thank you Lion Jerry and congratulations to all for this wonderful achievement.”

For those of you not familiar with the District Governor’s Contest, here’s the story: Each year, the DG comes up with a “contest” to promote selected aspects of Lionism. It awards points for various service projects, and for fairness, the clubs’ scores are compared to other clubs of the same size. Usually, the “teams” are under 20 members, 20-40 members and more than 40 members. We’re in the over-40 group.



DG John Samples’ 2010-11 contest had 4 categories: Environmental Projects, Youth Activities, Providing Eyeglasses & Eye Exams and Feeding the Hungry. Our club did nothing in the first two categories, but the number of glasses and eye exams that we provide (thanks to Elaine & Maryanne) and our Regional Food Bank work sessions and Joseph’s House dinner (thanks to Terry, Carol and all who participated) were enough to carry us to victory.

As soon as I know the criteria for DG Rick Quick’s 2011-12 contest, I’ll let you know.

Regional Food Bank

Our next quarterly work night at the **Regional Food Bank** is on **Tuesday, July 12**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This is a fun way to live up to our motto, ***We Serve***. If you haven’t done it before, it’s not too late to start. And if you have done it before, welcome back. Remember that friends and family (including kids) are welcome. We can’t have too many people, because they assign our task based on our group size. Tell Lion Carol how many you’re bringing at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901 by July 5, please.

On a more personal note ...

Congratulations to **Lion Carol Quantock** on her new job as Business Administrator in the School of Architecture at RPI.

Back in March and April, **Lion Jane Chouiniere** spent some time in the hospital and rehab. I apologize for my negligence in not publishing her thank-you sooner, but here it is: *“I had just wanted to thank all those who sent cards and good wishes to me when I was in the hospital. I pretty much did that last night (June 1), but if you could just put in a line or two saying thanks to anyone I wasn’t able to thank in person, I would appreciate that. Their thoughts and prayers were really helpful to me in my recovery and I want them to know how much it meant to me. Thanks for your help. Lion Jane”*

Those of you who have been Troy Lions for a while may remember Janette & Clem Marino, who were members in the late ‘90s for a few years, before they moved to Saratoga Springs. Lions Maryanne & Jerry attended the graduation party for their daughter Danielle, who’s going on to R.I.T. Janette and Clem send their regards to all their old friends from the Troy Lions Club. Danielle (in the center) is holding her award from the Saratoga Springs Lions for her best-in-class win in their annual Duathlon.



Happy Birthday!

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

6th - Bob Pratt
25th - Jerry Gordon
31st - Jerry Jennings

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Tom Hart - 4 years
Howard Adler - 5 years

Mark your calendar...

Tuesday, July 12, 5:30-7:30 PM: Work night at the Regional Food Bank. Bring your friends and family, and tell Lion Carol (cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901) how many of you will be there.

Saturday, July 16: Club trip to Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights. Sign up with Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 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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A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified! There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blond. What the hell are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo."

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, "but we had money left over so now we're going to Sea World."