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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, at the Red Front

Lion Jerry introduced potential Lions Katie Allen, who works at NABA, and Michelle Baker, who works at SUNY Administration and organized their eye-glass collection program.

Lion Jerry presented a Senior Master Key award to a Lion who has brought 25 new members into our club: himself. He says the key to success is simply to ask and to not take rejection personally.

Erica Gosh, Deputy Director of St Paul's Center in Rensselaer, provided an interesting overview of the mission and activities of this shelter for homeless women and children. Founded in 2005, the shelter serves homeless women of every race and age group. They provide counseling, literacy training, pediatric and maternal health care, job training and placement, housing, and much more. As with most service organizations, they can use all the help they can get in the way donations of money, gift cards, furniture, volunteering and publicity.

We discussed some of the Lions assistance for storm victims in the Schoharie Valley, and decided that a more appropriate forum to discuss what we would do would be the next board meeting.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, September 21, at the Alexis Diner

All arrangements are in place for the holiday party on Dec 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn. We're inviting all the clubs in the district. [See Page 6]

Lion Diane has the flyer ready for this year's wreath sales. Prices are the same as last year, and all members are encouraged to sell as many as possible to replenish our treasury. [See Page 5]

PDG Dave reports that the Lions Eye Bank will provide eyeglasses in those areas that are not covered by a Lions club. PDG Mario Cuozzo of the Ballston Spa club will be handling the programs, but operational details are TBD.

Lion Mike reports that the Dinner in the Dark, sponsored by the Capital District Chapter of ACB is Saturday, 10/1. [See story on page 2]

MEMBERSHIP

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RUTH SANO

VICKIE SHAHINIAN

PAUL VERGONI

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER *

* AFFILIATE MEMBER

We will again participate in the Victorian Stroll on Sunday, Dec. 4.

After a discussion about how we can best help the flood victims in our district, we voted to donate \$1500. We will purchase small-denomination gift cards and give them to the Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club. They can decide who the most needy recipients are in their area. *[See below]*

We voted to purchase a \$50 ad to support the Capital District Chapter of the American Council of the Blind's Dinner in the Dark on Oct 1. *[See below]*

After the meeting, we got a request from a deaf, single mother-to-be who wants help buying a device that will provide visual and vibratory signals when her baby cries. Apparently, the device she wants is available at Walmart for about \$130. After evaluating her application and financial situation, the committee recommended that we pay \$65, half the required amount. The e-mail motion was passed.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 5**, 6 PM at the Red Front. Our guest speakers will be from the Hope Club (successor to Gilda's Club). The CEO will present an overview of the operation, and one of their members will give us his perspective. Please let Lion Jerry know whether you'll be there.

Dues are Due...

Lion Paul sent out dues notices early in July, at the start of the new Lions year, requesting that dues be paid by September 1. Unfortunately, 12 of you haven't paid yet (you know who you are). **PLEASE put your check in the mail TODAY!** Can't find your statement? It's \$65, payable to A&T Lions Club; mail it to Lion Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110-1181.

Remember that most of your \$65 goes to International, MD20 and District 20-Y2; we keep only \$4.

Dinner in the Dark

Sorry for the short notice, but **Saturday, October 1**, is the Dinner in the Dark sponsored by the Capital District Chapter of the American Council of the Blind. It's from 6-10 PM at the Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel, 3 Watervliet Ave Ext, Albany. For reservations or further information, call Kathy Casey at 462-9487.

Visit to Schoharie

On Wednesday, September 28, Lions Tom & Diane Hart and Maryanne & Jerry Gordon visited the Town of Wright/Schoharie Valley Lions Club. KL Tom presented \$750 in Stewarts gift cards and a check for \$750, which the club will distribute locally. Also present at the meeting were 5 of our friends from the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club, who gave them \$1000. In the picture are King Lions Tom Hart (A&T), Mary Barker (W-SV) and Kim Dumar (M-S).


The stories they tell of the devastation and loss are absolutely heart-breaking. They need so much of everything: from clothes and food to school supplies to home insulation before the winter sets in. To find out the latest status, keep an eye on the district web site: 20Y2Lions.org.



Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Fundraiser

Here's how this works: Boscov's has given us a bunch of coupons that are good for up to 25% discount on anything you buy at Boscov's on **Tuesday, October 4**, at either their Colonie Center or Clifton Park store. We sell the coupons for \$5, which we keep. Contact Lion Diane to get your coupons, both for your own use and to sell to your friends, family and neighbors.

In addition, we'll have a table set up at the main entrance to each store on Oct. 4 from 1:30 to 5:30 PM to sell them to anyone going into the store. Lion Carol will be setting up the work schedule. Contact her at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.




Make a note:

Next Lions Work Night at the **Regional Food Bank:**
Tuesday, 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.

Save the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October.



We Serve

Low-Vision Technology Fair

On **Wednesday, October 19**, NABA's Low-Vision Technology Fair will be held from 10am-6pm at the Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle (off Wolf Rd) in Albany. We'll have an information table there, and we need folks to man it. Please contact Lion Carol (at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901) and let her know your availability.

The purpose of a "Low-Vision Technology Fair" is to showcase the latest in low-vision technologies designed to assist the visually impaired with reading and daily activities such as computer use, working, shopping and more. Low-vision technology companies will be demonstrating state-of-the-art products that help with low vision, and healthcare experts will present the latest in eye health research. Persons with vision difficulty as well as family members, caregivers, educators and healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend.

"Low Vision" is defined as a visual impairment that cannot be corrected by standard eyeglasses, contact lenses, medication, or surgery, and that interferes with the ability to perform everyday activities. Many Americans with low vision have difficulty reading mail, shopping, cooking, watching TV and even reading this article. Challenges associated with vision loss can seem overwhelming at times.

On a more personal note ...

Laura and **Lion Paul Vergoni** just got back from a trip to Cape Cod, which was unfortunately shortened by a rainy weekend. Paul says, "While we have a great time on the Cape, I don't think there is anything newsworthy. We stayed in Mashpee, but ventured to Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard, Chatham, and other points of interest. As hard as we tried, we weren't able to eat all of the seafood on the Cape, and Laura did leave some items in the various shops we visited."

Lion Diane Burke Hart has opened a new business, "Treasures of the **Hart**", which is presently located at **ARTIQUE CO-OP**, 1536 Crescent Road, Plaza 8 Shopping Center, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Artique Co-Op features over 100 local vendors, providing a storefront opportunity for a variety of small businesses to work together under one roof, featuring textiles, pottery, candles, handbags, antiques, vintage and new-to-you finds. Located just west of Northway Exit 8, it is easy to find and worth the trip. Lion Diane is selling her collection of Department 56 Christmas Houses.

Congratulations to **Lion Ruth Sano** on the birth of her twin grandsons. The event is so recent that I have no further details, but I'm sure we'll have an adorable picture for next month's issue.

Folks, the only way I get items for this section is if someone tells me what's going on. 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. I hate to have to resort to threats, but if I don't get stuff for this section, I may have to include more jokes and cartoons.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 6th - Dennis Fagan
- 16th - Pam Khabanonda



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Jerry Gordon - 20 years
- Larry Krug - 32 years
- Paul Vergoni - 32 years

Mark your calendar...

Tuesday, October 4, 1:30-5:30 PM: Sign up with Lion Carol* to work at Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" day.

Wednesday, October 5, 6 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. Our guest speakers are from Hope Club.

Tuesday, October 11, 5:30-7:30 PM: Work session at Regional Food Bank. Sign up with Lion Carol*.

Wednesday, October 19, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

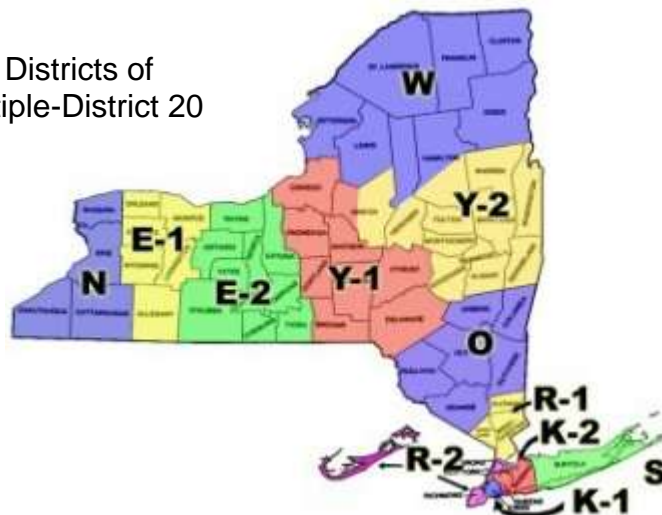
Wednesday, October 19, 10 AM - 6 PM: NABA Low-Vision Tech Fair. Sign up with Lion Carol* to man our table (very easy job).

Wednesday, December 7, 2011: Save the date for our multi-club Holiday Party. See page 6.

* You can reach Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

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

The Districts of Multiple-District 20





HOLIDAY GREENS SALE:

- ~ 24”– 26” Double Sided Balsam Wreaths w/ Red Bow - \$16.00
- ~ 34” Balsam Cross on Wood Frame - \$19.00
- ~ Large Round Kissing Balls - \$26.00
- 60” X 36” Cemetery Blankets - \$24.00

AVAILABLE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2011

TO BE PICKED UP AT THE HOME OF:
(OR A LOCATION PRE-ARRANGED.)

**LIONS TOM & DIANE BURKE HART
8 GREENWOOD ROAD
WYNANTSKILL, NY 12198
518-283-6099 OR 518-605-8600**

ALL ORDERS AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011
Checks to be made payable to: ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

**ORDERS TAKEN BY:
LION DIANE BURKE HART – 518-283-6099 OR 518-605-8600**





All Lions & Their Guests
are invited to our



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

**6:00 P.M. ATTITUDE ADJUST-
MENT HOUR (Cash Bar)**

7:00 P.M. DINNER

**HILTON GARDEN INN,
235 HOOSICK ST, TROY**

\$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*

Mediterranean Chicken

*Marjoram chicken with roast lemon, green olives & capers,
Israeli cous cous pilaf, broiled tomato*

Stuffed Beef Tenderloin

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

R.S.V.P. TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT BY: NOVEMBER 28, 2011

*Please make checks payable to
Albany & Troy Lions Club and mail to:*

*Lion Diane Burke Hart
PO Box 171
West Sand Lake, NY 12196*

Questions? dbhart@nycap.rr.com or (518) 605-8600

If you don't want to drive home after the party, take advantage of HGI's special \$99 room rate. Call 877-782-9444 or visit troy.hgi.com and mention Group Code ATLS. Must reserve by Wed, Nov 16.

