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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, October 5, at the Red Front

Lion Jerry introduced potential Lion Sherie O'Connell, a Physicians Assistant who's eager to do some good with a volunteer organization.

Tracey Pritchard is executive director of HopeClub, which is the name that the American Cancer Society gave to Gilda's Club after they purchased it. This is the only one in the country, and they're hoping it will be successful enough for ACS to open clubs in

other parts of the country. Tracey explained the various programs and services they provide not only to those with cancer, but also to their friends and families. Dick LaLibertie has had leukemia and prostate cancer, and he spoke glowingly about the club from the perspective of a client.

We discussed yesterday's adventures at Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" day, which turned out to be a complete bust. In spite of the fact that we were the first organization to sign up and were promised a prime location, Tom and Diane were given a spot inside the store at Colonie Center. Of course, the organizations located at the entrances got first crack selling coupons to incoming customers; the Harts sold only two and those were to friends who came looking for them. They ended up leaving early.

When Maryanne and Jerry got to the Clifton Park store, the store didn't even know they were coming and so had no location for them. They finally offered an inside spot they could have, if the group that was supposed to be there didn't show up. Needless to say, the Gordons also left early. All in all, we made \$205 in pre-sales. If we do this again next year, it will require much better communications with Boscov's.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, October 19, at the Alexis Diner

Mechanicville/Stillwater and Waterford will be joining us for the holiday party. There will be a grab-bag for those wishing to participate (\$10, unisex) and a 50:50 with the proceeds going to the Regional Food Bank. [See page 7 for details]

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

Every member should push wreaths, since this is a major fund-raiser for us. [See page 5]

The District 20Y2 Fall Conference is Nov. 5. Since it's right in Albany at the Desmond, A&TLC members should attend. [See pages 3 and 6]

Lion Vici Harris (Hear USA) would like us to donate used hearing aids to the District's Hearing Conservation Society because it's become too burdensome for her to keep our donation account separate from their corporate account. She will maintain our \$3424 credit (from previous donations) to benefit our applicants.

Because of demands on his personal and work life, Lion Nick DeMarte is resigning as Membership Chair. Lion Ruth Sano will take over the chairmanship.

We accepted a membership application from Sherie O'Connell, who was at our Oct. 5 meeting and who worked with us at the Regional Food Bank. She's a Registered & Certified Physician's Assistant who works at both Albany Medical Center and EmUrgentCare in Coxsackie, and she has the honor of being our youngest member. [See her photo on page 3]

While the Boscov's project seems to have been a flop [see page 1], we did make \$205 – all our failures should be so successful! Next summer, we will address whether we should try it again, perhaps with better coordination and planning.

There were only 3-1/2 Lions at the Food Bank on 10/11: Lions Maryanne, Jerry and Terry, and potential Lion Sherie. But working with a bunch of Colonie teenagers, we still accomplished a lot. [See page 3]

We had a request to help a family with transportation and living expenses so they could take their daughter, a student in Berlin Central School District, to Rochester for a new prosthetic eye. We voted to donate \$105, half the anticipated cost.

We voted to donate \$50 to support the Victorian Stroll, where we will be selling popcorn inside FirstNiagara Bank.

We voted to donate \$200 to provide holiday gifts a family of four from Vanderheyden, As she has so ably done in the past, Lion Joanne Beach again volunteered to do the shopping. Our family includes a 12-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 2**, 6 PM at the Red Front. Our guest speakers will be from Bright Horizons, a program of the Colonie Senior Service Centers.

Also, we'll have our annual folding, stuffing and stamping session for our Seal-Campaign mailing. This shouldn't take too long because many hands make light work (not to be confused with "too many cooks spoil the broth.")

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, **11** 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.

Regional Food Bank

On October 11, a small but dedicated group of Lions (Terry Page, Maryanne & Jerry Gordon and then-potential Lion Sherie O'Connell) worked with a group of teen-agers from Colonie at our quarterly session. (I don't know why we can't get a better turn-out from our 40 members. Maybe we'll do better at the next session on January 11.)



Low-Vision Technology Fair

Thanks to Lions Paul Vergoni (with Laura), Alex & Diane Gillies, Elaine Hayner, Vickie Shahinian, MaryJoy, Jerry Gordon and Carol Quantock for manning our information table on **Wednesday, October 19**, at NABA's Low-Vision Technology Fair. The crowds were good (NABA reports an attendance of over 200). We gave our literature, answered questions, and maybe even have a potential Lion or two.

District Conference

PDG Dave Harris says: A reminder that our **Fall Conference** will be held next weekend on **Saturday, Nov. 5**, at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. Reservations are coming in very slowly and we hope to have a good representation from our district especially to meet our special guest from LCI, 1st year International Director David Hajny and his wife Marie, who are flying in from Montana for the event.

See the **flyer on page 6** for details. Please make your reservations NOW as we must notify the hotel by mid-week. You may also make reservations by contacting me by email at dharris2@nycap.rr.com or phone (518) 273-1226 and pay at the door. If there is only one district meeting you can make this year, this should be it. Hope to see you there.

Joseph's House

Lion Carol Quantock says: Once again we will be serving dinner to the guests of Joseph's House on **Sunday, November 6**, from 4:15 – 6:15 PM. We're going to serve dinner and dessert just as we did in May, and enjoy their company. This time our dinner entrée will be trays of pasta with meat sauce, and I will be picking up cookies or a similar treat for dessert. The entrée will be delivered by the Red Front so we don't have to be concerned about transporting hot food.

The estimated number of Joseph's House guests at this time of year is about 30 people. I think if we could have about six to eight volunteers from our club, we'd have enough people to be able to handle the job, in addition to taking the time to talk to people who need a helping hand.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you'll be able to help out, or if you have any questions. Remember, we have a meeting on Wednesday night, so I'll talk about it briefly then.

I can be reached at home at 664-3901 or via e-mail at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com. Thanks, everyone!

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**

On a more personal note ...

Lions **Maryanne & Jerry Gordon** just got back from a jazz cruise that took them from New York City to Halifax NS, St. John NB, Bar Harbor ME, Boston MA, Newport RI, and back to NYC. (That’s why this issue is so late.) In addition to hearing some great jazz, Lion Jerry got plenty of opportunities to play his washboard with the Jazz Jammers, a group of a dozen or so unpaid musicians from all over. There was a joint service club meeting on board, where they met husband-and-wife Kiwanians from Houston, a Rotarian from Pensacola and another Lion from Paris - the one in France, not the one in Texas. (The ship is almost 1000 feet long, but it looked pretty small from the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park, where this picture was taken.)



Happy Birthday!

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


- 5th - Ursula Dessingue
- 22nd - Barry Berberich
- 25th - Jane Chouiniere
- 27th - Mike O’Brien



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Dennis Fagan - 5 years
- Carol Quantock - 11 years




Make a note:

Next Lions Work Night at the **Regional Food Bank:**

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, November 2, 6 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. Our guest speakers are from Hope Club.

Saturday, November 5: Fall Conference. See pages 3 and 6.

*** Sunday, November 6: Serving dinner** at Joseph’s House. See page 3.

Wednesday, November 16, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

*** Sunday, December 4, 11 AM - 4 PM:** Troy’s Victorian Stroll. We’re selling popcorn inside FirstNiagara Bank.

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

*** You can reach Lion Carol Quantock at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901 to sign up for Joseph’s House on Nov 6 or the Victorian Stroll on Dec 4.**



Last
Chance!

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



DISTRICT 20Y2 LIONS CLUBS FALL CONFERENCE

October 4, 2011



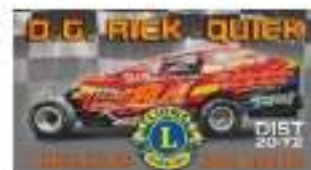
Dear Fellow Lions,

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Fall Conference, on **Saturday, November 5th** at the **Desmond Hotel, 660 Shaker Road, Albany, New York.**

We are requesting all clubs, and local Lions organizations set up a display with information and club projects, to share with other members and our visiting International Director. Tables will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the best presentation! Please come and have a day of fun and entertainment with the District 20-Y2 Lions!



Registration begins at 1:45 P.M.
 Club Display 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.
 Cabinet Meeting 3:00 - 4:45 P.M.
 Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.
 (Cash Bar)
 Banquet Served 6:00 P.M. followed by program



Breast of Chicken Normande

A roasted boneless breast of chicken with an herb apple stuffing and sauce supreme, served with roasted rosemary new potatoes

or

Herb Basted Salmon

Fresh Atlantic salmon fillet drizzled with a green peppercorn chardonnay sauce, accompanied by dill risotto.

Pear William Cake

Vanilla chiffon cake layered with pear Bavarian mousse and sliced pears, topped with a caramel glaze and toasted almonds.

All selections include a fresh vegetable, relish tray and freshly brewed coffee and teas

Please forward your reservation at \$45.00 per person (checks payable to "District 20Y2") to Cabinet Treasurer:

PDG Dave Harris
1032 19th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189-1732

Name _____ Choice _____ Amount _____

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Total _____

PLEASE, WE ASK YOU NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST WEEK TO COMPLETE YOUR RESERVATION. RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31ST.



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.

