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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, at the Red Front

Our guest speakers were Ilene Cote and Debra Schienberg from Bright Horizons. Ilene spoke about the various programs offered by Colonie Senior Service Centers, then Debra spoke about the services of Bright Horizons, an adult day-care program.

After dinner, many hands made light work of folding, stuffing, sealing and stamping our annual seal-campaign mailing.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, November 16, at the Alexis Diner

In an email vote on Nov. 8-10, we approved spending up to \$200 or repairs to our popcorn machine. Lion Ruth reports that Bob has ordered the parts, and the machine should be repaired in time for the Victorian Stroll. Lion Carol will be requesting volunteers for this event.

We accepted a membership application from Carl Caffalette; he's been to many of our meetings with Mike O'Brien, and finally decided to join. We will induct him at the Holiday Party with Sherie, if he can make it.

We still have 9 members who are in arrears with their dues; this is a hardship for us because we have already expended a portion of the money on their behalf. Jerry will contact them and try to collect so we don't have to drop any of them for non-payment.

There will be a grab-bag at the holiday party, with a limit of \$10 for a unisex gift. If you bring a gift, you get a gift; if you don't bring one, you don't get one.

We ok'd participating in another blood drive on December 21 at the Holiday Inn in Latham.

Our session at Joseph's House went well. We had 4 volunteers (Lions Kathy Dorn, Carol Quantock, Paul & Laura Vergoni) to serve only 15 residents (the weather was very nice), so there was a fair amount of food left over for future meals.

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VICKIE SHAHINIAN

PAUL VERGONI

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

We tabled a decision whether to help Albany County's Meals on Wheels program.

Lion Paul reported that the Fundraising Committee will be undertaking a major project applying for grants from the many organizations that offer them.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be our **Holiday Party** on Wednesday, December 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn. See page 4 or details. The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions will be joining us, as will other Lions from around the district.

One thing that never made it to the flyer is that there will be a grab-bag. If you want to participate, bring a \$10 unisex gift, and you'll go home with a gift. But if you arrive empty-handed, that's how you'll leave.

The reservation deadline is very close (depending when you read this), so please contact Lion Diane (dbhart@nycap.rr.com or (518) 605-8600) and make your reservation now.

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, **9** 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.

Joseph's House

On **Sunday, November 6**, a small but select group of Lions (Kathy Dorn, Carol Quantock, Paul & Laura Vergoni) served dinner and dessert to an equally select group of about 15 guests of Joseph's House. Our dinner entrée was trays of pasta with meat sauce from the Red Front, plus cookies for dessert. Because the weather was so nice, the number of residents was low, so there was plenty left over for additional meals.

Another way you can help our club

This is the time of year when many companies encourage their employees to donate to United Way through payroll deductions. Because the **Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund, Inc.**, is a 501(c)(3) corporation, you can specify that a percentage of your contribution (your choice, up to 100%) be directed to us. If you need a copy of our charitable certification letter, contact Lion Jerry Gordon at 235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com. [*Thanks to Lion Carol Quantock for this excellent idea.*]



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**



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

On a more personal note ...

Congratulations to Lion Vicki Shahinian on becoming a grandmother. I hope to have more details for next month's issue.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 20th - Carol Quantock
- 22nd - Howard Adler
- 24th - Kristin McVeigh



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Vickie Shahinian - 2 years
- Cyndy Otty - 3 years
- Elaine Hayner - 4 years
- Terry Page - 8 years
- Hon. Jerry Jennings - 13 years
- Ursula Dessingue - 17 years

Mark your calendar...

*** 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.

Wednesday, December 21, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

*** Wednesday, December 21, 1-5 PM:** Blood drive at Holiday Inn Express, Latham. We need people to make phone calls from a script ahead of the drive, as well as work at the drive.

*** You can contact Lion Carol Quantock at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901 to sign up for the Victorian Stroll on Dec 4 or the blood drive on Dec 21.**





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.