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## Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, January 4, at the Red Front

Elaine Phelan, a CPA in Sienna's Accounting Dept, spoke to us about income taxes. She talked about the income levels below which there is no need to file, and she told us where to get free tax assistance.

In Sherie's absence, KL Tom put on his old Tail-Twister's hat; he was as well received as he was in the old days.

PDG Dave Harris inducted new Lion Carl Caffalette, who had better attendance before he became a member than many of our older members.



L-R: New Lion Carl Caffalette, his sponsor Lion Mike O'Brien, and inductor PDG Dave Harris.

## Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, January 18, at the Alexis Diner

Before the formal meeting started, we met with Alex Rogers, Assistant Director at Camp Scully, to talk about ways that we could work together. This was a follow-up to discussions that started when the camp director came to speak to us in February, 2010. We semi-settled on a

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pancake breakfast, which would be held at the camp's new dining hall. Alex feels that he can get about 100 people to attend. Our job would primarily be to do all the actual work. We will consult with the Bethlehem Lions Club, who has been putting on a pancake breakfast for many years; I'm sure they'll be glad to share their experiences. Once Alex knows when the dining hall will be done (it's still under construction), we'll talk further to settle on a date.

We re-affirmed our previous decision that any of the 7 past-due members who are still in arrears on Jan. 31 will be dropped for nonpayment.

We voted to transfer \$1400 from the Club to the Charitable Fund to cover the scholarships we'll be giving out in the spring.

Tom & Diane, Maryanne & Jerry, PDG Dave and Mike will be visiting the Bethlehem Lions tonight.

We still need a Hearing Chair to replace Lion Terry.

The number of eyeglass vouchers that we give out has dropped drastically, probably because of our new policy of asking for evidence of lack of insurance. We requested Lions Elaine and Maryanne to follow up with requests to be sure no children are going without needed glasses.

Lion Carol thanks all who participated in the work session at Regional Food Bank on January 10.

We had previously decided to do blood drives every March, June, September and December, but June is a problem for the Red Cross because of other commitments they already have, so we'll be doing it in May instead.

We voted to donate \$55 to Camp Badger for a fire extinguisher.

We voted to donate \$100 to the Lions Eye Institute in lieu of selling chocolate Easter bunnies.

The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions are having a ziti-and-meatball dinner on Feb. 17

The Sight Society of NENY (Lions Eye Bank) reminds us that March is Eye Donor Month, and that they're holding their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on April 29 with a luncheon at the Desmond.

### ***What our friends up north are up to.***

Here's a press release that appeared in Mechanicville's Express newspaper:

Do you know someone who has trouble reading regular sized print or even photographs? The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club have placed a unique viewing machine at the Mechanicville Senior Center. This magnifier allows people with low-vision or poor vision to easily enlarge printed pages, photos, or even written letters up to 40 times their regular size.

This expensive device was donated to the Lions Club, and the members along with the senior center decided to make it available to the general public. The Telesensory Magnifier allows someone to view regular pages enlarged on a regular television screen. Center president Joe Coppola quickly learned how to use the device and said that the Center's staff will be able to easily show anyone how to operate the simple system. Low vision people can read their mail, enjoy books, magazines, photographs, fine-print, prescription labels, and newspapers. Senior coordinator Mary Kelly is excited that people can even use the machine to help them write letters, fill out forms, or write checks.



Lions Ray Martin and Bob Chase show Joe Coppola, president of the Senior Center how to use the Magnifier

Vision-related projects are a primary mission for the Lions Clubs. Lions President Kim Dumar said, "This is

just another way our 70-year-old organization continues to work with our local communities. To help us, we would like everyone to mark your calendars for our mid-winter fundraiser. There will be a delicious Ziti and Meatball Dinner from 4:30-7:00 PM on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at the former Peters Purcell Post (127 Saratoga Ave, Mechanicville). Proceeds from this event will help the Lions' other goal to assist local hunger relief programs. Eat with us to feed others."

**Regional Food Bank**

On January 10, a happy pride of Lions, with some friends and relatives, showed up for another work session at the Regional Food Bank. First we played with cat litter (unused, fortunately), taping up leaking bags and putting them into smaller boxes. Then we subdivided assorted household and cleaning supplies, and finally separated clothing by sex (of the clothing, not of the workers).



Terry, Tom & Diane, their friend Jean, Larry, Maryanne & Jerry, their twin grandkids Brendan and Bridgette, and Ursula. Carol isn't in the photo, but she worked hard coordinating the session and lining up volunteers.



**Make a note:**

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 5:30-7:30 PM**

*Friends and family welcome.* Tell Lion Carol how many you're bringing at [cquantoc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or 664-3901.

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



**We Serve**

**Our next meeting...**

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 1**, at the Red Front. Come and see Ravena Lion Bob Riccardo's slide show presentation of his original photography. Also, we'll be inducting a new member. Let's get a good turnout to welcome her into the club.

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**



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be on **Monday, March 5** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. We need volunteers:

- ◆ To make phone calls in the week or two before the drive,
- ◆ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ◆ And to donate blood.

If you can do any or all of these, please sign up with Lion Carol at [cquantoc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or **664-3901**.

*Future blood drives: **May 7** at Boght Corners FD, Latham; **September** at TBA; **December** at Holiday Inn Express, Latham.*

**On a more personal note ...**

Sorry for the tardiness, but here's a picture of Lion Paul Vergoni's grand-daughter Abigail Marie (Abby) meeting her big sister Anna. All are doing well. Abby was born 12/9/2011, and Anna was 2 on Christmas Day. The proud parents, Paul and Laura's daughter Maria and her husband, Greg, live in White Bear, MN (about 25 miles north of St. Paul).



**Happy Birthday!**

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

- 5th - Dave Levine
- 10th - Nick DeMarte
- 22nd - Mike Farrell



**Happy Anniversary!**

I guess **February** has not been a good month for getting new members. No A&T Lion celebrates his/her anniversary this month.

**Mark your calendar...**

- Wednesday, February 1, 6 PM:** Next general meeting at the Red Front. See page 3 for details.
- Saturday, February 4, 9:30 AM:** District Cabinet Meeting at Cohoes Senior Center. See below.
- Wednesday, February 15, 8 AM:** Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.
- Friday, February 17, 4:30-7:00 PM:** Mech'ville-Stillwater Lions' Meatball & Ziti dinner. See story on p. 3.



**DISTRICT 20Y2 LIONS CLUBS 3rd Cabinet Meeting**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

**Cohoes Senior Center, 10 Cayuga Street, Cohoes, NY 12047**

Coffee, 9:30 AM; MEETING 10:00 AM; Lunch 12:30 PM - Cost \$12.00

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