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

~District Governor Rick Quick briefly discussed the state of the District and noted that he would like all Clubs to become involved in International President Wing-Kun Tam's initiative of planting trees, which will be discussed at our up-coming Board Meeting. Also, DG Rick commended Lion Jerry Gordon for the excellent job of being our District Webmaster, stating that Lion Jerry is probably the best Webmaster throughout the worldwide Lions' Club. DG Rick also commended PDG Dave Harris for all his years of tireless devotion to Lionism and for PDG Dave's always being there to assist him (DG Rick).

~Lion Terry briefly discussed the One Shot - One Life: Lions Measles Initiative with a Grant from the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation, which will be discussed in detail at our up-coming Board Meeting.

~Lion Paul discussed our Membership/Dues situation which will be discussed also at our up-coming Board Meeting.

~King Lion Tom reminded all of the 70th Anniversary (Charter) Night at the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club will be holding, Saturday, March 10th at the Century House in Latham.

~Lion Ruth Sano, (as well as all Club attendees) was anxiously awaiting news of the birth of her new Grand-Daughter in Seattle whose Mom Molly and Daddy Christopher were in the hospital during our meeting.

(Notes taken by Lion Diane Hart in Jerry's absence.)

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

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

No one from our club was able to attend the LionSEE training session last weekend. (LionSEE is a program for vision- screening of pre-schoolers, much like NABA's KidSight.) We decided to try to get someone from NABA to a meeting to discuss ways we can work together. [After the meeting, Jerry spoke with Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's KidSight coordinator; she will be at our May 2 meeting.]

A woman donated an Acrobat LCD Magnifier (to help people with low vision) to us, and we donated it to NABA, who will be able to put it to good use.

PDG Dave Harris will be the only A&T Lion at the MD20 convention in Syracuse. We unanimously chose him as our delegate.

Lion Carol reported that we had another successful blood drive on March 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn, our first in Rensselaer County. She also reminded us that April 10 is our next work session at the Regional Food Bank.

Lion Terry proposed that we donate \$1000 to the "One Shot, One Life" program. This is an initiative by LCIF to provide measles vaccinations, which cost \$1, in third-world countries. It is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who will donate \$1 to LCIF for every \$2 that LCIF raises. Thus, our donation will provide vaccinations to 1500 children. After some discussion of which "pocket" we would take the money from, the motion was passed unanimously.

We are now recognized by United Way as an authorized non-profit recipient of their grant funds. The process was initiated when Lion Carol designated our club to be the beneficiary of her United Way payroll deductions. Any members whose employers participate in the United Way payroll deduction plan can now designate the Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund to receive some (or all) of their donations.

We had a request from the Circle of Life Camp at Camp Scully for a donation. We decided to table it pending the outcome of our potential pancake breakfast at Camp Scully. (See minutes of the 1/18 board meeting in the Feb. *Rare Meat* for background.)

In response to a request from the Sister Maureen Joyce Center in Albany, we voted to donate \$75 to them. Lion Larry will add his personal donation of \$100.

Election time

It's that time of year again, folks, when we elect next year's officers and board of directors. Here's the proposed slate:

President	Tom Hart	Director, 1 st of 2 years	Carl Caffalette
1 st Vice President	Carol Quantock	Director, 1 st of 2 years	Ursula Dessingue
2 nd Vice President	Chris Horan	Director, 2 nd of 2 years	Kathy Dorn
3 rd Vice President	Maryanne Gordon	Director, 2 nd of 2 years	Ruth Sano
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
Treasurer (Club)	Paul Vergoni	Membership Chairman	Mike O'Brien
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	* Membership Vice-chair	Kathy Dorn
Lion Tamer	Vicki Shahinian	* Membership committee	
Co-Tail Twisters	Diane & Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Diane Hart

** Not members of the Board of Directors*

If anyone else is interested in running for any office, please contact Secretary Jerry (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232) as soon as possible. We will be voting at the April 4th meeting.

Blood Drive Report

We sponsored our first Rensselaer County Red Cross Blood Drive on March 6th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. In spite of a very slow start, we ended up with a total of 21 donors, including Lions Tom Hart, Elaine Hayner, and Carol Quantock. There were also three first-time donors, including a mother and daughter, both of whom did very well for their first time! Enough blood was collected to help 63 patients. Volunteers for the registration and refreshment tables were Dave Harris, Diane Hart, Tom Hart, Elaine Hayner, and Carol Quantock. Elaine Hayner, Carol Quantock, and Vicki Shahinian made phone calls. Kudos to Lion Carol for coordinating it all.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be on **Monday, May 7**, at the Boght Corners FD in Latham. 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 or **664-3901**.

*Future blood drives: **September** at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy; **December** at Holiday Inn Express, Latham; **March** at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy.*

Food Bank Work Night

Our next Regional Food Bank work night is **Tuesday, April 10, from 5:30-730 PM**. For those who don't know, we sort food and/or other household items to distribute to member agencies, who in turn distribute these items to needy people in their jurisdiction. It's always an enjoyable session: in the past we have sorted not only food items, but paper products, house wares, auto accessories, and pet products. Please give Carol Quantock a call at 664-3901 (or e-mail cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) if you'd like to participate. Please consider bringing non-Lion friends or relatives to help: the more the merrier!

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 4**, at the Red Front at 6 PM. Our speaker will be John Delbaso from Albany Airport., and we'll be voting on next year's officers Let's get a good turnout.

Meatball Queens...

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, two Albany & Troy Lions Club members assisted PDG Lettie Saheim, Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club, at the **Cohoes Senior Center**, preparing meatballs for the Center's Elvis Night/Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Friday, February 24th.



Pictured:

Front Center - L-R: Lion Carol Quantock (A&TLC) & Louise (Head Chef - Cohoes Senior Center)

Back Row L-R: Pat Chase (Wife of Lion Bob Chase - MSLC), PDG Lettie Saheim (MSLC), Bob Gordon (Brother to PDG Lettie Saheim), Lee Gordon (Sister-In-Law to PDG Lettie Saheim) and Lion Diane Burke Hart (A&TLC).



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 or 664-3901.

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



We Serve

On a more personal note ...



Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon recently returned from a month in the (mostly) sunny south. While in St Augustine, FL, they enjoyed an interesting lunch with the Ancient City Lions Club. It seems that the St Augustine LC has been around about 40 years. They meet in the evening, and most of the members are retirees who are not very receptive to change. The district felt there was a need for a new club comprising local business people and other younger members, so they started Ancient City, which meets at

noon twice a month. The club is two years old, has 6 members, and is trying very hard to grow into a meaningful community entity. The picture shows the president and other member who showed up, a potential member (the woman in the middle), and two visitors from the north.

Here are some pictures taken at the St Patrick's Day parade in North Myrtle Beach:



Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, April 4, 6 PM: Next general meeting at the Red Front. See page 3.

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 PM: Work session at Regional Food Bank. See page 3.

Wednesday, April 18, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Sunday, April 29, Noon: Sight Society of NENY's "60 Years of Vision" Anniversary Celebration Luncheon. See page 6 for details.

Guiding Eyes ...

We're putting together another club "road trip" to Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights. It will be **Saturday, July 14**, from roughly 8 AM - 5 PM. This is a family-friendly event that includes awards, luncheon, tours and door prizes. It's a chance for you to witness first-hand the impact our club's donations have had on blind college-bound youth, U.S. Military veterans, seniors, poets, athletes, the deaf-blind, hundreds of blind persons, and families with children on the autism spectrum. If you'd like to go, please let King Lion Tom know by mid-May.



Happy Birthday!

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

- 1st - Dave Harris
- 6th - MaryJoy
- 8th - Terry Page
- 19th - Larry Krug
- 20th - Kathy Dorn



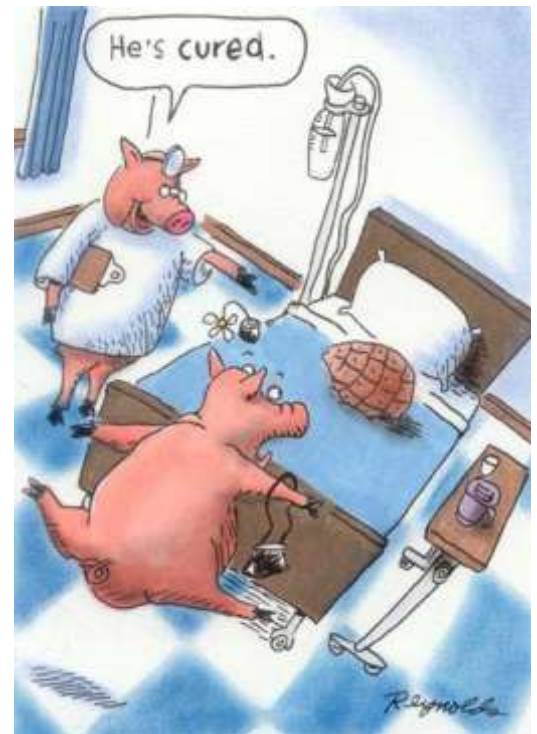
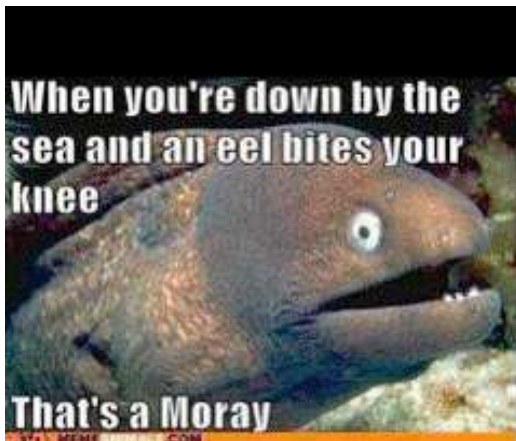
Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these **April** inductees:

- Nick DeMarte - 3 years (+ 22 yrs with Plattsburgh Lions)
- Vicki Adler - 8 years
- Mike Farrell - 8 years
- Barry Berberich - 10 years
- Maryanne Gordon -13 years
- Rob Brass - 14 years
- Mike O'Brien - 14 years
- Allen Zieker - 14 years

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 your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,
 and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.

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*The Sight Society
of
Northeastern NY, Inc.*

cordially invites you to attend the

"60 Years of Vision"

Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

*April 29, 2012
12:00pm*

*Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY*

*Guest Speaker
PDG Milledge Smith
South Jefferson Lions Club*



Cost is \$25/person. Checks made payable to "Sight Society of NENY, Inc." and dinner selection

Chicken Teriyaki / Sliced New York Sirloin / Grilled Salmon to:

Lions Eye Bank at Albany, NY Inc.
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Albany, NY 12203