



Rare Meat

May 2012



Serving the citizens of Albany, Troy and environs since 1925

OFFICERS 2011-12

President:
TOM HART

1st Vice-President:
CAROL QUANTOCK

2nd Vice-President
CHRIS HORAN

3rd Vice-President
MARYANNE GORDON

Secretary:
JERRY GORDON

Treasurer:
PAUL VERGONI, Club
LARRY KRUG, Char Fund

Tail Twister:
SHERIE O'CONNELL

Lion Tamer:
VICKI SHAHINIAN

Permanent Director
PDG DAVE HARRIS

Directors, 1st year of 2:
KATHY DORN
RUTH SANO

Directors, 2nd year of 2:
ELAINE HAYNER
MIKE O'BRIEN

Membership Chair:
RUTH SANO

Immediate Past Pres:
DIANE BURKE HART

ALBANY & TROY LIONS
PO Box 192
TROY, NY 12181-0192
(518) 266-7788
info@AlbanyTroyLions.org
ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG

Rare Meat editor:

JERRY GORDON
JERRYGORDON@JUNO.COM
518-235-8232

**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

LIONS JUST KNOW THEY'RE COOL!



extensive facility. 40% of the flights are now Southwest Airlines, and they'll soon be instituting same-plane service from here to San Diego with a stop in Baltimore. If anyone's looking for a volunteer job, they can always use more Ambassadors, a group that helps travelers with a variety of problems.

Anna Topping, Albany District Account Manager and our main contact at the American Red Cross, told us how much they appreciate the help of groups like us. They conduct 7 blood drives a day because of the ever-present need for blood, especially with summer approaching. They'll soon be unveiling a new on-line reservation system that should make it much easier for us to set up appointments in the future.

We then voted for next year's officers and board. The slate as presented was unanimously approved; it is shown on page 2.

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

With great reluctance, we decided to finally drop the 3 members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Dues bills for next year (July 2012-June 2013) will be going out at the end of June, and if they are not paid by the end of September (3 months ought to be plenty of time), we will again take decisive action.

Lion Diane talked to the Mech'ville-Stillwater Lions, and they would like to have their own installation dinner. She will make arrangements for ours, which we will hold on Wednesday, June 6. [See page 4]

Lion Jerry reported that he is working on an application from a woman for special protective eyewear, but until we have a cost figure from her, there's not much we can do.

Lion Carol has two hearing-aid applications in process.

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

In King Lion Tom's absence, 1st VP Carol Quantock conducted the meeting. Doug Myers, Director of Public Affairs for the Albany County Airport Authority, spoke to us about all the ins and outs of maintaining this

MEMBERSHIP

- VICKI ADLER
- KATIE ALLEN
- JOANN BEACH
- DR. TED BELHUMEUR
- BARRY BERBERICH *
- DR. ROB BRASS
- CHRISTOPHER BURKE
- CARL CAFFALETTE
- JANE CHOUINIÈRE
- DOUG DAVIS
- NICK DEMARTE
- URSULA DESSINGUE
- KATHY DORN
- DENNIS FAGAN
- MIKE FARRELL
- ALEX GILLIES
- DIANE GILLIES
- JERRY GORDON
- MARYANNE GORDON
- PDG DAVE HARRIS
- DR. VICI HARRIS
- DIANE BURKE HART
- TOM HART
- ELAINE HAYNER
- CHRIS HORAN
- HON. JERRY JENNINGS
- MARYJOY
- PAM KHAMBANONDA
- LARRY KRUG
- DR. DAVID LEVINE *
- KRISTIN McVEIGH
- MICHAEL O'BRIEN
- SHERIE O'CONNELL
- CYNDY OTTY
- TERRY PAGE
- BOB PRATT
- CAROL QUANTOCK
- RUTH SANO
- VICKIE SHAHINIAN
- PAUL VERGONI
- DR. ALLEN ZIEKER *
- * AFFILIATE MEMBER

Lion Carol reported that 5 Lions and 2 spouses worked at the food bank on April 10. See details below.

We voted to contribute \$25 toward the annual gift from the district to the out-going District Governor.

Our donation to the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation will enable us to award one Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service award.

We voted to contribute \$175 to send an area high-school sophomore to HOBY's Leadership seminar.


Officers and Board of Directors, 2012-2013

** Not members of the Board of Directors*

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

Food Bank Work Night

On Tuesday, April 10, a dedicated pride of 5 Lions and 2 guests (Ursula & Don Dessingue, Paul and Laura Vergoni, Carl Caffalette, Carol Quantock and Jerry Gordon) met at the Regional Food Bank and spent a delightful 2 hours sorting strawberries. Someone had donated 5 pallet-loads, and we had to cull the fuzzies and softies. Let's try to get a better turnout on **July 10**, our next work night.




Make a note:

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

Tuesday, July 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

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 2**, at the Red Front at 6 PM. Our speaker will be Steve Heider, Chief of Police in Colonie. Let's get a good turnout.

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, 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.*

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.



On a more personal note ...

If nobody don't tell me nothin', then nothin' is what ends up here.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 7th - Maryanne Gordon
- 9th - Elaine Hayner
- 10th - Vici Harris
- 13th - Vickie Shahinian
- 20th = Cyndy Otty
- 26th - Allen Zieker



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Alex Gillies - 2 years
- Diane Gillies - 2 years
- Joann Beach - 8 years
- Diane Burke Hart - 18 years
- Jane Chouiniere - 24 years

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, May 2, 6 PM: Next general meeting at the Red Front. See page 2.

Monday, May 7, 1-6 PM: Blood drive at Boght Corners Fire House, Rt 9, Latham.

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

Wednesday, June 6: Annual Installation Dinner - see page 4 for details





2012 INSTALLATION DINNER

ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

(ALL 20-Y2 CLUBS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 2012

6:00 P.M. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR (Cash Bar)
Cheese, Crackers, Pepperoni

7:00 P.M. DINNER

NICHI'S RESTAURANT

175 MAIN AVENUE
WYNANTSKILL, NY 12198
518-283-8200



\$30.00 per person

Dinner Choices, including salad, dessert and soda, coffee or tea:

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA
*(Hand breaded chicken breast sautéed,
covered with homemade sauce and mozzarella.)*

YANKEE POT ROAST
*(Slow cooked bottom round, no need for a knife,
served with homemade jardinière gravy.)*

SCROD
(Broiled Scrod in a butter sauce.)

R.S.V.P. TO LION DIANE BURKE HART 518-605-8600

or e-mail: dbhart@nycap.rr.com

BY: FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

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

LION DIANE BURKE HART
PO BOX 171
WEST SAND LAKE, NY 12196