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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Final Notice

To the 10 of you who haven't yet paid your dues:

At the board meeting on Sept. 19, we affirmed our commitment to enforcing our previous decision: **if we don't have your dues by Monday, October 1, you will be summarily dropped from our rolls for non-payment.** This policy was on the dues bill you got 4 months ago and has been in the last 5 issues of *Rare Meat*.

Please send your check for \$70, payable to A&TLC, to Lion Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110-1181. **Do it now.**

If this is a hardship or there are extenuating circumstances, please call King Lion Tom (283-6099), Lion Paul (785-5319) or Lion Jerry (235-8232) immediately.

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, at the Red Front.

Mike O'Brien introduced his guest, potential Lion Jeff Bennett.

Ann Gallagher-Sagaas, Co-Director of Rehab Services, and Kathryn Miklowitz, LPN, talked about NABA's KidSight program, which has been performing vision screening on pre-schoolers since 1998. They screen over 2000 1½-to-4-year-olds per year. The MTI PhotoScreener takes two instant pictures of each child's eyes. The photos are then assessed to detect hyperopia (far-sightedness), myopia (near-sightedness), anisometropia (unequal light refraction), astigmatism, strabismus and cataracts. About 10% of those screened are flagged for further follow-up by a pediatrician or ophthalmologist. There is no charge for this service.

There are three ways we can help NABA with this program:

1. We can send 1 or 2 Lions to the screenings to help Kathryn with the paperwork. A few of us (Paul, Carol, Jerry) did this last spring. Most screenings start at 9am and last 2 or 3 hours; it is not at all difficult, and it saves valuable time for Kathryn. [See page 2]

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2. We can make follow-up phone calls to parents to make sure the kids got to see a doctor and to determine what action (glasses or other treatment) was required.
3. We can suggest pre-schools and day-care centers that they're not already servicing. The only requirement is that there are at least 15 kids.

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

Lion Paul noted that we have a CD coming due, worth about \$2850. Because interest rates are so low, he proposed that this would be a good time to cash it in and transfer the money from the club fund to the charitable fund. The motion was passed.

As of this morning, 10 members haven't paid their dues. We agreed that we will go ahead with our "pay by 9/30 or get dropped" rule.

Lions Maryanne sent out one eyeglass voucher in August to an adult; Lion Elaine had none.

Lion Carol reported that the blood drive on Sept. 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn had very low attendance. The call list they gave us was not very well targeted, and the signage at the hotel was not very good. We will discuss these and other issues when ARC comes to speak at our October meeting. (In spite of the low attendance, ARC collected enough blood to help 30 patients.)

Lion Carol reminded us that our next food bank session is October 9.

Lion Kathy reports that our holiday party will be at 1760 Manor House on 2nd Ave in Lansingburgh on Wed, Dec 5. We can order off the menu. *Watch for details coming soon.*

Lion Diane is busily putting together the wreath program. It looks like there will be a small price increase for the first time in several years. [See page 5.]

We voted to donate \$50 to Barton Center for Diabetes Education.

Lion Carol is working on two hearing-aid applications. We will be turning one down and because of available family resources, but will be helping the other applicant.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be **Wednesday, October 3 at 6 PM** at the Red Front. Our main event will be the visitation of District Governor Linda Walsh, who will be inducting several new Lions. Also speaking will be Anna Topping, Albany County Coordinator, and Jim Shake, Rensselaer County Coordinator, for the American Red Cross. Let's get a good turnout for this evening.

KidSight



As you read on page 1, it's a great help to NABA if we can send one or two Lions to help Kathryn with the paperwork when she does the screenings. These are the October dates that we need volunteers for:

Tue 10/16 - Rensselaer CEO Head Start

Mon 10/22 - Schodack CEO Head Start

Wed 10/24 - Lansingburgh CEO Head Start (over 100 kids)


I'll have the times and locations in a few days, but they generally start around 9 AM and take 2-3 hours. (The one with >100 kids will take longer.) If you can sign up for one or more of these sessions, please let me know as soon as possible (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232).

Coats for Kids



Here's something new we're doing this year: Teaming with Fox23 News to help with their Coats for Kids campaign. Our job will be to transport coats from drop-off points to various dry cleaners (who are donating their services), and then from the cleaners to distribution points. We'll have specifics by mid-October; watch for details. It's another opportunity to live our motto: **We Serve**.






Make a note:

Next Lions Work Night at the **Regional Food Bank:**
Tuesday, October 9, 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 recently returned from a European vacation that included a 2-day stop in Paris and a Danube River cruise from Budapest to Nuremburg. Here's a photo of a Lions meeting in Paris's Luxembourg Gardens.



Happy Birthday!

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

- 5th - Roxana Sanchez
- 6th - Dennis Fagan
- 16th, Pam Khambanonda



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Sherie O'Connell - 1 year
- Jerry Gordon - 21 years
- Larry Krug - 33 years
- Paul Vergoni - 33 years

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 **Wednesday, December 19** at the Holiday Inn Express 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: **March 5** at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy; **May** at Boght Corner Fire House, Latham; **September** at Hilton Garden Inn..

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, October 3, 6 PM: A busy general meeting at the Red Front. Speakers will be from American Red Cross, plus it's the visitation of DG Linda Walsh; she'll be inducting several new members.

Tuesday, October 9, 5:30-7:30 PM: Work session at the Regional Food Bank. Friends and family (including kids older than 8) are welcome. Please let Lion Carol know (cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901) how many you'll be bringing.

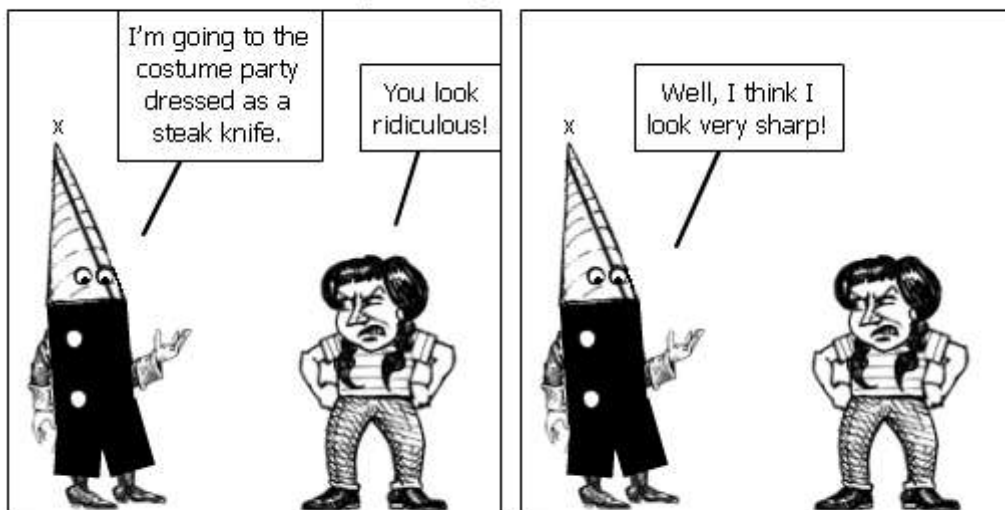
Tuesday, October 16: KidSight Vision Screening (see pages 1 & 2)

Wednesday, October 17, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Monday, October 22: KidSight Vision Screening (see pages 1 & 2)

Wednesday, October 24: KidSight Vision Screening (see pages 1 & 2)

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HOLIDAY GREENS SALE:

- ~ 24”– 26” Double Sided Balsam Wreaths w/ Red Bow - \$17.00
- ~ 34” Balsam Cross on Wood Frame - \$20.00
- ~ Large Round Kissing Balls - \$27.00
- 60” X 36” Cemetery Blankets - \$25.00

AVAILABLE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 2012

TO BE PICKED UP AT THE HOME OF:

**LIONS TOM & DIANE BURKE HART
8 GREENWOOD ROAD
WYNANTSKILL, NY 12198
518-283-6099 or 518-605-8600**

(OR ANOTHER PRE-ARRANGED LOCATION)

ALL ORDERS AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012

Checks to be made payable to: ALBANY & TROY LIONS CLUB

ORDERS TAKEN BY:

LION DIANE BURKE HART – 518-283-6099 OR 518-605-8600





International Sign Language

This sign was in a museum in Paris. I finally figured out what it means:

No cameras (I cheated)

No backpacks

No cell phones

No food or drink

No giving anyone the finger.



Lions Education

Lions are notorious for using abbreviations and acronyms. Here's your key to understanding them:



AC – Advisory Committee	MERL – Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership
ACM – Advisory Committee Meeting	MJF -- Melvin Jones Fellow
CC – Council Chair	MMR – Monthly Membership Report
CS – Cabinet Secretary	NGO – Non Governmental Organization
CSFII – Campaign Sight First II	PCC – Past Council Chair
CT – Cabinet Treasurer	PDG – Past District Governor
CS/T – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer	PID – Past International Director
DG – District Governor	PIP – Past International President
DGE – District Governor Elect	PPC – Peace Poster Contest
GMT – Global Membership Team	PR – Public Relations
HCS -- Hearing Conservation Society	PU 101 – Club Officers Report Form for International
ID – International Director	RC – Region Chair
IP – International President	RJU -- Robert J Uplinger
IPDG – Immediate Past District Governor	VCB – Vacation Camp for the Blind
LCI – Lions Clubs International	VDG – Vice District Governor
LCIF – Lions Clubs International Foundation	VDGE – Vice District Governor Elect
LEO – Leadership, Experience, Opportunity	ZC – Zone Chair
LIONS – Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety	
MAR – Monthly Activity Report	
MD-20 – Multiple District 20	