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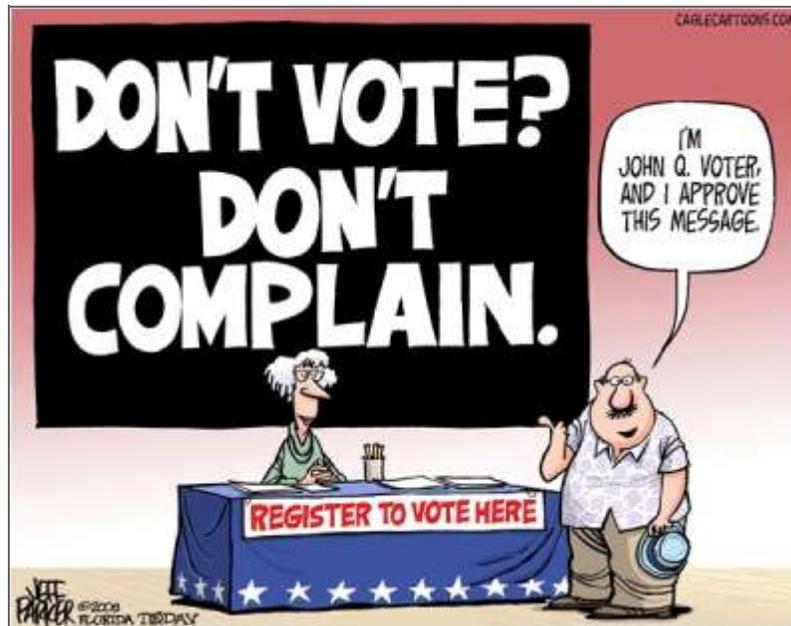
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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, at the Red Front.

Jim Shake from the American Red Cross spoke first and thanked us for all the help we've provided on blood drives, and said that every pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. He explained the collection process, how the blood is used, the territory they cover, etc. Lion Carol had prepared several questions that lead to some worthwhile discussions:

- Several members suggested Brunswick Community Center/Town Hall as a possible venue.
- ARC's self-sign-up system should be ready this month, and they are planning on using e-mail and Facebook more.

One of the things ARC would like from us is additional donors from our membership and contacts.

Then District Governor Linda Walsh spoke and touched on a variety of topics:

- The district is looking for a 2nd VDG for 2013-14; this person would be DG in 2015-16.
- Among the awards we should consider for worthy members is Knight of the Blind, available for a \$500 donation to the Lions Eye Institute. (A Melvin Jones Fellowship is \$1000 to LCIF. An Uplinger Distinguished Service Award is \$300 to NYS&BLF.)

MEMBERSHIP

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- JOANN BEACH
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- DR. ALLEN ZIEKER *
- * AFFILIATE MEMBER

- Keller Johnson-Thompson, Helen Keller's great-grand niece, will be in our district next May; we're looking for elementary schools for her to speak to.
- On 11/17, there will be a zone meeting in Galway for all the Leos Clubs. Could be a worthwhile event for those clubs looking to start a Leos Club.
- Some ideas for fund-raisers and PR: bottle return in conjunction with Hannaford's; ads on diner placemats; political billboards that may be available after election day (LCI has billboard artwork).

DG Linda then inducted new Lion Michelle Baker, who was sponsored by Lion Jerry.

We reminded those present of these October events: 9th – Regional Food Bank; 16th – 25% discount day at Boscov's (coupons were distributed for all to sell); 21st – Joseph's House dinner; 22nd, 23rd & 25th – KidSight screenings; 31st - last day to bring gently used shoes to Delmar Bootery .



Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, October 17, at the Alexis Diner

Lion Jerry said that we will be dropping 3 members for non-payment of dues, although it might be only two, depending on a response from one member who expressed an interest in resigning because he doesn't have the time to participate. This will drop our enrollment to 39.

Lion Jerry proposed a new dues policy (see page 3) to keep this perennial collection problem from recurring. After some discussion, it passed unanimously.

Coats for Kids: Six Lions have volunteered to pick up coats at the nine cleaners assigned to us. This program will run through October.

Lion Diane reported that wreath flyers have been mailed to all cemeteries. She is hoping for a 70-piece order from St Joseph's of Schenectady, our largest customer.

Lions Terry & Larry will be bringing shoes to Delmar Bootery today. Lion Terry suggested that in addition to loading the truck, perhaps we could also volunteer to help put the shoes into cartons. We will pursue this with Gail Sundling from Delmar Bootery.

Lion Jerry reminded everyone about the district cabinet meeting & fall conference on Nov. 10 at the Century House. (See page 8)

We will be selling popcorn again at the Victorian Stroll on Dec. 2 from inside First Niagara Bank at their new location at the corner of Broadway and 3rd St.

Lion Carol put together a nice spreadsheet (see page 4) showing all the opportunities we have to live up to the Lions motto: "We Serve." We're hoping that we can get some of the 2/3 of our membership that we never see, to find something they're willing to help with.

By e-mail, Lion Carol clarified her report of last month: "Out of six application blanks for hearing aids I have sent to people, I have received only three filled-out forms. Two of those are possible candidates and the third was not acceptable due to the fact that the applicant had available resources."

Lion Carol's e-mailed hearing-chair October report: "1. During the last month, I spoke to the Albany County social worker responsible for one of the potential applicants, a woman named Caroline. The social worker is assisting Caroline in applying for Medicaid coverage and I am waiting to hear if the Medicaid application is successful. 2. Because of the conversation with the Albany social worker, I contacted the person who is assisting the second applicant, Margaret, and determined that she

(Margaret) should also apply for Medicaid coverage and see if she is eligible before the Lions Club provides assistance.”

We’re still looking for volunteers for 10/21, when we’re bringing dinner to Joseph’s House. Lion Terry will coordinate with Lion Carol on the menu and schedule.

Several board members gave Lion Larry proceeds from the sale of Boscov’s discount coupons, but a dollar figure was not available at this time. *[As of this writing, we have taken in \$230.]*

We will do our annual Seal Campaign at the November meeting. This has been generating well over \$1000 per year for us.

Albany & Troy Lions Club – Dues Policy **Adopted unanimously at the board meeting on October 17, 2012**

The Lions Year (LY) runs from July 1 to June 30. Our club dues are \$70 per year, of which we keep only \$5. We pay \$43 to Lions Clubs International (LCI), \$18 to the multiple district (MD20), and \$4 to the district (20-Y2). We are billed in early July based on our membership as of July 1, and then again in early January based on our membership as of January 1. In addition to dues, LCI charges a \$25 entrance fee for new members.

The Problem

Historically, we send annual dues statements to our members in early July. Starting in September, we spend a portion of each board meeting discussing what to do about those who haven’t paid yet. We drop them sometime between October and May, depending on how we feel that particular year. Of course, by then we have already paid their LCI, MD20 and 20Y2 dues, so we are out at least \$32.50, or possibly \$65, depending on when we actually drop them.

The Solution

1. We will send dues statements for the coming LY on March 25. Any members that haven’t paid by June 25 (or made some acceptable arrangement with the treasurer) will be dropped. This allows 3 months for members to pay and gives us time to expunge those who don’t pay before the June 30 deadline.
2. New members will be required to submit a dues check with their application. If they apply between January 1 and June 30, the check must be for a full year (\$70) and will cover the following fiscal year. If they apply between July 1 and December 31, the check will be for a half year (\$35) and they will get a regular annual bill the following March.
3. Former members who have resigned in good standing or were dropped for some reason other than non-payment of dues and rejoin within 12 months may waive the entrance fee. All others must be admitted as a new member and pay the \$25 entrance fee to LCI.
4. Any former member who wishes to renew his or her membership will be required to include a check with his/her application that covers (1) any unfulfilled obligation, (2) if required, LCI’s \$25 entrance fee, and (3) dues per paragraph 2.
5. The Club will continue to absorb the \$25 entrance fee that LCI charges, but only for new members.

Sorry to make you lie on your side to read this. If you're able to help with any of these **opportunities to serve** (especially if we haven't seen you for a while), please complete the 2 columns on the right and contact Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or **664-3901**.

| Event | Hours | Shift Length | Description of Duties (Approximate) | Dates | Optimum # per Shift | Choose Your Date | Choose Your Shift (if applicable) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Regional Food Bank | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | 1 shift of 2 hours | Sort food or products for distribution to agencies serving the needy | 10/9/2012 1/8/2013 4/9/2013 7/9/2013 | As many as possible | | |
| Red Cross Blood Drive | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM | 2 shifts of 2.5 hours | Register incoming donors and serve donors refreshments after they donate blood | 12/19/2012 3/5/2012 5/7/2013 9/7/2013 | Two to four volunteers per shift | | |
| Red Cross Blood Drive | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM | A few hours over several days, 1-2 weeks before the drive | Making phone calls to potential donors from list provided by the Red Cross | 12/19/2012 3/5/2012 5/7/2013 9/7/2013 | Four to five | | |
| Red Cross Blood Drive | Between 1-6 PM, at your convenience | Approx. 1 hour | Donate blood | 12/19/2012 3/5/2012 5/7/2013 9/7/2013 | As many as possible | | |
| Joseph's House | 4:15 PM - 6:15 PM | 1 shift of approx 2 hours | Serve prepared hot meal and dessert to current residents of the shelter | 10/21/2012 1/20/2013 4/21/2013 | Four to five (7) | | |
| KidSight Screening | Varies: usually 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM | 1 shift of approx 2.5 hours | Assist screening nurse by sorting paperwork and giving stickers to children | Nov 1, 13, 14, 15, 2013. New dates every month. | One to two volunteers per screening | | |
| Troy Victorian Stroll | 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM | 3 shifts of 2 hours per shift | Making and selling popcorn to sell it to the public in the First Niagara Bank lobby | 12/2/12 | Three volunteers per shift | | |
| Coats for Kids Campaign | Variable; day or evening | Variable by availability during Oct and Nov | Transport coats from various cleaners to distribution point | Various during Oct and maybe Nov | As many as possible | | |
| Shoes for the Shoeless | Approx. 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM | 1 shift of approximately 4 hours | Loading boxes of shoes into a truck trailer at the rear of Delmar Bootery in Stuyvesant Plaza | TBD in December | As many as possible | | |

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be **Wednesday, November 7 at 6 PM** at the Red Front. Our guest speaker will be Alisha MacMullen, Retail Dietician for Shop-Rite, who will tell us everything we ever wanted to know about nutrition. Then we'll have our annual folding, stuffing, and stamping party for our seal campaign.

And the meeting after that...

All Lions, potential Lions and
their guests are invited to our

Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

At the

1760 Manor Inn & Pub
499 2nd Ave at 113th St, Lansingburgh

6:00 P.M. Attitude Adjustment Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 P.M. Dinner

**You can order whatever you want off the menu,
and they'll give us separate checks.**

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Dorn (783-0157) by Friday, Nov. 30

KidSight

It's a great help to NABA if we can send 1 or 2 Lions to help Kathryn with the paperwork when she does vision screenings of preschoolers. Thanks to Lion Paul for working at the only screening that was in our area in October. These are the November dates that we need volunteers for:

Thu Nov 1, 10am, Clover Patch, 314 S. Manning Blvd, Albany (approx 30 kids)

Tue Nov 13, 9:30am, North Academy, 570 N. Pearl St, Albany (approx 20 kids)

Wed Nov 14, 9:30am, Colonie Community Day Care, 701 Sand Creek Rd, Colonie (approx 30 kids)

Thu Nov 15, 9:30am, Philip Schuyler, 676 Clinton Ave, Albany (could be up to 70 kids)

The actual kid count will depend on how many consent forms are returned. There are no Rensselaer County screenings this month. To sign up for one or more of these sessions, please contact Lion Jerry as soon as possible (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232).





Coats for Kids

Thanks to Lions Terry, Larry, Tom, Michelle, Joann and Jerry for volunteering to transport cleaned coats from “our” 9 dry-cleaners to the distribution point in downtown Albany. As of this writing, we have picked up about 100 and there are another 30 or so scheduled.

On a more personal note ...

Since no one has given me anything for this section, let me share an experience about drinking and driving. A while ago, I was out with friends and I had a few too many beers and some rather nice wine. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I’ve never done before: I took a bus home. Sure enough, I passed a police roadblock, but since it was a bus, they waved it through. I arrived safely home without incident, which was a real surprise, as I have never driven a bus before and I’m not sure where I got it.

Happy Birthday!

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

5th - Ursula Dessingue
 22nd - Barry Berberich
 25th - Jane Chouiniere
 27th - Michael O’Brien



Happy Anniversary!

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

Carl Caffalette - 1 year
 Dennis Fagan - 6 years
 Carol Quantock - 12 years

Mark your calendar...

Thursday, November 1: Deadline for Holiday Greens order. See page 7

November 1, 13, 14, 15: KidSight Vision screenings. See page 5

Wednesday, November 7, 6 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. Speaker will be a dietician from Shop-Rite; also, seal campaign work night. See page 5

Saturday, November 10: District Fall Conference and Cabinet Meeting. See page 8

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

Friday, November 30: Deadline for Holiday Party reservations. See page 5

Wednesday, December 5: Our annual holiday party. See page 5

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



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



You Know You're Too Old to Trick or Treat when:

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say: "Great Boris Karloff mask," and you're not wearing a mask.

MD-20-Y2 Fall Conference Saturday, November 10, 2012



**The Century House, 997 New Loudon Road (Route 9)
Latham, NY 12110 518-785-1857**

Agenda for Saturday

Attire: Lions Uniform or Business

9:30 am: Registration: Continental Breakfast Provided

Welcome

**Business Meeting with Guest Speaker
International Director Harvey Whitley**

12:30 pm: "Experience the Traditional Menu"
Century House Salad, Applewood Chicken or Grilled Salmon, Dessert
Price includes Breakfast and Lunch

Entire Days Activities: \$26.00 Per Person

Please support District Governor Linda and District 20-Y2

Please mail or call reservations for the Fall Conference to: PDG Lettie Saheim, 117 Hansen Road, Schaghticoke, NY 12154 (518-753-7867) by **NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Names Attending: _____

PLEASE CHOOSE:

Applewood Chicken _____ Number _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Number _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

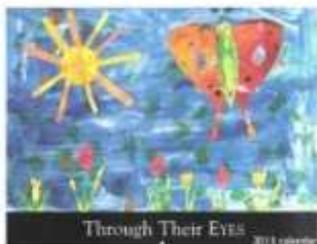


Give the Gift of Sight This Holiday Season!

Support Blind Children by Purchasing a
**"Through Their Eyes – The Gift of Sight"
2013 Calendar**

Each month showcases original artwork created by Capital District children expressing their appreciation for the gift of sight.

Every calendar sold benefits underprivileged children in need of eye care. This calendar is about *children helping children.*



For more information call:
Lions Eye Bank at Albany
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6 Executive Park Drive
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5. When the door opens you yell, "Trick or..?????" and can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of *restraining orders*.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.

And the number one reason Seniors should not go Trick or Treating...

1. You keep having to go home to pee.