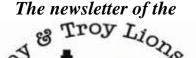


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Celebrate Presidents

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 2, at the Red Front

Our speaker this evening was Jill Boyd, proprietor of Authentic Image Consultants. With many changes of clothes, she illustrated a variety of "looks" for both men and women. It was an enjoyable and educational experience.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, January 16, at the Alexis Diner

This meeting was canceled at the last minute because of the weather, coupled with an already-low expected attendance.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6, at 6 PM at the Red Front. Lions Bill Suchy and Tom Kevlin will be presenting a Lions orientation session. While all Lions will learn something, it will be especially beneficial for those new Lions (and potential Lions) who haven't heard it before. Better be there!

Regional Food Bank

Tuesday, January 8, was our quarterly work night. There were 6 of us there: Terry, Roxana, Brunilda, Maryanne & Jerry and their grandson Brendan. We all got there a wee bit late, but we made up for it by leaving a bit early. We sorted lots of personal-care items. There was also a troop of Brownies (they were delicious) and a few Boy Scouts from Ticonderoga, but they were working on other stuff. Pictures are on the next page.

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Blood Drives, past & future



Last month, I reported on the December 19 blood drive in Latham. I didn't have the results, but promised them this month. Here they are: Blood Drive Goal - 38. Donors Scheduled - 17. Presenting Donors - 18. First time donors - 1. Total Productive units - 17. Potential lives saved - 51.

Our next drive is Friday, March 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. (Yes, we talked about doing it somewhere else, but this is what the Red Cross came up with. I guess they're going to keep trying there until they get it right.) 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.

Lions on the air and in print

Lion Jerry appeared recently on Jack Keenan's "Old-Time Radio Theatre" to talk about Lions in general, and more specifically, what our club does to help the blind and visually-impaired. The show will air at 1 PM on Friday, Feb. 8, but you need a special RISE receiver to get it. RISE is WMHT's 24-hour radio information service for the blind and print-disabled in NY's Capital Region and the Hudson Valley.

Watch for the March issue of *Living@Home*, a freebie magazine published by the Times-**Union**. **It's sup-** posed to have an article about de-cluttering your home. Among its suggestions will be donating old eyeglasses and hearing aids to your local Lions club.

KidSight

It's a great help to NABA if we can send 1 or 2 Lions to help Kathryn with the paper-work when she does vision screenings of preschoolers. Unfortunately, no one stepped up for the January screenings, but we've got another chance: Here's her February schedule:

Monday, Feb 11, 9:30am - Unity Sunshine 1, 435 4th St., Troy

Monday, Feb 25, 9:30am - Albany Jewish Comm. Center, 340 Whitehall Rd, Albany

Tuesday, Feb 26, 9:30am - Bethlehem Preschool, Glenmont

Each of these had between 54 and 77 kids last year, so at least one volunteer, maybe two, would be extremely desirable. If you can help with any of these, please let Lion Jerry know (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232). (Glenmont is a little out of our area, but if NABA can't get help from the Bethlehem LC, I told Kathryn we'd try to get a volunteer, since she's expecting so many kids.)



On a more personal note ...

Lion Michelle Baker spent New Year's Eve at Disney World recently and stayed at the Animal Kingdom Lodge. Here's her son, Jaleel, with Rafiki from The Lion King movie. Sorry, couldn't get a real Lion.

Lion Ursula Dessingue is justly proud of her grandson, Thomas Gwinn, Jr, of Peru, NY, who was awarded Boy Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. He received the honor on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, during ceremonies at Veterans' Park on the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Since joining Troop 49, he has earned 29 merit badges, received the Kayak and World Conservation Awards and participated in leadership training; in 2011, he attended the National Scout Jamboree. His dad, Thomas Sr, is Troop 49's Scout Master.



Lion Nick DeMarte is now an Associate Broker at Foresite Realty Advisors NE. Nick offers all types of services to clients and investors whether looking to buy or sell commercial real estate and investment properties. (I got this from LinkedIn; I get info for this section from wherever I can.)

After 21+ years of helping HVCC students find employment, **Lion Mike O'Brien** is in the job market himself now. He was unfortunately caught in a lay-off caused by shrinking student enrollment.

Happy Birthday!

Happy February birthday to these A&T Lions:

5th - Dave Levine 22nd - Mike Farrell



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one February inductee:

Katie Allen - 1 year

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, February 6, 6 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. See page 1 for details.

Saturday, February 9, 9:30 AM: Third District Cabinet Meeting in Cohoes. See details on page 5.

Wednesday, February 20, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

Mon Feb 11, Mon Feb 25, Tue Feb 26: KidSight sessions. See page 3.

Friday, March 1, 1-6 PM: Blood drive. See page 2 for details.



Make a note:

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 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.





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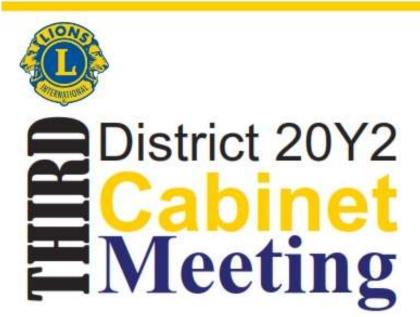




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Saturday February 9th, 2013

Cohoes Senior Center 10 Cayuga Street, Cohoes, NY 12047

9:30 Registration

10:00 Meeting

\$5.00 Coffee and donuts/no lunch

\$12.00 Coffee/donuts/lunch

Speaker: PDG Dick Ralston on Diabetes

We will be having a "Linen Shower" for Camp Badger. Towels, washclothes, single sheets, blankets, beach towels and pillows are all welcomed!

RSVP no later than February 7, 2013 to PDG Lettie Saheim at 518-753-7867 or lsaheim@nycap.rr.com

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