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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



*March is Eye Donor Month. This would be an excellent time to sign the back of your driver's license.*

*Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 6, at the Red Front*

Because we had cancelled the December and January board meetings due to weather, we had a little business to conduct:

- ◆ At the district cabinet meeting on Feb 9, there will be a "linen shower" for Lions Camp Badger. We voted to get them a \$100 gift card from Walmart.
- ◆ There will be a Health & Services Fair at the Albany Jewish Community Center on April 21. We decided that this would be a good opportunity to get some visibility in the community and distribute literature about vision & eye care, hearing, diabetes, cornea donation, etc. Lion Jerry will look into the details.
- ◆ We had a request from Dr. Monica Casey-Gee, the low-vision optometrist at NABA, to help fund various pieces of equipment needed by a blind student at HVCC. We are in the process of gathering more information before making a commitment.

**Lion Jerry reminded us about the need for volunteers at NABA's KidSight screenings in Feb. Lion Ursula volunteered for 2/11 and Lion Paul signed up for 2/25.**

**Lions Bill Suchy and Tom Kevlin from the district's Global Membership Team gave an excellent Power-Point presentation about Lionism. They explained the history, structure and purposes of Lions from the local level to the international. It was certainly beneficial for the newer Lions, and even the more experienced Lions learned something.**

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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, February 20, at the Alexis Diner

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

Because of illness, work requirements and vacations, we did not have enough attendees for a quorum, so this meeting was canceled. Watch for future discussions about changing to an evening board meeting.

In a telephone vote, we decided to continue providing the David Klingaman Community Service Award. This is a \$100 stipend given to one graduating senior from each of 14 area high schools.

Because of the cost, we decided to forego participation in the Health Fair at the Albany Jewish Comm. Center.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

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	Carol Quantock	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Phil Harris
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Chris Horan	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Diane Burke Hart
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Maryanne Gordon	Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 years	Carl Caffalette
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Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	* Membership Vice-chair	TBA
Lion Tamer	Roxana Sanchez	* Membership committee	TBA
Tail Twister	Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Tom Hart

\* Not members of the Board of Directors

If anyone else is interested in running for any office, please contact Secretary Jerry at 235-8232 or [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) as soon as possible. We will be voting at the March 6 meeting.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 PM at the Red Front. Melissa Cook from Dale Carnegie will talk to us about communication skills.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Tuesday, March 5**, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St in Troy. 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](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or 664-3901.

Future blood drives: July 1 at Boght Corner Fire House, Latham; September at TBD; December at Holiday Inn Express in Latham.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

*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. On February 11, Lion Ursula helped screen 37 children (2 were flagged) at Unity Sunshine in Troy, and on Feb 25, Lion Paul helped with about 50 children at the Albany Jewish Community Center.



In March, the Albany screenings are relatively small, but Kathryn would love it if we would go a little out of our area:

Monday and Tuesday, March 18 & 19, at Helping Hands, 14 Werner Rd in Clifton Park.

Last year, she had 54 kids the first day and 64 the second, so at least one volunteer, maybe two, on each day would be extremely desirable. If you can help with either of these, please let Lion Jerry know as soon as possible (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232).

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

**The Sight Society says ...**

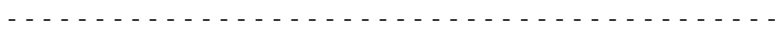
March 2013 has been designated Eye Donor Month by the Eye Bank Association of America and has also been proclaimed as such by Governor Andrew Cuomo for the State of New York. This marks the 50th consecutive year that Eye Donor Month has been recognized as a state and national issue.

Many people take their eyesight for granted, but for those who are visually impaired, sight is a most precious gift. Through the technology of medical science, complete restoration of sight has been made possible through corneal transplant surgery.

The eye bank serves 29 counties throughout Northeastern New York and Great Barrington, MA. With the dedicated efforts of area hospital professionals, the eye bank has been responsible for more than 10,000 eye tissue transplants since the program began in 1952. In 2012, the Lions Eye Bank at Albany provided tissue for more than 320 corneal transplants, which restored vision to men, women and children whose ages ranged from 9 days to 103 years. There were over 48,000 corneal transplant surgeries performed world-wide in 2012; more than 95 percent of these transplants were successful.

March is recognized as Eye Donor Month not only to support the dedicated work of caring people and benevolent organizations, but to raise awareness of individuals who may want to someday make their gift of sight, A Gift to be Shared.

Broken pencils are pointless.



We are honored to have among our membership three Lions who are vital to the operation of the Sight Society of Northeastern NY/Lions Eye Bank: Lion Vicki Adler is Executive Director, Lion Joann Beach is Manager of Hospital Development & Events, and PDG Dave Harris is Chairman of the Board.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went,  
and then it dawned on me.

**On a more personal note ...**

Lion Vicki Adler has provided this update on her daughter Rachael: "Rachael is home and doing well. Still a long road to get her medications straightened out. We have a Caring Bridge website that people can check in and get updates: [CARINGBRIDGE.ORG/VISIT/RACHAELADLER](http://CARINGBRIDGE.ORG/VISIT/RACHAELADLER)."

Congratulations to Lion Kathy Dorn on achieving aunt-hood for the second time. Troy Allen Dean was born on Feb. 18 and came into the world at 5 lb, 15 oz and 19" tall. Aunt Kathy calls it "a miracle" because of his mom's previous difficulties.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Happy Birthday!

Happy March birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 13th - Tom Hart
- 16th - Ruth Sano
- 19th - Joann Beach



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these March inductees:

- Chris Burke - 6 years
- Dave Levine - 34 years

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

**Mark your calendar...**


Tuesday, March 5, 1-6 PM: Blood drive. See page 2 for details.

Wednesday, March 6, 6 PM: General meeting at the Red Front. See page 2 for details.

Mon & Tue, March 18 & 19: KidSight sessions. See page 3.


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

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.



**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](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or 664-3901.*  
**Save the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October.**



**We Serve**

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

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 your district web site: [20Y2LIONS.ORG](http://20Y2LIONS.ORG),  
 and International's web site: [LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LIONSCLUBS.ORG).  
 And remember to do your on-line shopping at [ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM](http://ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM)

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.