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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 1, at the Red Front

Barbara Michalski, Consumer Advocate from National Grid, spoke to us about the many ways of staying safe during an emergency; what to do during a power outage; and how to detect and respond to a natural gas leak. She also advised that many, but not all, of the alternative-energy suppliers are perfectly legitimate, but should be thoroughly investigated; **don't give your National Grid account number to anyone until and unless you're sure you want to switch.** If you do switch, NG will still be responsible for all service and billing.

There were enough board members present to vote to change the time and place of board meetings. They will still be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, but they will be at 6:00 PM at the Route 7 Diner, 1090 Troy-Schenectady Rd (across the street from Keeler Motors) in Latham.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, May 15, at the Alexis Diner

We voted to accept the membership application of David Arocho, who is sponsored by new member Jeff Bennett.

We voted to donate \$25 to DG Linda's gift.

In reviewing the 17 calls that came in to our voice-mail during the previous month, Lion Jerry mentioned that he just learned about **the American Optometric Association's Vision USA program.** This program provides free glasses to people who meet their income **and other requirements, but the application can't come from an individual;** it must be submitted by a charitable org such as a Lions club.

Lion Maryanne reported that she's given out 5 eyeglass vouchers in the past month, a marked increase over recent months.

Lion Paul has written 14 checks for \$100 each for our annual Klingaman awards to high school seniors.



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We voted to donate \$225 to the Sight Society's annual golf tournament. This will get us a tee sign and a ¼-page ad in their program book.

We voted to donate \$25 to St. Paul's Center.

We received a donation of \$100 from Miller Hill-Sand Lake Elementary School faculty and staff in Averill Park in appreciation for all the eyeglasses that we have provided to their needy students over the years.

Lion Jerry read a thank-you note from HOBY for our contribution to their leadership program, and one from a woman for whom we provided eye surgery at the Lions Eye Institute.

Bring a potential member to a meeting

Our next meeting ...

Our annual Installation Dinner will be on Wednesday, June 5, at **Valente's Restaurant, 315 8th St in Watervliet**. We'll gather at 6:00 PM for an "attitude adjustment hour," followed by dinner at 7:00. We'll order off the menu and get separate checks. This is one of our two mainly social events (the other is the holiday party in December), so please make every effort to be there with your significant other. Along with installing our new officers for next year, we'll be inducting three new members. Call in your reservation to Lion Kathy Dorn (783-0157) as soon as you can, but certainly no later than Sunday, June 2.

This is our last general meeting until September, although the board will be meeting over the summer.

KidSight

KidSight screenings are slowing down for the summer. There are no big ones in June.

Dues ...

You got your dues statement for the 2013-14 Lions Year at the end of March, in accordance with our new policy. If we haven't received your payment by June 24 and you haven't contacted Lion Paul to make special arrangements, we will assume you're resigning and your membership will be cancelled.

Be a good Lion and get your check to Lion Paul promptly, please.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Monday, July 1, from 1-6 PM** at Michael's banquet House, 1019 New Loudon Rd, 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 TBD; December at Holiday Inn Express; March at TBD.

A Report on Joseph's House that should have been in last month's issue

By Lion Terry Page

Several weeks before our last Joseph's House Sunday night dinner on April 21, 2013, Paul Dellio, a lead person for Joseph's House, was consulted.

Joseph's House is losing 2 major leaders. One is the very long-time (22 year) Director, Tracy Neitzel, who is leaving this June. Tracy has supervised the construction or renovation of 3 buildings—The Lansing Inn in Lansingburgh, Joseph's House at 74 Ferry Street, and Hill Street Inn on Fourth. She is leaving behind a reputation for helping those in need, not only for food and shelter, but also for loving support, with dignity and respect. She is unsure what new adventures await her. She will be honored in June at the Franklin Plaza. For tickets call Patti at 874-1247. Tracy replaced the equally amazing founders of Joseph's House AND Bethany Hospitality Center, Sister Rita Shawn and Sister Maria Cokely.

Paul Dellio is retiring this fall after many years with Joseph's House. While he has worn many hats, he is currently editor/writer of OUR HOUSE, the newsletter of Joseph's House. He is also coordinator of critically-needed volunteers at THE INN FROM THE COLD. That is a program where every single night during the winter, a consortium of 6 downtown Troy churches and Joseph's House provides warmth, shelter and supper for homeless men, so they can survive our cold winters.

Both of these leaders will be sorely missed. May their futures be blessed and meaningful!

It was Paul Dellio who suggested that the menu for our April 21st Sunday night dinner should be pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad and Italian bread. Since we usually order from the Red Front, Famous Frannie took our order. Then we located Larry Krug, who is treasurer of our Charitable Fund but is on assignment with FEMA. We had to catch him here on a weekend to write our checks, which we sent to Frannie at the Red Front.

Jackie Rivera, a weekend supervisor at Joseph's House, welcomed me to the shelter about 4:20 on the 21st. She is an enthusiastic person who was also interested in our Lions eyeglass program. About 4:45 the dinner arrived, along with 2 hardworking regular volunteers, sophomores from Siena. About 40 residents began to line up at 5:00 to be served by Jackie and the Siena students. The number was down to 40 that day because the "Inn from the Cold" program had just ended for the season the week before.

But those 40 enjoyed a delicious meal from the Albany & Troy Lions! We were grateful to have had working with us Jackie and the 2 Siena sophomores. It was heartwarming to watch the 2 hard-working New Jersey young people, who clearly had already done volunteering for Joseph's House many times before our April Sunday night. There is indeed hope for the future!

On a more personal note ...

Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon have are off to OH for a grandson's high school graduation at the beginning of June and to CT for a granddaughter's at the end of June. Next year, they'll have grandkids at Siena, Sage Nursing, U of Tampa, Technion (Israel Institute of Technology), U of Kentucky and UNC/Wilmington. I hope some of all those smarts rub off on Maryanne & Jerry.

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and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.

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Happy Birthday!

Happy June birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 8th - Ted Belhumeur
- 25th - Diane Burke Hart
- 26th - Doug Davis



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these June inductees:

- Michelle Baker - 1 year
- Roxana Sanchez - 1 year
- Brunilda Jimenez - 1 year
- Dave Harris - 15 years with our club
- Bob Pratt - 18 years
- Doug Davis - 24 years

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, June 5, 6 PM: Installation dinner and last general meeting until September. See page 3 for details.

Wednesday, June 19, 6 PM: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner. All members are welcome. Note new time and place.

Monday, July 1, 6 PM: Blood drive at Michael's Banquet House in Latham. See page 2 for details.

