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"Humid, isn't it?"

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, July 17, at the Route 7 Diner

King Lion Carol had to have a minor medical procedure, so VP Lion Maryanne chaired the meetings. Carol is doing fine, by the way.

Lion Jerry reported on our work session at the Regional Food Bank (RFB) on July 9: Paul & Laura Vergoni, Maryanne & Jerry Gordon, Carl Caffalette, Fran McDoal and Doug Davis were there. It was a pleasure to finally meet Doug, whom we inherited from Albany LC. **I don't think he attended many ALC meetings; it's certainly his first A&TLC function and we hope it won't be his last. We spent the evening working with Scotia Girls Scouts on repackaging all sorts of cosmetics, toiletries and personal care items.**

We received an appeal from Paul Dellio of Joseph's House, via Lion Terry, for toiletries and personal hygiene items. There was some discussion about the possibility of getting these items from RFB; whether we should buy them, ask for corporate donations, or gather them from hotels on our personal trips; whether JH was looking for sample-size or family-size products (probably some of each, depending on the product); just how we would handle the logistics; and whether this would be instead of or in addition to the meals we provide to JH. We decided that it did have merit as a club project, and we appointed a committee comprising Lions Terry and Ruth to clarify the questions and work out the details as to just how we will implement it. They will report back to the board with their suggestions.

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Lion Tom brought up the fact that LensCrafters is no longer accepting used eyeglasses, and most clubs **don't know what to do with them. He suggested working with the District Governor to set up some sort of district-wide program for collecting and sorting them and shipping them to the Lions Recycling Center in NJ, where we send ours. We'll discuss it with DG Steve Lynch when he visits us on October 2.**

Standard protocol calls for no other speaker during DG visitations, but Lion Kathy has already lined up Dr Rob Brass, an ophthalmologist and member of our club, to come on 10/2. Lion Jerry will discuss this with DG Steve.

Lion Jerry reviewed the 19 calls we got on our voice-mail system during the past month.

We have a blood drive coming up on July 24 at Colonie Town Hall. Larry Krug agreed to work the 1-3:30 shift, and the Vergonis and Kathy Dorn will work 3:30-6.

KL Carol will ask the 2012-13 Committee Chairs to continue in their roles for the 2013-14 Lion year, and **would like to ask Lion Jeff Bennett to serve as PR Chair and Lion Christina Weary to assume Carol's role as Hearing Aid Chair.** She has asked Vickie Shahinian to continue as Lion Tamer in place of Roxana Sanchez, who effectively resigned by not paying her 2013-14 dues (as did Brunilda Jimenez, her mother).

Lion Jerry read a thank-you note from the Berlin HS winner of our Klingaman Citizenship Award; he will be majoring in biology at Siena and will use the money towards books.

In an e-mail vote on 7/10, we approved paying \$50 towards special prescription sunglasses that were requested by a gentleman who has glaucoma and is legally blind. He lost the pair that were provided by **the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) and they won't replace them.** Lion Maryanne reported that he was able to get them for \$95 at Walmart (vs \$280 at LensCrafters), and since **he will be reimbursed by his insurance company up to \$100, we're off the hook.**

We received an e-mail request from a Vision Rehab Therapist at CBVH for help purchasing items for Joseph F, a young boy who has Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), which is a terminal illness that has left **him with no vision and many other neurological deficits. CBVH can't supply these items because they're not strictly educational, vocational or medical.** They are specialized recreational products that will help make any time Joseph has with his family as memorable and enjoyable as possible. There were 14 items on the list with a total value of about \$280. We voted to donate \$100; we will ask the therapist to prioritize and purchase the items, and we will reimburse her.

With us tonight were Lion Mike O'Brien and two guests, Geoffroy Green from Jamaica (in the Caribbean, not Long Island) and his advocate, Kirk Remekie, who were Mike's guests and gave us a brief overview of Geoffrey's needs for specialized equipment. This is a request that originated last January from Dr Monica Casey-Gee, the low-vision specialist at NABA. Geoffroy just graduated from HVCC with a number of honors, and will start next month at St Rose in a 3-year program that will culminate in a B.S. and an M.B.A. He is legally blind as a result of Achromatopsia and Congenital Nystagmus. He is not a New York State Resident and therefore is not eligible for services through NYS to receive adaptive equipment to help him function at school and home. What he needs are an iPad and a portable Optilec camera system that together will cost about \$2100. Lion Mike will see whether there are any funds available from either District 60B, which includes Jamaica, or the Kingston Lions Club. We will discuss the situation and make a decision at the August board meeting.

Lion Ruth announced that we received a \$1000 grant from WGY Christmas Wish/Curtis Lumber.

Bring a potential member to a meeting

Our next meeting ...

Our next general membership meeting will not be until September, but your board will continue to meet **on the third Wednesday of every month. If you need a meeting “fix,” you’re welcome to join us at 6:00 PM at the Route 7 Diner, across from Keeler Motors.**

Blood Drive

We had a blood drive scheduled for July 24, but the A/C broke at Colonie Town Hall, so it was cancelled. It will be rescheduled for August; stay tuned.

Can you help distribute ear plugs?

In case you didn’t know it, all Lions in our district are members of the Hearing Conservation Society. One of the community services provided by the HCS every summer is distribution of ear plugs at the drag races and tractor pulls that take place at the various county fairs. These are extremely loud events, and hearing protection is very important, especially for youngsters. PDG Surnoff Judy has been leading this program for a number of years, but he can’t do it alone. He writes, “I have passes for the Washington County Fair and I’m looking for 10 volunteers. Date and time: Saturday, Aug. 24 at 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM. Pulls start at 1 and 7 PM and fans start coming in 2 hours before. Need some one to stay and collect ear muffs after the last pulls. Last year it was 1:30 AM when I got home.”

To sign up or get more information, please contact PDG Surnoff at scjudy2@frontiernet.net or 673-1065.

Library Night at The Joe!

A fundraiser for the Troy Public Library. Friday, August 9th at 7:00 pm at Joe Bruno Stadium; tickets: \$5.50. Tri-City Valley Cats vs. Jamestown Jammers at the Joe Bruno Stadium. Fireworks immediately following! Tickets are available at both the Main Library and the Lansingburgh Branch. Come and have a great time and benefit your library, too. (This is not a Lions function, but it is a chance for any of us who are so inclined to help out our local library.)



On a more personal note ...

Lion Larry Krug’s FEMA gig is finally over; welcome back! He writes: “First item is two new grand kids. Cole Hanson born to daughter Valerie and husband Ben 1 and 1/2 months ago. Shortly thereafter Molly Krug was born to son Trevor’s wife at something like 9 and 1/2 lbs. Mary, Val and three grand kids are driving back to Colonie as this is written.

“Son Daryl (the chemical engineer) is now engaged to Onya, a girl he met in Russia. He left the US to vacation with her on Crete June 28th after a short visit with his Dad. After Crete he will be going to his new assignment in Russia on the island of Sakhalina (formerly Japanese) north of Japan. Daryl was previously working on an oil rig in the Caspian Sea off the coast of Turkmenistan.

“Also it is a pleasure to be home after 7 months living in motels. I lived in six different hotels during this deployment, and worked in 4 different counties.”

Happy Birthday!

Happy August birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 1st - Paul Vergoni
- 5th - Chris Horan
- 21st - Christina Weary
- 28th - David Arocho



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these August inductees:

- Kathy Dorn - 3 years
- Chris Horan - 4 years
- Vici Harris - 9 years



Don't sit on the sidelines - Get involved!

Wednesday, August 21, 6 PM: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner. All members are welcome. Note new time and place.

Wednesday, September 4, 6 PM: First general meeting of the Lions Year, at the Red Front Restaurant. Guest speaker will be from the Lions Eye Institute.

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Family Day

Sunday August 4th 2013

Schedule

Please Join

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To show our appreciation and to thank you for your generosity and hard work.

If your Lions Club or business would like to make a contribution to help ensure the continuous success of VCB, then please bring any funds that you would wish to contribute on the day.

We look forward to seeing you!



- 9:00am - 11:00 am**
Scavenger Hunt & Guided Tours
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm :**
Live music
VCB Executive Committee Meeting
- 1:00pm - 2:30 pm :**
Picnic Lunch
Awards Ceremony & Entertainment
- 2:30 - 4:00 pm :**
Participate & Observe VCB Programming
Activities
Swimming
Lounging & Carnival

For questions and to confirm your attendance please contact Lion Mr Khaled Musa at VISIONS 212-625-1616 ext. 130 or kmusa @ visionsvcb.org
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Pelican summer job



“Chasing the ice cream truck does not count as a summer fitness program.”