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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, January 8, at the Red Front

In King Lion Carol's absence, 1st VP Chris Horan ran the meeting. We started with the induction of new member John Falance. Lion Ruth stood in for KL Carol as his sponsor, and PDG Dave did his usual fine job as inductor.



Saratoga Springs Lions Joe Brady, John McDonald & Rick Reeves told us about their club's exciting new venture. Camp Abilities Saratoga is a one-week overnight developmental sports camp for 10-to-18-year-olds that are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind; it will be held at Skidmore College the week of Aug 3-9. It follows the model started at Brockport in 1996 and since replicated at 20 other sites around the world. If you weren't at this meeting, you can learn more at CampAbilitiesSaratoga.org.

Tail-twister Tom has been using Trivial Pursuit cards instead of his "Big Book of Impossibly Hard Questions." The cards seem to be much easier, so he's stumping far fewer people and therefore collecting less for our treasury. Or maybe we're getting smarter.

Before adjournment, Lion Jerry reminded everyone to let Lion Carol know if they will be at the Regional Food Bank on Tuesday, Jan. 14.



Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, January 15, at the Route 7 Diner

KL Carol reported that the Dec. 23 blood drive exceeded ARC's goal of collecting 36 units of blood; they collected 41 units.

Lion Jerry reported on yesterday's session at the Regional Food Bank. Workers were Doug Davis, Laura Mona, Carl Caffalette, Fran McDoal, Jerry Gordon, John Falance and Rich Kelly. We sorted and repacked hard kitchenware (pots, pans and dishes), soft house wares (sheets, pillows, blankets and towels) and toys.

KL Carol said that there will be a Zone Meeting, probably somewhere in Waterford, on Saturday, Feb 8, but we're still waiting for details. Stay tuned ...

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We discussed whether we should get a table at the Albany Jewish Community Center's Health Fair, which will be held on May 4. Because of the limited exposure and the cost (\$180), we voted not to participate this year.

As we discussed the limited exposure we would have gotten from the health fair, it again brought home the importance of having an effective PR Chair. KL Carol will appoint a PR chair. [See page 3 for details.]

Realizing that we now have 7 members who are blind or visually impaired, we decided that we ought to have some activities specifically for them. KL Carol will appoint a chair for this. [See page 3 for details.]

It's been a number of years since we've held one of our auctions. These were always a great way for Lions and friends to do some house-cleaning and raise a few bucks for our treasury. KL Carol will appoint a committee to arrange this fun evening, which will probably be in May.

Lions Diane and Tom will chair wreath sales again next fall, but there will no longer be home deliveries, unless we can get a few volunteers and a truck. We've got about 10 months to think about it. Check with Diane or Tom to see exactly what's required if you're interested in volunteering.

Lion Maryanne is working on several requests for glasses for children, and KL Carol is working on one hearing aid request.

Lion Jerry reported that we received another \$63 in seal-campaign contributions, bring the total so far to \$723. This is the first time since 2006 that the total has been below \$1000. It's not too late to make a donation.

It's time to order Easter Bunnies to support the Lions Eye Institute. As we have done for the past few years, we voted to make a \$50 donation to LEI instead of getting involved with ordering, storage and distribution. However, since several of our members do like the bunnies for themselves or as gifts, we will arrange a way for them to get bunnies from neighboring clubs. KL Carol will appoint a chair for this. [See page 3 for details.]

We voted to donate \$1000 to LCIF for hurricane relief in the Philippines.

We voted to donate \$100 to VISIONS.

Lion Ruth has applied for grants from WGY and Stewart's.

BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO A MEETING

Thanks, Lion Joann...

Last month's issue should have included the fact that in December, we purchased \$250 worth of gifts for four developmentally disabled young men who share a home at Vanderheyden. By "we," I mean Lion Joann Beach, who has been doing an outstanding job on this annual project for a number of years. She single-handedly buys the gifts and delivers them, and we can't thank her enough. Here's what she bought this year:

For Ben - hooded sweatshirt, Kelly Clarkson's Greatest Hits CD, Life Game.

For Darren - hooded sweatshirt, Kelly Clarkson's Wrapped in Red CD, latch hook kit.

For Ray - hooded sweatshirt, Marshall Mathers LP2 CD, Golf Leadbetter Beginner to Winner DVD.

For Brandon - hooded sweatshirt, Now That's What I Call Country CD, Happy Days DVD.

For all - \$50.00 gift card to Hannaford.

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting will be on the **Wednesday, February 5** at 6 PM at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Michael Kennedy, NYS Victim Services Leader at Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Committee News...



Lion Laura Mona is now our Public Relations chair. We've been "hiding our light under a bushel" for far too long, and it's time we told the world of the many good things we do. I'm sure that Lion Laura will get us the exposure that we need; this should result in increased membership and in additional opportunities to serve our community. As one of her first acts, she's already got us a Facebook page! You can "like" us at [facebook.com/AlbanyTroyLions](https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyTroyLions).

Lions Jeff Bennett and Mike O'Brien are co-chairing our new Blind-Member Activities Committee. Their mission is to find ways that our seven blind members can more effectively be of service.

Bunnies

Lion Michelle Baker is chairing our Bunny Committee. If you want some chocolate bunnies, contact her at michelle.baker@suny.edu or H: 281-8865 or W: 320-1164. They're \$5 each, and four flavors are available: solid milk chocolate (6.2 oz), white chocolate (6.2 oz), dark chocolate (3.5 oz) and no-sugar-added milk chocolate (3.5 oz). Each sale helps the Lions Eye Institute.



KidSight

It's a great help to NABA if we can send a Lion to help Kathryn with the paperwork when she does vision screenings of preschoolers. Lion Ursula helped with a screening on January 16 at Giffen Elementary School in Albany. They screened 15 kids and flagged 1 as needing follow-up by an ophthalmologist.

At this time, we know of only one February screening where Kathryn needs our help: Thursday, February 13, 9:30 AM at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd in Albany. They usually have at least 50 kids, so I hope someone steps forward.

If you're willing to help with this one, please let me know (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232) asap.

On a more personal note...

Lion Sue Shipe's husband, Brian Hart (no relation to Lions Tom & Diane) will be having double by-pass surgery on Jan 30 at St Peter's Hospital. We all wish him well.

Lion Tom Hart (no relation to Brian) is recovering quite nicely from his heart-valve replacement of last September. He is pretty much back to doing everything that used to annoy Lion Diane.

Let's give Lion Larry and Mary Krug our deepest sympathy. While we were enjoying Arctic temperatures in mid-January, they had to suffer at a wedding on the beach in Jamaica. And I'm not talking about the one on Long Island; I mean the one in the Caribbean.

Speaking of the Caribbean, Lions Maryanne and Jerry will be kicking off their month in Florida with a one-week jazz cruise that will take them to Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico, St Maarten and the Bahamas before bringing them back to Ft Lauderdale. Look for their sun-tanned and buff bodies when they return in March.





Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Tuesday March 4, from 1-6 PM** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. We need volunteers:

- ◆ 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 KL Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

Future blood drives: ; June at TBD; September at TBD; December at TBD.

Happy Birthday!

Happy February birthday to these A&T Lions:


- 5th - Dave Levine
- 20th - Nick DeMarte
- 22nd - Mike Farrell



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one February inductee:

Katie Allen - 2 years

February 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District cabinet meeting. See p 6
2	3	4	5 6pm: Meeting at Red Front. See p 2	6	7	8 Zone meeting in Waterford. Details TBA
9	10	11	12	13 KidSight screening. See p 3.	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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DISTRICT 20-Y2 LIONS CLUBS

Third Cabinet Meeting, Saturday, February 1, 2014
Ramada Inn Hofbraus House
1 Abbey Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804
518-793-1149

Registration: 9:30 AM
Meeting: 10.00 AM – 12:30 PM
Lunch: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM



Menu Choices:

- A. Jagersnitzel with Spatzle
- B. "Hunter Style" Veal Cutlet with Mushroom Gravy & Bacon
- C. Wurst Plate (Bratwurst, Knockwurst) Sauteed Onions, Mashed Potatoes and Sauerkraut

All entrees served with Tossed Salad & Apple Strudel for dessert. Cost \$15.00. If you are not planning on having lunch but do want coffee, there is a fee of \$5.00.

Directions: From the south: Exit 19 of Northway, left off the ramp, go over the Northway and take first left (after the gas station) onto Burke Drive. Continue and take left onto Abbey Lane and Ramada Inn on right.

From the north: Exit 19 of Northway, left at traffic light, first left onto Burke Drive and proceed as above.

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Mail your registration with \$15.00 per person payment (or coffee fee) by January 22, 2014 to **Lion Mary Claire Noakes; 12 Towner Rd., Lake Luzerne, NY 12846**

Title Name Club

Address

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Circle Luncheon Choice (A) (B) (C) and amount enclosed \$

Checks payable to "District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs."