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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 general meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, at the Red Front

Lion Kathy introduced our speaker, Michael Kennedy of MADD New York. Ms. Kennedy explained about MADD, especially the Victim Services group, where she is leader. Ms. Kennedy spoke about how the victims of drunk and impaired driving and their families are crime victims, just the same as victims of other criminal acts. Her job, and her two counterparts', is to serve as advocates for them in extremely stressful situations such as delivering victim impact statements during sentencing in court, assisting relatives during and after the crash, and partnering with law enforcement agencies to reduce drunk driving. She also told us about several new technologies that are being developed which, if implemented, will go very far toward alleviating drunk/impaired driving forever.

KL Carol announced the upcoming Red Cross blood drive to be held on March 4, 2014, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. Several volunteers have already let Carol know that they'll be there, but Carol will send another e-mail out letting everyone know what slots are still open.

KL Carol also mentioned the upcoming Regional Food Bank work session on April 8.

We discussed the auction to be held in place of our general meeting in May (on May 7) at Valente's. The question was raised about whether a sit-down dinner would be preferable to a buffet, for the following reasons: difficulty of the visually-impaired attendees to go through a buffet line; problem of having to guarantee a specific number of people for a buffet; and the fact that we have to set a fixed price for a buffet. A motion was made and seconded to vote in favor or against a buffet dinner versus a sit-down dinner. The sit-down dinner won, so Kathy will move forward with confirming Valente's Restaurant for both the

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May auction and our installation dinner in June.

KL Carol also announced our new committee for our blind members, mentioning that Jeff Bennett and Mike O'Brien would be co-chairs and assisted by Kathy Dorn and Chris Horan. While no ideas were discussed at the meeting (due to them being at different tables—bad logistics), I think that there will be some ideas forthcoming.

KL Carol also announced the creation of the new A&T Lions Facebook page, created by our new PR Chair Laura Mona. We discussed the merits of the Facebook page and how it will help us get more exposure.

Thanks to KL Carol for taking these notes during Lion Jerry's southern vacation.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, February 19, at the Route 7 Diner

Because of the lack of a quorum, the meeting was cancelled.

BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO A MEETING

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting will be on the Wednesday, March 5 at 6 PM at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Mr. **Christopher Small, Disaster Services Liaison of The Stakeholders Inc.** From their web site: "The Stakeholders strives to create opportunities for people to volunteer, and learn, grow and invest in their communities." Sounds like something Lions should be very interested in.

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

Lion Ursula helped with a screening on February 13 at the Albany Jewish Community Center in Albany. They screened 57 kids and flagged 2 as needing follow-up by an ophthalmologist. There are no screenings within our territory during March.

On a more personal note...

Lions Maryanne and Jerry had a very interesting experience when they visited the Pompano Beach (FL) Lions on Feb 6. Email correspondence with King Lion Blair Anderson confirmed their meeting time (7 pm) and place, but when we got to the local restaurant at 6:55, there was only one member there: their treasurer, Lion Tony, originally from Brooklyn. A few others showed up, and soon we found ourselves at a table with 4 Pompano Beach Lions. We did the pledge, Lions' toast, and a non-standard prayer. King Lion distributed selected pages from their district newsletter and they talked about a few things over dinner. That was it.



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 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:

- Christina Weary - 1 year
- Chris Burke - 7 years
- Dave Levine - 35 years

March 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Mardi Gras 1-6pm: Blood drive at Hilton on Hoosick St	5 Ash Wed. 6pm: Meeting at Red Front. See p 2	6	7	8
9 2am: DST - turn clocks ahead	10	11	12	13	14	15 The Ides of March: beware!
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner	20 12:57pm: Spring begins!	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 20Y2 Cabinet meeting. See last page.
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DISTRICT 20-Y2 LIONS CLUBS

4TH CABINET MEETING



SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

HOLIDAY INN - GLOVERSVILLE / JOHNSTOWN
308 North Comrie Ave., Johnstown, NY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM / Registration
10:00 AM – 12:15 PM / Meeting
12:30 PM – 1 PM Luncheon
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM - Meeting

LUNCHEON SELECTIONS: A. Chicken Francaise sautéed and finished with lemon butter & white wine and mashed potatoes and vegetables.

B. Beef Burgundy served over noodles.

C. Chef Salad. ALL ENTREES INCLUDE WARM BREAD, COFFEE, TEA OR MILK AND ICE CREAM.

Cost of Luncheon is \$15.00 per person. Checks payable to "District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs."

DIRECTIONS: From east or west on NYS Thruway I-90 to Exit 28 toward RT-30A Fonda/Fultonville. Left onto Riverside Drive. Right at first light, over Fonda/Fultonville Bridge. Left at first light onto 5W/30A. Right onto Broadway (Rt. 30A) at Stewart's Shop. Follow Route 30A seven miles, past mall area in Johnstown, to hotel on right side.

Send your reservation with check to **Mary Claire Noakes, 12 Towner Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.** All reservations and checks must be received by **Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

Please indicate your luncheon selection below. Thank you.

Name _____ Club _____

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Chicken () Beef () Salad () Amount enclosed _____

