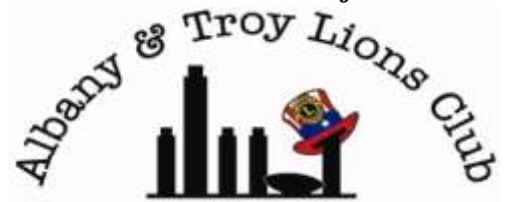




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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Report of the auction held on Wednesday, May 7, at the Hilton Garden Inn

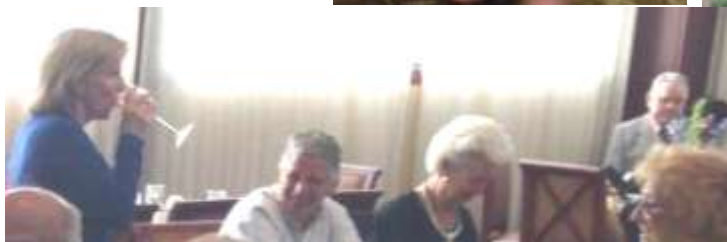
A crowd of 45 (18 A&T Lions, 2 Bethlehem Lions, 2 Mechanicville Lions and 23 friends and family) enjoyed the delicious meal presented by the Hilton. Following that, everyone participated in the lively, fun-filled auction, where we sold over 100 items and raised \$686 to refill our coffers, plus \$100 in donations. Books, shoes, a fur coat, lamp shades, knick-knacks, a treadmill, bread maker, pottery, clothing, games, vases, flowers, 2 garden baskets donated by the Bethlehem Lions, folding dog crate, paintings, teapots, electronic keyboard (the musical kind), wine, glassware, humidor - you name it, we had it. The evening was so successful, both as a money-raiser and as a social evening, that we're already planning on doing it again next year, so start saving your stuff.

Our thanks go to Lions Diane and Tom for making all the arrangements, Laura and Lion Paul for handling the money and record-keeping, Lions Maryanne and Carol for their help keeping the auction moving, Lion Jerry for his auctioneering, and Lions Laura and Ruth for their photography.



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Lions and guests in various states of enjoyment.



Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, May 21, at the Route 7 Diner

Lion Paul noted that dues are still due from about 15 Lions. [See page 5]

Because of personnel changes at the Red Cross, our blood-drive schedule seems to have fallen into disarray. King Lion Carol is working with the new people to get it straightened out.

Lion Diane reported that the auction was a huge success. [See story and pictures on pages 1-3]

Lion Diane reported on the plans for the installation dinner. Several “regulars” will be away, but we’re still hoping for enough attendees to make it a nice evening. [See page 4]

Lion Tom established Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m. to meet at the Hart residence to pack all the used glasses that have been accumulating over the winter. This work session includes lunch, so if you like pizza, be there.

Lions PDG Dave, Carol, Mike, Maryanne and Jerry went to the testimonial dinner for DG Steve Lynch at the Gideon Putnam on May 16. DG Steve presented to King Lion Carol a certificate from Lions International recognizing us “as the outstanding club in the district for dedicated service in providing programs and assistance to aid people who are blind or who have low vision.” Lion Mike got a medal for his year as District Chair for Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action, and Lion Jerry got one for (another) year as District Webmaster (more formally: Information Technology Chair). PDG



Dave received an appreciation award for being Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Lion Jerry often presents appreciation awards at the installation dinner. Last year, he had one for Lion Vicki Shahinian, but she was not there to receive it. For the past 11 months, she and the plaque have not been present at the same time, so he finally presented it to her tonight. He also gave an appreciation award to Lion Fran McDoal, knowing she would not be at the dinner next month.

In January, we made a \$1000 contribution to LCIF, but due to a clerical error on their part, they got only \$100. We voted to send them the other \$900.

We voted to buy \$100 worth of raffle tickets for Lions Camp Badger (home of the Empire State Special Needs Experience) , and we voted to make a \$25 contribution to St. Paul's Center, a homeless shelter for mothers and their children in Rensselaer.

In a follow-up to previous discussions about Joseph's House, we decided that twice a year (at the installation dinner and the holiday party) we would collect toiletries and such to donate to Joseph's House. Members are urged when traveling to accumulate the sample sizes that are given out at most hotels and motels. Since this notice is going out so close to the installation dinner, we voted to allocate \$25 to purchase items to supplement what folks have collected. Lion Maryanne volunteered to do the shopping.

Lion Maryanne has given 4 eyeglass vouchers (all for adults in Albany County), but she's concerned about requests from "friends" and multiple applicants from the same family. The board's consensus is that as long as there's a demonstrated financial need and a letter of denial from the insurance company, we should provide glasses. The policy statement we approved a few years ago should be sent with applications for assistance.

We voted to make a \$50 contribution to the Community Reformed Church of Latham in memory of Lion Barry Berberich, who passed away a few weeks ago. Although his business kept him from attending meetings in the recent past, he was more active when he became a Lion in 2002. Lions Maryanne & Jerry attended his memorial service this past Saturday.

Five years ago, the recipient of the Klingaman Award at Catholic Central HS was Arianna Gaddy-Collington. (Coincidentally, she is the grand-daughter of ex-Troy Lion Cathy Collington and the daughter of ex-Troy Lion Davia Gaddy-Collington.) We just received a note from her that says, "Thank you for providing me with a scholarship as a graduating high-school senior. I am please to say that I am graduating with my bachelor's degree and I will begin my MBA in September at Saint Rose."

BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO A MEETING

Our next meeting ...

Our next general meeting, the annual Installation Dinner, will be on Wednesday, June 4, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick St, Troy. **We'll gather at 6:00 PM for an "attitude adjustment hour," followed by dinner at 7:00.**

The cost is \$30 per person for one of these dinner choices:

[Char-Grilled Sliced Beef Tenderloin](#) sauced with a Gorgonzola cream sauce

[Chicken Florentine](#) filled with spinach, prosciutto ham, fresh basil and topped with a Portobello chicken jus lie

[Pecan-Crusted Salmon](#) with sweet corn coulis and cranberry almond pilaf

Chef's selection of starch and vegetable will accompany each dinner.

Dinners will start with warm rolls and butter and a salad, and will end with Sweet Ecstasy. Freshly brewed coffee, decaf or tea is included.

This is one of our mainly social events, so please make every effort to be there with friends, family and your significant other. Get your dinner choice to Lion Diane Hart (DBHart@nycap.rr.com or 283-6099) as soon as you can, but certainly no later than Sunday, June 1. Mail your check (payable to A&T Lions Club) to her at PO Box 171, West Sand Lake, NY 12196.

One thing that was omitted from last week's mailing: Please bring toiletries to donate to Joseph's House.

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

KidSight

Lion Jerry helped with screenings on May 5 & 6 at Helping Hands in Clifton Park. They screened a total of 60 kids and flagged 4 as needing follow-up by an ophthalmologist. There are two screenings in Albany in June that Kathryn could use help with, both at 9:30 AM: **Wednesday, June 11**, at Bright Horizons in Corporate Woods, and **Tuesday, June 24**, at Child Care in Executive Woods.

If you can do one or both, please contact Lion Jerry at jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232.

Dues ...

It's not dosey-doe, and it's not doo-doo, it's Dues are Due. Some of you have not yet paid your \$70 dues for the 2014-15 Lions year. (You know who you are.) If Lion Paul doesn't have your check by June 25, you will be dropped from the rolls. Please send it to him now at 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110.

Something we can sink our teeth into ...

This is a great opportunity to volunteer. I encourage you all to go to www.nysmom.org and sign up.

"I am a Lion from the Melville Lions Club in MD-20S. I am also a Dentist and an active member of organized Dentistry. Across the country, Non-Governmental Organizations and State Dental Associations have been organizing free dental care clinics for those in need.

"This year the New York State Dental Foundation, in conjunction with the America's Dentists Care Foundation, is organizing a "Mission of Mercy" event at Hudson Valley Community College's Edward F. McDonough Sports Complex on **Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, 2014**. We are expecting to treat over a 1,000 patients in those 2 days.

"We need volunteers to fill many positions including, but not limited to, setup and breakdown of the clinic, administrative, computer, supply, sterilization, escort and security.

"Across the country at all of these events, the local Lions Clubs are there giving a hand. We hope all of the members of District 20-Y2 will join us.

"**Please go to <https://www.nysmom.org> for more information and to register to volunteer.** Please call the Foundation with any questions at (518) 465-0044 or email: nysdf@nysdental.org, and feel free to call me at 516-459-9258.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." Helen Keller

"Thank you so much,

Lion Scott Firestone, DDS, FAGD, Dr.Scott.Firestone@henryschein.com "

Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at amazon.com, do it from SMILE.AMAZON.COM instead. You can specify Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as your charity of choice, and they'll get 0.5% of your purchase price.

On a personal note ...

Mazel Tov to Lion Vicki Adler for being elected to a three-year seat on the Board of Education of the Scho-dack Central School District.

From King Lion Carol, via e-mail: "We were in Hagerstown, MD attending a graduation party for Sydney Quantock, granddaughter of District Governor Ken Quantock of District 24-C in Virginia. On our way south, Paul and I stopped at a rest stop in Pennsylvania and noticed a couple of canopy tents set up with a sign that said "Free Coffee". We went over to see what it was all about, and it was a group of Lions from the Falls, PA Lions Club (District 14-H) who were providing this service. It seems that throughout the state of Pennsylvania, many service groups offer refreshments to travelers on the long holiday weekend. Not only was there coffee, there were cookies, hot dogs, doughnuts, bagels, and muffins. If a traveler wanted to donate, there were jars available. Of course we donated to our fellow Lions! On the way back north, Paul bought a hot dog from a volunteer fire department group. What a wonderful way to serve!"

Happy Birthday!

Happy June birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 8th - Ted Belhumeur
- 12th - Laura Mona
- 25th - Diane Hart
- 26th - Doug Davis



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these June inductees:

- Michelle Baker - 2 years
- PDG Dave Harris - 16 years + 21 years with Granville LC
- Bob Pratt - 19 years
- Doug Davis - 25 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4 Installation dinner. See p 4	5	6	7
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15 Father's Day	16	17	18 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner	19	20	21
22	23	24 KidSight. See p 5	25 Dues deadline. See p 5	26	27	28
29	30	<i>For info on other events around the district, visit 20y2lions.org</i>				