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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

New Graphics

Now that we're into the 2014-15 Lions Year, there are some new graphics that you'll be seeing on various Lions publications. That blue circle in the upper left corner of this page is DG Marianne Lynch's pin, and to the right is International President Joseph Preston's logo.



Report of the installation dinner held on Wednesday, June 4, at the Hilton Garden Inn

We would have liked a bigger crowd, but a number of Lions were out of town for various reasons. As usual, the Hilton's food and service were exemplary. PDG Dave skillfully installed all the new officers, who are listed in the column to the left. Lion Jerry presented a 15-year chevron to Lion Maryanne, an Appreciation Award plaque to Lion Laura Mona, and a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Ursula Dessingue. Thanks to Lions Diane & Ruth, pictures are on pages 3 and 4.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, June 18, at the Route 7 Diner

Lion Paul noted that there are still outstanding dues, and several people said they are resigning from the club: Carl Caffalette, John Falance and Christina Weary, so far. David Arocho will probably transfer to the Bethlehem Lions; they meet much closer to his home. Anyone who hasn't paid their dues (or made other arrangements with Paul) by June 25 will be dropped; you can see their names missing from the column on the right.

Lion Maryanne gave out four vouchers for glasses, all for adults in Albany County, and turned down two applicants.

Lion Carol is in discussions with the Regional Food Bank to see if there are additional ways we can be of service, perhaps during the day. We're hoping this will allow more Lions to get involved.

The used-glasses-packing-party that was scheduled for June 13 had to be postponed, but Lion Tom has since packed 3000 glasses by himself, and still has more.

We're doing a blood drive at Colonie Town Hall on July 9 from 1-6 PM.

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We approved a payment of \$105 to Lion Jerry to extend our web-site registration for another five years.

Lion Jerry made two presentations to Lions who had missed the installation dinner: A pin to Lion Tom Hart from LCI for sponsoring two new Lions last year, and a Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award to Lion Larry Krug from the club for his decades of dedicated service.

We got a nice thank-you note from Lion Ursula Dessingue for the Melvin Jones Fellow plaque that we presented to her at the installation dinner.

We received a request from the Hearing Conservation Society for a donation to help buy new Alertmasters for all the loan-out centers. KL Carol will find out the unit cost.

We received thank-you notes from the Community Reformed Church for our donation in memory of Lion Barry Berberich; from Joseph's House for the toiletries that we collected at the installation dinner for them; from HOBY for sponsoring an Albany High student for their leadership seminar; and from several recipients of the Klingaman Award.

Bring a potential member to a meeting

Our next meeting ...

Our next general meeting is not until September 3, but you're welcome to join us at any board meeting. They're on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the Route 7 Diner in Latham, across from Keeler Motors.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Wednesday, July 9, from 1-6 PM** at the Colton Town Hall, 534 Loudon Rd (Route 9), Newtonville. We need volunteers:

- ◆ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ◆ And to donate blood.

If you can do either or both of these, please sign up with KL Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

Future blood drives: Schedule TBD.

KidSight

Lion Ursula helped with a screening on **June 24**, at Child Care in Executive Woods. They screened a total of 30 kids, but surprisingly, found none that needed follow-up by an ophthalmologist.

There are no screenings for us in July because Kathryn's working mostly with camp children.

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.





Lion Jerry (L) presents the Robert J. Uplinger Award to Lion Larry Krug at the board meeting on June 18.



Lion Laura Mona receives an Appreciation Award for her active participation in her rookie year.



Lion Ursula Dessingue and her Melvin Jones Fellow Award



The end of a Lions year...

is a good time to look back to see what we've accomplished in the last 12 months.

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 the Albany & Troy Lions Club:

- Collected 11,300 pairs of used eyeglasses and 125 used hearing aids;
- Provided eyeglasses for 16 adults and 5 children;
- Held 4 work sessions at Regional Food bank;
- Sponsored 3 blood drives that potentially saved 255 lives;
- Helped NABA at 10 KidSight vision screenings; we tested a total of 436 pre-schoolers and flagged 24 with potentially serious eye problems;
- For NEWS10's Coats for Kids campaign, we picked up 512 coats at various dry-cleaners and delivered them to central distribution points in Albany and Rensselaer counties;
- Participated in NABA's Low-Vision Technology Fair;
- Purchased special recreational items for a blind child with ALD, a terminal illness;
- Helped with medical expenses for a gentleman with pigmentary glaucoma;
- Provided holiday gifts for four developmentally disabled young men who share a home at Vanderheyden;
- Provided David B. Klingaman Citizenship Awards (a \$100 stipend) to one graduating senior from each of 14 area high schools;
- Sponsored a high-school sophomore to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar at RPI;
- Contributed a number of personal-hygiene items to Joseph's House,
- Donated to NABA, Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank, LCIF Hurricane Relief, VISIONS Center on Blindness, Lions Camp Badger and St Paul's Center.



On a personal note ...

We have two items from Lion Ruth:

1. I ran the Freihofer Run for Women on 5/31/14 with about 3600 other people and was happy that I finished the 3.1-mile race in under 38 minutes. I was part of group of around 350 women trained for 10 weeks for this event in the Freihofer Team Challenge - starting in the freezing cold month of March meeting at the Crossing in Colonie once a week and ended with a beautiful sunny day for the race. It was challenging at times, but we all managed to get through the program and finish the race.

2. We are off to Seattle on June 4th to visit our newest grandbaby Bennett who arrived here from China in early March. Says Lion Ruth on Facebook: "Two of my favorite reasons to visit Seattle...Mila and Bennett."

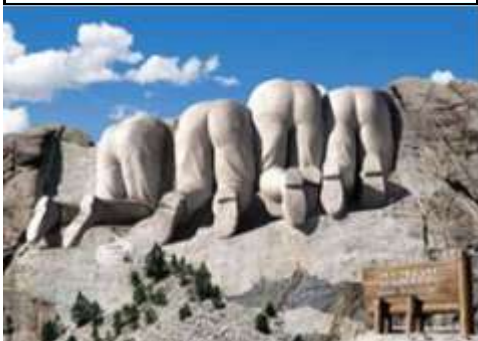


Lion Larry tells us that his son Daryl, who now works on a drill ship in the Gulf of Mexico (drill ship Ocean Blackhawk, where he is now the lead engineer) is getting married to Onya. The wedding is August 22 in Cyprus. Larry and Mary have booked tickets and will be there. Daryl's two brothers, his sister and her husband will also make the trip. *Bring back lots of pictures, Larry.*

In a few days, Lions Maryanne, Jerry, Ruth and non-Lion Bob will be heading to Toronto for the Lions International Convention. We probably won't get time to tour the rest of Canada, but I wonder whether we'll see this?



Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side



Happy Birthday!

Happy July birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 6th - Bob Pratt
- 25th - Jerry Gordon



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one July inductee:

Tom Hart - 7 years

July 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9 1-6pm: Blood drive at Colonie Town Hall	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

For info on other events around the district, visit 20y2lions.org