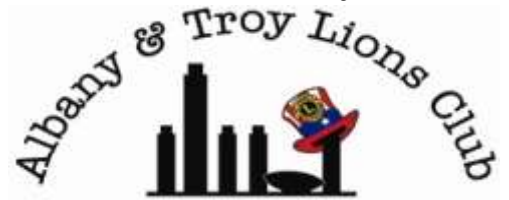




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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, September 3 at the Red Front

Drs Mabel Cheng & Jacob Koczman are ophthalmologists with an office on Route 7 in Niskayuna. They gave us an illuminating presentation explaining what cataracts are and compared the traditional methods of cataract surgery with modern techniques. They fielded a number of questions from the audience, not only about cataracts but also about other eye problems.

There would be no KidSight screenings in September for us to work on, but watch the *Rare Meat* for the October schedule.

We got a phone call from PDG Joan Scott asking us to sponsor Christopher Nicolay, a vision-impaired 13-year-old from Watervliet, in LCI's Peace Essay contest. PDG Joan met him at Camp Abilities/Saratoga this past August. We unanimously approved sponsoring him; Lion Jerry will order the materials from LCI.

In response to a related question about Camp Abilities/Saratoga, Lion Jerry referred to the two articles in the September *Lions Roar*, the district newsletter, that was recently emailed to all. One said that they had 18 campers, which was considered very successful for their first year. The other article was from the Glens Falls Lions Club, which said that the parents of one of the campers were so impressed with what we do, they immediately joined their club.

Lion Carol reminded us of the upcoming blood drive on Sept 29 at the E. Greenbush Library. Also, she is investigating opportunities for us to be of service at the Regional Food Bank and the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO).

We all missed Lion Tom's tail-twisting.

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

There has been no further word on the Rensselaer Festival that was discussed a few months ago, so if it is happening, we won't be participating.

KL Carol reminded us that we have a blood drive on 9/29 at the E Greenbush Library, and NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair on 10/15. The Tech Fair has been moved from Beltrone Center to St Sophia's on Whitehall Rd in Albany.

Lion Jerry will investigate whether we can sell popcorn in the Atrium at the Victorian Stroll. The First Niagara location just doesn't work for us.

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PDG Dave reports that Lion Phil is in Heritage House, and he doubts very much that he'll be out any time soon if at all. We voted to appoint Lion Kathy to complete Phil's term as Director.

We got an invitation that went to all community and faith-based organizations from the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator at the Rens County Dept of Health. There will be two information sessions about Medical Countermeasure Points of Dispensing, which is part of an overall emergency-preparedness program for the county. The sessions are on 9/30, one at 11 am and the other at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in attending either session should contact KL Carol for further info.

The Fall Conference (2nd District cabinet meeting) is on Saturday, Nov 1, at the Holiday Inn Turf in Lake George. That evening, the Ft Edward, Glens Falls, Gloversville and Waterford Lions Clubs will hold a joint 75th Anniversary celebration, also in Lake George. We should all try to attend at least one of these events.
[Further info on page 3.]

Also coming up is the Bethlehem LC's 60th Anniversary celebration at Normanside Country Club in Delmar. We voted to move our November board meeting to Tuesday the 18th so that we could attend their party.

2015 is our club's 90th Anniversary. We talked about combining the celebration with our installation dinner on June 3.

2017 is the 100th Anniversary of Lions International, and there's a web site (Lions100.org) dedicated to that landmark occasion. It includes many suggestions for projects that clubs can adopt to meet LCI's Centennial Service Challenge.

KL Carol and Lion Jerry went to a zone planning meeting last night. ZC Michele O'Hare proposed, as a zone project, that we distribute copies of *I See the World*, by Jean Barlow, to various libraries, elementary schools, etc. This is a print & Braille children's book for pre-K through 9-yr-old kids that promotes tolerance and understanding by "teaching them how others may see differently from themselves, increasing sensitivity to disabilities." The author lives down-state and will autograph each book. The books are \$23.95, but we can get them for \$18. Even though there are still some details to be ironed out and the project has not been announced to the other clubs in our zone (Bethlehem, Ravena & Waterford), we voted to start the ball rolling by committing to buy 10 books.

Our holiday party will be on December 3 instead of our regular meeting. We will ask Lion Kathy to make the arrangements, probably at Valente's in Watervliet again.

An offer came in the mail just today for ballpoint pens with the Lions logo and name, phone and web site. We can buy any quantity for 39¢ each, which seems like an excellent price. We'll discuss this further.

Lion Maryanne has given out one voucher for eyeglasses, but has several applications pending.

KL Carol is wrapping up the 3 hearing aids we approved last month, and has since received another application, but it's not yet ready to submit for approval.

Community Gardens and CEO have partnered to collect Thanksgiving Food Packages. They are looking for donations of canned gravy, boxed stuffing, elbow macaroni and pie crust mix. They'll be collecting between 10/6-11/14, and distributing to needy families on 11/24 and 11/25. They'll need volunteers to help with the distribution. *[See pages 3 and 8.]*

Lion Jerry read thank-you notes from Barbara Berberich for the donation we made in Lion Barry's memory; from Lion Sandie Clark for the used hearing aids we donated to the Hearing Conservation Society; from Kylea Spain, the student who got our Klingaman Award from Watervliet HS; from the Sight Society for our donation in support of their golf tournament; and from NABA for our donation in support of their Low-Vision Technology Fair.



Bring a potential member to a meeting

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 1, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be District Governor Marianne Lynch; Zone Chair Michele O'Hare will be there also. **Let's get a good turnout for this. We try to start the meetings at 6:00 PM, so it would be a good idea to get there by 5:45 so you can get your dinner order in and socialize for a few minutes before the bell rings. Bring canned gravy, boxed stuffing, elbow macaroni or pie crust mix - see page 8.**

KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help on KidSight screenings. I didn't get her October schedule in time for this issue, but I'll send it out as soon as I can.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Monday, September 29, from 1-6 PM** at the East Greenbush Community Library. 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.

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.

Low-vision Technology Fair

NABA's annual tech fair, to be held on **Wednesday, October 15**, has been moved from the Beltrone Center to St Sophia's Church on Whitehall Road in Albany. We'll be looking for a few volunteers to man our information table. See page 6 for details.

November 1

Saturday, November 1, is a big day for local Lions. The Fall Conference starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. (The Fall Conference is really just the 2nd district cabinet meeting, but it usually includes an **International Director as guest speaker and a fancier lunch, so it's a little dressier than cabinet meetings.**) I'm sure DG Marianne will tell us all about it when she visits us on Oct. 1. See page 7 for full details; note that the reservation form is due by October 18.

Then, at 5:30 that evening, the Ft Edward, Glens Falls, Gloversville and Waterford Lions Clubs are holding a **joint 75th anniversary celebration at the Ft William Henry Hotel, also in Lake George.** I'll get the details out to you once I get them, but meanwhile, I understand it will be a gala event, so mark your calendar.

4th Annual

Casino Night

Albany Country Club
Thursday, October 30, 2014
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Full Open Bar, Hand Rolled Cigars,
Scotch Tasting and more!

Hand Rolled Cigars and Scotch Tasting

For sponsorship and tickets,
please call 518-463-1211x241
or visit events.naba-vision.org

4th Annual

NABA
NABA provides a wide range of services for youths aged 18 months – 18 years old in a 14 county service area. Some of these services include: free vision screenings, year round social and recreational programming, pre-vocational skills assessment and training, and coordination of summer work experience placements at employers throughout the Capital Region.

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On a personal note ...

PDG Dave tells us: “Just to note that Lion Gil Roy, a member of the Waterford Lions and a past Region/Zone Chair, is now at the Eddy Heritage House for a period of rehabilitation following some recent surgery. He is in Room 422. If you are in the area, you might want to stop in; he likes to chat. The address is Eddy Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2920 Tibbits Ave., Troy NY 12180.”

Here’s the follow-up photo to a blurb that appeared in this column last July. L-R: Valerie Krug-Hanson, Jeffrey Krug, Anna Alexeeva, Daryl Krug, Mary Krug, Trevor Krug and Lion Larry Krug in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, in August for Anna & Daryl’s wedding.



LCI Environmental Photo Contest

Every year, Lions Clubs International runs a photo contest. The rules for this year's contest are on page 8. Entries are due by November 1 at the Fall Conference, so start shooting.

Happy Birthday!

Happy October birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 6th - Dennis Fagan
- 16th - Pam Khambanonda
- 24th - Fran McDoal



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these October inductees:

- Laura Mona - 1 year
- Jerry Gordon - 23 years
- Larry Krug - 35 years
- Paul Vergoni - 35 years

October 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Blood drive, see page 3		1 6pm: Meeting at Red Front. See page 3	2	3 Yom Kippur starts at sundown	4 Yom Kippur ends at sundown
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Low vision tech fair, see pages 3 & 6. 6pm: Board meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Casino Night, see page 4	31 Halloween	Fall conf, see pages 3 & 7. 75 th annlv, see page 3

For other events around the district, visit 20Y2Lions.org

Visit your club's web site: ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG,
 your district web site: 20Y2LIONS.ORG,
 International's web site: LIONSCLUBS.ORG,
 and LCI's centennial site: LIONS100.ORG.

2014 Low Vision Technology Fair



Presented by

NABA

Northeastern Association
of the Blind at Albany

www.naba-vision.org

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2014

TIME: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Sophia's Greek
Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY



DIRECTIONS:

<http://mapq.st/1hK3AEF>

Guest Speakers: Presenting the latest in eye disease research and treatments

10:30 a.m. - Dr. Thomas Federici
~ophthalmologist & vitreoretinal specialist~
RetinaCare Consultants, Albany, NY



1:00 p.m. - Dr. Hao Wang
~ophthalmologist & vitreoretinal specialist~
Capital Region Retina, Albany, NY



- View the latest in low vision technologies for reading, computers & adaptive vision aids
- Adaptive living experts on living successfully with low vision, vision rehabilitation therapy and *more!*
- *Door prizes & light refreshments!*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHERYL LAWYER
(518) 463-1211 X234 or via email at clawyer@naba-vision.org**

Join us on [Facebook](#)

"NABA'S Low Vision Technology Fair 2014"

FALL District 20Y2 CONFERENCE



Saturday, November 1, 2014

Holiday Inn Turf, Lake George, NY

2223 Canada St Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845

DIRECTIONS: From I-87 North: At exit 21, take ramp right for RT-9N North toward Lake George Village. Turn right on RT-9N; At light turn left on RT-9N toward Lake George Village. In .7 miles arrive at Holiday Inn Turf.
From RT-149 East: Take RT-149 East to end. Turn right on RT-9N. In 3.3 miles arrive at Holiday Inn Turf.

9:30 am Registration

Meeting 10:00 - 3:00 pm ~ \$20.00 per person

LUNCHEON BUFFET

Salad * Garlic Bread ● Chicken Francaise ● Eggplant Parmesan ● Chef's Choice of Pasta
Steamed Mixed Vegetables ● Dessert
Soda/Coffee/other Beverages

**If you would like to attend the Cabinet Meeting without lunch,
please email DG Marianne. marianne@sheldonmansion.com**

**Cost of Luncheon is \$20.00 per person
Checks payable to "District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs"**

Send your reservation with check to:
Lion Mary Claire Noakes, 12 Towner Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
All reservations and checks must be received by **October 18, 2014**. Thank you.

Name _____ Club _____

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____



2014 Lions Club International Photo Contest

Submit your entry at the Fall Conference on November 1st!

The rules:

There are 5 categories this year. Animal life, Plant life, Urban or natural landscape, Weather phenomenon.

Special theme: Lions' Pride in our Environment

Capturing the magnificent beauty and grandeur of our natural environment

All submitted photos must be 8" by 10". One photo should be submitted per club to the District.

One photo per club not one photo per category

Submission or questions? Contact Lion Adam at (518)528-3654 or adampondori@gmail.com

Judging will be held at the Fall Conference on November 1st. Get your entries in early!



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Food Donations

Needed:

Canned gravy, boxed stuffing,
elbow macaroni, pie crust mix

OR

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produce for a family in need*

Call: (518) 272-6012

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