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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, February 4, at the Red Front

Illness and the weather caused lower than expected attendance.

Saratoga Springs Lions Cheryl Lawyer and John McDonald presented a very informative talk and PowerPoint presentation on CampAbilities, now entering its second year on the Skidmore College campus in Saratoga. Now that they have one summer's experience completed, they are moving forward with this summer's plans and are seeking donors, supporters, and sponsors. (Our club was invited to be a sponsor; this will be added to the agenda for the March Board meeting.)

There was a very interesting Q&A session after the talk. Lion John mentioned that our club could join theirs in their 90th Anniversary celebration if we chose and also mentioned a fundraiser at the NYS Military Museum on March 27, 2015—it's called **Night at the Brewseum**, and tickets are available on the NYS Museum website or by calling the Museum Gift Shop at 226-0490. Ticket price is \$40 per person.

KL Carol mentioned the following mailings received: announcement of NABA Visionary Gala, to be held on April 18, 2015 at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy. The letter is requesting sponsors for the event at various levels. Raffle tickets from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation at \$100 per ticket. At the March general meeting, KL Carol will see if anyone wishes to split the cost of ticket(s).

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

KL Carol mentioned that Lion Mike O'Brien's father is very ill and in Albany Medical Center.

We decided not to discuss the progress (or lack thereof) with regard to the proposed eyeglass shed. Given that Lion Orv Curtiss is very ill, there doesn't appear to be much progress on the shed committee.

KL Carol mentioned the need for volunteers at the upcoming Red Cross blood drive on March 2, 2015 [since moved to March 30] at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. KL Carol will call the Red Cross contact to find out about signage and sign-up sheets. Lion Paul said that he and Laura Vergoni will work one of the shifts.



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

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Lion Laura did not have anything new to report about the 90th Anniversary celebration, but mention was made about joining Saratoga for theirs. In general, discussion centered around having our own separate celebration. Tabled until next Board meeting.

We voted to participate in the Albany JCC Health Fair on Sunday, April 26.

New business: we voted to accept Elaine Gerwin's application. Elaine is the person we've been working with on the several projects we've done with CEO, and I'm sure we'll be doing more with them in the future.

KL Carol will contact PPs Tom and Diane Hart and ask if they will serve as nominating committee and present a slate of officers for 2015-16.

KL Carol mentioned receiving an inquiry about becoming a Lion from a woman by the name of Mary Ellen Frieberg, who is retired and looking for community service opportunities. KL Carol e-mailed the very-well written description of our club to her and we hope to see her at the March 4 general meeting.

Lion Ruth reported that she received a couple of eyeglass applications.

KL Carol sent an application for hearing aid assistance to a woman who lives in Cohoes on a request from **Zone Chair Michele O'Hare, since Waterford didn't respond to the request. KL Carol also spoke to a woman** who was interested in receiving an application, but during the phone conversation, it was determined that her income level was too high for aid. It appears that there was a misunderstanding of where to send the check for aid for C. Gibb; it was sent to Madison Hearing Center instead of LCIF. Details about correcting this situation are still being worked out, as KL Carol has been in contact with Madison Hearing personnel and the Hearing Chair from LCIF. Hopefully this will be cleared up very soon.

We received a check from Joseph and Kathleen LaMountain in the amount of \$50.00, but there is no indication that the donation is a result of the seal campaign. The check was written to the Charitable Fund so it was given to Larry Krug. [These are the parents of a girl for whom we recently supplied an eyeglass voucher; the donation was to show their appreciation.]

Lion Paul mentioned that he sent letters out to all the participating schools about our decision to discontinue the Klingaman Awards. Since the letters just went out last week, no responses have been received.

Thanks go to King Lion Carol for the minutes of both the general meeting and the board meeting during Lion Jerry's absence.



BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO A MEETING

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 4**, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Jill Buccierio of Landmark Health, an organization that provides home-based medical care.

We want to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, so please try to be there by 5:45. That will give you time to place your dinner order and enjoy a bit of camaraderie before we start.

KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help on NABA's KidSight vision screenings. She's had to take some time off recently to care for her mother, so we don't have a March schedule. We'll let you know if we get any further information.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Monday, March 30, from 1-6 PM** at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street. 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.

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 what you spend.

On a personal note ...

Lions Jerry and Maryanne visited the Lake Worth Lions Club during their recent trip south. They're in the picture with King Lion Don and Lion Nancy Viniti. The speaker was the Florida sales manager for Welch-Allyn's Spot Vision Screener, a \$7000 camera for detecting vision problems. (It's very similar to, if not the same as, the one that NABA uses.) They're thinking of getting one as a zone project, so Lions from the West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Spanish and Wellington clubs were also in attendance.



They meet at the Braille Club of Palm Beach County, a social club for the blind and visually-impaired that's been around for 80 years. Their meetings feature a pot-luck dinner with a variety of home-made and store-bought contributions, most of which were quite tasty. Lions Maryanne & Jerry always have a good time visiting other Lions clubs; it's interesting to learn about club activities in other parts of the country, and we strongly suggest that you do this whenever you travel.

I am deeply saddened to report the passing of PDG Orv Curtiss of the Galway Lions Club. He died this morning (Feb 24) after a brief illness. PDG Orv was a dedicated Lion who served his club and the district for many years (he was DG in 1988-89). Lion Maryanne and I were honored to have him and Lion Judy as good friends.

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:

- Chris Burke - 8 years
- Dave Levine - 36 years

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4 5:45pm: Meeting at Red Front; see p 2	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 District Cabinet Meeting; see page 5
29	30 Blood drive; see page 3	31	Waterford LC Meet & Greet; see below			

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



Lions Club Meet and Greet

APRIL 1, 2015: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

McGREIVEY'S RESTAURANT
91 BROAD ST., WATERFORD, NY

Hors d'oeuvres & featuring a
CHINESE AUCTION

Donation: \$20.00 PER PERSON

Includes: 2 drinks plus appetizers.

TICKETS will be available for purchase for the Chinese Auction.
Twenty-five tickets will cost \$5.00.

Proceeds to benefit The Waterford Lions Club

District 20Y2 **CABINET** **MEETING**



Saturday, March 28, 2015

Middle Grove Fire Department
25 North Creek Road Middle Grove, NY 12850

DIRECTIONS

For directions go to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/opqj25h>

9:30 am Registration

Meeting 10:00 - 2:00 pm ~ \$15.00 per person

~ Speaker: Lion/Lioness Phil Jessen ~

LUNCHEON BUFFET

Soups, Green Salad, Assorted Sandwiches , Dessert, etc. Coffee and pastries for morning coffee break at no charge.
Gluten free is available.

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

Cost of Luncheon is \$15.00 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 **MARCH 17, 2015**. Thank you.

Name _____ Club _____

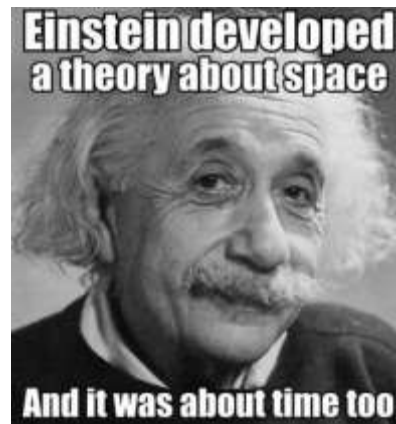
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 and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



We had a power outage here this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down. Then I discovered that my iPhone battery was flat. To top it off, it was snowing and icy so I couldn't go for a walk, bike or run. The garage door opener needs electricity so I couldn't go anywhere in the car. I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needed power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a few hours. She seems like a nice person.

(Sung in the voice of Fred Astaire)

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to,
 Why don't you go where fashion sits?



Putin on a Ritz!