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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!



Northeastern New York/Lions Eye Bank. Started in 1952, the Lions Eye Bank at Albany is the first Lions eye bank in the world. They cover 28 counties in New York and one in Massachusetts, from Plattsburgh to Poughkeepsie and from Utica to Great Barrington. While their primary goal is to collect corneal tissue for transplants, Joann said that eyes that cannot be used for transplants are valuable for research and education. And now their reach is extended to western NY as they undertake the management and operations of the Lions Eye Bank at Rochester. (Joann isn't the only Albany & Troy Lion involved with the Sight Society. Lion Vicki Adler is Executive Director, and Lions PDG Dave Harris and Carol Quantock are on their board of directors.)

Lion Jerry introduced our visitors, Lions Tony and Carol Spensieri. They are members of the Northern Columbia Lions Club, but they recently moved from Valatie to East Greenbush. We hope they'll be transferring their membership soon.

Lion Jerry reminded everyone about some upcoming events, several of which didn't make it into the last *Rare Meat*:

- Thursday, Oct 15: We'll need some people to sit at our info table at NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair from 10am-5pm. Watch for the sign-up email.
- Saturday, Oct 17: District-wide Anthem Health Fair at the Albany Public Library. Watch for sign-up email.
- Thursday, Oct 29: NABA's Casino Night. Details are on the district web site.
- Saturday, Nov 7: Our 90th Anniversary party. Details are in the last *Rare Meat* and on both the club and District web sites. Let Jerry know if you're going so we can arrange car-pooling.
- Coats for Kids program will be running from mid-October through the end of November. Watch for signup email.

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, October 7, at the Red Front

Our own Lion Joann Beach updated us on the activities at the Sight Society of

MEMBERSHIP	VICKI ADLER
	MICHELLE BAKER
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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, October 21, at the Route 7 Diner

Committee reports:

Blood drives: IPKL Carol – Thanks to the Vergonis and the Gordons for working the Sep 28 drive at the E. G'bush library; we collected enough blood to help 69 people. Our next drive is Dec 23 from 12-6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St.

Facebook administrator: Lion Ruth absent, no report.

Public Relations Chair: This important post has been empty too long. We really need someone to step forward and accept this role.

Membership: Lion Kathy absent, no report.

Programs: Lion Kathy absent, but reports that in November, ZC Carol will talk to us.

Used glasses: Lion Tom absent; no report.

Voice-mail log: Lion Jerry – there were 24 calls in the past month, 2/3 of which were from our area.

Eyeglass requests: Lion Maryanne has several applications outstanding.

Hearing requests: Lion Doug has two applications outstanding.

Several folks Lions signed up to work on the Coats for Kids campaign. We still need a few more volunteers.

90th anniversary celebration: Everyone should get their reservations in NOW. PKL Carol managed to get 100 pins for \$200; they are on order and should be here soon.

NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair went well. Lions Paul (and Laura), Larry and Jerry each worked a shift.

We will work on our seal campaign at the Nov 4 meeting.



להביא חבר פוטנציאלי לפגישה

If we keep repeating “Bring a potential member to a meeting,” it will soon become old hat. So as part of your continuing education and to keep the thought fresh, we’ll say it in a different language each month. This is Hebrew. Read it from right to left.

Zone Meeting

Zone Chair Lion Carol Quantock has called a zone meeting at Bellini's Restaurant (1365 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands; tinyurl.com/qe5af6t for directions) on Tuesday, Nov 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM. (The other clubs in our zone are Bethlehem, Ravana and Waterford.) We will be discussing a zone project and any other topics you may want to bring to the attention of the group. Ideas for a zone project will be gratefully accepted for discussion! Please let Carol know by Saturday, October 31, if you or other members of your club will attend (664-3901 or cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) so she can let the restaurant know how many people to expect.

Our next meeting

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 4**. Our speaker will be our own Lion Carol Quantock, who will tell us what's going on throughout our zone. We call the meeting to order at 6:00, but please try to be there by 5:45 PM so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to socialize.

KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. Most of her November screenings are in Schenectady, but she does have two in Albany, both at 9:30 AM:

Friday, Nov 20, at Giffen Elementary (274 S. Pearl St) , and Tuesday, Nov 24, at TOAST (Lincoln Park).

It's pretty simple and it rarely takes more than a couple of hours, usually starting at 9:30 a.m. Why not give one or two a try? Please let Lion Jerry know asap if you're available to help, and I'll confirm address and time details for you.

Our 90th!

This is your last chance to take part in our 90th Anniversary celebration. See the invitation on page 5, and ignore the reservation deadline - we can still squeeze in some last-minute deciders. This is a big deal for our club, and we'd like to see as many Lions as possible in attendance. Even if you haven't been to a meeting in years, please try to make this one.



Lions Eye Institute's 25th

Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Friends of the Lions Eye Institute,

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness". She was also quoted as stating that "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Nowhere is that commitment more evident than in New York State!

Over the past 25 years the Lions representing the Lions Clubs from Districts 20-Y2, 20-W and 20-O have worked TOGETHER to establish an unmatched regional resource of excellence for people with sight problems - the Lions Eye Institute! The specialists that are affiliated with the LEI work with local eye doctors throughout our region to provide care for their most complex and challenging cases.

The strength of the LEI is its competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of major eye trauma, severe infectious diseases of the eye, children's eye disorders, and diseases, degenerative retinal diseases, ocular problems caused by diabetes and refractory glaucoma. To date, well over 750,000 patients have been treated!

The Lions support over 25 years through the Knight of the Blind and Chocolate Bunny programs has raised the funds that allow the LEI to provide acute eye care for residents in 25 NYS counties, Southern Vermont and Western Massachusetts. The LEI educates and trains new ophthalmologists each year and its regional, national and international reputation helps to attract ophthalmology specialists of distinction.

It's time to celebrate the 25 years of success of YOUR Lions Eye Institute! Please join us on Sunday afternoon November 22 at Normanside Country Club. For those interested, tours of the LEI and the Cornea Consultants of Albany facilities will take place that morning. Details are on page 6.

We look forward to you joining us!

Yours in Lionism,
John McDonald
Immediate Past Chair
Lions Eye Institute
Lions Foundation at Albany

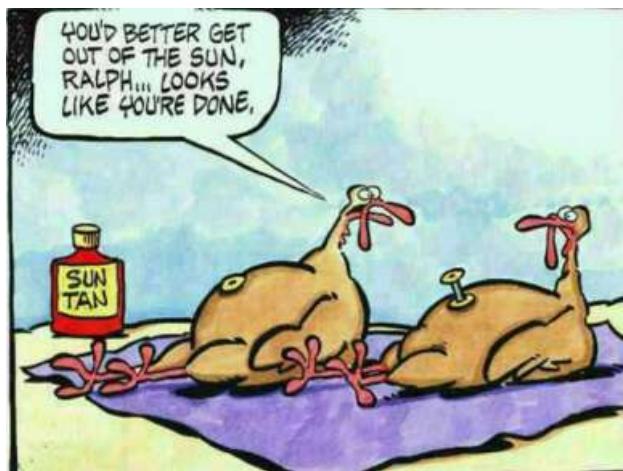
Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at amazon.com, do it from SMILE.AMAZON.COM instead. You can specify [ALBANY AND TROY LIONS](#) as your charity of choice, and we'll get 0.5% of whatever you spend.

On a personal note ...

Congrats to Lion Larry & Mary on the arrival of another grandson.

We wish the best of everything to Elaine Gerwin, who became a Lion earlier this year. Much to our chagrin, she and her fiancé have moved to Arizona. We'll miss her, but we wish her well.



[Learn about centennial events at LIONS100.ORG](http://LIONS100.ORG)

Happy Birthday!

Happy November birthday to these A&T Lions:

5th - Ursula Dessingue
25th - Jane Chouiniere
27th - Michael O'Brien

**Happy Anniversary!**

Happy Lions Anniversary to these November inductees:

Megan Davis - 2 years
Dennis Fagan - 9 years
Carol Quantock - 15 years

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 Zone meeting - see page 2	3 5:45pm: Meeting at Red Front; see p 2	4	5	6 District cabinet meeting * 90th anniv - see page 5
8	9	10 Veterans Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner.	18	19 KidSight - see page 3	20	21
22 LEI 25th - see page 6	23 KidSight - see page 3	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27	28
29	30					

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

1925 Logo



2015 Logo

*Please join the*

Albany & Troy Lions Club and

Saratoga Springs Lions Club

as they jointly celebrate

90 years

of serving their communities.

5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015

Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs

Guest of Honor: Past International President Al Brandel

Cost: \$55 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert.

Dancing to DJ "Complete Albany" after dinner. Cocktail attire; 1925 period attire optional.

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(Qty) *Dinner Choices*

 Chicken Francaise

 Grilled NY Strip

 Sole Florentine

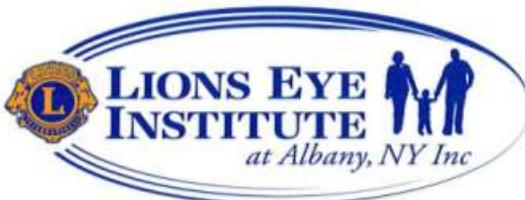
Total x \$55 = \$ amount enclosed

The Gideon Putnam has set aside a block of rooms at \$129 + tax. To reserve one, call 518-584-3000 and mention code **9N73M** before 10/12/15.

Names

Club Phone

Please mail check (payable to SARATOGA SPRINGS LIONS CLUB) and this reservation form by **Wednesday, October 14, to Saratoga Lions 90, PO Box 166, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-0166.**



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**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
of serving the Districts of 20-Y2, 20-W and 20-O**

1:00 PM on Sunday November 22, 2015

Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY

Tours from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at:

Lions Eye Institute

**1220 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159
and**

**Cornea Consultants of Albany
9 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands, NY 12159**

Knight of the Blind Presentations

**Please let us know if your club would like to make a KoB presentation to a member
of your club!**

Cocktail Reception Appetizer

Cheese Display - International and Domestic Cheese with Crackers
Crudités Display - Assorted Fresh Vegetables with Garlic Merlot Dressing

Dinner Choices

Chicken Francaise, Tilapia Piccata, Beef Bordelaise

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae Bar with assorted Toppings

COST: \$30 per person (cash bar)

Please mail check (payable to Lions Foundation at Albany) and this reservation form by
November 11 to Lion Kevin Ronayne, 4 Fenimore Place, Gansevoort, NY 12831

If interested in a LEI Tour or Knight of the Blind presentation please contact Lion John McDonald at: jmcDonald33@nycap.rr.com

Names: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entrée Choice(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (payable to Lions Foundation at Albany)