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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!



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

Lion Jerry introduced potential Lion Stephanie Otto.

Our own Lion Carol Quantock, speaking in her role as zone chair, told us that she hopes to generate more support and cooperation among the clubs in our zone: Bethlehem, Ravena and Waterford (and, of course, us). One suggestion for a zone project is to expand the program we did last year, wherein we donated reading glasses that were distributed at City Mission by the ophthalmology students at Albany Med. Another possibility is to contribute to special prescription sunglasses for Chhitup Lama, a visually-impaired Nepali whose organization helps the blind and visually impaired in the Humla district of Nepal; this request came to us from NABA. [See report of Nov 11 meeting.] She also suggested that most clubs would benefit from having their members complete the "How Are Your Ratings?" survey that is available from LCI.

We discussed whether we want our December meeting to be a holiday party as we have done in years past. The consensus was "yes," and we asked Lion Kathy to see if Valente's in Watervliet was available on Dec. 2.

After dinner, we held our annual stuffing, sealing and stamping party to get our seal campaign mailing done. As usual, many hands lightened the load and we were through quickly.

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

Committee reports:

Blood drives: Our next drive is Dec 23 from noon-6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St.

Membership: Lion Kathy absent, no report.

Programs: Lion Kathy absent,

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.

MEMBERSHIP

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SUE SHIPE
PAUL VERGONI
DR. ALLEN ZIEKER

Thanks to the 9 Lions (Carol, Dennis, Doug, Jerry, Larry, Michelle, Paul, Tom & Vicki) who signed up to work on the Coats for Kids campaign, we've collected **467** as this is being written..



All who attended our 90th anniversary celebration had a fine time. The Gideon did a really nice job with the food, and the committee's table decorations fit nicely with the 1925 theme. Having the vintage cars outside for pictures was a nice touch. See photos on pages 3 & 4, and the article on page 6 from the weekly *Saratoga Today*.

Our Dec 2 meeting will be our holiday party at Valente's in Watervliet - see story below.

We're all set for popcorn sales inside the Atrium at the Victorian Stroll on Dec. 6. Enough people signed up to fill 4 shifts. Even if you're not working, stop by and say hello.

Committee reports:

Eyeglass requests: Lion Maryanne discussed a request for special prescription sunglasses for Chhitup Lama, [see report of Nov 4 meeting]. We voted to donate \$100. ZC Carol will request help from the other clubs in our zone. NABA will be donating, although we don't know how much. Lion Mike mentioned that the Albany Chapter of the American Council for the Blind is donating \$750 to Chhitup's school.

Hearing requests: Lion Doug has sent out another application.

We received a thank-you letter from the Sight Society for our club's support of their Donor Memorial Service held on October 4.

We authorized Lion Joann to spend up to \$250 for Christmas gifts for a family from Vanderheyden.



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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 Afrikaans.

Our next meeting - party time!

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 2, at 6 PM**. It will be our **holiday party** at Valente's, 315 8th St in Watervliet. In lieu of a grab bag, please bring unwrapped toys, which we will donate to CEO for the Christmas "store" that they run in conjunction with Unity House. Since this is mainly a social event, all guests are more than welcome. Please let Jerry know as soon as possible whether you'll be there so we can give the restaurant a count.



KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. Ursula had volunteered for the Nov 20 screening at Giffen School, but it was cancelled because not enough kids were signed up.

If I get a December schedule, I'll let you know, but it's usually a low-screening month because of the holidays.

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.



Lion Larry & Mary Krug



Lions Jerry & Maryanne Gordon



Don & Lion Ursula Dessingue



Heather Zayac, King Lion
Chris Horan & Darien



Paul & Lion Carol Quantock



Laura & Lion Paul Vergoni, Lion Kathy Dorn



Lions Chery Lawyer Mike O'Brien



PDG Dave Harris with PDG Joan Scott & Lions Mary Claire Noakes & Judy Curtiss



Past Int'l Pres Al Brandel & Lion Dr Maureen Murphy



Vincenzia & Lion Doug Davis



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



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Wednesday, December 23, from noon-6 PM** at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St. 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 Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

On a personal note ...

No one gave me anything so there's nothing to report. Not much room in this issue, anyway. Have a wonderful holiday season, whatever you celebrate!

Happy Birthday!

Happy December birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 20th - Carol Quantock
- 24th - Kristin McVeigh




Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these December inductees:

- Vicki Shahinian - 6 years
- Elaine Hayner - 8 years
- Terry Page - 12 years
- Ursula Dessingue - 21 years

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Holiday party! See page 2	3	4	5
6 Victorian Stroll Chanukkah starts at sundown	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Blood Drive see page 5	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa starts
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
<i>* For other events around the district, visit 20Y2Lions.org</i>						

Week of November 13 – November 19, 2015

PULSE

SARATOGA TODAY

35

Saratoga Lions Celebrate 90 Years

Photos by Mark Bolles

SARATOGA SPRINGS — In 1925, The Saratoga Springs Lions Club, along with the Albany and Troy Lions Clubs, were chartered. To celebrate the ninetieth anniversary, Lions and community members gathered Saturday, November 7 for a dinner at Gildest Putnam.

Past International President, Al Brandel, was the guest of honor for the evening. Brandel was the fourth Lion from New York to serve as International President of Lions International.

Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world, with over 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members. The Saratoga Springs Lions Club is a fellowship of men and women from all age groups, all career fields, all ethnic and religious backgrounds, and from various income levels, who share a commitment to serve the community through participation in Lions projects and fund-raising events.

Membership now stands at over 100, making the Saratoga Springs chapter one of the largest and most productive clubs within New York State.

For more information about Saratoga Springs Lions Club, visit saratogaspingslions.com.



Heather Zappo, Albany/Troy Club President Chris Hesse, Chris's helper, Darius, and Jerry and Maryanne Gerden.



Anniversary chairman John McDevitt, guest of honor Dr. Matthew Murphy, Past International President and guest of honor Al Brandel, Saratoga Springs Lions President Karen Foster and International Director Jerome Thompson.



District Governor Paula Plank and International Director Jerome Thompson.



Rick and Judy Martin of Northern Dean Construction.

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

Inaugural Youth Program Raffles

Draw Date: Friday December 18, 2015

\$25.00 Raffle Ticket

First Prize: \$1,000 Spa Aesthetic Package at Mary Martin & Co.

Second Prize: \$325 2004 Framed Warner Bros. Taz Mini Sericel

Third Prize: \$300 Connelly's Diamond Gallery Shell Necklace

\$10.00 Raffle Ticket

First Prize: \$200 Four tickets to 2016 NYC Ballet Performance (Excluding Ballet Gala)

Second Prize: \$100 Basket of Cheer

Third Prize: \$50 Gift Card to ShopRite

If you would like to purchase tickets, please send your check made out to NABA-Raffle to Michele O'Hare or Gail Hessney at 301 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12206 and we will send you your ticket.