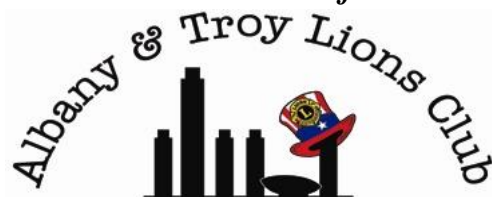




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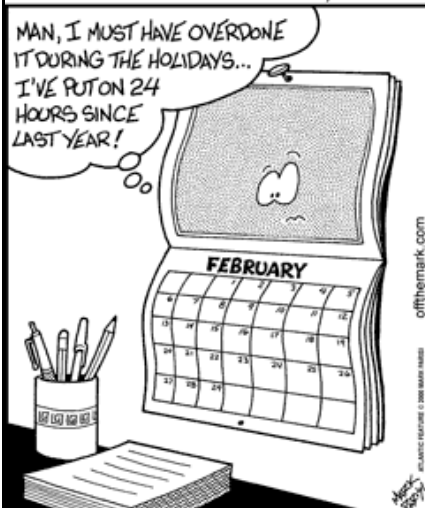
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Report of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 6, at the Red Front

Lion Jerry re-introduced potential Lion Stephanie Otto. It was her second visit.

Alissa Herman spoke to us about the vision screenings they did last year at Albany's Capital City Rescue Mission. When we donated all the reading glasses they used, we thought they were ophthalmology students, but it turns out they're general med students at AMC, and the project was part of their ophthalmology rotation. Alissa was the president of the medical-

student group that did the screenings under the supervision of Dr Sai Gandham from the Lions Eye Institute. Supraja Swamy is president this year, and they'll be doing it again in a few weeks. They have enough glasses left over so they won't need more. Both young ladies spoke about how beneficial the experience was and how much they got out of it compared to sitting in class. It was also good for the patients – 11 were referred to Dr Gandham for further treatment of glaucoma or cataracts.

Lion Jerry reminded everyone of the blood drive on Jan 18, NABA's KidSight screening on Jan 20 and the cabinet meeting on Jan 23.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, January 20, at the Route 7 Diner

With only 5 board members present, the meeting was short. Treasurer Paul Vergoni reported that the dues bill that he just received was not reflected in the Treasurer's report. Dues invoice is as follows: 33 members at \$21.50 each, 3 spouses at \$10.75 each, and 1 lifetime member at \$0.

Committee reports:

1. Lion Carol reported that the blood drive in December was very successful, and Lion Paul added that the blood drive on January 18 was also very successful—many donors signed up. Lion Carol is working on getting the results from Gail Kirby, and is

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- working on setting up another drive at which we can volunteer.
2. Facebook Admin – Ruth Sano not in attendance; no report
 3. Membership – Kathy Dorn not in attendance; no report
 4. Programs – Kathy Dorn not in attendance; no report
 5. Used glasses & hearing aids – Tom Hart not in attendance; no report
 6. Voice mail log – Lion Paul brought up the request for \$350 for the IntelliKeys keyboard, and ZC Carol will reach out again to the other clubs to see if they would like to donate a minimum of \$50 per club, and we will ask NABA if they can assist. This will be an excellent zone project.
 7. KidSight – Jerry Gordon not in attendance; no report
 8. Eyeglass requests – Maryanne and Ruth not in attendance; no report
 9. Hearing aid requests – Doug not in attendance; no report

Paul mentioned that at the next board meeting we should discuss a dues increase. Next month (February) we will have two speakers discussing Camp Abilities.

Under old business, Lion Carol stated that she has a large number of our 90th Anniversary Pins and would love to distribute as many as possible to our members, and then hand them out to other Lions.

Old business: As of 1/13/16, the seal campaign has netted \$1135. We also received another check for \$5.00, so we now have \$1140.

New business: an application for glasses was received and PDG Dave will forward it to Lion Ruth Sano for processing.



Traga um membro potencial para uma reunião.

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 Portuguese.

Our next meeting ...

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 3**, at the Red Front. Our speakers, from the Saratoga Springs Lions Club, will talk about Camp Abilities.

We call the meeting to order at 6:00, but please try to be there by 5:45 so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to socialize. We like to give the restaurant a count, and we usually ask you to let Lion Jerry know whether you'll be there, but this month, **please tell Lion Paul** (plverg@yahoo.com or 785-5319).

Seal Campaign

As of this writing, we have raised \$1140. These funds enable us to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy and support our other charitable works. If you haven't sent your donation in yet, you'll be glad to know that it's not too late. If you lost the return envelope, mail your check to Albany & Troy Lions Club, PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181-0192.

Blood Drive

Thanks to King Lion Chris Horan & Heather, Lion Paul & Laura Vergoni and Lion Carol for working on the blood drive on January 18 at the East Greenbush Library. I don't have the statistics yet, but I understand it was very busy.

KidSight

Nurse Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. Here's what's scheduled for February:

Friday, 2/5: Early Childhood Educ Center (ECEC), 517 Bradt St, Schenectady @ 9:30

Wednesday, 2/24: Maplewood School, 32 Cohoes Rd, Watervliet @ 9:30

Friday, 2/26: Arbor Hill Elementary School, 1 Arbor Dr, Albany @9:30.

As I've said before, It's pretty simple and it rarely takes more than a couple of hours. Why not give one a try? Please contact Kathryn Miklowitz directly at H: 346-5694, C: 915-4722, W: 463-1121ext227 or KMiklowitz@naba-vision.org.

Help Wanted ...

The Albany & Troy Lions Club has two important positions open:

1. We need a **Publicity Chair** - someone who can write press releases about our activities and accomplishments and get the word out to local media. One of the things that makes it tough to get new members is that no one knows what we do; I'm not even sure they know we exist. We can certainly use your help.
2. We need a **Fund-Raising Chair**. It won't be your job to actually raise funds - we want you and your committee to find fund-raising activities that are suitable for our general membership. We're open to any reasonable suggestions.

In addition to these club positions, the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank needs people to sit on its **Board of Directors**. To find out what's involved, contact PDG Dave Harris at (518) 273-1266 or dharris2@nycap.rr.com.

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 ...

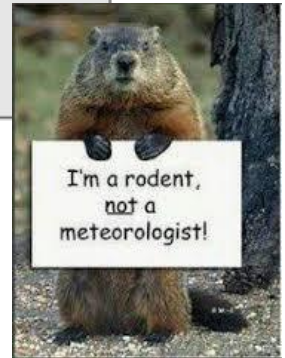
Congratulations to Lion Ruth for achieving her life-long ambition to visit all 50 states.

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February 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	4	5 KidSight; see page 3.	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents' Day	16	17 6pm: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 KidSight; see page 3.	25	26 KidSight; see page 3.	27
28	29					

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



Happy Birthday!

Happy **February** birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 5th - Dave Levine
- 22nd - Mike Farrell
- 22nd Elaine Gerwin



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one **February** inductee:

Elaine Gerwin - 1 year



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