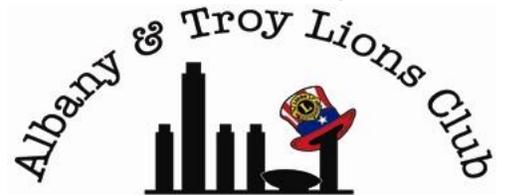




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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



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

When I report on the board meetings, there are actually two meetings. One is for the board of the club, and the other is for the board of our charitable foundation. The board members are the same, except that Lion Paul is club treasurer and Lion Larry is foundation treasurer. To make things a bit simpler for everyone, the minutes for the two meetings are combined into one report that you see every month in the Rare Meat.

I missed the April board meeting, and I thank Lion Carol for taking the minutes in my absence. Unfortunately, I didn't realize that she had the two sets of minutes on separate pages, so last month's report was just the club board meeting. Here are the minutes of the charitable foundation board meeting that I should have included last month.

Committee Reports: Lion Maryanne was absent, so there was no report for eyeglass requests. Lion Doug Davis reported that he had sent out two applications but as yet had not received them back for review.

Old business: We discussed the IntelliKeys keyboard for the blind 3-year old boy. IPKL Carol reported that Waterford will not be able to donate but she will be more assertive in getting positive responses from Bethlehem and Greater Ravena.

IPKL Carol also reviewed the application from Renée, the single mother who asked for assistance to send her daughter to diabetes camp (Camp Clara Barton). We voted to donate \$400 for this purpose, and IPKL Carol provided Treasurer Larry Krug with a form to use which will ensure that our check is applied to the account of Renée's daughter, Jade.

Lion Paul Vergoni reminded us that there were more raffle tickets available for Camp Badger; Lion Ruth volunteered to purchase one. Lion Vicki still owes her portion of one ticket, but all other contributors have paid their portions.

Dues are due now. If you haven't already done so, send your check for \$75, payable to A&T Lions Club, to Lion Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Do it TODAY, please!

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

Our guest speaker was our own Lion Dr. Allen Zieker, who told us about his volunteering with SEE (Surgical Eye Expeditions). He's been on missions to several Central American countries, including Panama, Honduras and Guatemala, to perform free cataract surgeries. Half of all blindness is caused by cataracts, and they're more common in very sunny areas because of the increased UV exposure. Interestingly, even if a patient has cataracts in both eyes, they remove them from only one eye. Even with only one cataract removed, the patient will have very good vision, and this way they can do twice as many patients in the same amount of time.

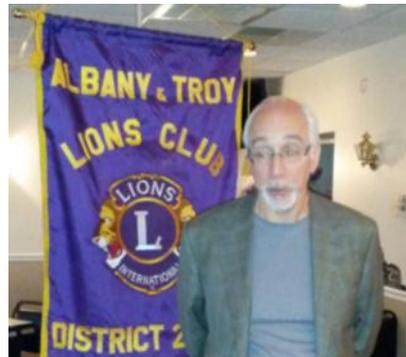
Lion Jerry reminded everyone that we still had Camp Badger raffle tickets; two were sold. (Thanks, Allen.)

Lion Kathy announced that our annual installation dinner will be at Valente's Restaurant in Watervliet on Wednesday, June 1. [See page 3]

We had enough board members present to vote to again sponsor a HOBY student for \$200. We've been doing this for a number of years, and every year, we say we should have the student speak at our September or October meeting, but we never do. Maybe this time ...

Lion Jerry reported that Donald Kaiser, a Troy optician, died in March at the age of 98. He had been a Troy Lion for many years, and we received a donation in his memory.

PDG Dave Harris noted that we were the host club for the annual meeting of the Sight Society of NENY/Lions Eye Bank, which was held on May 1 at the Desmond. Lion Carol Quantock, representing our club, gave the opening welcome address. She is a new member of the organization's board of directors.



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

Committee reports:

Blood drives: Our next drive is May 23 from 1-6pm at the East Greenbush Library. Please respond to Lion Carol's email request for workers. [See page 4]

Voice-mail log: There were only 12 calls this month, mostly routine stuff. 4 were for out of our area and referred to other clubs.

Eyeglass requests: Lion Maryanne has issued 2 vouchers and just received a completed application.

She has a request from a single mother of 3 boys. In Nov 2014, we provided glasses for her twins, who were 4 years old at the time. They're now 6, and their glasses have been lost (1 pair) and broken (the other pair). Maryanne is looking for board approval to help them again, which she unanimously received after a brief discussion.

Hearing requests: Lion Doug just received another request and will be sending out an application.

Lions Maryanne and Jerry manned our table at the Health & Services Fair at the Albany Jewish Community Center last Sunday, May 15. We had materials from A&T Lions, NABA and Hearing Conservation Society, each of whom had split the cost of the table. It was a good way to increase our exposure to the community.



Under old business, we approved a revised dues policy that reflects our new dues amount.

Lion Jerry reported on another meeting at UAlbany in Rensselaer about a new campus club. It was decided that although the club would be open to students and faculty from the main campus, its emphasis would be the School of Public Health. The name will be UAlbany SPH Campus Lions Club. The goal now is to get the 20 charter members they need before they can submit the new-club paperwork.



Under new business, we discussed whether we wanted to attend “Salute to the Lions Day” at Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights. About a dozen of us went in 2010. We decided to send out an email to determine the level of interest. It was pointed out that Lion Tom sends metal eyeglass frames to ReSpecs in California. They recycle the metals and pay us for the frames. We have historically donated this money to Guiding Eyes. So far this year, we have collected \$92. A motion was made and passed to increase this donation to \$200. We’ll present the check in person if we go. [See page 4]

We reviewed current committee chairs, and will start working on replacements where needed. [See page 4]

We voted to donate \$225 to Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank for a tee sign at their annual golf tournament.

We voted to donate \$100 to Visions/VCB.

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting, on **Wednesday, June 1**, will be our **annual installation dinner**. It will be at Valente’s Restaurant, 315 8th Street in Watervliet, at 6:00 PM. We’ll order off their menu and get separate checks. Since this is more of a social evening than a business event, feel free to invite your spouse, significant other, and friends. We have to give the restaurant a count, so please call **Kathy Dorn (783-0157)** no later than Friday, May 27, and tell her whether you’ll be there.

This is our last general membership meeting until September, but your 2016-17 board of directors will continue to meet through the summer. If you need a meeting fix, join us on the 3rd Wednesday at 6 PM at the Route 7 Diner.

KidSight

Nurse Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA’s KidSight vision screenings. Thanks to Lions Ursula and Elena for helping most recently. There are several opportunities to help in June; all are at 9:30 a.m. Some involve a little travel beyond our usual borders:

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| Wed 6/1 | Maple Leaf Child Care, 707 Saratoga Rd (Rte 50), Burnt Hills |
| Mon 6/13 | Kiddie Academy, 1 Johnson Rd, Latham |
| Tue 6/14 | Maple Leaf Child Care, 2739 Hamburg St, Schenectady |
| Wed 6/15 | Kiddie Academy, 13 Columbia Circle, Albany |
| Wed 6/22 | Maple Leaf Child Care, 3509 Carmen Rd, Schenectady (Guilderland) |
| Thu 6/23 | Executive Woods Childcare, 4 Atrium Drive, Albany |

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 mickeyskat@gmail.com, H: 346-5694, C: 915-4722 or W: 463-1121ext227.



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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 Arabic.

Blood Drive

Thanks to Lions Paul Vergoni and Elena Watson and Partners in Service Laura Vergoni and Paul Quantock for working at the blood drive at the East Greenbush Library on May 23, and to Lion Carol for making all the arrangements. We didn't get the final numbers from the Red Cross yet, so I'll tell you next month how many lives we potentially saved.

Salute to Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Every summer, Guiding Eyes for the Blind holds a Salute to Lions Day at their training facility in Yorktown Heights, NY, which is about a two-hour drive down the Taconic Parkway. It includes awards, tours and refreshments, and we typically present our annual donation at that time.



Back in 2010, about a dozen of us went down. It was a very pleasant and worthwhile trip where we learned a lot about how they train service dogs for the blind and for children with autism. This year, it's on **Sunday, July 30**, from 11am-2pm.

We have four signed up already to go this year. If you're interested, please let Lion Jerry know as soon as you can (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232). Naturally, we'll do as much ride-sharing as we can.

Help Wanted ...

We're starting to put our committees together for the 2016-17 Lions year, and it would be really great if some of you stepped forward. About 2/3 of you never come to meetings. We'd love it if you did, but you can do most of this committee work from home. (Thank you, Lion Elena, for agreeing to be PR chair.)

Fund-Raising: Lion Fran has agreed to be chair, but she needs a few people to work with her. It won't be your job to actually raise funds - we want the committee to find fund-raising activities that are suitable for our general membership. We're open to any reasonable suggestions.

Membership: Lion Ruth is membership chair, but she could use two committee members to help her come up with ideas to increase our membership.

Programs: Arrange for some interesting speakers. We already have several people who would like to speak, and there are many district chairs who would like to visit us.

Volunteering: This involves arranging for blood drives - roughly one per quarter. Lion Carol can supply the contacts at the Red Cross. Feel free to find other opportunities for Lions to volunteer their services.

Auction: Our last auction was two years ago. We raised lots of money and had a good time. Now we need a committee to help us do it again.

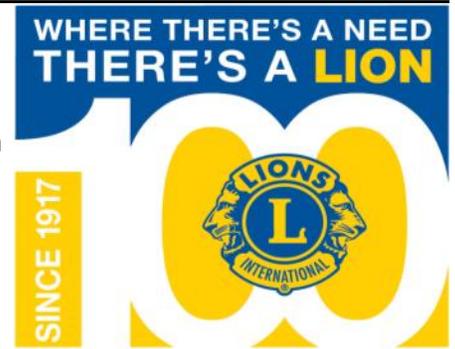
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Lions Centennial

As you well know, LCI is 100 years old in 2017. The International convention next year is in Chicago, Lions' home town, from June 30-July 4, 2017, and it should be a doozie. If you've never been to an international convention, or even if you have, give some serious thought to attending this one. I think it would be great if we could get a group together. (FYI: Albany to Chicago is about a 2-hour flight, a 13-hour car ride or a 16-hour overnight train ride.)



Learn about centennial events at LIONS100.ORG

On a personal note ...

Lions Mike, Maryanne and Jerry went to DG Paula's testimonial on May 20 at the Glen Sanders Mansion. It was a very nice affair, and a fine send-off to DG Paula.

I apologize for the tardiness of this item: Paul Quantock was a surprise guest at our April 20 board meeting because he wanted to join Lion Carol for dinner on the occasion of their 37th anniversary. Also, he's retiring from X-Ray Optical Systems on May 31, and he's looking forward to devoting time to sprucing up our popcorn machine.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 8th - Ted Belhumeur
- 12th - Laura Mona
- 25th - Diane Hart
- 26th - Doug Davis



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these **June** inductees:

- Michelle Baker - 4 years
- PDG Dave Harris - 18 years with A&T + 21 years with Granville
- Doug Davis - 27 years



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

