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ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Back to school refresher course ... for drivers ...



Report of the board meetings held on Wed, August 2, at the Red Front

A number of Lions spoke up, and we now have orders for about a dozen shirts. Since not everyone was present, we should not have a problem meeting their minimum order requirement.

Continuing last month's discussion, a motion was made and passed for RJUs to meet immediately after the April meeting, and MJFs after the May meeting, to select future recipients, respectively.

We again have an opportunity to help CEO with their backpack program. They need volunteers to pack the bags, and then help with the distribution. KL Carol had distributed an email with the dates .

Lion Jerry reviewed three months' worth of voice mails. Of the 51 calls we received, 36 were for us and the rest were for other clubs around and even beyond our district, including Hudson, Malone and even New Jersey.

Lion Maryanne gave out one eyeglass voucher.

We discussed the request we had for help getting hearing aid batteries and tubes. We get a number of new batteries donated along with used hearing aids. Jerry will check to see if any are the same size needed by the requestor. [Since the meeting, we learned that the patient has since passed away.]

Lion Ruth reports that we received a \$1000 grant from WGY's Christmas Wish program.

We are waiting for a follow-up report from Tara Burke regarding the playground upgrade project.

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Our next meeting ...

Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday September 6, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Lion Bill Suchy, board chair at the Lions Eye Institute/Lions Foundation at Albany. He'll be talking to us about the Knights of the Blind program, among other things.



Yenza ilungu elinokuba yintlanganiso

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. I'm sure you recognized this is Xhosa, one of the official languages of South Africa. It's pronounced kosa, with a long o (as in coat).

KidSight

Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's RN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of pre-schoolers, always appreciates our help. They start at 9:30 a.m. and last an hour or two. If you'd like to sign up for one or more, please contact Kathryn at kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org and [mickeyskat@gmail.com](mailto:mickeykat@gmail.com) or call her at C: 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

Her September schedule includes only two in our bailiwick:

Tues, Sept 19 Ogden Mills Head Start, Cohoes
Thur, Sept 28 Hackett Blvd Head Start, Albany

Shirt happens

We ordered club shirts in 2010 and in 2013. Many of us wear them to club meetings, but the real purpose is to present a unified appearance whenever we're out in public (in a parade, at a blood drive or health fair booth) or at broader Lions functions (club visitations, district cabinet meetings, state or international conventions).

If you have one (or more), it's probably getting worn-looking. And if you didn't get one then, or you've joined since then, maybe you'd like one. To encourage you to buy 1 (or 2) so we can meet the 12-piece minimum, we're offering light blue as well as navy.

As before, there are two styles: a short-sleeved golf (polo) shirt (about \$20), and a long-sleeved sport shirt with full-button front (about \$27). Prices include the embroidered logo. Or, you can have the logo embroidered on your own piece of clothing (shirt, jacket, sweatshirt, sweater) for about \$7. Exact pricing will be established at the time of order; it will depend on quantities, styles and sizes (2XL and up cost a bit



At RiverFest, Lion Ruth wore the sport shirt as an overshirt and Lion Maryanne was in the golf shirt.

will be established at the time of order; it will depend on quantities, styles and sizes (2XL and up cost a bit

more). Both shirts are available in both men's and women's versions. (Maryanne tells me the women's polo is fitted and you may want to order one size larger.)

As soon as you can, please let Lion Jerry know how many you want, color (navy or light blue), style (sport shirt or golf shirt), whether men's or women's, and size.

Friends Helping Friends



We're participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program by selling Shopping Passes. These passes are good for **25% OFF** almost everything Boscov's sells. They can be used at all 48 Boscov's stores, but **only on Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017**. The passes are **\$5 each** and our club gets to keep the whole \$5. There will be many other charitable organizations taking advantage of this program, so start selling them now to your friends and family and get a leg up on the competition. Passes are available from Lion Jerry, and all the proceeds go to Lion Paul.

Playground Upgrade Project

It was a year ago, at the 9/7/16 board meeting, that we first approved our participation in this project to buy a new playset for Brotherhood Park in Watervliet. (See page 5 of the [Oct 2016 Rare Meat](#)) By January 2017, we had committed club funds, received donations from several Lions and applied for and received a \$2000 matching grant from the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation. We've been waiting patiently as **Tara Burke**, owner of FreelyClothing.com and the project originator, raised the rest of the \$8400 needed. She has obtained grants from Maddie's Mark Foundation and from Stewart's, and she got the City of Watervliet to commit to the balance. Because it's been more than 6 months since we got the check from NYS&BLF, we had to apply for an extension, which we just received. At our upcoming meeting on 9/6, we're hoping to announce that the playset has been ordered.

On a personal note ...

Last month, we reported that **Kathy Dorn** is recovering slowly but surely from her stroke in July. Just today (8/25), Lion Paul said "a Visiting Nurse saw Kathy on Wednesday and didn't like the progress she was making on healing her cellulitis. She was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital and her statement to her doctors was that she didn't want to be released until she can walk on her own. I'm sure she would like to receive Get Well cards. In speaking with her this morning, she indicated she may be discharged tomorrow so if anyone wants to send a card, they should send it to her home address." You can wish her well at 518-783-0157 or 3B Denise Dr, Latham, NY 12110.

Terry Page is now living at Apt 221, Loudonville Assisted Living Residence, 298 Albany Shaker Rd, Loudonville, NY 12211. Her phone is 518-431-6061. Don't know whether she still has email.

Maryanne & Jerry Gordon celebrated Jerry's 80th with all but two of their immediate family. They enjoyed a 5-day bash at Brant Lake.



Happy Birthday!

Happy **September** birthday to only one A&T Lion:

10th—Vicki Adler



Happy Anniversary!

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

- John Bianco—1 year
- Sue Shipe—4 years (plus 20 years with Guilderland & Saratoga LCs)
- Ruth Sano—21 years
- Kristin McVeigh—28 years

September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION 100 100 YEARS					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Cab Ming, p 5. Dinner in the Dark, p 6.
17	18	19 KidSight screening; see page 2	20 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 KidSight screening; see page 2	29 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	30

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

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



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The First District Cabinet Meeting 20-Y2 will be held:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
 COMFORT INN AND SUITES
 99 Miller Road
 Castleton-on-Hudson
 9:00 AM Registration - Meeting - Lunch - Dismissal**

Lunch will be Buffet

\$20.00 per person

Please share this with all your members in your club. Everyone is always welcome.

Please RSVP by September 6th. If you are attending, please send this form and your check for \$20.00 to me at 2816 Baptist Hill Rd. Middle Grove NY 12850. Make the checks out to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-882-6818 or email me at rware@nycap.rr.com

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Lionism,
 Lion Rita Ware
 Cabinet Secretary

____ Attending ____ Not Attending email: _____

Name/s: and Club: _____

The cost is \$ 20.00 per person. Please mail to: Lion Rita Ware 2816 Baptist Hill Rd. Middle Grove NY 12850. RSVP by September 6, 2017

SAVE THE DATE

for

“Dinner in the Dark”



Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Location: Ramada Inn

3 Watervliet Ave. Ext., Albany, NY

Pre-sale Tickets: \$50

Contact: Nancy Murray (518) 452-3500

Kathy Casey (518) 462-9487

Diners enjoy a lovely meal while being blindfolded!

The purpose of the “Dinner in the Dark” is a fun way to help raise awareness about living with vision loss. Blindfolded diners are joined by blind and visually impaired tablemates to share the experience. Dinner is followed by dessert and discussion with ACB members.



Diners from previous “Dinner in the Dark” had a great time!

Proceeds benefit the Capital District Chapter of the

