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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held at the Red Front on Wednesday, February 12:

General membership meeting:

Our speaker was Linda Feldman from Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County. She spoke of the 225 adults who are served yearly. This program provides one-to-one and small-group tutoring to help individuals learn to read, to write, and to speak English, and to improve their math skills. Tutoring is free and confidential. Students and tutors work together for an average of 2 hours per week to meet students' goals. About 1/3 of the clients served were born in the U.S. The other clients are from other countries with various educational backgrounds.

They have developed a workplace program that provides on-the-job workplace training to help improve literacy skills needed to be highly functional on the job. A program to teach sewing skills to adults has also been started to help provide job opportunities to their clients.

They always need more volunteers. They do have an Adult Tutoring Training Program for anyone who is interested in helping out. Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County at 518.244.4650.

PDG Dave Harris installed our newest Lion, Jordan Alexander. Lion Greg, his sponsor, said Lion Jordan has already been a major asset to the club with all the work he did helping out with the Blueberry Garden Project.



Board meetings (club & charitable fund):

KL Carol presented a new format for the board meeting where there is a limit set for the time spent on each report. All agreed it was a good idea. It's a work in progress.

Reports:

Eyeglasses Program: Lion Ruth reported that the progress with working with America's Best is still having some issues but we are working through them. There were 3 requests for eyeglasses last month. America's Best did offer to cover the cost of 2 of those eye exams and glasses to help make up for some of the glitches we have run into.

Facebook: Lion Ruth reports that she posts any relevant information to the page.

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Used Eyeglasses: Lion Tom reported that he reached out to the NJ recycling center to find out information for Lion Greg and the cooperative effort to work with the Lions Club in Ecuador. He has also sent 32 pounds of broken metal glasses to Respect for recycling of the scrap metal.

Lions Initiatives: Lion Greg spoke for Eva. He reported that the Lions Club of Tosagua in Ecuador wants to partner with us to get eyeglasses to the people who need them in their country. The NJ Recycling Center will provide all the glasses we need, we just have to work out the logistics. The Lions Club of Tosagua is working with organizations and the government to cover the costs of transportation. Our club is interested in working on this program and will make a final decision when we figure out what the costs would be and how we would get them shipped. KL Carol said she would look into this and we will continue this conversation at a future meeting.

Pin Committee: Lion Preem said she is working on putting together a list of all the pins from the District. So far she has about 150 pins. If anyone is interested in helping Preem with this project, please reach out to her. Lion Preem also thought that we should hand out duplicate pins that we have to guest speakers as a token of our appreciation.

Fundraising: Lion John turned in \$12 he receive from collecting empty soda cans.

In the absence of Lion Shawn, discussion on the Bike Rides for the Visually-Impaired and Blind was postponed for a future meeting.

In a discussion about our sponsorship of NABA for the LCIF grant, it was requested that we get the total cost of the project for our information since we have put out name on the sponsorship application. KL Carol is going to reach out for that information.

The board approved the cost of getting a table for the Annual Health Fair on 5/3/2020. The table costs are shared by ATLC, Hearing Society and NABA. Our club covers the cost for NABA in exchange for the phoneline that NABA supplies for our club. Total cost of the table is \$200. Lions Jerry & Maryanne have volunteered to man the table at this event.

There will be a Special Convention of the Lions Clubs of NY & Bermuda on March 28, 2020, to elect PID Douglas Alexander to fill the vacancy of 1st VP. Since no one from our club will be attending this Convention, PDG Dave suggested we cast our vote via email to endorse PID Doug Alexander. KL Carol will send the email.

KL Carol and Lion Greg are gathering information for the 2020 - 2021 Nominating Committee Plans.

Lion Ruth reported 3 applications for eyeglasses received this month and dealt with through America's Best.

Lion Greg clarified some of our questions about the expenses for the Blueberry Project. We had a discussion about having some kind of event this spring/summer when the blueberries are ready to harvest to get some publicity for the garden. We also wanted to make sure thank you notes were sent to vendors who supplied items for the construction of the garden. KL Carol was to reach out to Lion Larry to get a check to Lion Greg in the amount of \$3500 for the balance due to him for the expenses he personally paid for the blueberry plants and supplies. \$2700 of that money came from LCI, \$500 from our club and \$500 from members who personally donated money. Lion Greg had previously received a check for \$200 on 9/4/2019.

The board approved a \$50 donation to the Childhood Cancer Center "Donate to be Healed" event on March 7, 2020.

Our thanks to Lion Ruth Sano for taking notes during Lion Jerry's absence.



Instead of shopping at **amazon.com**, please shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3255679. You'll get the same great deals, plus a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the **Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund**.

Our next general meeting: Our next meeting will be on the **Wednesday, March 4, at the Red Front**. Our speaker will be Samantha Olarsch, youth empowerment coordinator of the 21st Century Program at Troy Middle School.

Note the new, slightly later starting time: We will be calling the meeting to order at **6:15 p.m.** but please try to be there by 6:00 so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to unwind and socialize. The restaurant likes a head count, so let me know whether you'll be there (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232). Telling me your intentions means one less follow-up phone call that Lion Mike will have to make.

KidSight Vision Screenings

Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's LPN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of preschoolers, always appreciates our help. They usually start around 9:30 a.m. and last an hour or two. In March, she has only two screenings anywhere near us:

Tue 3/3 at Delmar Elementary and Tue 3/24 at Helping Hands in Clifton Park

On Wed 3/11, Lion Larry will be helping her at a health fair at Troy Middle School from 4:30-6:30.

If you'd like to sign up for one or more screenings, please contact Kathryn at kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org and mickeyskat@gmail.com or call her on her cell at 518-915-4722 for time and address details.



On a personal note ...

Lions Maryanne & Jerry are enjoying their time in Florida. A few weeks ago, they went to a meeting of the Boca Raton Lions, who have their own clubhouse. Before returning north, they plan to visit the Delray Beach Lions.

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Bring a potential
member to a meeting.

Happy Birthday!


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

9th: Stefan Fosco
 13th: Tom Hart
 16th: Ruth Sano
 19th: Joann Beach
 21st: Greg Sheldon

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Chris Burke: 13 years
 Dave Levine: 41 years

| MARCH 2020 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  United in Service | 2 | 3 KidSight; see page 3 | 4 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 3. | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| 29 | 23 | 24 KidSight; see page 3 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 30 | 31 | 1 Meeting at the Red Front | 2 | 3 | 4 District cabinet meeting |

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



DISTRICT 20-W

4th CABINET MEETING

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Homewood Suites by Hilton

185 Wood Parks Dr., Clinton NY 13323

9:00 AM Registration

\$25/pp

Includes Buffett Lunch



Morning Session



Service & Partnerships

Membership



Afternoon Session



Guiding Lion Training