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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

*Report of the board meetings held via teleconference on
Wednesday, April 1:*

Lion Tom has a garage-full of used glasses. As the weather breaks in April, he'll be able to get them boxed up and shipped to NJ. Look for a report next month.

Lion Preem has been photographing and cataloging her pin collection and is looking forward to displaying them at the International Convention in Montreal in 2021.

Lions John & Tom have no fund-raising report.

No further action has been taken on the Bike Rides for the Visually Impaired. It's unlikely that this will happen before mid-summer at the earliest.

Enough individual Lions have agreed to buy NYS&BLF raffle tickets for us to get the three needed for an Uplinger award.

We voted to maintain our dues at \$75/year.

All those who voted (17) by email were in favor of the proposed slate for next year. See page 2 for the listing.

We voted to again participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program.

Lion Ruth is still working with America's Best to supply eyeglasses, although most places are closed. No new requests.

Lion Jerry has no new hearing-aid apps. There was only one call on our answering machine this month and it was from District O.

The blueberries have survived the winter and are budding very nicely. Lion Greg will look into signage and fencing.

Lions Greg and Irv will get an Easter bunny costume to distribute chocolate bunnies to selected families.

We received a grant from Stewart's for \$1750.

2VDG Michele O'Hare had asked us to sponsor NABA for an LCIF grant to transform their second floor into a vision center, which we agreed to do, but this has been postponed until the fall.

Our next general meeting ...

... should be **Wednesday, May 6**, but with the current "shelter in place" rules and closed restaurants, it will not take place. The board meeting will again be held via teleconference. As usual, all members are welcome and can express their opinion, but only board members can vote. Dial-in instructions are on the next page.

MEMBERSHIP

IRVIN ACKERMAN

VICKI ADLER

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MICHELLE BAKER

EVA BASS

JOANN BEACH

JEFF BENNETT

JOHN BIANCO

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JODI SHELTON

SUE SHIPE

PAUL VERGONI

JIM WILSON

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



How to join the next Board Meetings

The **board meetings** (club & charitable fund) on **Wednesday, May 6**, will be held via teleconference. It will start at **6 PM** and we hope it will be over by 7:30. As always, non-board members are welcome. To join the meeting, dial **1-717-275-8940**. After the prompt, enter the access code **848 5953 #**, then state your name and hit **#**.

Election results

The following officers and board members for 2020-2021 won in a landslide:

President	Eva Bass	Lion Tamer	Jordan Alexander
1st Vice President	Chris Horan	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
2nd Vice President	Preem Cabey	Director, 1st of 2 years	Jodi Sheldon
3rd Vice President	Mike O'Brien	Director, 1st of 2 years	Paul Vergoni
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Ruth Sano
Treasurer (Club)	Irv Ackerman	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Greg Sheldon
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	Membership Chair	Maryanne Gordon
Tail Twister	Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Carol Quantock

Dues are due JUNE 25. If you haven't already done so, send your check for \$75, payable to A&T Lions Club, to Lion Paul Vergoni, 26 Sheldon Dr, Mechanicville, NY 12118-3442. Do it TODAY, please!

Chocolate bunnies

Lions Eva Bass, Irv Ackerman with Courtney, and Greg Sheldon spent a part of Easter Sunday distributing 70 chocolate bunnies that came from the Lions Eye Institute's fund-raiser. That's Irv in the bunny suit. Says Lion Irv, "We built our list from Lion Eva's food resource program she works for, which delivers food to kids in need, in Arbor & West Hill neighborhood. I also visited several kids in Watervliet that I knew could use a boost."



Lions & COVID-19: Feeding the hospitals

MD20, which comprises New York State and Bermuda, has received a \$200,000 grant from LCIF specifically for feeding the doctors, nurses, and other front-line hospital personnel who are working with COVID-19 patients. About half of that will go to the NYC area, where the need is greatest.

District 20W has formed a committee to apply for a share of this grant. The western and northern portions of our district have experienced relatively few cases and the clubs in those areas are instituting various programs to address their local needs. Those clubs have agreed that the Capital Region should be the sole beneficiary of the 20W grant.

The 20W committee's grant application asking for \$10,500 to provide 2100 individually-wrapped meals to Albany Med, St Peter's, Albany Memorial, Samaritan, and Ellis hospitals over 6 weeks has been approved. Popeye's, which has locations in Albany, Troy, and Schenectady, has agreed to provide the meals but they cannot deliver them. **WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP MEALS AND DELIVER THEM TO THE HOSPITALS.** You won't have to go into the hospital; they'll meet you and take the meals from you. I recognize that half our membership is of an age that puts you in the vulnerable category, but we're hoping that the other half of us will be able to step up for this important project. Also, if you know of a friend or family member who's willing to drive, that's ok too; it need not be a Lion. (Our grandson has signed up.) This project will run through June 8. We will also be asking for help from the other clubs in the region.

The schedule and sign-up instructions are on the district web site at e-district.org/sites/20w/projects.php.

Lions & COVID-19: Feeding the community

The 20W Grant Committee has received a \$2500 grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, which will be donated to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY, whose service area includes all of the 16 counties in District 20W. This is important because food pantries are especially challenged at this time of need. Without the support of school lunch programs, families are dependent upon the pantries in their community to provide them with meals that they need for their children. Food supplies are facing heavy demand on a daily basis.

In conjunction with this donation, we will set up a work day at the Food Bank when we're free to re-assemble.

Lions & COVID-19: Helping the police

A group of our newer Lions (Irv Ackerman, Jordan Alexander, Eva Bass, John Bianco, Greg & Jodi Sheldon) has put together a formal proposal. They're suggesting that we donate 100 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Albany Police Department at a cost to us of \$280, including a custom label identifying us as the source of the donation. This would be a pilot project, with the idea that if it's successful, we would expand it to other PDs within our bailiwick.

I expect this to be enthusiastically passed at the next board meeting.



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**.

On a personal note:

Our deepest condolences go to Lion **Irv Ackerman**, whose father recently passed away.

And our congratulations go to Lion **Irv and Courtney** on the arrival of their son, Bentley.

The circle of life continues ...

Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,
your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,
and International's new web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



Happy Birthday!

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

7th: Maryanne Gordon
10th: Vici Harris
26th: Alan Zieker



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these
May inductees:

Stefan Fosco: 2 years
Joann Beach: 16 years
Diane Hart: 26 years
Jane Chouiniere: 32 years

MAY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 3	27	28	29	30	1	2
	4	 6 Tele-board meetings; see page 2.	7	8	9	
 17	11	12	13	14	15	16
24	18  MEMORIAL DAY	19	20	21	22	23
31	26	27	28	29	30	
	1	2	3	4	5	6

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