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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the Zoom board meetings held on Wednesday, September 2:

The club board meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. The minutes and treasurer's report, which had been distributed before the meeting, were accepted by unanimous vote. Only one member is still unpaid but he has promised to do so shortly.

Lion Tom has shipped 3000 used glasses to the recycling center.

Lion Ruth has sold 310 bottles of sanitizer, with more expected.

Lion Jerry has sold 13 masks, with more expected.

Lion Tom reported that the SaveAround books were at the printer and we should have them soon.

KL Eva reported that committee (Jodi & Carol) would have a proof of the sign for the blueberry patch by Sep 11 for the board's comments.

KL Eva hopes to start an outreach campaign to find volunteers to help us with projects.

We voted to buy \$200 worth of raffle tickets from the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank.

In an email vote after the meeting, we voted to participate in LCI's Peace Poster contest. Lion Preem will run the program with her Our Art Class project.

The club board meeting was adjourned and the charitable board meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. The minutes and treasurer's report, which had been distributed before the meeting, were accepted by unanimous vote.

Lion Ruth has one applicant for glasses that she's working with, and one requestor who found another source.

Lion Jerry has sent out one hearing aid application.

Lion Jerry explained the new rules for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program: Instead of getting tickets that we sell for \$5, all we have to do is publicize the sale days, which are Oct 14 & 15. If customers mention Albany & Troy Lions at checkout, they will get a 20% discount and we will get 5% of their purchases. In an email vote after the meeting, we approved spending \$15 to print up 250 "reminder" tickets to distribute. [See page 3]

District Pediatric Cancer Chair Diane Lange is promoting a project to collect \$10 gift cards from places like Stewart's, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts and CVS. These would be given to the parents of childhood cancer patients at Melodies Center at Albany Med, Ronald McDonald House, or in Hope Bags. We voted to donate \$200 worth of cards. IPP Carol volunteered to buy the cards, plus \$100

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worth of her own, and deliver them to Lion Diane.

We were awarded a \$15,000 Community Development Grant to distribute 2000 face masks and 5287 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Albany neighborhoods of West Hill, South End, and Arbor Hill that have been identified as low-income. There ensued an intense discussion around several concerns: Will we have to spend the full amount before we get reimbursed; What is the cost of the insurance we're required to carry; Can we comply with the required documentation, record-keeping and reporting requirements; Are the conflict of interest concerns. Several board members who work with other non-profits that got similar grants from the same agency were able to allay most concerns, and a motion to accept the grant was passed by a vote of 7-2. We passed a motion to purchase the required theft insurance for \$120, which would be paid by the club and not the charitable fund. We passed a motion to spend no more than \$627, the cost of a case of 240 sanitizers, until we see how the reimbursement experience goes. A committee comprising Lions Eva, Greg, Jodi, Preem, Larry, Chris H and Jerry will oversee grant performance, with regular reports to the rest of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Our next general meeting

Our next general membership meeting should be on **Wednesday, October 7**, but we're still not quite ready—maybe November?? Instead, we'll just have club and charitable fund board meetings on Zoom at 6 PM, as we've been doing since April. As usual, all Lions are welcome but only board members can vote.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on this link from any internet-connected device:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2945254334> Meeting ID: 294 525 4334

One tap mobile:

+19292056099,,2945254334# US (New York)

*Bring a potential member
to a meeting.*

Awards in absentia ...

Back in June at our Zoom installation of officers, we presented a few awards: a clock to Paul Vergoni for being treasurer for four decades, a Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service award to Lion Preem, a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Greg, and a President's Appreciation plaque to Lion Carol. Pictures of the awards were in the July *Rare Meat*, but because we haven't had an in-person meeting, we've been unable to make the actual presentations, so we've been doing it piecemeal.

Preem came to our house to pick hers up, we brought Paul's to his lovely new home in Mechanicville, and we delivered Greg's to him at Albany Victory Garden. Carol wasn't home when we brought her the plaque, so there's no picture.



Community Development Grant

Lions Shawn, Eva, Greg and Jodi participated in a city-sponsored census event at Albany's Townsend Park on September 20. They distributed hand sanitizer as part of our grant effort. Greg and Jodi also gave out sanitizer at their free produce distribution sessions.



On a personal note ...

Lion Greg is one of two Lions from 20W to be selected by DG Rick Brisee to attend the MD20 Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Binghamton Oct 22-24

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 **October** birthday to these A&T Lions:

6th: Dennis Fagan
24th: Fran McDoal
28th: John Bianco



Happy Anniversary!

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

Irv Ackerman: 1 year
Jerry Gordon: 29 years
Larry Krug: 41 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 United in Service	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Zoom board meetings; see page 2.	8 World Sight Day	9	10
11	 Columbus Day	13 NABA Low-Vision Tech Fair Virtual - visit naba-vision.org	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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



LIONS DISTRICT 20W FALL CONFERENCE



Saturday, November 14, 2020

Courtyard by Marriott Lake George
365 Canada St., US9, Lake George

9:00am Registration

\$30/pp

Includes Lunch



Keynote Address

Lions International Director
Larry L. Edwards
Altoona, PA

* Limited to 50 People in Attendance *
MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE to Attend!

* Meeting will be held
in compliance with
CDC recommendations
including social distancing.



Program Theme
Community Service
Projects

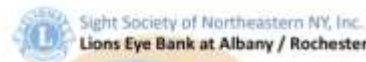
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3rd PRIZE \$500

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