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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Minutes of the meetings held on Nov 2 at the Metro 7 Diner

General meeting: IPDG Michele O'Hare told us of her efforts to establish new Lions clubs, including in Colonie. She is also talking to a motorcycle group about establishing a specialty club. If anyone would like to work with her, she can certainly use all the help she can get.

We presented a \$500 check to IPDG Michele for St Catherine's Center:



PCC Mark Whitney explained the district structure. The district governors from each of the 11 districts (N, E1, E2, W, Y, O, R1, R2, K1, K2, S) comprise the council of governors, who oversee all Lions activities in MD20. They are led by the Council Chair, which Mark was in 2014-15.

Lion Jerry reminded everyone that he had additional CLYNK recycling bags if anyone needed any. He also announced that the holiday party would be on Dec 7 at the Gordon residence – details to follow. [see page 3]

Club & char fund board meetings: KL Eva and Jerry will work on the seal campaign letter, which Jerry & Maryanne will get out.

KL Eva has access to Toys for Tots and she will work with Lion Maryanne to arrange for the delivery of 20 toys to Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club.

Lion Chris hopes to get Laura Zeliger, the new executive director at NABA, to speak to us in January.

Lion Tom delivered 30 of Lion Ruth's crocheted hats to the ERC Warehouse in Melrose, along with a batch of coats from the Coats for Kids program that we're working on.

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We decided not to participate in this year's Victorian Stroll.

The Sheldons' Produce Pickup Project, which provides free fresh produce 4 days/week, has helped two homeless families from St Catherine's.

Greg requested a club donation of \$1000 to pay a local resident to supervise 3-5 kids who would be paid by the Albany's Winter Youth Employment program to perform winter clean-up and maintenance tasks at the blueberry orchard.

Greg's request led to a long discussion in which IPDG Michele stressed the importance of making sure all our legal bases were covered regarding the blueberry orchard. We were remiss in not responding to the Memo of Understanding from Eden's Rose Foundation two years ago, and we should get that clarified asap. We should also have all board members sign the various policies that we should be complying with as a 501(c)(3): Conflict of Interest, Equality, etc. And we must ensure that all our financial records are in proper order to satisfy our various grantors.

In email votes after the meeting, we passed a motion to donate \$250 to Vanderheyden, and we passed a motion to buy 5 \$20 tickets for the Lions Eye Bank raffle.

Something different for our next meeting

Our next gathering is our **holiday party** at the Gordon residence. See page 3 for details, and if you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so NOW!



Earning Some Green by Going Green



You've all got your CLYNK recycling bags; I hope you're using them. If you need more for yourself, **or for any friends or family members who are willing to help us out**, contact Lion Jerry at 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com for more bags.

Warm Woolen Wishes



Lion Ruth Sano reports, "In November we donated 60 hats to ERC Community Warehouse, 30 hats to St. Catherine's Center, 30 hats, 2 scarves, 3 pairs of gloves and 2 headband ear warmers to Trinity Alliance, 22 chemo hats to Sunmark Credit Union and 30 hats to the Delaware Community School. We also gave Greg 40 pairs of reading glasses and 15 pairs of sunglasses for distribution at the Popup Produce Market."

Tom Hart delivered hats to ERC Community Warehouse on Veterans Day.



Happy Birthday!

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

24th: Kristen McVeigh
24th: Ruthann Richards



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to no **December** inductees.



Our Holiday Party is Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 PM
at the Gordon residence, 15 Hyland Circle, Troy

We will supply the food and the fun.
You bring whatever you'd like to drink.

Also bring a special ornament or favorite decoration for
"Show and Tell" and wear red or green if possible.

Important: Spouses welcome
RSVP by Sun, 12/4, to 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com



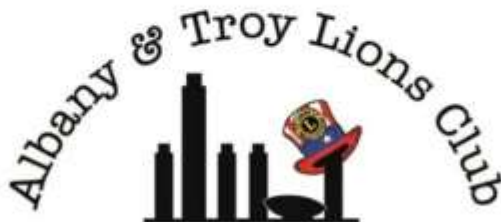


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Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

If you don't need it anymore,
we can find someone who will use it to make hats,
mittens and scarves for the needy.



Warm Woolen Wishes Project

Helping Hands ~  ~ Creating Comfort

Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach our
goal of 500 items by the end of 2022

This helps us help everyone

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy

Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric ~ Let us know.
We will be happy to pick up it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany Troy Lions at albanytroylions@gmail.com
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Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796

