



# Rare Meat

February 2024



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YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Report of the membership meeting on Jan 3 at Bridge Tha Gap

Our general membership meetings will now be held at Bridge Tha Gap, 1215 Broadway in Menands.

KL Eva suggested that the club should participate in Albany Victory Garden's Earth Day event, as we did last year, but perhaps with an even more active role. Earth Day is April 22. Included in our E-D activities should be the clean-up of "our" park in Watervliet.

It's not too soon to start thinking about next year's officers. LCI offers a lot of on-line training materials, and the various district officers and committee chairs are available for personal help, in case it's needed to ensure roles are being fulfilled properly.

Lion Jerry said that from what he sees on Facebook, Lions Greg & Jodi are accomplishing a lot of good things, especially in the areas of helping the hungry and the homeless. We should find a way to work with them more closely. Lion Queen, who already works with them, heartily endorsed this idea. Other orgs worthy of our support are Sidewalk Warriors Troy and Street Soldiers Albany/Schenectady.

Jerry reported that the seal campaign has brought in \$675 so far.

Report of the board meetings on Jan 22 on Zoom

**Club board meeting** was called to order at 7:30 pm by KL Eva.

We have 288 chocolate bunnies on order from the Lions Eye Institute.

Lion Queen expressed an interest in being our Leo chair. Jerry suggested that Eva should contact DG Priscilla to request a formal Leo training session for Eva, Queen and, if they're still interested, Greg and Jodi.

Ex-Lion Tom Hart shipped 3200 used eyeglasses to NJ this month.

The board approved KL Eva's suggestion that the club participate in Albany Victory Garden's Earth Day event, as we did last year, but perhaps with an even more active role. Earth Day is April 22. Included in our E-D activities should be the clean-up of "our" park in Watervliet.

We voted to buy one copy of PID Jack Weber's memoir, *Jack Weber Here!*, in honor of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cost is \$40 and all the net proceeds go to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation.

Meeting adjourned and **Charitable Fund board meeting** called to order at 8:15 pm

We discussed applying for a Brandel-Murphy grant for the SEE project, but decided to wait until we were sure we had enough Lions to do the eye screenings. [See page 4]

## MEMBERSHIP

VICKI ADLER  
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RUTHANN RICHARDS  
RUTH SANO  
GREG SHELTON  
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We received a thank-you note from ERC's Community Warehouse for the 258 coats plus assorted snow suits and vests that Ex-Lions Diane and Tom Hart delivered to them as part of our Coats for Kids campaign.

Lion Ruth has submitted grant applications to Stewart's and Walmart.

Lion Ruth has several requests for glasses that she's working on. Her contact at America's Best is gone and we may have to start paying for glasses again.

Lion Jerry is awaiting an application for hearing aids. He announced that the HCS still doesn't have anything to do with used HAs and because of this loss of income, our future split with them will be 1/3-2/3, instead of the 1/2-1/2 we've enjoyed in the past. This means that future HAs will cost us about 34% more. He has also sent in two apps to Lions Eye Institute; both happen to be from people suffering from keratoconus.

Our seal campaign letter has brought in \$975 so far.

Meeting adjourned around 8:35 pm.

### Our next meetings



Our next **general meeting** will be on **Wednesday, February**, in Bridge Tha Gap's new office space at **1215 Broadway in Menands**. Food will not be available, so if you'd like to eat during these few hours, bring whatever you want—a sandwich, perhaps, or a prepared meal, along with the beverage of your choice. There will be a microwave available to heat things up but don't plan on cooking. *The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Please try to get there by 5:45 so you've got time to socialize and get settled.*

Our February board meetings will be on Zoom on **Monday, Feb 18**. The link will be emailed a few days prior.

### Our club is in trouble

We've got 28 members, which is a speck above the average club size for our district, but our problem is that half our members just pay their dues (which we certainly appreciate), but they never come to meetings or participate in any projects. This leaves us with a small cadre to draw from when we're looking for workers for various undertakings. For example, we had hoped to revive our popcorn sales at the Victorian Stroll, but we couldn't get enough people to sign up for a shift. *[Also see SEE on page 4]*

So we should all be on the lookout for new members, not only to help LCI towards Mission 1.5 (see below), but to ensure that we have enough members to be a sustainable club as we head into our second century of service in 2025. Look back at the November '23 issue for some recruitment ideas.



### We're on a mission to grow!



**MISSION 1.5**

**MISSION 1.5** is a dedicated effort to grow our membership to 1.5 million. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Club membership goal. Every Lion has an important part to play. Together, we can grow Lions Clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need. Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service.

We will be having several webinars to learn more about **Mission 1.5** in the upcoming months. In the meantime, learn more by visiting [lionsclubs.org/mission1.5](https://lionsclubs.org/mission1.5).

A Celebration of 100 Years of NY & Bermuda Lions



This is the Convention NOT to miss! **May 3rd to 5th, 2024.**

Join fellow Lions in beautiful, centrally-located Binghamton, NY, for the historic 100th Annual New York & Bermuda MD-20 Lions Convention

Our programs and guest speakers are being finalized now but don't worry, they will all be worthy of 100 years of Lions serving your local communities in New York State and the country of Bermuda.

For registration info, visit <https://md20lionsconvention.org/>

*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 [jer-rygordon@juno.com](mailto:jer-rygordon@juno.com) for more bags.

It's simple: Fill the bag with cans and bottles that are NYS-redeemable (water bottles, soda bottles & cans, beer bottles & cans). Bring the full bag to your nearest Hannaford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account.

Easter is right around the corner!  
 Get your solid milk chocolate or dark chocolate  
 Easter Bunnies to help support  
 The Albany and Troy Lions Club, The Lions Eye  
 Institute Foundation and your sweet tooth!  
 Only \$5 each  
 Limited supply - we will deliver locally before Easter  
 albanytroylions@gmail.com or call Lion Ruth at  
 518-859-3796

*Lions SEE needs you!*

The mission of Lions SEE, Inc. (Screening Eyes Early) is to decrease childhood blindness through early detection and treatment of the most common vision disorders that cause amblyopia, insuring that all children of New York State will be able to SEE their future.



We, as a club, want to be involved in this program, but before we spend \$8000 on a screening camera, we want to be sure we have enough people to conduct the screenings. They will generally be at a kindergarten, pre-school, or day-care center and typically take 2-3 hours. Will you commit to doing 1 or 2 screenings per month? It's a worthwhile way to spend a morning or two. Text, email or call Jerry to accept or ask questions (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518- 366-5299).

By the time we go through the grant process to pay for the screener and train everyone in its use, our first screening will probably be in September.

**Happy Birthday!**

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

3rd: Eva Bass

5th: Dave Levine



**Happy Anniversary!**

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one **February** inductee:

Greg Sheldon: 5 years +6 yrs with Tosagua LC

**Mark Your Calendar**



**February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Black History Month**

Fri, Feb 2: Groundhog's Day

Wed, Feb 7: **General meeting. See page 2**

Sat, Feb 10: **District cabinet meeting; se page 5.**

Wed, Feb 14: Valentine's Day; Ash Wednesday

Mon, Feb 18: **Board meetings on Zoom. See page 2**

Mon, Feb 19: Presidents Day

Thu, Feb 29: An extra day—use it well

*For other events around the district, visit [20WLions.org](http://20WLions.org)*

**Lions Service Areas**



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth



Childhood Cancer



*You are Cordially Invited to*

**The District 20W Cabinet Meeting**

**Location: Holiday Inn Saratoga**

**232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

**Date: 02/10/2024**

**Note: Whether attending or not all Zone and Region chairs are required to provide their reports to DS Alexander Guilmette prior to the date of the meeting.**

(Reservations are to be called in to 1-518-584-4550 with the group code 'Lions Club 20 W District Meeting' and must be made by 01/31/2023 for the rates below)

*If staying overnight before the event:*

**Friday Night Room Price: \$149**

**Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

3:00pm Hotel Check-In,

*Event Day:*

**Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**

09:30-10:00am – Cabinet Meeting Registration

10:00am – Cabinet Meeting Begins

**Meals:**

Snacks Upon Arrival – Breakfast Bar with Coffee

Lunch – Deli Bar Lunch Buffet

**Meal Price: \$30 Per Person**

**RSVP no later than Monday 01/29/2024** to District Secretary Alexander Guilmette at:

[APG200@gmail.com](mailto:APG200@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to District 20W Lions. They can be mailed to Alexander Guilmette at:

**P.O. Box 2454 Ballston Spa, NY 12020**



**Got Yarn?  
Or extra fleece fabric?**



**If you don't need it anymore, we will turn it into  
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 1000 items by the end of 2023.

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 it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany & Troy Lions at [ALBANYTROYLIONS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALBANYTROYLIONS@GMAIL.COM)  
or Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796

