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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



## Lion William "Bill" Davis, Sr.

October 28, 1913 - December 17, 2010

Lion Bill joined the Troy Lions Club on Nov. 11, 1959, and became active very quickly. In addition to chairing many committees (most recently, eye-glass collections and our Holiday Basket program), he served many years as secretary (100% Secretary twice), vice-president and director, and was president in 1963-64. He received numerous Certificates of Appreciation, and the club awarded a Knight of the Blind to both him and his wife Millie. He was a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award and was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Although illness kept him from maintaining his 100% attendance record over the last few years, we still considered him a valuable Lion. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to his son and daughter-in-law, Bill Jr and Merry Lou, and the rest of his family.



## ***Report of the 85th Anniversary Dinner/Zone Holiday Party held on Wednesday, December 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn***

A Past International Director, half a dozen Past District Governors, members of the Albany & Troy, Bethlehem and Waterford Lions Clubs, guests, spouses, friends — about 60 in all. It was quite a party!

Lion Maryanne Gordon introduced everyone to her find-your-birthday-mate ice-breaker, which served its purpose nicely. (Galway Lion Judy Curtiss and Waterford Lion Gil Roy won the prize wreaths by sharing July 20.)



Other highlights of the evening included A&T Lion Kathy Dorn's musical interlude, Lion Tom Hart's MCing, amusing and inspiring talks by DG John Samples and PID John Rabideau, excellent photography by Hadley-Luzerne Lion & Lioness Mary Claire Noakes (all the event pix in this issue) and of course, the presentation of a bronze-level Knight of the Blind award to Dr Tom Little's widow, Libby. Fox News was there, and you can see a video of our portion of their 10 O'clock News broadcast on our web site ([albanytroylions.org/photos.htm](http://albanytroylions.org/photos.htm)).

## MEMBERSHIP

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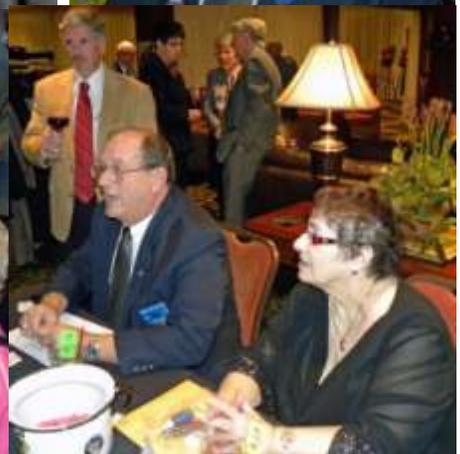
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PDG Dick Nason, President of the Lions Foundation at Albany, NY, Inc, presented a posthumous bronze-level Knight of the Blind award to Dr Tom Little. Libby Little, Tom's widow, accepted the award, with Tom's younger brother Fred at her side. (DG John Samples watches.)

Dr. Thomas Little was an optometrist from Delmar who was killed on August 5, 2010, while on a medical mission in Afghanistan. Dr. Tom, as he was known to his friends and patients, was not a Lion, but his 33 years of bringing eye care to those who

desperately needed it exemplified what Lionism is all about. In appreciation of his efforts and accomplishments, a number of capital-district Lions clubs have donated the funds necessary to grant him a posthumous bronze-level Knight of the Blind Award. When Helen Keller spoke to the Lions at their international convention in 1925, she implored them to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness," thus establishing the solving of vision-related problems as a main focus of Lionism.



Albany & Troy Lions Club celebrates  
85 years of service to their local  
community and the  
world!





PID John presented International President's Letters of Commendation to A&T Lions Paul Vergoni and Larry Krug for their many years of service to our club, and a pin to Immediate Past President Ruth Sano for net membership growth last year.



### ***Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, December 15, at the Alexis Diner***

At the Club board meeting, under old business, Lion Diane reported:

- The 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was a smashing success. A motion was made to congratulate Lion Diane and the committee, which passed unanimously to a round of applause.
- No response yet from the Schaghticoke Fair to our request to give out ear plugs, but there's still plenty of time.
- The Blood Drive is Monday at the Colonie Elks. The phone calls are under control, and workers have volunteered for both shifts.

- Popcorn sales grossed \$341 at the Victorian Stroll. Our machine died before the day started, but Lion Larry came to the rescue with his own machine. We will investigate getting ours fixed.

New business:

- Lion Diane suggested a club work day at Camp Badger in the spring. This is something to be pursued.
- The next district cabinet meeting is Saturday, Feb 5 in Glens Falls.
- Lion Tom announced that the food collected at the 85<sup>th</sup> dinner went to Doors of Hope in West Sand Lake (part of Catholic Charities). Even though we didn't have much (it got very little emphasis before the dinner), they were very appreciative.
- If we have any magazines, not more than 3 months old, get them to Lion Tom, who will deliver them to the VA Hospital.
- We decided against supporting Lady Royals, a softball league for teen-age girls, as being too far from our core mission.
- To fill two vacancies on our board, we appointed Lion Maryanne as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (to replace Lion Terry, who resigned for health reasons) and Lion Kathy Dorn to complete Lion John Krumanocker's term as Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2.

At the Charitable Fund board meeting, Lion Tom reported that we received a check for \$177 from ReSpecs, the company that gets our broken metal eyeglass frames.

He also reported that the 50:50 money from the 85<sup>th</sup> dinner went to Concerns-U of Rensselaer County.

Lion Jerry reported that seal campaign donations are at \$1565 from 31 donors, for an average donation of \$50.48. This average is 33% better than any year in the past 6 years.

We approved a hearing aid request from Terry for an 81-year-old woman from Colonie. The applicant will come up with \$400, the Hearing Conservation Society will donate \$145 and it will cost us \$150.

We had approved a hearing aid request last month for a coffee-truck driver from Guilderland, based on \$295 from the applicant, \$300 from HCS and \$100 from the club. But since HCS came up with only \$200, it will cost us \$200.

We voted to donate \$100 to Camp Badger and \$100 to Arc of Rensselaer County.

### *Shoes for the Shoeless*

On **Saturday, Dec. 11**, Lions Jerry Gordon, Carol Quantock, Ruth Sano and Paul Vergoni, along with Bob Sano and two others from a local church met behind Delmar Bootery in Stuyvesant Plaza. In less than two hours, we loaded 9400 pairs of shoes into a very large trailer driven by Lion Rev Al O'Neill of the Glasgow (DE) Lions Club. Lion Al and other Glasgow Lions will deliver them to the needy in Appalachia. These shoes of every type imaginable are collected by Gail Sundling, owner of the Delmar Bootery at Stuyvesant Plaza. Gail accepts donated used shoes in good condition during October and November. She stores them in nearby warehouse space donated by Ed Swyer, owner of Stuyvesant Plaza. A&TLC has been helping with this project every year since 2003. Next year, we'll try to remember to bring a camera.

**Popcorn sales at the Victorian Stroll, Sunday, December 5**

The day started ominously: the heating element in our popcorn machine had apparently died. But Lion Diane called Lion Larry “Here comes the Calvary” Krug, and he soon arrived with his machine to save the day. It’s a little smaller than ours, but it got us through. We managed to gross \$341, and we sold 3 \$aveAround coupon books. Could have been better, but it could have been a lot worse, and we were warm.

Thanks to Bob Sano’s and Dennis Fagan’s trucks for delivering and picking up, respectively, and to Waterford Lion John Delory, First Niagara Branch Manager, for letting us use the facility. With the weather being so cold that day, we really appreciated being inside.

*Tom & Diane Hart, Carol Quantock*

*Paul & Laura Vergoni, Dave Harris*



*Jerry & Maryanne Gordon, Vicki Shahinian*

*Larry Krug, Bob & Ruth Sano*

**Blood Drive at Colonie Elks, Monday December 20**

Lions Elaine Hayner and Vicki Shahinian made all the phone calls, and they worked at the drive with Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon, PDG Dave Harris, Carol Quantock and Paul Vergoni. In addition to working, Lions Carol (▶) & Vicki (◀) donated blood. Here are the statistics from the Red Cross:



Blood Drive Goal:	42
Presenting Donors:	40
Units Collected:	43
First Time donors:	1
Potential Lives Saved:	129
% of goal achieved:	102%

Nice job, everyone!

## Magazines

Lion Tom says the V.A. Hospital is looking for magazines. Instead of throwing them out when you're done with them, bring them to a meeting for Lion Tom, or contact him at C: 522-6666 or thart003@nycap.rr.com to make other arrangements. For mags with dated information (like *Time* or *People*), they should be less than 3 months old. But mags like *National Geographic* or *Smithsonian* can be any age.

## Our next meeting...

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, at the Red Front at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be District Governor John Samples, Sr. We will have the rare pleasure of having him speak to us two months in a row. Don't miss it!

## How you can help our club

Do you Google search? As few as 3 searches a day can earn HUNDREDS of dollars a year for the Albany & Troy Lions Club. So make sure to do your searches through **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**. Or you can use the link on our web site – **AlbanyTroyLions.org**. Here's what you should do:

(1) Go to **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**, then "bookmark" the page (add it to your 'favorites'). That then becomes the link you should use whenever you're doing any web shopping. (If you want to get fancy, you can rename it something like "Buy here.")

(2) And while you're at **AlbanyTroyLions.PenniesAtATime.Com**, click on **Install Albany & Troy Lions Club Search** near the upper left corner and follow the directions. This will put a search box in the upper right corner of your browser; this is what you should use for all searches, because we'll get a penny every time you do.

## On a more personal note ...

*This section is intended to increase camaraderie among our members by giving you some idea of what your fellow Lions are up to when they're not being Lions. If you think this is a good idea, you can help by giving me a few words occasionally about what's noteworthy in your life. Or tell me about some other Lion who might be too shy or modest to tell me him/herself.*

On Tuesday, Dec 21, Lions Diane, Tom, Maryanne, Jerry, Elaine, Vicki, PDG Dave and Dave's brother Phil journeyed to the Water's Edge Restaurant in Glenville to attend the Scotia-Glenville Lions' Christmas party. Pictures are on their new web site, SGLions.org. After a delicious dinner, they held an auction at which none of us bought anything. But we had a good time anyway. [This item doesn't really belong in this section, but I didn't have anything else to put here.]

## Happy Birthday!

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

12th-Ola Fawumi  
23rd-Chris Burke  
25th-Rob Brass



## Happy Anniversary!

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

Pam Khambonanda-19 years  
Gordon Miller-31 years

## Mark your calendar...

**Wednesday, January 5, 6:00 PM:** General meeting at the Red Front. Come hear DG John Samples, Sr.

**Saturday, January 8. 8-10 AM:** Support NABA by going to their Flapjack Breakfast. See page

**Wednesday, January 19, 7:15 AM:** Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.

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 your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,  
 and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.

And remember to do your on-line shopping at **ALBANYTROYLIONS.PENNIESATATIME.COM**



### New Year's Day Prayer for One and All

Dear Lord

So far this year I've done well.

I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen



### New Year's Prayer for the Elderly

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones that I do,  
 And the eyesight to tell the difference.