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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



*March is Eye
Donor Month.
This would be an
excellent time to
sign the back of
your driver's
license.*

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, February 1, at the Red Front

King Lion Tom called the meeting to order at 6:10pm, and reported on some upcoming events for our friends, the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions: Pasta-Palooza on 2/17, 70th Anniversary on 3/10, golf tournament on 5/18. He also reminded us about the district cabinet meeting on 2/4.

There being enough board members present, we voted to donate \$150 to buy 10 tickets to the Harlem Wizards game at Siena (a fund-raiser for ALS) and give them to Joseph's House, who will give them to some of their residents. The amount comprises \$10 for the ticket + \$5 for refreshments at the game.

Ravena Lion Bob Riccardo gave an interesting slide show presentation of churches he has visited on his extensive travels.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, February 15, at the Alexis Diner

As part of the treasurer's report, we talked about the few members still in arrears on their dues. Since they both expressed a desire to remain as members and committed to paying "soon," we decided to give them a little more time. We also decided that when the next dues statement goes out in early July, we will implement a more rigid policy of dropping any members who haven't paid by Sept. 30. We accepted the resignation of Howard Adler.

King Lion Tom reported that the Glens Falls Assoc for the Hearing

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* AFFILIATE MEMBER

Impaired is closing; their activities will continue under the auspices of Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center.

Lion Carol Quantock graciously volunteered to take over as our hearing chairperson.

Lions Elaine and Maryanne report that requests for glasses continue to be very low: Maryanne gave out 2 adult vouchers in January, and Elaine gave out none.

Lion Carol reminded us that we're doing a blood drive on March 6 at the Hilton in Troy.

We accepted the membership application of Katie Allen. She's an Employment Specialist at NABA.

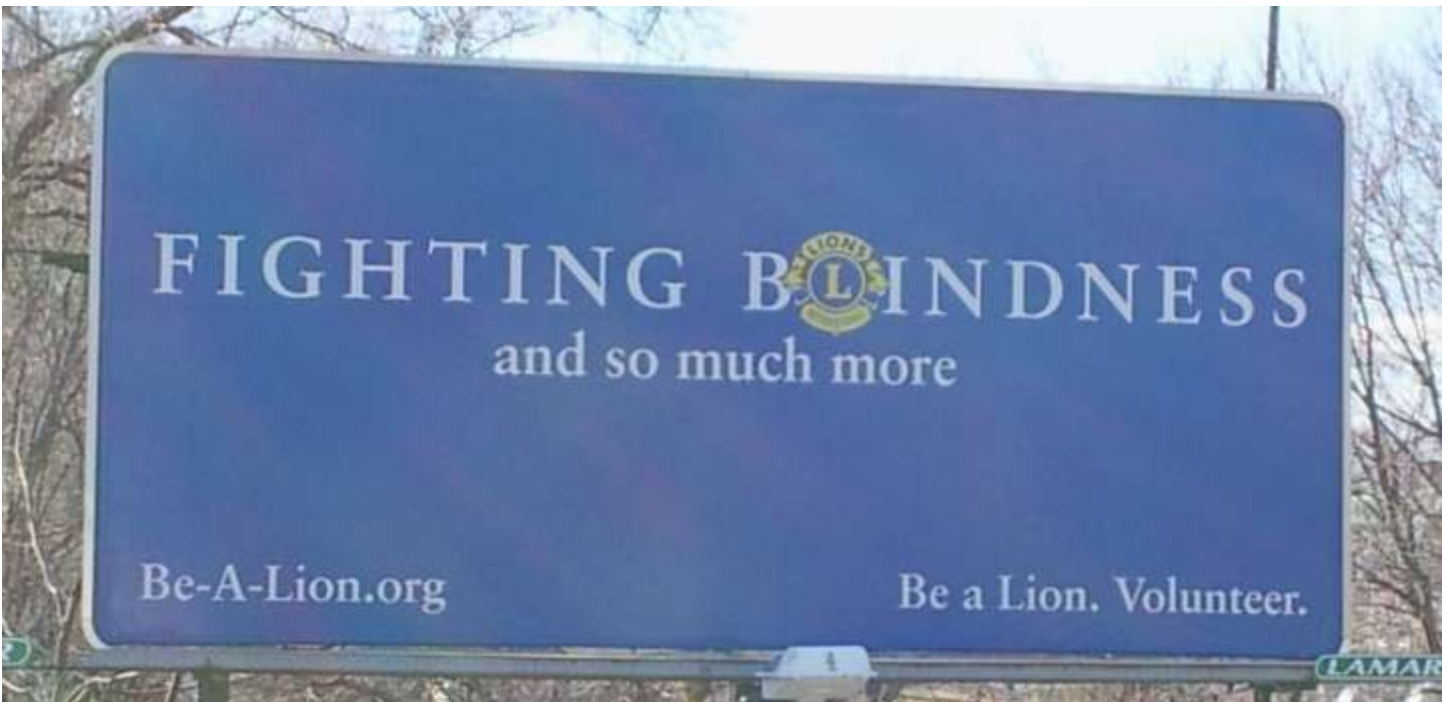
We approved being a Silver Sponsor for the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions' 70th Anniversary celebration. For \$100, we get a full-page ad in their ad book/program plus two tickets to the event. Lions Diane and Tom will purchase the tickets for their value of \$35 each.

We also voted to donate \$150 to the M-S Lions to help them send one of their Leos to Lions Day at the U.N.

Pasta-Palooza

On Friday, February 17, The Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions held their ziti-and-meatball dinner. In addition to two Lions each from Ballston Spa and Scotia-Glenville, A&T Lions Tom & Diane Hart, Maryanne & Jerry Gordon, Carol (and Paul) Quantock, and Kathy Dorn enjoyed the excellent food, luscious desserts, and camaraderie. (Other Lions may have been there before or after us.)

Your dues dollars at work ...



Perhaps you've noticed one of these billboards in your travels around town. They're part of a campaign by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to increase awareness of what we do and to boost membership. There are three in the Albany area (this one is on Pawling Ave in Troy), and we're one of 46 cities to have been selected. You'll find the whole list and the rest of the story at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/newsroom/release-116.php>. I also suggest you visit the web site on the billboard and watch the videos that LCIF is producing and posting on YouTube.

Our next meeting...

Our next general meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 7**, at the Red Front at 6 PM. District Governor Rick Quick will be our guest speaker. Let's get a good turnout to welcome him to our club.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be on **Tuesday, March 6** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. We need volunteers:

- ◆ To make phone calls in the week or two before the drive,
- ◆ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ◆ And to donate blood.

If you can do any or all of these, please sign up with Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or **664-3901**.

*Future blood drives: **May 7** at Boght Corners FD, Latham; **September** at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy; **December** at Holiday Inn Express, Latham.*

On a more personal note ...

On Feb 13, Lion Paul said, "Laura & I would like to let you know that Lisa delivered a health baby girl, Mia Joy, at 3:47 pm this afternoon. Mia was 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 20 inches long. Lisa, Sean, and Mia are all doing well. Lisa and Mia will be leaving Albany Med. on Wednesday. Both Mom & Mia are tired and will be getting a much needed rest. Thank you for your many e-mails, telephone calls, concern, support, and prayers. You'll never know how much we appreciated them."



Happy Birthday!

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

- 7th - Diane Gillies
- 13th - Tom Hart
- 16th - Ruth Sano
- 19th - Joann Beach
- 24th - Alex Gillies



Happy Anniversary!

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

- Chris Burke - 5 years
- Dave Levine - 33 years

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, March 7, 6 PM: Next general meeting at the Red Front. See above for details.

Tuesday, March 6, 1-6 PM: Blood drive at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy. See above for details

Saturday, March 10, 6-11 PM: Mech'ville-Stillwater Lions' 70th Anniversary Banquet. *See page 4.*

Wednesday, March 21, 8 AM: Board meeting at the Alexis Diner. All members are welcome.





Make a note:

Next Lions Work Night at the **Regional Food Bank:**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 5:30-7:30 PM

Friends and family welcome. Tell Lion Carol how many you're bringing at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 664-3901.

Save the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October.



We Serve

Happy 70th Birthday to the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions.

They're celebrating on Saturday, March 10, with a nice dinner at the Century House. Even though they're pretty much sold out, they can always make room for A&T Lions because our clubs have grown so close. So if you really want to go, contact Ray Martin at rxmartinrph@aol.com or 339-2122; tell him Jerry sent you.

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