



# Rare Meat

November 2022



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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

## **R.I.P. Lion Kathleen "Kathy" Dorn Apr 20, 1946—Oct 19, 2022**

A loyal Lion since August, 2010, she had served terms as program chair and as a director. She was presented with a Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service Award in 2016. In the photo, she's at our holiday party in 2019.



## **Minutes of the meetings held on Oct 5 at the Red Front**

The **general meeting** was called to order around 6:30 pm.

The Red Front had a large party in "our" usually private back room, so we were relegated to the alcove off the main dining room, a much less desirable location.

IPDG Michele inducted our two newest members, Marilyn Bradley (sponsored by Davia) and Ruthann Richards (sponsored by Greg). Ruthann is working on her master's degree at Ohio State, so her induction was via FaceTime.

IPDG Michele then expounded on the many services offered by St. Catherine's Center for Children, her new employer. They were founded in 1886 as a home for sick orphans. Today, they focus on issues of homelessness and supportive housing, abuse and neglect, mental health, special education and family reunification. They serve around 3500 people per year.

Lion Shawn reported on the V.I.P. (Visually Impaired Pedalers) Tandem Bike Rides that we held on Sept 25. Members of the Albany & Troy Lions Club, Saratoga Springs Lions Club, Camp Abilities Saratoga, Albany Police Dept and the local biking community gathered at the Mohawk Hudson Bike Trail for the first of what we hope will be an annual event. In the future, we should partner with NABA, CABVI and NYS Comm for the Blind, among others. *[See October Rare Meat for photos.]*

Lion Jerry reminded folks to sell their Boscov's passes, and that he had additional CLYNK recycling bags if anyone needed any.

The **club & char fund board meetings** were called to order around 7:00 pm but given the conditions, it was difficult to conduct an orderly meeting. We did vote to donate \$500 towards St. Catherine's Thanksgiving fund.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

IRVIN ACKERMAN  
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CHRIS HORAN  
MARTIN KEARY  
LARRY KRUG  
DR. DAVID LEVINE  
KRISTIN McVEIGH  
SHAWN NEWTON  
MICHAEL O'BRIEN  
ANDY PITONYAK  
RUTHANN RICHARDS  
RUTH SANO  
GREG SHELDON  
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SUE SHIPE  
DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



### Something different for our next meeting



The Red Front has booked another large party, so we'll be meeting on **Wed, Nov 2 at 6 PM** at the **Metro 7 Diner, 1090 Troy-Schdy Rd (Rte 7) in Latham**. This is the recently-opened reincarnation of the old Route 7 Diner across the street from Keeler Motors. We'll be ordering off their extensive menu and getting separate checks.

IPDG Michele O'Hare will be joining us again, along with Past Council Chair Mark Whitney, chair of the 20W Global Leadership Team. The restaurant would like a head count, so **please** let me know whether or not you'll be joining us. H: 518-235-8232, C: 518-366-5299, jerrygordon@juno.com

### 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.

### Friends helping Friends

Please make sure you've turned in all your **Boscov's** money to Lion Ruth Sano, 26 Birch Dr, Albany, 12205.



### Warm Woolen Wishes

Lion Ruth Sano reports, "On 10/4, I delivered 90 crocheted preemie hats to Ronald McDonald House for their HOPE bags for new parents with babies in the NICU at Albany Medical Center." (Also see page 6)



### Lions Service Areas



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger Relief



Childhood Cancer



Vision

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**On a personal note ...**

Congratulations to **King Lion Eva** and her daughter! Here's her new grandson, Jar'ami Kyng Abrams, 7.13 pounds and 21" long, born October 24th at 4:03pm.



And more congrats to her for completing the MD-20 Lions Leadership Institute on Oct 6-8 in Binghamton.



Kudos to **Jordan Alexander**, who was featured in a Spectrum News segment on Oct 27. He explained how his organization, Grateful Villages, gives out 80 \$5 "veggie-vouchers" every week so the local citizenry can purchase fresh fruit and produce at the West Hill Farmers Market. You can watch the 2:28-minute clip at [tinyurl.com/JordanSpectrum](https://tinyurl.com/JordanSpectrum).



The Farmers Market is at 72 Quail St. Around the corner at 579 Clinton Ave, **Greg & Jodi Sheldon** operate Albany Victory Garden's Produce Pickup Project Monday-Thursday from 10am-12pm. They give away literally thousands of pounds of fresh fruit and produce every day to ensure that their neighbors have access to healthful, nutritious meals.



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**Happy Birthday!**

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

25th: Jane Chouiniere  
27th: Mike O'Brien



**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Jordan Alexander: 3 years  
Dennis Fagan: 16 years



Mark Your Calendar

Nov is Diabetes Awareness Month and Lions Eye Bank Month

Wed, Nov 2, 6 PM: Lions general meeting; see page 2 for **NEW LOCATION!**

Sat, Nov 5: District Convention; see page 3

Sun, Nov 6: Daylight Savings ends; turn clocks back

Tues, Nov 8: Election Day—vote if you haven't already

Fri, Nov 11: Veterans Day

Thurs, Nov 27: Thanksgiving

Wed, Dec 2: Lions Holiday Party at the Gordons'; see below

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



**Coming soon!**

Lions Maryanne and Jerry will be hosting the club's holiday party on Wed, Dec 2. Watch your email inbox for more details in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars now!



*Bring a prospective member to a meeting.*

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*Things I learned from Snapple® bottle caps:*

Dolphins are unable to smell.

Benjamin Franklin invented flippers.

Ohio is the only U.S. state that does not have a rectangular flag.

The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

A nun held one of the first PhDs in computer science.

Thomas Jefferson invented the coat hanger.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.



## LIONS DISTRICT 20W CONVENTION

**SATURDAY, November 5, 2022**

**Courtyard by Marriott Restaurant**  
365 Canada St., Lake George, NY  
(off exit 22 of I-87)

**9:30 AM Registration**  
**Meeting Start Time 10:00 AM**  
**\$30 per person**  
Includes coffee, muffins, and lunch

**If you are attending, please send the bottom part of this form with your check for \$30/pp.**  
**Mail to: CS Gayle Woodruff, 7423 State Rt 22, West Chazy, NY 12992.**  
**Make checks payable to: District 20W Lions Clubs.**

**Please return this registration form no later than Thursday, October 27th, 2022.**

**Please bring canned/non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CS Gayle Woodruff at  
585 704-7422 or CSgwoodruff@gmail.com

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Club : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,  
your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,  
your multiple-district web sites: **MD20Lions.com**  
and **NewYorkLionsClubs.org**  
and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



**Bring a potential member to a meeting.**

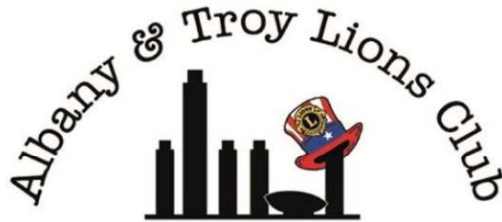


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## Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

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](mailto:albanytroylions@gmail.com)

or

Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796



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