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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the holiday party held on Wednesday, December 3, at Valente's

It would have been nice to have had a little bigger crowd, but those Lions and spouses that did show up, including Zone Chair Michele O'Hare, had a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to Lion Kathy for arranging the event and providing the music, and to Lion Maryanne for the entertaining games that we all enjoyed. Valente's food is always good, and you can't beat their friendly and efficient service.



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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, December 17, at the Route 7 Diner

Lion Paul reported that our holiday greens sale generated a net profit of \$936. Our thanks go to Lions Diane and Tom for continuing to chair this profitable program.

Lion Jerry's report: On Dec. 7, we sold popcorn at the Victorian Stroll. [See pictures on page 4.] I think we've found a new home for our annual popcorn sales. It was nice being inside the Atrium, where the crowds were. Sales were brisk throughout the day. We went into the day with 400 cups left over from last year. Figuring on 8-10 cups per popcorn pack, I ordered 2 cases of 24 packs/case. Sure enough, at the end of the day, we averaged about 9 cups/pack. At around 3:30, we ran out of cups, and we had popped our last batch but still had some left. Michelle's son, Jaleel, came up with the bright idea of putting the popcorn into the plastic food-service gloves we wear. We decided to give those away because they hold maybe half as much popcorn, but most people paid for them anyway. We ended up grossing \$452. Several folks gave donations of "keep the change"; one woman who works at Vanderheyden gave us \$20. Our costs were \$45 for popcorn + a \$50 donation to the Stroll. The crowds starting thinning about the time we ran out of cups and popcorn. Next year, if we order 2 cases but start with 500 cups (a full carton), it should work out just right.



We have delivered 430 Coats for Kids, with 3 of the cleaners reporting none. 172 went to Albany and 258 went to Troy. In addition, Lion Phoebe Larned, the soldier from Bowie, MD, who's stationed in Latham for a year, has been doing her own collecting. She'll be delivering three boxes of toys and two bags of coats and boots to CEO this weekend.

We don't have an actual count on the number of toys we collected at the holiday party, but CEO was quite pleased with the several cartons that we gave them. Lion Jerry will be working with CEO on toy distribution next Tuesday afternoon.

KL Carol says our next blood drive will be on Monday, March 2 at Troy's Hilton Garden Inn.

KL Carol appointed Lions Jerry, Laura and Mike to arrange for our 90th anniversary celebration next year.

There hasn't been any further word on establishing eyeglass-processing for the district in Galway. Because Lion Tom does such an excellent job, this wouldn't be of any value to us; we would participate only to help out the district. The subject was tabled until we hear more.

Lion Maryanne sent out two vouchers for twins who needed glasses, but LensCrafters was able to provide the glasses using their own funds, so they returned the vouchers for re-use.

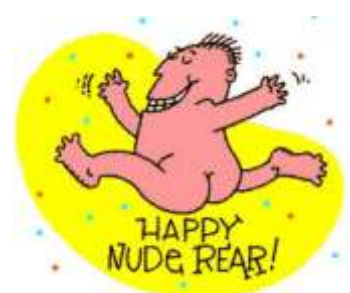
KL Carol is evaluating a new applicant for hearing aids.

We voted not to sell chocolate Easter bunnies, but we will donate \$50 to the Lions Eye Institute instead. If any of our members want any, we can order them from another club.

The committee formed to evaluate our Klingaman Award program (Lions Paul, Tom Diane and Fran) will meet at 5:30 PM, just before our next meeting, on Jan 7.

Lion Jerry reported that the seal campaign has brought in \$975 so far. This is ahead of last year's total and donations are still coming in. Anyone who's planning on making a contribution should do it promptly if they want a 2014 tax deduction.

Lion Joann reports: "The ATLC Christmas presents for 4 young women (in their early twenties) have been bought, wrapped and delivered to Vanderheyden. All girls will receive pj's and slippers, assortment of bath gel and body lotion, and then each will receive a present from their wish list, such as: backpack, headphones, CD and Play Station game. I also got them a \$50 gift card to Price Chopper." Our deepest thanks go to Lion Joann for the excellent job she has been doing with this program for the past several years.



Dr Sai Gandham is with the Lions Eye Institute. We were approached by one of his MD students on behalf of his ophthalmology class at Albany Medical College. They will be holding a vision screening clinic at the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany, and they would like us to provide eyeglasses for those in need – possibly as many as 50 people. Because of the difficulty of getting these folks to LensCrafters, who usually provides our glasses, they decided that reading glasses would probably suffice, and they have found a relatively inexpensive source. We voted to donate \$244 to purchase 244 pairs of reading glasses in assorted strengths. Remaining glasses will be used at future clinics.

A service coordinator from the Center for Disability Services asked whether we could help with the funding for a Braille PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) board for a blind and autistic student. We asked NABA whether such a device was available through them, and they have picked up the ball. One of their technology instructors is now working with CDS to establish just what would be the best equipment for this situation. Once they know what they need and the cost has been determined, we may get involved again.



Bring a potential member to a meeting

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 7, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Amy Klein, Executive Director of Capital Roots, the new name of Community Gardens.

We want to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, so try to be there by 5:45. That will give you time to place your dinner order and enjoy a bit of camaraderie before we start.

Health Fair



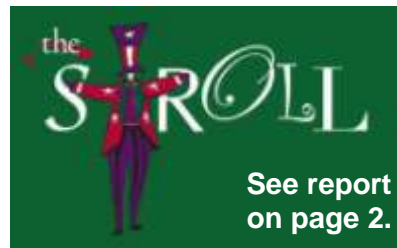
Lions Maryanne & Jerry manned our information table at the **Russell Sage Health Fair** on Dec 4 at the Bush Memorial on Sage's Troy campus. It wasn't terribly busy for us, since most of the attendees seemed to be Sage students. They're hoping to draw more visitors from the community at future events. One of the other people in the picture is Maryanne & Jerry's granddaughter Bridgette Duffy, who's a senior at Sage Nursing School. The other one is Boomer Bob, the Hearing Conservations Society's mannequin that measures the loudness of your iPod or other mp3 player. Can you figure out who's who??

KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help on KidSight vision screenings, but I don't have her January schedule yet. I'll let you know as soon as I know what she needs.

Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at amazon.com, do it from SMILE.AMAZON.COM instead. You can specify Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as your charity of choice, and they'll get 0.5% of your purchase price.



Lions Carol Quantock and Larry Krug, and Paul Quantock

Laura Vergoni and Lions Ursula Dessingue, Terry Page and Paul Vergoni



Lions Maryanne Gordon, Michelle Baker, Jerry Gordon and Jaleel

Not shown: Lion Dennis Fagan, who transported the machine afterwards.

Some Victorians (including hizzoner the Mayor)



Busker Norma Colasessano



On a personal note ...

Lions Maryanne & Jerry were in Ohio a few weeks ago to watch their daughter Elyssa receive her bachelor's degree in education from Univ of Akron. Not only did she do it while holding down a job and being a wife and mother of two sophomores (one high school, one college) , but she managed to graduate *summa cum laude*! We're very proud of her.



Happy Birthday!

Happy January birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 7th - Jeff Bennett
- 23rd - Chris Burke
- 25th - Rob Brass



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these January inductees:

- Fran McDoal - 2 years with us, + 14 years with Waterford
- Pam Khambanonda - 23 years

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 5:45: Meeting at Red Front; see page 3	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 M L King's Day	20	21 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner.	22	23	24 District cabinet meeting; see page 6
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

For other events around the district, visit 20Y2Lions.org



Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,
 your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,
 International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**,
 and LCI's centennial site: **LIONS100.ORG**.

District 20Y2 CABINET MEETING



Saturday, January 24, 2015
Rainer's Gourmet Inspirations, Queensbury, NY
1 Abby Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804 ~ 518.745.5463

DIRECTIONS
Coming from the south on I-87 N: Exit 19. At light turn left on RT-254/Aviation Road. Go through next light and take left on Burke Drive. Take left on Abbey Lane.
Coming from the north on I-87 S: Exit 19. At light take left onto RT-254/Aviation Road. Take left on Burke Drive. Take left on Abbey Lane.



Learn about centennial events at LIONS100.ORG

9:30 am Registration
Meeting 10:00 - 2:00 pm ~ \$20.00 per person

LUNCHEON
Salad & Assorted Rolls
Sauteed Chicken Breast Riesling ~ Slice London Broil with Port Wine Mushroom Sauce ~ Broiled Haddock Filet Veronique
Seasonal Vegetable and Starch ~ Apple Strudel ~ Coffee, Decafe and Herbal teas

If you would like to attend the Cabinet Meeting without lunch, please email DG Marianne. marianne@sheldonmansion.com

Cost of Luncheon is \$20.00 per person
Checks payable to "District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs"

Send your reservation with check and meal selection(s) to:
Lion Mary Claire Noakes, 12 Townner Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
All reservations and checks must be received by **January 7, 2015**. Thank you.

Name _____ Club _____

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_____ Sauteed Chicken _____ London Broil _____ Broiled Haddock

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Give the Gift of Sight this Holiday Season!

Support blind children By purchasing a "Through Their Eyes" 2015 Calendar.

(Sung in the voice of Fred Astaire)

If you're blue and you don't know where to go to Why don't you go where fashion sits?

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A Calendar of Artwork Created by Children Expressing Their Appreciation for the Gift of Sight!

Please make checks payable to Lions Eye Bank at Albany 6 Executive Park Drive Albany, NY 12203 \$8.00 per calendar No Tax Due

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