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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, at the Red Front

Short report: The meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, March 18, at the Route 7 Diner

For the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Lion Jerry reported that we will be doing a joint event with Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Nov. 7. We're still waiting to hear whether PIP Al Brandel will be able to attend.

KL reminded us of the need for volunteers for the blood drive on March 30 at the Hilton on Hoosick, and for the NABA KidSight screening on March 31 at Bethlehem Preschool, which is a bit out of our area.

Lion Jerry read the slate of candidates for next year's board; it had been prepared by Lions Tom and Diane, our last two presidents. Lion Tom pointed out how tough it had been to find candidates, which led to a discussion of the importance of bringing in new members. [See p 3]

We voted to move our general meeting from April 1 to the 8<sup>th</sup> so that members would be free to support the Waterford Lions by attending their Meet & Greet on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Our board meeting will still be on the 15<sup>th</sup>. And there's a zone meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, making for a busy month of four consecutive Wednesday meetings. [See p 2 & 3]

KL Carol announced that she came across a good deal on a purple pop-up 8'x8' canopy tent that she is donating to the club; she will sew Lions emblems on the top. It will be good for yet-to-be-defined functions, perhaps including popcorn sales.

KL Carol and Madison Hearing have finally straightened out the payment issues involving a hearing-aid applicant that we approved several months ago.

We received a long email from a board member at South Colonie Youth Baseball, wherein he extolled the virtues of their coach of two boys' baseball teams and the girls' softball team, and explained that he (the coach) has been deaf since birth and was badly in need of help getting hearing aids. It turns out we had considered helping him some years



## MEMBERSHIP

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ago, but disqualified him because of his wife's income. Other issues have since come to light, and because he does seem so deserving of our assistance, KL Carol will re-investigate the situation.

We approved a \$100 donation in memory of PDG Orville Curtiss, and a \$50 donation in memory of Lion Mike's father. Both will be made to the Lions Foundation at Albany, the fund-raising arm of the Lions Eye Institute.

We got a request from a 42-yr-old legally blind gentleman who's looking for financial help to start an HVAC business. Apparently there are fees to be associated with NYSERDA. Since this had just come in, Lion Jerry will get more info.



## Apportez un membre potentiel à une reunion

*If we keep repeating "Bring a potential member to a meeting," it will soon become old hat. So as part of your continuing education and to keep the thought fresh, we'll say it in a different language each month.*

### Waterford Lions

The Waterford Lions Club is holding a Meet & Greet on Wednesday, April 1; see details below. This is our **normal meeting night**, but we've moved our meeting to April 8 so that we can all support our neighbors to the north. Please plan to attend.



## Lions Club Meet and Greet

**APRIL 1, 2015: 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

**McGREIVEY'S RESTAURANT  
91 BROAD ST., WATERFORD, NY**

**Hors d'oeuvres & featuring a  
CHINESE AUCTION**

**Donation: \$20.00 PER PERSON**

**Includes: 2 drinks plus appetizers.**

**TICKETS** will be available for purchase for the Chinese Auction.  
Twenty-five tickets will cost \$5.00.

*Proceeds to benefit The Waterford Lions Club*

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting is **not** on April 1 (see previous item), but on **Wednesday, April 8**, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be a surprize. We'll be inducting a new member, and we'll be voting on next year's board; here is the slate of candidates:

President	Laura Mona	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Ursula Dessingue
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Chris Horan	Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 years	Fran McDoal
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Elaine Hayner	Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 years	Maryanne Gordon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Vicki Shahinian	Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 years	Mike O'Brien
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
Treasurer (Club)	Paul Vergoni	Membership Chairman	Kathy Dorn
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	Lion Tamer	Maryanne Gordon
Tail Twister	Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Carol Quantock

We want to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, so please 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. **And as always, PLEASE let Lion Jerry know whether you'll be there.**

KidSight

Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. She's got half a dozen that we can help with in April, all at 9:30 a.m.:

Tue, March 31: Bethlehem Preschool, 397 Rte 9W, Glenmont (a bit out of our area)

Tue, April 7: Tutor Time, 325 Jordan Rd, (Rens Technology Park), Troy

Wed, April 15: Albany Jewish Community Center, 3430 Whitehall Rd, Albany

Tue, April 21: Unity Sunshine Program #1, 435 Fourth St, Troy

Wed, April 22: Unity Sunshine Program #3, 21 First St, Troy

Tue, April 28: Unity Sunshine Program #2, 2247 13th St, Troy

Wed, April 29: Unity Sunshine Program #4, 50 Phillip St, Albany

It's pretty simple and it rarely takes more than a couple of hours; why not give one or two a try? Please let Lion Jerry know asap if you're available to help.



Our Zone Meeting

Writes our Zone Chair Lion Michele O'Hare: "On Wednesday, April 22, we will have a Zone Meeting Social for our clubs. It will be hosted by the Greater Ravena Area Lions Club and held at their usual meeting spot, the Quarry Steakhouse on Route 26 in Climax (right off Rt. 81). We will have cocktails at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00. The cost will be \$20 and we will be given a choice of 3 or 4 menu items to pick from that evening. Please notify KL Jack McGrath at 461-1689 or jackmmcgrath@gmail.com on or before Sunday, April 19 (if no answer, please leave a message) if you plan to attend. Thanks to King Lion Jack and the GRALC for hosting this. I would like this meeting to be used as a brainstorming session to talk about membership and communications. I hope to send a flyer out upon my return." *Let's all try to attend. I know it's a bit of a ride (about 40 minutes from my house in N Troy), so let's do some carpooling. If you need a ride or are willing to drive, please contact Lion Jerry.*



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Monday, March 30, from 1-6 PM** at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street. We need volunteers:

- ◆ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ◆ And to donate blood.

If you can do either or both of these, please sign up with KL Carol at [cquantoc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or 664-3901.



NABA's Visionary Gala 2015 is on **Saturday, April 18**, at Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy; full details are on page 6. It's always a very festive and fun evening. If you'd like to attend, please contact Michele O'Hare (463-1211 ext 241 or [mohare@naba-vision.org](mailto:mohare@naba-vision.org)) or Gail Hessney (ext 201 or [gnessney@naba-vision.org](mailto:gnessney@naba-vision.org)) by Friday, April 10.

### Lions Eye Bank at Albany

Sight Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.

The 63rd Annual Membership Meeting of the Sight Society of NENY/ Lions Eye Bank will be held on Sunday, May 3, at the Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany. The executive board meeting will be at

9:30 a.m. (all Lions are members of the Sight Society, so you're welcome to attend), followed by a cocktail hour at noon and luncheon at 1:00. Cost is \$25. To attend, please contact Lion Joann Beach (489-7606 or [jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org](mailto:jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org)) by Tuesday, April 21.

### Health Fair

We're exhibiting at a Health & Services Fair for Adults/Seniors on Sunday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Rd. We'll be giving out literature on Lionism, hearing preservation, diabetes, Lions Eye Institute, etc., and we'll have the Hearing Conservation Society's Boomer Bob with us. He measures the sound level of your iPod or other music player to make sure it's not too loud. Stop by if you're in the area.

### Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), do it from [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](http://SMILE.AMAZON.COM) instead. You can specify [ALBANY AND TROY LIONS](#) as your charity of choice, and we'll get 0.5% of whatever you spend.

### On a personal note ...

Lion Chris Horan (center) has completed a 6-year term on NABA's board of directors. Here's Board Chair Mike Collins (right) presenting him with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service while Lion Chris Burke (left), NABA's Executive Director, watches.





# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Blood drive; See p 4	KidSight see p 3	1 Waterford LC Meet & Greet; see p 2	2	3 Good Friday Passover starts	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7 KidSight see p 3	8 Meeting at Red Front; see p 3	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner. KidSight see p 3	16	17	18 NABA Gala See p 4 & 6
19	20	21 KidSight see p 3	22 Zone meeting; see p 3 KidSight see p 3	23	24	25
26 Health Fair at Alb JCC; see p 4	27	28 KidSight see p 3	29 KidSight see p 3	30		

For other events around the district, visit [20Y2Lions.org](http://20Y2Lions.org)

### Happy Birthday!

Happy April birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 1st - Michelle Baker
- 1st - PDG Dave Harris
- 5th - Phil Harris
- 8th - Terry Page
- 18th - Sue Shipe
- 19th - Larry Krug
- 20th - Kathy Dorn



### Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these April inductees:

- Jeff Bennett - 2 years
- Vicki Adler - 11 years
- Mike Farrell - 11 years
- Maryanne Gordon - 16 years
- Rob Brass - 17 years
- Mike O'Brien - 17 years**
- Allen Zieker - 17 years



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



Learn about centennial events at [LIONS100.ORG](http://LIONS100.ORG)

# VISIONARY GALA 2015

## Save the date!

**Saturday, 04.18.15**  
**Black Tie Optional**

**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
 Open Bar and Hors D'oeuvres

**8:00 PM**  
 Dinner and Presentation of Awards

**Franklin Plaza Ballroom**  
 Fourth & Grand Streets, Troy, NY 12180

### NABA 2014 Honorees

*Volunteers of the Year*  
 Mary Fiorillo-Lentini  
 Anthony Paganucci

*Professional of the Year*  
 Jeffrey H. Stern, Ph.D., M.D.



For more information and tickets contact:  
 518.463.1211 x 241 or x 201  
[www.naba-vision.org](http://www.naba-vision.org)

# VISIONARY GALA 2015



Please reserve \_\_\_\_ table(s) for 8 at a group rate of \$1,000 each.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at \$125 each, of which \$50 is tax deductible.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ Junior Professional (35 years old and under) ticket(s) at \$90 each, of which \$60 is tax deductible.

I am unable to attend, but I would like to make a donation to The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany. Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my ticket(s)/donation to my:  MasterCard  Visa  AmEx  Discover

Name as shown on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to: NABA**  
**RSVP by Friday, April 10, 2015**

Tickets are not distributed in advance.  
 Guests check in at the door.

*Please list names of the individuals who will be seated with you on the table seating card.*

