



# Rare Meat

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YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!



Report of the visitation to Waterford on Wednesday, April 1

The Waterford Lions Club held a very successful Meet & Greet at the always pleasant McGreivey's Restaurant.

They report that the capacity crowd may yield a new member or two for them. As shown below, we were well represented: Seated, L-R, are ex-Lion Carl Caffalette, A&T Lions Mike O'Brien and Fran McDoal. Behind

them are A&T Lions Carol Quantock, Dr Allen Zieker (!), Maryanne Gordon, Jerry Gordon and Larry Krug. Between Jerry and Larry is Bethlehem Lion and Zone Chair Michele O'Hare.



Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, at the Red Front

Rev Perry Jones, Executive Director of Capital City Rescue Mission, told us of the many services that they provide, most of which are free: three meals a day, every day (over 240,000 were served in 2014); shelter for the homeless (64,800 nights last year); medical care at their on-site clinic (almost 3500 visits); clothing and household items (more than 400,000 articles of clothing); and education, including GED preparation, employment readiness and Bible studies.

PDG Dave Harris inducted new Lion Elaine Gerwin; KL Carol is her sponsor. Lion Elaine is a Service Navigator for CEO, which means that she enlists and trains volunteers for their various projects throughout the year. See photo on page 2.

## MEMBERSHIP

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KL Carol (left), new Lion Elaine and PDG Dave

Lion Jerry reminded everyone that there are KidSight screenings in the April *Rare Meat* that we need volunteers for; Thurs, April 23 is NABA’s annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast; and on Sunday, April 26, we’ll have an info table at the Health & Services Fair at the Albany Jewish Community Center. Also, there’s a zone meeting on Wed, April 22, that all members are invited to.

We unanimously elected the slate that had been proposed by the nominating committee, Lions Diane and Tom:

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

A few weeks later, Lion Laura announced that the workload at her “day job” had increased significantly, and she regretted having to turn down the presidency; she will become inactive for at least six months. Lion Chris Horan agreed to be president. This leaves a VP spot open; we’ll talk about this at the May 6 meeting.

*Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, April 15, at the Route 7 Diner*

The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee will be holding its first joint meeting with the Saratoga Springs LC on 4/23.

Lion Tom will be shipping at least 4000 eyeglasses this month. We now have collection boxes at Dr. Fox’s office in Latham, and at BJ’s Wholesale Club behind Northway Mall.

Our May speaker will be Jill Bucciero from Landmark Health.

Our installation dinner will be on June 3 at Moscatiello’s Restaurant. *[See next page.]*

We have raffle tickets from the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation. They’re \$100 each and we need to buy three to be able to award a Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. KL Carol, PDG Dave and Lion Paul will each get one, and Lions Kathy, Jerry and Ruth will share one; this gives us a little jump on our next RJU.

We’re still looking for volunteers for the half-dozen KidSight screenings in our area this month.

Our next blood drive will be on Wed, June 3, at the Watervliet Senior Center. *[See page 4.]*

We received a nice thank-you note from Lion Judy Curtiss for our donation to the Lions Eye Institute in PDG Orv’s memory.

Lion Maryanne reported no eyeglass requests in the past month.

KL Carol has had several requests for hearing aids; she’s waiting for the applications to be returned.

We voted to take a \$125 half-page ad in the program book for the Sight Society’s golf tournament.

We had a request to help send a 9-year-old girl to Sugar-Free Gang, a day camp program run by Ellis Medicine for kids with Type 1 diabetes. We voted to contribute \$75, which is half the cost.

We voted to buy a \$50 raffle ticket to support Lions Camp Badger.



## Traiga un miembro potencial de una reunión

*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. Last month was French; this month it's Spanish.*

### *Our next meeting*

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, May 6**, at the Red Front Restaurant. Our speaker will be Jill Bucciero from Landmark Health.

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.** The more people I hear from, the fewer calls Lion Mike has to make.

### *Installation Dinner*

Our annual installation dinner will be on Wednesday, June 3, at **Moscatiello's Restaurant**, just south of HVCC. **Socializing (with or without lubrication) will begin at 6, with dinner at 6:30.** We'll order off the menu and get separate checks. This is one of our two annual social events, so please plan on being there with your significant other. **If you're going to be an officer or board member next year (look for your name on page 2),** it would be especially nice to be there for your installation. Lion Diane is taking reservations at H: 283-6099, C: 605-8600 or [DBHart@nycap.rr.com](mailto:DBHart@nycap.rr.com). Please get back to her by Sunday, May 30.

### *KidSight*

Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. Our thanks to Lion Ursula and potential Lion Eddy Badinga-Vonga for volunteering in April.

She's got only one screening in our area in May, at New Scotland Elementary School in Albany on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 9:30 a.m. She's got another half-dozen in Malta, Burnt Hills, Clifton Park and Schenectady. If you feel like traveling a little to help her out, contact Lion Jerry for the schedule.

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.

### *Hearing Conservation Society*

We're all members of HCS, so it's a good idea to attend one of their meetings to better understand all they do for the hearing-impaired community. Their next meeting is Monday, May 18, at the Lions Eye Institute on New Scotland Ave in Slingerlands. They provide a light meal (subs, chips, etc) so they need a head count. Please let Lion Jerry know by Thursday, May 14, if you'll be there.



Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be **Wednesday, June 3, from 1-6 PM** at the Watervliet Senior Center. 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.

### Health Fair

We exhibited at a Health & Services Fair for Adults & Seniors on Sunday, April 26, at the Albany Jewish Community Center; thanks to Lions Jerry, Maryanne and Carol for their booth duty. We gave out literature on Lionism, hearing, Lions Eye Institute, etc., and we displayed some of the many low-vision aids available from NABA. With only half a table, things were a bit cramped, but it was a worthwhile day: a number of people seemed to genuinely appreciate what they learned, and we have two potential members.

### 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 ...

If no one don't tell me nothin', then I ain't got nothin' to put here and I gotta fill the space with alleged humor.



## May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 KidSight - see page 3	6 5:45pm: Meeting at Red Front; see p 3	7	8	9 Buy furniture & help NABA - see page 6
10 Mothers Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 HCS meeting see page 3	19	20 6pm: Board meeting at Rte 7 Diner.	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31			Blood drive-p 4  Installation Dinner - p 3			

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

### Happy Birthday!

Happy May birthday to these A&T Lions:

- 7th - Maryanne Gordon
- 9th - Elaine Hayner
- 10th - Vici Harris
- 13th - Vickie Shahinian
- 26th - Allen Zieker



### Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these May inductees:

- Phil Harris - 3 years
- Joann Beach - 11 years
- Diane Hart - 21 years
- Jane Chouiniere - 27 years

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 your district web site: [20Y2LIONS.ORG](http://20Y2LIONS.ORG),  
 and International's web site: [LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LIONSCLUBS.ORG).



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

# FURNITURE SHOP & HELP SUPPORT NABA YOUTH PROGRAMS!

When: Saturday, May 9th 11am - 5pm

Where: Raymour & Flanigan, Latham

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- 50/50 raffle!
- Meet guide dog puppies in-training!
- Meet the kids!



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