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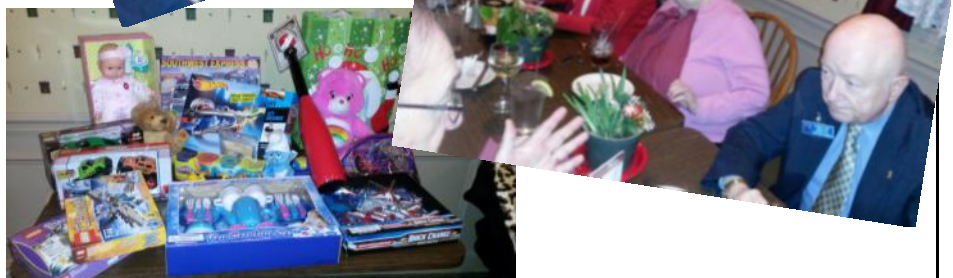
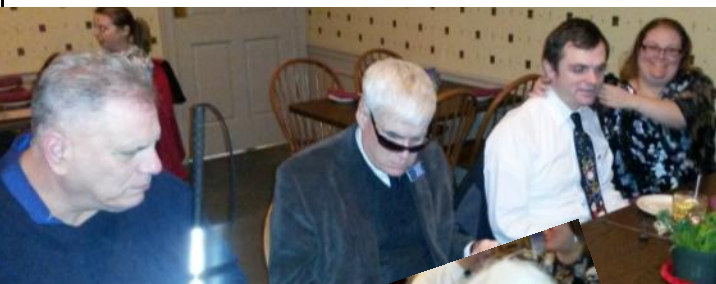


## **Report of the holiday party held on Wednesday, December 2, at Valente's in Watervliet**

A group of about 20 Lions, spouses and significant others gathered in Valente's festive back room for an enjoyable evening of good food and camaraderie. We collected a bunch of toys that were delivered to CEO for

their Christmas store (see page 3). Our thanks go to Lion Kathy for making the arrangements, and to Lion Maryanne for another one of her always-fun-filled games. Apologies from YrEd for

not getting everyone in the pictures.



## MEMBERSHIP

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**Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, December 16, at the Route 7 Diner**

## Committee reports:

Blood drives: Our next drive is Dec 23 from noon-6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St.

Programs: Lion Kathy absent; January speaker is Alyssa Herman, ophthalmology student who coordinated last year's screening project at City Mission in Albany.

Used glasses: Lion Tom absent; no report.

Voice-mail log: Lion Jerry – there were only 16 calls in the past month, 2/3 of which were from our area.

Eyeglass requests: Last month, Lion Maryanne discussed a request, received from NABA, for special prescription sunglasses for Chhitup Lama, a visually-impaired Nepali whose organization helps the blind and visually impaired in the Humla district of Nepal. We voted to donate \$100. ZC Carol will request help from the other clubs in our zone. NABA will be donating, although we don't know how much. Lion Mike mentioned that the Albany Chapter of the American Council for the Blind is donating \$750 to Chhitup's school. Dr Monica Casey-Gee from NABA reports that with our help and NABA's, she was able to get Chhitup the glasses he needs.

Lion Maryanne sent out two vouchers for children in Albany County.

Hearing requests: Lion Doug sent out three applications in the past several months, but none has been returned.

Thanks to the 9 Lions who signed up to work on the Coats for Kids campaign. Final count was 477 coats. Interestingly, Rainbow Cleaners in Troy collected 215 coats, while two of the cleaners in Albany had none.

Popcorn sales inside the Atrium at the Victorian Stroll on Dec. 6 went quite well. Thanks to the 14 Lions & family members who worked on this annual project, we grossed \$493, with a net profit of around \$400.

The District is trying to get clubs to collect food during January for donation to local food banks. We decided that area supermarkets (Price Chopper & Hannaford's, specifically) seem to have their own food drives, as do other orgs like USPS, and that anything we do would be pretty much a drop in the bucket compared to their efforts. We voted not to adopt this as a project.

We had asked NABA and the Hearing Conservation Society to share the \$180 cost of a table at the Albany Jewish Community Center Health Fair to be held next May 15. Both organizations agreed.

Last month, we authorized Lion Joann Beach to spend up to \$250 for Christmas gifts for a family from Vanderheyden. She reported by e-mail on the gifts she bought and delivered to four teenagers.

We collected about 20 toys at our holiday party, which were delivered to CEO for their Christmas "store." Lion Jerry reminded everyone that they're still looking for volunteers to help parents make their selections. Lion Jerry will send out an e-mail asking Lions to sign up.

The Seal Campaign has brought in \$1050 so far from 20 donors.

We voted to donate \$100 to the Lions Eye Institute in lieu of buying and reselling chocolate bunnies. Since it's a donation, it should be earmarked towards a Knight of the Blind.

We voted to transfer funds from the club's charitable account to the 501(c)(3) account for a donation to LCIF. Lion Jerry will check to see whether we have an MJF balance.



**Dewch yn aelod posibl i gyfarfod.**

**What's this? See the top of the next page.**

*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. This is Welsh.*

### **Our next meeting ...**

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 6**, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Alyssa Herman, the student ophthalmologist who oversaw last year's screening at the City Mission in Albany.

We call the meeting to order at 6:00, but please try to be there by 5:45 so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to socialize. Please let Jerry know as soon as possible whether you'll be there so we can give the restaurant a count.



"What's happened to us, Edna?  
We used to be so wild."

### **Seal Campaign**

As of this writing, we have raised \$1050. These funds enable us to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy and support our other charitable works. If you haven't sent your donation in yet, you'll be glad to know that it's not too late. If you lost the return envelope, mail your check to Albany & Troy Lions Club, PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181-0192.

### **Blood Drive**

On Dec 23, we sponsored a blood drive at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St. Our thanks to the Quantocks and the Gordons for volunteering to work at the drive. The Red Cross collected enough blood to save 132 lives, and we had 7 first-time donors. A very successful day.

They've asked us to do another one on Monday, January 18, from 1-6pm at the East Greenbush Library; see page 5.

### **Holiday Store**

Lion Jerry was the only Lion who stepped up to help with this project. It's a joint operation by CEO and Unity House that distributes toys and some clothing to the needy. It's called a "store," but no money changes hands. They've got everything in different room for different age groups, and the volunteer's job is to help the clients "shop" for their kids and ensure that they take the right number of gifts.

### **KidSight**

Nurse Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. There's only one in our service area next month: Wednesday, January 20, 10 AM, at the Early Childhood Education Center, 230 Washington Avenue Extension, in Albany.

As I've said before, It's pretty simple and it rarely takes more than a couple of hours. Why not give one a try? Please let Lion Jerry know asap if you're available to help, and I'll confirm address and time details for you.



## Help Wanted ...

The Albany & Troy Lions Club has two important positions open:

1. We need a **Publicity Chair** - someone who can write press releases about our activities and accomplishments and get the word out to local media. One of the things that makes it tough to get new members is that no one knows what we do; I'm not even sure they know we exist. We can certainly use your help.
2. We need a **Fund-Raising Chair**. It won't be your job to actually raise funds - we want you and your committee to find fund-raising activities that are suitable for our general membership. We're open to any reasonable suggestions.

In addition to these club positions, the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank needs people to sit on its **Board of Directors**. To find out what's involved, contact PDG Dave Harris at (518) 273-1266 or [dharris2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dharris2@nycap.rr.com).



"Well, yes, I am happy, but I could be happier."

## Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at amazon.com, do it from **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 ...

No one gave me anything so there's nothing to report. I hope you're all having a wonderful holiday season, whatever you celebrate.

## 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 only one **January** inductees:

Fran McDoal - 3 yrs with A&T + 14 years with Waterford



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**




Learn about centennial events at **LIONS100.ORG**



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, January 18, from 1-6 PM** at the **East Greenbush Library**. 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 Lion Carol at [cquantoc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or **664-3901**.

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 3.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 M L King Day Blood Drive; see page 5	19	20 10am: KidSight; see page 3. 6pm: Board meets Rt 7 Diner	21	22	23 District cabinet meeting; see page 6.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	For other events around the district, visit <a href="http://20Y2Lions.org">20Y2Lions.org</a>					





**We Serve**




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**The Third District Cabinet Meeting 20-Y2 will be held:**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015**

**9:30 AM Registration - 10:00 AM Meeting - Lunch - 2:30 PM Dismissal**

**Holiday Inn Johnstown – 308 Comrie Ave., Johnstown, NY**

**Please share this with all your members in your club. Everyone is always welcome.**

**Please either email me or mail me this form if you are not attending by January 15th. If you are attending, please send this form and your check for \$17.00 to 8 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Make the checks out to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs. The fee covers: coffee and donuts, lunch selection: Chicken Francaise, Petite Salmon Filet or Hot Turkey Sandwich and gratuity. Please return this no later than Friday, January 15th.**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-463-1211 x 241.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Michele O'Hare  
Cabinet Secretary

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\_\_\_\_ Attending \_\_\_\_ Not Attending email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s: and Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**The cost is \$ 17.00 mail to Lion Michele O'Hare, 8 Turnberry Drive,  
Slingerlands, New York 12159.**

**Make the checks out to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs.**

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