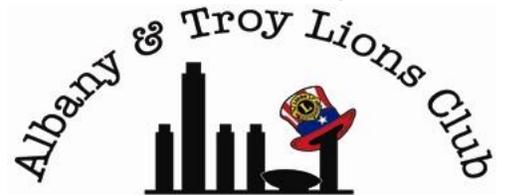




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**Our thanks to IPP/ZC Carol Quantock for taking notes during the general and board meetings in February during Lion Jerry's southern sojourn.**

**Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, at the Red Front**

Since our speakers were running very late and we had a quorum of board members present, we held a "mini" board meeting to officially vote in favor of donating \$100 to purchase the IntelliKeys keyboard for the 3-year old child in Voorheesville. ZC Carol reported

that both Ravena and Waterford would be voting on donating and making it a zone project, and that she has not yet heard from Bethlehem, but will be contacting them by phone.

We welcomed potential Lion Elena Watson, who sent an application in to LCI, and her application may be working its way to Lion Jerry Gordon via e-mail, as we have not received a hard copy in the mail. Lion Carol said that she would be happy to serve as Elena's sponsor, and gave Elena her e-mail address and phone number in order to exchange information with Elena.

PDG Ed Stano and Saratoga Lion Phil Klein arrived at 6:50 PM, and we all enjoyed dinner and conversation before their presentation. They showed some slides of the campers at their activities and spoke about the benefits of their experiences for the past two years and how they raise the \$90,000 (approximately) that it takes to run the camp for one week in the summer. They also invited us to come and visit during a regular camp day to observe the campers and their counselors on the Skidmore College campus. Camp starts either August 11 or 12, 2016.

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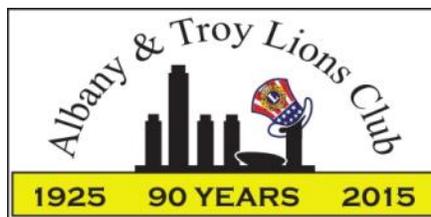
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**Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, February 17, at the Route 7 Diner**

## Committee reports:

Lion Carol reported the following results of the blood drive on January 18: 52 donors signed up; there were 14 deferrals, 7 walk outs, and 6 first-time donors, resulting in 35 productive units of blood. Two more drives are scheduled as follows: March 23, 9-2, at the NYS Child and Family Services building in Rensselaer near the train station, and/or May 23, 1-6, back at the EG Library. We can do one or both, and Lion Carol is in favor of doing both.

Facebook Admin – Ruth Sano has been posting information, specifically about the blood drive(s)

PR – chair needed

Fund-raising – chair needed

Membership – Kathy Dorn not in attendance; no report

Programs – Kathy Dorn not in attendance; DG visitation scheduled for our general membership meeting on March 2; details to follow from ZC Carol

Used glasses & hearing aids – Tom Hart not in attendance; no report

Voice mail log – Lion Paul brought up the request for \$350 for the IntelliKeys keyboard, and ZC Carol will reach out again to the other clubs to see if they would like to donate a minimum of \$50 per club, and we will ask NABA if they can assist. This will be an excellent zone project.

KidSight – Jerry Gordon not in attendance; no report

Eyeglass requests – Lion Ruth reported that she received 9 requests for applications, 2 of which were returned to her and were sent vouchers. She said that 3 vouchers came back unused from LensCrafters. She also reported that she has completed and submitted grant applications to both WGY and Stewart's.

Hearing aid requests – Doug not in attendance; no report

Old business: ZC Carol still awaiting final approval of donations to the IntelliKeys keyboard for the youngster whose blindness is a result of a disease for which there is no cure.

PDG Dave reported that he received another donation to the Seal Campaign in the amount of \$100.

New business: A discussion was held regarding increasing our dues from \$70.00 per year to \$75.00 per year, this was unanimously agreed upon. Our treasury balance will benefit from this, as the only fund raiser we have at this time is the Popcorn Sale at the Victorian Stroll.

PDG Dave Harris reported the receipt of the following letters, requesting donations and/or participation: 1) *Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis*, which we felt was not related to our mission; 2) *Special Olympics*, which we also felt was not related to our mission; and 3) *The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.*, which we decided would be discussed in connection with a request for assistance from a single mom of two diabetic children. (Please see below.)

We discussed Lion Sandie Clark's (Hearing Conservation Society) "help wanted" e-mail, asking if there was someone available to serve as a hearing liaison between the HCS and the hearing aid locations with which we work in order to help with loan-out equipment. We were not sure if Doug Davis would wish to commit his time to this purpose, but the word is out to members of our club.

Lion Paul reported that he received raffle tickets for sale at \$100.00 each from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation; we usually chip in to purchase three tickets in order to be eligible to nominate an RJU recipient. There are a total of 500 tickets to be sold, with a grand prize of \$15,000.

We received a request for assistance from Renee, a mother of two diabetic children, one of whom would like to attend the Barton Camp. Lion Carol contacted Renee and discussed her request. Renee is aware that our

club will not be able to fund the entire cost (it was suggested that we contribute \$400 and spread the word to other clubs) but would send her a form similar to the hearing aid application in order to get a feel for Renee's financial need.



## **Afferte potentia membrum ad conventus.**

*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 Latin.*

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

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 2**, at the Red Front. District Governor Paula Flisnik will be our guest speaker. Other clubs from our zone may be sending representatives, too, so let's get a good turnout.

We call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, but please try to be there by 5:45 so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to socialize. We like to give the restaurant a count, so please let me now whether you'll be there (235-8232 or [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com)).

### **Seal Campaign**

As of this writing, we have raised \$1240. 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**

Thanks to King Lion Chris Horan & Heather, Lion Paul & Laura Vergoni and Lion Carol for working on the blood drive on January 18 at the East Greenbush Library. ARC collected enough to potentially save 105 lives.

Our next drive will be on Wednesday, March 23 from 9 AM - 2PM, at NYS Child & Family Services, 52 Washington St, Rensselaer.

### **KidSight**

Nurse Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. I'll distribute her March schedule as soon as I get.

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 contact Kathryn Miklowitz directly at H: 346-5694, C: 915-4722, W: 463-1121ext227 or [KMiklowitz@naba-vision.org](mailto:KMiklowitz@naba-vision.org).

## 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).

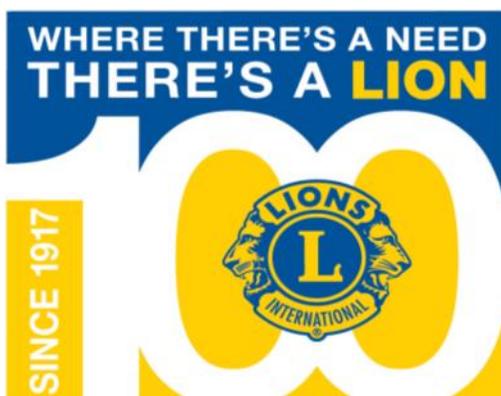
## Buying on line...

If you're planning on making a purchase at 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 ...

A couple of nuts celebrated Valentine's Day at the Farmers Market in Jupiter, FL. For the first time in many years of going south during the winter, the Gordons did not visit another Lions Club.

Our condolences go to Lion Ruth & Bob Sano on the death of Bob's mother earlier this week.



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 your district web site: [20Y2LIONS.ORG](http://20Y2LIONS.ORG)  
 International's web site: [LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LIONSCLUBS.ORG)  
 and LCI's centennial site: [LIONS100.ORG](http://LIONS100.ORG)



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Wednesday, March 23, from 9 AM - 6 PM** at the **NYS Child & Family Services office, 52 Washington St, Rensselaer**. 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**.

March 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 3.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6pm: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23 9-2: Blood drive; see pages 3 & 5.	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

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

**Happy Birthday!**

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

- 13th - Tom Hart
- 16th - Ruth Sano
- 19th - Joann Beach



**Happy Anniversary!**

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

- Chris Burke - 9 years
- Dave Levine - 37 years



Q. What's Irish and stays out all night ?

A. Patty O' furniture !!



Q. When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato ?

A. When it's a FRENCH fry !!



Q. How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time ?

A. He's DUBLIN over with laughter!



Q. What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green ?

A. A Jolly Green Giant !



Q. What do you get when 2 leprechauns have a conversation ?

A. A lot of small talk. 😊



Q. Why do people wear sham rocks on St. Patrick's Day ?

A. Because regular rocks are too heavy !!



Q. Where would you find a leprechaun baseball team ?

A. In Little League !!



Knock, knock. Who's there ? Irish. Irish who ?

IRISH you a Happy St. Patrick's Day !

