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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general meeting held on Wednesday, April 6, at the Red Front

We had a last-minute cancellation of our scheduled speaker, but program chair Kathy Dorn was able to bring in two young ladies from Hope Club, the Latham-based community support facility of the American Cancer Society. Liz Hunter and Chris Ravel explained Hope Club's many activities and programs that they offer for those touched by cancer and their families. The Club has support groups and activities for all ages. They also talked about ACS's three big fundraisers: Gala of Hope (April 30), Red, White and Blue Party (June 21) and Coaches vs Cancer Basket "Ball" (in September). Relay for Life is a 24-hour event that takes place in about 30 different locations around the capital region. Funds raised are used for research, education, prevention and support.

The proposed slate of 2016-17 officers and board of directors was unanimously approved (see page 2).

PDG Dave Harris inducted new member Elena Watson (center in the photo); her sponsor is Lion Carol Quantock.



Lion Jerry reminded everyone that those who were taking a portion of a NYS&BLF raffle ticket should get their money to Lion Paul.

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Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, April 20, at the Route 7 Diner

The idea of a college club was discussed and had a generally amenable response. However, all members felt that more information was needed about how to begin it, which college or colleges should be approached. It was proposed that a college representative could come to visit us, especially someone representing a service fraternity/sorority or campus service group. It was also suggested that all clubs in our zone could provide more "people power" to assist with this idea. ZC Carol agreed, but felt that this year is too late for colleges to start programs. (See "Campus Club" story on page 3.)

Blood drive: IPKL Carol reported that the next blood drive will be on May 23, 2016 at the East Greenbush Library from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. As usual, we will need volunteers to register donors and work at the refreshment table. (See page 5.)

Ruth Sano reported that she is posting anything she receives to our Facebook page. We had no representation for PR, fund raising, memberships, or programs.

Lion Tom reported that he has about 10,000 pairs of glasses waiting to be sorted, and had sent approximately 4,000 pairs in last November.

We reviewed the voicemail log and there was nothing in it that warranted immediate action or discussion. Lion Jerry was not in attendance, so we did not have an update on any KidSight schedule for May.

Under new business, we agreed to ask Lion Kathy Dorn to contact Valente's Restaurant for our annual Installation Dinner. Even though we liked Moscatiello's last year, we all felt that the room was poorly arranged and was difficult to navigate, and very difficult to hear anyone speaking. (Note: IPKL Carol talked to Lion Kathy over the weekend and she agreed to contact Valente's and will let us know the result at the general meeting on May 4.)



Donesite potencijalnog člana na sastanak

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 Croatian.

Our next meeting ...

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 4**, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Lion Dr. Allen Zieker. 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).

KidSight

Nurse Kathryn always appreciates our help with NABA's KidSight vision screenings. Thanks to new member Elena for stepping up last month. There are several opportunities to help in May; all are at 9:30 a.m.:

Tue 5/3	Helping Hands, 4 Fairchild Square, Clifton Park (off Usher Rd, just west of I-87 Exit 12)
Wed 5/4	Helping Hands, 4 Fairchild Square, Clifton Park (off Usher Rd, just west of I-87 Exit 12)
Mon 5/9	Tutor Time, 3 Springhurst Drive, E. Greenbush (off Rte 20, about 1/2 mile past Rte 4)
Wed 5/11	Schenectady Jewish Comm. Center, 2565 Balltown Rd, Niskayuna

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.

Campus Club

The discussion in the first paragraph in the "Board Meeting" report was the result of DG Paula asking King Lion Chris whether we wanted to sponsor a campus club. Unfortunately, no one at the board meeting was aware that the district had already initiated talks with UAlbany. On Wednesday, April 27, Lion Jerry attended a meeting with PDG Ed Stano, 20Y2's Global Membership Chair; PDG Joe Jarvis, Global Leadership Chair; Lion Fred Koch, Leo Chair; Lion Sue Jenner, member of NY Cosmopolitan LC and founder of NY Tribeca Campus LC; Dr Diane Dewar, professor at UAlbany School of Public Health; Sylvia Byun, Lauren Fitzgerald and Devin Smith, grad students at SPH. We met on the SPH campus in Rensselaer.

Lauren will be president next year of the Grad Student Organization, which already performs a variety of service projects related to public health. We (the Lions) told them what Lionism is all about, and how it would benefit them to operate as a Lions Club. They all seemed quite receptive to the idea, and Sylvia especially was very enthusiastic about the possibilities.

In order for them to become a club this year, they need at least 20 charter members and would have to get all the paperwork in to LCI by June 30. With the school year quickly winding down, this may not be possible, but there's always September. As the sponsoring club, we would have to provide an advisor (or two) who would attend their meetings and help them as required.

I invited them to attend our meetings, although there are only two before summer. They will also be added to the e-distribution list for both *Rare Meat* and *Lions Roar*, the 20Y2 newsletter.

Help Wanted ...

It's a little disappointing that no one has stepped forward to help us in our mission, but we still have these two 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.

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 ...



Lions at the NABA Gala on April 16, L-R: Chris Burke, A&T Lion, NABA's executive director; non-Lion John & DG Paula Flisnik, Holland-Patent Lion; Bob & Lisa Tougher, Bethlehem Lions; Maryanne & Jerry Gordon, A&T Lions; Ruth & non-Lion Bob Sano, A&T Lion; Chuck & Michele O'Hare, Bethlehem Lions.



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



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Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, May 23, from 1 PM - 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 or **664-3901**.

Happy Birthday!

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


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



Happy Anniversary!

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

Phil Harris - 4 years
 Joann Beach - 12 years
 Diane Hart - 22 years
 Jane Chouiniere - 28 years

May 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3 & 4 KidSight screening; see page 3	4 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 3.	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 KidSight screening; see page 3	10	11 KidSight screening; see page 3	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 6pm: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner	19	20 DG's Testimonial; see page 6	21
22	23 Blood Drive – see page 5	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

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



Please RSVP by May 14th to:

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