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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Back to school refresher course ... for drivers ...



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

Lion Carol thanked the Vergonis, Gordons and Elena for working at the blood drive at NYS C&FS yesterday. Our next drive is on 9/12 at the East Greenbush Library.

Lion Elena has posted notices of our meetings on various community-service cable TV channels.

Jerry & Tom talked about their meeting on 8/15 with Katherine Malle and her daughter, Alexandra Sipos. Alexandra is going into her junior year at Albany High School and wants to collect used glasses as a community service project. We gave her the kit that LCI has prepared for clubs that are just starting to collect them, and I have ordered 10 collection boxes for her. Katherine was also receptive to the idea of becoming a Lion.

We voted to participate again in NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair on Oct 19, and to donate \$50 to help them defray expenses.

After considerable discussion, we voted to hold board meetings after regular meetings, which will eliminate one meeting a month.

Lion Maryanne has issued one eyeglass voucher for an adult from Castleton.

There was no hearing-aid report.

Lion Jerry read a thank-you note from Lion Ursula for our contribution to Hope House in memory of her husband Don.

MEMBERSHIP

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Portar a un membre potencial per a una reunió

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 Catalan.

Our next meeting ...

Our next general membership meeting is **Wednesday, September 7**, at the Red Front Restaurant. Our speaker will be Megan Martucci, the student we sponsored as Ambassador to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.

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. It helps to give the restaurant a head count, so please let Lion Jerry know (235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com) whether you'll be there. Telling Jerry your intentions will be one less call that Lion Mike has to make.

Board meeting change ...

Starting in September, we will no longer be holding board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday. Instead, they will be on the 1st Wednesday, immediately after the regular meeting. This has two advantages: there will be one less meeting that board members have to attend, and any non-board members can stay and see how their club is run.

KidSight

Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's RN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of pre-schoolers, always appreciates our help. In September, they're all out of our service area, but if you'd like to sign up for one or more anyway, please contact Kathryn at mickeysat@gmail.com or 915-4722 for time and address details.

Wed 9/14: Kidz Lodge In Clifton Park

Fri 9/23: Bellevue- Schenectady

Thu 9/15: Galway School

Mon 9/26: Glenwood-Scotia

Mon 9/19: SCAP-Schenectady

Wed 9/28: SCAP-Schenectady

Wed 9/21: Yates- Schenectady



Blood Drives

Thanks to Lions Paul Vergoni, Elena Watson, Maryanne & Jerry Gordon and Partner-in-Service Laura Vergoni for working at the blood drive at NYS Child & Family Services on Aug 16, and to Lion Carol for making all the arrangements. 31 units of blood were collected, which is enough to potentially save 93 lives.

See page 5 for info on our next drive.

Help Wanted ...

C'mon, folks, you became a Lion to be of service. We need just a few volunteers for our 2016-17 committees, and it would be really great if some of you stepped forward. About half of you never come to meetings. We'd love it if you did, but you can do much of this committee work from home.

Fund-Raising: Lion Fran has agreed to be chair, but **she needs a few people to work with her**. It won't be your job to actually raise funds - we want the committee to find fund-raising activities that are suitable for our general membership. We're open to any reasonable suggestions.

Membership: Lion Larry has volunteered for Lion Ruth's membership committee, but **she could use one more committee member to help her** come up with ideas to increase our membership.

Lions Centennial Convention

Back in the June and July issues, we said, "As you well know, LCI is 100 years old in 2017. The International convention next year is in Chicago, Lions' home town, from June 30-July 4, 2017, and it should be a doozie. If you've never been to an international convention, or even if you have, give some serious thought to attending this one. I think it would be great if we could get a group together. (FYI: Albany to Chicago is about a 2-hour flight, a 13-hour car ride or a 16-hour overnight train ride.)"



Last month, PDG Dave reminded us about the convention and said that he is going. And now, Ruth & Bob Sano and Maryanne & Jerry Gordon also have made reservations.

Registration forms and information are available at tinyurl.com/LCI100th. Why you should sign up now:

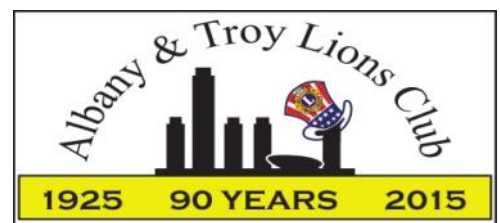
1. The \$130 registration fee goes up to \$180 on January 14, 2017, and to \$200 after March 31.
2. The sooner you register, the better your chances of getting into the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the hotel for NYS delegates.

CEO Backpack Program

Thanks to Lion Carol, her P-I-S Paul and Lion Jerry for helping CEO to assemble 170 backpacks last month.

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, at no cost to you.



Ample Warning ...

For the past several years, we have had a table at the Albany Jewish Community Center's Annual Health & Services Fair. We display Lions literature, and also have info from NABA and the Hearing Conservation Society. The event is only 4 hours long, and Lions Maryanne & Jerry have handled it alone in the past.



We'll probably participate again next year. We just found out that the event will be on Sunday, May 7, 2017, when the Gordons will be at their grandson's graduation from the University of Kentucky, so somebody better pencil this date into their calendar.

On a personal note ...

No one has given me anything for this space, so you know what that means.



Learn about centennial events at LIONS100.ORG





Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, September 12, from 1-6 PM** at the **East Greenbush Library**:

- ♦ 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**. Shifts will be 1-3:30 and 3:30-6.

Happy Birthday!

Happy **September** birthday to only one A&T Lion:

10th—Vicki Adler



Happy Anniversary!

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

Sue Shipe—3 years (+20 years with Guilderland and Saratoga Springs)
 Ruth Sano—20 years
 Kristin McVeigh—26 years

September 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7 Meeting at the Red Front, see page 2.	8	9	10
11	12 Blood drive, see page 5	13	14	15	16	17 District cabinet meeting, see page 6
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
For other events around the district, visit 20Y2Lions.org						

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**



We Serve

The First District Cabinet Meeting 20-Y2 will be held:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

COMFORT INN & SUITES

99 Miller Road, East Greenbush, NY 12033 (I-90 Exit 10)

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

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 September 12th.

If you are attending, please send this form and your check for \$20.00 to 8 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Make the checks out to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs. The fee covers: Coffee, Soda and Water throughout; Pastries, Muffins and Donuts upon arrival; Lunch: Classic Caesar, Entrée: (Buffet Style) Chicken Piccata, Grilled Marinated Beef Kabobs, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almandine, Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies and Brownies for Dessert and gratuity.

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,
2VDG Lion Michele O'Hare**

____ Attending ____ Not Attending email: _____

Name: and Club: _____