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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held on Wednesday, November 2, at the Red Front (board meetings are now held right after the general meeting)

GENERAL MEETING

Dave Mesh has been a volunteer reader with WMHT's RISE (Radio Information Services Enterprise) for many years, and he spoke to us about this valuable service. Since 1978, they have provided specially-tuned receivers at no charge to the blind and other print-disabled individuals. There are about 100 volunteers who read books, magazines and newspapers, and these are broadcast 24/7/365, along with other informational programs. They're always looking for both volunteers and donations, so feel free to help in any way you can.

Tara Burke told us about FreelyClothing.com's give-back program. She introduced Sophia Shark, the 12-year-old whose idea it was to upgrade the playground, and her mother Tonya. Tara thanked us for adopting this project and getting the NYS&BLF grant. *[If you missed the write-up in the last two issues of Rare Meat, you can get caught up here: albanytroylions.org/Playground.htm]*

PDG Dave inducted new member Keith Woodard. [L-R: Lion Keith, King Lion Chris, PDG Dave and Lion Jerry, Keith's sponsor.]

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Before the board meetings, we had our annual folding, stuffing and stamping session to get out the mailing for our seal campaign fundraiser. *[If you haven't sent a donation yet, now would be a good time.]*

BOARD MEETINGS

We are doing a blood drive on December 19 at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham. *[See page 3 for details.]*

The fund-raising committee (Lions Fran and John) recommended that we sell the SaveAround coupon book. They sell for \$25, of which we keep \$12.50, and any unsold books can be returned. Fran's been talk-



Happy Holidays
from Lions Clubs



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ing it up among her non-Lions circles and has already sold 19. It seems like a no-brainer and we voted to start by ordering 50. **[See details on page 4. Get yours from Lion John today!]**

Rather than scheduling a December board meeting, we decided to wait and see whether we really need one.

We discussed various locations for our holiday party, which will be instead of our meeting on December 7. Maryanne suggested Illium Café in downtown Troy and agreed to investigate its availability. **[Illium wasn't available. See page 5. Call Lion Kathy today!]**

Lion Maryanne gave out three eyeglass vouchers to one child and two adults. There were no hearing-aid requests.

We voted to spend up to \$250 for holiday gifts for a Vanderhyden family. Lion Joann graciously agreed to do the buying again this year.

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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 Yiddish (read it from right to left).

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting will be our holiday party on **Wednesday, December 7**. See details on page 5.

Coats for Kids

A big thank-you to the Lions who worked so diligently on this project. They have delivered **680** coats, well ahead of last year's 477. Kudos to Lions Vicki Adler, Michelle Baker, Michele Bianco, Dennis Fagan, Jerry Gordon, Tom Hart, Larry Krug, Carol Quantock, Paul Vergoni and Keith Woodard.



Instead of shopping at amazon.com, please shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3255679. You'll get the same great deals, plus a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the **Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund**.



Popcorn sales at Troy's Victorian Stroll

The Victorian Stroll in Sunday, December 4, and once again, we'll be selling popcorn inside the Atrium (where it's warm). There are still some openings on the 12:15-2:00, 2:00-3:45 and 3:45-5:30 shifts, so please sign up now with Lion Jerry (jerrygordon@juno.com or 235-8232). It's always a fun time, so come visit downtown Troy even if you're not working.

KidSight

Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's RN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of pre-schoolers, always appreciates our help. They're usually at 9 or 9:30 a.m. and last an hour or two. If you'd like to sign up for one or more, please contact Kathryn at C: 915-4722 or mickeysat@gmail.com for time and address details.

Mon 12/5- Giffen Elementary School, 274 Pearl St. Albany

Fri 12/9- Children's Place, NYS Dept of Education Building, Albany

Mon 12/12- Academy of Holy Names, New Scotland Ave, Albany

Fri 12/16- Troy Elementary School; don't know the address - confirm with Kathryn

We're up to 6!

That's how many from our club are going to LCI's 100th Annual Convention from June 30 to July 4, 2017. If you've never been to an international convention, or even if you have, give some serious thought to attending this one. So far, PDG Dave Harris, Lion Ruth Sano and PIS Bob, Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon and relatively new Lion Elena Watson have made reservations. (FYI: Albany to Chicago is about a 2-hour flight, a 13-hour car ride or a 16-hour overnight train ride.)



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.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, December 19, from 1-6 PM** at the **Holiday Inn Express in Latham**. We need volunteers:

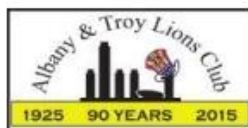
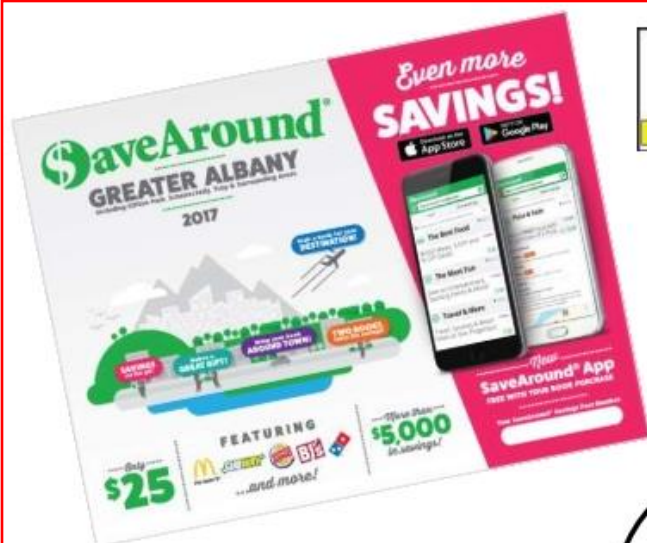
- ♦ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ♦ And to donate blood.

If you can do either or both of these, please sign up with Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or **664-3901**. Shifts will be 1-3:30 and 3:30-6.

On a personal note ...

If no one gives me anything, that's what I print.

Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**
 your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**
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Happy Birthday!

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

20th—Carol Quantock

24th—Kristin McVeigh

**Happy Anniversary!**


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

Vicki Shahinian—7 years

Elaine Hayner—9 years

Terry Page—13 years

Ursula Dessingue—22 years

December 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Popcorn sales at Vic Stroll; see page 3	5 KidSight screening; see page 3	6	7 Holiday party! See page 5	8	9 KidSight screening; see page 3	10
Support NABA by shopping at Glennpeter Jewelers this week – see page 6						
11	12 KidSight screening; see page 3	13	14	15	16 KidSight screening; see page 3	17
18	19 Blood drive; see page 3	20	21	22	23	24 Chanukah starts at sundown.
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa through Jan 1.	27	28	29	30	31 Chanukah ends at sundown.

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

All Lions, potential Lions and their guests are invited to our Holiday Party!

**Wednesday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m.
at Van Schaick Island Country Club**



It's easy to get to: Go North on I-787 and turn right at the Bridge Ave exit. Follow Bridge Ave to its end, turn right and then left. Or, take 112th St from Lansingburgh into Cohoes and turn left onto Park Ave. At the end of Park, turn left.

You can order from their tavern/pub menu, or choose one of the dinner specials. They'll give us separate checks.

After dinner, we're welcome to join in their weekly Trivia Night and compete for the prize. Lion Tom has been prepping us for years – we should do quite well!

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Dorn (783-0157) by Monday, Dec. 5

In lieu of a grab bag, please bring non-perishable food items for donation to Joseph's House

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