



Rare Meat

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The newsletter of the
Albany & Troy Lions Club

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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

**Report of the meetings held on
Wednesday, February 1, at the
Red Front (board meetings are
now held right after the gen-
eral meeting)**

GENERAL MEETING

A very enthusiastic DG James Griffith visited our club and discussed his "Balanced Scorecard Mission statement" which included Membership Satisfaction (mentor new members & reward older members), Community Satisfaction (reach out to local churches, etc, to see where we could help out), Service Activities (be proactive helping out with community needs) and Membership (Make the community aware of the Lions club and how they can become involved).



The DG also Discussed the Centennial Service Challenge with the goal of serving 100 million people by June 30, 2018. DG James presented King Lion Chris with a Centennial Service Challenge patch for our banner for meeting goals for the club.

DG also praised our club for our involvement with the Playground Project in Watervliet and advised that we have been approved for the matching grant from the District for this project.

The DG had chevrons to present to several members:

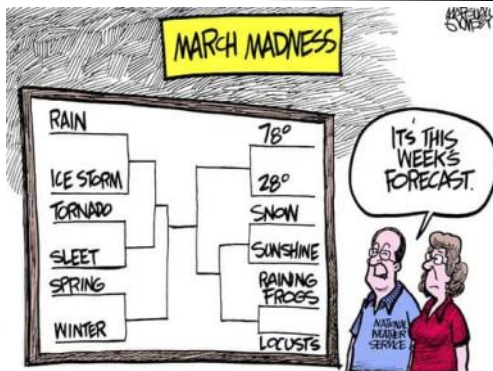
10 Years - Chris Burke and Dennis Fagan

25 Years - Jerry Gordon and Sue Shipe-Hart

DG James also inducted our newest member, JJ Stone. Vicki Adler was JJ's sponsor.

King Lion Chris received a letter from MD20 regarding their yearly raffle. We have six tickets @\$100 each which will be available at our next meeting. If the club sells 3 tickets, we will be eligible to receive an RJ Uplinger Award. Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

Lion John Bianco reported that the woman he was working with at SaveAround gave us six extra books at no charge to sell at a full profit of \$25.00. Lion Paul purchased one, so we have 5 more for sale.



MEMBERSHIP

VICKI ADLER

MICHELLE BAKER

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TERRY PAGE

CAROL QUANTOCK

RUTH SANO

VICKIE SHAHINIAN

SUE SHIPE

JJ STONE

PAUL VERGONI

ELENA WATSON

KEITH WOODARD

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



BOARD MEETINGS (CLUB & CHARITABLE FOUNDATION)

Facebook - Ruth reports that she adds items she sees appropriate. DG did mention he was happy we had a Facebook page.

PR - Elena will resume getting the word out about the club.

Fundraising - as listed above \$400 from SaveAround + 6 extra books to sell at \$25 profit each

Membership - New member JJ Stone inducted

March Speaker - Chris still working on speaker - looking for suggestions

Hearing Aids & Glasses - Lion Tom said he probably has 7,000 - 8,000 pair of glasses to ship

Voice Mail - Dave sent Ruth 2 eyeglass requests which she is working on.

Eye Glasses - Ruth working on 2 requests; Larry ordered 10 new vouchers

Playground - Ruth requested \$1000 from both WGY and Stewarts in addition to our regular request specifically for the playground project.

Old Business - Paul sent out \$180 check for the JCC Health Fair in May.

A big thank-you to Lion Ruth for taking these minutes in Lion Jerry's absence, and for the photos.

**Ta en potentiell medlem till ett möte**

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 Swedish.

Our next meeting ...

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 1**, at the Red Front.

Our speaker, attorney and volunteer fire fighter Marlene Tuczinski, will be talking about adult fire safety.

We call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., but please try to be there by 5:45 so you can place your dinner order and have a few minutes to socialize. The restaurant likes a head count, so please let **Lion Mike O'Brien** know (**272-0905** or **m.obrien@samobile.net**) whether you'll be there. Telling Mike your intentions will be one less phone call that he has to make.

If you're a board member, remember that we now hold the board meetings immediately after the general meeting, so be prepared to stay for another hour, more or less.



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



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**.

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 kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org and mickeysat@gmail.com for time and address details.

In March, only one screening is in our bailiwick, but feel free to help with any that are convenient for you:

Mon, 3/6	Bethlehem School, Delmar
Tue, 3/14	Maple Leaf, Malta
Wed, 3/15	Arbor Hill, Albany
Fri, 3/17	Maple Leaf-Rt. 9, Malta
Wed, 3/29	Crossroads, Schenectady

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 \$200 after **March 31** (you missed the January 14 deadline for \$180).
2. The sooner you register, the better your chances of getting into the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the hotel for NYS delegates.

On a personal note ...

Our condolences to Immediate Past King Lion Carol on the loss of her aunt, Rita Czech.

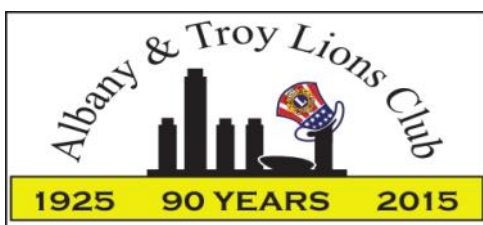
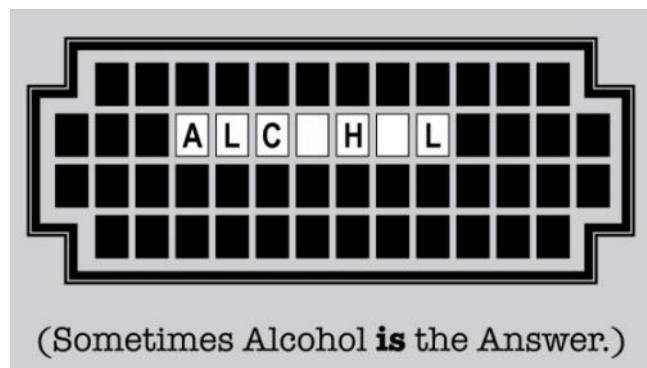
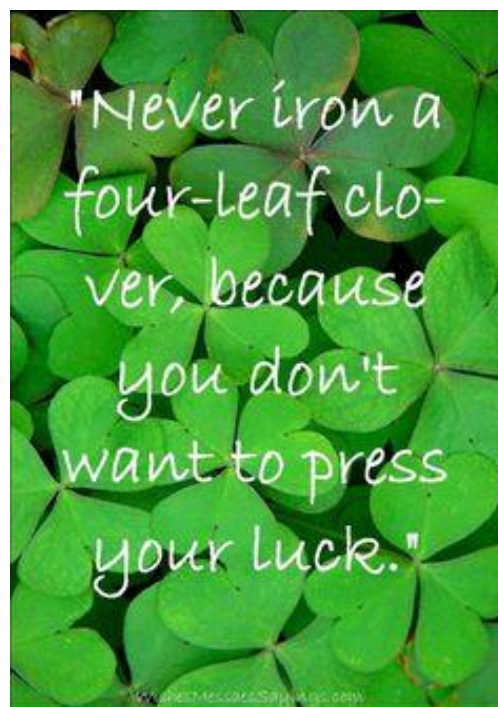
Lions Maryanne & Jerry visited the Delray Beach (FL) Lions Club recently. They're an even older club than us, but they fell into hard times a while ago, and now they're in the process of reconstituting themselves. Six of their ten members were at the meeting. They're small, but enthusiastically working on a variety of service projects. They're active at both the zone and district level, and three of their members will be in Chicago for the 100th International convention. Lion Jerry was able to help them with their new web site.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Tuesday, March 14, from 1-6 PM** at the **East Greenbush YMCA** (just past the EG 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**. Shifts will be 1-3:30 and 3:30-6.




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**

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Gift of Sight!**

**Support blind children
By purchasing a**

**"Through Their Eyes"
2017 Calendar**



\$8.00 (no tax due)

**Please make checks payable to
Lions Eye Bank at Albany
6 Executive Park Drive
Albany, NY 12203**

**For more information
(518) 489-7606
Jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org**

We still have **4 Save-Around books** for sale, and we get the full \$25 proceeds on each one! Visit tinyurl.savearound to see exactly where you can save many hundreds of dollars, and then contact Lion John Bianco at jjbianco53@gmail.com or (518) 260-3047, or Lion Fran at 272-2789, to get yours today!



Happy Birthday!

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

6th - Elena Watson
13th - Tom Hart
16th - Ruth Sano
19th - Joann Beach



Happy Anniversary!

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

Elena Watson – 1 year
Chris Burke – 10 years
Dave Levine – 38 years

March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Blood drive; see page 3	15 KidSight screening; see page 3	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 District cab meeting; see page 6.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Deadline to save on convention;	

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



We Serve



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

HOLIDAY INN LAKE GEORGE

223 Canada Street

Lake George, NY, 12845

9:30 AM Registration - Meeting - Lunch - Dismissal

Coffee/Tea/Juice/Muffins – Deli Buffet/Salads and Cookies

\$24.00 per person

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

Please RSVP by March 10th. If you are attending, please send this form and your check for \$24.00 to 8 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Make the checks out to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-463-1211 x 241 or email me at mohare@naba-vision.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Michele O'Hare
2VDG/Cabinet Secretary

____ Attending ____ Not Attending email: _____

Name/s: and Club: _____

The cost is \$ 24.00 per person. Please mail to: Lion Michele O'Hare, 8 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. RSVP by March 10th
