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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

**Report of the meetings held
on Wed, September 6, at the
Red Front (board meetings
are now held right after the
general meeting).**

GENERAL MEETING

Our speakers were Lion Bill

Suchy, Board Chair, and Lion Phil Klein, President of the Lions Eye Institute/Lions Foundation at Albany. LEI/LFA was started in 1996 at Albany Medical Center, and is one of only 8 such facilities in the country. They treat over 5000 children and 30,000 adults annually. The Foundation does the fund raising, primarily through the sale of chocolate Easter bunnies and the Knights of the Blind program. The Institute provides education and training to future ophthalmologists, research into causes of and cures for eye diseases, and diagnosis and treatment of ophthalmological problems. For our contributions through the years, we were presented with a Gold-level (the highest) KoB patch for our club banner.

Lion Ruth introduced potential member Ralph Douyon. He came to Albany from NYC to go to SUNYA and a mentor suggested he become a Lion.

BOARD MEETINGS (CLUB & CHARITABLE FOUNDATION)

Committee reports:

Blood drives –Our next drive is Oct 31 at Pat's Barn in Rensselaer Technology Park

PR – Lion Elena will be listing our meetings in Capital Region Penny-savers.

Fund-raising – Lions Fran and John report that the 2018 SaveAround books are in and can be used immediately. Our goal this year is to double last year's sale of 50 books.

Programs –We're still trying to get our HOBY student to speak on October 4.

Used glasses & hearing aids – Tom has 4000 glasses ready to be shipped

KidSight – Jerry: Only a dozen calls with 5 from out of our area.

When we checked on the CEO Backpack program, they had enough volunteers.

Several more people signed up to get club shirts. Lion Jerry will check with a few who were absent, then place an order.



MEMBERSHIP

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SUE SHIPE

JJ STONE

PAUL VERGONI

ELENA WATSON

KEITH WOODARD

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER

Sale of Boscov's shopping passes is going slowly. [see bottom of this page]

Coming events: cabinet meeting and Dinner in the Dark, both on 9/16

Lion Maryanne reports that Capital City Rescue Mission Medical Center seems to have discovered us. We've had two applicants for glasses already. Several years ago, we had a project with the Mission to provide reading glasses. It was done in conjunction with Dr. Gandham from LEI, and there were a lot of glasses left over. Maybe we should try to do it again?

We finally have all the funds for the playground upgrade in our treasury, and the playset has been ordered!



Portare un membro potenziale ad una riunione.

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. I'm sure you recognized this is as Italian.

Our next meeting...

... is **Wednesday, Oct, 4**, at the Red Front. We're hoping to have our HOBY student as a speaker, but as of this writing, it hasn't been confirmed.

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 **me** know (**235-8232** or **jerrygordon@juno.com**) whether you'll be there. Telling me your intentions will be one less follow-up phone call that Lion Mike has to make.

KidSight

Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's LPN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of pre-schoolers, always appreciates our help. They start at 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 kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org and mickeyskat@gmail.com or call her at C: 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

Her October schedule includes only one in our bailiwick: Monday, October 23, Maplewood Cohoes

Friends Helping Friends



We're participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program by selling Shopping Passes. These passes are good for **25% OFF** almost everything Boscov's sells. They can be used at all 48 Boscov's stores, but **only on Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017**. The passes are **\$5 each** and our club gets to keep the whole \$5. There will be many other charitable organizations taking advantage of this program, so start selling them now to your friends and family and get a leg up on the competition. Passes are available from Lion Jerry, and all the proceeds go to Lion Paul. **This date is fast approaching; go sell some to your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors NOW!**

Shirt happens

We ordered club shirts in 2010 and in 2013. Many of us wear them to club meetings, but the real purpose is to present a unified appearance whenever we're out in public (in a parade, at a blood drive or health fair booth) or at broader Lions functions (club visitations, district cabinet meetings, state or international conventions).

If you have one (or more), it's probably getting worn-looking. And if you didn't get one then, or you've joined since then, maybe you'd like one. To encourage you to buy 1 (or 2) so we can meet the 12-piece minimum, we're offering light blue as well as navy.

As before, there are two styles: a short-sleeved golf (polo) shirt (about \$20), and a long-sleeved sport shirt with full-button front (about \$27). Prices include the embroidered logo. Or, you can have the logo embroidered on your own piece of clothing (shirt, jacket, sweatshirt, sweater) for about \$7. Exact pricing will be established at the time of order; it will depend on quantities, styles and sizes (2XL and up cost a bit more). Both shirts are available in both men's and women's versions. (Maryanne tells me the women's polo is fitted and you may want to order one size larger.)

Last call: please let Lion Jerry know asap how many you want, color (navy or light blue), style (sport shirt or golf shirt), whether men's or women's, and size (518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com).



At RiverFest, Lion Ruth wore the sport shirt as an overshirt and Lion Maryanne was in the golf shirt.

LCI and Anthem

Lions-Anthem Volunteer Days is a joint effort of LCI and the employees of Anthem—the Blue Cross/Blue Shield network. This year, it's on **Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We're working with the Regional Food Bank at two locations: their Warehouse at 965 Albany-Shaker Rd in Latham, and the Patroon Land Farm in Voorheesville.

At the warehouse, you will be sorting in the salvage room and preparing packages on the loading dock.

At the Land Farm, you will be outside gathering fresh seasonal produce.

This is a great opportunity to work with the community and inspire others to become a Lion.

If you're willing to be a team captain at either location or have questions about what's involved in captainship, please contact PDG James Griffith (315-269-5370 or jamesg@prestigehg.com) as soon as you can.

If you're willing to work at either location, please let me know (518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com).



On a personal note ...

I've been very busy this month with a project for our homeowners' association, so I'm afraid this issue got a bit short-changed. I haven't had a chance to dig up personal stuff, and that's why it's only 4 pages. But just before I was going to post it and print it for those without email, I heard from IPDG James Griffith about the Anthem project (see page 3). So with a quick addition and some juggling, we're back to 6 pages. And I've got to fill an otherwise blank page 6



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Tuesday, October 31, from 10 AM—2 PM** at the **Pat's Barn In Rensselaer Technology Park**. 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 10am-12pm and 12-2pm.

Happy Birthday!

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

6th: Dennis Fagan
24th: Fran McDoal
28th: John Bianco

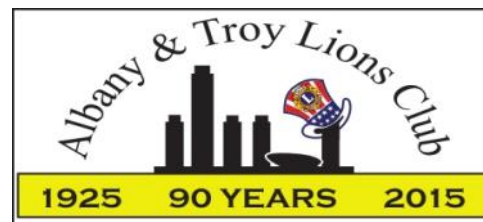


Happy Anniversary!

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

JJ Stone—1 year
Keith Woodard—1 year
Jerry Gordon—26 years
Larry Krug—38 years
Paul Vergoni—38 years

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October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION 100 YEARS	2	3	4 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 NABA's Low- Vision Tech Fair; see page 5	17 Shopping day at Boscov's; see page 2	18	19	20	21
22	23 KidSight screening; see page 2	24	25	26	27	28 LCI/Anthem project, see page 3
29	30	31 Blood drive, see page 4 Halloween				

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

You are invited!

NABA's Low Vision Technology Fairs 2017

October 16, 2017 • 9am - 4pm

St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany NY

October 17, 2017 • 9am - 4pm

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Dr. Thomas Federici



Dr. Nicole Lemanski



Dr. Salman Yousuf

Saratoga Guest Speakers



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"Nature abhors a vacuum," it is said, and YrEd abhors a blank page, so here's some filler, and maybe a chuckle or two...



"Still nothing. Try the spellcheck."



"It wasn't any good for spells but it makes a great jacuzzi!"



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