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**Report of the meetings held on Wednesday, November 1, at the Red Front (board meetings are held right after the general meeting).**

## GENERAL MEETING

Our speaker was Lion Katrina Plummer, district Leo Clubs chair, ably assisted by her mother, Lion Verna Plummer, president of the Gloversville Lions Club. She explained that the first Leo Club was formed in Abington (PA) High School 60 years ago, and it was 50 years ago that LCI adopted the Leo Club program. There are now over 6500 clubs in 140 countries. Leo Clubs can be school-based or community-based and require the sponsorship of a Lions Club that provides guidance and counseling.



L-R: King Lions Carol and Verna, Lions Katrina and Erene.

Alpha Leo Clubs are designed for youngsters between 12 and 18 years old; they focus on individual and social development. Omega Leos are young adults between 18 and 30; these clubs focus on personal and professional development.

Lion Erene Doan, our visitor from the Central Barbados Lions Club, told us about her club's very positive experiences with the Leos they sponsor.

New shirts were distributed to those who had ordered them. Lion Ruth is collecting for them.

After the general meeting was adjourned, we started our annual folding, stuffing and stamping party for the seal campaign.

## BOARD MEETINGS (CLUB & CHARITABLE FOUNDATION)

### Committee reports:

Blood drives –Our next drive is Dec 29 at St Ambrose Church in Latham [see page 3].

PR – Lion Elena has listed our meetings in Capital Region Pennysavers. [The listing has already produced two potential members who will be joining us on Dec 6.]

Fund-raising – Lions Fran and John report that we have sold \$525 worth of SaveAround books so far [see page 5]. Also, we made \$300 on Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" shopping passes.

## MEMBERSHIP

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Programs –December will be our holiday party [see below] and the DG's visit is in January.

Used glasses & hearing aids – Tom has shipped 5000 glasses

Voicemail – Jerry: Of the 15 calls we got in October, only 3 were from outside of our area.

Coming events: Diabetes education morning of 11/18 and speakers in lieu of cabinet meeting afternoon of 11/18; Victorian Stroll 12/3.

Lion Maryanne gave out eyeglass vouchers for 3 adults in Albany county and for 1 adult in Rensselaer county.

No hearing report from Lion Doug.

Tara Burke reports that the playset and the rubber mulch for the playground upgrade have been shipped [see page 3].

In an email vote on Nov 8, we decided to allocate \$250 for Lion Joann to again purchase holiday gifts for residents of Vanderheyden Hall. In an email vote on Nov 28, we decided to send contributions to both Capital Roots and the Lions Foundation at Albany in memory of Lion Terry Page.



## Bir toplantıya potensial bir üzv gətirin

*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 **Azerbaijani**, a language similar to Turkish and spoken by 26 million people in Azerbaijan and the Caucasus region of Asia Minor.*

### Our next meeting...

... is **Wednesday, December 6**. It's our annual holiday party at Van Schaick Country Club in Cohoes, beginning at 5:30 PM. Since it's more of a social event than a business meeting, spouses and significant others are more than welcome, along with any friends and potential members.



The YWCA of the Greater Capital Region is looking for community support for its Adopt-A-Family holiday program, so you are encouraged to bring personal-care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner, hats scarves, bras, underwear and diapers. Also needed are twin blankets, sheet sets, pillows and washcloths. Monetary donations are also welcome and will go to the purchase of gifts and food for single women with children not adopted by a family or organization. We will deliver all donations to the YWCA in Troy. See [ywca-gcr.org](http://ywca-gcr.org) or call 518-274-7100 for more information.

### 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](mailto:kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org) and [mickeyskat@gmail.com](mailto:mickeyskat@gmail.com) or call her at C: 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

If we get a December schedule, I'll let you know.



Thanks to the efforts of Lions Carol, Dennis, Jerry, Larry, Michelle, Paul and Tom, we have picked up 615 coats at various dry-cleaners and delivered them to distribution points in Albany, Troy and Melrose, from which they will go to needy children.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Friday, December 29, from 1-6 PM** at St Ambrose Church, 347 Old Loudon Rd, 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](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or **664-3901**. Shifts will be 10am-noon and noon-2pm.

### ***The Playground Upgrade Project***

Remember the project we started last year to update the playground at Brotherhood Park in Watervliet? The one initiated by Tara Burke of FreelyClothing.com? Things have been going slower than we originally hoped, but we and Tara finally raised the required \$9000, with help from a grant from the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation, a grant from Stewart's, and a number of generous donors, especially PDG Dave Harris. The playset and the rubber mulch are now in storage with the Watervliet Parks Department, who has checked the playset and confirmed that all the pieces are there. Once we have final approval on the wording for the plaque, the Parks Dept will order the bronze plaque (and pay for it!). It will probably be mounted on canal stones, remnants of the old Erie Canal, and look similar to this one that's in another Watervliet park.



The only thing holding up installation is the weather. The requisite ground prep needs more warmth than we're currently experiencing, so we're anticipating installation on the weekend of 3/31-4/1/18. It could be sooner if winter leaves earlier; we'll have to see what the groundhog says. Stay tuned ...

### ***The Seal Campaign***

As of this writing, our seal campaign has raised \$470. We received over \$1100 in each of the last three years, so we've got a ways to go. It's not too late to send your check to A&TLC Charitable Fund, PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181-0192.

### ***Holiday shopping on line? Read this:***



Instead of shopping at **amazon.com**, please shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3255679](https://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**.

**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: 8 years

Ursula Dessingue: 23 years

| December 2017   |   |  |                                    |          |                                  |          |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                          | Thursday | Friday                           | Saturday |
|  |   |  |                                    |          | 1                                | 2        |
| 3<br>Victorian Stroll -<br>popcorn sales<br>in the Atrium                         | 4   | 5  | 6<br>Holiday Party;<br>see page 2. | 7        | 8                                | 9        |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br>Chanukah<br>sundown today<br>thru sundown<br>12/20 | 13                                 | 14       | 15                               | 16       |
| 17  | 18  | 19   | 20                                 | 21       | 22                               | 23       |
| 24  | 25<br>Christmas   | 26<br>Kwanzaa today<br>thru Jan 1                        | 27                                 | 28       | 29<br>Blood drive; see<br>page 3 | 30       |
| 31<br>New Year's Eve  | <i>For other events around the district, visit <a href="http://20Y2Lions.org">20Y2Lions.org</a></i> |  |                                    |          |                                  |          |

Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,  
your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,  
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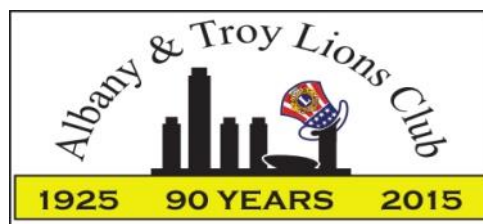
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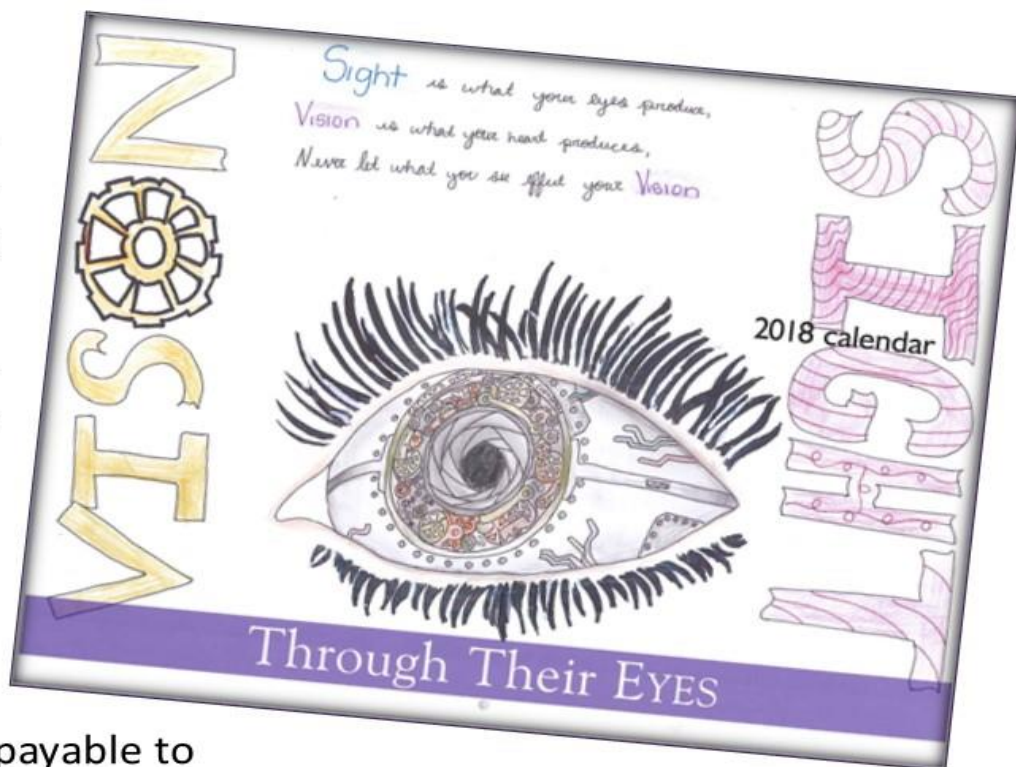
You can actually flip through the book at [tinyurl.com/savearound](http://tinyurl.com/savearound) to see all the savings.



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*A calendar of art-work created by children expressing their appreciation for the Gift of Sight!*

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"Lose some weight, quit smoking, move around more and eat the carrot."



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Dear Santa,  
Please send me a baby brother.



Santa wrote back:  
'Send me your mother...'