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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



The February 7 meetings were canceled due to weather, so there is no report.

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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. I'm sure you recognize this as **Finnish**, spoken by about 5 million people mainly in Finland and Sweden, and also in Norway, Estonia, Canada and Russia.*

Changes coming

It seems like forever that we've been providing free eyeglasses to those of all ages who couldn't afford them. We've been doing this through the largesse of LensCrafters, who sold us vouchers for \$50, with which the patient could get glasses worth about \$100. LensCrafters is part of Luxottica, the giant Italian company that also owns such brands as Sunglasses Huts, Bausch & Lomb, Ray-Ban and Pearle Vision. We found out just this month that Luxottica has canceled this worthwhile program. We are busily looking for a Plan B.

This news comes on top of last month's news that LCIF has canceled its Affordable Hearing Aid Program, under which we have provided reasonably-priced hearing aids to quite a few needy seniors. Lions International and the 20Y2 Hearing Conservation Society are working on a replacement program.

Stay tuned ...

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Our next meeting...

... is **Wednesday, March 7**, at the Red Front. It will be a repeat of what we would have had in March, if the weather had cooperated: Our guest speaker will be **Lion John Sutton**, district diabetes awareness chair, who will certainly have interesting things to tell us. (But we don't expect the Town of Greenfield Lions visitation.)

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 tell **Mike O'Brien** (518-272-0905 or m.obrien@samobile.net) whether you'll be there. Telling him your intentions will be one less follow-up phone call that he will have to make.



Kathryn Miklowitz, NABA's LPN who conducts their KidSight vision screenings of pre-schoolers, always appreciates our help. They usually start around 9:30 a.m. and last an hour or two. **Her March schedule: Thu 3/1: Sheridan in Albany; Wed 3/14: TOAST in Albany; Wed 3/28: Little Ones in Schenectady.** 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 on her cell at 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

On a personal note ...

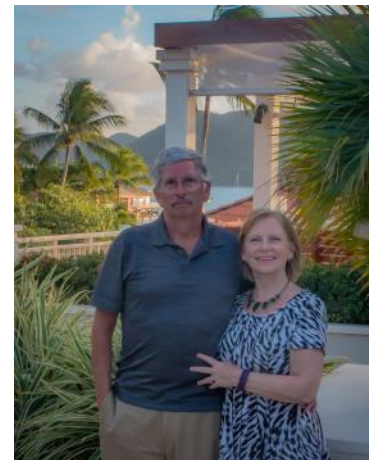
In the absence of a lot of club news, this seems like a good time to report on some Lions' February travels.

Lion Ruth Sano reports: "I like taking pictures - not being in them! I do have one of Bob and me in St. Lucia. Spent 9 days there in February enjoying the sun, beach, hiking and sailing.

Got back to Albany in time to have 70-degree weather one day and snow the next.

Heading to Florida on Tuesday for a few weeks. Meeting up with some of the grandkids for a week at Disney World and traveling around the other 7 days.

Hope you are having a good time too!"



From Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon: Our trip started with a one-week Jazz Cruise on Jan 24 that stopped in New Orleans and Cozumel. Maryanne and I were enjoying our subsequent time in Florida, right up until Jerry's incident.

On Feb 21, I stood on a low bench to take a picture at Deerfield Beach, and getting off the bench, I stumbled and fell. I abraded my right knee, wrist and elbow and banged my head. After getting up, I felt extremely dizzy and passed out. Fortunately, by the time I fainted, a lifeguard was there to catch me and lower me to the ground. (Maryanne thought I was dead.) He immediately called 911. The EMT station is right across the street, and 10 minutes later, I was wheeled into the ER at Broward Health North.



I was scanned from head to toe and thoroughly prodded and poked. They decided that the major problem related to my long-running a-fib, compounded by high ventricular rates and elevated blood pressure. Six days later (Feb 26), they increased my dosage of BP meds by a factor of 4 and finally let me out.

Right now I am being treated for the trauma and rapid heart rate. Will see the doctor on Friday for evaluation and decision on what steps to take next. Much to Maryanne's dismay, she has had to become "one of the little old ladies" driving in Florida.

Your Lions Club needs you...

Throughout March, our nominating committee will be looking for candidates to be officers and members of the board of directors for the coming year. We currently have 33 members, which ought to be enough, but we have at least 10 members that we haven't seen for at least a year. Many of the rest of you we see only occasionally. If you've ever thought about becoming more active in the operation of our club, now would be an excellent time to step forward. Our continuing gratitude goes to those who have been serving for many years.

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



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: 2 years
Chris Burke: 11 years
Dave Levine: 39 years

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 KidSight screening; see page 2	2	3
4	5	6	7 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	8	9	10 District cabinet meeting; see page 5
	12	13	14 KidSight screening; see page 2	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 KidSight screening; see page 2	29	30 Good Friday. Passover starts at sundown.	31

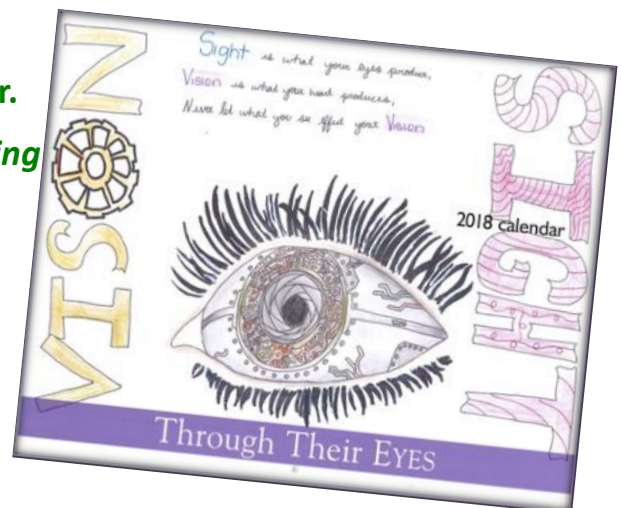
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For more information: (518) 489-7606 or jbeach@lionseyebankalbany.org



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

SATURDAY, March 10, 2018

Fort William Henry

48 Canada Street

Lake George, NY 12845

9:00 AM Registration - Meeting - Lunch - Dismissal

Meeting Start Time 9:30

Lunch will be \$25.00 per person; it will be their NY Deli Buffet

Coffee will be available in the morning

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

If you are attending, please send the bottom part of this form and your check for \$25.00 to 2816 Baptist Hill Rd. Middle Grove, NY 12850. Please make the checks payable to: District 20-Y2 Lions Clubs. Please return this no later than Friday, March 2nd

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-882-6818 or email me at rware@nycap.rr.com

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rita Ware

Cabinet Secretary

____ Attending ____ Not Attending email: _____

Name/s: and Club: _____

The cost is \$ 25.00 per person; please mail your check to Lion Rita Ware 2816 Baptist Hill Rd. Middle Grove NY 12850

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your district web site: **20Y2LIONS.ORG**,
and International's web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



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- Balcony Stateroom: \$2,425 • Jr. Suite: \$3,525 •
- Grand Suite: \$5,275 • Sky Loft: \$9,125 •

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Deposit: \$500/Stateroom; \$1,000/Suite

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 PCC Angelo Purcigliotti at: 845-216-0379; ajp5@comcast.net**



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