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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

This year, I'm combining
Easter and April Fools
Day. The kids are out
looking for eggs I
didn't hide.



The March 7 meetings were moved to March 14 because of the weather. Here's the report:

The general meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by KL Carol Quantock. She introduced Lion John Sutton from the Galway Lions Club, who spoke to us about the work he and the Galway Club have been doing, focusing on diabetes. He talked about last November's Diabetes Walk, and mentioned Rosie's Walk, a walk for diabetes event that will be held this summer. He asked that we support the Walk by participating, donating, or attending (or all the above) the event. His talk was warmly received and KL Carol thanked him for attending.

KL Carol mentioned that the MD20 NYS & Bermuda Lions Convention will be held this year from May 4 – 6, 2018 in Rochester, and if anyone would like to be a delegate, please let her know before the deadline of April 21.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm by KL Carol. Lion Ruth reported that she has been continuing to post items on Facebook. Lions John Bianco and Fran McDoal reported that there are no fund-raising plans in the works at this time. Lion Elena is on vacation in Florida, so there was no report on publicity, although KL Carol mentioned that she would be interviewing for Channel 13's "13 Kids Who Care," featuring Alexandra Sipos, sometime during the week of March 19, and would let people know when the segment would be aired.

KL Carol announced that the nominating committee (consisting of KL Carol and IPP Chris) would be looking for anyone to step up to the plate to fill potential open positions on the Board and/or committee chairs for the 2018-2019 Lions year. Phone calls will be made to confirm nominees and members who express interest in being on the Board. [See Election Time on page 3.]

KL Carol announced that we would be participating in the Albany JCC Health Fair on April 29 from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM and volunteers to "man the table" would always be appreciated, since

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Bring a potential member to a meeting.

Jerry and Maryanne have handled this almost singlehandedly for the past several years. *[See Health Fair on page 4.]*

Lion Elena, via e-mail, mentioned that since we participated in last year's Troy Fest in June, were we interested in participating again? Unfortunately, the payment to reserve the site is due on March 15, which didn't give the Board time enough to discuss whether it was to the Club's advantage to participate. A motion was made that we not participate this year, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Charitable Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by KL Carol. The decision of Luxottica, the parent company of LensCrafters, to terminate the eyeglass voucher program was discussed, as we are awaiting any kind of word from LCI/LCIF as to whether a replacement program would be made available. The same concern applies to the AHAP program, as we have not received communication about a replacement program. The Board felt that individual clubs should be informing applicants that these programs are on hold until further notice, even though DiNapoli Opticians offered to help. However, Board members felt that attempts to address applications for assistance without guidance from higher levels (District, National) would be potentially unfair to applicants, since selection criteria would differ from club to club. *[See Changes Coming on page 3]*

KL Carol reported that Tara from Freely Clothing e-mailed with a potential "ribbon-cutting" ceremony to be held in mid-April, since the weather has been so uncooperative. We will await further word from Tara and the City of Watervliet, but it was a matter of concern that we would be able to get DG John, Joan Scott, and many other dignitaries to attend a ceremony on short notice. *[See Playground Upgrade Project on page 4.]*

The Board tabled a decision in January regarding the Albany Med/City Mission reading glasses project, and we tabled it again due to lack of information; we've been trying to reach someone who could confirm how many pairs of reading glasses they still had on hand.

The Board voted not to donate to the RPI Global Medical Brigade's request for a monetary donation to support their overseas trip to support their mission. While their mission is admirable, the Board felt that there wasn't enough time to gather more information about the group before their scheduled trip.

The Board voted to hold two short meetings to select a Melvin Jones Award recipient and a Robert J. Uplinger Award recipient in between the General and Board meetings on April 4, 2018. KL Carol will send out a broadcast e-mail notifying all members of the short meetings. The point of holding in-person meetings instead of e-mail selection is to ensure confidentiality in the selection process, since an e-mail may be sent in error to a potential awardee.

KL Carol announced the availability of two more NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle tickets, as PDG Dave Harris kindly purchased one. KL Carol committed to purchasing a ticket if someone would split the cost of the ticket with her. IPP Chris Horan expressed a desire to split the cost of another ticket with one or more members. Of course, if three tickets are sold, we will qualify to purchase an Uplinger award. KL Carol will send out an e-mail asking for members to consider sharing the cost of a ticket with another member.

Our thanks to KL Carol for taking these minutes in Lion Jerry's absence.

Our next meeting...

... is **Wednesday, April 4**, at the Red Front. Our speakers will be Jaime Gibbs and her team from the East Greenbush Central School District, and they'll be telling us about their plans to bring a therapy dog to their school for 2018-19.

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 **Lion Jerry** (518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com) whether you'll be there. Telling him your intentions will be one less follow-up phone call that he will have to make.

Election time again

At our April meeting, we'll be voting for our board of directors for 2017-2018. Here's the slate that our nominating committee came up with:

President	Carol Quantock	Lion Tamer	Ruth Sano
1st Vice President	Ursula Dessingue	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
2nd Vice President	Fran McDoal	Director, 1st of 2 years	Chris Horan
3rd Vice President		Director, 1st of 2 years	Mike O'Brien
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Director, 2nd of 2 years	John Bianco
Treasurer (Club)	Paul Vergoni	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Elena Watson
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	Membership Chair	Maryanne Gordon
Tail Twister	Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Chris Horan

Changes coming

Last month, we announced that Luxottica had dropped their voucher program that enabled us to provide glasses for to the needy for \$50. It now looks like they've only dropped the voucher requirement; we'll now be able to provide glasses at no charge to us. We're still clarifying the details. Stay tuned ...

But we don't have any such good news on the hearing-aid front. Still investigating ...

KidSight Vision Screenings



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. **When I get her April schedule, I'll let you know.** If you'd like to sign up for one or more, please contact Kathryn at kmiklowitz@naba-vision.org and mickeysat@gmail.com or call her on her cell at 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast

Any Lions who have worked on a KidSight screening or any other NABA activity are welcome at their **Volunteer Recognition Breakfast** on **Thursday, April 26**, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Albany Airport Observation Level (3rd floor). Parking will be validated. If you'd like to attend, RSVP by April 20 to Gail Hessney at 518-463-1211 ext 201 or ghessney@naba-vision.org.



Terry Page Memorial

A memorial service for **Lion Terry Page** will be held from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, April 7**, at the Malt Room behind and below Brown's Brewing on River St in Troy. If you plan to attend and haven't yet RSVP'd, please notify Terry's son, Kimon Skarlatos, of your intentions at kimon.skarlatos@gmail.com or 518-522-4720.

Playground Upgrade Project

The latest word from Tara Burke of FreelyClothing.com and the City of Watervliet is that our playset will be installed on Saturday, April 14, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Saturday, April 21**. This is, of course, subject to cooperative weather, so keep an eye on your email inbox.

Health fair

The 2018 Health & Services Fair for Adults & Seniors will be held on **Sunday, April 29**, from 10:30 am till 2:30 pm at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd in Albany. As in the past, we will be distributing not only Lions literature, but also info from NABA and the Hearing Conservation Society.

On a personal note ...

Last month, **Lion Ruth Sano** reported: "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." Ruth didn't label this picture from Disney World, so I'm not sure which ones are the grandkids. Maybe it's the two on the ends.



In the Sanos' subsequent traveling around, they spent 3 days with **Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon**, whose report last month told of Jerry's medical adventures. By the time they got together, Jerry was well on his way to recovery, as you can see in this reflected selfie taken at the St Augustine Lighthouse.



Lion Jane Chouiniere has recently been hospitalized and is now in rehab. If you'd like to drop her a note, please write to her at 4 Johnson St, Troy, NY 12180. She's as sharp as ever, and I'm sure she'd love to hear from you.

Classic Peanuts Charles Schulz



Happy Birthday!

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

1st: Michelle Baker
1st: PDG Dave Harris
18th: Sue Shipe
19th: Larry Krug
20th: Kathy Dorn

**Happy Anniversary!**

Happy Lions Anniversary to these
April inductees:

Jeff Bennett: 5 years
Vicki Adler: 14 years
Mike Farrell: 14 years
Maryanne Gordon: 19 years
Rob Brass: 20 years
Mike O'Brien: 20 years
Allen Zieker: 20 years

April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3	4 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	5	6	7 Terry Page Memorial svce; see page 3
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29 Health fair; see page 4	30					

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

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

