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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

## Report of the meetings held on April 4 at the Red Front (board meetings are held immediately after the general meeting):

**General meeting:** Lion Jerry introduced potential Lion Stefan Fosco, Au. D., from Audiologic Solutions. He has offices in Rensselaer and one in Hudson, which just became the first loan-out center in District O.

Our speakers were Jamie Gibbs, school social worker, Carol Willis, reading specialist, and Marty Mahar, principal, from the East Greenbush Central School District. They explained their desire to get a therapy dog for Bell Top Elementary School. It will help address children's social and emotional needs by helping them cope with stress and anxiety; boost their self-esteem and self-control; teach empathy, responsibility and social skills; reduce impulsivity; and help with articulation and communication of feelings. There is a growing body of research and experience that attests to the success of such programs. The acquisition cost is \$4300 for the puppy and its training, supplies, etc., and this is what they're looking for help with from the community. The PTA has committed to covering the subsequent annual food and health-care costs.

The slate of candidates for 2018-19 as listed in the April *Rare Meat* was unanimously approved.

**Board meetings (club & charitable foundation):** Lion Ruth has posted the *Rare Meat* to Facebook.

Fund raising: no report

**Programs:** Our May speaker will be Lion John Griffin, the district Lions Quest chair. We voted to hold the installation dinner at Van Schaick CC; Lions Maryanne & Jerry will make the arrangements.

**Used glasses & hearing aids:** Lions Ruth & Tom reported several location changes for our collection boxes.

**Enough Lions** agreed to buy all or portions of three NYS&BLF raffle tickets so that we can present an Uplinger award this year.

**Lion Paul** made a motion to use the tail-twisters fund to supplement the tip we leave for our waitress. It passed unanimously.

**Lion Maryanne** has given eyeglass vouchers to 6 adults and 3 kids since Jan 1. She's been handling this program for about 15 years and she's ready for a rest, so Lion Ruth has agreed to take over this program. Lion Ruth is investigating alternatives to the canceled voucher program.



## MEMBERSHIP

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Lion Maryanne reported about a mother who had requested help getting glasses for her 13-month-old son. Because the child is so young, they weren't available from LensCrafters and she'd have to buy them elsewhere. Maryanne had told her we'd pay \$50 towards them (what it would have cost us from LensCrafters). She has now received the mother's receipt for the \$150 she spent. After some discussion, the board approved reimbursing her \$75.

We voted to donate \$500 to help EGCSO get a therapy dog, pending formal approval by the school board.

Lion Ruth reported that we have received a \$1500 grant from Stewart's. It's supposed to be used primarily to help children

We discussed the fact that our decisions about whom and how much we contribute to are very spur-of-the-moment, and that perhaps we ought to have more clearly defined guidelines for whom we will help, as well as criteria for how much we will spend. It was decided that we should consider forming a committee to make a recommendation to the board.

**Bring a potential member to a meeting.**

### **Our next meeting...**

... is **Wednesday, May 2**, at the Red Front. Our speaker will be Lion James Griffin from the Sauquoit Valley Lions Club. He is the district Lions Quest chair.

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](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com)) whether you'll be there. Telling him your intentions will be one less follow-up phone call that Lion Mike will have to make.

**PLEASE NOTE** that our June 6 meeting will be our annual installation and awards dinner. This is more of a social gathering than a business meeting, so spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend. We'll be meeting at Van Schaick Island Country Club at 6:00 PM. The food service operation is no longer run by Smith's. The restaurant is now called Max410 and it's run by the same folks who own Joe's Tavern in Cohoes, but the menu is completely different.

Speaking of meetings, Lion Maryanne says we're going to have to raise the price on two menu items: Chicken wings will now be \$13 and pizza with two toppings will be \$16.

### **Election results**

At our April meeting, we unanimously elected this proposed slate of officers and board of directors for 2018-2019:

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

## 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. **Here's her May schedule:**

Wed 5/2/18 Delaware Elementary in Albany  
Tue 5/8/18 Tutor Time in E. Greenbush  
Wed 5/9/18 Lally Day Care in Scotia  
Fri 5/11/18 Maple Leaf in Malta on Rt. 9



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 [mick-eyskat@gmail.com](mailto:mick-eyskat@gmail.com) or call her on her cell at 518-915-4722 for time and address details.

## Playground Upgrade Project

This project is finally complete! The weather was still chilly, but the installation was completed on April 14, 2018. The following week, Saturday, April 21, turned out to be a bright and sunny day for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left to right: Jerry Gordon, secretary of the Albany & Troy Lions Club; Tara Burke, owner of FreelyClothing.com; Sophia Shark, the project's inspiration; Frank McGrouty, Watervliet councilman; Tonya Trawick, Sophia's mother; and Mike Manning, mayor of Watervliet. Well-deserved kudos went to Bob Loya and his crew at the Parks & Recreation Dept. You can read all about it at [albanytroylions.org/playground.htm](http://albanytroylions.org/playground.htm). More pictures are on the next page. By the way, the plaque is mounted on stones from the Erie Canal.







Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, May 21, from 1-6 PM** at the **East Greenbush 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](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or **518-664-3901**. Shifts will be from 1:00-3:30 and 3:30-6:00 pm.



Along with nine Lions from our club, visiting dignitaries included DG John McDonald, Lion Elizabeth Stano and PDG Ed Stano, trustee for the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation that provided a matching grant for the project.



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**Happy Birthday!**


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

7th: Maryanne Gordon  
10th: Vici Harris  
26th: Allen Zieker

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Joann Beach: 14 years  
Diane Hart: 24 years  
Jane Chouiniere: 30 years

May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Meeting at the Red Front, see page 2.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 DG Testimonial, see page 6
20	21 Blood drive, see page 4	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

*For other events around the district, visit [20Y2Lions.org](http://20Y2Lions.org)*

**Dues are due JUNE 23. If you haven't already done so, send your check for \$75, payable to A&T Lions Club, to Lion Paul Vergoni, 7 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Do it TODAY, please!**

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



*The Saratoga Springs Lions Club cordially invites you to  
attend the Testimonial and Awards Reception  
Honoring 20Y2 District Governor*

***John T. McDonald***

***Saturday May 19th, 2018***

*Cash bar 12:30 PM*

*Buffet Lunch at 1PM with program to follow*

*Holiday Inn Saratoga*

*232 Broadway*

*Saratoga Springs, NY 12866*

*Attire is country club casual.*

*Cost is \$30 per person*

*Please RSVP by May 11 via email to [Dione@DioneRamsdill.com](mailto:Dione@DioneRamsdill.com)*

A check for \$30 per person payable to "District 20Y2 Lions" can be mailed to Dione Ramsdill,  
3076 Route 50 Suite 3, Saratoga Springs NY 12866.