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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held on May 2 at the Red Front (board meetings are held immediately after the general meeting):

The general meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by King Lion Carol. Our speaker was Lion John Griffin, the district Lions Quest chair. Lion John explained that Lions Quest is a social and emotional learning program with separate components for elementary, middle and high school. It is in use in over 90 countries. It provides the foundation for dealing with anger and frustration, preventing negative behaviors, and developing positive school behaviors that increase academic performance. Major areas addressed include drug, alcohol and tobacco awareness and anti-bullying.

Lion Jerry presented a Gold Centennial Award pin to King Lion Carol for increasing our membership during the past year.

Lion Jerry attended the Hearing Conservation Society meeting on April 30 and reported on the new Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP) that the HCS is now offering. Also, their name has been changed from Lions Hearing Conservation Society of District 20-Y2 to Lions Hearing Conservation Society of NYS.

Lion Tom's tail twisting evoked the typical reactions from the crowd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Board Meetings: Lion Ruth has posted the *Rare Meat* to Facebook.

Fund raising: no report

Publicity: no report

Our installation dinner will be held at Van Schaick on June 6.

Maryanne & Jerry Gordon worked the first shift, and Paul & Laura Vergoni the second shift at the Health & Services Fair on April 29 at the Albany JCC. Much of the interest was in where to donate used glasses, but it was good to keep our name out in the community. As in previous years, we had literature from NABA and HCS as well as Lions.

Client "ML" had applied to us for hearing aids back in January. It got held up first in our discussion about what percent of poverty level we should accept for aid, and then when LCIF pulled their program. Now that we have a new program, we will contact him and reactivate his app, if he still needs hearing aids. We had concluded that income up to



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200% of the federal poverty level was a reasonable cut-off. This turns out to be exactly what the HCS recommends for their new program.

Lion Ruth has processed one request for eyeglasses.

We received two separate requests to help send children to Barton and Joslin diabetes camps. We had previously helped one in 2016 and the other in 2017. We voted to donate \$200 to each.

We voted to donate \$225 to SSNENY for a tee flag at their golf tournament, \$500 to CampAbilities Saratoga, and \$100 to Lions Foundation at Albany.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

In an email vote on May 10, we voted to contribute \$200 to sponsor a student at HOBY.

In an email vote on May 18, we accepted the membership application of Stefan Fosco, Au D.

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!

Our next meeting...

... is **Wednesday, June 6**. It 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 in Cohoes 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. You'll like the food and the service. As usual, we'll order off the menu and get separate checks.

The restaurant needs 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 Lion Mike will have to make.

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 June schedule:**

Wed June 6	Unity House in Albany
Fri June 8	Unity House in Troy
Wed June 13	Unity House in Troy

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.

Bring a potential member to a meeting.



Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Monday, June 4, from 1-6 PM** at the **Holiday Inn Express in Latham**. We need volunteers:

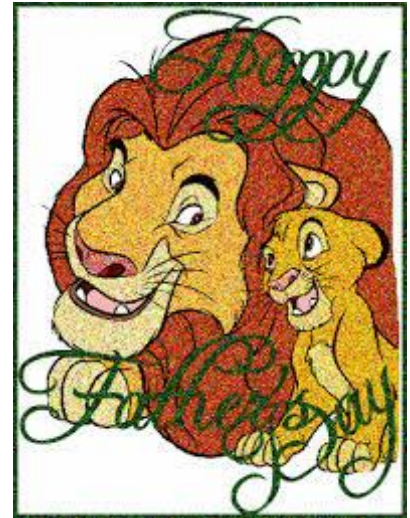
- ♦ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ♦ And to donate blood.

If you can do either or both of these, please sign up with Lion Carol at cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 518-664-3901. Shifts will be from 1:00-3:30 and 3:30-6:00 pm.

YOUR CLUB IS INVITED
to join the
SARATOGA SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Help us celebrate
Lions Pride
by participating
in the City's Annual
FLAG DAY PARADE
SAT., JUNE 9, 2018 @ Noon

For more information contact DG John McDonald
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Success is
the ability to go
from one failure to another
with no loss of enthusiasm.
Winston Churchill

Keep Trying!



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