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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held at the Red Front on April 3:

**General meeting:** Our speaker, DG Michele O'Hare, stated that the Albany & Troy Club is considered a club of excellence and may want to look into becoming a model club. She gave an uplifting talk and asked for at least one person from each club to submit her Strategic Plan survey, which is available on line and is due at the end of April. If you can't attend cabinet meetings, please follow their live-streaming on Facebook. Read the district newsletter for new ideas. They are trying to improve orientation programs. She announced that her testimonial will be held on May 11th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga

Potential Lion Shawn Newton spoke to us about providing tandem bike rides for the blind. Discussion followed about the Saratoga Springs LC's willingness to help with this project.

Next order of business was to vote for next year's slate of officers. Tom Hart moved to accept the slate as presented. Seconded by Maryanne Gordon. Slate approved. [See next page]

**Board meetings:** No Facebook or PR report.

**Membership:** We have 4 potential members that we're pursuing.

**Fund raising:** 30 SaveAround books sold for \$375 net profit. We will again sell Boscov's Friends Helping Friends discount coupons.

Tom has turned in 13,000 glasses so far this year.

Greg Sheldon will be guest speaker in May. He is interested in chairing a club project involving sending books to San Salvador, which we discussed several months ago. DG Michele suggested making it a zone project.

We need to decide how much we want to be involved with the tandem bicycle project in conjunction with the Saratoga Lions Club. Insurance would be obtained thru LCI. Motion to participate by Jeff Bennett, seconded by Chris Horan and passed.

Because of a complete lack of interest and the time that has elapsed, we decided not to pursue the youth exchange opportunity that was presented several months ago.

Our club will again participate in the Albany JCC Health Fair. NABA and Hearing Society will share the cost.

We voted to donate towards DG Michele O'Hare's gift from the district.



## MEMBERSHIP

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RUTH SANO

GREG SHELDON

SUE SHIPE

PAUL VERGONI

ELENA WATSON

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER

Bring a potential member to a meeting.



Eyeglass report: Lion Ruth is sending most applicants to America's Best, where they can get two pairs of glasses for \$69.

We discussed contributing towards a hearing loop for Colonie Library, which is undergoing major renovations. Should this be a zone project? Maybe we should apply to NYS/Bermuda foundation for a grant? Several Lions were surprised that the library couldn't pay for this themselves. Jerry will try to get more information.

Ruth announced that we received \$1750 grant from Stewarts. She wondered if we should look into sponsoring something for Camp Abilities and will contact someone in the Saratoga Club.

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

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

... is **Wednesday, May 1, at the Red Front**. Our speaker will be Lion Greg Sheldon, who recently transferred into our club from Tosagua LC in Ecuador. He'll be talking about the community gardens in Albany.

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 let me know (518-235-8232 or [jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com)) whether you'll be there. Telling me your intentions will be one less follow-up phone call that Lion Mike will have to bother you with.

### ***Spaghetti Supper***

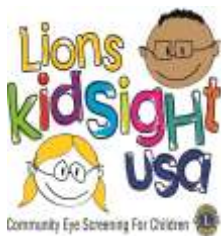
**LANSINGBURGH** April 8 was the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club's annual spaghetti supper. As we've mentioned previously, Lansingburgh Rotary has been helping them for many years but they're in the process of folding, which left LB&GC in dire straights. We stepped up to step in and Lions Ruth, Larry, Diane, Maryanne and Jerry showed up to help out by making salad, scooping ice cream, serving bread and soda and doing whatever else we could. We all enjoyed ourselves and several folks from LB&GC told us how much they appreciated our presence and assistance. Look for a call to help with their chicken barbeque in August. Elijah, behind Ruth, Diane and Maryanne, was another volunteer doing some community service.



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## 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. **Her May schedule:** (Two are in our area; two are a bit further.)

Tue 5/21 Kidsight at Kidz Korner in Guilderland  
 Wed 5/22 Kidsight at Arbor Hill Elementary  
 Wed 5/29 Tutortime in N.Greenbush  
 Fri 5/31 Childtime in Delmar

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

## On a personal note ...

A number of Lions attended the NABA Gala on April 12. Lions Chris and PiS Courtney Burke, Ruth and PiS Bob Sano, Dr. Rob and PiS Ruth Brass and Marianne and Jerry Gordon represented Albany & Troy. Others present were DG Michele O'Hare (Bethlehem), VDG Ed and PiS Linda Pike (Galway), 2VDG Rick and Region Chair Florence Brisee (Waterford) and PDG Ed and Lion Elizabeth Stano (Town of Greenfield). Unfortunately, we never got a group picture but we did get a shot of the ever-dancing Sanos.



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

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Kindness matters			1 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2.	2	3	4
	6	7	8	9	10	11 DG Michele's testimonial; see page 4
	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 KidSight screening; see page 3	22 KidSight screening; see page 3	23	24	25
26	 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 KidSight screening; see page 3	30	31 KidSight screening; see page 3	

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



**Happy Birthday!**

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

7: Maryanne Gordon

10: Vici Harris

26: Allen Zieker

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Stefan Fosco: 1 year

Joann Beach: 15 years

Diane Hart: 25 years

Jane Chouiniere: 31 years



**PLEASE JOIN**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR MICHELE O'HARE**

**FOR**

**DISTRICT 20 - W LIONS CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 – NOON TO 3:00 P.M.**

**HOLIDAY INN SARATOGA SPRINGS**

**232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

**Business Casual**

**\$25 per person**

**Luncheon and Cash Bar**

**DISTRICT 20-W Lions Celebration**

**RSVP by May 3, 2019**

**Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please make your check payable to District 20-W and**

**Send to CS Rita Ware, 2816 Baptist Hill Road, Middle Grove, N.Y. 12850)**