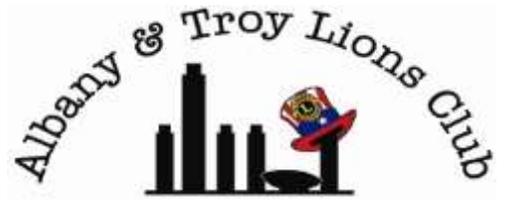




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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!



Report of the meetings held at the Red Front on May 1:

General meeting: In President Carol's absence, secretary Jerry conducted the meeting.

Greg Sheldon, our newly transferred Lion, was supposed to be our speaker, but he was called out of the country for a last-minute emergency. Instead, his fiancée Jodi spoke about the work they do with

small farmers in Ecuador who produce cacao beans. They are trained to turn the beans into excellent chocolate that she buys and brings back to this country to make into chocolate bars that are sold to raise funds for their Eden's Rose Foundation, which is helping to provide healthy food, clean water and medical assistance to needy children.

Board meetings: Treasurer's report stated that \$500 was transferred to charitable fund. Jerry presented the treasurer with \$61 received from recycling ink cartridges.

Facebook: no report

Membership: 4 potential members

Fund raising: we will again participate in Boscov's friends helping friends and send each member a number of coupons to sell.

Eyeglass collections: 4000 pairs sent this month, bringing the total to 17,000 for year.

Hearing Aids: 110 pair turned into Hearing Conservation Society, who will recycle them.

LCI and Anthem joined forces to volunteer at the food bank. Lions Jerry, Ruth and John represented our club. Another joint day will be held in the fall.

LCI is looking for a project for Sept/Oct that they will fund up to \$1500, working in conjunction with Anthem. Jerry asked for a committee to come up with a project idea. The RFP is due 6/14, so we'll have to move quickly. Paul, Chris, John, Greg, Michael and Ruth volunteered to serve.

Health Fair May 19th: the Gordons will work at it.

Bikes for the Blind: Shawn may have found bike storage and has 3 bikes promised to him. Saratoga club will let us borrow their Camp Abilities bikes and will deliver them and stay and be part of the project. A committee will be formed to work on this.

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Ursula volunteered to try and find a place for our June installation banquet.

Ruth is trying to come up with a new eyeglass program. We voted to pick up a \$50 co-pay charge for a special diabetic eye exam.

The Sight Society requested a donation for their golfing outing. Tom made a motion to give \$225, which will get us a tee sign and a ¼-page ad in their program book. Seconded by Paul and passed.

HOBY: \$200 was authorized if we get any requests this year.

Hearing loop will be paid for by the Colonie library.

Lion Ruth is working with Camp Abilities to determine an appropriate use for our \$1000 donation.

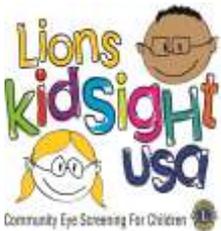
Our next general meeting...

... is **Wednesday, June 5, at Scarboroughs at 6 pm**. It's our annual installation dinner, at which we'll install next year's officers and board, give out a few awards, maybe induct a new member or two and generally have an evening of bonhomie and camaraderie. Please bring your significant other and join us. We'll be ordering off the menu and getting separate checks.

Scarboroughs is at 497 Old Niskayuna Rd in Latham. Traveling west on Route 7 from Latham Circle, you'll come to a traffic light with Mill Rd on your right and Peter Harris Plaza on your left. Take your next left onto Kennette Rd, then a left onto Old Niskayuna Rd and Scarboroughs will be on your left. It's easy to get to.

Please let me know whether you'll be there. If you said "Yes" a few weeks ago, I'd like confirmation, please. Send an email to jerrygordon@juno.com or call 518-235-8232.

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. I'll distribute her June schedule when I get it.

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.

Flag Day Parade in Saratoga Springs

We received this invitation from Lion Joe Brady:

*Your club is invited to march with the Saratoga Springs Lions Club in the Saratoga Wilton Elks Flag Day Parade on **Saturday, June 8**, in Saratoga Springs at noon. Our marching time is about 20 minutes and will march for just under a mile. Last year we had about 4 clubs participating so we had well over 50 Lions, a number of floats, cars, trucks and our huge American Flag.*

Bring your members, Bring your club banners, Bring your floats, and show your Lions Spirit. Visit <https://www.saratoga.com/event/elks-flag-day-parade-93440/>

In previous years, Lions John and Ruth have marched while Lions Maryanne & Jerry rode on a flatbed trailer (they're old). Let's see if we can get a larger contingent this year. **Please let Lion Jerry know if you'll be there** so he can give a count to Lion Joe by June 5.

Bring a potential member to a meeting.

On a personal note ...

Lion Mona Connerny has missed many meetings because of work pressures, but now that she's taken a new job in Maryland, we won't be seeing her at all. Good luck in your new position, Mona!

We also wish good luck to **Lion Tom Hart**, who's undergoing knee-replacement surgery on May 30. He may not be ready to join us on the 5th, but you can't keep a good man down. I'm sure he'll be back collecting glasses very soon.

Happy Birthday!

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

25th: Diane Hart

26th: Doug Davis



Happy Anniversary!

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

Mona Connerny: 2 years

Michelle Baker: 7 years

PDG Dave Harris: 21 years + 21 years with Granville LC

Doug Davis: 30 years

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Installation dinner; see page 2	6	7	8 Flag Day parade; see page 2
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For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org						



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Dues are due JUNE 25. 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!

More wisdom from Snapple bottle caps:

The last letter to be added to our alphabet was J.

The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Dolphins sleep with one eye open.

Ancient Chinese warriors would show off to their enemies before battle by juggling.

There are more trees on earth than stars in the galaxy.

“Never odd or even” spelled backwards is still “Never odd or even.”

MLB umpires often wear back underwear in case they split their pants.



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and International's new web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.