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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

December 4 found 35 Lions, Kiwanians, Rotarians and their spouses gathered at Van Schaick Island Country Club for a **Joint Service Club Holiday Party**. Maryanne's Bag Game, as always, was a great ice-breaker. And the group version of "12 Days" rang in the holiday spirit. Look for similar joint events in the future.



L-R: Lions Tom & Diane Hart, Bob Sano, Fran McDool, Ruth Sano, Kathy Dorn

L-R: Kiwanians Kareem Jandali, Lt Gov Lynne & Vinnie Catelotti, Elissa Prout, Wendy & Jim Prout



CW from left: Rotarians Paul Burke, Father David Jones, Steve & Eleanor Georgopoulos, Katie Davis



Front couple: Kiwanians Lori & Karl Cote. Debbie & Pete Dziamba, Marie & Mike Malch.



On the ends: Lions Maryanne & Jerry Gordon. Rotarians Jaime & Janet Thomas, Dodie & Jack Byrne.



Seated, L-R: Lions Shawn Newton, Paul & Laura Vergoni, Larry Krug. Standing: Ruth Sano, Mary Krug, Bob Sano, John Bianco



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Donations for Joseph's House

Instead of a grab-bag, we asked folks to bring toiletries and socks to the holiday party. Here's what we ended up donating to a very appreciative Joseph's House, a homeless shelter in Troy:

32 Bars of soap
 12 Tubes of toothpaste
 15 Tooth brushes
 5 Containers of dental floss
 1 Bottle mouthwash
 21 Small shampoo
 5 Large shampoo
 12 Conditioners
 11 Lotions
 4 Pair men's gloves
 4 Pair children's gloves
 8 Pair women's socks
 5 Pair slipper socks
 1 Pack of 3 men's briefs



1 Kit of razors, shaving cream, after-shave & deodorant
 1 Kit of emery boards & women's shave gel
 4 Pair women's gloves
 10 Pair men's socks
 10 Pair crew socks
 1 Pack of 2 nail clippers
 1 Large jar of cheese balls

Our next general meeting

Since the first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day, our meeting will be on the **second Wednesday, January 8, still at the Red Front**. We'll hear from Karen Mort from Cornell Cooperative Extension about the effects of diet on diabetes.

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 let me know whether you'll be there (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232). Telling me your intentions means 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 preschoolers, always appreciates our help. They usually start around 9:30 a.m. and last an hour or two. I'll send out her January schedule as soon as I get it.

If you'd like to sign up for one or more screenings, 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.



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Popcorn

On December 8, we again sold popcorn at the Victorian Stroll inside the Atrium. We normally gross about \$500 at this event, but this year we took in just a bit over \$300. Not sure why but the Atrium didn't seem to be as crowded this year. Oh, well ...

Our thanks to King Lion Carol and PiS Paul for providing the off-season care and maintenance of the popcorn machine.



Maryanne Gordon with Laura & Paul Vergoni. Larry Krug with Diane & Tom Hart and the popcorn machine.

Coats for Kids

Under the sponsorship of News10/Fox23, people donate gently used coats to selected dry cleaners, who clean them for free. Kudos to the Lions Coats team (Michelle Baker, Doug Davis, Dennis Fagan, Tom Hart, Larry Krug, Carol & Paul Quantock) for picking them up from the cleaners and bringing them to distribution points in Albany & Rensselaer counties, where the needy can get them for free. Unfortunately, donations were down this year and we moved only 352 coats, compared to over 600 each of the last 3 years.



Bring a potential member to a meeting.

Give the Gift of Sight This Holiday Season!

Support Blind Children
By Purchasing a

"Through Their Eyes – The Gift of Sight"
2020 Calendar

Each month showcases original artwork created by Capital District children expressing their appreciation for the gift of sight.

Every calendar sold benefits underprivileged children in need of eye care.
This calendar is about *children helping children*.



For more information call:
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Make checks payable to:
Lions Eye Bank at Albany
4 Tower Place, Ste. 601
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Seal campaign

Our annual seal campaign letters went out after our November meeting. Thanks to two very generous donors, we have broken two records: As of Dec. 16, we have collected more than any other year (\$1515) from the fewest number of donors (17). It's not too late to send your donation to us at PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181.

On a personal note ...

Lions Greg and Jodi are back in Ecuador. They're working on an Amazon reforestation project, among other things (the jungle one, not Jeff Bezos's). I'm sure we'll find out all about it when they get back.

Happy Birthday!

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

7th: Jeff Bennett
23rd: Chris Burke
25th: Rob Brass



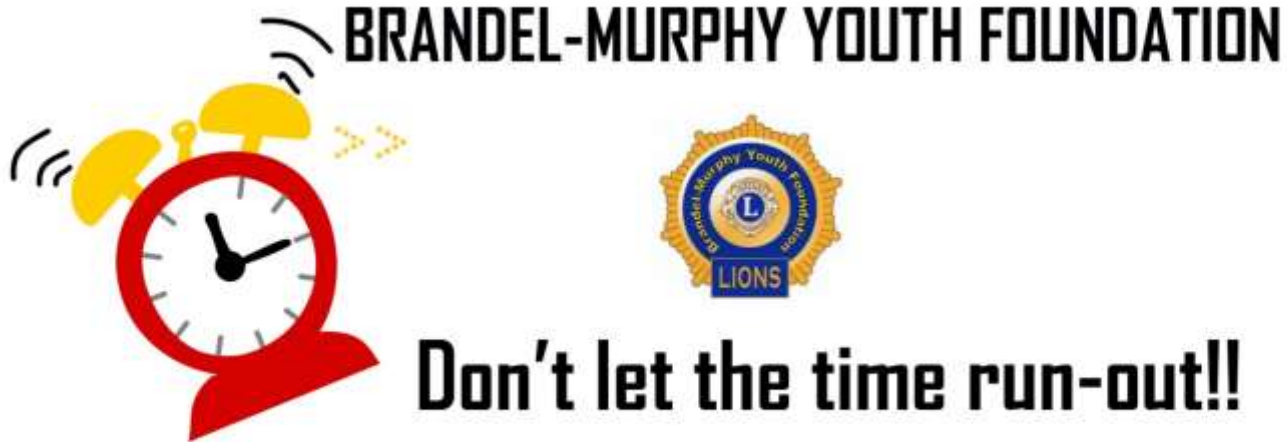
Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one **January** inductee:

Fran McDoal: 7 years with A&T + 14 years with Waterford LC

| JANUARY 2020 | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---|----------|--------|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  United in Service | 30 | 31 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Meeting at the Red Front; see page 2. | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Drawing for Super Bowl trip; see page 5 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 |  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 District cabinet meeting; see page 6 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org | | | | | | |





BUY YOUR SUPER BOWL RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!!

Great Holiday Gift!



VIP SUPER BOWL PACKAGE

Raffle tickets are only \$20 or 6 for \$100 and are available from King Lion Carol Quantock (cquantoc@nycap.rr.com or 518-664-3901).

Drawing is January 12, 2020.

The grand prize is worth over \$15,000 and includes:

- Two Upper Level tickets to Super Bowl 54, February 2, 2020, in Miami, Florida.
- 3 nights hotel accommodations for two in Miami.
- \$1,000 travel expense that can be used toward round trip airfare to Miami.
- Round trip game-day transportation.
- Welcome gifts and on-site concierge services.

In addition, there are nine other cash prizes from \$250-\$2000.



DISTRICT 20-W CABINET MEETING "SERVICE & PARTNERSHIPS"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th 2020

Best Western University Inn

90 E. Main Street, Canton NY 13617

9:30 AM Registration - Meeting - Lunch - Dismissal

Meeting Start Time 10:00am

\$30 per person, Includes Lunch

Please share this with all of the members in your club and encourage them to attend.

If you are attending, please send the bottom part of this form and your check for \$ 30.00/pp to CS Barbara Bentley, PO Box 1031 Guilderland, NY 12084.

Make checks payable to: District 20W Lions Clubs.

Please return this no later than Monday, January 20, 2020.

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling the Best Western at 315-386-8522. Rooms rates are \$129/per night.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CS Barbara Bentley at 518-894-1375 or bbentley@saratogaspringslions.com.

Attending: _____ Name(s): _____

Club : _____ Email: _____

**The cost is \$ 30.00 per person. Please mail your check to:
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