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*Report of the meetings held at the Red Front on Wednesday, March 4:*

## **General membership meeting:**

Our speaker was Samantha Olarsch from the 21st Century Community Learning Center, who told us all about their new program available to middle-school-aged kids in Troy. With about 200 kids currently registered, they are able to provide a large variety of educational, cultural and enriching classes and activities to a mostly underserved population of some very grateful kids. With a full staff of teachers and tutors, the kids can show up to do homework, make friends, and discover new interests. Some classes and clubs include: photo/video, jewelry making, pottery, science, teen talk (very popular), Tae Kwon Do, community service, field trips, and guest speakers. They work with a number of community partners and are open to a collaboration anytime. Very awesome program! We all wished we had something like this when we were young.

## **Board meetings (club & charitable fund):**

Updates from the Committee Chairs: (As many of the club members were absent there was not much to report)

Tom Hart, on used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids - Absent/No Report

Eva Bass, on Lions Initiatives - Absent, but Lion Greg had recommended we fill out the grant and review to send in to LCI. We are waiting on more info from Lions Club in Tosagua Ecuador

Preem, on Pins - Absent, Jodi had dropped a large bag of a few hundred pins to her this week and Preem was currently photographing and cataloging them all.

John/Tom, on Fundraising - Absent

Ruth & Jerry absent, no reports on Eyeglass or Hearing Aid applications

Bike Rides for the Visually Impaired/Blind - Shawn and Eva have discussed the project and the next hurdle would be getting permits from the City

2020-2021 Nominating Committee Plans - We have read Carol's emails and the conversation will be ongoing but the slate will need to be sent in to membership prior to April 1st

Possible dues increase to \$80/yr - tabled for next month because the decision is not due until next year.

Greg reported that the blueberries are looking healthy this spring and almost all are showing signs of coming back to life after the winter. He and Bobby Beard (who has attended a meeting in the past and was

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a valuable volunteer in the planting process) have been spending time doing cleanup at the site. Greg asks what the continued involvement of the club will be in the project. Whether the club wants to be involved long term with maintenance and programming or not, we should at least complete the installation of the orchard off with a fence/barrier and a sign. A committee was formed to complete these tasks. Chaired by Greg, members will include Mike O'Brien, Irving, and John Bianco

Larry has chocolate bunnies (4 cases) and we discussed possibly allocating the bunnies to the kids at the boxing gym. Irving had the idea of using the bunnies to do an Easter egg hunt at the blueberry orchard to kick off the spring opening of the new project. Everyone agreed and we put together a committee to organize the event. Irving took the bunnies to store for the time being. Committee is made up of Irving (chair), Samantha (our guest speaker!), Greg, Jodi, John B, and Jordan.

**Our thanks to Lion Jodi Sheldon for taking notes during Lion Jerry's absence.**

*Our next general meeting ...*



... should be **Wednesday, April 1**, but with the current "shelter in place" rules and closed restaurants, it will not take place. One of the important items scheduled for this meeting is election of officers for next year (7/20-6/21). The slate our nominating committee has come up with is below. Please phone (518-235-8232) or email (jerrygordon@juno.com) your vote to the secretary no later than Wednesday, April 1. Early voting is encouraged.

President	Eva Bass	Lion Tamer	Jordan Alexander
1st Vice President	Chris Horan	Permanent Director	PDG Dave Harris
2nd Vice President	Preem Cabey	Director, 1st of 2 years	Jodi Sheldon
3rd Vice President	Mike O'Brien	Director, 1st of 2 years	Paul Vergoni
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Director, 2nd of 2 years	John Bianco
Treasurer (Club)	Irv Ackerman	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Kathy Dorn
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	Membership Chair	Maryanne Gordon
Tail Twister	Tom Hart	Immediate Past Pres	Carol Quantock

### *Next Board Meetings*

There will be **board meetings** (club & charitable fund) on **Wednesday, April 1**, but they will be held via teleconference. It will start at **6 PM** and we hope it will be over by 7:30. As always, non-board members are welcome. To join the meeting, dial **1-717-275-8940**. After the prompt, enter the access code **848 5953 #**, then state your name and hit **#**.

### *Raffle tickets from New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation*

NYS&BLF's major fundraiser is the sale of raffle tickets for \$100 each. First prize is \$15,000, with 14 others down to \$500. For every 3 tickets the club buys, we can present someone with a Robert J Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. Our club has benefitted from several of their grants. You can buy a whole ticket for \$100 or a half-ticket for \$50. The drawing will be May 2, so if you're interested in supporting this very worthwhile cause, please let Paul Vergoni know (518-652-2578 or plverg@yahoo.com) **by April 1**.

### KidSight Vision Screenings

With the coronavirus situation, there will be no further vision screenings, probably through the end of this school year.

### Cancellations

The District 20W cabinet meeting on April 4, the MD20 state convention in Buffalo on May 1-3, and the Lions International Convention in Singapore on June 26-30 have all been canceled.

### Happy Birthday!

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

1st: Michelle Baker  
1st: PDG Dave Harris  
18th: Sue Shipe  
19th: Larry Krug  
19th: Jodi Sheldon  
20th: Kathy Dorn



### Happy Anniversary!

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

Jeff Bennett: 7 years  
Vicki Adler: 16 years  
Mike Farrell: 16 years  
Maryanne Gordon: 21 years  
Dr Rob Brass: 22 years  
Mike O'Brien: 22 years  
Dr Allen Zieker: 22 years

Bring a potential member to a meeting.

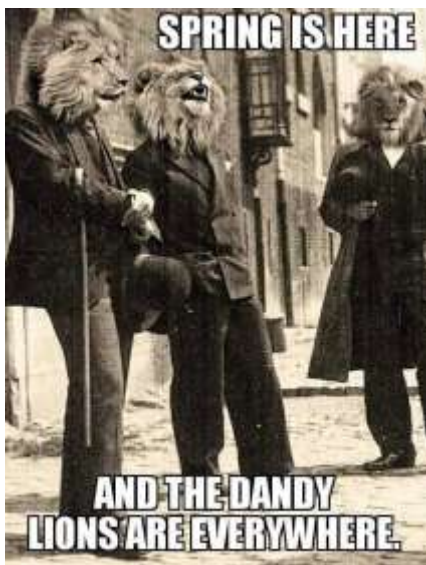
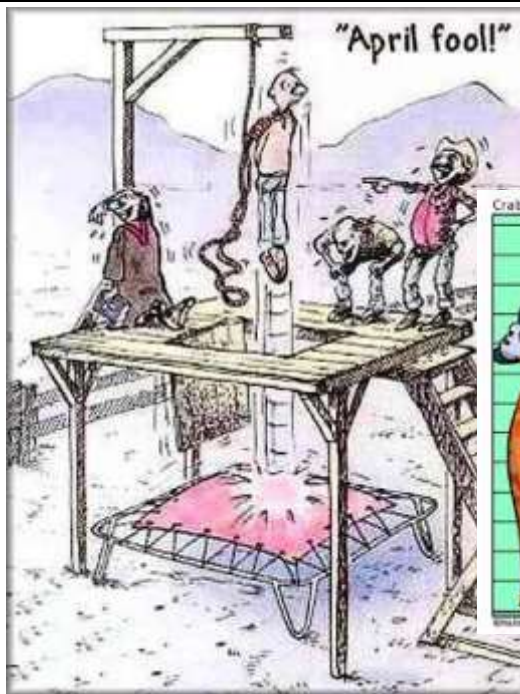
APRIL 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 United in Service	30	31	1 No fooling: Board meeting via tele-conf; see page 2.	2	3	4 District cabinet meeting canceled
5	6	7	8 Passover begins at sundown	9	10 Good Friday	11
 HAPPY EASTER	13	14	 Taxes Due	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

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Each year, the moon moves away from the Earth by about 4 centimeters.

Benjamin Franklin invented flippers.

Ohio is the only U.S. state that does not have a rectangular flag.

The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

Thomas Jefferson invented the coat hanger.

If a sheep and a goat mate, the offspring is called a geep.

The chicken is the closest living relative of Tyrannosaurus Rex.

A cubic mile of fog is made up of less than one gallon of water