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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the board meetings held via teleconference on Wednesday, May 6:

Lion Tom shipped another 5500 glasses to the NJ recycling center.

Lion Eva's committee is developing a food-delivery program.

Lion Preem is still cataloging her pin collection and plans to attend to 2021 Intl convention in Montreal.

Lions John & Tom have no fund-raising report.

We voted to again participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program.

Lion Mike O'Brien reported that Lion Mike Farrell had fallen in Feb and was now in a rehab facility in Catskill.

Our installation dinner would normally be held on June 3, but it doesn't seem likely considering the ongoing coronavirus conditions. We decided to just keep an eye on the evolving situation.

Lion Ruth has had no new eyeglass requests.

Lion Jerry received one hearing-aid application from a 90-yr-old Troy resident. She meets our financial guidelines and the board approved her, assuming the HCS will share the \$750 cost with us, as they have so generously in the past. [The HCS subsequently approved the share and her hearing aids are now on order.]

As mentioned in the last Rare Meat, Lions Irv and Eva distributed several cases of chocolate bunnies in the Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods, as well as some in Watervliet.

District 20W received a \$10,500 grant from LCIF to provide meals to the front-line personnel at five area hospitals (Albany Med, St Peter's, Albany Memorial, Samaritan, and Ellis). Lion Jerry has arranged to get 2100 meals from the three local Popeye's franchises and has put together a schedule for a daily delivery to each hospital at either 11:30 AM or 4:30 PM. He'll be looking for drivers to bring the meals from Popeye's to the hospitals.

Lion Greg has arranged for the purchase of hand sanitizer from Grateful Villages @\$2.80/2-oz bottle with our name on the label. We approved an expenditure up to \$1000 to donate these to our local police departments. The first 100 went to Albany PD and 133 will go to the Troy PD. Lion Carol is looking into other PDs in our bailiwick (Colonie, Rensselaer, Watervliet, Menands, Green Island, etc).

Our blueberry orchard needs hoses for irrigation, fencing, and signage. Lions Greg and Jerry will look into getting 600' of hose donated by Home Depot, Lowe's, or equivalent. Lions Eva and Carol will come up with a sign design. Lions Greg and Jordan will look into sources for fencing.

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Lion John has been volunteering at the Cohoes Senior Center several days a week. He brought us a request for a \$200 donation to help them feed the needy. We decided to pass this on the Waterford Lions, who cover Cohoes. If they request our help, we'll probably give it to them.

We voted to donate \$200 to sponsor a HOBY student. This seminar is usually in July at RPI, but this year it's been moved to September at Lake George.

Our annual installation meeting ...

Our next meeting will be on **Zoom** next **Wednesday, June 3, at 5:30 PM**. Rick Brisee, our incoming District Governor, will install next year's officers and board. Then Lion Jerry will give out some awards and make a few presentations. Finally, King Lion Carol will conduct the last board meeting of the 2019-20 Lions year. It's been several months since we've actually seen each other, so please plan on being there, especially if you're an incoming, outgoing, or staying-on board member.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on this link from any internet-connected device:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82703285537?pwd=eWlxM2w5dWRndlpHRGVTVWE5JMEtjdz09> or
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Lions & COVID-19: Feeding the hospitals

As we explained last month, District 20W got a \$10,500 grant to provide meals to Albany Medical Center, St Peter's, Albany Memorial, Samaritan, and Ellis hospitals from May 1 to June 8. Every day, we deliver to a different hospital at either 11:30 AM or 4:30 PM. There are 42 trips in all, and I want to thank these A&T Lions for volunteering to do 19 of them: Irv Ackerman, Preem Cabey, Dennis Fagan, Jerry & Maryanne Gordon, the Gordons' grandson Brendan Duffy, Carol & Paul Quantock, Ruth Sano, Greg & Jodi Sheldon.



< Lions Preem and Irv with VDG Michele O'Hare delivering to Albany Med

Lion Ruth delivering to > St Peter's



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, 26 Sheldon Dr, Mechanicville, NY 12118-3442. Do it TODAY, please!

Lions & COVID-19: Helping the police

We have given 100 bottles of hand sanitizer to the Albany Police Department, who were very appreciative. We have polled other PDs within our service area (Colonie, Troy, Rensselaer, N Greenbush, E Greenbush, Watervliet, Green Island) and serving all of them would require another 500 bottles. For a total cost of \$1680. The board already approved \$1000 towards this project but now have to consider this higher amount. One possibility is to apply for a NYS&BLF matching grant. This would cut our total cost to \$840, but we couldn't get that approved before October.



A SUGGESTION FOR ALL THOSE MEDALS THE OLYMPICS WON'T BE NEEDING THIS YEAR...



The coronavirus has turned us all into dogs: We wander around the house looking for food, we're told "No!" if we get too close to strangers, and we can't wait to go for a walk or a car ride.

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

Happy Birthday!

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

23rd: Jordan Alexander
 25th: Diane Hart
 26th: Doug Davis
 29th: Irv Ackerman



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these
June inductees:

Eva Bass, Preem Cabey, Jodi Sheldon,
 Shawn Newton and Jim Wilson: 1 year
 Michelle Baker: 8 years
 PDG Dave Harris: 22 years + 21 years
 with Granville LC
 Doug Davis: 31 years

Bring a potential
 member to a meeting.

| JUNE 2020 | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------|---|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 Installation of BoD; see page 2. | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |  |
|  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 Independence Day Holiday | 4 Independence Day |

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