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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held on Wednesday, December 2:

General meeting: This was another Zoom meeting. It featured a presentation by Robin Ford of Street Soldiers/Troy. They distribute free food and clothing to the homeless and other needy every Thursday outside the Rourke Center (corner of State and 4th St) in downtown Troy. They can always use volunteers and donations and they have an Amazon wish list on their Facebook page. Lion Eva committed to donating Christmas dinner for 40 families. Her Bridge Tha Gap will do this in the name of our Lions club.

Board meetings: Lion Ruth continues to update our Facebook page. Lion Carol will find us a speaker for a Zoom meeting in January. Lions Preem and Jerry will be handling PR. There were no reports from the other committees.

A new committee, comprising Lion Ruth as chair and Lions Maryanne and Carol, will come up with knitted hats, mittens and scarves from various sources to donate to the needy. They'll start with a donation to Street Soldiers.

The Coats for Kids project is coming to a close. So far, we have delivered 515 coats to the Trinity Alliance in Albany and the ERC Community Warehouse in Melrose, with more expected over the next few weeks. *[See update on page 3]*

Lion Ruth got glasses for two adults and two kids, and she has two free eyeglass vouchers from America's Best to use. Lion Jerry is waiting for one hearing-aid application and is waiting for a return call from another applicant.

Lion Jerry reports that so far, the seal campaign has produced \$500 in donations from six donors. *[See update on page 2]*

The Albany Community Development Agency grant has been successfully completed. We donated 5030 bottles of hand sanitizer and 2000 masks to residents of the West Hill, South End and Arbor Hill neighborhoods. We worked with organizations like Bridge Tha Gap, SNUG, West Hill Refugee Center, Frank Chapman Center, Alpha Pregnancy Center, and Eden's Rose Foundation. Vouchers have been submitted and we have received all payments.

We approved the purchase of four cartons of Easter bunnies for \$300 to support the Lions Eye Institute.

We approved the purchase of 20 raffle tickets for \$100 to help send 11 Leos, one from each MD20 district, to the USA/Canada LEO Leadership Forum in Calgary next July.

We received thank-you notes from Vanderheyden for our \$250 donation and The Melodies Center at Albany Med for the gift cards we donated.

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Our next general meeting

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, why not try a Zoom meeting? Our next general membership meeting will be on Zoom on **Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 PM**. Our guest speaker will be a **surprise** so please try to be there. As usual, the board meetings will follow the general meeting.

I'll send out the link a day or two before the meeting.

Used Eyeglasses

Everyone knows we collect used eyeglasses, but do you know what goes into the process? Here's the story in pictures. We've got almost 80 locations throughout our bailiwick and in Clifton Park and Guilderland where folks can drop off their used glasses and hearing aids. They're all listed on our website. Lion Ruth Sano is one of our eyeglass-picker-uppers who regularly checks her assigned spots. Others are Lion Tom Hart, who's in charge of the whole operation, Lion Jerry Gordon, ex-Lion Elena Watson, and Tom's friend Beth. Using his brother's garage as a workspace, Tom sorts through them all and discards the broken frames and loose lenses. Any metal frames get sent to a company in California that pays us for the recoverable metal. He sends all the others to the Lions eyeglass recycling center in New Jersey, where they're cleaned and sorted by prescription, and then sent on Lions humanitarian missions around the world.

Used hearing aids are delivered to the Lions Hearing Conservation Society. They send them to a manufacturer who pays them for any reusable parts. This money is used to get new hearing aids for those who can't afford them. Our club has benefitted significantly from this program.

Left: Lion Ruth delivering 800 glasses to Lion Tom. Center: Lion Tom at his "workbench." Right: Lion Tom delivering 3600 pair of glasses (that makes 9,000 total glasses this Lion year, which started July 1) to Postmaster Chuck Milkiewicz at the West Sand Lake Post Office. Photos by Ruth (except for the one of her; Tom probably took it on her camera).



Seal Campaign

The seal campaign, one of our annual fundraisers, went into the mail in early November. It raised \$1540 for us last year, but so far we've received only \$750. I know times are tough and it seems like everyone's looking for money this year, but if you can spare a few bucks, you know we'll put it to good use. Make your checks payable to A & T Lions Charitable Fund and mail them to PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181-0192.

Coats for Kids

As we've been doing every year since 2012, we again worked with News10/Fox23 on their Coats for Kids campaign. A number of area dry-cleaners accept gently used coats from the public and they clean them for free. Our job is to pick them up at the cleaners and deliver them to one of several designated distribution points, where those who can't afford new coats are welcome to take what they need. The program ran through November. This year's drivers were Lions Irv Ackerman, Dennis Fagan, Tom & Diane Hart, Larry Krug, and Carol & Paul Quantock. They delivered a total of **592 coats** (plus a few hats), which is above average for the nine years, but not as many as the 640+ that we got in 2016-2018.



Left: Lion Tom is picking up coats at Rainbow Dry Cleaners in Troy. Center: Lion Tom with Janice at ERC Community Warehouse in Melrose. Right: Lions Tom and Carol brought coats to Janice at ERC.



Coming attractions ...

As this is being written (during the last week of 2020), your board of directors is working on three projects. Look for more details next month.

1. Providing financial assistance to the victims of a recent Troy fire, a single mother with two daughters.
2. Applying for a \$2000 grant from Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation to help fund the Pandemic Produce Pick-up for the month of February. This is a source of free food in Albany's West Hill neighborhood.
3. Applying for a \$50,000 United Way grant to essentially complete our **blueberry orchard** with the addition of 200 bushes to complete the orchard space, a proper sign, adequate irrigation, lights, fencing and other infrastructure, all required to support educational programming and youth employment opportunities so that the community may utilize this vital space for youth environmental stewardship, food access, and green space.

On a personal note ...

If anyone is interested in writing to **Lion Ursula Dessingue**, her new address is Apt 1708, 104 Gainsborough Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445. She's been a Lion since 1994 and we'll miss her.

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:

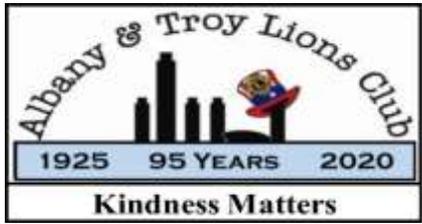
Fran McDoal: 8 years with us + 14 years with the Waterford LC.



BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO A MEETING.

January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Hunger Awareness Month and Glaucoma Awareness Month					
3	4	5	6 Zoom meeting; see page 2	7	8	9
10	11	12		14	15	16
17		19		21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org					

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Spread the word, not the germs. Masks are two-ply cotton separated **by a coffee filter, and they're only \$10 each.**

Can be hand-washed with a mild dish detergent like Dawn®. After the masks are made, **they're washed, sprayed with antiseptic hydrogen peroxide** and placed into a zippered plastic bag.



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Drug Facts

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Use: Hand Sanitizer to help reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease. Use only when soap and water are not available.

Warnings: For external use only. Flammable. Keep away from heat or flame.

Do not use: - in children less than 2 months of age or open wounds.

When using this product: Keep out of eyes, ears, and mouth. In case of contact with eyes, rinse eyes thoroughly with water.

Stop use and ask a doctor: if irritation or rash occurs. Stop use for signs of a serious condition.

Keep out of reach of children. If swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

Directions: Place enough product on hands to cover all surfaces. Rub hands together until dry. Supervise children under 6 years of age when using this product to avoid swallowing.

Store between 15-30°C (59-86°F)
 Avoid freezing and moisture heat above 40°C (104°F)

Inactive ingredient: Aloe Vera 1 mL, Tocoph 1.00 mg

"Nature abhors a vacuum," it is said, and YrEd abhors a blank page, so here's some filler to give you a chuckle or two.

