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Report of the Zoom meetings held on Wednesday, May 5:

Our speaker was Lion Michelle Duell, district reading action chair. She's a member of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions and a librarian in Mechanicville. She spoke to us about volunteering to read at local elementary schools, boys' & girls' clubs, etc. Some clubs are collecting and distributing children's books. They will also be setting up a YouTube channel that will feature volunteer readers.

Because we didn't have a quorum, we socialized for a while. The meeting was adjourned about 7:00 pm.

Our next general meeting

It will be LIVE and IN PERSON, but available on Zoom for those who can't make it. This is our **annual installation dinner**, when DG Rick Brisee will install our new officers and induct a few new members. Spouses, significant others, and guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, June 2, 6:00 PM, at Swifty's Restaurant, 95 Everett Rd, Albany, on their covered outdoor patio. We'll be ordering off the menu and getting separate checks. I need a count for the restaurant, so please let me know asap whether you'll be there or not. Email to jerrygordon@juno.com or call H: 518-235-8232 or send a text message to C: 518-366-5299. Let me know if you want to attend on Zoom.

A report from our Leo Club



Albany Leo Club will be at Albany High School for Juneteenth. That day is June 19, 2021, for a charity fashion show. A Leo table with information about joining the Leo club will be available.

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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Dues are due now! If you haven't already done so, send your check for \$75, payable to A&T Lions Club, to Lion Ruth Sano, 26 Birch Ave, Albany, NY 12205. Do it TODAY, please!



Status of our grants

A few months ago, we got a \$10,000 grant from United Way to upgrade the infrastructure of our blueberry orchard. Wood chips have been delivered and topsoil will be here shortly. The fence is next and the long-overdue sign should be up by mid June. More blueberries have been ordered, but they may not actually go in the ground until September.

We also got an additional \$15,000 grant from the Albany Community Development Agency to provide hand sanitizer in the West Hill, Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods. There was a slight personnel hiccup in the bottling process, but Greg and Jodi seem to have filled the gap. Around 1500 bottles have been delivered in West Hill, and we'll be working with AVillage (another 501(c)3) to deliver 240 bottles every Thursday in the South End.



Instead of shopping at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), please shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3255679. You'll get the same great deals, plus a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the **Albany & Troy Lions Charitable Fund**.




DG Rick Brisee Testimonial

You're Invited

Sunday, June, 20 2021
 12 noon - 4:00 pm
 Rivers Casino & Resort, 1 Rush Street,
 Schenectady, NY 12305
 Attire: BBQ style-polo, jeans, sneakers

Cost: \$35.00 per person

For guests wishing to stay over at The Landing @ Rivers, rooms have been set aside for the Lions at \$150.00/night + tax.

**RSVP: SHALLYN BRISEE -
 SHALLYNLB@HOTMAIL.COM**

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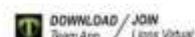
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Warm Woolen Wishes Project Report from Lion Ruth Sano:

Today (May 20) I dropped off 80 extra small preemie-sized hats to the Ronald McDonald House. Julie Geisel, the House Manager, requested them for the Hope bags that they bring to the parents of preemie babies at Albany Medical Center. These babies are under 3 pounds and need extra small hats, which I was able to make with the yarn that has been donated to us. In the lower right corner is the thank-you card for the last batch we donated several months ago.





Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

If you don't need it anymore,
we can find someone who will use it to make hats,
mittens and scarves for the needy.



Warm Woolen Wishes Project

Helping Hands ~  ~ Creating Comfort

Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach
our goal of 350 items by the end of 2021

This helps us help everyone

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy


Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric ~ Let us know.
We will be happy to pick it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany Troy Lions at albanytroylions@gmail.com
or
Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796







 THANKS you.

Dear The Albany + Troy Lions Club,

Thank you all so much for helping supply our premature babies at Albany Med. These hats have been a critical part of our HOPE (Helping our Premies Experience) Program. Your time and craftsmanship is very appreciated. We are blessed to be receiving your help.

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PLEASE NOTE: This is not a free event. The registration fee is US\$75 beginning May 1. The registration fee for Leos is US\$30 regardless of date. Convention updates and details will be posted at lcon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

Top 3 reasons to attend the Lions event of the year

Virtual LCICon 2021 is gearing up to be the most exciting Lions Clubs International convention yet. There are many reasons you will not want to miss this premier Lions event taking place June 25-29. Here are the top three:

1. **A next-level celebration of service.** LCICon 2021 is the first convention to be entirely hosted online, which means more Lions than ever before will be able to attend. And more Lions means more opportunities to connect and learn.
2. **Unique opportunities to engage with Lions.** There will be numerous ways to share your club's story, interact with members from around the world, soak in the knowledge from seasoned Lions and be inspired by the next generation of leaders. In fact, you can even submit your story via video prior to the event. Some videos will be shared during convention!
3. **Content scheduling catered to your time zone.** The mix of live and easy-access programming coupled with virtual exhibit booths and interactive opportunities gives you the freedom and flexibility to enjoy LCICon how and when you want.

Don't wait — visit lcon.lionsclubs.org for the latest details.

Highlights from the MD20 hybrid convention, zoomed live from Syracuse on May 14 and 15.



[← L-R: PIP Al Brandel, 1st Intl VP Douglas Alexander, ID Gary Brown, DG Rick Brisee] Congratulations to **District Governor Rick Brisee** on receiving the International Presidential Leadership Award from International Director Gary Brown at the Lions MD20 State Convention that was held in Syracuse and virtually. The International Presidential Leadership Award is the third highest level of recognition that one can receive from Lions International.

In addition, DG Rick was elected to the inaugural board for the Lions Alert Foundation for MD-20 along with PCC Kelly Clark and PCC Paul Burnett from District Y.

[→ L-R: Lion Maureen Murphy, PIP Al Brandel, DGE Michele O'Hare, DG Rick Brisee, PCC John Wargo, President of the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation] The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation created a unique award to recognize the outstanding service performed by Lions throughout Multiple District 20 (MD20) - the "Miracles Through Service" Award. This award was aptly named after an important theme used by Past International President Al Brandel during his year as our International President. Congratulations to **DGE Michele Puleo O'Hare** on being bestowed the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation "Miracles Through Service" Award at the NYS and Bermuda State Convention. This is a well-deserved recognition for a dedicated Lion.



On behalf of District 20W, we are pleased to announce that **Lion Florence Brisee**, Waterford Lions Club, was awarded the Past District Governor's Leadership Award for our District at the recently concluded state convention in Syracuse.

District Governor Rick Brisee would like to congratulate Saratoga Springs Lion and **Cabinet Secretary Barbara Bentley** on her election as a trustee for the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation. District 20-W wishes her every success as our District representative. She will be serving with the two other Trustees from District 20-W, DGE Michele O'Hare and PDG James Shaw.

And in the drawing for the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation raffle, District W had one or two winners, depending on how you count. 2nd prize of \$5000 went to **DGE Michele O'Hare** of the Bethlehem Lions Club, as did the 9th prize of \$500. May her good fortune continue for her coming year of DGship!

From the MD20 Convention Committee: We hope you were able to attend the MD20 convention. We had a great time and there was so much going on that we hope you saw at least part of it. We did have some technical difficulties so we do not have the recordings of all of the seminars; we are so very sorry about that. We do have the Powerpoints for those that don't have recordings so we hope that will give you the information you need to review. Just go to tinyurl.com/4pujz8kb and you should see videos, handouts and Powerpoints for the various seminars. Thank you again for supporting this first Hybrid convention.



June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27 	28	29	30	For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org		

Happy Birthday!

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

21st: Robin Ford
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, Shawn Newton, Jodi Sheldon: 2 years
Michelle Baker: 9 years
Doug Davis: 32 years

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your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,
your multiple-district web sites: **MD20Lions.com**
and **NewYorkLionsClubs.org**
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