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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the Zoom meetings held on Sept 1

General meeting:

Lion Greg brought us up to speed on the blueberry orchard: On Aug 18, about a dozen employees of Maximus helped us plant another 144 blueberry bushes in the vacant half of our orchard. These bushes were somewhat more mature than the ones we got for our first planting two years ago, so they should be more productive. In addition to Maximus, we partnered with Siena College, who provided summer interns that we needed for manual labor. This wouldn't have been possible without the generous grant from United Way of the Greater Capital Region and a smaller grant from Pioneer Bank. With the sign that went up back in July, the whole orchard is much more impressive-looking now, but the work is still on-going.

Club & Charitable Fund board meetings:

KL Eva plans to meet with all VPs and committee chairs to talk about recruiting volunteers.

Lion Preem says that everyone has to be vaccinated to work with the kids at NABA, so the Leos met at the Albany Boys & Girls Club in August. They had a speaker from the Albany Police Dept, and they are planning a social event.

We voted to participate in NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair, as we have in the past. It's on Oct 20 from 9 AM-noon at the Albany Jewish Community Center.

Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" discount cards have been mailed to all members to be sold for \$5 each, all of which we keep. [See page 2]

We agreed to apply for another ACDA grant for \$15k to supply hand sanitizer to school children.

Lion Jerry has one hearing-aid request and one eye-surgery request.

Our next general meeting ...

... will be on **Wed, Oct 6, at 6:00 PM**. For the health and safety of all concerned, it will again be on Zoom. Please let Jerry know if you plan to attend (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232).

We will have two speakers: First will be a brief presentation from PDG Milledge "Smitty" Smith, who is running for International Director. He will be followed by Lion Barb Bentley, district diabetes chair. She spoke to us last April, but this such an important topic, we're bringing her back for an encore presentation.

The link to join the meeting is on the next page →

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Topic: Lions meeting. Time: **Oct 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM**. Click this link to join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84403157262?pwd=TGMwZE54RGgvNERkc1JpZUNLRkFJZz09>

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,84403157262#,,, *085326# US (New York)

Or dial **646 558 8656** and enter Meeting ID: **844 0315 7262** and Passcode: **085326**



Albany LEO Club

Lion Preem has announced that Leos Tavion McKenzie Johnson and Christian Simmons are now Leo District President and Leo District Vice President of 20W. This is analogous to Lions being District Governor and Vice District Governor, but with fewer responsibilities. Tavion is also president of the Albany Leo Club. Quite an accomplishment for a Leo club in its first year.

Boscov's Fundraiser

One of our annual fundraisers for the past few years has been Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program. Boscov's provides us with shopping passes. Each one is good for a 25% discount on almost anything you buy at any Boscov's plus a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card, but only on Wednesday, October 20. The passes sell for \$5 each, all of which goes right into our treasury.

Normally, we would distribute these to you at a meeting, but that's tough to do on Zoom. So check your mail box (the one from the post office). We've sent you each 5 cards to sell, but feel free to sell lots more. Let Jerry know if you need additional passes.



Happy Birthday!

Happy **October** birthday these A&T Lions:

6th: Dennis Fagan
24th: Fran McDoal
28th: John Bianco



Happy Anniversary!

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

Irv Ackerman: 2 years
Jerry Gordon: 30 years
Larry Krug: 42 years

On a personal note ..

- ♦ **Lion Chris Burke** has been NABA's Executive Director and CEO for 18 years, and now he's moving on but staying in the blindness field. Since Sept 1, he has been Executive Director of the NYS Preferred Source Program for New Yorkers who are blind. We wish him much success in this new endeavor.
- ♦ **Lion Carol Quantock** reports: "In May, I earned my Master Gardener certification from Saratoga County Cornell Cooperative Extension. And I'm currently recovering from foot surgery, performed on September 9th. I still can't put any weight on it, but it's improving every day." We wish her continued improvement.
- ♦ **Lions Greg Sheldon, Jodi Sheldon and Preem Cabey** have been selected by our District to attend the Lions Leadership Institute in Binghamton on Oct 22-24. I'm sure they'll bring back lots of ideas to make us a better, stronger club.

Daily Drawing fundraiser

We're trying a new fundraiser that the Chazy Lions have been using successfully for a few years. For a \$10 donation, you get 31 chances to win either \$100 or \$250.

The drawing runs during January 2022, so we've got 3 months to sell them. It doesn't look like we'll be meeting in person anytime soon, so here's how to order by mail:

Send me \$10 for every ticket you want (checks payable to A & T Lions Club), along with the contact info for the stub (s). I'll fill in the stub and send you a copy of it along with the top portion, so if you order more than one ticket, you'll know what name goes with what number. If you want a specific 3-digit ticket number, you can have it if it's still available.

These make great stocking stuffers, grab-bag gifts and tips for your snow-shoveler, lawn mower, hair dresser or whomever. So buy a few extra tickets in your name now, while they're available. Then, whenever you want to give one away, just let me know the ticket number and what contact info you want me to change it to.

We've got 1000 tickets to sell. They're available now, so let's go! Tell Lion Jerry how many you want to start with.



Lion Robin Ford runs this fantastic organization that provides meals, household goods, clothing and other necessities to those in need.

Every Thursday at 6 PM, regardless of weather, you will find them in the Roarke Center parking lot at the corner of State and 4th Streets in downtown Troy.

We're still having conversations about how we, as a club, can work more closely with Sidewalk Warriors. But as individuals, there's a lot we can do now:

- ⇒ Follow their Facebook page (facebook.com/sidewalkwarriorstroy), which includes a list of what they need each week. Donate whatever you can.
- ⇒ This website tinyurl.com/2zzfw37 also lists their needs each week and allows you to sign up.
- ⇒ Join me and Maryanne at their first annual fundraiser on Oct 19, which should be a fun evening. See page 5 for details.

Donation \$10.00

DAILY DRAWING

Albany & Troy Lions Club

PO Box 192 Troy, NY 12181-0192
(518) 512-2722 AlbanyTroyLions.org

JANUARY 2022

All money will be used for community service projects.

No more than 1000 tickets will be sold. Each paid-up ticket holder has one chance per day to win \$100 (Mon-Sat) or \$250 (Sunday). The winning number will be determined by the NYS NUMBERS midday daily lottery drawing. Payments by check will be mailed weekly.

No. ###

January 2022

Sat Jan 1	\$100
Sun Jan 2	\$250
Mon Jan 3	\$100
Tue Jan 4	\$100
Wed Jan 5	\$100
Thu Jan 6	\$100
Fri Jan 7	\$100
Sat Jan 8	\$100
Sun Jan 9	\$250
Mon Jan 10	\$100
Tue Jan 11	\$100
Wed Jan 12	\$100
Thu Jan 13	\$100
Fri Jan 14	\$100
Sat Jan 15	\$100
Sun Jan 16	\$250
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Thu Jan 20	\$100
Fri Jan 21	\$100
Sat Jan 22	\$100
Sun Jan 23	\$250
Mon Jan 24	\$100
Tue Jan 25	\$100
Wed Jan 26	\$100
Thu Jan 27	\$100
Fri Jan 28	\$100
Sat Jan 29	\$100
Sun Jan 30	\$250
Mon Jan 31	\$100

No. ###

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E mail: _____

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6  General meeting; see page 1	7	8	9
10		12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Sidewalk Warriors Troy fundraiser; see pages 3 & 5	20 NABA Low-vision tech fair; see page 1	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	For other events around the district, visit 20Wlions.org					

Bring a potential member to a meeting.



Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,
 your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,
 your multiple-district web sites: **MD20Lions.com**
 and **NewYorkLionsClubs.org**
 and International's new web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.

Lions Service Areas



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Hunger Relief



Childhood
Cancer



Vision

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6:00 PM**

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LIONS DISTRICT 20W FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, November 6th

Courtyard by Marriott Lake George

365 Canada Street, Lake George 12845

9:00 AM Registration

Meeting Start Time 9:30

\$40 per person; Includes Lunch

GUEST SPEAKER: International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina

SPECIAL GUEST: Immediate Past International Director Gary Brown

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

Registration: If you are attending, please send the bottom part of this form with your check. **Mail to: CS Barbara Bentley, PO Box 1031 Guilderland, NY 12084.**

Make checks payable to: District 20W Lions Clubs.

Please return this registration form no later than Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Room Reservations: There is a room block for Friday/Saturday nights at \$149/per night. **Please call Jennifer Carusone at the LG Marriott directly at 518-685-3402** to make your reservation. Reference the Lions Conference. *Please book by 10/10.*

We ask that all attendees please bring canned food items for the local food pantry.

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): _____

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: _____

Club : _____ Email: _____



Sight Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.
Lions Eye Bank at Albany / Rochester

2021 RAFFLE

1st PRIZE **\$2500**

2nd PRIZE **\$1000**

3rd PRIZE **\$500**

\$20 per ticket

Drawing held December 9, 2021

For tickets contact:

Lion Lettie Saheim 518-753-7867

Email: Isaheim117@gmail.com

Lion Victoria Adler 518-489-7606

Email: vadler@leba-r.org

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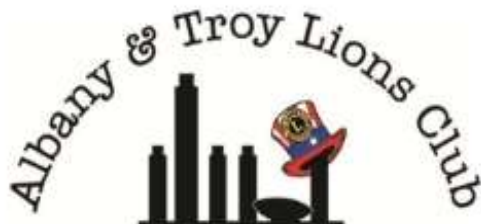


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Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

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 up 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

