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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the Zoom meetings held on October 6

General meeting:

PDG Milledge Smith (or Smitty, as he is better known) is running for International Director. He has been a member of the Gouverneur Lions Club for 36 years. He is a retired Army colonel and has held various positions both within his club and the district. He spoke about the positive actions he would take in the areas of vision screenings, hunger, and diabetes.

Lion Barb Bentley spoke to us about the importance of diabetes education. 84 million American adults have prediabetes, and 90% of them don't know they have it. 34 million have diabetes, of which 90-95% is Type 2; 20% don't know they have it. She told us about the literature that's available from LCI and the other patient-assistance and discount programs for folks with diabetes and prediabetes. We should be distributing all this information in our community.

Lion Jerry reminded everyone about activities in the coming month: our Boscov's and Daily Drawing fundraisers, NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair, Sidewalk Warriors Troy's fundraiser, and Coats for Kids.

Club & Charitable Fund board meetings:

So far, the Boscov's fundraiser has generated \$215 plus a \$75 donation [see page 2 for update]. The Daily Draw has raised \$160.

We authorized Lion Preem to spend up to \$100 on supplies for the Peace Poster contest.

Lions Eva and Jerry will get a Seal Campaign letter out in early Nov. It will include a diabetes brochure and bookmark as inserts.

Lion Chris is working on a speaker for Nov 3. [See page 2 for update.]

Lion Ruth has had 2 requests for eyeglasses, including one for a 2-yr-old who needed special glasses. Lion Jerry had none for hearing aids.

Lion Jerry told about his visit with Claire Reid and Heather Senecal at United Way. He told them how we got into the blueberry patch business, where the project currently stood, and where we hoped to be in the next few years. They explained how requests for funding always exceed the amount available, which is why we got only 20% of what we had requested. There is a new RFP coming out, which will offer funding for up to \$35k/year for two years; we have to get our app in by 10/31.

We voted to contribute \$250 to Sidewalk Warriors Troy's first formal fundraiser.

In an email vote on 10/26, we accepted the membership application of John Collins.

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Our next general meeting ...

... will be on **Wed, Nov 3, 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 John McDonald, who is running for International Director, and he will induct our new member, John Collins. Then we'll hear from Roberta Sandler and Mary Partridge-Brown, co-directors of [Grassroots Givers](#), a very worthwhile Albany-based organization.

Topic: A&T Lions Club. Time: **Nov 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM**. Click this link to join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81893970703?pwd=ZHhHSHdmeWx0LzVHeDF5U3JocUUzZz09>

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,81893970703#,,,,*101630# US (New York)

For phone (audio only), dial **646 558 8656** and enter Meeting ID: **818 9397 0703** and Passcode: **101630**



Albany LEO Club

Leos Flora and Samira have been participating at Lion Greg's West Hill Farmers Market on Sundays. The Leos will be giving out Halloween candy there as well.

Bosco's Fundraiser

As of this writing, we have received \$365 from the sale of Bosco's discount cards, plus a \$75 donation. If you haven't sent Jerry your money yet, please do so asap. He can now accept e-money at [paypal.me/jazzfanlion](https://www.paypal.me/jazzfanlion)!

Happy Birthday!

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

14th: Marty Keary
25th: Jane Chouiniere
27th: Mike O'Brien



Happy Anniversary!

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

Jordan Alexander: 2 years
Dennis Fagan: 15 years
Carol Quantock: 21 years

MD 20 Lions Regional Leadership Institute

... was held Binghamton Oct 22-24. Lions Clubs of District 20W graduates, L-R: ZC Lion Priscilla Laurin, Chazy Lions Club; VDG Lion Ricky Laurin, Chazy Lions Club; **Lion Jodi Sheldon, Albany & Troy Lions Club**; and Lion Joseph Wagner, Saratoga Springs Lions Club. DG Michele O'Hare is on the right. Congratulations to all!



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 2 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 (see below), 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, pool boy 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.

Checks payable to A&T Lions Club should be mailed to me at the address below. Don't forget to include stub info. Or pay online to [paypal.me/jazzfanlion](https://www.paypal.com/jazzfanlion) and put the stub info in a separate email to jerrygordon@juno.com.

Tickets will be available at the Fall Convention in Lake George on November 6.

Got questions? Get answers via text or voice to 518-366-5299 or jerrygordon@juno.com

Mail checks and stub info to

Jerry Gordon
15 Hyland Cir
Troy, NY 12182-1690

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



As we have been doing for many years, Lion Jerry manned an information table at **NABA's Low-Vision Tech Fair**, which was held at the Albany Jewish Community Center on October 20.

<p>Donation \$10.00</p> <p>DAILY DRAWING</p> <p>Albany & Troy Lions Club</p> <p>PO Box 192 Troy, NY 12181-0192 (518) 512-2722 AlbanyTroyLions.org</p> <p>JANUARY 2022</p> <p>All money will be used for community service projects.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No. ###</p>	<p>January 2022</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Sat Jan 1</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun Jan 2</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon Jan 3</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue Jan 4</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed Jan 5</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Thu Jan 6</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Fri Jan 7</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sat Jan 8</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun Jan 9</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon Jan 10</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue Jan 11</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed Jan 12</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Thu Jan 13</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Fri Jan 14</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sat Jan 15</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun Jan 16</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon Jan 17</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue Jan 18</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed Jan 19</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Thu Jan 20</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Fri Jan 21</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sat Jan 22</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun Jan 23</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon Jan 24</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue Jan 25</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed Jan 26</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Thu Jan 27</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Fri Jan 28</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sat Jan 29</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun Jan 30</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon Jan 31</td><td>\$100</td></tr> </table>	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	Mon Jan 17	\$100	Tue Jan 18	\$100	Wed Jan 19	\$100	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
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We, **Sidewalk Warriors Troy**, want to take an extra moment to thank you for your support for our first annual fundraiser. This event far exceeded our expectations and we are so thankful for the support we received.



To date, we have received \$24,920.00!! We couldn't continue to do what we do each Thursday if it wasn't for this event. We have continuously been serving over 100 friends each week, often as high as 130. This past week we were able to assist two friends with a "New Beginning" start-up package which allows them a fresh start in their new place by providing them with bedding, towels and kitchen set up.

As you all know, we have continued expenses such as our insurance, weekly needs and storage units. Starting in February of 2022 we will be billed for a unit and these funds have positioned us to prepay for a longer term at a discounted price. These funds will also allow us to continue to order needed items when friends have specific needs such as tents, super warm sleeping bags, pillows, funds for laundry etc. These extra funds allow us to offer bus passes that are so often requested with less worry. We can now fill the gap we have each week without the fear of not having what we need. We look forward to special distributions and we can consider offering a new set of bed sheets for each person on line and purchase winter boots for all that have a need. This is beyond remarkable.

Thank you for taking the time to support us. Each person assisted making this a huge success! Please check out our video which has been posted on our website: sidewalkwarriorstroy.com/aboutus/. This video truly depicts a typical Thursday evening as a Sidewalk Warrior!



Lion Robin Ford
Team Leader for Sidewalk Warriors Troy

Warm Woolen Wishes

Lion Ruth reports: "Today (Oct 12) I dropped off 66 adult hats, 70 kids hats, 11 pairs of mittens, 13 scarves, 2 blankets and 2 winter coats to Trinity Alliance at 15 Trinity Place in Albany. Addy Waldie, Director of Development & Marketing for the organization, accepted the donations and gave me a tour of the facility and explained how they set up a store for people in need to come in and "shop" with dignity for items they need for themselves and family. Addy also expressed the need for winter coats for men and women. While most of the time children's coats are donated, the parents who come in for their children's coats also are in need of warm coats too. It was nice to meet Addy and start a relationship with her to further help our community."

Who did all the knitting? "I had help from the ladies and the youth group at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Latham as well as a friend of Preem's, but I have also spent a lot of time crocheting away "Covid quarantine" myself. Thankful for all the donations of yarn and fleece and looking forward to any additional donations we can get. Meeting with Carol this week to see how we can use the fabric that Robin Ford had donated to make hats, blankets, etc.

"My records show that since March 15, 2021 we have delivered 404 handmade items through our Warm Woolen Wishes Project. I have over 100 more hats and scarves to donate (plus 50 hats that I have promised to Preem).

"I had high hopes that the Victorian Stroll was going to happen and that we could sell some of these items as a fundraiser. Always a possibility in the future."

Also see page 8.



November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1	2	3  General meeting; see page 2	4	5	6 Fall conference; see page 6
7 	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28  Starts at sundown	29	30	<p>For other events around the district, visit 20Wlions.org</p>			



On a personal note ...

Greg Sheldon reported via Facebook on Oct 24: I'm home and recovering well. Thank you for all the love. Here's a little update. I am a beekeeper and I'm out in the food Forrest, at the Normanskill, or GradyAcres three times a week all year. I take every precaution and haven't had even one tick bite all year.

Our family has a new member, a little puppy given to us by a family who's lost loved one we honored this year at the Albany Victory Gardens. This little short black haired pup brought a tick in from the back yard that got me when snuggling on the couch.

After 4 days of constant fevers cycling over 103 and all the aches and pains and hospital visit that goes along with it, I am doing well. We are thinking Anaplasmosis but actually have no conclusive answer other than that IT IS NOT COVID!

At this point I plan to return to work on Wednesday but with some limitations on the scope of physically strenuous activity as I recover.



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: lsaheim117@gmail.com

Lion Victoria Adler 518-489-7606

Email: vadler@leba-r.org

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your multiple-district web sites: **MD20Lions.com**
and **NewYorkLionsClubs.org**
and International's new web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



Instead of shopping at **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**.



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

