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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**



We're meeting in person again and celebrating with our annual holiday party!

It will be **Saturday, Dec 11, at 6 PM**. We'd like to see all Lions along with their significant others, as well as all our Leos, whose parents are also welcome. It will be at Max410 Restaurant at Van Schaick Country Club, which is conveniently located in Cohoes just off I-787. The cost is \$30pp, except for the Leos—the club will pay for them. You'll have your choice of a beef, chicken or fish entrée. Further details will follow. *We've got to get a handle on the approximate head count, so please let Jerry know (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232) asap whether or not you'll be there.*

Report of the Zoom meetings held on November 3

General meeting:

PDG John McDonald spoke of his campaign to be one of 34 International Directors (11 from the US). He reminded us of his efforts to promote World Sight Day with Keller Johnson-Thompson, Helen Keller's great-niece; his extensive work with Camp Abilities Saratoga; and how he has promoted diabetes education district-wide.

PDG John then inducted new member John Collins.

Roberta Sandler & Mary Partridge Brown, co-directors of Grassroots Givers, told us that since their founding in 2009, they have been distributing clothing and household essentials for free. Folks who are moving from homeless shelters into their own (often first) apartment are given linens, dishes, kitchen utensils, laundry supplies and other necessities. Their book project has distributed 480,000 volumes in the last 12 years.

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They also asked us to participate in their Day of Simple Giving.

Club & Charitable Fund board meetings:

The Boscov's fundraiser has generated \$460 plus a \$75 donation = \$535. 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)!**

Lion Preem reported that the Leos will be registering with Toys for Tots and will be establishing a distribution schedule. They will also be working on a can drive with the Albany Boys & Girls Club. Due to Covid restrictions at NABA, they will meet at either the Blake Annex or Albany B&G Club. In an email vote after the meeting, we voted to buy name badges for the Leos and to look into T-shirts for them.

KL Eva will make the arrangements for a holiday party in early December. *[See update on page 1.]*

Requests for eyeglasses and hearing aids: See page 5.

We received another \$20,000 grant from Albany Community Development Agency to give out hand sanitizer in the West Hill, Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods of Albany.

We have applied for another United Way grant in the amount of \$35,000 per year for the next two years. This will cover further infrastructure work on the blueberry orchard plus allow us to initiate the educational program we've been hoping to add for the past several years.

We approved allowing Lion Joann to spend up to \$250 on this year's request from Vanderheyden.

In an email vote after the meeting, we agreed to buy 5 \$20-raffle tickets to support the Sight Society/Lions Eye Bank.



We are saddened to report the passing of **Lion Michael F. Farrell** on Nov. 20 at the age of 78. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War and was 100% disabled service related. Lion Mike joined the Troy Lions Club in April of 2004 and came to meetings whenever he could. Even after attendance became impossible for him, he continued to pay his dues and maintain his membership. He's had intermittent health problems for many years, and most recently was living at Van Rensselaer Manor. We'll miss him.



At the 20W Fall Conference in Lake George on Nov. 6, International Director Ernesto Tijerian presented a well-deserved International President's Certificate of Appreciation to **Lion Preem**.



Coats for Kids

Thanks to this year's "Coats" crew Lions Michelle Baker, Doug Davis, Dennis Fagan, Tom & Diane Hart, Marty Keary, Larry Krug, and Ruth Sano. They collected **646 coats** (plus assorted hats, gloves, mittens and a comforter).

Lion Tom Hart (L) picking up coats from Al-len Patanian, owner of Rainbow Cleaners.



For a \$10 donation, you get 31 chances to win either \$100 or \$250!

We're down to the final month, and as of this writing, we've sold only 157 tickets.

The drawing runs during January 2022, so we've got only one month 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.

To get actual tickets to sell, tell Jerry how many you want.

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 .

Donation \$10.00

DAILY DRAWING



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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
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

No. ###

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E mail: _____



Warm Woolen Wishes

Lion Ruth reported on Nov 11: “Just finished up most of John Collin’s donations of yarn. Ronald McDonald House is looking for 100 more preemie hats that I will deliver this week. The Linus Project also requested some kids blankets which I will deliver 5 this week. Have about 100 hats to deliver as part of Coats for Kids program and Preem is looking for 50-75 hats for The Refuge Welcome Center Program she is involved with. I will also have some to distribute with the Leo Toys for Tots Program. I am feeling very successful with the Warm Woolen Wishes Project.”

Also see page 8.



Why we raise money #1

Says Lion Ruth: “Back in Sept we got an email from the Lions Eye Institute about a 2-year-old girl who needed glasses but mom couldn’t afford them or find a place to get them. Children’s Eyes Albany fitted her for the tiny glasses and I heard from the mom that Aubrey got her glasses today and is ecstatic! Well worth the \$100 we put out for this child. Mom gave me permission to share the picture.”

Why we raise money #2

Back in 1990-91, Clara Hunt was the first female president of the Troy Lions Club. She was very friendly with Charlena, also an ex-Troy Lion and that friendship continues to this day. When Charlena found out how expensive hearing aids were, her friend Clara reached out to us. She recently wrote: “Jerry - The word “thank you” is absolutely not enough to express gratitude for helping Charlena to get hearing aids. She was fitted yesterday morning and came to my house in tears unable to explain exactly how she felt. The cost was exorbitant and how you did that for her is above and beyond kindness to any extent. I was overwhelmed as was Charlena. . . I mean it when I say that I am forever grateful as well as Charlena. I was always happy to be a part of the Lions and I made so many good friends....I think I hit the jackpot with YOU!! Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Clara.”

Seal Campaign

You should have received your seal campaign letter by now. We recognize that many folks are struggling with higher prices for everything, but we hope you’ll be as generous as possible. What’s new this year is that you don’t have to write a check; **we can now accept e-money at paypal.me/jazzfanlion!** Please mention “seal campaign” in the notes.

Happy Birthday!

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

20th: Carol Quantock
24th: Kristin McVeigh

**Happy Anniversary!**

We have no **December** inductees.

December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6  HAPPY CHANUKAH Ends at sundown	7  PEACE, PLEASE CONSTITUTION DAY	8	9	10	11  Holiday party; see page 1
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21  Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 
26  HAPPY KWANZAA	27	28	29	30	31 	

*Bring a potential member
to a meeting.*



For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org



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your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,
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

