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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Minutes of the Zoom meetings held on January 5

General membership meeting:

DG Michele was our guest speaker. She started with the exciting news about her new job as executive director of the Foundation at St Catherine's Center for Children in Albany, starting later this month. Among the other items she spoke about:

- The special election coming up for our district's International Director candidate on Jan 16.
- At the cabinet meeting following the election, one of the main speakers will be Barb Bentley talking about diabetes education. LCI's new program to help Afghan refugees will be another main topic.
- The district is trying to start a club in the Guilderland area. This was especially interesting to our visitor, Lion Rich Schmidt, who belongs to the Walton LC in 20-Y and moved to this area several months ago, because he lives in Guilderland.
- The MD20 convention in Niagara Falls (May 20-22) will have special events for kids so Lions can attend as families. [See page 2]
- The LCI international Convention will be in Montreal June 24-28. Because IP Doug Alexander is from NYS, MD20 (that's us!) will be first in the parade. [See pages 2 and 5]

DG Michele then inducted new member Andy Pitonyak, sponsored by Greg Sheldon.

We chose our 3 delegates (Eva, Jodi & Greg) and our 3 alternates (Ruth, Jerry & Maryanne) for the special ID nomination on Jan 16 and we picked our nominee.

Club and Charitable Fund board meetings:

Lion Preem said the Leos will be meeting every Sunday during January at 4 PM on Google Meet (meet.google.com/msz-otzd-ytw) and that it would be good if Lions attended to get to know the Leos, what they're doing and how they work.

We appointed a committee comprising Eva, Preem, Greg and Jodi for the Afghan refugee situation. DG Michele requested to be included in their meetings and discussions.

Lion Jerry reported on one hearing aid applicant, an 86-year-old woman from Albany. We approved his suggestion that we ask Hearing Conservation Society to split the \$950 cost with us, as they have done so generously in the past. [HCS approval was subsequently received.]

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Next meeting

We had hoped to be back to in-person meetings by now, but I'm afraid the contagion of the Omicron variant means we'll be on Zoom for our next meeting. Date & time: **Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** Please make an effort to be there and be surprised by who our guest speaker is!

Meeting link: us02web.zoom.us/j/82944796993?pwd=bTVVMEt2ckYwK0tvU01aNilvcVJMOT09

Dial in (phone only): 646 558 8656. Meeting ID: 829 4479 6993. Passcode: 746053.



The **Albany Leos** will meet on **Sunday, February 6, from 4-5 p.m.** on Google.Meet. Here's the link: meet.google.com/msz-otzd-ytw. All Lions are encouraged to attend at least one Leo meeting to meet the kids and see how they operate. Also, if you know of any 12-18 year-old who might be interested in being a Leo, please contact Lion Preem at albanyleoclub20w@gmail.com or 518-331-3976 with their info.

Repeat performances

- ♦ In last month's *Rare Meat*, there was a picture and write-up about the **MD20 ALERT** team helping Kentucky tornado victims. There's now a 10-minute video about it at <https://tinyurl.com/MD20ALERT-KY> that shows all the devastation.
- ♦ If you didn't get to attend or Zoom into the **Jan 16 cabinet meeting**, you can watch it all at <https://youtu.be/tdXFK2M4J5s>. You can fast-forward through the parts that don't interest you.

Chocolate Easter bunnies ...



...are on the way! Lion Ruth (rmsano@gmail.com or 518-869-5669) will be getting both milk and dark chocolate, so it's time for you to buy some for yourself (they're only \$5 each) and sell some to your co-workers.



Conventions

The winter solstice is behind us and the days are getting longer, so it's time to start planning for our two spring conventions:

MD-20 New York State & Bermuda Convention is in Niagara Falls May 20-23. Info at niagarafallsusa.com/md20lions/. I understand that they're having some family-oriented events so you can bring your kids.

Lions International Convention is in Montreal June 24-28. See page 5. Info at licon.lionsclubs.org/. Register before March 31 to save \$75.

State conventions can be fun and educational, but there's nothing like an international convention to broaden your Lions horizon. They're almost never this close to us (except 2023, when it will be in Boston). It's even more fun if we can get a group together.

Happy Birthday!

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

3rd: Eva Bass

6th: Dave Levine

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Robin Ford: 1 year

Greg Sheldon: 3 years (+ 6 years with
Tosagua LC)

February 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	February is BLACK HISTORY MONTH	1 Happy Chinese New Year	2  General membership meeting; see page 2 Groundhog's Day	3	4	5
6 Leo meeting; see page 2	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16	17	18	19
20	HAPPY President's DAY	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	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**.

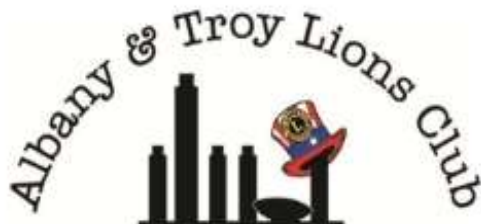


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Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

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





MD-20 Lions

**Join International President Douglas X. Alexander
And Lions From Around the World At The
104th Lions Clubs International Convention**

**June 24-28, 2022
In Montreal, Canada**

At the Palais des Congrès and the Bell Centre

The beautiful Palais des Congrès is one of North America's most renowned convention and exhibition centres. Near historic and cultural areas...Old Montréal, Chinatown and the arts and entertainment district!

Registration is now open online at - lcicon.lionsclubs.org

- Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world.
- Celebrate cultural diversity by marching in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos.
- Learn and grow your skills in expert-lead seminars.
- Hear from world-renowned speakers.
- Meet and chat with Lion Clubs International staff about how to enhance your service, create new opportunities, access key resources and more.
- Participate in the exciting conclusion of Campaign 100, our Foundation's historic effort to ensure our future of service.
- If you're a delegate for your Lions club, and your club is in good standing, you'll be able to cast a vote in the International Election.

Special Note:

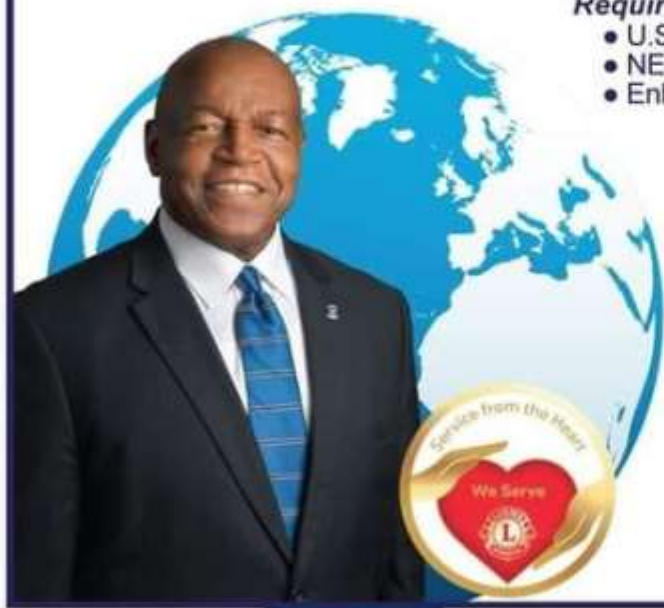
MD-20 has been assigned to the Sheraton Centre Hotel (Headquarters). Rooms are assigned first come first served...Please Register Early.

Required For Canadian Entry By US Citizens:

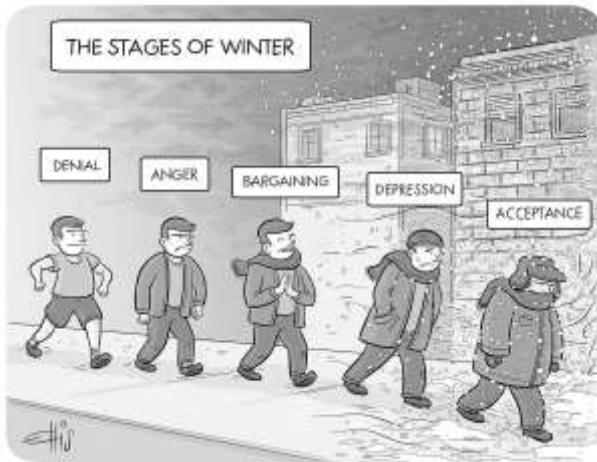
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card (land & marine only)
- NEXUS card
- Enhanced Driver's License (land & marine only)

Covid-19 Protocol: [Click Here](#)

Currently, Canada requires that travelers provide proof of full vaccination. Refer to the Government of Canada website to check if you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption as well as which COVID-19 vaccines are accepted in Canada. The website also provides steps to follow for your trip and what to do if you test positive within 14 days of your entry to Canada.



"Nature abhors a vacuum," it is said, and YrEd abhors a blank page, so here's some timely filler.



"I can see why they made February the shortest month of the year."



"It was romantic during dinner, but now it's getting kind of creepy."



"And a little something for the wife."



Presidential wisdom from Snapple® bottle caps:

Theodore Roosevelt was the only president blind in one eye.

No only child has ever been a U.S. president.

Harry Truman was the last U.S. president to not have a college degree.